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crats and official trade-union leaders, during the imperialist war, can now again express itself. For we celebrate this May Day amidst a powerful resurgence of world-wide struggle against capitalist exploitation and rule.

THE MALLIANT

Here in the United States, the stronghold of world capitalism, the organized industrial workers have met the Big Business onslaught against their living standards with a mighty series of militant strike actions.

Source Of Struggle

On the other side of the Atlantic, the masses of warshattered Europe are desperately seeking a release from the terrible tortures of capitalist barbarism. Despite all setbacks, illusions, betrayals and repressions, the radicalized workers and peasants are seeking the road to the conquest of power in order to clear away the rotting and ruined capitalist economies and build anew on firm socialist foundations.

The entire colonial world seethes with revolutionary ferment. Heroic and prolonged armed uprisings for independence are being fought out in Indonesia and Indo-China. Tremendous strikes, mass demonstrations, and large-scale mutinies in the Indian Navy and armed forces testify to the mounting strength of the liberation movements within the British Empire. The peoples of Puerto Rico and the Philippines are insistently demanding complete freedom from Wall Street domination. Never have the colonial peoples been more fiercely determined to cast off the chains of imperialist slavery.

All these diverse struggles have a common source in the revulsion and protest of the toiling masses against the terrible consequences of World War II. The second imperialist slaughter in a generation has reduced vast areas

May Day 1946 marks the 60th anniversary of this of Europe and Asia to heaps of smoking rubble. It has imperishable international working class holiday. The killed 50 million combatants and maimed many millions true revolutionary spirit of this day, stifled by capitalist more. It has left hundreds of millions prey to disease, repression and desecrated by the Stalinists, Social Demo- famine, destitution and blackest despair. It has wiped out hundreds of cities, centers of industry, trade, culture. It has pauperized entire countries and continents. The whole of humanity agonizes as the precious life blood of civilization is drained through the countless wounds inflicted by this most devastating of wars.

Who has benefited from this six-year orgy of destruction, these mountains of corpses? Not the peoples who on both sides of the battlefronts paid so costly a price in blood, toil, tears and lives. The capitalist classes in the victor countries alone profited. And those who gained the most were the bankers and industrialists of the United States who raked in tens of billions of dollars and emerged from the war as masters of the world.

To win support for their war, the spokesmen of the Allied powers promised that victory would bring democracy, freedom, security and an end to reaction and war. Events have exposed these glittering promises as cynical

Europe Is Prostrate

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Look at prostrate Europe! In complete disregard of the will and welfare of its inhabitants, the new masters have divided the continent into two separate and conflicting spheres of economic, military and diplomatic influence. The Anglo-American imperialists have taken over Western Europe as their special province, ruling through subservient governments dominated by bankers, industrialists, landlords, monarchists and militarists obedient to their commands. Hand in hand with the Vatican, Washington and London are today the strongest supports of the tottering regime of dictator Franco.

Through Red Army occupation and puppet regimes (Continued on Page 2)

Mine Strikers FOURTH INTERNATIONALISTS House Demolishes OPA Control;

Price-Gougers Get Green Light

By Art Preis

Wielding inflationary amendments like sledge-hammers, the House of Representatives in a frenzied twelvehour session on April 17 smashed almost every bone in the skeleton of the Price Control Act before voting 355 to 42 on April 18 to extend the measure for just nine months after June 30.

early 1942, had already strip- of Big Business. It was largely ped it down to bare bone. When ineffective in halting wartime inthe howling Congressmen con- flation, the extent of which was cluded their orgy of amendments concealed by lying government trol was promptly adopted, Replast week, about all that was left to the Act was its name.

OPA AIDS PROFITEERS

During the hearings preceding creases all along the line and the House actions, Office Of have completely removed price the American people." It car-Price Administration and Eco- ceilings from thousands of comnomic Stabilization officials had modities. Just last week, OPA pleaded for a one year extension hiked price ceilings to manufacof the Price Control Act turers of work clothing from 12 without any further crippling to 15 per cent. amendments. They had pointed "REASONABLE PROFITS"

to the greatest volume in all these OPA price concessions, history.

been more than compliant to-

Big Brass Seek Whitewash For Lichfield Atrocities

The second of the Lichfield courts-martial, resumed after a six-day recess in London last week, continued to follow the same pattern as the first. That is: 1. An enlisted man was being@

tried for brutalities against in- the direction of high officers. 'mates of the army's stockade at (A junior officer last week rethe 10th Reinforcement Depot peated the charge that the Dein England.

2. Voluminous evidence was Introduced, after witnesses had Kilian, had set only one limitabeen promised they would be protected against persecution, to show that prisoners of the stockade had been beaten unmercifully on the slightest pretext and that the stockade was in fact run along the lines of a Nazi concentration camp.

3. The evidence also demoncrimes had been committed at

Passed By Mistake the Act, passed originally in ward the price-gouging demands ment to emasculate price con-"statistics." Since V-J Day, the OPA and Connecticut rose in disgust to

Economic Stabilization Board have permitted big price in-

out that even under the past Nevertheless, the Big Businessfour-year operations of the OPA, dominated House, its inflationcorporation profits had swelled ary appetite merely whetted by proceeded to wreak havoc on the

Moreover, the OPA itself has few remaining legal price re-(Continued on Page 8)

their own skirts:

of Domestic Workers denied today a report published in Reynolds News that Buckingham Palace servants were enrolling in trade unions."

to 52.

Cut Out Of the Will

After a House orgy of amend-

ing the OPA Extension Act, dur-

ing which almost any amend-

resentative Koppelmann of

"GENEVA, Apr. 13 (AP)-The specter of its last futile gesture in 1939, the expulsion of the funds. In one case alone, Beth-Soviet Union from membership, haunted the League of Nations (just before its formal demise) today as delegates sought to dodge a resolution that would pot's notorious commander, Col. give Russia a share of League assets." All the USRR finally retion on handling of the prisonceived was an expression of ers: "Just don't break too many friendship. . . .

bones.") 4. There were additional signs **Books To Burn** that the top layers of the officer Veteran-students are being decaste in Europe were actively

nied the right to purchase 3,intervening in an effort to clear owned by the Army because a tems in some 800 bituminous coal Counsel for the defense had charged a colonel on the staff clause in the Army's contract mines were also disclosed. In the strated conclusively that these of Major General John T. Lewis, with the publishers forbids re- "unholy alliance" which exists clared: "Death held to have oc-(Continued on Page 3) sale on civilian markets,



IN THE NEWS

By Evelyn Atwood Some 400.000 soft coal miners are going into the fourth week of their strike for far-

reaching social demands, involving improved conditions of safety, health and welfare. As yet there has been no evidence of retreat on these vital issues, which the smug operators termed "trivia" after the mine union leaders broke off negotiations two weeks ago.

offer an amendment reading: Representatives of the AFL "We express our sympathy to United Mine Vorkers, in their negotiations on March 27 in Washington, D. C. with the soft ried by a majority in a voice coal barons, presented documenvote. However, when the Conted facts and figures about these gressmen realized what they had "trifles," revealing the abomipreviously adopted, they voted nable conditions prevailing in all it down by a standing vote, 142 the bituminous coal mines.

FACTS SUPPORT UMW

These irrefutable facts com-Still Royal Open Shop pletely support the UMW contention that only through a Un-"LONDON, April 15 (AP)-An ion Health and Welfare Fund official of the National Union can the operators' crimes against the mine workers and their families be eliminated.

The evidence of the union representatives showed that the coal ductions for so-called health and 15 was completely cleared by .

welfare purposes, but they refuse an army investigation board | the result of his misconduct." even to disclose how much they of a charge of "misconduct." The official statement also procollect or how they disburse these Charles and three other brothlehem Steel was forced to admit ers, returning from a family rethat a surplus of almost five mil- union, had protested the refusal

lion dollars, out of a miners' pool of a white restaurant propriefor health and welfare, remained tor at the bus terminal to serve in the corporation's hands to in- them coffee. After their deparvest as it alone saw fit.

These "disappearing rebates" are simply robberies of the min- unarmed brothers, lined them up ers, and were uncovered over and against a wall at the point of over again in the course of the a gun and cold-bloodedly shot UMW investigation.

Shocking abuses and misuses seriously wounded Ships Cook of funds under the company- 3/c Joseph and jailed Richard, 000,000 new standard text-books doctor and hospitalization sys- 3rd Army Combat veteran. In exonerating Charles, the

Adjutant-General's Office de-(Continued on Page 5) curred in line of duty and not

Fight To Halt HOLD WORLD CONFERENCE

Ban Lifted On 'La Verite'. **French Trotskyist Paper**

PARIS, March 23-Minister of Information Gaston Deferre last week signed papers authorizing full legal rights of publication for La Verite, long-banned weekly organ of the Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French section of the Fourth International.

· La Verite was the first paper to be published in the underground struggle against Nazi occupation.

Government lifting of the ban followed a long and successful international protest campaign against this suppression of the labor press.

In reporting this victory in its fight for legalization, the editors of La Verite announce plans for its publication in a larger format and with an increased circulation in preparation for the coming national election campaigns in France.

SLAIN FERGUSON BROTHER IS EXONERATED BY ARMY

By William S. Farrell (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Apr. 18-Pfc. Charles Ferguson, 27-yearoperators have been raising huge old Negro veteran and one of two brothers murdered on sums of money from pay-roll de- February 5 in Freeport, L. I., by a Jim-Crow cop. on April

> vided for six months' pay and a life pension for his widow, Mrs. Minnie Ferguson.

further exposed as an anti-Negro atrocity, with the dead and surviving victims branded by ture, the proprietor called a cop, Joseph Romeika, who trailed the to death Charles and Alonzo,

Nassau County and whitewashed by a lily-white jury of handpicked property owners. The Militant played a leading

role in exposing the case nationally and demanding justice. The (Continued on Pase 1)

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

BRUSSELS, April 22—An International Conference of the Fourth International took place early in April in Belgium with representatives from the English, French, German, Belgian, Irish, Dutch, Swiss, Spanish, Canadian and Palestine sections, and from several other countries of the Western Hemisphere and the colonies.

fourth since the founda-**Packers Create** tion of the Fourth Inter-**Meat Shortages** national in September 1938 and the first since

With meat on the hoof at the end of the hostilities. record levels, the American people in the past few weeks days and discussed: (a) the rehave been facing a virtual meat famine. Meat supplies which were fairly plentiful only a couple of months ago, have suddenly disappeared almost

overnight. This "shortage" has coincided with a tremendous pressure campaign by the big meat packers and corporation ranch owners to eliminate all government price ceilings on meat.

Last week, The Militant exposed the real cause of this deliberately-created shortage in International. an exclusive article from the meat-packing center of St. Paul. The article disclosed that the meat packing trust is simply refusing to process meat. It is laying off thousands of workers and conducting a huge propa-

ganda campaign threatening an even worse meat famine and un-Thus the Ferguson case stands restricted black market operations unless OPA price ceilings

are removed. PROFITEERS THREATEN

This brazen threat was voiced openly by representatives of the meat profiteers before the Senate Agricultural Committee last week. P. C. Smith, vice-president of Smith and Co., declared: "We believe that if price controls are eliminated the cost of meat to the housewife would not be substantially more, if any The Negro Struggle ..

tee and a new International Secretariat, and addressed to the workers, the exploited and colonial peoples of the entire world, (Continued on Page 3) ON THE INSIDE Starvation in Germany Greek Elections GE Blocks Cancer Cure ... Fontana 'Investigation' ..

This Conference is the

The Conference met for three

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World Conference

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port on the activities of the Eu-

ropean Secretariat of the Fourth

International, and (b) a political

report on the international situa-

tion and the tasks of the Fourth

The Conference elected a new

International Executive Commit-

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frame-up charges and the slaver set free. It was a case where un-

armed and innocent Negro veterans were shot down by a racehating cop, who was then backed up by the corrupt officials in AGE TWO

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Workers! Halt The War-Makers!

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no less subservient to its dictates, the Kremlin dominates Eastern Europe.

Germany, the industrial backbone of Europe. has been gutted and dismembered by the Allies. After suffering twelve years of Hitler's dictatorship, the German working class, pinned down by Allied bayonets, is deprived of its means of life and labor. Today, above all, the workers of the world must hold out the hand of fraternity and solidarity to the doubly-tortured and oppressed workers of Germany.

There is not a single really independent country in all Europe. On penalty of national extinction or economic strangulation each is forced to become a vassal of one or the other of the great world powers and submit to its sway.

Not one of the colonial peoples, including those previously under the yoke of the defeated powers, has been given the freedom promised in the Atlantic Charter. The "Big Three" bandits are bitterly disputing the disposition of vanquished Italy's possessions in Africa and the Mediterranean. The United States and England join with the weakened French and Dutch imperialists in attempting to quell the colonial revolts in their Asiatic domains. At the same time each connives to snatch these prizes for itself at the first favorable opportunity. American imperialism lays claim to the Japanese-mandated islands. Okinawa and half a hundred other naval and air bases.

Korea which was promised independence at the Cairo conference provides the clearest case of "Big Three" hypoerisy. Now the Korean people have two masters in place of one. Their homeland has been slashed in two by the American and Russian occupation armies.

"The Four Freedoms" today sound like ghastly mock-"Freedom From Want"? One billion people - onehalf the earth's inhabitants-face famine. Meanwhile, imploying food as a weapon to aid reaction, the Anglo-American rulers carefully calculate the precise amount required to keep their puppet regimes in power and club ne famine-stricken peoples into submission.

"Freedom From Fear"? Royalist gangsters terrorize Greece under British-American protection. English and American guns, tanks, and airplanes fire upon the Indian and Indo-Chinese peoples. U.S. occupation troops brandish their bayonets in 56 foreign countries and islands. Wherever the Kremlin penetrates, Stalin's secret police and murder machinery are set into operation.

There Is No Peace

The most deceitful of all the lies spread by ruling class propaganda was the avowal that the crushing of Germany and Japan would insure true and lasting peace. But V-J Day did not bring peace. There has been no peace for the colonies where savage warfare and naked violence are being inflicted on the fighters for freedom there. Neither in the conqueror nor the conquered countries has there been peace between the classes but a sharpening of the attacks by the rich upon the poor.

Nor has there been harmony among the Allied powers. So deep are the antagonisms that the "Big Three" have not yet been able to agree upon the first of the peace-treaties. It is openly acknowledged that the partners of yesterday are preparing for tomorrow's war against each other.

Wall Street and its government at Washington is the most aggressive and powerful force working toward and preparing for the next world conflict. The lead in a new armaments race is being taken by the imperialist United States. This is apparent in the General Staff plans to maintain the greatest air fleet, a navy surpassing the strength of all other nations combined, and a massive standing army. American militarism aims to acquire unsputed supremacy in scientific mass

at the end of a few months, or a few days, but immediately." | American workers are assigned the role of obedient drudges | of the ruling class, like Gerald L. K. Smith, are busy fo-

capitalist rulers who plunged us into World Wars I and II will not shrink from unleashing World War III, no matter how horrible the consequences. These blood-soaked profiteers do not care how many perish, so long as their thievish privileges are thereby preserved.

The American people, like all others, deeply desire peace and dread the prospect of another world war. But Wall Street's drive toward war will not be halted unless the people muster their full powers.

A mighty mass movement of protest against capitalist militarism and the war plans of Big Business must be formed around these fighting slogans:

Take the war-making powers out of the hands of Wall Street's Congress!

Let the people decide for themselves the question of peace or war!

Against capitalist militarism! No extension of the draft! No permanent peacetime conscription! Against capitalist-controlled military training!

Abolish all officer caste privileges! Full democratic rights to all men in the armed forces! There is a working class alternative to capitalist militarism!

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions. The GIs abroad have raised their voices in mighty

demonstrations to be brought back home at once. They do not want to be used as tools for tyrannizing over other peoples. Support the demand of the workers in uniform.

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

The struggle against war is inseparable from the struggle for the overthrow of decaying capitalism which breeds war. War is inevitable so long as imperialist rivalries and capitalist appetites for profits endure. It is essential for every worker to grasp this truth. There is no other way to prevent World War III except by conducting an uncompromising and successful fight to abolish capitalist power and establish socialism. Capitalism must die if the peoples of this earth are to live.

The fight against the evils of capitalism is a worldencompassing struggle. The workers in every land confront a common enemy in monopoly capitalism headed by American Big Business. Every action of the masses in other countries directed against capitalist rule and imperialist enslavement serves to undermine the power of the Morgans, duPonts and Rockefellers here at home.

Support of the anti-capitalist struggles of the European and colonial masses is therefore an integral part of the anti-war struggle of the American people. The united front of the world working class is the only force capable, of frustrating the criminal conspiracies of the Anglo-American imperialist warmakers.

Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the European and Colonial masses!

For the right of self-determination of all ations!

On all the continents, in Europe and Asia, Africa and South America, our Trotskyist co-thinkers are teaching the workers the need for such joint action in the revolutionary struggle against the imperialist war dang-Braving adverse conditions, persecution and calumny they are grouping the advanced workers in every important country around the program of the Fourth International. The Trotskyist parties summon the workers to organize their forces, wrench the power from the capitalist cliques, and take their destiny into their own hands. This is the only road to salvation for the world working class!

Truman's message makes it plain that Wall Street is who may be conceded an occasional small handout in menting race hatred. The responsibility for upholding the setting the stage for World War III. Such an atomic war, reward for their submissiveness. Wall Street's program Jim-Crow system and encouraging and shielding the pracscientists have warned, can wipe out civilization and ex- of world domination will bring neither peace, well-being titioners of race hatred and violence rests squarely upon terminate most of the human race. But the criminal nor security to the American people. On the contrary, in order to realize its aims of imperialist aggrandizement, Big Business is increasingly impelled to attack the liberties and living standards of the toiling masses.

During the war the American capitalist class and their government showed how reactionary, ruthless and deceitful they could be toward the working class, how cynical and contemptuous they were of the democratic rights of the people, how thoroughly they protected and promoted their predatory interests. The right to strike was virtually outlawed. Workers were frozen to their jobs at frozen wages while the cost of living continued to rise. A staggering weight of taxes was saddled on those least able to pay.

Meanwhile the corporations raked in the record total of 52-billions in war-profits. They were given billions more in government-built plants and equipment. The military caste, a barb of reaction, strengthened its hold upon the nation. Capitalist-fostered Jim-Crow and anti-Semitism designed to divide and weaken the working class, marched hand in hand with assaults upon organized labor.

Wall St. Brutality At Home

Wall Street intends to continue under Truman the same brutal and reactionary policies it pursued under Roosevelt during the war. No sooner had military hostilities ceased than Big Business launched a ferocious offensive against organized labor. This was answered by labor with a strike wave of unprecedented proportions.

Big Business seeks to drive down the living standards of the workers, to shackle labor, to undermine and, if possible, to crush the unions and return to the heyday of the open shop. The employers cunningly utilize the presagencies-local and federal alike-to coerce the workers. obstruct their struggles, and whittle down their demands.

To combat the union-busting and wage-slashing offensive of the corporations, the workers need a program of militant struggle, of independent class action.

For the independence of the trade unions from the government and the corporations!

The unions must be rid of all domination or interference by the capitalist government and its agencies so that they can free themselves for all-out struggle against the employers.

A systematic drive is on to restrict and curb labor's right to strike. In Congress, laws are being prepared to destroy labor's right to strike and picket. At the same time, the corporations are pressuring for contractual agreements providing "company security," that is, the right of the employers to victimize union militants for so-called 'unauthorized" strikes.

Get the labor representatives off the employer-dominated government wage-fixing and arbitration boards!

No reliance on fact-finding boards or government arbitration to win labor's demands!

Against company security clauses!

No restriction on the right to strike! Big Business and its political agents are plotting to unload the whole burden of war costs and capitalist anarchy upon the American people through soaring prices and heavy taxes. The wage increases wrested by labor on the picket lines from the corporations are rapidly being

the official government agencies.

Against The Race-Haters!

The lynching of the FEPC Bill gave the go-ahead signal to the most savage race haters all over the country. The Fontana arson-murders outrage in California, the Jim-Crow slaying of the two Ferguson brothers in Freeport, New York, the atrocities committed against the Negro community in Columbia, Tennessee, and the revival of the Ku Klux Klan show how bold and brazen the ultra-reactionary white supremacists are becoming.

Organized labor must firmly oppose these attempts of capitalist reaction to pit one section of the workers against another by stirring up racial prejudices and conflicts.

Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! Down with Jim Crow! Down with anti-Semitism.

Recent events have opened the eyes of more and more workers to the true character of the administration and Congress as faithful servants of monopoly capitalism. The key posts in the government are staffed by Southern Bourbons like Byrnes and Vinson, corporation lawyers and other representatives of the great financial interests. The industrial and financial lords of Wall Street can always count upon Washington to obey their commands.

During the labor upsurge Truman intervened on behalf of the bosses by government strikebraking plant "seizures" against striking oil, packinghouse and tugboat workers. Through his "fact-finding" bodies. Truman whittled down the unions' wage demands. His demand for laws to limit the right to strike, maintain "cooling off" periods and establish semi-compulsory arbitration, gave Congressure and prestige of the capitalist government and its sional labor-haters their cue for such vicious anti-union measures as the Case Bill.

Truman's administration has granted the corporations, repeal of excess profits taxes, continued subsidies and now extortionate price increases. At the same time Truman proposes to clamp a new wage-freezing formula upon the workers.

Not a single progressive measure has been enacted by the present government. The FEPC was filibustered to death by leading Democrats. The Full Employment Bill was disemboweled. The proposal to raise unemployment compensation to \$25 a week was knifed. Emergency housing legislation for homeless veterans has been blocked. The bill for a 65-cent an hour minimum wage has been so amended as to insure its discard.

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

Build A Labor Party!

This scandalous and intolerable situation must be stopped The unions have learned how to fight and how to win against the capitalists on the industrial arena. But labor remains helpless in the political field because it is tied by its own leaders to the boss-controlled Democratic and Republican parties of Wall Street.

If the gains wrested from the corporations are not to be lost at Washington, American labor must move forward by breaking all its bonds with the political deputies of Wall Street. American workers need a labor party to put their own representatives in office in the 1940 election and to fight the political rule of the corporations exercised through the capitalist two-party system. This is the most urgent immediate task facing American labor.

bombs to bacteriological warfare.

The superiority of U.S. military might is assured by its present manopoly of the atom bomb. The development of atomic energy opens up grandiose vistas for human society. It holds out the promise of eliminating poverty and disease and raising the living standards of all peoples to undreamed-of heights. The drudgery and servitude of inhuman toil can be abolished. Leisure, comfort, cultural advancement can be put within reach of every man, woman and child on earth.

But under monopoly capitalism this wonderful disbovery of science is being perverted to the purposes of the USSR and turning Russia into a colony for capitalist and fight higher prices. But the four-year record of the OPA death and destruction. The military caste is determined to maintain its stranglehold on atomic energy. They are stockpiling atom bombs at the reported rate of 1,500 a year. They are spending millions daily to manufacture by the Red Armies and against the world working class. bombs many times more destructive than the two dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. They hold these not only as a threat but as the key weapon to unloose when Wall Street again gives the signal for war.

The foreign policy of the United States is dictated by the imperialist interests and program of the ruling capitalist class. American Big Business aims to make Wall Street the center of world tribute and Washington the headquarters of world power. To secure its mastery over the world American imperialism demands the mightlest of military machines, armies of occupation in Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and naval and air bases encircling the globe.

To advance its predatory plans, Wall Street intends to back up the most reactionary forces, from assorted monarchies to Franco, Chiang-Kai-shek and Emperor Birohito. These rotten rulers are being upheld and subsidized by Washington to hold down the insurgent masses and suppress the colonial peoples fighting for their freedom.

War Plans Against USSR

The war preparations of U.S. imperialism are directed first and foremost against the Soviet Union. Stalin has rendered valuable services to Anglo-American imperialism in strangling and sidetracking the revolutionary movements of the masses. But the extension of the Kremlin's influence in Europe and Asia combined with the irreconcillable antagonism between world imperialism and Soviet nationalized economy has already disrupted the fiction of "Big Three unity" and generated serious conflicts between the US and the USSR.

In the past two months all the propaganda agencies at Wall Street's disposal have begun to beat the drums for war against the Soviet Union. The UNO, which was supposed to preserve peace and prevent war, has become the principal instrument of Anglo-American diplomacy in of the United States, the most self-confident, arrogant stirring up public sentiment against the USSR.

Under cover of this war-mongering campaign, Big Business is pushing a militarist program designed to regiment and Prussianize the American people. In his Army Day speech in Chicago on April 6, President Truman de- British imperialists it has today displaced as world manded extension of the draft and universal military. training. Just a few months after the most colossal slaughter in history ended, he warned that "on short notice each it expects to extract unlimited wealth. man must be ready to take his place and go forward-not

Real Defense Of USSR

Through an anti-Soviet war the Anglo-American imperialists dream of smashing the nationalized economy of exploitation. They hope to succeed where Hitler failed.

Stalin has committed boundless crimes against the. These abominations have greatly facilitated imperialist mobilization of world public opinion against the USSR and sential items. have helped distract attention from capitalism's misdeeds. The strangling of revolutions by police methods, the plundering of their resources, the imposition of forced labor and other acts of brutal violence have alienated neighboring peoples from the USSR and strengthened the hand of capitalist reaction. At every turn Stalin and his bureaucratic gang reveal themselves as the greatest internal enemies of the working class and the vital interests of the Soviet Union.

To save the remaining conquests of the glorious October 1917 Revolution, above all the nationalized means of production, it is imperative to conduct relentless political struggle against Stalinism and all its agencies and thus prepare the revolutionary overthrow of the bestial Kremlin oligarchy, the restoration of Soviet democracy and the revolutionary program of its founders, Lenin and Trotsky.

Revolution, tirelessly explained: "Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy."

At the same time, it is the duty of every classconscious worker to defend the USSR against the threats and the planned onslaught of the Anglo-American imperialists upon the Soviet Union. The Trotskyists have been and remain unconditional defenders of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack. This defense can be conducted in only one way, that is, in the spirit of revolutionary socialist internationalism.

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The American workers confront, in the capitalist class and avaricious band of maranders history has ever known.

The ruling 60 Richest Families which own and control the factories, mines, railroads and banks, are drunk with power. Like the Roman conquerors of antiquity and the master, this victory-flushed plutocracy dreams of converting the earth into one vast slave empire from which

In this scheme of world conquest and dominion the

eaten away by further increases in the cost of living. The greedy capitalists see in the present scarcities of goods the chance to make more record profits at the expense of the consuming masses. The National Association of Manufacturers and other Big Business interests are determined to sweep away all remaining restrictions upon their profiteering operations. At their bidding, Congress is scuttling the OPA and the last feeble restraints upon the pricegougers.

The Roosevelt-Truman administration, seconded by the liberals, the labor bureaucrats and the Stalinists, put forward the OPA as the only effective way to curb inflation conclusively demonstrates that this capitalist-manipulated agency in a capitalist-dominated government cannot Soviet peoples, against the neighboring countries occupied be relied upon to keep prices in check. In fact, the OPA has granted one price increase after another to the profiteers and removed price ceilings on thousands of es-

Defense Against Inflation

To protect their living standards against continually rising prices, the working people can depend only upon their own class forces and organizations.

The most direct and effective defense against price inflation is through the struggle for higher wages and a look. Many are beginning to realize how grossly not only greater share in the wealth produced. Labor's purchasing power must be kept abreast of mounting prices.

Labor must fight for: a rising scale of wages which is automatically adjusted to every rise in living costs!

To control prices, the unions should take the lead in organizing mass consumer committees, composed of un-As Leon Trotsky, co-leader with Lenin of the Russian ion members, housewives, working farmers and small shopkeepers. Unlike the profit-protecting OPA setup, these democratic consumer committees, guided by the needs of the masses, could proceed to enforce price-ceilings, ferret out black marketeers, and expose Big Business profiteering.

Through carry-back provisions the government gives billions in tax-rebates which aid the corporations in resisting the demands of labor. Congress repealed the excess profits tax upon corporation profits but continues back-breaking taxes upon the workers. New sales and wage taxes which fall most heavily on the working class are being projected in New York City, Toledo and elsewhere.

Tax the rich, not the poor! No taxes on incomes under \$5.000 a year!

Big Business' hopes of using the returning soldiers against the union movement suffered a stiff setback in the recent strike wave. Veterans were in the forefront of labor's ranks as militant fighters for higher wages and better conditions. These links of solidarity must be forged into an unbreakable alliance between the veterans and organized labor.

For organization of the war veterans by the trade unions!

Capitalism fears the growing unity of Negro and white workers. Wall Street is determined to stamp out the more militant demands of the Negro people for full social, political and economic equality, Fascist-minded hirelings May 1

Build an independent labor party!

•Ш. May Day originated in the United States in 1886 in the strike struggles for the eight-hour day. In the great strike struggles of 1946 American labor has shown how far it has advanced in the intervening sixty years in numbers, strength and organization. The unions, now embracing over 14 million members, have triumphantly demonstrated their mighty power in action.

Working class unity and morale have never been higher. From these strike struggles the ranks of labor are emerging more conscious and steeled. In the fires of combat the workers have been tempered and hardened. But already the significant gains made in the strike wave are being threatened and undermined. They are in danger of being completely swept away unless labor prepares for ever greater battles ahead.

The lessons of the war and the postwar strike struggles are serving to radicalize the American workers, to stimulate their political thinking and expand their social outthe capitalist politicians but their own leaders-the trade union bureaucrats and Stalinists-have deceived and misled them. They are looking for a party and a program of action which can lead them in the coming struggles against Big Business. Some of the best union militants, of the boldest fighters for racial equality have already joined. the Socialist Workers Party. Our party always told the truth to the workers and fought shoulder to shoulder with them against their enemies.

Only One Road

Our party is a revolutionary party. We tell the working class that there is only one way to achieve peace, plenty and security. That is the road of Marx and Engels, of Lenin and Trotsky. The workers, the poor farmers, and all the exploited and oppressed must replace the power of the bankers and monopolists with their own power. They must expropriate the capitalists in order to establish their own democratic control over economic life and create the basis for a new, planned, socialist society.

The Socialist Workers Party calls upon all who want to work for the grandlose aim of liberating humanity from capitalist slavery to join its ranks. Together with the rev-olutionary workers and peasants throughout the world, we shall free humanity from the war-makers, the profiteers and parasites and go forward to the socialist future of peace and plenty for all.

For The International Solidarity of the toiling masses!

For A Workers and Farmers Government! For a Socialist America in a Socialist World. National Committee, Socialist Workers Party SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1946

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The Executive Editor of the

minding himself. momentarily.

that he was not talking about

cockroaches, he added, "After

Another spokesman of these

"humanitarians." Managing Ed-

ditor Robert Fuoss of the Sate

urday Evening Post, posed the

alternative as follows: "We must

make up our minds to feed them

adequately or starve them to

the Germans adequately, it is

inevitable that a great deal of

chaos will result and there will

be a tendency to swing Germany

toward the Soviets, which I con-

sider unfortunate. I think 16

the Germans adequately now

of an inadequate diet in the fu-

However, the U. S. Brass Hats

are not disturbed about the fate

of starving millions. The num-

ber of people they succeed in

sending to their deaths has ale

ways been a matter of profes-

sional pride with them. What

they do fear is that the starv-

General Clay stated that star-

vation rations and economic col-

all, they are human beings."

Kremlin's Policy **Inside Germany**

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

LONDON, April 1-An important article attempting an analysis of developments in occupied Germany, with special emphasis on the Soviet zone, appeared in the most serious of the bourgeois weekly journals in England, The Economist of March 23, 1946. Economist's view of the existing

Below we present the most significant excerpts from it state of affairs: "More important and decisive which provide significant an- than the problem of ownership swers to important questions. has been the social atmosphere For example, is a definite prevailing in industry. It is here social policy being pursued in where the difference between the Soviet zone? To this the East and West is most striking. Economist gives the following Throughout the Russian zone the Betriebsraete (Works Councils) reply:

"Talks with Soviet Military play a dominant part in indus-Governors do not give the im- try. They have the last say on all pression that they are acting on matters where employment and the basis of any clear-cut so- denazification are involved, colleagues, they seem to be guid- to demand wage increases or to ed empirically rather than by conduct strikes . . . doctrine or ideology . . .

WORKS COUNCILS "The directors work in close "The Soviet Military Governcontact with the Works Councils ment can hardly be said to have before itself the task of creating and probably also under direct pressure from them. The whole socialism in Eastern Germany. But public control and planning scheme shows a fair amount of as well as public ownership are resemblance to the 'factory demost essential elements in its mocracy' of the early years of outlook. Private enterprise is so the Russian revolution. This is unfamiliar as to appear almost perhaps not quite to the liking unmanageable. In a quite em- of the Soviet administrators pirical manner the Soviet mili- themselves, since it is precisely tary administration favors a de- the system that has been supvelopment toward socialism; but pressed in Russia.

it does so by the sheer fact of its own existence.'

WORKERS SEIZE FACTORIES The following analysis is given Russian-occupied Germany. The of what happened when the Red

Army marched in: "Here, as elsewhere, the collapse of Nazism was followed by incentive wages and salaries demonstrations of a socially revolutionary spirit. Workers seized ceivable inside Russia. This exfactories and settled accounts ample shows that the Soviet with Nazi or Nazified manage- military administration cannot ments. The same sort of thing always impose its policies upon happened in the Ruhr. But in Eastern Germany. Sometimes it the West the occupying armies is the German social atmosphere took it upon themselves to re- that imposes policy upon the establish 'law and order.'

"The Russian army refrained TRANSITIONAL PHASE "This social system in indusfrom doing so; thus, the quasirevolutionary changes, which try, however, is improvised and took place immediately after the provisional. The control vested collapse of the Third Reich, have in the workers itself marks a not been undone. On the con- transitional phase, and so far trary, they have been largely the Soviet administration has perpetuated been careful not to commit itself

"What has in a way interfered on what is to happen next. In with it has been the revolution- theory a return to private ownary myth that preceded the Red ership is still just as possible as Army, the certainty of whose ar- a final nationalization of indusrival encouraged radical elements try. Legally and politically, the among the working classes to door is being kept open for either revolutionary acts. The Red course. "Hence the present touch of

Army, because of its background and traditions, would have been ambiguity and vagueness. Which very ill-fitted to counter-act course will eventually be taken those acts in the way the Ameri- depends primarily upon the incans did in the Ruhr, even if the terplay of international forces Soviet government had wished to and whether separate zones are pation, the organization pubuse it for any such purpose."

the formation of factory coun- the longer such divisions last the posed in the main of militant

Rule Of U. S. Imperialism Brings Starvation To People Of Germany

Starvation In Hungary

Austrian Trotskyist Groups Send Report To Outside World

(Special to The Militant)

PARIS, April—After many years of isolation and almost complete absence of communications with the outside world, contact has been established with the Karl Liebknecht Bund, Austrian Section of the Fourth International. Between the years 1934 to 1943,

five illegal Trotskyist groups section of the Fourth Internafunctioned in Vienna. Each pub- tional. The struggle for daily exlished an illegal paper. The istence resembles a nightmare cial policy. Like their British though they have had no right main activity of the groups was for the Viennese workers. Many to organize Marxist study cir- collapse on the jobs. Yet strikes cles with advanced elements, the for increased food allotments publication and distribution of and higher wages have taken leaflets and pamphlets, and work place in the few factories still in co-operation with various re- running.

Reported Active

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 12 -

Tan Malakka, Indonesian

Communist, expelled from

the Communist (Stalinist)

The London Observer has re-

peatedly referred to him as "lead-

after his expulsion from the

In Indonesia

sistance groups. In 1943 a Gestapo agent succeeded in entering the organization and exposed the leading elements.

LEADERS SHOT On October 12, 1943, a trial was held in Vienna. Seven Trot-

skyists were accused, charged with issuing an illegal publication, "Gegen den Strom (IV In-"Similarly, the gospel of equal ternationale)," Two of them, the wages and salaries that has been leaders, Joseph Jakubowic, 28 exorcised as heresy from Rusyears old, and Franz Kascher, 34 sia is gaining some converts in years old, were sentenced to Party of that country in 1927 death and shot. The five others | for advocating the principles salary of a director, for example, received a sentence of 19 years' cannot exceed 1,000 marks. Yet

of the Trotskyist Left Oppoimprisonment. sition, has been reported acunder the Stakhanov system of Jakubowic and Kascher, both tive in the current anti-imvoiced their defiance of the Nazi perialist struggle there. such limitations are quite inconjudges to the end. Their defense was an exposition of their struggle for communism. They refused er of the extremists." Now De all recourse to appeals for clemency. The names of these two Het Parcol here, writing from martyrs joined the distinguished Indonesia, refers to him as a roll of our heroic dead, victims Trotskyist. of Nazi barbarism. The Fourth Soviet military administration. International dips its banner in salute to these valiant Austrian

fighters in its cause. Stalinist party and was not As a result of the discovery heard from for some time. Toand arrest of the leading comwards the close of the war, he rades, organized activity was is said to have reappeared as a made virtually impossible. On leader in Indonesian politics, at the eve of the "liberation" and the head of an organized army. with the return of leading comrades from concentration camps and exile, a reorganization took place. The five separate groups which existed during the Nazi occupation united into a single organization under the name of Karl Liebknicht Bund (Fourth

International) DEEP ROOTS

Forced to continue working in illegality under the Allied occuto be permanently maintained. lishes the underground paper, Most significant of all has been But there can be no doubt that Der Spartakist. The Bund is comcils through the initiative of the quicker will be the process of workers in Vienna, who have been tried and tested under the

Jerman fascism.



Women, children, and old men throng a market place in Budapest, Hungary, looking vainly for food. Thousands are starving in this one city alone. Hundreds of millions throughout the world face starvation in the coming months.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

(Continued from Page 1) a long programmatic manifesto. In this Manifesto the Conference draws the balance sheet of the second imperialist world war Kadt. correspondent of the daily and demonstrates that the capitalist world, which has resolved none of its fundamental contra-According to reports, Tan Ma- dictions through the war, is akka had disappeared shortly again moving-through a period of great economic and political difficulties, dominated by the fundamental antagonism of the USSR and Anglo-American imperialism — on the road toward the third world war. The Con-

ent stronger than the "official ment of the world proletariat can communist movement." A late prevent this outcome which, in



Excerpts from a U.S. soldier's account of what he saw and of the world. when he was a prisoner for 33 days at the army's Tenth Several leaders of the Fourth Depot guardhouse at Lichfield, England, International were present at published in a letter to Newsweek, April 8: persecution of both Austrian and "They make you run up and 9down the stairs like a bunch of , would fill a tray full of food that. With deep roots in the Ausrian working class movement, dogs and if one of the fellows would be enough for ten men Pierre Frank, Bleibtreu, Demathey look forward to the future fell down you couldn't stop and and make him eat it; then they ziere and Beaufrere, leading with optimism. Already in a help him up, you had to tramprocess of growth, they are sure ple over him. If you helped him blespoonsful of castor oil. "They have made several felof continued good prospects for they took you out and beat hell

By Eugene Varlin

After a year of domination by the American imperialists, the population of Germany faces death by starvation. There is "not enough food within the borders of the United States area to sustain life even at semi-starvation levels," states a United the American capitalists. "We

Press dispatch of April 13. have to feed the Germans or This dispatch quotes reports throw central Europe into the made to Herbert Hoover, Presihands of Communists . . . We dent of Truman's Emergency must feed the Germans if only Famine Committee, by General from the viewpoint of our own Joseph T. McNarney, commander selfish interests." of the United States armed forces in the European Theatre Baltimore Sun, Hamilton Owens, and his deputy General Lucius having weighed the cost of food D. Clay. Clay said that food on against the cost of crushing hand plus imports on the way revolution, decided: "It will be would supply a daily ration of cheaper to feed the Germans only 915 calories per person unthan not feed them." Then. re-

til the next harvest. A daily ration of 915 calories, or the equivalent of five slices of rye bread, means starvation. It is absolutely impossible to live let alone work, on such a ration. Experiments conducted by a League of Nations commission a few years ago showed that a bed-ridden adult, having no exercise whatsoever, still required 1770 calories, or nearly double the contemplated German allotment, to just maintain life.

death." FEAR UNREST One result of the drastic cuts Gardner Cowles, Jr., publisher in the daily ration has been a of the Des-Moines Register-Tribsteep decline in industrial output. une, stated: "If we do not feed

maintain the already low production levels. NOT HUMANITARIANS

The workers are too weak to

Another UP dispatch quotes statements by a group of news-**Further Details** paper editors and publishers would be much cheaper to feed touring the American occupation zone in Germany asking that than to face the consequences America send food to Germany, not on humanitarian grounds, but to prevent a "costly" revolution.

Frank Gannett, President of the Gannett newspaper chain, declared: "If we do not provide adequate food for the people of Europe, anything may happen over here. In the United States zone . . . people are getting a ing German workers will rise in diet that amounts to 1,270 calories a day. In the Russian zone, people are getting 1,600 calories a day. Democracy cannot successfully compete with commun-

vails.'

lapse "might lead to unrest which will necessitate a larger army of occupation than is now ism when such a situation precontemplated and for a longer Echoing Gannett's fears, Paul period of time." His solution is Bellamy of the Cleveland Plain not more food, but more troops Dealer, warned his employers, I to put down the expected revolts.

revolt.

ture.'

Trotskyist Policy ploited masses of Europe and the of the Fourth International to **In Greek Election** achieve the economic unification of the world through the So-cialist United States of Europe

Employing open armed terror, the reactionary, promonarchist Populist party of Greece, rode to power on the result of the rigged and falsified elections of March 31 Comrade J. Haston, secretary of These puppets of Anglo-American imperialism are now

On Conference Next week's issue of The Militant will carry further details concerning this historic conference of the Fourth International, the world party of the socialist revolution, founded on the teachings of Leon Trotsky. Complete text of the documents adopted by the Inter-

national Conference will be published in the June issue of Het Parool says the Trotskyist ference affirms that only the de-"Fourth International," movement led by him is at pres- velopment of the socialist movemonthly magazine of American Trotskyism. be fatal for the future of hu-

masses themselves. Here is the Sovietization

"F.I." Subscription Campaign **Gets Off To Splendid Start**

The campaign for 500 new six-month subscriptions to Fourth International, the theoretical magazine of American Trotskyism which got under way three weeks ago. is bringing gratifying results. From cities all over the country, 168 new subscriptions 9-

This is a splendid start that promises a successful conclu-sion to the two-month campaign.

Readers of The Militant, among with 10 subscriptions sold. them workers from Oregon, New York and Pennsylvania have scriptions to Fourth Internaused the Fourth International tional, many one-year combinasubscription coupon which was tion subscriptions to Fourth Inprinted in a recent issue of the ternational and The Militant, at paper, to send in their dollar for the special rate of \$2.50, have the Franco government for ila six-month subscription.

campaign directors have used ten combination subs. Also, one been made public: Francisco many excellent methods for sell- year and two year subscriptions Aymerich, Teodoro Sanz and J. ing subscriptions. In Minneapolis have been coming in. Campaign Director L. Lynn is Readers of The Militant who Fourth International subs with ternational.

have already been turned in. its general renewal and contactis the first to complete its quota

Spanish POUM Members Seized, **Face Execution**

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT PERPIGNAN, France, Apr. 12 Besides six-month \$1.00 sub--It is reported here that several revolutionary militants belonging to the Spanish P.O.U.M. (Workers Party of Marxist Unification) have been arrested by

been turned in. Newark's Cam- legal activity in Madrid. So far Fourth International local paign Director J. Reed has sold only the names of three have Urbano.

Along with other labor organsending out letters with sample are interested in broadening izations, the French Trotskyist copies of Fourth International their theoretical and political Parti Communiste Internationto Militant subscribers. This is education are urged to clip the aliste is appealing for mass profollowed up a week later with coupon printed in this issue and tests in all countries to save the personal visits. Los Angeles is mail it with \$1.00 for a six- seized militants from execution integrating the campaign for month subscription to Fourth In- at the hands of the Spanish Fascists.



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the development of the Austrian out of you for it. "In the mess halls I saw them make fellows get down on their knees and bark for their food like dogs. And if they refused to do it they would stick a loaded gun in their face and make the floors half the night before them do it. And if you didn't they would let them go to bed. jump up from the table fast "I got caught smoking once enough when they told you to, and they made me eat the cigathey would make you sit up and rettes I had left and then I stood down 500 times before you left against the wall for 24 hours the mess hall. And if one of the without any food or anything to boys asked for a little more eat. food, he was sorry for it; they

erans.

Big Brass Seek Whitewash In **Lichfield** Case (Continued from Page 1)

commander of Western Base Section, with offering the defendant a shorter sentence if "he agreed to certain stipulations which the defense has considered illegal." Lewis answered lamely that he knew nothing about this, although anyone acquainted with the army knows that no member of a general staff acts independently.

Lewis also tried to evade responsibility for having failed to properly investigate the charges of cruelty to GIs at Lichfield by saying he was supposed to inquire only into the "administrative status" of previous investigations

When the defense counsel then cited an order from Eisenhower appointing Lewis to investigate the charges themselves, further questioning on this point was conveniently ruled out of order. The other trials scheduled in this case - of ten enlisted men and eight officers-will be held in Germany, army headquarters in Europe announced last week. It will be much easier for the army to control news about the trials there than it was in England.

this Conference, among them

manity.

etc. their toes and noses against sleep or eats. At times they would make them touch their toes for hours at a time. I have seen them make the fellows scrub social liberation.

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT "They beat the fellows unmercifully there and even killed them. A fellow by the name of Bolton died after we left there and went back to France. He died at the hospital at Le Havre from concussion of the brain from the beatings he got on the head at Lichfield. Every night someone at the guardhouse got an awful beating from the pression undertaken by the

rican colonies. Repeated cheers and applause come back and have some rearechelon outfit beat their heads whom were Jacques Privas and in for them, while the great P. Boussel representing the decorated bum they called Col- Trotskyist Parti Communiste Inonel Kilian sat back and gave ternationaliste and Le-Van, rephis thugs orders to do it and said resenting the Indo-Chinese seche would back them up all the tion of the Fourth International. way because he was running this place his way and whatever he ly greeted speeches by militant said was God's own law? . . . "I often wonder if all the mittee de Defense des Libertes

the American Army. From what meeting was held. saw at Lichfield, those guys

NEW YORK FORUM

Speaker:

ALVIN ROYCE

116 University Place

the English section, Comrades consolidating their newly® would give him about three ta- members of the French section, ing class organizations.

The Manifesto of the Confer-

ence ends by calling on the ex-

world to fight under the banner

lows stand at attention with tionary greetings to the Trotskyist fighters of Indo-China, Indothe wall for 24 hours without nesia, India, Spain, the United

> PARIS, Apr. 4-At a huge protest meeting held here today several thousand North voiced their protest against | ror. the Government's ban of the Algerian People's Party (PPA) and the continued imprisonment of its leader Messali Hadj. They denounced the whole imperialist course of re-

greeted the speakers, among The assembled workers warm-Algerians representing the "Com-

fighting we did was worth it Democratiques en Algerie," unwhen you see all this going on in der whose auspices the protest

could teach the Gestapo a few have long been close to the views ricks on cruelty." of the Fourth International.



Sunday, April 28

The Conference sent revolu-

protest against the Rightist coup, working class militancy was prevented from being trans-States, as well as to the exploited formed into genuine mass strugmasses of these countries who are gle by the vacillation and confighting for their national and ciliationist policies of the Stalinist leadership.

Protests Ban On Algerian Party

lated from the April 8 issue of the Greek Trotskyist paper Labor Struggle provides graphic testimony of Trotskyist participation in the workers' struggle African and French workers against the growing white ter-"It was apparent to our com-

French government in its Af-

the purposes of the plutocrats and the imperialists of London and Washington. They appealed to the toilers to oppose the electoral coup d'etat with militant action TROTSKYISTS ATTACKED "In neighborhoods of Athens

sive class action.

The following account trans-

tributed in Athens alone. In

meetings supporting the boy-

cott, our literature and slogans

First returns on April 12 from

Tokyo precincts in Japan's elec-

tion include 12 ballots marked

for Gen. MacArthur. one for

Truman. But 13 voted for "more

Election Returne

food!"



followed, comrades. Tjordjatos and Aravantinos were wounded. The latter was unconscious

8 p. m.

when he was taken to the hos-Messali Hadj and the PPA pital. In spite of the terror more than 20,000 copies of the Trotskyist proclamation were dis-

won power and preparing | exerted a great influence upon the workers. vicious blows against work-

"The Stalinist leadership fol-While the boycott of the elec- lowed the opposite policy, retions constituted an effective stricting the struggle to passive abstractions. They placed bours geois-democratic leaders at the head of the struggie. Among them were the former minister in the Pastiras government, Som pario, whom they had denourse It remained for the Greek ed as a fascist and the monarche

Trotskyists to try to transform ist Voulgaris Sofianopoulos." the essential passivity of the In a leading editorial, Labor Stalinist-led boycott into deci-

> Struggle further analyzes the results of the election: "The elect toral farce has come to an end and the formation of a Parlies ment submissive to the wishes of Greek reaction and foreign imperialism is the first item of the agenda . .". We have before us a bourgeois offensive which is not even cloaked by pretexts

rades that the boycott of the and pseudo-democratic rations" election was a means of deepening the workers' struggle. Na-TASK AHEAD tional as well as local Trotskyist Pointing the way to victor organizations issued many procgainst the reaction, the Greek lamations, in which they exposed

Trotskyists declare: "The historical task of the militant works ers in our country is clear: Immediate organization of a class front of all the toilers. Unity under the banner of the revolutionary vanguard, mobilized for struggle against the attacks of reaction . . . before it is able to paralyze the forces of the proletariat. Complete eradication of any illusion among the exploited in the possibility of any smooth parliamentary evolution which would abolish violence and exploitation.'

BRONX **Open Forum** Meaning of May Day speaker: JUSTINE LANG 'Militant' Bus. Manager Sunday, April 28 **Ouestions** Discussion 1034 Prospect Ave. 8 p.m.





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

-Leon Trotsky

World Conference Of 4th International

With joy and enthusiasm, The Militant greets the news published in this issue of the recent successful World Conference of the Fourth International, the World Party of Socialist Revolution.

At this fateful hour, when the rapacious Anglo-American imperialists are preparing a third world slaughter, the advanced workers could have received no news more fraught with justified hope than this report of the Fourth International's world gathering.

All other international organizations which pretended to political leadership of the working class are dead. They were destroyed in the fires of that imperialist war which they themselves were instrumental in preparing and supporting. Only the Fourth International, the inheritor of the traditions and ideals of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky. stood up and survived the terrible test of the war.

That the Trotskyist movement emerged from the war more united and influential than before must be a source of deepest gratification in view of the monstrous hardships the fighters for world socialism have had to combat and endure. No other movement of emancipation in history has had to confront such ruthless and powerful adversaries. The imperialists of both the "democratic" and fascist countries remorselessly persecuted the Trotskyists during the war, imprisoned and murdered them.

At the start of the war, Stalin performed an invaluable service to world imperialism by assassinating Leon Trotsky, founder of the Fourth International. The Kremlin had prevlousiv murdered Trotsky's son Leon Sedoy and a host of sterling revolutionists through the machinery of its infamous secret police, the GPU. The leaders of the French, Belgian, German and Greek parties of the Fourth International were shot by Hitler's firing squads. Yet, despite the repeated decimation of their leadership and their ranks, the European Trotskyists continued their work throughout the war under the heel of the Gestapo. In England and the British colonies of India and Ceylon, the Trotskyist leaders were imprisoned. In "democratic" America, Wall Street imperialism framed up and imprisoned 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party, an avowed Trotskyist organization although not formally affiliated to the Fourth International because of the anti-democratic Voorhis law.

national. Its tempered cadres will lead the toilers to the great offensive."

The workers of the world and the enslaved colonial peoples cannot emancipate themselves from capitalist rule and oppression without unified and coordinated action under capable revolutionary leadership. The Fourth International aims to provide the toiling masses with that indispensable leadership. The Fourth International regenerates the authentic Communism of Lenin and Trotsky. It has no interests separate and apart from those of the world working class.

Today the ideas and program of the Fourth International are the greatest treasure of thousands of the finest militants throughout the world. Tomorrow they will become the flaming banner of revolutionary millions in their struggles for the overthrow of imperialist domination and the creation of international socialism.

Truman's Famine Diet

In his April 19 radio broadcast on famine conditions abroad, President Truman renewed his proposal that the American people go on a famine diet two days out of each week. "Wewould all be better off, physically and spiritually, if we ate less," opined Truman. "And then on two days a week let us reduce our food consumption to that of the average person in the hungry lands."

Yes, there are people who would be "physically and spiritually" better off to eat lessa lot less. But they are not the millions of workers living on subsistence wages, with their purchasing power visibly shrinking each day as prices soar higher and higher.

The people who should be placed on a famine diet are the rich, who here and in Europe are guzzling to their hearts' and bellies' content. Will they go on a famine diet two days in the week? You can bet your life they won'tnot as long as they have the money to get all the food they want, either through the regular channels or through the black market.

If food is so scarce that Truman proposes a two-day famine diet, why does he not also propose the requisition of the plentiful livestock in this country which the big meat packers are refusing to process ? Why does the administration permit the meat trust to impose a meat famine on this country in order to force the elimination of price ceilings?

pp., \$1.

capitalist society.

This is an alarming book,

eminent scientists, physicists and NO DEFENSE

written by a group of frightened

men. These frightened men are

others, whose discovery of the

atom bomb has placed unlimited

powers of destruction in the

hands of the maniacal rulers of

All of the individual scientists

as the Federation of American

Scientists, are agreed on three

main points: 1. The frightful de-

structiveness of the atom bomb.

2. There can be no lasting "se-

3. There is no defense against it.

Philip Morrison, professor of physics at Cornell University,

was sent by the War Depart-

ment to Japan after Hiroshima

blew up in the boiling fury of the

bomb's first experiment on hu-

crecy" about its manufacture. other war."

Truman's proposal to "aid the starving" is nothing but a propaganda device to persuade the American workers to accept scarcity and the resultant high prices so profitable to the American capitalists.

Truman's talk about sacrificing for "physical and spiritual" betterment is high-sounding indeed. But the very world-wide famine conditions he refers to are the "physical and spiritual" by-products of the imperialist war, which Truman climaxed with that instrument of "physical and spiritual" uplift, the atomic bomb.

American workers are anxious to help their starving brothers abroad and to make all necessary sacrifices. But they don't want the food they produce and sacrifice to be used to aid capitalist reaction in other countries or benefit the profiteers here at home. To prevent these abuses, the labor and farmer organizations should themselves requisition, administer and distribute all relief food and

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"I'm so glad you've explained the atomic bomb that way, General. Of course, an explosion that lasts only a split second is far more humanitarian!"



ONE WORLD OR NONE,-A | that "atomic explosives are vast- to one of the great crises of his-Report To the Public on the ly cheaper than ordinary explo- tory. Full Meaning of the Atomic sives," and do the job a thousand

Louis N. Ridenour, authority

on radar, another important new

discovery, upon which the chief

hope is placed to provide a de-

fense against atomic bombs, ca-

corroborate that no military de-

fense exists and none can be

to destroy the cities of the world

and they will do so if used in an-

Is the bomb a secret? All the

2. The problem has moved on-Bomb. Published by McGraw- times more effectively. Only to the political plane and will Hill Book Co., Inc., 1946. 72 mass annihilation through remain there. spread of disease germs offers

3. The problem is a world 'competition for the evil that a problem. There can be no merely dollar (invested in a-bombs) can national solution.

They wind up with the frightened cry: "THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME! AND SURVIVAL IS AT STAKE!" But these highly specialized scientific workers HAVE NO ANSWER!

PROBLEM SUMMED UP

tegorically states: "THERE IS These highly skilled scientific contributing to this book, as well NO DEFENSE." Other scientists vorkers, like the .vorkers of the whole world, are today chained to the capitalist system. Since devised. "Atomic bombs are able the discovery of the atom bomb, they have been made virtual captives of the capitalist military clique.

The whole trouble with these scientists agree that it was a scientists is this: that whereas secret-to all countries-only unthe class-conscious workers of til the first bomb was made the world are engaged in a stuband successfully tested. Toborn struggle against their imday all the groping, speculation, perialist masters, the "educated" man beings. To bring home the funds required to make the first tists submit without radical prointensive research and vast dreadful power of this instru- bomb are eliminated. Moreover, test to these bestial exploiters of "it is no longer necessary to de- the world's best brains and gives a vivid description of the pend upon the vision and judg- brawn. They offer no solution possible effects of a single bomb ment of the men of rare genius. except to throw themselves and

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1948

PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

-By CHARLES CARSTEN-

The Militant' And The Veterans

Practically all the newspapers and magazines in the country are directly controlled by big capitalists. They speak in the interest of their owners and the advertisers and are silent about subjects considered tabu by their masters.

For example newspapers and magazines in this country are now busily engaged in a campaign calculated to sell the veteran the idea that they are getting "magnificent benefits" from the so-called GI Bill of Rights. More and more of them are beginning to echo the sentiment expressed by the April 12 United States News which pretends that many veterans prefer "a year's vacation" on the unemployed pay of \$20 a week for 52 weeks rather than "available" jobs.

These Wall Street controlled organs rarely, if ever, mention the fact that the majority of available jobs pay no more than \$26 a week. They, along with other spokesmen for Big Business, say nothing now about the promises made during the war to the effect that jobs for all at a "living wage" would be assured in the post-war world.

Government and Big Business propagandists operate on the theory that man's memory is short. In sharp contrast to Wall Street's press, The Militant, a workers' paper, tells the whole truth, advances and fights for a program that is in the interest of the workers and veterans. Here are a few examples of how The Militant treated issues that other papers either avoided or lied about. Before and during the war. The Militant warned the young men who were being dragooned into the armed forces that the promises made them by capitalist propagandists were nothing but lies. It said conditions would be no better following the war.

Supported GI Demonstrations

When the fighting ended, The Militant demanded immediate demobilization. From the very first it gave all-out support to GIs in their "Get Us Home" demonstrations and called on the entire labor movement to back to the hilt the demands of the GIs.

During the war and since, The Militant has been an unwavering champion of the enlisted men. It carries exposures of Brass Hat and Gold Braid privileges and supports the enlisted men in their efforts to introduce democratic reforms in the Army and Navy.

The Militant was the first paper in the United States to expose the savage treatment of American soldiers in the Lichfield (England) guardhouse. It is the only paper that has shown precisely where the policy of brutality originated-in the high command of the United States Army.

Calling attention to the criminal neglect of the disabled veterans, The Militant demands mobilization of all the resources of the country to give the wounded the best that science and medicine can devise.

These are only a few of the issues on which The Militant has raised its voice. No other newspaper has a record in any way comparable.

Newspapers expressing the viewpoint of Big Business are supported with subsidies and advertising. The Militant does not sell advertising space. It has to be subsidized by workers and people genuinely devoted to the interests of workers and veterans. At present, The Militant, is conducting a campaign for \$15,000 to aid in its publication.

The Militant has aided you in your struggle. Now it needs your financial assistance. You who are now reading these lines, put a quarter, a half, a dollar or more-whatever you can afford-into an envelope NOW and send it in to help the fight. You will find the blank on page 6.

Despite all these bestial blows from the imperialists and their minions, the Fourth International was able to reestablish world-wide connections and hold a world conference within eight months of the ending of military hostilities.

What enabled the isolated sections and militants of the Fourth International to overcome all obstacles, to pursue a common policy of revolutionary struggle, and to come together after six years of separation with increased solidarity and strength? The remarkable vitality of world Trotskyism flows from its Marxist program and the trained and incorruptible cadres built on that program. That program. which summarizes the experiences of the world working class over the past 100 years, its victories as well as its defeats, has once more withstood the test of great events.

The astonishing virility manifested by the parties of the Fourth International during World War II, which has culminsted in its recent World Conference, vindicates the confidence that Trotsky expressed in December 1938.

"The Fourth International will enter the next war as a tightly-welded unit, whose sections will be able to follow one and the same policy, irrespective of the boundaries and trenches dividing them. It is quite possible that at the beginning of the war when the blind instinct of self-preservation combined with chauvinist propaganda will push the popular masses towards their governments, the sections of the Fourth International will find themselves isolated. They will know how to withstand nationalist hypnosis and the epidemic of patriotism.

"In the principles of internationalism, they will find a bulwark against the herd panic below, and the terror from above . . . (the revolationary movement) will find for its crystalwattom no ants other that the Pourth Inter-

other supplies in collaboration with the labor organizations in the famine-stricken countries.

CIO-PAC Policy

The CIO Policital Action Committee leaders in Washington last week issued a statement of their aims in the elections next November. They declare that labor's fight now "shifts from the picket line to Capitol Hill and the ballot box" and warn that "our victories on the economic front will be swept away if the people meet defeat on the political front."

How do the CIO leaders propose to avert this defeat? Sidney Hillman, CIO-PAC national chairman, explained that the organization would strive to elect "progressive" candidates.

The American workers have had a long and sad experience with this policy of supporting "progressive" candidates of the two major Wall Street parties, Republican and Democratic. Only last week they tasted the latest bitter fruits of that policy when the House voted for unrestrained inflation.

CIO President Philip Murray answered this latest Congressional assault on labor's living conditions by sending out telegrams to all Congress of Industrial Organization affiliates urging "drastic action." By "drastic action," aside from sending the usual ineffective post cards, Murray means the same thing as Hillman. He too proposes to conduct a campaign to elect more "progressives."

But the very Congress against which such "drastic action" is urged was greeted in November 1944 as a "progressive" Congress. Its election was called a "progressive victory" by the CIO-PAC leaders.

Any Congress controlled by the candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties will be anti-labor and serve only the interests of Big Business. To urge the workers in 1946 to back "progressive" candidates of these parties is to prepare a repetition of the political debacle suffered by labor in November 1944 and thereafter.

What the union militants must demand is an end to this bankrupt policy. The American workers' need is a party of their own, an independent labor party. The formation of such a party is the only "drastic action" that will provide real political strength for labor and pave the way for the abolition of Big Business political rule.

READ "FOURTH INTERNATIONAL" mist Theoretical Magazine

on one section of New York City. Quite average scientists can ap-In addition to the immense preciate the factors involved." property damage in this atombombed Manhattan, "a bout All that is required, in addi- giant which already holds the three hundred thousand were tion to uranium deposits, is a conquered world in its bloody killed . . . as many again were sufficiently developed modern clutches. Thus they expedite the seriously injured." The "hucky industrial capacity, and finan- very catastrophe they hope to ones" who were not killed in this cial resources. Any nation pos- avert. area numbered twenty thousand sessing the finances and indus- These frightened men are inand maybe many more. These trial capacity to wage war has capable of seeing or understand-"died of unstoppable internal the resources with which to ing the immense, creative power hemorrhages, of wildfire infec- make the bomb. The period of of the working class. For only tions. of slow oozing of the blood time in which other nations are the working class can meet this expected to duplicate the bomb "deadly challenge" to civilizainto the flesh." This hypothetical story he concludes. "is unis set at anywhere from two to tion and prevent the destruction six years. All this, they say, of mankind by the atom bomb, real in only one way; the bombs will never again, as in Japan.

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come in ones or twos. They will come in hundreds, even in faced in all history." thousands." In a new war, he predicts, "the cities of men on (Atomic) Scientists sums up the ror and destruction. earth will perish." terrible problem: Another scientist points out | 1. The problem has brought us

A small minority of Congress-

men objected on March 11 to

the atom bomb experiment

scheduled to blow up a half-bil-

lion dollars worth of anchored

Representative Johnson of

Oklahoma feit sick about includ-

ing "18 ships that were con-

structed in 1944 and six or eight

ships that were constructed in

1945 . . ." He had to admit, how-

over, that "It will be a great

show." Only he doesn't want to

join the boys on the special ob-

servation ship for Congressmen.

to witness it. I could get no en-

100 ships or a fewer number, sent

to the bottom of the ocean, es-

hundreds of millions to con-

struct."

"For my part, I have no desire

ships in the mid-Pacific.

the world's masses upon the mercy of that U.S. imperialist

"adds up to the most dangerous through the revolutionary oversituation that humanity has ever throw of the imperialist rulers, together with their capitalist The Federation of American madhouse of wars, poverty, ter-

> Reviewed by Larissa Reed

Thomason felt so strongly about the "wanton destruction of 90 great ships" that he even had a counter suggestion: "You had better take some of these ships and send food to the starying in Europe. You might use some of them to bring our boys home. You might also bring back some of our surplus property now scattered over the world."

The opposition to the terrifically expensive experiment, however, quickly folded under fire from the Congressmen wetting already passed the experimental their lips at the thought of a stage, "The atomic bomb was free trip out in the Pacific on a joyment or satisfaction in seeing given quite a test out in New ship lardered by the luxury-lov-Mexico. Later on it was given a ing Admirals.

Thomason back-watered as real test at Hiroshima and Nagpecially when I know that 18 of asaki . . . Now, less than 10 only a Congressman can when them are new ships only fin- months after VE-Day and less he gets crossed up with the rest ished in 1945, ships that I voted than 8 months after VJ-Day, it of the gang. He was simply fightis proposed to send these 90 ships ing, he explained, against the deout into the far Pacific - at a struction of any armaments such Johnson didn't believe much time when all this war talk is as "battleships, airplane carriers new will be discovered in the going around the world-it is and cargo carriers . . . I think

experiment. "Does any member proposed to sink 5 battleships this is entirely too critical a time of this Congress doubt what will that cost \$100,000,000 each to for us to be sinking any 90 ships."

happen if the test is on the up build . . . "What does it prove? What | And then to make the record and up? ... So what are we trying to do here except put on a more will you know about the doubly clear that he isn't really show and sink a whole fleet of atomic bomb than you know opposed in principle to the deships, many of which we may now? . . . Yet my distinguish- struction of half-billion dollars' Representative Thomason of soon for a large appropriation bad business at this time. If it

Texas likewise spoke out against for new ships. Sink or damage is necessary or advisable later, this "glorified experiment, or them one day-build new ones I will then support it." perhaps a giorified junket," In the next day." (To Be Continued



For four years the Morgan-dominated General Electric monopoly suppressed a revolutionary new invention, the betatron, which scientists declare can aid in curing the dread disease of cancer. This was disclosed last week by Federated Press and reported in the April 15 CIO News.

In the four years that GE bottled up this invention, half a million cancer victims have died. Many of them, scientists say, might have been cured with the aid of this machine. Major credit for putting an end to this vile practice goes to the CIO Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, which recently forced GE to relax its strangehold on this important machine.

The betatron is a machine similar to the cyclotron, (the "atom smasher" used on the atom bomb project) which produces high energy rays capable of breaking up the nucleus of the atom. With the betatron it is possible to concentrate a greater amount of cancer-destroying rays than is possible today with the best X-ray apparatus, and thus aid treatment of cancers deep within the body.

But GE has a monopoly on the more complicated and expensive high voltage X-ray equipment with which the betatron would compete, and which it will render obsolete.

Professor Donald Kerst invented the betatron in 1940 at the University of Illinois. He took his invention to GE because this corporation, which produces X-ray machines, had the facilities for its further development. After spending two years in the GE laboratory, together with atomic physicists. GE employes and eminent cancer specialists, Kerst perfected a working model,

GE immediately patented his invention on the ground that anything produced in their laboratory became their property. Then they suppressed the machine. They even refused to license its patent rights so that other companies might build these machines.

While refusing to build the betatron for any medical, hospital or commercial use, GE did permit Allis Chalmers to build five 20-million-volt machines for the government. The government used these machines to test shells and aid the atom bomb project. All this time, up to February 1946, six years after the betatron's invention and four years after a working model had been built, cancer specialists and radio-therapists in New York and Chicago have been vainly clamoring for betatrons to carry on their research in the cure for cancer.

It was only during the recent strike of the CIO union against GE, when the corporation cynically. charged that the strike was holding up cancer research, that the truth began to come out. The union retorted that they "knew what was holding it up --"and it wasn't the picket lines." GE, fearing that the whole shocking story of the suppression would be made public, offered its first betatron to the Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, which had been vainly asking for one for some time.



Congressmen At Work

his opinion the atom bomb has

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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 addresse Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

New Reader Applauds Housing Crisis In Milwaukee Is Greatest Problem To Vets

In the March 13 issue of The Militant appeared a new article under "Shop Talks on Socialism," by V. Grey. It was titled Why we should study Marx-Land,"

V. Grey Series On

Study of Marxism

Editor:

Being a new reader of The Militant, I find this article very interesting as it simplifies the study of Marxism more to my standards.

It introduces how Marxism is an honest study of the system we live in and is a revolutionary study.

Since it is to be a series of articles, I think it would be wise for all the new readers to clip the rent ceilings. the articles from the paper and save them for careful study to get the full meaning of Marxism and how socialism is developing.

place where words and definitions can be put in a column each week to help the new readers understand the Marxist vocebulary. R. R.

Detroit, Mich.

Monopolists Bury Inventions As "Military Secrets"

Editory

I have been reading with interest the articles in The Milicine on the grounds that they lower half of one window. are military "secrets."

The army recently sent out a the press. This just shows how were hard. far they will go to retard devel-

get a finger into.

wonderful products off the market because they wanted to be sure they had a permanent monopolized market.

At last they have found an excuse. Military secrecy.

Veterans who had looked for- again. It isn't mine." ward to the war's end as a promise of peace and security are finding out daily that their bat-

tles on the home front are just Army Brass Hats beginning. The rosy jobs are non-existent. General price increases Of Privileges make a decent standard of living impossible for the common GI. Even the most essential ne-

cessities of home and shelter, have been denied to men returning from tents and fox holes. Owners of rooming houses and hotels use every pretext to beat

This case of a returned veteran in Milwaukee is typical. A soldier who had spent three years in the Pacific desperately begged an owner of five room-I also think it would be a good ing houses for a place to live.

idea since there are so many The landlord explained that new readers and subscribers to while his choicest rooms were The Militant, that you have a occupied, he had an opening in the basement of one house. The soldier was tired and willing to sleep anywhere, but he had not planned to pay weekly rent to sleep next to a stoker. The basement room was a dilapi-

dated laundry room, no longer in use.

with the stuffing torn out, and a worn square of rug. tant which show the deliberate | Loose and rotting boards made withhold important advances in an invitation to rats. Cardboard the fields of science and medi- and yellowed paper filled in the The veteran was an outdoor

worker employed to dig wells a communication that all infor- short distance outside of the city. mation on new planes, including | When we remarked about the OBSOLETE models designed mud clinging in chunks on his during the war, be kept from boots, he explained that times

"What do you think should be opment in any field they can done?" we asked. "I don't know, I'm pretty tired

> start anything." "Workers are alike all over the world. If they don't have jobs they go hungry, homeless. They don't get any reward or help from the bosses who got rich out complained against.

of the war." we said. A. L. Los Angeles | He scowled, "No-I'm not go-

ing to fight for my **Marie Gregory** Milwaukee, Wis.

Never Lose Sight

Editor: The army brass usually defend their positions by claiming that giving the officers privileges and rights denied to the enlisted men, are conducive of good discipline and a necessary factor in carry-

ing out the army's functions. Few officers, though, like to lose sight of the advantages this system gives them, whether or not a high degree of discipline is necessary in their particular organization in order for it to acomplish its duties properly. They like the enlisted men to know who is boss in any circumstance.

I happened at one time to be in an outfit where "anything went." The officer even delighted in making himself a regular fellow — just one of the boys. However, we were made to realize that this was still the army, and that we must always retain our

The furniture consisted of respect for rank, when one of the rusty mattress springs, an old enlisted men while drunk comice-box devoid of doors, a clutcursing at our commanding oftering of cardboard boxes, one low bunk (with one thin pillow ficer.

This - the LIMIT in enlisted and one thin blanket), a chair men-officer relations-resulted in a court martial and a subsequent sentence of six months in attempts of the capitalists to the wooden floor dangerous and the guard house for the enlisted man that is, were the officer to curse where they could be discriminat-

to a higher officer (this procedure usually is not attempted due and class prejudices. to fear of repercussions), it is

enlisted men.

would receive any discipline be-

And the enlisted man with a not even hope for justice. He to slave under the unmerciful sent in the dollar and intends grievance has put himself behind had no right to challenge any sun of the Pacific; to unload car- to pass the pamphlet to his the eight-ball, because he still one of the judges. There was no goes during air raids and shell- friends, directly. He also is gotakes orders from the officer he lack of prejudiced officers on ings. The army bosses took good ing to do the same thing with

Howard Zucker

While serving in Camp Ater- unite with his white comrades to letter reads: Brooklyn, N. Y. bury, in the early part of '43 demand more rights for the en-

THE MILITANT

The Negro Soldier's Bitterest Enemy



Discrimination Against Negro GI Was Army 'Accepted Procedure'

Editor:

I am a veteran who saw at training. The white soldiers, however, could leave on pass, and first-hand the army's Jim Crow find a place in one of the sursystem. When in the beginning of the war the U.S. Army came out relax and find entertainment for with its segregation program for a night or weekend. The colored

colored soldiers, the Brass Hats soldiers couldn't. explained that such a policy was needed as a preventive measure against clashes between white mitted the unpardonable sin of and colored troops. More reasons to Negro soldiers. In a period of were given, most of them satufour months only once was a rated with racial discrimination. dance held in this service club. Some newspapers praised the Brass Hats for their forsight in In the others they were held weekly. thus securing "smooth relation-

I ran across the same situaships" among personnel in the tion in Leyte in the Philippines. army. A dance was being given for In this way colored citizens in Should the reverse take place, the army were put in groups patients of the First Convalescent Hospital where 3.000 white

the enlisted man (this occurs on ed against in mass. Their lot and colored soldiers were being reconditioned for further action. some occasions in the army) and was made even harder by their should the soldier carry his case officers, the majority of whom Despite the fact that there were were white, and who had caste a few colored Red Cross girls that our readers are so impresspresent, the commanding offi-Discrimination against colored cers posted military police on all

doubtful whether the officer soldiers at army courts-martial entrances of the building to turn was an accepted procedure. No all Negro soldiers away. yond a sharp reprimand, and enlisted man who violated any some fatherly advice by his su- of the innumerable rules and for all the dirty and heavy work. Before the war they kept many of everything. I don't want to perior officer on the handling of regulations could hope for clem- He was used for heavy engineer- Shreveport, Louisiana. ency. A Negro soldier often could ing jobs; port battalions. He had

these courts martial staffs.

of the army's officer caste sys-

tem. This was because the of-

of the men and glow with pride

Pioneer rounding towns where they could Notes While the army stressed the importance of recreation for offduty hours, only one of the four In the second edition of the existing service clubs was open pamphlet by Charles Jackson,

A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow, a blue insert slip was enclosed. This slip told the reader YOU CAN HELP KILL JIM CROW by helping to distribute

this pamphlet," and asked the reader to return the slip with \$1.00 with the names of 10 riends to whom he wished the pamphlct sent.

We have already had a highly of his friends and made subscribencouraging return of this insert slip. It is gratifying to see ed with this pamphlet that they want to be sure that their friends receive it also. So far we have received three slips from Phila-The Negro soldier was needed delphia, two from Brooklyn, one from Chicago and one from

The friend from Shreveport care that he wouldn't balk, or Jobs for All. His most interesting

> "Please also send me by return mail 10 copies of your pamphle



This May Day issue of The to renew my own subscription Militant carries with it a deep which will expire shortly." meaning for our thousands of Ray Burns of San Pedro sent

readers. First, it marks the first anthis interesting note: "The longshoremen here have become very niversary of our 8-page paper. familiar with The Militant, since In addition. The Militant has been recognized by thousands of it has been distributed for quite workers on the picket lines in some time at their union meetthe steel, auto, electrical, pack- ings every other Thursday night. "One night our car broke down inghouse, mining and other inand we were 15 minutes late ardustries as the paper that is the oremost champion of the fight riving at the hall. When we did for labor's struggles for a better arrive, huge lines had already formed in front of the two doors world.

During the past year, The Milof the hall. 'Come on,' they callitant has been introduced to ed to us, 'You're late!' and eager thousands of new readers in hands reached out to get their two campaigns. The first held in copy of "The Militant." the Spring was a three-month

campaign calling for 20,000 new readers which ended with a total of 22,437 new readers. In the one another for representation Fall, we held an eight-week cam- in this column. paign for 10,000 additional readers, which resulted in a gain of writes to remind us to be sure

0,681 readers. Also, the press run of The the strike wave ran to an unprecedented high of 68,000, thus affording thousands of striking workers an opportunity to read our paper which was distributed to them at union meetings,

plant gates and picket lines. . . .

Libby Jones of Buffalo writes: 'One of our comrades went out

to a Negro neighborhood last Sunday, and sold five renewals in visits to eight people. The response was very enthusiastic. "One subscriber told him: 'I've never read any paper like The Militant. It tells the truth. At first I read it because it fought discrimination, and I didn't pay much attention to the other part of the paper. But now I read it

through from beginning to end every week'."

H. Shervin of Minnesota, a Militant reader, is also one of our most consistent sub-getters. In the past few months he has introduced The Militant to many

ers of them. Here's his most recent note: My neighbor appeared quite interested in your paper, so I wish to give him a gift of a six month ubscription. You can use the balance of the enclosed money

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party are vying with Bob Kingsley of Cleveland to include the fact that they have obtained 60 subs this week.

Wilitant during the period of The top scorers in this week's breakdown are: Cleveland-27 one year and 32 six-month renewals plus 1 new

six-month subscription. Boston - 24 new six-month subs as well as 7 six-month and one-year renewal.

Philadelphia — 11 six-month new subs and 3 six-month renewals.

Seattle-18 six-month renewals as well as 3 six-month and 1 one-year new subscription.

New York City-13 six-month and 1 one-year new subscription plus 3 six-month and 4 one-year renewals.

San Francisco — 2 six-month and 1 one-year new subs, 3 sixmonth and 3 one-year renewals. And 1 one-year new and 2 oneyear combination renewals to The Militant and the Fourth International,

Cincinnati-5 six-month and one-year new subscriptions. Newark-8 six-month and 3 one-year new subs as well as 2

six-month renewals. Brooklyn Gala Social

Saturday, Apr. 27 635 Fulton 8 p.m.

OUR PROGRAM:

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

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

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

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Discussion Group meets Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

NEW YORK-CITY HQ., 116 University Place, GR. 5-8149. Sat., 4:30 p.m., Tues, 7:30, rehearsal of Trotskyist chorus. Sun., Apr. 28, 8 p.m.: 'Is MacArthur Bringing Democracy to Japan?' HARLEM: 103 W. 110 St. Rm. 28. MO. 2-1866. Sun., Apr. 28, 7:30 p.m.: 'Ives-Quinn Law and Ferguson Case.' Florence Bronze.

BRONX: 1034 Prospect Ave., 1st floor, phone TI 2-0101. Wednesday class, 8:30: State and Revolution. Friday Class, 8:30: Principles of Socialism. Sun., Apr. 28-'May Day. Justine Lang. BROOKLYN: 635 Fulton St., Phone ST. 3-7433. Thursday, Apr. 25. 8:30 -'May Day.' Sam Marcy. Sat., Apr. 27-Spring Social. SEATTLE-Visit our Headquar-CHELSEA: 130 W. 23 St., phone CH 2-9434.

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SAN DIEGO - SWP Headquar- pass through the camp area ters, 1142 Union St. Room 6, swinging the bottles for all the open daily except Sat., 7 to 9 enlisted men to see. Then they would proceed to their tents and SAN FRANCISCO - Visit the have their gay high times until

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Charles Jackson, 10c. ice cream and cookies, no ciga-Jobs for All—A Fighting Program for Labor, by Art Preis, 10c. I asked a Red Cross girl about Order from Pioneer Publishthis difference of procedure at ers. 116 University Place. New the enlisted men's affairs and York 3, N. Y. she told me this difference was

the section of society which they NEW YORK - The Trotskyist Youth Group meets at 116 University Place. Send name and New York address for information. Sunday educational and dis-

cussion, 8 p.m., Chelsea Workers Center, 130 W. 23rd St.

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THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1946

'MILITANT' SUSTAINING FUND CAMPAIGN REACHES 40 PCT. OF QUOTA IN FIFTH WEEK By Justine Lana \$15,000

Campaign Director

This May Day Issue of The Militant marks the first anniversary of our 8-page paper. In true bolshevik spirit, comrades, readers and friends are showing their solid support to sustain and continue our 8-page paper by their

overwhelming response to 3 our Militant Sustaining Fund Drive.

At the conclusion of the fifth week of our drive, \$6,109.58 has been sent in. This sum represents 40 per cent of our national quota of \$15,000 which is to be attained by June 15. We are still ahead of schedule, and there is every indication that our halfway mark will be reached also in advance of schedule.

Similarly, the response to our request for \$1,000 per week has been consistent and enthusiastic. The weekly quota of \$1,000 has been oversubscribed each time! A check of the scoreboard this invited. \$26 was raised in this

week reveals some very interest- manner. ing developments.

Baltimore and Reading now join the list of "100 per centers," branches of the Socialist Workers Party which have either completed or gone over their quota.

BALTIMORE OVER TOP

tionally to reach the 100 per cent goal.

Reading also is to be com- to date are Chelsea 36, Bronx 36, mended. Last week it was in 27th Brooklyn 34, and Central 33. In place nationally, having fulfilled explanation of Central's position only 8 per cent of its quota. However, it rallied its forces in a special effort to complete its quota in record time

From our mail this week, we pass on the following items of interest to our readers.

FROM MAIL BAG

Duncan Conway, Militant Fund Director of Local New York writes: "The campaign in New York is gathering real momen-New York expansion. Our goal is drive and \$1,500 for city expansion

tributions. We have so far obpathizers and expect to collect money is the collection taken for local scores in the campaign."

the Militant Fund at our Sun-From Flint Douglas Sn day night forums. Up to now, we writes: "Am sending another have received \$56.32 in this way. In addition, Comrades Ida Fund Drive. It is very encourag-Brandt and Fred Nomen held a ing to see how our comrades and house party last week to which sympathizers here are sacrificing sympathizers and friends, were for this important fund in spite



Greek Comrade Greets First 'Militant' Received In Years

Dear Comrades:

enormous emotion and an indescribable joy; it was as if selves) to exist. I have met an old dear friend.

your co-thinkers dispersed in all the parts of the world. Here, in Greece during the last ten years the conditions as you know; particularly we had not the means to ac- The stockings have to be exchanged for other things. quire informations about the revolutionary labor movement.

I think it is not inconvenient from my part to address to you the following request: Send me, by the post, some books, some pamphlets, whatever you have disposable (I should prefer works of Trotsky and other classics). I am I cannot write easily and without errors. At present it is not possible to remit to you any sum of money. But my great desire to communicate with the movement obliges me to ignore this obstacle.

I should be very grateful to you if I shall get an answer from your part. Excuse my miserable English.

A Friend

Greece

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Comradely yours,

'Investigation' On Fontana **Conceals Vigilante Terror**

By Lois Saunders (Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 14-Three and one-half months | Two-fold Nature of Value after the event, California's attorney general has at long last issued a "final report" of his investigation into the

causes of the disastrous fire [®] which wiped out all four lines about the Fontana invesmembers of the Negro family | tigation. Kenny is now running as the

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Meeting Recruits

BALTIMORE, Md., Apr. 15

a group of Militant readers and

friends met last night to hear

Comrade Ted Barr speak on the

"Postwar World and the Tasks

The current sustained attacks

against the Soviet Union by the

American government and press,

Comrade Barr explained, reveal

their fear that the American

workers will realize the superiority of planned economy over

monopolistic economy. One Militant reader pointed out how in

Japan recently the coal miners

went on strike in a Honshu mine,

took it over and in a few days increased production 400 per

After a lively discussion period

two applications were made to

join the Socialist Workers Party.

ernor. He is being touted by the As indicated in the Socialist Stalinists and by the CIO lead-Workers Party pamphlet, "Vigiership as a "friend of labor." He lante Terror in Fontana," the rehas been energetically publiport of Attorney General Robert cized as a fighter against fascism W. Kenny proves that he is far and a protector of the rights of more concerned not to lose votes minorities. He has spent considthan he is to uncover the activierable time and energy attemptties of the vigilante thugs who ing to win the votes of minority had threatened violence to the groups. Short family only two weeks be-

But his record proves the opfore the fire. posite of his pretensions. His In the lengthy report, there is "final report" on the Fontana not a single indication that case is further proof that his Kenny's deputies made the slightest effort to find out who orities is based on words, not acthe vigilantes are, or to force tions. He has consistently igthem to account for their actions nored the numerous attacks on the afternoon of the fire. against Japanese residents since After denving that there is evihe has been in office en dence to show that the fire was the identity of the attackers was of incendiary origin, the report known to all, and when local authorities had refrained from concludes: taking any action against them. "Our investigation has also covered the possibility of organ- POLICE BRUTALITY ized vigilante activity in Fon-There have been many cases tana directed against the Neof police brutality against Negroes in that community and groes in Los Angeles and elseagainst Mr. Short personally. No where, so many in fact that the evidence of such activity has been colored communities are apprefound.' hensive and fearful. Local au-



What Is A Commodity? By V. Grey

A commodity is something produced to be exchanged. Nearly everything made nowadays comes under that heading. Things are very different today from the pioneer era when people made their own shoes, clothing, and molded the bullets for their long rifles.

There couldn't be much exchange then, because people had to work from sunrise to sunset just to make the things they needed for themselves. Their log cabin was their fac-I have just read a copy of your paper, which by chance tory. But it was the most inefficient factory you can fell in my hands. It is true, the paper dated from August | imagine. In spite of Herculean labor, they often couldn't of the past year; nevertheless its reading caused me an produce enough goods for one family (that is, for them,

Today great factories employing thousands of people of Allow me to inform you that I am since 1937 one of are busy making just one of the items the pioneers made -socks, for instance, or stockings. Hundreds of thousands of pairs of stockings are made-far more than the owners, of our existence and of our action were extremely cruel or even the workers in that particular factory, can use,

The capitalist who owns the factories and employs he workers who produce the socks, is interested in only one thing about socks. How much he can get for them. How useful they are to people is entirely secondary with him. If it so happens that he profits five cents a pair able to understand English with no great difficulty, though turn his whole factory over to the production of cotton.... socks. Children's underwear, for several reasons, has yielded a lower profit than coats and dresses in recent yearsso children have had to go without underwear. This is because we are living in a commodity system. Goods are produced to be sold-and at a profit. It is the number of purses that counts and not the number of users. If the working people as a whole ran the factories, they would. of course, make underwear for their children and themselves. But then they would no longer be producing commodities, production would then no longer be hamstrung by capitalism.

The capitalist, as we have said, doesn't care whether the commodity is good or bad, so long as he can sell it." But all the same, the commodity has to be of some use, otherwise the people are not going to buy it. Dishes have to be smooth and cleanable, coal has to be hard and burnable, auto tires have to be soft and rideable, bread has to be fresh and eatable.

A commodity is a useful thing and it is at the same time a saleable thing. It has value in use (use-value) and value in exchange (exchange-value). The loaf of bread we described last week is a commodity precisely for these two reasons. It is useful to man. And it is produced to sell or exchange.

Naturally not every useful thing is necessarily a commodity. The air we breathe is quite useful, we would die without it. But it is not produced or monopolized by man. So it is free. On the other hand, oxygen, the purest air for breathing, is distilled out of the air by the labor of man. and therefore it becomes a commodity. It is sold to hospitals for oxygen tents, etc. It is sold to factories for welding and burning purposes. The acetylene flame breathes the oxygen—but not for free.

If we look up and down the world-wide list of commodities-from tooth brushes to tractors-we find every single thing that is sold on the market (except unimproved land-see Marx' Capital, Vol. III) is a product of human claim to be the protector of min- labor. Now this seems, such a commonplace, such a hum drum sort of discovery, you might say "so what?"

You might say everything contains labor and materials-just like a repair job on your car. That's right. And the "materials" are commodities, too. The wrist pins, the

add that this branch voluntarily raised its quota from \$800 to \$1,-500!' L. Lynn of Minneapolis: "We have several collection lists in circulation now, and in the next week or two should have some

source. G. Worth of Boston writes: "We are enclosing our checks totalling \$158 on our Militant tum. Ours is a joint campaign Fund. This brings our fund colfor the Militant Fund and Local lection to \$343 and almost to our goal. The funds are allocated as \$5,000-\$3,500 for the Militant follows - \$150 from comrades' pledges, and \$8 from three collection lists. The Militant Collec-

"In order to make such a high tion Lists consisted of small goal, we have to utilize every amounts, but all the people who possible outside source for con- are approached gave money willingly to one of our sympathizers, tained pledges of \$205 from sym- who is doing an excellent job. "There is a great deal of genconsiderably more than this uine spirit to get our quota in as amount by the end of the cam- soon as possible. The comrades paign. Another regular source of look forward to the national and

results to report from this

the only branch which has al-The Baltimore Branch has ready gone over the halfway been very consistent in its con- mark, two weeks before the midtributions to the Militant Fund point of the campaign. Harlem Drive. Since the inception of the should also be commended for campaign Baltimore has been the clocklike regularity with one of the high scoring branches. which its payments have come Now it is the fourth branch na- in every week to the City Office. "Our four other branches are

also at work. Their percentages

at the end of the list, we ought to

Greet 'Militant'

On May Day

A contribution of \$2 was re-

ceived by The Militant this

week with the following note:

greeting in the May Day issue

Revolutionary Greetings!

"The Harlem Branch of Local

New York warrants, special men-

tion for its outstanding record

in this drive. Harlem stands far

ahead of the other four New

York branches, having attained

53 per cent of its quota. This is

Stephen and Timothy

Eggertsville, New York.

of The Militant."

"We would like to put this

Special N. Y. Announcement! Edward J. Ferguson

Veteran and brother of the two Ferguson boys slain by a Jim Crow cop in Freeport, L. I., will be a guest speaker at the New York

MAY DAY RALLY of the Socialist Workers Party.

This is his first appearance as a speaker in New York City. check for \$30 on the Militant of the long strike that we have been through." WEEKLY QUOTAS Julie Miller of Los Angeles sends this note: "Last week we held a meeting of the Branch Militant Fund Directors. At this meeting we decided that we were going to base ourselves in a 10week period, and in this way we can give ourselves a real margin. This means that we will try to send in a minimum of \$200 each week.' We hope other branches will adopt the weekly quota schedule and try to meet it regularly, thus guaranteeing the attaining of our national quota by June 15. Our "General" contributions this week took a leap over last week. This category includes contributions from friends, money from the "I want To Help!" coupon, collection lists, etc. Next week we'll quote some very interesting comments from our reader - contributors, telling about their enthusiastic support of our fund campaign.

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San Diego	100	0
Los Angeles Youth	75	8.75
Seattle	500	63
Toledo	200	36.50
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Philadelphia Youth	25	26.50
Pittsburgh	75 100	20
Allentown-Bethlehem	1250	343
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Philadelphia	500	151.56
Los Angeles	2000	678
Akron	300	107
Cincinnati	25	10
Cleveland	250	104
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	100	48.60
Milwaukee	50	25
St. Louis		150
Newark		551
San Francisco	1000	
Buffalo-Lackawanna	500	281.50
Flint	100	65
Connecticut	100	69.50
Minneapolis	500	352
Boston	400	343
READING	100	100
BALTIMORE	25	25
ROCHESTER		50
FORILAND	25	26

SHORT REPORTED THREATS thorities have almost invariably whitewashed the police. Kenny's Yet, two weeks before the fire, Short reported to his friends and office has done nothing to show relatives, to the Negro press, to up the venality in the police dehis lawyer and to the FBI that partments or to provide adequate protection to the colored people. he had been threatened, that he had been told that the "vigilante committee" had met on renders all the more pointed and his case, that he'd better vacate his home-or else.

urgent the demand of the Socialist Workers Party for the crea-Nowhere does the attorney tion of a broad labor committee general's report show that his to conduct its own investigation investigators even questioned J. and establish the truth of the Sutherland, who Short reported Fontana tragedy. delivered these threats to him. To allow the matter to rest Kenny's investigation was not with Kenny's "final report" is undertaken until two months to encourage the vigilantes to after the tragedy-after a full continue their intimidation of

inquiry was insistently demand-Negroes and other racial mined by the Socialist Workers rities and to follow up their Party, Negro organizations, labor threats with savage deeds of unions, and other groups. iolence. The report was released to the press almost simultaneously with the "breaking" of the story about Flint, Mich. renewed Ku Klux Klan activity in Southern California, although the Klan had been known to

Socialist Workers Party Meeting EVERY SUNDAY exist here for at least a year. As Kenny undoubtedly figured, the YWCA newspapers "played" the Klan First Street And Harrison story — but carried only a few 8 p.m. Admission Free

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rings, the pistons, etc., are also the product of labor-labor and materials again. But the raw steel they came from originally wasn't worth a dime a pound. And that steel, too, was the product of the labor of thousands of workers, the sum total of tiny bits of their labor concentrated in that little bit of steel.

If a commodity so far as its exchange value is concerned is nothing but an amount of labor, you might say that the labor that produced it should own it. That would be fair and just. But a commodity is produced to be sold. The capitalist hires you to make caviar or Packards-not so you can use them, but so he can sell them.

We shall see why that alters everything when we continue our analysis of the commodity, and its two fold nature of being of value in usefulness and in exchange.

Next Week: Can Use Value Be Measured? now on sa Fourth nternational TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR MAY **Review of the Month:** May Day 1946 Stalin and Iron The British Crisis The Strike Wave and Its Significance By E. R. Frank American Imperialism At Home and Abroad By William Simmons Full Employment and the Fallacy of Keynes' Economics By Warren Creel Atlantic City Auto Union Convention By Art Preis From the Arsenal of Marxism A Documentary History of the Fourth International By Leon Trotsky 250 G copy • yearly subscription 52 Order from Business Mana 116 University Place, N.Y. 3, N.

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May Day Born In Labor Struggles

By Ruth Johnson

Sixty years ago, in 1886, May Day was born in the titanic struggle of the American workers for an eight-hour working day. May 1, 1886 had been set aside by union resolutions as the day on which the workers were to lay down their tools and demon-

the period-New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Boston, Pittsburgh, Detroit, St. Louis, and even Washington, D. C., workers thronged into the streets.

In every city there were pitched battles as cops assaulted the demonstrators. But it was in Chicago, known as "the most radical city of the time," that class lines were sharpest. There, workers had been locked out at the McCormick-Deering Harvester plant for two months. A lumber strike was in progress. Workers in many unions were led by militant anarchists who saw the fight for the eight-hour day as a part of the bigger struggle against capitalism itself.

CITY-WIDE LOCKOUT

Police attacks upon the Chicago demonstrators were followed by a city-wide lockout on May 2. The next day, May 3, thousands of victimized workers joined the peaceful marchers at the McCormick-Deering plant. Without warning, police fired upon the huge picket line, killing four workers, injuring scores.

A mass meeting was held in Haymarket Square the following day, to protest the police brutality. As the meeting drew to its close, when most of the

Milwaukee SWP Aids Relief Fund

MILWAUKEE, Apr. 15-International solidarity in spirit and in material aid to the starving, European fighters for socialism was evidenced by over 50 Negro and white workers attending the International Solidarity Party held by the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters on April 13.

American Committee for European Workers' Relief was netted goods, and clothing.

strate for the eight-hour crowd of 3,000 had left to esday. In every major city of cape a downpour, the entire city police force charged in.

Samuel Fielden, who speaking, protested that the meeting was peaceful. Suddenly a bomb burst in the crowd. Under cover of the explosion, the police opened fire. Four work-

ers and seven cops lay dead when the smoke cleared. There is no longer any doubt that the bomb was thrown by a provocateur in the pay of the bosses or the cops themselves. The blast was the excuse the bosses had been looking for, to launch a wave of terror against the workers.

FRAME-UP TRIAL The following day, every prominent labor leader in the ity was arrested. Eight anar-

chist leaders-August Spies, Albert Parsons, Samuel Fielden, Michael Schwabb, Louis Lingg, Oscar Neebe, George Engel and Adolph Fisher, were indicted for the murder of the first policeman to die.

No evidence was ever presented to connect any of the men with the bomb. Yet seven were sentenced to be hanged; Oscar

Neebe, to 15 years in prison. Shortly before the execution date, the sentences of Fielden and Schwabb were commuted to life imprisonment. Lingg, refusing to let the capitalists take his life, committed suicide in his cell.

Despite the protests of labor throughout the world, Spies, Parsons, Fisher and Engel were hanged on November 11, 1887. But the Haymarket martyrs

were not forgotten. May Day became a symbol of the workers' struggle. The second (Socialist) International at its first Congress in 1890, proclaimed it a day of international solidarity. DEFIANT CHALLENGE And through the years, in every battle of the working people against their oppressors, the last

words of August Spies have re-\$30 to be contributed to the newed their defiant challenge to the capitalist class: "The time will come when our as well as a substantial amount silence will be more powerful of soap, razor blades, canned than the voices you strangle today.



Haymarket Demonstration Scene

Scene of the police assault on the workers' demonstration in Haymarket Square, Chicago, on May 4, 1886, during the struggle for the 8-h our day.

Stalinists And May Day

ialist war and calling on to carry only banners and slolabor to work harder than gans approved by the "arrangeever for the bosses on May ments" committees.

Day, the Communist (Stal-STALINIST SLOGANS inist) Party has announced This means that labor organi-1946 May Day parades and zations can join the Stalinist mass meetings in a number "United May Day" only if they of American big cities. support such slogans as "Big Three Unity," "Make the United THEIR "UNITY" Nations work" and "Fulfill the These are being called "United Teheran and Yalta agreements.' May Day" celebrations by the Thus, the Stalinists continue Stalinist leaders. But only those

to besmirch the May Day of inorganizations are being permitternational working class strugted to participate which agree to gle against the capitalists and go down the line 100 per cent imperialists by calling for supwith the current Stalinist line. port of these imperialists and The Stalinist hand - picked their diplomatic agencies. They

American imperialism and the Kremlin to dismember Germany. divide the world into "spheres of influence," and suppress socialist revolutions, be carried out.

DETROIT May Day Social Saturday, May 4

> From 9 O'clock On Refreshments **Dancing** - Orchestra

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Army Exonerates Slain Negro Vet Of 'Misconduct'

(Continued from Page 1) Socialist Workers Party has organized numerous protest rallies in eastern cities. A growing protest movement has forced the facts of the case out into the open and led to exoneration of the Ferguson brothers of the

is

a Negro veteran.

frame-up charges against them. Early in March the navy exonerated the wounded brother Joseph of "misconduct" charges and stated that "finding himself in a very difficult position he conducted himself in a manner which in no way can be construed as misconduct."

As a result of this decision and clause covenants. mass pressure, the Nassau County court was compelled to reverse its original sentence against Richard, 3rd Army combat veteran, and repay a \$100 fine extorted from him at a "kangaroo" trial the morning after the murders.

The next step in this notorious a mock democratic gesture, the case is to indict the killer-cop Negro veteran who has rented Romeika for murder and remove the upstairs is called in. from office the whole corrupt gang of office holders in Nassau County who attempted to frame up the victims, whitewash the murderer and terrorize the Negro people in Freeport into si-

lence The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party has launched a campaign to secure

white neighborhood. 50,000 signatures on a petition The acting done by Canada demanding that the State Com-Lee here is definitely moving. It mission Against Discrimination (SCAD) establish a broad public is obvious that his cause in this committee of representatives narrow sense of defeating social prejudice in this small neighfrom trade unions, Negro organborhood is hopeless. His rebelizations and veterans' groups to lion is as one tugging at an inprobe the notorious Jim-Crow conditions in Nassau County evitably strangling noose. and hold open public hearings The neighborhood gathering, to gather evidence and issue a hamstrung by social pressure, public report on its findings. finally gives him and his family This petition drive is designone month to get out. The play shows clearly how ed to force the SCAD to take action. The SCAD since its estabeven the 11-year old son who, at lishment has done little to pro- first had played amicably with tect the victims of racial dis- the colored boy of the family, ficrimination in New York State, nally succumbs to the pressure Only mass protest and pressure of the social forces and resorts can compel this agency, called to the usual derogatory epithets a "little FEPC," to initiate a and the threat of physical vio-

full public investigation of the lence. facts and background of the case.



"On Whitman Avenue-U. S. A."

One of the most moving and deep-reaching dramatic presentations to hit the legitimate stage in recent years "On Whitman Avenue" by Maxine Wood. You find here a cutting exposure of the

stand to lose the most if the hypocrisy of social discrim-Negroes are not kept in their ination against the family of black-belt ghettoes, are the most vociferous elements instigating

The fat is first thrown into even vigilante terrorism in order the fire when a young, freeto force the "invading" Negro thinking and uninhibited white family to move out of the "white" student rents the upstairs flat neighborhood of Whitman Avein her parents' home to a needy nue but worthy Negro family. The

Undaunted, the "world-shakneighborhood has been heretoing" daughter rallies support for fore lily-white, by virtue-or her protegees among her more vice-of the real estate compacourageous neighbors, intent on' nies that have their restrictive securing their rights to remain. Her sympathetic, though inde-

The community is thrown into cisive father stands by her. an uproar. A meeting is called while her mother, unnerved by in the home of the students' the social pressure of present-day parents. The klan-minded leadsegregationist society, exposes er exhorts them in a most reher daughter's plans. She proactionary plea but the young ceeds to oust her "unwelcome" student, her father and one tenants. sympathetic neighbor balk. In

The Negro veteran's wife, despairing of finding a home for her unborn child and weary of packing and moving, faints on

After he blasts down their rethe doorstep. Her guilty-mindactionary theories in light of ed landlady, in a fit of remorse, what he has learned through exruns to her aid. Whereupon the perience in the foxholes together veteran's wife recoils, violently with white soldiers, he is still crying out: "I don't want our given the thumbs-down sign to child born into this world of hy- * the tune of a collection, taken pocrisy and injustice." up to help him defray the ex-

Hurried and impatient to leave penses of moving out of the the scene of such unpleasantness, her husband impatiently

snaps at "Gramps." "Gramps." patient and wise with the years, philosophizes: "Always be in a hurry—except when you are going backwards."

Unwilling to stand by hopelessly, the young girl student leaves home. Her father, advising her to continue her studies. admonishes her to finish the things HE wanted to do. Stunned by his daughter's departure, he wanders aimlessly

around. His wife is now a complete alien to him in the matter of principles. As the play ends the motherholds the key to the house she

tried so hard in her reactionary. way to save. She has saved just that, for it is no longer a home. The real estate interests who It is an empty shell-a house.

Celebrate This May Day With The Socialist Workers Party! **Protest Against Wall Street's War Plans!**

After five years of dese-| committees which are organiz-further demand that the secret crating the traditions of In- ing the parades and meetings, agreements made between Angloternational May Day by sup- make as a condition of participorting Wall Street's imper- pation by any group that it agree



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THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1946

Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky We sprawled in the sharty. Slim leaned his back limply against the switch boxes. Jimmy half sat, half lay on one end of the bench. Reu-ben and I sat heavily side by side on the other end, our heads bent, and our el-



bows on our knees. Old Steve walked in carrying a milk bottle filled with water from the drinking fountain behind the furnace. "Phew," he snorted, stopping in the doorway,

"this place stinks!" Nobody moved. Nobody said anything. We slouched there, wetting the walls and rough wooden benches with our steaming sweat. Steve chrugged his shoulders and sat down.

I turned my head sluggishly and looked at the gang. We were filthy and ragged. In everyone's clay-smeared clothing were holes cut by flying particles of molten iron and slag. Pants were burnt and frayed, hanging in clotted fringe over the heavy, worn shoes. Jimmy was wearing two pairs of pants so that the holes in one pair might be covered by the cloth of the other and give his body the protection that he could not get from either pair by itself.

A Sorry-Looking Gang

We were a sorry-looking gang, and we felt as bad as we looked. The first warm weather had some down and smothered us, hitting much harder than July or August would, because then we'd have gotten used to it, at least a little. We sprawled there, sweating and exhausted.

Far, far away in another world, away from the blast furnaces and their filth of sweat and flue dust, clay and graphite, coke and pigfron, there were people on the streets. It was Easter Sunday, and the Easter Parade of fash-

. .

Bonnet" worn "pertly" by Miss Gloria Cavendish. There would be pictures of urbane gentlemen in silk toppers, cutaway coats, and striped trousers (not pants, trousers!).

Far, far away from the hissing, hellish furnaces, away from the roar of the blast and the rumbling "slips," there were free men and women sauntering along in tweeds and gabardines, in pastel shades and stern "he-man colors" There were people floating leisurely down broad avenues in gleaming new cars.

I thought of Mary's new coat that we couldn't particularly afford. She had bought it in some bargain basement or other, half holding back because of the money. But she had wanted one so badly "for Easter," that I had made her get it. "It's swell, honey," I told her when she first tried it on at home. "You look just like the kid I married forty years ago."

Her Hands Were Red and Worn

"Forty years!" she snorted, making that funny little scowl, just like she had always done when I teased her, even as kids before we were married. I saw her hands, worn and red at the end of the new sleeves . .

"Pretty as a picture," I said, as if I hadn't noticed her hands, or the lines in her face . . .

Kramer came into the shanty. "We got to cast in three hours," he said, a little hesitantly. because he could see how tired we were.

"Damn the cast," Jimmy muttered, but he got up. Slim stirred, and I rose heavily to my feet. a few flakes of dried clay falling from my clothes to the floor.

We sighed and went out to make the cleanup.



Protesting the layoff of 5,000 packinghouse workers, more than 15,000 CIO United Packinghouse Workers demonstrated last week outside the Swift & Company meat packing plant in Chicago. After the demonstration, union leaders left to confer in Washington with Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

House Demolishes OPA Control;

Notes Of A Seaman By Art Sharon

I have received a number of queries on the coming Stalinist-sponsored May 6 conference "One Big Union" in the maritime industry. The Militant will from



time to time report all news on this movement to bring all maritime unions into one organization, but a few remarks are in order here on the background to the May 6 Conference.

At present there are seven maritime unions in the American Merchant Marine. Closely allied with them are several other waterfront organizations, principally the longshoremen's organizations. To the men who sail the ships and work on the docks there is not much argument on the advantage of a common organization.

From time to time, the various maritime unions joined together in close unity of action if not in common organization. The best example was the organization known as the Maritime Federation of the Pacific organized after the great maritime strike on the west coast in 1934. The MFP was born in the heat of desperate struggle against a powerful alliance of shipowners and government. The unity of action of all the west coast maritime workers gave them their common victory over the shipowners at that time.

Maritime Federation Foundered

But to the great disappointment of the workers on the west coast waterfront, the Maritime Federation foundered and sunk. The responsibility for its finish rests upon the Stalint Communist Stallnists with their thoroughly irresponsible and reckless drive to mechanically capture and control the Federation succeeded in driving outside, the Sailors Union of the Pacific, one of the major organizations. Shortly afterward the Stalinists finding that they no longer needed the Federation quietly dissolved it.

NMU. The NMU, which was the principal maritime union on the east coast but had no west coast ships, opened up elaborate halls in the principal west coast ports. This was an obvious preparation for unity via the Stalinist route. But despite the great amount of effort expended to bring the Cooks and Firemen into the NMU there was enough opposition inside these organizations to prevent their being taken over by the NMU.

These drives by the Stalinist Party to capture and control the maritime unions, succeeded in price ceilings high enough to bringing turmoil and sharp inter-union conflict on the west coast waterfront. Only the war prevented open jurisdictional warfare beyond the few skirmishes already fought between the Stalinist-dominated unions and the SUP. Since the war's end there has been a renewal of the old conflict.

Action Aided Ryan

When a rank and file movement recently defied Joe Ryan, dictator of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association, on one of his sell-outs, it looked very much like the final payoff for Ryan on the east coast. This movement collapsed and Ryan still remains on top inside the ILA. It is a common saying on the New York waterfront that Joe Ryan has the Communist (Stalinist) Party to thank for his victory.

When the rank and file defied Ryan and went on strike against his proposed contract, the Stalinist-led NMU jumped into the strike. Bridges flew in from the west coast and the Stalinist ballyhoo machine succeeded in converting the rank and file revolt into a jurisdic-. tional dispute. Overnight the prospects of the ILA rank and file faded before the onslaught of Stalinist strategy. Ryan called for help against a CIO invasion. The AFL unions rallied to his defense. In vain did the Stalinists later protest that they wanted the longshoremen to stay in the AFL-ILA; they had already succeeded in finishing off a very promising rank and file movement inside the ILA. Nearly a decade has passed of hostile conflicts between the Stalinist-led unions and the SUP-SIU. Now the Stalinists come forth with a proposal for the formation of "One Big Union " And although such a national organization would be an impossibility without the inclusion of the SIU-SUP, the original call for the formation of the "One Big Union" ignored that important organization.

trictions, except for rent controls.

Its major amendment is designed to safeguard and boost profits on an unprecedented scale. This would provide for guarantee costs and a "reasonable profit" on every single item handled, from the manufacturer all the way to the retailer. The profiteers want not only huge over-all profits-they want assurances of profit on every single nut, bolt and tooth-pick pro-

duced Further, the House amend-

Mine Strikers **Fight To Halt** 2 **Vile Conditions**

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Price-Gougers Get Green Light sentatives the authority to deter- brand the unrestrained inflabe removed altogether from any |"a long step toward starting us on a joyride to disaster."

> direct power to "regulate" prices and scuttle even the pretence Other amendments would eliminate all government subsidies

(Continued from Page 1) | ments include provisions to give | tually everything they have been "industry advisory committees" asking by way of legal price composed of corporation repre- | boosts, was compelled to publicly mine when price controls shall tionary actions of the House as

> Bowles declared over the radio on April 17 that the American people face "a total additional burden to our collective family budgets of billions upon billions of dollars. The share of the average family would amount to ing the coming year."

As an agency of the capitalist government committed to protecting profits above all, the socalled "price control" agencies

like OPA have been able to do no more than toss a bucket of water on the raging inflationary conflagration. Now even this bucket is being kicked out of their hands.

Only the decisive independent mass action of the workers and between the coal barons and the the Consumer was constrained consumers, through the strugcompany doctors, these doctors to charge that those who voted gle for a rising scale of wages are forced to testify that a mine for these amendments, includ- to meet price increases and worker's injury is "about 20 per ing "the monstrous guaranteed through committees to directly cent of what it actually is," one profits amendments," would "add control and regulate the distri-

DISEASE STALKS

THE WORLD

headquarters."

Bu Art Sharon

Six CIO maritime unions and one unaffiliated organization, the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, will meet on May 6 in San Francisco at a national convention called for the claimed purpose of setting up a single national maritime organization. The in-@

itiators and prime movers of | of cementing unity, the Stalinist the convention are the Stal- maneuvers are generating a still greater division among the mariinist leaders of the CIO untime unions. Moreover, the Sta-

linist moves have strengthened While the maritime workers the hand of the elements within earnestly and correctly desire the AFL unions who welcome a unity for struggle against the jurisdictional fight as an opporemployers, the Stalinist move is tunity to expand at the expense not directed toward that end, re- of the CIO. gardless of what form the pro-CRITICAL PERIOD posed new organization takes. The San Francisco convention The Stalinists are motivated pri-

will meet at a critical period, marily by their desire to strengthen their stranglehold when all maritime unions are over the unions now under their either in negotiations or face negotiations with the ship operatdomination and to consolidate ors. It has become increasingly their forces for a jurisdictional struggle against rival AFL unevident that the operators with the aid of their stooges in Washington are seeking to utilize their

A PROVOCATION

present favorable position to This was clearly shown by the strike blows at the maritime Stalinist failure to issue invitaunions. tions to the strong AFL segment Paramount in the minds of of the maritime industry, in-

maritime workers, regardless of cluding the Seafarers Interna- affiliation, is the need for some tional Union; International kind of joint action against the Longshoremen's Association; and ship operators. The San Fran-Masters, Mates and Pilots. In- cisco conference by intensifying stead, the CIO National Mari- the antagonisms between the time Union leaders circulated a CIO and AFL unions will serve leaflet announcing that "rank to weaken the workers in the and file members" of the vari- impending struggles. ous AFL unions would partici-Under the given circumstances pate as individuals in the San and in view of the long history Francisco conference. This was of open warfare between the an indirect suggestion to AFL contending leaderships, the only members to leave their present honest and realistic approach to

unions and join the CIO-in unity of the maritime workers is agreed-upon joint actions. These short, an annoucement of jurshould be conducted, regardless isdictional raiding and a provocation to jurisdictional warof affiliations, in order to present a solid class front against the employers who are making

Such joint action is the indi-

cated elementary step in any

program looking toward eventu-

al and genuine unification of

the waterfront unions. The Ma-

rine Firemen have advanced

such proposals, directed to both "

Only upon the insistence of the independent Marine Firecommon cause against all unions. men, did the organizers of the WHAT IS NEEDED

San Francisco conference finally send an invitation — to the Sailors Union of the Pacific, one section of the Seafarers International Union. This invitation was rejected by the SUP membership.

fare.

The San Francisco "One Big the CIO and AFL unoins, as a Union" conventior is regarded means for establishing the only by the AFL unions as a hostile sound basis for eventual commove directed against them. plete unity. However, both the They, in turn, are talking of or- Stalinists and the AFL leaders ganizing an AFL maritime coun- have brushed these sound procil for protection and mutual aid posals aside and are going ahead against any CIO invasion of with their preparations for jur-

their jurisdiction. Thus, instead isdictional hostilities. **Westinghouse Strikers Resist** Legal Move To Halt Picketing

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

MEDIA, Pa., Apr. 16 - Westinghouse Electric Corporation representatives today completed their testimony before a hearing at the Media County Court House on the company's demand for an injunction to halt picketing at its strike-bound Lester Plant.® one of the largest in the **Cleveland Strike** Philadelphia area. This is one of the latest moves in the international electrical At Fisher Body drive against the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers which is leading the bitter 92-day old strike of 75,000 West-By David Lands inghouse workers. (Special to The Militant) Lester Plant manager Mor-CLEVELAND, O., Apr. 20gan pleaded for issuance of the injunction so that supervisory Tomorrow, April 21, will be-Disease, the camp-follower employes, whom the company of starvation, now stalks the gin the sixth month that is trying to use to break the world. UNRRA admits that CIO United Auto Workers picket-line, might enter the "cables from all parts of the Local 45 has been on strike at plant to take care of the "enworld daily pour into UNRRA the Fisher Body plant in Clevegineering" aspects of future protelling of land. duction. The union attorney bodies twisted and scarred When the national GM strike brought out the fact that this from disease. To handle this vas settled, Local 45 voted to "engineering work" had been flood of news, UNRRA now remain out until the corporation started a year and a half ago. publishes twice monthly a agrees to eliminate the piecemagazine entitled Epidemio-NO CONCERN FOR work system. At this key fablogical Information Bulletin. WORKERS rication plant, company profits According to the Bulletin, have soared year by year under Morgan bemoaned the loss to five principal diseases now the company because it has to a piece-work plan that chains ravage the peoples of Europe the workers to a murderous house its salaried employes in and Asia: yellow fever, temporary offices in Philadelspeed-up. This system has also plague, cholera, smallpox and made it possible for the corporaphia. He showed no concern over typhus. Outbreaks of diphtion to find a thousand ways of the 75,000 workers who have been swindling production workers forced to remain on strike beout of part of their earnings. cause Westinghouse refuses to Workers here know that vicgrant an 18½-cent an hour wage tory on this demand, will not increase, such as was granted by General Electric and the Genonly make a considerable dent in corporation profits, but will eral Motors Electrical Division. Nor did he mention his corporabe an important step toward tion's refusal to negotiate in complete elimination of the bitterly hated incentive systems good faith. It is likely, in view of past perwhich still remain in some GM aggravated and wide-spread shops. In addition, victory would formances of several other courts than ever before, is by no put Local 45 in a better position in this state, that the anti-union means new. Disease and starto protect its members on other company will be given the invation is the normal state of questions as well. junction it seeks to break the The corporation has so far strike. brazenly refused to budge. While

commodities. Thus, the pricegougers themselves would have

of price control.

to food producers by the end which have been fattening the meat barons would be halted by June 30. Instead, this indirect

price increases.

On OPA Sends Stocks Up" (N. Y. Times, April 18). The House Committee for the Protection of

of this year. The huge subsidies many hundreds of dollars dur-

cost on the consuming public will be collected directly through

What the House amendments mean to the Wall Street plutocrats is indicated by the response of the stock market, reported in such headlines as "House Vote

The Stalinists then advanced the newly organized National Maritime Union as the vehicle for "unity" on the waterfront. The Indepen-. dent Firemen's Union and the CIO Marine Gooks and Stewards were invited to join the



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Invitation Finally Extended

Later, upon the demand of the independent Firemen, an invitation was extended to the SIU-SUP. At the same time the organ of the NMU openly called the leaders of the SIU-SUP "finks" and asked the rank and file of that organization to join the unity move.

This clearly stamps the move as a hostile act aimed against the SUP-SIU. The leaders of the latter organization responded in kind and announced the formation of an AFL Maritime Council in preparation for jurisdictional war. This in brief is the background to the coming May 6 conference in San Francisco. Knowledge of what has gone before is indispensable to understand what can be expected of this present development.



heal quickly chough, "they say for the favor of profiteers." he had syphilis in his blood . . they say anything."

Company doctors' fees are twice as high as the \$2 a month average medical check-off, with no better service. Childbirth attendance costs an additional \$30 or more. In many areas an additional \$5 is tacked on the bill if the child born is a girl. For most of the injured the "chief medical benefits from the doctors' fees was a big red pill and an aspirin

tablet.' On top of a wide list of ruthless extortions for medical services, in many cases miners are

even compelled to pay the comthese services from their pay-

insanitary" conditions.

Corporation, for example, which has 12 operations in District 29

a side line. Thus, the more vic- voicing tims there are in this area, the growth. establishment. Bodies of miners killed in accidents are rushed off to this funeral home without the consent or notification of their survivors. After embalming the

body without consent, they then notify the family. The widow of a dead miner, to "put up a struggle" for any part of this money. The funeral home, in league with the insurance company, shows the widow meat packing establishments. the "nice shroud , . . ambulance tual burial costs are.

doctors, the hospital setup and output deliberately. At the same the insurance ... It has Al Cap- time they are buying profitone skinned a city block," said making by-products from "fly-E. L. Baker, member of the un- by-night, unwholesome, black ion committee which investigat- market slaughterhouses." ed these vicious practices.

UMW spokesman related. If a billions to the cost of living" and bution of essential goods, ferret mangled worker's bones do not "are pawning the people's future out black marketeers and expose the profiteers, can be relied Economic Stabilizer upon to place any real obstacles Chester Bowles, who has been before the advancing juggernaut handing the corporations vir- of inflation.

> **PACKERS CREATE SHORTAGES** TO FORCE HIGH MEAT PRICES

(Continued from Page 1) to pay now through black market channels.' George R. Dressler, executive

ecretary of the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers. said: "The consumers . . . will get meat, in spite of any restrictions that are now in force, or pany for making deductions for that can ever be written. Why not leave them get it legitimatechecks. Hospitals are jammed ly? A free and competitive with patients and the injured market would not be any higher are treated under "disgracefully than the black market of today." In short, the meat barons of-

Even

So ruthless are the profiteering | fer the American consumers the coal barons, that they pursue alternative of getting meat eiththeir victims right into their er at extortionate black market graves. The Pocahontas Fuel prices or at equally extortionate 'legitimate" prices. The meat packers have been

employing 7,000 men, also runs making a big howl about the a very profitable funeral home as "black market" and piously indignation about its They seek thereby to more profits for the undertaking | frighten the consumers into paying the equivalent of black market prices to the "legitimate" meat trust. Actually, the black market ac-

counts for only a small proportion of the meat supply as yet. Black market operators, using primitive methods, without adentitled to \$500 insurance, has equate storage facilities, with limited means of haulage, etc.,

mous quantities of meat processed by the big mass-production released last week, reveals that the whole meat industry is Meyer Stern, Eastern director service and all that stuff," and of the CIO United Packinghouse nothing but a huge black mar-"manages to get the \$500 in some Workers, in demanding a federal ket, with ceiling prices violated way," regardless of what the ac- grand jury investigation of New York City wholesale meat "In all of my existence of 64 houses, declared that the major years, I have never run into any- packers are "conspiring with the thing so vicious as the company black market" by reducing their

A coast to coast OPA survey.

But the workers at Lester are expressing determination that no injunction or police terrorism is going to break their picket line and strike solidarity.

SAN DIEGO **Books By Pioneer Publishers** Are Now Carried At 'Ye Olde Book Shop' by the illegal exactions of the 900 Broadway (cor. 9th St.)

after the "prewar level of production" has been reached in the plant. The magnificent battle being waged by Local 45 has won moral and material support from every

section of organized labor in the Clevland region as well as the **UAW** International.

deceitfully claiming that work-

ers "prefer" piece-work, it has

rejected even a union proposal

to return to work under existing

piece-work conditions providing

that the entire question be put

to a secret vote of the workers

with impunity. The survey was made in the week of February 26. before the "shortage" had become so extensive. In eleven major cities, including New York and Chicago, from 70 to 91 per cent of all meat retailers were

charging over-ceiling prices of from 20 to 30 per cent. They are forced to these practices in part wholesalers and big packers.

cannot begin to handle the enorcapitalism.

theria and typhoid have recently occurred in Europe and threaten to grow to epidemic proportions. Bubonic plague, long confined to Asia, has appeared in several Mediterranean seaport cities. Cholera rages throughout Asia, as it has for years. This situation, while more