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Wall St. Keeps Atomic Control DRAFT STRIKERS, TRUMAN In Baruch 'Plan' SAYS IN CASE BILL VETO VETO S500,000 Atomic Bomb Demonstration Is Maneuver In Imperialist Drive Toward War

Is Maneuver In Imperialist Drive Toward War

On the chessboard of preparations for World War III, Wall Street last week developed a ruthless power play against the Soviet Union. As Secretary of State Byrnes flew to Paris for the third meeting of the Foreign Ministers, Washington backed him with a carefully timed report by Bernard M. Baruch "recommending" control of atomic energy by the United Nations ⁹, for domination of the entire

At the same time, in the far Pacific, the mightiest Navy in the world proceeded with its to the UN Atomic Energy Com- Murray Intervenes spectacular atomic bomb demonstration. DIABOLICAL SKILL

Washington thus timed its power play with diabolical cleverness. The Paris conference table at which Byrnes sits will Capitalist Press be lighted up by the frightful glare of the atomic bomb explosion at Bikini. This explosion will underline in terms no one can mistake, the program proposed by Baruch to the UN.

Baruch's program is simply a threat by Wall Street to turn loose the colossally destructive force of atomic warfare unless of America's 60 ruling families

Senate OPA Bill Is Go-Ahead For Big Price Rises

By Ruth Johnson The Senate on June 13 the Big Business drive for of course, is to plunge humanity still higher prices. By 53 to into the Third World War. 11, it passed an OPA ex-

earth. The Wall Street press headlined Baruch's June 14 report

mission as a major concession on the part of Washington. The Wall Street press pic-(Continued on Page 8)

Wants Draft Law **Made Permanent**

America's 60 ruling families have opened up their heaviest editorial guns to the other powers - the Soviet make militarism on the Prus-Union in particular-make major sian pattern a permanent part concessions to Wall Street. The of American life. Wall Street Bikini "experiment" is nothing hopes this propaganda barrage but a calculated step in the drive will cut down public anger at the Congressmen now pushing the bill to continue Selective Service. This bill at present is in

conference between the Senate \$1.37. and the House. The N. Y. Times, authoritative organ of Big Business, is lead-

ing this campaign. A June 11 editorial flatly calls for a "permanent military establishment." The Times wants the United States organized into a vast military camp to "provide weight voted full steam ahead for behind America's diplomatic ef-the Big Business drive for

The Times uses arguments

Called Off; Gains Granted

Ship Strike

Against CIO Walkout (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, June 16-Faced with the threat of allout government strikebreaking and pressured by CIO President Philip Murray to accept limited gains, the leaders of the CIO Committee for Maritime Unity called off the national maritime strike scheduled for June 15.

They agreed to settle after the government offered concessions to seamen of a \$17.50 monthly wage increase and overtime payment for Sunday at sea. For west coast longshoremen, they accepted a twice-rejected offer, made first by the employers and later by a "fact-finding" board, of a 22-cent an hour increase, bringing their hourly rates to

The important concessions to the seamen were wrested from the government only by the clearly-shown determination of the CIO maritime workers to fight, and by the widespread support from organized labor. Decisive in softening up the government's hard-boiled attitude was the warning from AFL marine unions that they would fight government strikebreaking.

Even before the union memberships were officially notified tension bill which would wipe that might have been taken out of the settlement and at the very out all restrictions on prices of of Hitler's book Mein Kampf or moment when seamen were meat, poultry, dairy products, to- the Japanese Mikado's plans of meeting to begin strike action, bacco and petroleum after June world conquest. "There is noth- capitalist press reporters were 30, and raise prices on almost all ing so dangerous," says the told by War Shipping Adminis**Choice Of Weapons**

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THAT'S TOO BRUTAL-

ORAFET STRIKERS

TRUMAN

NEW YORK, N.Y., SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1946

IN THE NEWS Negro victims of Tennessee's a fair trial. Will Voorhies, 72-year-old Negro farmer, 217th defense witness to testify in the first two It Pays To Organize weeks, and who himself fought

31 Tennessee Atrocity Victims

Face Frame-Up In White Court

Two months ago the 280 seroff being lynched in February, declared in the courtroom:

President Repeats Demand For Own Anti-Labor Scheme

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PRICE: FIVE CENTS

President Truman on June 11 repeated his demand for legislation to draft strikers into the armed forces. This was his main counter-proposal to the terms of the Case Union-Busting Bill, which he vetoed under the insistent pressure of organ-

Michigan CIO Discusses Need For Labor Party

Workers Of The World, Unite?

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

THE MULTANT

(Special to The Miltiant)

DETROIT, June 13-More than 800 delegates, repre-senting 600,000 Michigan CIO workers, met here at the Masonic Temple, June 10-13, for their eighth annual state CIO convention.

Their most important action was adoption of a resolution on independent political action which called for "full support of the formation of a new gress tries to cover up his own political party comprising all anti-labor record and program sections of the labor movement, unions, working farmers, professional workers, consumers, members of minority, racial and religious groups, and all people advocating a progressive and he has put up not the shadow of lberal program."

However, except in the field DANGER NOT PAST of political education, no or-Veto of the Case Bill does not ganizational steps were taken for eliminate the danger of antithe launching of a labor party. union laws. At best, it provides The effectiveness of the resoluonly a very brief breathing spell, tion was further reduced by reto labor. Democratic and Reference to it as a "long-run pro- publican congressmen alike, as gram," in the meantime calling well as Truman, are in agreevants in the English royal for the "endorsement and sup- ment about imposing legislative

black-mail weapon to force CIO acceptance of the government's terms in the maritime crisis. Truman's statement to Con-,

by criticizing certain sections of the AFL, CIO and Railroad the Case Bill as "inequitable" to Brotherhoods, and independent labor. He adds a veneer of demagogy in the form of demands for certain social legislation to which he has paid lip-

service in the past, but for which

ized labor. The House

fell only five votes short

of the necessary two-

thirds majority to over-

In vetoing the Case bill, Tru-

man was acting largely from po-

litical expediency. He hoped

thereby to patch up his reputa-

tion as a liberal and "friend of

labor"-a reputation slashed to

bits by his record of post-war

strikebreaking. At the same

time, he withheld his veto to the

last minute, using the threat of

the Case Bill as an additional

ride his veto.

a real fight.

weakens the OPA's already feeble powers of price ceiling regulation and enforcement.

The Senate action further underlines the need for American of "pretensions" and exercised labor to demand a sliding scale as a harsh reality. of wages in union contracts, providing for an automatic wage in- ate the earth calls for keeping crease to meet every rise in the American soldiers overseas incost of living.

According to the government's ministration does not have the own figures, prices under the slightest intention of withdraw-OPA have risen 50 per cent above | ing the troops. The Times ediprewar levels. Actually, the in- tors brazenly admit as much: crease is much greater. Now, The "United States," they afhowever, the stratosphere's to be firm, ". . . has obligated itself the limit.

A three-man board will be given power to end price ceilings at the appeal of any manufac-(Continued on Page 2)

to support the reactionary re-O-

Chiang Kai-shek's armies, the

forces of landlord-capitalist re-

action, are engaged in large-

scale operations against Stalin-

ist-led troops. According to a

June 5 radio broadcast from the

Stalinist headquarters at Yenan,

the United States is participat-

ing actively in this struggle by

continuing to equip, train and

'transport Chiang's troops. What

is occurring is full-scale Amer-

ican intervention in the Chinese

civil war short of actual par-

ticipation in the fighting by

Since the conclusion of the

war with Japan last August, the

Yenan radio charged, the United

States has equipped and trained

40 mechanized divisions for the

Kuomintang. This is in addition

to 20 full divisions equipped and

trained by U.S. officers during

American soldiers.

TRANSPORT TROOPS

the period of the war.

Furthermore, U. S.

China proper.

U.S. Non-Intervention Pledge

By Li Fu-jen

Violated In China Civil War

to keep occupation troops abroad for an indeterminate period . . ."

That, they maintain, is another argument for permanently militarizing America.



can be kept out of the sphere The terms of the agreement were:

Wall Street's plan to dominmonthly increase, making the basic scale \$162.50, retroactive to April 1; the 56-hour week at definitely. The Truman Ad-

> **Senate Breaks For Senators!**

The Senate has decided Congress deserves a pay boost-apparently for its izing campaigns of the CIO and hard work in keeping down the wages of the working class in the face of skyrocketing prices.

agents of Wall Street by a vote Brazenly violating repeated promises to refrain from of 49 to 16 passed Senate Bill 2177, which if confirmed by the military intervention in China and to withdraw its armed House, would give every Conforces from that country, the United States government gressman a flat raise of 50 per is using its armed might on a continually growing scale cent. This would jump present

salaries from \$10,000 to \$15,000. gime of the Kuomintang in | transport planes and U.S. naval the civil war that is now rag- ships have been freely placed of the public treasury voted ing in Manchuria and in at Chiang's disposal for the transport of Kuomintang troops to the civil war zones in North China and Manchuria. Without this aid it would have been im-

possible for Chiang to have taken over most of North China, and the principal cities of Manchuria, from the Japanese. A pledge to withdraw American troops from China was made by the United States last December in the communique issued at Moscow by the conference of the "Big Three" foreign ministers. President Truman followed this up with a public pledge on Dec. 15, stating that America would not seek to influence the course of events in old age.

China by military intervention. This "hands off" policy has been repeatedly and cynically violated while further statements pledging non-intervention were being made. On April 1. Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemever. American commander in the

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TERMS OF AGREEMENT 1.—For seamen — a \$17.50 (Continued on Page 7)

'Wage Pattern'-

AFL.

On June 10 these political

In addition, these guardians themselves each an \$8,000 "administrative assistant." Such jobs are customarily kept within Congressmen's families.

LUSH PENSIONS

While they were diverting public funds into their own pockets, the Senators decided to make it really good. They voted themselves a "health and welfare fund" in the form of pensions-and what pensions! A Senator like Barkley, for instance, can pay in \$2,674 and retire with a government check of \$6.538 guaranteed him each year for the rest of his life. Even a one-term Senator is assured a yearly check of \$1,465 in his

These pensions would be paid well off they might be. Many wealthy men. Others, as Senator Barkley admitted, on defeat or retirement have obtained "jobs which paid them \$25,000 | ergy and enthusiasm of The Milor \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year."

"I attended trials for more This is the second phase of a campaign of mass terrorism and murder launched against the segregated Negro community of Columbia last February. State troops. coming to the aid of a white lynch mob, blasted Negro homes and businesses with machine guns, shot and injured scores, invaded and ransacked homes, and drove the helpless a jury here for the past 50

Negro population into the years!' streets. They mercilessly club-Defense attorneys attempted bed men. women and children. to show that even where the law jailed more than a hundred and formally does not exclude Nelynched two men in jail.

By Evelyn Atwood

white ruling class have been

standing trial since May 28

in Maury County courthouse,

Columbia, Tenn., on a frame-up

charge of "attempt to commit

murder.

Thirty-one hand-picked | would give the Negro defendants

groes from jury duty, social This mass trial is designed to custom and official sanction strike further terror into the does. But Maury County Judge hearts of the Negro residents of Joe M. Ingram sought to ex-Tennessee. It coincides with the clude such testimony by declarintensified efforts of the Southing: "We can't get afield here ern employers to use Jim Crow on social customs and practices. as a weapon against the organ-We are more concerned if a legal right is violated." Already vigilante threats of

The trial is taking place in a violence, official and unofficial, Jim Crow courtroom where no Negro has ever served on a jury. Defense attorneys, provided by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, are introducing evidence proving that Jim Crow prejudice is so counsel for the 31 Negroes, Z. widespread that it is virtually Alexander Looby, finds it pruimpossible to secure a jury that Continued on Fage 7)

"Militant" Fund Drive Passes \$15,000 Quota

Another milestone in the forward march of the American Trotskyist movement was reached on June 15 with the successful conclusion of the three-month \$15,000 Militant Sustaining Fund campaign.

Through the combined efforts of devoted readers of The Militant, comrades and friends of the Socialist Workers Party, we "Rang the Bell!" The grand total amounted to \$15,398.17.

branches oversubscribed their gles of the American workers. the Congressmen no matter how quotas! Week after week dur- Our readers not only responding the campaign, the branches ed with donations of their own, of them are already exceedingly sent in \$1,000 or more, thus en- but collected other donations suring the successful outcome of from friends and shopmates, the campaign. These figures ex- through the Collection Lists ispress the tenacity, devotion, ensued by the Militant business office. Over \$760 was received made secure beyond "the nearitant's supporters. from our readers.

than 35 years in this courtroom. I worked for Will Toller, a white Marlborough House - joined lawyer ... During that 35 years Branch No. 145 of the Civil Ser-I never saw a Negro drawn for jury service." When the asvice Union. On June 6 it was sistant State's Attorney tried to announced in London they had won wage increases up to 30 shilintimidate him, Voorhies, shaking his finger at the prosecutor. courageously reiterated: "There ain't been no colored person on

> Political Failure. Social Success

"Although the Security Council of the United Nations in session in New York has failed to make any progress toward solving any of the world international problems, the meeting has been a success as the greatest international social whirl in history. Drinking (and choice liq-

to constitute a regular routine. In one day, dinners were given to the delegates by such society leaders as Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt, Mrs. George Widener, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. Harold Pratt and Mrs. Phipps Farrell, all names which spell the blue blood ownership of railroads, Standard Oil, copper and steel ... " (United Mine Work-

War II veteran." (Federated

Program For Peace

Admitting no progress in diplomatic exchanges for peaceful settlement of disputes between the Big Powers, Secretary The scoreboard, printed on al campaign on March 15 with of State Byrnes on June 11 answered the question of what ery branch of the Socialist Work- butions to help maintain the is needed now by replying: "I

You're Next, Son!

would say more prayer."

Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, on June 10 told reporters in Detroit that no child should be advised that

world-wide peace had been

est future."

port of liberal and progressive valets and cooks at Windsor candidates of the existing par-Palace, Buckingham Palace and ties during this election year." OPEN SECRET

> It was an open secret that even this milk-and-water re-Reuther and George Addeser resolution would be passed

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(Special to The Militant)

"the leaders of American labor

This proposal was one of four

included in a statement intro-

duced by E. P. Delworth, Gen-

eral Chairman of the Brother-

COMMITTEE SET UP

Next Week:

A SHORT STORY

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Theodore Kovalesky

restraints on the unions. They differ only on details and method.

The campaign for united labor action, initiated by the CIO United Auto Workers proposal solution was opposed by the CIO for a national united labor conand United Auto Workers top ference of all unions, must not officials, as well as by the lead- be slowed down. On the coning figures of both the Walter trary, it must be speeded up.

Every local union, CIO, AFL Stalinist caucuses. Only ex- and Railroad Brotherhoods, treme pressure from the ranks should insist on the calling of and the fear that a much strong- such a conference in the shortest. possible time. It is imperative forced the top leaders to agree that labor prepare at once for to this compromise proposal. But united action to meet the inthey hope they can bury it im- tensified anti-labor campaign that is surely coming.

ST. LOUIS UNION LEADERS CONFERENCE UNITED

of the local union officials to Washington to put pressure on emergency meeting of 60 Congressmen to vote against the anti-labor bills being pushed by Truman and Congress.

> It also provided for continuing the local unity campaign through a mass rally of all the unions here.

A committee of 25 was set up by the local conference instructof all branches convene a United ed to carry out the program proposed in the adopted statement, The statement termed the anti-labor bills before Congress "legislation designed to place American labor at the mercy of profiteering corporations and to establish the Government as an official strike-breaking agency to force American workers to hood of Locomotive Engineers in

submit to corporate exploitathis area, and C. J. Jenkins, tion." General Chairman of the local Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who issued the call for yes-ON THE INSIDE terday's joint meeting.

Tobacco Monopoly .. H&M Strike .. The statement, which the Negro Home Bombed meeting adopted, provided for In Chicago ... the sending of a "representative **COLUMNS AND FEATURES** committee of this conference" What Do You Say? **Trade Union Notes Veterans Problems** Workers Forum Shoptalks on Socialism ... The Negro Struggle ... Diary of Steelworker Notes of A Seaman ... On The Railroads

Press.) Capitalism's Only

See Complete

Details On Page 6 The Militant began its nation-

ers Party achieved 100 per cent paper which has played a vital of its quota. One third of the role in the daily lives and strug-

page 6. shows that virtually ev- an appeal for financial contri-

are rampant against those who are defending the indicted Negro citizens. The atmosphere is ominous with mounting racehate and hints of further bloodshed. Even the chief defense

ers Journal, June 1.)

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uors that Americans cannot get), dining and dancing seem

ST. LOUIS, June 7-A joint local officials of AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhood unions at the Hotel DeSota yesterday afternoon unanimously adopted a program for united labor action which urged that

Can't Call Rate S . . . 8 National Emergency Conference "CINCINNATI - Scabbing is of Labor to bring about the unity an obscene word, Cincinnati of the workers of America police ruled as they grabbed a against the rising tide of reacpicket sign away from a World tion."

PAGE TWO

THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1946

What Do WHEN IS THE TIME TO BUILD You Say? A LABOR PARTY -- IF NOT NOW?

Question: Do you think the draft should be continued? Place: Newark, New Jer-

sey. Edward Mulligan, Mrs. housewife. The war is over. They should

discontinue it. Let's forget about party. it for a while. My husband was away for three years.

Peter Kominek, electroplater, 185-19th Ave., Irvington. The draft should be continu-

ed for the benefit of all young men who can't afford a college education. The army is their best way of learning what they need to make life successful. As for the draft, yes, but for this reason only. To me the draft does not mean war, but educational training.

Jee Stickney, union member. 335 Bergen St.

No. I don't think it should be continued. Large armies lead to war. A standing army will not preserve the peace. Let's not set a bad example to the world. . . .

Stanley Chort, 248 Ellis Ave., Irvington.

I definitely am opposed to the draft being continued. The

only reason I can see for having a big army is for war against Russia. I think Russia's ideas are founded along socialist lines, and agree with them, and am opposed to a war against Rus-

Dorothy Banks, Mrs. housewife, 280 Halstead St., East Orange.

Many young boys are not working and military training would keep them off, the streets and out of mischief and would be good for them. But I don't think they should be sent out of the country.

. . . Frank Pavarino, 713 S. 16th St. No. The war is over and we

will not have another so soon. Armies do not mean peace.

Peter Venturi, veteron, 298 Camden St.

I am against the draft. It will make soldiers out of too many people. It should not be applied, particularly, to men who have already been in service, nor to men who are too old to be soldiers anyway.

Leonard Sczepura, chairmon PAC committee, U. E.

By George Clarke "Yes, it is true that labor needs its own party, but it is still too early to form it."

This argument comes from trade union leaders who are now compelled to recognize that the workers have been driven into a blind alley by capitalist politics. It is their last stand against the growing demand for the creation of a labor

"Practical" as this argument may appear at first glance, one thing it is not: it is not new. Almost as long as there has been a labor movement in the United States, there have been champions of the labor party in the trade unions. And for almost the same length of time bureaucrats have opposed the labor party with the argument: "Now is not the time."

Prior to the organization of the CIO they said it was premature to form a labor party because the trade unions were too weak. Only the skilled workers enjoyed union protection; in the mass production industries company unions and the open shop prevailed. The main task was the organization of the unorganized. But this task itself was made more difficult because the state and national legislatures controlled by the capitalist parties gave legal protection to company unions, company spies and strikebreakers breaking strikes with injunction laws, state troops and deputized thugs.

Always "Too Soon"

After the great CIO drive which swept steel, auto, rubber, glass, aluminum, packinghouse into the union ranks, it became patently ridiculous to speak of the "weakness" of the labor movement. Now it was too soon to form labor's own party because a "great friend of labor" had moved into the White House and had brought with him into Congress and the state capitals many other "friends" from the Democratic Party. According to the myth, so carefully built up by union bureaucrats and Stalinist bureaucrats, Roosevelt virtually organized the CIO singlehanded and all labor party; suppose that the labor party in its of the concessions and pro-labor legislation won in this period were handed to the workers on a the popular vote-12,000,000; suppose that the silver platter by the man in the White House. labor party wins one-third of the seats in the It is difficult to argue against a myth. Never-

theless the facts are clear. Wherever the workers won, the victory was due to their own strength and their own militancy. Wherever they lost, they could thank the "friends of labor" upon whom they relied. The "Little Steel" strike was broken in 1937 by Democratic governors elected by CIO votes in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. When Roosevelt was asked to speak out against the use of the National Guard, he belted the steelworkers in the face with his

infamous declaration: "A plague on both your houses." Despite these sharp lessons, Murray, Hillman

and the Stalinists continued to hold the halo over Roosevelt's head. Naturally, a labor party would be premature as long as a saint sat in the President's chair. The facts, however, are different. Although with diminishing enthusiasm the workers continued to follow Roosevelt until his death.

they had meanwhile turned their backs on the Democratic Party. Not all the artful demagogy of Roosevelt could make the party of the Wall Street gang, the big city bosses, and the polltax Congressmen attractive again for the organized workers.

"Non-Partisan League"

To elect Roosevelt, the trade union leaders were midst of the gigantic postwar struggles they are compelled to organize the workers into a separate still not ready. olitical bo Non-Partisan Leggue in



Part of the 11,000 Allis-Chalmers workers, members of Local 248, CIO United Auto Workers, who have been fighting more than seven weeks on the picket lines against the union-busting corporation in Milwaukee. The company refuses to negotiate issues involving working conditions and union securty. 7.000 are also on strike at other Allis-Chalmers plants.

any president must count with the largest, the any president must count with the largest, the most conscious and the most powerful trade union organization in history. There is no way, short of establishing an outright dictatorship that would permit even the most reactionary Paper Calls For President to ignore this formidable, organized power.

What Counts Is Power

Now suppose for a moment that to the organized economic power of the trade unions there is joined the organized political power of the first presidential election polls only one-third of Senate and the House of Representatives and an equal number in the state legislatures.' (This is not at all far-fetched; if anything it is an understatement of the electoral power of the union members, their families, friends and supporters they will receive from all the nation's the General Motors workers and prosecution! poor.) Can anyone conceive of a Republican is one of the UAW locals which President and a Republican House acting in the first took the lead in advocating style prescribed by Hoover under such conditions?

Henry Ford was a friend of Hitler and he acted like Hitler to the auto workers until they shut down River Rouge and made him sign a union contract. What counts in politics as it does in union business is NOT promises, gratitude or good will-what counts is power. Weakness permits "progressives" to act like reactionaries. Strength makes reactionaries pause many times before they yield to their natural impulses.

When indeed will the time be ripe for the formation of a labor party? This question the slippery-tongued gentlemen always evade. We need not wait any longer for their evasions and ambiguities, for their procrastination and delays. We have seen how they postponed, blocked and sabotaged the labor party through the depression, then through the days of the great rise of the CIO, then through the war, and now in the

But the enemy is not waiting. Acting through

Senate OPA Bill Is Go-Ahead For **Big Price Rises**

(Continued from Page 1) turer, wholesaler, middleman or retailer. Agricultural prices will be put entirely into the hands of the Secretary of Agriculture, a representative of the meat packing interests. All controls over non-agricultural goods are to be removed as soon as "supply balances demand" - a' point

which the monopolists can al-

ways arbitrarily fix for their own benefit. And this is just a beginning of the Senate's attack on price regulation. Government subsidies on foods will be cut in half, the difference to be made up to the food speculators by further hikes in prices. The OPA's "maximum average price" plan under which some cheaper work clothes, etc., were produced, will be annihilated. Cotton textile manufacturers are handed an immediate five-per cent increase, on top of increases already granted.

To make sure that no profiteers fail to reap a bumper harvest from the new bill, a clause compels the OPA to guarantee the tremendous 1941 wartime profits to every manufacturer. wholesaler, middleman and re-Local 599 Headlight, organ of tailer on every single item! the large CIO United Auto NO ENFORCEMENT

Workers Buick Local 599, in The Senate even takes care of its June 4 issue publishes a those who may violate this worthless "price control" bill. The OPA is deprived of all power to ed conference of labor and the enforce its rulings. Consent of the United States District Attorney must be obtained before the forefront of the struggles of a violator can even be cited for

The Senate bill is in basic agreement with that passed eara national labor congress and lier by the House of Representatives. The House bill, however, would preserve the fiction of an OPA for only nine months, as against the Senate's one-year Various labor and liberal leaders are appealing to Truman to veto the openly inflationary Senwork. That solves everything for ate measure. This would mean merely that the OPA would go present pretence of government to strike." price control. If Truman should veto the Senate-sponsored bill, it would be largely because the administration wants to avoid the as proposed by Phil Murray and appearance of direct responsibility for the runaway inflation which the measure encourages.

can be formulated at these con- enacted in its present form, modferences. Local 599 proposed ified a trifle, or vetoed, the work-



By Art Preis

Anthracite Bosses Fold Up in 9 Days

After stalling for nine days, just long enough to give the 76,-000 striking anthracite coal minoperators conceded the major

social and wage demands of the AFL United Mine Workers. An agreement was reached on June AFL Southern Drive

This agreement includes not only an 18½-cent hourly wage increase, with time and a half after 35 hours a week and seven hours a day, but welfare and. safety concessions similar to drive. those previously won in the bitter strike of the 400,000 soft coal

miners. The contract includes an oper-

ator-financed health and welfare fund of five cents on each ton of coal produced, expected to amount to about \$2,500,000 annually. The control of the fund is vested in a three-man committee, two from the union, and one from the operators. This is an even better agreement than secured by the soft coal miners. whose fund committee consists of one each from the union and operators, and a third jointly

acceptable to both. far-reaching social, as well as set an example for the rest of ahead.

Whitney's Plea To

Truman And Congress If a man bumps his head against a stone wall once, it's probably an accident; twice, it may still be an accident; a hundred times, and he's just a damn fool.

That's the thought that comes to mind in reading the big advertisements by A. F. Whitney, head of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, published in metropolitan newspapers last week. Headed, "Strikes Can Be Prevented," the ads contain a plea by Whitney for Truman and Congress to "stay on the job" and "prevent strikes" by "acout of business altogether on tion to remedy the conditions June 30, thus removing even the | which cause American workers

> "A President and Congress wanting workers to 'stay on the job' must themselves get on the

> job. The Congress must not be allowed to adjourn without takthe causes of strikes," says Whit-

Whether the Senate bill is ney.

Street politicians out of Washington. Labor's slogan should be not "Congress Must Stay On The Job," but-KICK OUT WALL STREET'S CONGRESS! ers in Pennsylvania a well-de-served vacation, the hard-coal FARMERS' CONGRESS! * * *

Tobin's Warning On

Daniel Tobin, head of the AFL Teamsters, is finding omployer opposition very tough down below the Mason and Dixon Line, where the AFL, like the CIO, is engaged in a big organizing

Hence, his magazine, The International Teamster, in its June issue presents a view point quite unique for his publication. In an article entitled, "AFL Starts to Organize the South," Tobin's magazine states:

"Under the pretext of 'saving the South from Communism," the Ku Klux Klan is preparing to inject itself into the struggle to maintain the open shop. Every union organizer will probably be branded a 'Communist' as the Klan attempts to ride the crest of a wave of patriotic prejudice to organize the South itself and promote the sale of cotton fab-By their successful struggle for rics woven into the hoods and shrouds of its official costume. wage, demands, the miners have Thus the southern industrialists will profit both ways. They will labor to follow in the battles keep wages low and sell cotton

to the nightshirt cavalry." We can but welcome Tobin's timely warning against the Southern reactionary red-baiters and the anti-"communist" agitation of the open shoppers. But it is well to keep in mind that Tobin's opposition to redbaiting is still confined to a limited field-and only when it hits

him and his organizers over the head. We are still waiting to hear from Tobin any criticism of AFL

President William Green and other AFL big-wigs, who launched the AFL Southern drive with a bid to the employers to sign up with the AFL before the "communistic" CIO organizes the workers. The AFL leaders themselves have been lending redbaiting ammunition to the Southern bosses-and the latter are shooting it at the AFL as well as the CIO.

In addition, we would be doing less than our duty if we overlooked Tobin's own record of reding positive steps to eliminate baiting-and specifically his attack on the progressive and militant leadership of Minneapolis No decentminded person can Drivers Local 544. Tobin not only possibly oppose social legislation conducted an unprecedented red-balting drive against the of the Trotskyists and militants, but he collaborated in a conspiracy with Roosevelt to frame-up and cialist Workers Party leaders during the war. Red-baiting is indeed a sin-The only immediate effective Big-Business Congress, Whitney ister and treacherous weapon. method of fighting for a decent would have done far better to Those who use it within the la-ANSWER. All labor can unite on living standard and against the have spent the Trainmen's mon- bor movement only help the ey for advertisements calling on bosses. And sometimes, as Tobin elect a president and congress is: demand a sliding scale of the workers to organize a labor has found in the South, are apt boot the whole gang of Wall own faces.

Local 437, 115 Lillie St. Yes. It's good for the young boys to learn something. When they come back. they know what's up in the world. * * *

Louis Di Benedetto, veteran, 320 Camden St.

No. I am against the drafting of men from 18 to 45, because it takes in too big a percentage of the population. If be from those age brackets below 30. Also, no former soldier should be drafted into the army again. And I am against the draft as such, anyway, as soon international 23 conditions permit. * * *

Giorn, carpenter, 14 Sam Jacob St.

No. I am against the draft. The draft will make a big army as they had big armies in Europe. And big armies make war.



1936 and the Political Action Committee of the CIO thereafter. In form both of these organibodies representing the various CIO unions and membership organizations consisting of workers cut the wage demands of striking workers; plants, endorsing the lesser of two evils, the amount of food, clothing head a hundred times against and their families. But in aim and program they

were not labor parties at all. Although LNPL and PAC drafted their own programs they had no means of demanding action since the Democratic politicians, guaranteed support in advance, felt free to act as they pleased-rather as Wall Street pleased. The best any should be drafted, it should LNPL and PAC could hope for was a few crumbs. A few crumbs for the millions of votes that de-

cided every major election since 1936! Not only was the time ripe for a labor party but without organizing the workers independently; without bartering the combined millions of union votes, without betraying the deepest aspirations and interests, the Democratic administrations in Washington for the past 10 years would have

been impossible. The crowning argument of those who keep

never comes is the theory of the "lesser evil." It is true, the more honest admit, that Roosevelt was becoming less friendly to labor all the

the Democratic vote and a Republican like Lanbert Hoover. But one little fact punctures this argument

its lackeys in Washington, the fist of Wall Street through the medium of a resois crashing down on the working population: the lution. zations were labor parties: they were delegated FEPC is slaughtered; the open sky is fast becoming the celling on prices; fact-finding boards if they continue their policy of mendous price rises which slash of labor is like banging your ciplicit Wage-outs to have a solution the banging your ciplicit.

> mines, railroads, entire industries are seized by as they have so many times in and other necessities the work- a stone wall. the government to force the workers into unequal battle with the state instead of individual uct of such an endorsement. . . employers; now Truman is preparing to go into the strikebreaking business in a big way by using the army, navy and coast guard to smash such a program. Labor might not inflationary theft of real wages the projected maritime strike; meanwhile Truman and Congress are vying with each other to the first election, but they would wages to meet every rise in the party, run labor candidates and to find it may explode in their see who can place the worst labor-crippling laws be headed in the right direction." | cost of living.

into the statute-books. Shall we wait, politically paralyzed, politically disarmed, politically impotent until organized labor is bound and gagged? Shall we wait until the unions are beaten, defeated and cut to pieces, robbed of their treasuries, persecuted by capitalist courts and capitalist laws, tied hand and foot

by arbitration, crushed by armed forces? Shall we wait until Wall Street brings down the iron postponing the labor party to some time that heel of military dictatorship?

The time for waiting is over. The time for action is now. The Labor Party must be organized immediately. The unions stand at the peak of their time. But what was the alternative? If the trade strength. They represent a formidable power. unions ran their own candidates they would split | The workers have emerged from every strike undefeated-every strike but the railroad strike. don, Willkie or Dewey would be elected. And And there the setback has torn the blinkers off to make the bogeyman even more terrifying they the eyes of the entire working class population. never fail to recall the odious memory of Her- It is alert, militant and eager to repel the attack the resolution. Emil Mazey, tional maneuvers of the two of labor's enemies.

St. Paul SWP Opens

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 9 -

Friends of the St. Paul branch

New Headquarters

last night.

played Trotsky's books.

Friends and comrades went

home confident that the new

headquarters mark a forward

step for the St. Paul branch.

completely: there were less than three million the knot must be untied that binds the political sentiments of the ranks when order, points of information organized workers during Hoover's administra- arm of labor. The independent political party he said: "This is a timely re- and, as one delegate remarked, tion. He could slug the workers' movement with- of the working class and the poor farmers-the solution although I wish it "points of confusion," keeping out fear of counter-action or reprisal. Today labor party-must be built now!



such a conference months ago | ers face the same stark reality. | to better the condition

A Labor Party

(Special to The Militant)

hard-hitting editorial appeal for

the convening of a national unit-

Local 599, which has stood in

a labor party, states in its paper:

no. He proposes that Labor be

drafted if they refuse to work.

No attempt to draft intelligent

legislation to get at the root of

the trouble. Compel Labor to

the time being ... It solves their

(the corporations') immediate

problems. Enables them to make

huge profits. And all the time

fascism is getting a stranglehold.

must organize its forces and

fight its own battle. Conferences

Walter Reuther are a logical

first step. Plans on political ac-

tion and other forms of action

"What is the solution? Labor

"Now Truman in effect says

building of a labor party.

FLINT, Mich., June 6.-The

the past. Truman is the prod- ers' dollars can buy.

"A LABOR PARTY IS THE

Wall Street's government is in- American workers. But to direct tent on dealing deep, hidden a plea to THIS Congress to "stay "Is the PAC the answer? Not wage-cuts to labor through tre- on the job" in the interests Instead of pleading with the

Michigan CIO Delegates Discuss Need For National Labor Party

(Continued from Page 1)

mediately after the convention. | off on this all-important ques-That such an attempt will tion after only ten minutes of meet resistance from the work- discussion.

ers was indicated during the brief discussion permitted on taken up largely with the fac-UAW-Detroit, East Side Regio- power caucuses. The Stalinists Great victories are possible-on one condition: nal Director, expressed the sowed disruption by points of were a firmer one. It is time the convention in turmoil most we built a party of our own. If of the time. They were aided by we had started building a labor the inefficiency and incompeparty years back we would to- tence of the Reutherite forces day not find ourselves in the in charge of convention prep-

present mess. We must not only arations. The Stalinist antics pass this resolution, but we must go out after this convention and do something about it."

of the Socialist Workers Party DEBATE SHUT OFF celebrated the opening of new headquarters at 540 Cedar St., at the Housewarming Party here

The headquarters presented a party. "The action of the House spick - and - span appearance. and Senate on the Case Bill and Crepe paper streamers in spring Truman proposal has shown the colors decorated the meeting complete bankruptcy of the past cuses. A constitutional amendpolicy of the CIO. Only seven | ment was proposed calling here-

When the labor movement is president of UAW Local 155. opsmashed? I say now is the time. posed the amendment, whining Let us call a conference for this about the cost of an election in

purpose in the next 60 days." Not a single Stalinist spokes- Lee Romano, president of Press man dared to take a position on Steel Unit, UAW Ford Local 600,

expenses "were a small price for wage increases were already largely negated by skyrocketing democracy." This convention reflected the prices. Yet he said not one continuation of the sharp fac- word on the issue of an upward tional struggle at the UAW sliding scale of wages which The three-day*convention was convention three months ago would, automatically rise with and which has continued un- rising prices. Although the Ford abated in UAW Executive Board Local 600 Council, Briggs Local meetings. In previous years, 212 and Budd Local 306, UAW, the Michigan CIO Convention had passed resolutions to this

preceded the UAW Convention effect. and helped clarify some of the An espousal of the labor party issues coming before the auto now and the sliding scale of gathering. This year, the Mich- | wages would have rallied all the igan CIO Convention provided progressive forces at the conan anti-climax, with all issues | vention and would have been an subordinated to the factional effective way to "appeal to the so disgusted the delegates that maneuvers of both camps.

these tactics were bitterly as-**UAW** President Walter Reuthsailed even within the Addeser told his caucus members that Stalinist caucus meeting after if the opposition continued its divisive tactics he would take Much wrangling occurred over the issues to the ranks. He adthe Credentials Committee remitted that the Addes-Stalinist port on the seating of delegates forces have now adopted his appointed by various Local Exprogram and there was even less ecutive Boards. Such delegates reason for the factional warfare. were to be found in both cau-

MISSES CHANCE

But Reuther missed the splendid opportunity to place the

Here the Stalinists, who had his amalgamated local. To this for higher wages since recent

ranks." Instead, Reuther and his lieutenants, both in convention and cauque meetings, resorted to a sly form of red-baiting, attacking even the progressive proposals of the Stalinists. For instance, Reuther tried to be-

little, by innuendo, the appeal of the Stalinist-dominated maritime federation for world-wide support of their anticipated strike.

The Reutherite Gus Scholle. was reelected president of the struggle on a higher plane by State CIO Council, defeating embracing the demands and aspirations of the ranks to build Glen E. Sigman, assistant rea labor party immediately. He gional director of the CIO Steelspoke of the necessity of calling workers, by a vote of 2.297 to for a national united labor con-1.868. Barney Hopkins was reference, but failed to implement elected by a similar vote for this request with a resolution. secretary-treasurer over the Ad-Reuther also warned that labor des-Stalinist candidate W. G. would have to strike again soon Grant, former president of Ford Local 600.

the first day's session. Ernie Mazey, of UAW Briggs Local 212 and brother of Emil, likewise urged immediate steps for the launching of a labor

hall for the dancing, and curtains with "SWP" embroidered of the 90 Congressmen elected after for election of all delegates. in red gave a festive air to the with PAC backing voted against

ture stand offered SWP pamphare always warned that now is democracy, showed their true not the time. When is it time? | colors. John Anderson, Stalinist | lets, and a lighted window dis-

the resolution. Debate was shut scathingly retorted that election

kitchen. An attractive litera- these strikebreaking bills. We been the loudest shouters for

Highlighting the evening was fried chicken, well served. **SATURDAY**, JUNE 22, 1946

Where Is The Soviet Union Going? _____ The Policy Of The "Strategic Bulwark" **_** By Ernest Germain **____**

On the morrow of the second world war, the dominant fact concerning the Soviet Union's situation is the impertalist encirclement that is being completed. The bureaucracy is incapable of counteracting this encirclement by its old policy of balancing it-

self between the powers. It sees itself forced to elaborate a new system of defense. based neither on revolutionary politics of the proletariat (1917-1924), nor on alliances with certain capitalist countries (1924-1944), but on the progressive conquest of a "strategic bulwark," separating the Soviet frontiers on all sides from the imperialist bases of operation.

The creation of the "strategic bulwark" appeared as the immediate aim of Stalin's foreign policy at the time of the Teheran Conference, that is to say, at a time when Hitler's defeat seemed certain and when the conquer ors were discussing division of the spoils. In the beginning Stalin attempted to create this bulwark in a "peaceful" way, that is to say, with the consent of his imperialist "allies."

Knowing that the Red Army the German armies and conscious of the progressive enfeeimperialists postponed their settling of accounts with the bureaucracy until after the war with Germany and Japan. They accorded Stalin, as "spheres of and Asia: Poland, East Germany, all the Danubian and Balkan countries except Greece, Manchuria and North China.

UNDER PRESSURE

But Stalin knew very well that this occupation would be only temporary. At the "Peace Conference" when American imperialism would be forced to redomination, the question of evacuation of all these countries would be posed. But the "strategic bulwark" threatens to crumble even before that as a result

of the constant pressure of English and American imperialism. Already this pressure succeeded a year ago in the introduction into all the governments of those countries occupied by the USSR of representatives of the "nacapitalist class, direct tive" agents of imperialism: Mikolajczyk in Poland, Tartarescu in others. Also the bureaucracy entered upon a series of maneuvers aiming at the more or less temporary "stabilization" of its influence in these countries by establishing obedient governments.

REACTIONARY METHODS At the moment when the Red



STALIN

committees. The peasants seized the long-coveted land.

But the Soviet bureaucracy which fears the revolution as much as do the world capitalwas bearing the main brunt of ists, far from supporting or consolidating these workers' actions. helped the "native" capitalists blement of the USSR in the all it could to restore law and course of the prolonged war- order; either by force (Poland) fare, the English and American or by a series of deceitful maneuvers (Czechoslovakia). Moreover, by ruthlessly pillaging these countries already impoverished by the war, by introducing a hateful police regime, the Soviet influence" large parts of Europe bureaucracy soon alienated the sympathies of large sections of the working masses who had at first welcomed it as a liberator. Later, when it was a question for Stalin of establishing a more

in the "strategic bulwark" he no longer received the workers' support in dealing mortal blows to the capitalists of these countries. draw the map of the world ac- He was forced to arrive at his cording to its plans of world goal by vile bargains, by military blackmail of hunger, or quite simply by brutal police intervention.

Having abandoned the revoluthe USSR, Stalin is forced to infernal arsenal of imperialism. Instead of creating on the perithe toiling masses, Stalin sur-Rumania, Geol in Yugoslavia and buffer states where large layers a political issue by any of the of the population, starving and imperialism. OUR CONDEMNATION

reactionary policy, we do not

No Decisive Changes' Achieved As Result Of June 2 French Elections

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Famine Victims In China

Belgian Miners Give Militant Strong Support

(Special to The Militant) BRUSSELS, May 19-One of the outstanding Trotskyist militants, Victor Bougard, member of the Central Committee of the Internationalist Communist Party (PCI), Belgian section of the Fourth International, is the principal delegate of the miners of the village of Anderlues, in the center industrial region. As a defender of the workers'

interests, this militant is feared and hated by the bosses, who recently tried to "liquidate" him by firing him from the pit where he worked. The miners have already gone on strike several times to defend their delegate. Finally, in the midst of negotiations, at a time when the bosses and the Stalinists were pouring all their calumnies on Bougard, he ran as candidate for the post of regional secretary of the Amalgamated Miners'

Union. The Stalinists put up as their candidate, Desnos, their leader in that province. The result is significant; 2,300 votes for Bougard, 2,700 votes for the Stalinist.

for Stalin of establishing a more strict control over the countries The Vatican--A Powerhouse "coups," by the odious

tionary methods of defense of political sword in this counborrow his entire policy from the ism." phery of the Soviet Union sister defending "religion" from attack. soviet republics supported by This subterfuge is false to the the enthusiasm and devotion of core. The question of a man's rounds it with a group of police universe, etc., has not been made desperate, are turning again to Trotskyists, who base their world

While we condemn the bu-reaucratic explansionism as a

with his direct intervention in the Italian and French class parties. elections of June 2. Recently Cardinal Spellman raised a

to the rich on the black market.

try to slash at "commun- acy is most sinister and reactionary. The Pope blessed the arms of Franco, the butcher of-The Catholic hierarchy interthe Spanish working class and venes in politics under guise of supports this foul dictator to this day.

The Vatican got along very well with Mussolini and worked own views on the nature of the out a mutually profitable arrangement with him. After the downfall of Mussolini, the Vatiworking class parties. Even the can organized its hundreds of outlook on scientific findings, 8.5 have not made religion a politito take the place of the fascist cal issue. Responsibility for in-

By Joseph Hansen

Black Shirts in bolstering Italian reaction. Priests and nuns BACKS FASCIST squarely with the Vatican. openly campaigned for the House For hundreds of years Vatican fought ruthlessly to combine government and religion. The Papacy insisted on state support to the exclusion of other religions. Taxes wrung wrom the poor people were diverted into its treasuries. The Catholic hierarchy organized widespread persecution of all who advocated separating church and state. Men and women were tortured and Mussolini to power.

Of World Political Reaction The Vatican is becoming increasingly active in political the elections to call for the defeat affairs. The Pope made headlines throughout the world of the candidates of the working

In other European countries, evident. the Papacy is playing a similar role.

Vatican is one of the principal forces in the camps of political reaction. In Argentina, for instance, the Peron regime is close-

A mother and her child in China are two among hundreds

of millions of workers and peasnts doomed to starvation as

famine sweeps the Far East and all of Europe. The child's

swollen stomach and pitifully thin arms and legs have become

a common sight as food is hoarded by speculators or sold

ly tied in with the "official religion," Roman Catholicism. In return for political favors, Peron leges to the Catholics. He banned missionary activity by other relthousands of priests and nuns igions and set up a "special repolitical shock troops gistry" for them that seriously cripples their activities.

In the United States, Father of Savoy, Armed with lavish Coughlin, the "radio priest" enists, the most exploited layers of funds, they did their utmost as joyed wide support among the ward heelers to save the hated hierarchy. Before the war Cough- the rural population first bemonarchy. This high-pressure lin set out to organize a native coming radicalized rally to the CP banner. It is also notable political campaign reached its fascist movement in America that in contradistinction to 1945. climax with a speech by the patterned on the movements of Pope himself carefully timed to Hitler and Mussolini. Money from when abstentions were heaviest in middle class districts, this hit the voters on the eve of the mysterious sources poured into time they were more pronounced election. The Pope, in the name his campaign. Coughlin spoke in labor strongholds. of religion, did his utmost to weekly over a wide radio hookup, block the republic and save the centering his attack on the labor SP LOSSES HEAVY monarchy which had helped movement. He published a most expensive magazine "Social Jus-

Radicalization **Of Masses Still Dominant Fact**

(Special to The Militant) PARIS. June 7-"The electhat the French situation has 'in the country as a whole-@ of time for several months in spite of a growth in general discontent," according to the postelection statement of the Political Bureau of the Internationalist Communist Party (PCI), French section of the Fourth International.

"The number of votes received by the Communist Party (Stalinists) and the Socialist Party amounted in October 1945 to 9,-506,273; in May 1946 to 9,280,-386. In June 1946 the SP, the CP and the PCI got 9.377.987 votes." the statement continues. "As to the capitalist parties-

the MRP (Popular Republican Movement), the PRL (Republican Liberty Party), the Radicals (prewar mass party of the capitalists), etc.,—they received 9,-599,950 votes in October 1945; 10,450,883 votes in May 1946; 10,427,343 votes on June 2.

"The workers' votes do not vary essentially. The capitalist votes show a slight increase in view of a decrease in absentions.'

TENDENCIES EVIDENT

Analyzing these results, the statement appearing in today's La Verite, weekly paper of the PCI, demonstrates the following tendencies that have become

by and large, losing votes in the workers' districts (in the Seine, which includes Paris and the famous "Red Belt" of workers' suburbs; the Seine-et-Oise; in two election districts of the mining region in the Nord, at Lyons, in the Loire; in the Bouches-du-Rhone district, etc.). At the same peasant regions previously known as strongholds of reaction.

This continues and reinforces a trend already observable to a less extent last October. While advanced workers tend to become disillusioned with the

The reformists of the Socialist

In the capitalist camp the most

striking features are the con-

siderable growth of the MRP

and the failure of the PRL to

of the MRP). In some 30-odd

ily-financed PRL withdrew their

candidates in favor of the MRP.

This would indicate that

French capitalism is not yet

ready to launch a reactionary

Party were the heavy losers

Big Step Forward Seen In Trotskyist Campaign Vote

(Special to The Militant)

PARIS, June 7—In the 11 districts in which the Internationalist Communist Party (PCI) ran candidates on tions of June 2 have gen- June 2, it achieved the magnificent total of 44,915 votes. erally confirmed the view If this result is to be taken as an indication of the trend

been characterized by a marking and it can be, for the 11 dis- | tend to reflect erroneously the tricts were representativethen this means that some 250.000 to 300,000 revolutionary workers, or what would amount to one and a half per cent of the entire electorate, have already turned to revolutionary Trotskyism as their banner. It would be hard to overestimate the significance of the

Trotskvist votes, achieved amidst an intensive campaign, with the powerful Stalinist machine hurling its slanders and calumny against our comrades as "Hitlero-Trotskyists."

This marks the first time in the history of the Fourth International that one of its parties, participating in elections on a national scale, has achieved a genuine mass response.

A TURNING POINT

It is in this historical light, rather than by comparison with the millions of votes still accorded the reformists and Stalinists, that this turning point in the development of world Trotskyism can best be assessed. That the Stalinist leaders have been shaken by this fact is evidenced by the daily campaign of slander, which has been reenforced since the election, in their L'Humanite.

In one district in Paris, the First, the PCI did, to be sure, lose 3,500 votes over October 1945. But in this district there was a direct struggle between the PRL (Republican Liberal The Stalinists held their own | Party), particularly strong there, and the Stalinists. Evidently, many workers were motivated here by the fear of a

> capitalist election victory. But the PCI was nevertheless still able to get over 4,000 votes even in this district, which shows how deliberately and determinedly the supporters of the

Trotskyist party voted in the country as a whole. **REMARKABLE RESPONSE** In addition it must be pointed out that in géneral, parlia-

actual influence of the revolutionary party in election results. The real strength of the PCI among the masses must therefore be assessed much higher than the voting figures show. This is borne out also by the fact that there was a widespread, although not heavy, phenomenon of ballots invalidated which were marked both CP (Stalinist) and PCI, giving evidence of vacillation on the part of voters. Finally it should be noted that all meetings of the Trotskylsts in the campaign were packed, and that there was a remarkable response by the workers to the party's election fund-which has today surpassed 1,190,000 francs.

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That the party's campaign, which took as its point of departure the fight against the wage freeze, was effective and well-timed, can be gathered by the final election move of the Stalinists. Three days prior to June 2 they came out with an anouncement that they would support a general increase of wages. It is also evident that the mass pressure on this point has mounted so powerfully that it can no longer be resisted even by the Stalinists, who up to now have been able to force through their pro-capitalist production plans on the working class.

COMING STRUGGLES

By their change of position, the Stalinists may well have lifted the lid on a veritable explosion of extra-parliamentary class struggles, which will not be quite so easy for them to control. For the first time, talk of strikes is widespread in France. A stormy development along these lines seems indicat-

The PCI, planning to consolidate its election gains, and to capitalize on them for the reenforcement of its organizational structure and trade union influence, will undoubtedly mark mentary illusions, which are further progress in the course

Throughout Latin America the

recently granted special privi- time their vote increased in

still strong among the masses, of the coming class conflicts. treacherous policy of the Stali

Army entered these countries, broad revolutionary movements appeared. The workers seized the factories and established a network of all-powerful factory

Workers Killed Through Greed Of Mine Owners

(Special to The Militant) OHARLEROI, Belgium, May 15—A recent mining catastrophe in the "Sacre Francais" pit in the Charleroi region caused the death of 16 miners, among whom were seven German prisoners. La Lutte Ouvriere, organ of the Belgian Trotskyists, published a special report on this catastrophe, giv-

ing irrefutable proofs that it was

the coal owners' negligence which caused the death of these 16 miners.

At the burial of the victims an the bureaucracy and the interimmense crowd of more than ests of the proletariat, to the ex-10,000 people assembled. It became known that the German to array the English and Amerprisoners were to be buried apart from the Belgian miners. It was Stalin but against the USSR as also learned that the Belgian police had threatened to shoot policy favors the imperialist war hostages taken from among the German prisoner-miners when threat to the USSR. they wanted that day to stop

work as a protest against the capitalists' negligence and in is in the act of sacrificing time mourning for the death of their comrades.

CLASP HANDS

Immediately delegates of the Belgian miners went to the prisoners' barracks, succeeded by a trick in releasing a large number of the prisoners, and went with them to the edge of the graves of their German comrades. There they scattered on the graves flowers spontaneously bought by the Belgian miners, and across the open tomb about to swallow these new victims of the capitalist regime, a delegate of the Belgian miners and a delegate of the German prisoners clasped hands, and jointly spoke to those gathered around.

The German prisoner finished his brief speech thus: "Belgian comrades, never shall we forget, when we go back home, your solidarity with us here."

grant to the imperialists the right to shed crocodile tears over the fate of the "poor little oppressed peoples." We have seen these "humanitarian democrats" at work when they atomized

Nagasaki, burned Bekasi and other Indonesian villages, organized the white terror in Greece and starved India. But it is precisely on the basis of the defense of its own interests that the world proletariat must recognize burned at the stake for opposing the Vatican on this question. how futile and criminal the Stal-

Futile because in the age of the atomic bomb, an additional few hundred kilometers do not in any way constitute a sufficient defensive base. To fight against the atomic bomb by means of strategic bases, is like fighting against artillery with spears. Criminal because it brings discredit upon the USSR in the eyes of the world proletariat and the colonial peoples, because the similarity of political methods leads the masses to identify the Soviet Union with an imperialist country.

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tent that it enables imperialism ican masses not only against such — to that extent Stalin's preparations and increases the

the atom bomb.



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ing religion and politics. Consefor its position on the burning political issues of the day.

the end of 1946.

To the extent that it widens

At Brest-Litovsk, Lenin "sacrificed space to gain time." Stalin to gain space which will protect him neither against his in-

ternal difficulties, nor against (Translated from the Belgian Trotskyist paper, "La Lutte Ouvriere, April 20, 1946. Next week's

"Militant" will feature another still more energetically on the article on this guestion.) side of Chinese reaction.

Dancing . . . Refreshments 777 W. Adams 8 p.m.

SUPPORTS MRP In most advanced countries the

separation of church and state In France the Catholic hierhas been achieved. But now the archy is up to its neck in the Vatican is fighting from the sec-Popular Republican Movement ond line trenches. It is combin-(MRP), a political party organized against the working class quently, like any other political The MRP is fighting tooth and organization, the Catholic hiernail to save the capitalist sysarchy must be held accountable tem which plunged France into the Second World War and continues to chain the people The political record of the Papin misery. Here again the

U.S. Non-Intervention Pledge Violated In China Civil War

(Continued from Page 1)

China theater, gave an assur- insurgent nation from settling ance that the U.S. Army in scores with the regime of reac-China, would be sent home by tion and oppression.

May 1. Two months later, on The imperialist policy-makers June 4. Lt.-Gen. Alvin C. Gillen. in Washington are fully aware also of the U.S. Army, declared of the rottenness of the Kuomthat the China theater would not intang government. But they be deactivated and that Ameriknow, too, that' a popular revolution which swept it away would can troops might remain until also spike their plans to convert China into a colony of the Wall MORE INTERVENTION

Street plutocrats and a base for Already heavily committed to war against the Soviet Union. policy of intervention in line Hence, ignoring their own re-

with its predatory imperialist peated pledges of non-intervenaims, the U.S. government has tion, and despite all the flowery no intention of withdrawing its talk about allowing every nation armed forces from China. On the to decide its own fate, the U.S. contrary, it intends to intervene imperialists continue giving unstinted aid to Chiang Kai-shek.

This is indicated very clearly BASE AGAINST USSR.

by the fact that families of Also in violation of China's American soldiers are now being supposed sovereignty and all their protestations of their love transported to China. Chiang Kai-shek's rotten and of peace, the U.S. imperialists reactionary regime, shot through are building up a gigantic miliwith corruption and responsible tary base in North China for the for all the agony of China's milwar which they plan to launch lions, is universally hated by the on the Soviet Union. This base, masses. Never during the two complete with everything in the decades of its bloody rule has way of modern military equipthis regime been more isolated ment, including a strategic air than it is today. Only the mili- force with all ground facilities, tary might of American im- already covers a huge area on perialism, lavishly placed at the outskirts of Peiping and is Chiang's disposal, prevents the growing from day to day.

tice" which sold below cost. Many This fact is universally ascribed priests took bundle orders, and distributed the poisonous literature to youths in the parish who the SP-CP-MRP coalition. The were permitted to keep whatever money they got from sales. Cardinal Spellman has re-

placed Coughlin as leading pol- mitting the capitalists to enitical spokesman for the Vati- trench themselves more and can in America. He is fighting more appears to have been difor continuation of President Roosevelt's line of recognizing the SP. the Papal State as a world poli-

tical power. Spellman wants Washington to recognize The latican and send a representaive to act as ambassador. When Protestant clergymen protested Truman's continuing his departure from the traditional policy of separating church and state, cases the sponsors of the heav-Spellman struck at them with most violent language: "What reason then have these men of religion to make such demands of the President of the United States? Is it the anti-Catholicism of unhooded Klansmen sowing seeds of disunion within our treasured nation?"

The Vatican is utilizing the collaboration with the treacher-Catholic hierarchy as a vast ous parties claiming the alleinternational network of poligiance of labor and on socialtical agents in the service of dy-Christian demagogy. ing capitalism. These robed politicians are trying to keep capitalism from the grave a little recognize, is still the most imlonger. In carrying out this reportant fact to be taken into actionary political task they account in the situation as a

have become the most outspoken defenders of an economic system that can only breed depressions, famine and atomic wars

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that may wipe out mankind.

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Indian Congress Balks At Fake 'Independence' Plan

By Larissa Reed

The Indian National Congress, after weeks of intense negotiations, has rejected the British Cabinet mission's plans for an "interim government" in India.

These plans, outlined in a 9-

White Paper issued on May 16 to | ing powers, under the domto their assuming formal responthe Indian people and read in ination and control of the sibility for the government of the British House of Commons British overlords. As in the by Laborite Prime Minister Att- past, all posts of authorresentment of the masses against ee, were rejected however, only ity will be staffed with only the the government which kept them "in their present form." The In- most obedient native tools of at a starvation level while perdian Congress president, Dr. British imperialism. As in the Maulana Azad, based his rejec- past, they will continue to be tion on the ground that the plan responsible only to the British. would grant parity - that is, Viceroy and not to the Central rected in the first place against equal representation — in the Legislative Assembly. The As-"interim government" to both sembly would still have no power

the Congress Party and the Mosto override the plans of the Viclem League. Azad is confining eroy by a vote of no confidence. his opposition to the demand The power of veto is retained that ten seats be allotted to the in full by the Viceroy.

Like the Wavell plan, the White

to the Indian peoples by Mohan-

register any real progress (ex-Congress, and only five seats cept in the Paris region, where to the Moslem League. it did gain even at the expense

Paper makes not the slightest But the capitalist Congress attempt to transfer any real Party is evidently ready and willpower or genuine independence ing to accept the White Paper's to the Indian people. So reactionfraudulent proposals for Indian ary is it that the notorious Leo-"independence." The White Pa- pold Amery, former Secretary of per differs in no essentials from State for India, hailed the White the Wavell Plan, presented last Paper as a great advance. year, and accepted by the Con-This plan, however, was formgress Party, except that it is ally accepted and recommended

offensive which requires wide support among the lower midoffered in the name of the Bridle class masses. Instead, it pretish Labor government instead of fers for the period to come to the arch-reactionary Churchill continue to stake its fate on regime. The White Paper, like the Wavell Plan, is nothing but a new form of the old slavery.

The radicalization of the for continued rule over the Inmasses, the capitalists thereby

communications.

Also provided for is the continued dismemberment and cleavage between the Indian sections by the creation of two separate groups of provinces, each with its own executive and legislative organs. Moreover, individual provinces remain "free" to reject membership in either group. This provision will serve to keep leadership of the Congress Party large numbers in India under and the Moslem League, would the feudal rule of the native like to capitulate to the British imperialist rulers. The current princes.

The White Paper provides for disagreement is merely over the central legislature with tax- terms of this capitulation.

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whole, even if it is only marking time at present. San Francisco

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das K. Gandhi last month. This misleader has declared that through this plan, the British "have come to devise the easiest and quickest method of ending The White Paper first of all British rule." assures that all decisive powers dian masses remain in the hands of the British. These include the continued British monopoly of defense, foreign affairs and BRITISH TOOLS

The conduct of the Congress Party, the Moslem League and Gandhi's pronouncement thus reveal that the native capital-

ist class of India is frightened by the mounting mass unrest and threat of a revolutionary out-

break on an unprecedented scale. The recent mutiny in the Indian Navy, the revolt of the Bombay "Untouchables", the threatened strike of the railway workers involving nearly 1,500,000 men, the hunger demonstrations amid growing famine, are lightning flashes of this coming storm. The native capitalists through the PAGE FOUR



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

-Leon Trotsky

Thanks To Our Readers

Thanks to the generosity of our thousands of readers and the devoted efforts of the members of the Socialist Workers Party, The Militant has successfully concluded its \$15,000 Sustaining Fund Campaign.

This fund will enable The Militant to continue to bring to the American workers and all other oppressed people our program of liberation from capitalism and its evils.

The contributions which have poured in from all parts of the country represent real sacrifices. They come from poor people, working people, to whom every penny counts in these days of rising prices, black markets and reduced take-home pay.

These sacrifices were made by workers who have recently spent long weeks and months on picket lines, by Negro people who suffer the worst economic conditions, by militant fighters for labor everywhere. This we consider the highest tribute to the role which The Militant is playing in educating, inspiring and organizing workers for the revolutionary socialist struggle.

The Militant, as more and more workers are coming to appreciate, is not just another labor paper. It is the THE labor paper which week in and week out, year in and year out, has fought uncompromisingly for the rights of the working people. It is THE paper which has dared to swim against the stream of capitalist reaction, in war as well as in the periods between wars.

The Militant has described truthfully, and defended without any "ifs and buts," every effort of the workers to better their conditions. It has turned a steady spotlight on the dark evil-smelling underworld of capitalist lease hundreds of millions of man-hours for more productive labor.

Next the working class would press for widescale utilization of the invaluable by-products of atomic energy in medical and other scientific fields. The major illnesses of mankind such as cancer would undoubtedly be quickly eliminated. Superb health and longevity would give up their secrets.

The scientifists would be freed from crippling restrictions, including the feeling that their best efforts are diverted into destructive channels. Moreover the working class would be interested in greatly expanding the field of science and in opening wide the doors of scientific schools and institutions to the youth.

Under socialism atomic energy could be used to eliminate world poverty in the course of a few decades. The entire era of capitalist depressions, wars, and slaughter would take its proper place in the museum alongside the dinosaur.

That is why control of atomic energy should be taken out of the hands of profit-mad Wall Street and placed with the working class.

After Case Bill Veto

Union leaders like CIO President Philip Murray and David Dubinsky, president of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers, are indicating they want to cuddle up to Truman once more.

They have been seeking a handy pretext to make another deal with the Democratic administration which has been kicking labor in the face. This pretext is supplied by Truman's veto of the Case Anti-Union Bill.

Of course, these union leaders would have a mighty tough time convincing most workers that Truman is any great "friend of labor." But they can be expected to pull out the motheaten argument that labor should "string along" with Truman because he is "better" than the Republican alternatives. Look-he vetoed the Case Bill!

This argument is cracked right down the middle. It assumes that labor has only one alternative-the choice between the two political camps of Big Business, the Democrats and Republicans.

But, the truth is, the two capitalist parties have no real differences in their attitude toward labor. Can anyone forget Truman's record of wholesale strikebreaking, climaxed by his assault on the railroad workers? And isn't Truman's Draft-Strikers Bill just as vicious as the Case Bill?

We don't need to go merely to the most recent evidence of how the union leaders' political policies have short-changed the workers. Murray himself, at the recent CIO Steelworkers convention, complained that in nine years there have been no legislative gains for labor. On the contrary, both Democrats and Republicans have struck labor blow after blow. That is the only result of the political program pushed by the Murrays and Dubinskys,

What have the workers to gain by continuing to hunt with a microscope for tiny specks of difference between two capitalist parties, both owned lock, stock and barrel by Big **Business?**

Fortunately, the workers have a real alternative to such a futile, thankless course. That alternative is the building of an independent labor party.

Only through its own party, with its own

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"I never really cared for beer, but it's quite the thing nowthere's a shortage of it, you know!"



Penguin Books, April 1943. theme. The Ox-Bow Incident, turned out that his information decisive factor was supplied by first novel of a young American was based on nothing but ru- the leader, a well-to-do, ruthwriter, Walter Van Tilburg mors. Clark, is a penetrating study of the thoughts and emotions of

men participating in a lynching. the formation of a lynching Although the setting is a small, party. News spread and a crowd isolated-Nevada town and the action took place in 1885, the men urged the others to wait novel could as well have been and determine the facts, to call written about a Southern lynch the sheriff and form a legal mob in 1946: blind hatred and posse. The crowd's emotion surgunreasoned anger, then as now, motivated the mob; a few shreds ous unger and calmer thought of circumstantial evidence, then as now, were convincing enough for degenerate men bent on destroying those they hate.

In Clark's novel the victims of mob rage are not Negroes but white men. The lynchers are not Southern bourbons but Western cattlemen. Motivation for the action is not the alleged violation of a white woman, but the alleged theft of a few head of cattle and the erroneous belief that a man had been murdered. SUSPICIOUS OF ALL

When Wall Street's Congress-

men pass legislation to freeze

wages, break strikes and hog-

tie the unions, they pose as

"statesmen," nobly cutting

labor's throat in the "public in-

But last week when these same

Congressmen decided to boost

their own wages they were no

longer "statesmen." For a day

they became just poor working

stiffs trying to make ends meet.

Senator Bridges described the

bitter toil and sweat in the halls

Senate . . . die from overwork.

Overwork has been the primary

cause of death of most of the

Senators I have in mind."

TOUCHING PICTURE

terest."

into the town of Bridger Wells opposed it, forms the major porless rancher who had served as Nonetheless, two cattlemen an officer in the Confederate

Although others shifted their position in the ebb and flow of passions, he never deviated from the course he had set for himself and the mob. He led the 28 men forming the mob in their pursuit through the suspense filled night; he directed the capture of the three men accused of rustling, conducted the summary questioning and the early morning execution of the crime.

This psychological study is applicable not only to American lynch mobs. The same subjecing was right. Many doubted the tive factors dominate wherever reactionaries and fascists commit their abominable crimes, wherever blind prejudice motivates the actions of men. The Ox-Bow Incident has a high the men feared being branded place among the truly worthas cowards unless they went while American novels. It should along with the others. They pre- be read by every worker and evjustice over mob fury.

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PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By ALVIN ROYCE

Bosses Kicking Vets Around

Few GIs thought they would remain heroes very long after they returned home, but even fewer expected to be called "tramps" or "lazy ingrates" before the capitalists had even signed the peace treaties.

Just a few weeks ago two veterans told a magistrate in a Brooklyn court, that they were unemployed because they didn't want to work for \$25 a week. The judge told them to forget the "hero" nonsense and stop being so "choosy" about wages.

The June 9 N. Y. Times summed up Wall Street's attitude toward the veteran. In the magazine and news sections writers paid glowing tribute to the wonderful job the GIs did just two years ago on the beaches of Normandy. But, while some of these journalistic stooges of the bosses are speaking of the "heroes" in one column others are shouting "tramp" in another.

The Times' veteran expert reports that "a number of veterans appeared to be taking advantage in a short-sighted manner of some parts of the program." This capitalist "champion" of the veteran goes on to state "the public was reported to have become aroused over the prevalence of 52-20 clubs." This "public" is not aroused over the fact that the returning veterans can't find a decent job. The Times would like to see these clubs broken up but are afraid that "any cure attempted by an elective or appointive official would savor of kicking a hero in the face." The Times, speaking for Wall Street, favors forcing the vet to take a low paid job or lose his unemployment compensation!

After telling the workers that they were fighting for a "free new world" these parasites are aroused because the vets don't want a \$25 a week job. Even these jobs will soon become scarce, according to Gen. Bradley who states that there will be 3,500,000 unemployed vets this fall. Yet the administration is not lifting a finger to solve this crisis. Capitalism needs soldiers in wartime but veterans are only a nuisance after the shooting stops.

One of the Times correspondents in New Hampshire reports another story. He says that, "the vets are being prostituted, that on the job training is making them mad. They accept such positions in good faith. One Marine, an Iwo Jima vet, who was a plane mechanic and sought additional experience, signed up at an airport. He spent most of his time running a truck to town doing odd chores. carrying garbage to the dump and making up about the airport. He quit in disgust."

It makes no difference to the boss whether a worker is a veteran or a non-veteran. The "on the job" training program is being used, by the employer, as a method of obtaining cheap labor. Wall Street wants the veteran to remain economically helpless, without a skill, so that he can be held in readiness as a strikebreaker.

UAW Program A Start

Many of the more progressive unions have already made the vet's problems one of the main points on their agenda. For example, at the UAW's Convention in March a veterans' program was adopted which, with all its inadequacies, is certainly a step in the right direction. Unions in increasing numbers have come to realize that the fight for jobs for the veterans must be led by the unions.

The "CIO Vet," official publication of the Buffalo CIO Council Veteran's Committee, points out that "attempts will be made to use vets in the

THE OX-BOW INCIDENT, by | were suspicious of everyone. A | who insisted on going through Walter Van Tilburg Clark; young and excited cowhand rode | with the lynching and those who Here is an intensely dramatic, one day and told a garbled story | tion of the story. The forces for profoundly moving story woven of a man being shot and cattle and against the action were at around a timeless and universal being stolen. On questioning it all times closely balanced. The

and the village drunk demanded army.

assembled at the saloon. Saner ed back and forth between furias it was influenced first by those insistent on lynching and then by the few reasonable men.

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The majority lacked the conviction that what-they were dovalidity of the young cowboy's story. Yet few had the courage to oppose the self-appointed leaders and the apparent unanimity of the crowd. Most of

rule and exploitation.

But more! It has offered a program, a consitent program tested by events, which provides the only reasonable and effective answer to the great needs of the working class. That is the program of Trotskyism, of genuine Marxism, which is expounded by the Socialist Workers Party.

We shall continue to fight for that program. We shall strive to bring it to new tens of thousands and finally millions of workers. With the continued aid of our devoted readers, we are confident that The Militant will grow in influence and will become an ever more powerful weapon in labor's battle.

Atomic Control

The world has been given a most instructive lesson in what control of atomic energy by the capitalist class means.

The first great demonstration of the new source of power was not an indication of its peacetime possibilities but the ominous, shattering explosion of an atomic bomb in New Mexico. The next two demonstrations occurred at Nagasaki and Hiroshima. A fraction of an ounce of fissional material levelled two great populous cities, leaving not one stone upon another.

Since V-J Day the capitalist class has given additional proof that under its control atomic energy means simply still more horribly destructive instruments of destruction. The atomic energy plants are turning out nothing but bigger and more powerful atomic bombs.

The development of scientific knowledge about the atom has become a monopoly of Wall Street's government. Information about manufacturing processes is a top state secret. The scientists are held virtually as captives. Capitalist control has strapped a straightjacket on progress in this field. Wall Street utilizes its monopoly of atomic energy as an instrument of power politics. It dangles the atomic bomb over conference tables, threatening the entire world with this weapon.

In the hands of the working class the development of atomic energy would follow a completely different course. The working slass has no interest in dominating or exploiting anyone. The working class wants to remove the capitalist shackles on production, better the standard of living, improve and expand industry and pour out goods in unlimited quantities.

Consequently under workers' rule, atomic energy could open up a new world of incalculable wealth. First of all, the working class would press for the construction of atomic energy power plants on a vast scale. These plants, automatically producing their own fuel and eliminating the present costly transportation of energy, would immediately re-

labor candidates, will the labor movement have an effective weapon to combat Wall Street's political schemes against the working people.

Feet Of Clay

When Supreme Court Justice Jackson sent a wire from Nuremberg June 10 blasting Supreme Court Justice Black, the capitalist press gave the squabble front page headlines.

. Robert Houghout Jackson is supposed to be carrying out a sacred duty prosecuting the Nazi war criminals. But this did not prevent him from keeping a sharp eye on his political fences back, home. When Truman appointed personal friend Vinson as Supreme Court Justice, the ambitious Jackson suddenly lost interest in the Nazis in the dock before him and decided the most burning political necessity of the day was a scalping job on fellow Justice and fellow Democrat Hugo Lafayette Black.

And so Jackson raised the question of Black's "ethics." It seems that Black happened to vote once in favor of labor in a case before the Supreme Court. It likewise happened that the attorney hired by the union in this case -Jewel Ridge Coal versus the coal minerswas once Hugo Black's law partner. Hence, claims Jackson, to preserve the "impartiality" of the Supreme Court, Black should have disqualified himself.

Few things in this world are as rare as Supreme Court decisions in favor of the labor movement. Actually this particular decision was granted only because the coal miners had demonstrated their power on the picket line. The miners would have won whether Black disqualified himself or not.

The truth is that the Supreme Court, like Congress and the White House, is simply a cog in Wall Street's governmental machine. It is NOT impartial. Its decisions are always carefully considered in the light of Wall Street's economic and political needs. The scales of Supreme Court justice always tip in the direction of the capitalist class,

This is guaranteed by the type of men selected to be judges. Most of them are corporation lawyers. All of them are products of the Democratic and Republican political machines. They have made their careers as paid political agents of Wall Street. They are appointed to the Supreme Court as a reward for political services rendered. For some of these machine politicians the Supreme Court is only a stepping stone to bigger and juicier posts. Others consider it a lifetime racket.

The Jackson-Black squabble thus only highlights the fact that these judges are not guardians of "ethics." They are black-robed political hatchet men for the capitalist class. They have imposing fronts, but their feet are clay.

A few cattle had been rus- ferred being guilty of murder ery person interested in the tritled early in the spring of 1885 to the danger of being social umph of reason over bigotry, of from a small valley in Nevada. | outcasts. None of the ranchers had any The conflict, now open and idea who the rustlers were. They | again hidden, between those

Reviewed by **Charles** Carsten

Congressmen At Work

The Sad Plight Of Congressional Slaves

self into his grave." The injustice of it all! Sen-

ators dropping dead on all sides. The legislative belt-line grind-

a year, plus \$4,500 for the wife, plus \$3,000 for expenses, etc. "Today Senators have the terends meet."

of Senator Scrugham of Nevada, SEETHING INDIGNATION

Senator Thomas of Idaho, Sen-But there are other crimes ator Sheppard of Texas, Sen- against human dignity that ator Harrison of Mississippi and rankle still deeper. "One of the Senator Adams of Colorado ... most disgusting things I have bo of Mississippi, tried to coun-Senator Pittman of Nevada and noticed in Washington," con-Senator Gibson of Vermont died tinued Bridges, is "the use of

BROOKLYN FORUM "A Program To Defeat Truman's War On Labor" Speaker: HARRY RING Socialist Workers Party Organizer THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 8 p.m. SWP Headquarters 635 Fulton St.

Government cars by the bureaucrats downtown." With seething indignation, this agitator described how the upper class of Washington bureaucrats loll in luxury while the toiling Congressmen endure hardships beyond description. After a dinner party "more than 20 sleek black limousines, driven by Government chauffeurs, pulled up and picked up the various Government bureaucrats and took them on their

way.'

What was the plight of the poverty-stricken Congressmen? "I saw United States Senators and Representatives and their wives get sopping wet while trying to get taxis or proceeding to streetcar lines."

The agitator now reached the climax of his historic speech calling on the legislative slaves to rise up and boost their own wages: "Senators are now limited to 26 official long-distance telephone calls a month. Yet any third-class clerk in a Government department or agency rific problem of making both can pick up the telephone and call San Francisco, Seattle, or any other distant point at any time of the day he wishes."

> DOWN WITH OPPOSITION A company-minded stiff. Bilteract Bridges' agization: "I have been here nearly 12 years," said Bilbo, "and I have gotten along reasonably well on \$10,000 a year, plus my mileage. The fact of the matter is that I have gotten fat on the job because I have been getting so much."

But this traitor didn't get very far. When he confessed he had "never read" the bill, the other legislative slaves in the Senate rose up in all their might and by a big thumping majority voted themselves a 50 per cent wage boost plus a boost of almost 100 per cent for the "assistant.".

maritime strike" and many other strikes in the future. This CIO organ goes on to warn, "labor is heading into a grave storm and the vet issue may be a hot potato for labor this time. Your union needs the protection of a vets' committee."

All workers would do well to keep in mind this slogan of the Buffalo CIO Council Veterans Committee "The NAM is trying to organize the vets-What's your union doing?"

Tobacco Monopolists Extort Millions In Booty

After six years during which the U.S. Department of Justice conducted a leisurely "trust-busting fight" against the three leading tobacco companies in this country, the U.S. Supreme Court on June 10 unanimously affirmed their conviction for violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

All this conviction meant was that the Court upheld fines aggregating \$255,000 against the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company and the American Tobacco, Company, together with its subsidiary, American Suppliers, Inc. These fines are piddling compared to the hundreds of millions in profits, these companies have extorted through illegal monopoly practices.

The fines were levied on four counts: conspiracy in restraint of trade; monopolization; attempt to monopolize, and conspiracy to monopolize.

In 1940 the Justice Department filed suit against the big three in tobacco, accusing them of such practices as buying up needed tobacco to prevent its use by competitors, and agreeing on the maximum prices they would pay at tobacco auctions.

The Court found that the combined volume of tobacco production of the big three monopolists rose from 106-billion cigarettes in 1931 to 123billions in 1939. "Without adverse criticism," the Court apologized, "comparative size on this great scale inevitably increased the power of these three to dominate all phases of the industry."

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, one of the three which was rebuked with part of this light fine, has just issued a report of its operations for the year 1945. Net profits after taxes and all charges amounted to \$19,229,310, compared with \$17,187,757 in 1944, a lush war year.

The American Tobacco Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, last year reported net profits of \$19,697,066, a slight decline of \$200,000 from its 1944 high. However, its assets jumped in one year from \$360,267,833 to a record \$387,992,652 in December 1945. This same corporation during the war paid its workers as little as 40 cents an hour. When last October the underpaid American Tobacco workers struck for a 25 cent per hour wage increase, the corporation let them walk the picket lines for over four months before it consented to negotiate.

As in all other 'anti-trust' suits brought by the capitalist government, absolutely nothing has been done to really eliminate monopolistic practices by the profiteering big three tobacco kings.



from the strain of overwork. Senator McNary . . . died by reason of a great accumulation of work. The same thing is true

This agitator didn't bother about any death certificates to ing remorselessly on while they substantiate his argument about haul out the bodies. Yet wages the cause of death, but he paint- held down to a miserable \$10,000 ed a picture that touched the heart of every Congressman: if you put her on the payroll, "Senator Maloney died solely

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

A Letter to Truman To Harry Truman:

If and when we have a government in Washington of, by and for the people of the U.S. A., the workers will not strike against THAT government, Mr. President.

> M. M. Minneapolis, Minn.

Metal Workers Chairman Calls **For Political Action**

Editor: The crust is cracking! When the ultra conservative general chairman of the Northern Pa-

cific Sheet-Metal Workers makes a speech advocating political action it is on par with the 'man bites dog story.' This was the truly epochal incident at our

June 7 monthly meeting. And to cap it all, the membership voted to create a Political Education Committee. In the past year or so Local 209 has made amazing progress and will continue to do so in spite of a 40 per cent was granted. In renumber of misguided reactionary members! Labor is rising!

O. B. St. Paul, Minn.

Capitalists Admit **Coming Depression** Editor

The enclosed clipping from the June 11 Christian Science Monitor may be of interest. M. E. Coyle, the new executive vicepresident of General Motors, told a conference of advertising executives in New York:

"The backlog of cars in demand is not as high . . . as many say, and we will catch up with the pent-up demand more quickly than many think."

This is from the spokesman of the auto industry, the industry touted as the one to sparkplug and save the economy.

Also interesting were the remarks of the N. Y. Herald-Tribadvertisers to spend "a respect-

"SKID ROW"

Street lights are blurred by the grey, clinging mist Swing bands are battling with Schubert and Liszt. Clocks over bars count the hours before dawn Oh, how many dreams are shattered and gone? Night hunting shadows in gloom darkened doors, Blind windows gaping in long empty stores-Faces that float on the rip-tide of life Once living, now drowned by its buffeting strife ...

Come quickly sun, lest you find me in tears, Weeping for those whom we lash with our jeers . .

G. W.

Eddie Dumaine

-the biggest hangover we've ever worn catch phrases which have made up the format of your paper. For a long time now, though Aliston, Mass. I'm still only 28, I have had some

definite ideas on social re-adjustment and reformation; but I've never seen any advantage in merely insults on the capitalists. I am a white collar worker, not an executive; and I've seen the injustices committed by

the employer. Likewise, I've seen some pretty foolish stunts pulled by the employes. There is no the Hollywood motion picture doubt that what improvement producers, the union's demand is needed on both sides. Your for a 100 per cent raise plus criticizing the railroad manageconcessions was not met. In the ments on one page, and then final agreement a raise of about criticizing Whitney on the next page: I tell you, it is very diffiturn for this raise the producers cult to understand just what asked the union officials for a the purpose of The Militant is. small favor in return: namely, One would almost suspect that that the union should announce your only purpose is to incite to the press that the raise was only 33 per cent. This was done

Incites Chaos **Editor:**

I have read The Militant care- carded. fully for the past six months, and in that period of time not once have I seen one constructive suggestion to make this world a better place in which to live. From end to end your paper is packed with criticism of the

capitalist class, but if these evils were ousted, you offer not one substitute. Is there not one une business manager, who begs among you who can offer some suggestions for improvement in able proportion" of their money our government and way of life? to advertise private enterprise, The first qualification for critilest the workers lose faith in it. cism, in my estimation, is the Because-first, he says, there will ability to see a way to correct be three or four "lush years" the situation; and not merely ed veteran. She is one of our -"and then will come the bust the ability to use the same time-

Food Is Problem

Of Workers' Wives Editor

Every time one worker's wife meets another, the same subject crops up: How to get enough" food for the family with the wage-earner's pay check and with the housewife's limited time.

In this area bread is the most recent problem. Last week, lines formed at the bakeries in the early morning. Women were grabbing the bread off trucks. Police were called "to keep order" in two instances, although the women who grabbed the bread stood in line to pay for it. In another case the bread ran out while there was still a long line waiting. Many who had gotten a loaf had the salesgirls cut it in two to give half to those still waiting. In addition we are paying more for bread here as everywhere, and with the shortage there is an indirect increase by being forced to buy rolls or special breads at still higher prices.

There is almost no available meat here and the black market in poultry is so bad that even the regional OPA admitted it but said they were "helpless." The price of meat when you get it is at least three times as high as in 1941. For example, a cut of beef to pot-roast is 52 cents a pound as compared with 16 cents in January 1941.

The worst feature is that all the cheaper cuts and the meat substitutes are now so high that there is no device, as there once was, for a worker to get food lums is protecting the interest that, while much cheaper, was of corporations and businesses into a patrol wagon, and carted ber of friends visiting with him still fairly nourishing. For ex- in this area. ample, hamburg and frankfurters cost only a few cents less than the better cuts of meat. The same is true of fish. A fillet

J. PIERPONT MONEYBAGS WAGE RAISES MEAN INFLATION WHAT WE NEED IS HIGHER PRICES"

their interest in the paper. of flounder which cost 19 cents in 1941 is now 49 cents a pound. There is still a fair quantity of canned variety meats which are high priced and contain comparatively little nourishment. pound! leave it. M. Brooks Boston, Mass.

The black markets uncovered had been engaged in an argua year ago continue to operate ment on the street, when a cop small fine has encouraged others to follow their example. Besides, there is legal gypping going on in many ways. One of these is a percentage markup for cutting meat. For example, a whole beef tongue is 52 cents a pound. I wanted only a half, and taking the half containing less waste, was forced to pay 75 cents a Butter, fats, cooking oils follow the same pattern. They are now scarcer than at any time. since the war. Cooking oils are sold in bulk with no identification as to brand or variety. If you demand to know what kind toilet tissue in one's bag of groof oil it is-you can take it or Fruits and vegetables, fresh or with the meats, there are no "cheaper ones." You can't save by substituting apples for straw- the headline: "NO PROFIT, NO



Negroes Attacked By Police In Philadelphia And Camden

intervened and arrested her. The Republican municipal handling her roughly. Bundy objected. The cop grabbed him, hit government of Philadelphia with him over the head, and when its staff of drones and hoodinto unconsciousness, threw him

him off to jail.

The wave of police brutality During the General Electric strike the "local staff" sent out sweeping the city has a direct mounted police to attack the bearing on ties between the corworkers' picket lines. Now it is rupt municipal administration engaging in an active campaign and the profit-seeking business interests.

to divide white and Negro work-Is it coincidental that at the ers, and the police are terrorizvery time workers face increas-

ing the Negro population. There has been a series of in- ing unemployment, a rising cost cidents of police brutality. Last of living, and a housing crisis, month a plainclothesman pro- a wave of anti-Negro brutality voked a fight with a Negro vet- hits the city? Is it possible that eran, who was then arrested and the business interests of Philadelphia want to divert the enerbrutally beaten by seven cops. Next, an 18-year-old boy in gies and attention of the Phila-Camden who failed to obey a delphia workers away from these

cop's order to halt, was shot by problems, and toward a race the trigger-happy policeman. The riot?

The only way that we, the excuse: the cop said he was looking for men reported to be workers of Philadelphia, will be able to get these parasites off our prowling around the neighborbacks is through supporting and hood. The boy's parents were not even allowed to see their wound- electing a labor party. In Noed son for three days after the vember the municipal elections take place. We face again the shooting! The third incident was the choice between Democrats and

beating of Earl Bundy, 32 years Republicans, who are the same old, by a white policeman named except in name. It's time to re-Russell Young, After being beat- ject them both and build a polien. Bundy was charged with as- tical party that will represent sault and battery and had to pay us, the real majority, the worka \$25 fine. Bundy and his mother ing class.

> C. Blake Philadelphia

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(printed elsewhere on this page) reveals some very interesting.developments.

city in the United States has a if our first group is any crinumber of newsstands displayterion.

Secondly, the number of newsstands selling The Militant has more than doubled in the past six months. siastic and have proven them-This is just another indication

selves to be excellent Militant of the ever growing popularity of our paper. We want to encourage our Militant literature agents to continue the good work they have done, and extend even further the circulation of The Militant.

The workers look for us each From Philadelphia, we receiv-Friday, and it's a wonderful feeled this unusual anecdote: "We ing to have them come over to were distributing The Militant us and discuss their union proboutside of one of the largest faclems, remark on articles in The Militant. etc. tories in Philadelphia.

"All at once our attention was to insert a leaflet with each copy attracted by some workers who were dropping a rope out of one of the paper we distribute which of the windows. They shouted: advertises our forthcoming meet-We can't get out, so will you tie ing, and where and how the some papers to this rope and reader can obtain a subscription to The Militant, and we expect send them up to us.""

Sam Ryan, organizer of the

Bronx Branch, N. Y., writes: "One of our Bronx subscribers is a former resident of Nassau Bundy protested, clubbed him in the British West Indies. When I called on him, he had a numand introduced me to them.

a little money selling The Mili-"During the discussion that tant house to house in single followed, one of his guests incopies, thus helping us pay our formed me that he too was a Militant subscriber, and apprebill. ciated very much the role our superior to simply giving the paper was playing in support of the colonial peoples. He told me prospective subscriber a free he remembered very vividly an copy, and when we call back. article in the May 19, 1945 issue they generally take a six month of The Militant which called ator one year subscription. tention to the plight of these

"It's also an activity comrades Negro workers, and gave an excan carry out in the area close planation of why the Duke of to our headquarters, and fit into Windsor resigned from his gov- an evening when their time is ernorship post to the Bahamas." limited."

Louise Leslie of San Diego writes: "Am enclosing a large number of subscriptions for The Militant. Some of these were obtained on our Sunday mobiliza-

·at these stands: **9th and Pacific**

IN TACOMA

Buy "The Militant"

"In addition, a number were gotten as a result of our Mili- Pacific bet. 12th and 13th

OUR PROGRAM:

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M. A. Wagner St. Paul. Minn.

Wants To Sell 'Militant' Subs To Neighbors

Editor: When we called on Militant ubscribers, 75 per cent renewed their subscriptions and told of

One of the people we visited is the young wife of a construction worker, a recently returnmost enthusiastic Militant readers and supporters. After reading each copy of The Militant she passes it around to her very profitably. The fact that neighbors, telling them The Mil- they got off by merely paying a itant "prints the truth and is the only paper that does." Her favorite page, she told me, is the back page. And her favorite columnist is Kovalesky. She always turns to the Diary of a Steel Worker and "one of his stories about the slums almost made me cry." She also likes Gray's cartoons on "the rich woman." The series of articles The Militant ran on the Fontana atrocity impressed her particularly, too. We talked a long while and as was leaving she asked if it would be all right for her to see if she could get some subscriptions from the neighbors. I left some sub blanks with her. She may well prove to be one of our best sub-getters. She certainly has the enthusiasm necessary to be one.







Out of their own mouths!

experienced.



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A check with the "Where To | tant Discussion Group, a series Buy The Militant" column of six weekly meetings. We are

salesmen."

serts.

From Allentown, June Carey

writes: "We have been having

weekly distributions at the Mack

plant with excellent responses.

"We are making it a practice

some good results from these in-

Branches which are delinquent

in their bundle payments might

use the following plan sent in

by Eloise Gordon of the Pitts-

burgh branch to help them catch

up: "We have been raising quite

"We find this method much

beginning another group in a few days and we are confident we'll gain additional Militant First, practically every large readers, as well as new recruits.

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Michigan ClO Votes Support a piece! **To India Workers**

(Special to The Militant) DETROIT, June 13. - In response to a personal appeal by F. E. Qurban, president of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, the Michigan State CIO convention here adopted a motion for full support to the workers of India in their struggle against British imperialism and to the Indian Railroad workers sched-

uled to strike on June 27. A sizeable majority of the 800 delegates supported the motion introduced by Lee Romano, president of the Press Steel unit of Ford Local 600, CIO United Auto Workers, despite opposition led by Roy Reuther, brother of UAW President Walter Reuther. Roy Reuther tried to confuse the issue by bringing in other matters reflecting on the policies of the Soviet Union and covering up the imperialist role of the British Labor Party leaders. He was effectively answered

by Emil Mezey, UAW Detroit East Side Regional Director. who said: "Our position should be one of unqualified support to the Indian workers in their fight for edom."

St. Paul Paper Tells Truth: 'No Profit—No Production'! Editor:

I don't know what the situation is in other cities, but for some time, it has been almost

impossible to buy Kleenex or toilet tissues in St. Paul. Occasionally, if one buys a large order of groceries, the clerk will slip a box of Kleenex or a roll of

ceries. Strangely enough, the reactionary St. Paul Dispatch offercanned are all high priced. As et a true explanation for the shortage in a news story in the

May 18 issue. It appears under berries when apples are 20 cents | PRODUCTION - EXPLAINS TISSUE LACK." a pound. You can't buy cauli-The reporter who interviewed flower instead of asparagus when a number of retail and wholesale a medium head of cauliflower

costs 50 cents. During the early dealers in paper products was told that the manufacturers spring, cucumbers were 49 cents have simply quit making these tissues, because they are not Oranges are now 69 cents a

dozen. Canned orange juice costs | making enough money on them. 49 cents a tall can as compared to 12 cents in 1941. If the housewife after spendsuch as stationery and maga-

answer I once did:

at all.'

wages.

ing hours going from store to zine stock on which the profit store and waiting in lines feels | margin is greater. All of the dealers agreed that like taking a trip or making a phone-call to the local OPA to there is as much and probably

complain or inquire about over- more paper on the market than charging and violation of ceil- ever before - but not of the ings, she will likely receive the cheaper types. It makes no difference to these

"Well! You're lucky to get any manufacturers how much they inconvenience people-especially families with babies. Profits Yours for the sliding scale of



DETROIT Public Meeting The Big-Business-Govt. War On Labor -And How To Combet It Speaker: WILLIAM F. WARDE Associate Editor of The Militant

Socialist Workers Party 6108 Linwood

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 8 P.M.



Activities NEW YORK-For information on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116

University Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y. Open Forum: Every Friday, 8 p.m., at 116 University Place, Dancing and refreshments fol-

Brooklyn: Class on "Struggle for Negro Equality." Instructor: Harry Robinson, Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Brooklyn headquarters. SWP, 635 Fulton Street. Dancing, refreshments.

PHILADELPHIA-Youth Forims held every Saturday, 8 p.m. 1303-05 W. Girard, 2nd floor. LOS ANGELES - Socialist Youth Club meets every Friday. p.m., at SWP headquarters. They have turned to the manu-3161/2 W. Pico Blvl. Educationals facture of higher-grade papers by Youth, and SWP speakers. Subscribe to "Young Militant,"

published semi - monthly, for truth of youth's struggles.

Watch this column for further announcements of youth activities.

Detroit SWP Asks For Books

The Detroit branch of the Socialist Workers Party, improving its facilities for friends and visitors, is now enlarging its library. All types of books, including fiction as well as revolutionary literature, will be available. Readers of The Militant who have books, magazines, pamphlets or other material which they can spare, are urged to donate it to the Detroit SWP library where it can be used by increasing numbers of comrades and friends. The literature, or information concerning it, should be sent to the Socialist Workers Party, 6108 Linwood, Detroit 8, Michigan.

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

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Down with Jim Crow!

5. Build an independent labor party!

6. Tax the rich, not the poor!

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

7. A working class answer to capitalist militarism!

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!

Trade union wages for all workers in the armed forces!

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

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

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'MILITANT' FUND DRIVE GOES OVER TOP; TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS REACH \$15,398!

By Justine Lang **Campaign Director**

\$15,398.17 reached at the June 15 deadline! With our goal of \$15,000 oversubscribed we can record a most successful conclusion to our three-month fund raising drive. We are deeply grateful to our 9

comrades in the Socialist Work- | the achievement of the Alleners Party, our Militant readers town-Bethlehem branch. They and friends for having made the climbed from twenty - fourth continued appearance of The place in last week's scoreboard to Militant a reality. Without their second place nationally with a score of 162 per cent! Fine devotion and enthusiastic rework, Allentown-Bethlehem! sponse and support the raising of over \$15,000 would not have Here are some notes from our mailbag for our readers: been possible.

Jeanette Kirk of Detroit; "One It was obvious right from the inception of our Militant Sus- of our comrades who works in taining Fund Drive that our goal a UAW shop circulated two Milcould and would be attained. itant Collection Lists through a Beginning with those branches section of his department in the which "jumped the gun" and plant. He collected a total of sent in almost \$800 ahead of the \$7 from 33 workers and reported March 15 opening date, right that not one fellow worker rethrough to the fulfillment of our | fused to contribute to the supquota, the momentum was main- port of The Militant. tained in true Trotskyist spirit.

Our request to meet a weekly writes: "Enclosed find \$7.50 paynational goal of \$1,000 in order ment on our Militant Fund quoto insure the final quota by June ta. According to our figures, 15 was adequately supported, and this puts us over the top. for many weeks was generously oversubscribed. Sums as high steel workers here have worked as \$1400 and \$1500 were re- only a very few weeks. Neverceived during some weeks of our drive.

The period in which our Mil- lected has been donated in rathitant Sustaining Fund Drive took er small amounts by new party place was marked by sharp la- members, and the balance by bor struggles. Our comrades in friends. In the few days that steel, auto, electric products, etc., remain we hope to raise more." were involved in strikes which HOUSEWIFE GIVES \$8 kept them out of work for several months. However, the necessity for sustaining The Militant was the prime cc i leration. At great personal sacrifices to their families and themselves. their first consideration when they returned to work was to pay up their Militant pledges and obtain contributions from their fellow workers and friends.

Reports from the branches in past Militant Drive articles fully testify to the importance our readers place in The Militant. said: "This is what I have saved We have quoted their statements when approached by our comrades for contributions to The Militant. We rejoice with them in the knowledge that their help has guaranteed the next period's publication of the only revolutionary socialist paper in the-United States.

Our concluding scoreboard re- fulfilled their obligations in veals some very interesting de- grand style, but the category velopments, the most impressive noted as "General" winds up being that every one of the with 132 per cent of its quota. branches, with but one excep- This category includes money tion, has either completed or sent in on the "I Want To Help" oversubscribed their respective coupon from Militant readers all quotas. We're very very proud over the country, in addition to indeed of that achievement!

As previously predicted by the lated by our readers and friends.

\$15,000 Eloise Gordon of Pittsburgh "Since V-J Day the bulk of theless our record indicates that 60 per cent of the money we col-From Connecticut, Pearl Spangler sent this very interesting note: "I visited one of our readers in New Britain who is an elderly woman and told her about our activities, the Militant Sustaining Fund Drive, etc. She was quite struck by all our work, and has a great deal of confidence in the working class and the aims of our party. "As I got ready to leave she very modestly handed me \$8 and June 15 — \$15,398.17 out of my house allowance, and I'd like it to be used to help sus-"One really has to be a housewife in these trying times to fully appreciate her giving us Not only have the branches **Doolittle Report Attacked** of the Socialist Workers Party By Caste-System Defender

By George Breitman

Last month the Doolittle | the second world war, it was a serious problem. United States Board issued a report recom- hard to distinguish, so far as Surgeon General Thomas Parmending the elimination of officer-enlisted men regulations Militant Collection Lists circuran estimated recently that eight As previously predicted by the lated by our readers and friends. mending the elimination of one of the differences in were concerned, between it and **New York Trotskyist Youth** We want to publicly thank these some of the differences in were concerned, between it and the U. S. or German armies. million persons in this country living conditions and privileges -more than six percent of the And yet it suffered serious debetween officers and enlisted population-are suffering from feats in the first stage of the some form of mental disorder Our united endeavor and ef- which had appointed the Board, war. There are more beds in hospitals Can't Baldwin's historical exshrugged its shoulders in confor nervous and mental patients. ample thus be turned against than in all other hospitals. And him? For in the Red Army's mental disease is on the increase! early days, under Lenin and Now Hanson W. Baldwin, These are tragic facts, but not Trotsky, when it was the most military editor of the N.Y. Times too surprising when one considdemocratic army and had the and unofficial spokesman for ers the state of the world-the the big brass, has come out highest morale in the world, this world in which human beings army succeeded in defeating the with a blistering attack chargare trying to adjust. It's a crazy efforts of all the imperialist ing that adoption of the Dooworld that the capitalist lords armies to destroy the Russian little Board's report would turn of the earth have built for us! the Army into "an armed mob." Revolution. THE USE OF RANK CONSTANT PROOF The Board had favored How can you have an effec-It's not difficult to prove that among other things "social frative army when you remove ternization" between officers this is a crazy world. Every isthese "incentives to leadership," and enlisted men, and had dissue, of The Militant offers more that is, officer privileges, Baldproof of capitalist insanity. Even cussed without recommendation win demands? Leon Trotsky, possible abolition of the "ofthe capitalist press is sometimes founder of the Red Army, forced to comment on the irraficial gap or line of demarcaanswered this question 10 years tional character of this social tion between the so-called ofago when he denounced Stalin's icer and enlisted groups." system. estoration of the officer corps: Such an article appeared in "These are dangerous sugges-"The restoration of hierarchthe May 30 issue of the St. Paul tions," Baldwin shrieked on June ical caste is not in the least de-Dispatch. This was a report on ... An officer corps must 12. " manded by the interests of milicracked the whip, and Huber the "alarming increase" in the be the heart and soul of any tary affairs. It is the commandjumped. We need our own indenumber of suicides since V-J army. Abolish it, minimize its pendent party, and our own paring position, and not the rank, importance, try to merge it with Day, and the Dispatch writer of the commander that is imspeaks of the irony of the fact enlisted ranks and you have no portant. Engineers and physic-"When will it be time to build that the end of the war should army.' ians have no rank, but society a Labor Party?" Geller asked. make life seem les worthwhile to To prove this point, Baldwin finds the means of putting each "When all the anti-labor legislaefers to historical precedentin his needful place. tion is on the books-when in-Mich. CIO Condemns the Red Army. Since this same "The right to a commanding flation has brought starvation point is made in the Doolittle position is guaranteed by study to this country-when labor is report, and was recently em-**Assaults On Unionists** endowment, character, expercut to pieces . . . when the labor phasized in articles by officers ience, which need continual and movement is flat on its back? in Collier's and the Saturday (Special to The Militant) moreover individual appraisal. Evening Post, it is worth exam-The rank of major adds nothing DETROIT, June 13. - The Replying to Geller, I. H. Watining here: to the commander of a batta-Michigan State CIO convention, son, president of Firestone Rub-"The Russians tried it, and lion. The elevation of the five held here June 10-13, endorsed ber Local 7, said: "We must for years there were no titles, no senior commanders of the Red a resolution of Briggs Local 212. real badges of rank, no salutes Army to the title of marshal CIO United Auto Workers, conmust learn to crawl before we and no distinction between ofgives them neither new talents can walk. We're playing right demning the series of gangster ficer and enlisted man in the nor supplementary powers. assaults upon prominent leaders into the Republicans' hands if Red Army," Baldwin continues. "It is not the army that realand militants of Local 212 during we take any action against Hu-"These regulations and the ly thus receives a "stable basis," the past year and a half. political commissars made the but the officers' corps, and that The resolution referred to five "I agree," Watson continued, prewar Russian Army an armat the price of aloofness from beatings by unknown thugs of "that we need a Labor Party. ed mob and cost Russia dearly the army. The reform pursues a But we cannot go off half-cock-Local 212 members active in the in the first Finnish campaign purely political aim: to give a ed. We must plan carefully." fight against the union-busting and in the first years of the new social weight to the of-Many delegates took the floor struggle against Germany." Briggs Corporation. The most reficers " (The Revolution Beon both sides of the question. cent assault took place two weeks It is time this widely spread trayed, Pioneer Publishers.) ago, when Local 212 recording myth was punctured. The Red secretary Ken Morris was slug-Army regulations abolishing the ged and seriously injured outprivileges of the officers had CHICAGO side his home just after his re nothing whatever to do with the **Socialist Workers Party** turn from the union hall. Briggs results in the Finnish war. That war took place in 1939-40. But corporation has been fighting Presents Paul Fessenden, Executive the regulations referred to with the union savagely and a strike **Cabaret Internationale** Secretary of the Council, anhas been voted to back up Local such horror by Baldwin were nounced that Congressman Hu- rescinded as far back as 1935, 212 demands in current negotia-**Dancing**, Entertainment ber has promised to appear be- when the reactionary Stalin tions. **6-act Floor Show** fore the Council to explain his bureaucracy restored the officer The resolution pledges "full (beginning at 10:30 P.M.) corps, and all the special ofsupport of the Michigan CIO The spirited discussion was a ficer privileges and rank which Council to Local 212 and the In-Saturday, June 29 living expression of the grow- Baldwin thinks is so necessary ternational Union, UAW - CIO, 777 West Adams St. in their efforts to apprehend the When the Red Army went into guilty parties."

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It's A Crazy World!

By Grace Carlson

Up to the first of this year, neuropsychiatric disorders Psychiatric Association heard last month from the Army's power to market. chief of Psychiatry, Briga-dier General William Men-

women.

ninger

Another 500,000 men were disthe war brought "a sharp cutcharged from the Army for "perback in industrial activity and a sonality disturbances" of all consequent reduction in employtypes, said Dr. Menninger. All ment," the **Dispatch** article goes of these neuropsychiatric casuon to show that economic facalties occurred despite the Armv's tors always play a very importelaborate "screening - out" proant part in determining the level Approximately 1,875,000 of the suicide rate. were rejected for military men service because of personality served after the United States disorders of one kind or another, entered World War II. In a late Dr. Menninger reported.

But it is not only among the military that mental disease is The number of annual suicides during the war was only half of

SHOP TALKS ON SO

The Value of Labor Power By V. Grey

Your labor power is your SELF. It is your muscle, bone. and mind. Under capitalism it is a commodity. It is the only commodity you own. Your clothing, your car, your groceries, were once some capitalist's commodities. Now they are your useful possessions. And being second-hand now you could not sell them for very much-even if you wanted to. They are no longer commodities.

Your labor power is the only thing you have to sell. The products of your labor are not your own. They belong to the capitalist who employs you in the factory.

You sell your labor power for so much a week and so much an hour. This selling price is called "wages." Wages are always paid in money. This helps to conceal the difference between what you produce and what you get. It's harder to see that you are giving the company so much unpaid labor every day.

How is the selling price of labor power determined? "Why, the union bargains for my wages," you might say. But in many shops no union exists. Moreover there was a certain wage level before the union was organized. And even today the union's bargaining centers around a definite amount called a "living wage."

People's idea of a good selling price for labor power is their idea of a good "living wage." That is to say what they can live on. The wages which will buy them and their families enough food, clothing and shelter to get by decently.

And what is this food, clothing and shelter for the laborer? It is the cost of production of his labor power. His labor power cannot be useful and available for work without these necessities of life. And the value of these necessities is the value of his labor power.

How do we determine the value of the food, clothing etc.? By the amount of labor it takes to produce them. And so we find that the VALUE OF LABOR POWER IS DETERMINED BY THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF LABOR NECESSARY TO PRODUCE THIS LABOR POWER. Like all other commodities, labor power obeys the same law of value

But the commodity-LABOR POWER (the laborer)does not drop from heaven with a rivet gun in hand. This commodity must be produced from the cradle to the factory gate as well. So the capitalist pays the laborer enough to bring up a family. Not because the capitalist loves his have hospitalized 850,000 World War II soldiers. This was workers' children, but because these children must be the startling report which the members of the American reasonably strong and healthy when they bring their labor

> As Karl Marx says, "The value of labor-power is determined, as in the case of every other commodity, by the labor time necessary for its production, and consequently also, the reproduction, of this special article."

> If it takes 20 hours labor to produce the food, clothing, shelter, etc., for a working-class family to live then the values that you produce in 20 hours will be the value of your labor power, and approximately the same as your wages

> In other words, if you had the opportunity of exchanging what you produced in the factory with all the other factory workers in the world, you'd find that you'd produced your own wages in 20 hours.

However, you are working for the capitalist and not 1942 bulletin, the Metropolitan Insurance Company reported on for yourself. Thanks to the labor of your fathers, he has the sharp drop in suicides since huge machinery and factories with which he employs you Pearl Harbor and called this "a in making values-in 40 hours, or 50 hours, not 20. And beneficial by-product of war." he keeps the change.

According to the law of the land you and he are-





Group, and their Militant Fund countless supporters of The Mil-Director Grace Wayne, who itant for their generosity in helpclaimed they would lead all the ing us to fulfill our \$15,000 goal. men. The War Department, other branches nationally, they not only succeeded in this but fort have placed a weight of attained 253 per cent of their \$15,398.17 on the scale. The tempt when the report was is-"ringing of the bell" is indeed a sued.

tain The Militant."

this money.'

A surprise note was struck by most welcome sound!

Labor Unity In Political Field Sought By Akron CIO Council

(Special To The Militant)

AKRON, O., June 11-Further steps toward a solid front of Akron labor against political attack were taken at last night's meeting of the Akron CIO Council. The Council adopted a motion to appoint a committee to cooperate in the political field with the AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods, after a com-?

ty machine.

mittee from the rail unions gressman Huber. Why did he appeared at the meeting and vote for Truman's bill? Because made a strong appeal for the Democratic Party machine labor unity.

"We've been in a shell for many years," the delegate from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen said, "but now we're coming out."

'We thought we didn't need anybody," he continued. "We found out we need everybody. That is why we started this move to unite labor in Akron."

During the week the AFL Trades and Labor Council took No, we need a labor party now! a similar step and established a committee to work with the CIO and Railroad Trainmen. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow plan this new labor party. We for representatives of the three labor organizations.

The CIO Council meeting revealed a growing bitterness against the maltreatment of ber now." labor by Washington politicians, and an almost unanimous conviction that the time is rapidly approaching when labor would

have to build a party of its own. The discussion on a labor party took place over the atti- The majority voted to accept tude of the council toward Huber's communication, and Democratic Congressman Walter thereby indicated that while Huber of this area, who voted they were for labor party acfor Truman's slave-labor bill. A tion, they were not prepared for communication from Huber eximmediate steps.

plaining his stand, and replying to a request that he appear before the Council to explain himself, touched off the debate. In opposing the acceptance of

communication, delegate vote for Truman's bill. Jules Geller, of Goodrich Rubber Local 5, said:

"It's necessary for us to learn ing sentiment in American labor for an army. a lesson from the action of Con-¹ for independent political action.

what it was in 1932-33 during the depths of the depression.

Pointing out that the end of

Just the opposite trend was ob-

suffering and sorrow stays the its times of Peace, the dying capitalist system is wracked by ficold, sick, hungry workers are

driven to suicide each year. If one did not foresee a socialist solution to all of these problems, it would be easy to lose one's mental balance in the midst

of such contradictory and bewildering facts. The capitalists like to make fun of us and call us "crazy radicals." But the shoe is really on the other foot! They are the ones who are operating this madhouse of capitalism.

equals. You sell your labor power. He buys it. You sell it according to how much labor it takes to produce it. You There is the crazy picture! sell it for enough to keep it alive. He buys it, and like War with its awful weight of all buyers, consumes what he has bought.

"To the purchaser of a commodity belongs its use. hands of thousands of individ- From the instant the worker steps into the workshop, the uals bent on self-destruction. use value of his labor power, and therefore also its use-But Peace-Blessed Peace? In which is labor-belongs to the capitalists."-Marx.

Value for value is given in the market. Equals exchange for equals. All is perfectly legal in this exchange, nancial crises, depressions and But the market-place is only the most temporary stoplems. As a result, thousands of over for the laborer and his precious product, which is HIMSELF. His free and equal bargain with the employment manager is quickly sealed, his product sold, and he has to keep delivering for a long time after.

There is a change from equality to inequality. It takes place after the bargain is sealed. Marx describes the change thus:

"He who before was the money owner, now strides in front as capitalist; the possessor of labor power follows as his laborer. The one with an air of importance, smirking-intent on business; the other timid, and holding back, like one who is bringing his own hide to market and has nothing to expect but—a hiding."

Next Week: Labor Power and Productive-Labor.

Vacation At Mid-West Camp And Schoo

tion Camp and School draws with reservations, thus eliminnear, reservations for the pop- ating my own possible return." ular vacation spot are coming in. Workers who already know the cheerful camp on Little tend are urged to make reser-Pleasant Lake, near Jackson, vations in advance. Many new Michigan, are making plans to friends are expected this sumreturn. Their enthusiasm is Militant received from Patrick O'Conner of Akron last summer: "I feel it a privilege to inform friends and comrades of the opportunities there," he wrote, "The teachers were excellent,

and needless to say, there was none of the condescending attitude found in the capitalist schools . . . There is plenty of time for recreation such as swimming, boating, fishing, baseball, badminton, table tennis, and dancing . . . In fact, I'm very reluctant to give you

Buffalo Readers

Our Saturday Night Current Discussion Group and Open House have been discontinued for the summer months. Watch The Militant for notice of meetings in Buffalo. Visit the Militant Forum, 629 Main St., any afternoon except Sunday.

As June 30, opening date of all the virtues of the camp for the same time, take advantage the season at Mid-West Vaca- fear that it will be swamped of the excellent outdoor classes in Marxism and problems of the trade union movement. Because There are ample accommoda- the camp is operated on a cooperative basis, rates are amaztions, but those who plan to atingly low.

The camp is only 60 miles from Detroit, easily reached by train, mer, for the fame of Mid-West bus or car. Complete directions typified by a letter which The Vacation Camp and School is for reaching it from any point growing. It is an ideal spot in will be sent to you with your reswhich to relax, have fun, and at ervation.

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THE MILITANT

How Fatal Clues Exposed Frameup In First Notorious Moscow Trial The NEGRO "Labor with a white skin STRUGGLE" by CHARLES JACKSON

By Joseph Hansen

(The fifth of a series on the Moscow Frameup Trials and their significance. Declarations of defendants and prosecutor are quoted from the English edition of the "Report of Court Proceedings: The Case of the Trotskyite-Zinovievite Terrorist Centre" published by Stalin.)

The mechanism of the Zinoviev-Kameney-Smirnov frameup was exceedingly simple. Stalin set up a cross-fire on Leon Trotsky. First, the frameup maintained that the revolutionary exile had

I. N. SMIRNOV

Smirnov, one of the heroes

of the October 1917 revolu-

tion and the Civil War. was

known as the "Lenin of Si-

beria." Trotsky, founder of

the Red Army, said of him:

"He was with me in the Fifth

Army. He led the Forces in

Siberia. He organized and

insured the victory against

When Stalin set out to seize

power, Smirnov joined Trotsky

in battling this new threat to

the October conquests. But

in November 1929, Smirnov

However, this did not save

Smirnov. In August 1936

Stalin ordered him shot as a

whatsoever was produced to show

they even made an attempt. The

entire case against them boiled

down to their unsupported as-

For instance. Berman-Yurin

and Fritz David, according to the

frameup, "drew up two concrete

of Stalin; the first was to be

made at the Thirteenth Plenum

Seventh Congress of the Comin-

tern. Both plans failed, because

Comrade Stalin did not attend

the Thirteenth Plenum, while

Admiral Kolchak."

capitulated to Stalin.

fascist "dog gone mad."

sertions that they did try.

transmitted terrorist directives to the most prominent defendants through contact inen.

This primitive device would seem sufficient to smear both Trotsky and the prisoners in the dock. Stalin, however, apparently thought that adding more lies would strengthen the frameup, and so he opened up on Trotsky from another angle. A few obscure GPU agents sat in the trial as defendants. These sad, unsavory figures posed as direct agents of Trotsky.

RIDICULOUS CLAIM

 They claimed that in private conversation Trotsky had declared: "Now there is no other way out except the removal by violence of Stalin and his adherents. Terror against Stalin that is the revolutionary task . . Stalin must be physically destroyed." With such bloodthirsty directives, which a cloak and dagger villain in a comic strip would scarcely utter but which coincided perfectly with Stalin's political needs, Trotsky allegedly hustled these agents into the USSR to organize terroristic acts on their own.

Hence the frameup maintained that Trotsky had sent agents through the tightly sealed borders entrusted with two missions (1) instructions to Zinoviev. Kamenev and Smirnov to kill Stalin, etc., (2) instructions to bump off Stalin, etc., themselves.

In the case of Smirnov, Stalin made a combination. Smirnov was alleged to have received terrorist orders directly from Trotsky's son, Sedov, in Berlin in 1931. Then the following year Smirnov "received direct instructions from Trotsky through Yuri Gaven." Contact man Gaven was neither a defendant nor witness at the trial. The "instructions" he brought were nothing but a plans for attempts on the life figment of GPU imagination. Nevertheless, Smirnov was charged with having organized of the E.C.C.I., the second at the a "united centre of the Trotskyite Zinovievite terrorist organization . . . on the basis of Trotsky's instructions which he

received in 1931." ARABIAN NIGHTS

AFL Seamen Cheer Strike Vote



Members of the Seafarers International Union and Sailors Union of the Pacific (both AFL) cheer as machinery is set up for strike vote. They also sent a wire to Truman warning that use of Navy, Coast Guard, or War Shipping Administration personnel against the CIO-National Maritime Workers strike would be considered strikebreaking.

Federated Press

STALINIST SLANDER MACHINE AND THE NUREMBERG TRIAL

The Stallnists follow a propaganda technique perfected by the Nazis. They smear a political opponent with the most monstrous slander possible and then repeat the lie like a needle stuck on a phonograph record.

The June 13 Daily Worker thus rattles off once more the long-ago-exploded frameup accusation that Trotsky "made a deal with the Nazis to help overthrow the Soviet government."

The Stalinist poison pen hacks did not repeat the old lie that this alleged "deal" was made through Hess. And for good reason.

Hess is now on trial at Nuremburg as a war criminal. The Stalinist prosecution has had full opportunity to question Hess and to dig up any "exhibits" out of Nazi files that might substantiate Stalin's slanderous charge. But the Stalinist prosecution has not asked Hess or the other Nazi leaders one single question about this "deal." In fact during the long months of the trial the Stalinists have not even breathed Trotsky's name!

This is the reason for the delicate touch in the Daily Worker's latest serving of ancient garbage. They carefully blue-pencilled any mention of Hess. It is not for the hatchetmen on Foster's payroll to embarrass the Stalinist prosecution at Nuremburg!

only Fritz David was able to get revolutionary in exile, the frame- | Stalin's eyes, consequently, these into the Congress of the Com- up called for letters signed by individuals constituted the most intern. since he had failed to ob- Trotsky. The prosecution listed terrible evidence of the frame- Unions, pledged international just won by seamen were made liberal groups, voted five to one To clinch the connection be- tain a ticket for Berman-Yurin. five. All but one of these letters up. tween Smirnov and Trotsky, the Fritz David, according to his had miraculously been destroy-**RUSHED TO DEATH CELLS** prosecutor Vyshinsky added: statement, was unable to com- ed or vanished. Consequently the The compulsion to destroy this "You also received the instruc- mit the terroristic act because it sole "evidence" of their reality living evidence of the crime was was impossible to get near Com- lay in the "confessions" of the irresistible, especially since it coally, but I am deeply convinced rade Stalin." Resolute bandits! defendants. These "confessions" incided with Stalin's political V. P. Olberg was likewise sent in turn were filled with fanaim of destroying Lenin's genstanding the fact that you were by Trotsky, according to the tastic contradictions. eration of revolutionaries. Stal-Even in the case of the letter in rushed the men who had that Vyshinsky did submit as an "confessed" to the death cells "exhibit" a fatal contradiction of the Lubianka prison. Dead exposed the gears of the framemen tell no tales. up machinery. Holtzman confessed: "Yes. Trotsky could not But the defendants had already said more than enough. certain pages from the Arabian where he obtained a position as put it in writing, and so I accepted it in verbal form and The weakest link in the chain of teacher of history. As he had no communicated the exact sense of, lies proved to be the alleged visdocuments regarding military it on my arrival in Moscow." its of the contact men with Trotsky. For these alleged visits From this "confession" Vyshinoccurred outside the Soviet sky drew the following conclu-Two years later Olberg again sion: "That is why in March Union and no matter how the entered the USSR. It was July prosecutor avoided questioning 1932, in a fit of counter-revoluthe defendants, still some of tionary fury, Trotsky burst out their assertions were subject to in an open letter with an appeal verification by people not conto 'put Stalin out of the way' (this letter was found between trolled by the GPU. less because he had a tourist visa, the double walls of Holtzman's Holtzman, for instance, testicould not stay long, and had to suitcase and figured as an exfied that in November 1932 he return to Germany after a few hibit in this case)." Thus it apmet Sedov in the "lounge" of peared that Holtzman carried the Hotel Bristol in Copenhagen Once more in July 1935 this Trotsky's unwritten instructions and was taken by him to meet in "verbal form" in the secret Trotsky and receive terrorist inbottom of his suitcase! structions. The GPU thus at-This letter, however, turned tempted to utilize Trotsky's 1932 visit to Copenhagen where he hoodlum who participated in the out to be a public letter addressed by Trotsky to the Soviet aulectured in defense of the Soviet thorities and published in the Union. press throughout the world. The Holtzman did not name the 'appeal 'to put Stalin out of the day, the street, or the address way'" was simply a reference at which he met Trotsky. Everyto Lenin's famous testament of thing was left completely and gogical Institute, where he re-1923 calling on the Bolsheviks conveniently vague. But Holtzmained until his arrest." to "remove Stalin" from his post man's few words made history. As the sole piece of tangible of General Secretary!

Maritime Strike Called Off: **CIO Seamen Gain Concessions** (Continued from Page 1)

sea to remain, with \$1 per hour Administration of exposure of growth in the organization's overtime for the eight hours on some of their graft.

Sunday in excess of a 48-hour CIO President Murray conweek; a 40-hour week in port; ferred secretly with Truman and crease from 200,000 to 500,continued negotiations of other then intervened in negotiations 000 members in the last year; issues for 30 days, followed by with the intent of blocking strike the majority of these members, action. He used his prestige to and the majority of the new arbitration. force acceptance of the govern- branches, are from the South. 2.-For west coast longshore-

men-a 22-cent hourly increase ment's final terms. These gave 000,000 in retroactive pay still due under a WLB order of August 1945 to be paid by September 30. 3.-For radio operators - a

tion of a new overtime rate and for an additional man on freight-

4.-For engineers - overtime in port. IMPORTANT CONCESSION

The most important concession for unlicensed seamen was

the cracking of the 56-hour week. which the ship operators had been determined to continue the question of strike. CIO Longwithout overtime. Overtime for the operators finally accepted the previously-rejected wage ofjust before the strike deadline. Although the Stalinist leaders

By September 30, also, grow- kind, unless they knew that of the Committee for Maritime ing unemployment will increase there was some possibility of were won by the pressure of the the four-watch system so as to ranks. This is shown by a summary of events preceding the settlement.

The Stalinist leadership of the CIO National Maritime Union proposed to accept an offer of \$12.50 a month increase. The acceptance. Truman countered with

threat to use government armed forces to smash any strike. An aroused labor movement rose to the defense of the threatened maritime workers." Especially effective was the threat by the AFL maritime unions to

tract if the government attempted to man CIO-struck vessels. INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

and, Latin American and other maritime workers, acting through ation Committee of the CIO and tivities Committee, notorious for the World Federation of Trade AFL maritime unions. The gains its witch-hunts against labor and



A New Wind In The South One of the most significant facts about the 37th annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to be held in Cincinnati June 26-30, is that its delegations will reflect a great

The importance of this devel-

opment cannot be overestimated.

Negroes there are beginning to

treated as second-class citizens.

Even older Negroes-who at one

time tended to accept the situ-

ward in increasing numbers to

else. There must be a strong

must be in the process of chang-

This means that the Negro

workers and other opponents of

in the next period-it will have

the most profound bearing on

the Negro Struggle.

Investigation

future.

the South.

membership in the South. | on June 13, stated there is "not enough evidence" to warrant a The NAACP claims an inprobe of the KKK.

This committee has needed. very little evidence indeed to pry into the affairs of labor and liberal organizations, commandeer records of agencies sending relief to European workers, slander and smear any and all persons of even the mildest liberal. views.

PAGE SEVEN

What evidence does this cominist leaders of the Committee on them. Veterans returning Negro, anti - labor, anti - Jewish. for Maritime Unity seized upon from overseas don't intend to be terroristic activities of the fascist-like hooded Klansmen?

> In Georgia, on June 7. Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke, assigned to investigate the KKK. charged the Klan with the midnight flogging of a 21-year-old Negro Navy veteran.

In Los Angeles, the Klan has burned crosses before the homes sert their right to sit on juries; of Negro residents and spread its threats of vigilante violence against racial and religious mi-While not so plain, these denorities. velopments indicate something

In Freeport, N. Y., a hot-bed shoremen's President Harry transformation taking place in of Klan organization, two Negro Sunday at sea was a last-minute Bridges has already threatened the thinking of the South as a brothers, veterans, were shot to compromise proposal of the War such action, because he had to whole. The Negro people there death by a race-hating cop, who Shipping Administration which go back to the west coast with would be unable to take the stil swings his club on his beat steps already taken unless they because of Klan and other simsaw some indications of this ilar influences.

Right now, down in Columbia, Unity were ready to settle for far the need for a basic change in support from the rest of the pop- whipping up the lynch mobs less, the final larger concessions working conditions, providing for ulation. A considerable section against 31 Negroes facing a of the southern white workers frame-up charge of "attempting to commit murder." Throughing its concepts about Jim Crow. out the South, not only Negroes, Evidence of this is not yet at but white union organizers are hand, but we can be sure that in danger of their lives as Southwe will see some in the very near ern employers and their governmnet agents give tacit or open support to the Klan terrorists.

There is plenty of evidence Jim Crow in the north are be- about the Klan's activities. But Every seaman would like to ing joined in the struggle against the House Un-American Activhave one solid union. But be- discrimination and segregation. Ities Committee is motivated by the same hatred of Negroes, religious minorities and labor as the Klan. It is obvious that the majority of the committee look with favor upon the Klan's ideas and actions.

> Indeed, what seriously needs investigating is: What direct connections do members of the House Un-American Activities Committee themselves have with the Klan?

The above two items are contributions from readers. This

reduce the work-week for seamen and put more men on the iob. COMING STRUGGLES The coming struggles will be bitter. They will demand the NMU members revolted against greatest unity in action of all maritime workers, regardless of affiliation. cause of the obstacles raised by This is going to work a veritable

both the Stalinist CIO leaders revolution inside some of the exand the AFL leadership, organi- isting organizations. We should zational unity is not in the cards follow this development closely right now. But unity in action against the strike all ships under AFL concommon foe and for immediate defense of the seamen's interests is imperative and can be ach- Both Need

ieved. That is what The Mili-French, Australian, New Zealtant proposed last week in calling for a Joint Strike Coordin-

solidarity and complete support possible largely due to the ex- on May 29 against investigation

retroactive to October 1, 1945; better conditons to the seamen, an estimated \$6,000,000 to \$8,- but nothing more to the long- There is a new wind blowing in shoremen. Anxious to find a pretext for calling off the strike, the Stal- show resistance to the attacks \$17.50 monthly increase; over- Murray's intervention as an optime for Sunday work; arbitra- portunity to settle.

But this settlement only postpones the showdown between the ation as hopeless—are beginning maritime unions and the gov- to move. Negro workers are ernment. Seamen face further joining the unions despite terror for Sundays at sea; 40-hour week negotiations on important chang- and brutality aimed primarily at es and clarifications of working them. Negroes are coming forrules. These negotiations are being conducted currently by both take the risk of voting; to as-AFL and CIO maritime unions. By September 30, wages will to challenge the Jim Crow laws. be up for review. Once more the maritime workers will confront

tion from Dreitzer, not personthat you knew about it notwithin a house of detention for po- frameup "to prepare and carry litical offenders." And then just out the assassination of Comfor good measure Vyshinsky ac- rade Stalin." Olberg entered the cused Smirnov of having "a se- USSR in March 1933, "lived secret code for correspondence cretly in Moscow for six weeks, with Trotsky, for which purpose and then went to Stalinabad Nights were used."

Unfortunately for Stalin even this simple mudslinging machine service, he was obliged to return could not be operated without a abroad." Too bad! little grease in the form of "evidence." Here he faced a dilemma, for there is nothing more 1935, some four months after dangerous in a frameup than evi- Kirov's death, when the great dence. Consequently Stalin cook- mass purges were already under ed up an ersatz product-"con- way. "This visit was also fruitfessions." These "confessions" were one of the most spectacular features of the trial, but they only served to expose the frame- days." Try again!

up. Thus the miserable GPU indomitable terrorist entered the agents who "confessed" that Soviet Union "to draw up the Trotsky sent them to physically plan for the attempt at assassidestroy Stalin succeeded in nation. The terroristic act was nothing but casting ridicule on to have been committed in Mosthe ingenuity of the GPU scen- cow on May 1, 1936." Plugging ario writers. Not one of these away at his task with exemplary "certified murderers" carried out zeal, Olberg went to Minsk and a single attempt. Not one was then to Gorky. "He soon obtained seized in an attempt. No evidence employment in the Gorky Peda-



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"evidence" in support of the 'confessions" of these rabid 'terrorists." Vyshinsky triumphantly produced a passport which Olberg like many another Nazi refugee had bought in Prague from the Honduran consulate. "It really was issued by a real consul in the name of the Republic of Honduras." confessed Olberg. "There is such a republic in Central America." In payment for his "confession" Olberg was shot as an "incorrigible and hardened" murderer. Most of these alleged "emissar-

would prove disastrous. If the deies" were utterly unknown to fendants lived, world public anyone outside the GPU. Those opinion would inevitably place whose movements in other countries could be checked at all inist authorities to let a fairturned out to be Stalinists. Thus minded international figure or proved as devastating, to the the attempt to link these "dogs

lapsed completely. the Soviet Union and the great and blow up the frameup. In frameup."

PROOF OF FRAMEUP

Thus the attempt to link up the defendants with Trotsky and It was proved by documentary smear both through fictitious evidence that Sedov was not in Copenhagen at all during Trotletters demanding terrorism sky's stay. He tried to get into crashed likewise to the ground. Denmark to visit his parents, Since the "evidence" furnished but the authorities wouldn't by Stalin consisted solely of grant permission. It was proved the "confessions" of individuals, conclusively that Holtzman was the frameup rested on exceednot among the people who visitingly unstable props. A single one of these individuals could ed Trotsky and his wife, their friends and guards in Copenexpose the monstrous falsity of hagen. But still more devastatthe confessions. Answers to quesing, the Hotel Bristol had been tions asked by a competent newspaper reporter, for instance, torn down in 1917! It was not rebuilt until 1936.

The non-existent "lounge" in the non-existent "Hotel Bristol" enormous pressure on the Stal- where Holtzman in Copenhagen met Sedov who was in Berlin impartial commission put ques- frameup as the explosion of an tions to them. Even walled up in atomic bomb. From then on the prison, their conversations with entire thinking public recognized To tighten the link between other political prisoners could the words "Moscow Trial" as the alleged "terrorist centre" in seep out of the Soviet Union synonomous with "Stalinist

to the American seamen. action swept all groups of maritime and waterfront workers. This forced Joseph Ryan, dictator-president of the AFL longshoremen, and other AFL leaders to reverse their open boast to scab on the threatened CIO

strike. Under pressure of the strike threat, a congressional committee began an investigation of the dispute. This entailed a risk to the operators and War Shipping

31 Negroes Face Frame-Up In Tennessee

(Continued from Page 1) dent to commute every day to Columbia from Nashville, some 50 miles away. Newspaper reporters have been advised to stay away and are very scarce.

While this mass frame-up is going on, not a single white February armed assaults upon the defenseless Negro popula-

tion, has been arrested and indicted. No action has been taken against the two officers of the "law" who shot two jailed Negroes to death in cold blood. The native fascists who marked a large KKK on a casket in a

Negro undertaking establishment are at large and continuing their sinister work of inspiring a lynch atmosphere. So vicious is the atmosphere. that Thurgood Marshall, head-

ing the NAACP defense counsel, is preparing to ask for a change of venue for the trial.

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– By Theodore Kovalesky –

The Bingo man hollered in his brassy monotone, "Don't go away. The next game is about te begin. This may be your lucky game." We saw Pete Rossi's wife

cast a wistful glance at

the assorted piles of dish-

es, electric coffee perc-

olators, little rugs, lamps.

and Indian blankets that



lined the interior of the Bingo booth, and take her place on the bench in the hope that this was her lucky game.

Not far away, Pete was goading Gus Miller to try to "ring the bell and get a cigar."

"What the hell!" Gus protested. "I swing a sledge every day in the plant. What do I want to be hitting that damn thing for when I get a night out?'

"Aw, what are you afraid of?" Pete said. "You won't strain yourself. Bet you a beer I can hit it higher than you can."

Gus took the hammer and swung hard. The weight sailed up . . . halfway to the bell and dropped down.

'Okay, Sandow," said Pete, picking up the sledge hammer. With a great show of winding up, he swung the hammer over his head, slamming it down with all his strength. Once more the weight sailed up toward the bell, but halfway it came to a stop and plummeted down. "Well. I'll be damned!" Pete said.

Gus grinned smugly. "I guess the beer's on you.

"What do you mean? 'I hit it farther."

Still arguing Gus and Pete started off for the beer. Mary looked at the hammer and at me. 'Oh, no," I said, and we walked on. "There's

a trick to that anyway," I told her. We met Jimmy and his wife leaning on a wooden railing around a square wooden board that had numbers painted all over the surface.

Jimmy was leaning over as far as he could, pitching pennies onto the board, attempting to drop them on the numbers or the little green triangles marked "Jackpot." But the pennies bounced uncontrollably, and Jimmy threw away a quarter's worth without winning anything Lining the side of the carnival were more booths, places where you threw baseballs at dolls, milk bottles, or tenpins, where you sailed darts at numbered targets, or pitched hoops at pegs of varying sizes.

At one end a ferris wheel and a little portable merry-go-round, both brightly lighted, spun round and round to the squeaking and wheezing of a calliope that played "Annie Laurie" like an Italian waltz.

At the other end was a little dance floor roped off like a boxing ring-and just about as big -where an amazingly large crowd of boys and girls were dancing to the strains of a threepiece orchestra that tried to drown out the noise of the calliope.

Mary said suddenly, "I want an ice cream cone," and I bought two, feeling for some reason or other like a fool as I lapped mine.

I looked around at the crowd. The coming of this little carnival to the vacant lot at the corner of Ames and Fourth St. had been a gala event. Everybody was dressed for a festival, the older men in their good suits, the younger ones in brightly-colored sport shirts that gleamed under the lights, the girls and women making gay splashes of color everywhere we looked, and the kids racing wildly about with hot dogs, ice cream cones, pop, peanuts, popcorn, and those crisp, greasy, delicious waffles that are covered with powdered sugar and smell so wonderful.

But as we left the little carnival I saw a strange picture that stuck in my mind so that in thinking about the carnival, that picture is what I remember most:

As we walked up Ames St. in the gathering dusk. I looked back and saw the bright lights and colors of the ferris wheel and the booths and the people. The noise of the calliope and the dance orchestra drifted through the air in a weird mixture. Then another noise combined with them, grew louder, and drowned them out. One of the furnaces over in the steel plant had begun to roar as they pulled the blast. And looking, I could see the dark bulk of the Open Hearth looming over the lights of the ferris wheel, the huge corrugated sheds of the plant dwarfing the carnival, making it small and pitiful. It was like seeing a butterfly on the track of an approaching locomotive.

The Carnival On Ames Street Incendiary Bombing Of Negro Widow's Home Perpetrated By Race Terrorists In Chicago.

A Column Of Smoke Where Your City Once Stood?



These pictures of the first explosion of an atomic bomb at Los Alamos, New Mexico, have become symbols of the most frightful destruction yet achieved by capitalism. All the scientists and even the capitalist politicians themselves are agreed that mankind faces utter extinction if the development of the atomic bomb continues and humanity is plunged into a Federated Press Third World War.

Capitalists Lie About Peacetime Possibilities Of Atomic Energy

By John G. Wright

Among the arguments first employed to justify the military monopoly of atomic energy was the contention that it would take huge sums and many years before this epoch-making discovery could be developed for civilian we now get from 1,400 tons of uses.

The Brass Hats and the ad-9 ministration in Washington is, remain under rigid military found this flimsy argument control. No information has been rather embarrassing in view of released about any of its technical aspects. But the campaign

> See Editorial "Atomic Control"

tential benefits has already be-

coal or oil.

can compete successfully with

By Robert L. Birchman (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, June 16-After a six weeks' conspiracy of silence by local authorities, the story of the incendiary bombing of Mrs. Grace Hardy's home on the night of May 2 has been exposed by Mike Bartell, Chicago organizer of the Socialist Workers Party.

Mrs. Hardy, a courageous Negro widow, purchased a house at 315 West Garfield Boulevard, just a few blocks out of the overcrowded Negro district on Chicago's South Side. This distgroes are confined by restrictive covenants.

Mrs. Hardy lived in her house with her two sons. She rented out the second story to two Negro tenants who met considerable hostility from many of their white neighbors. This and the fact that three nights after Mrs. Hardy moved into the house three white boys were seen flashing searchlights in her yard were the only warnings she received of the impending disaster. BALL OF FIRE

who are attempting to break down restrictive covenants. Efforts have been made to force her to sell her property at a considerable financial loss. rict is commonly called the Since Mrs. Hardy's financial "Black Ghetto," where the Ne- means are limited, unless she secures aid she will not be able to meet the payments on the property and it will be foreclosed.

The Crusader, militant champion of the rights of the Negro people published by the Negro Labor Relations League, has organized "The Grace Hardy Emergency Fund" to raise funds to aid her in holding on to her home. Contributions to the fund should be sent to The Crusader, 305 East 39th Street, Chicago 15, Illinois.

SWP STATEMENT

On the night of May 2 at 9 Mike Bartell, Chicago organp.m., as Mrs. Hardy was walkizer of the Socialist Workers ing from the kitchen just after Party, who first brought the supper, she heard a crash and saw what appeared to be a ball of fire coming straight at her through the window. She lifted her arm to ward off the flaming object, which later was found

to be an incendiary bomb. Flaming gasoline was sprayed Hardy wrapped herself in a comforter to smother the flames. up in a 'black ghetto.' It is also that they have been "misled by One of her tenants extinguished the oft-quoted statement that a the fire. pound of uranium or plutonium

Mrs. Hardy stayed in the raising their despicable heads nouse, fearful of the assailants throughout the United States. outside, until the Fire Depart- They have lynched Negroes and ment arrived. She then went to a nearby drug store where there were two teen-aged boys at whom a man shouted, "You crazy boys and elsewhere.

INCREDIBLE ARGUMENT started the fire." The comparison, as is well

planned! sort. It is based on the assumpceilings and walls, which are proximately one-thirtieth of an burned and scorched. Although Mrs. Hardy was able to move out entered on several occasions by

vandals.

STILL IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Hardy has been in the hospital since the night of the bombing. After more than six

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ing conducted in public on whether or not atomic energy of 1 per cent conversion of the uranium mass into energy. Once On the night of the bombing, On the night again this is a powerful argu- Mrs. Hardy was questioned by 44 ment not against but in favor of four detectives at the Englewood

Wall Street's Atomic Control

Maintained By Baruch 'Plan'

control.

facts in the Hardy case to light issued the following statement in the name of the Socialist Workers Party: "A real fight must be waged against these terrorists who attempted to destroy the life and home of Mrs. Grace Hardy. This all over her body. Displaying fight is part of the struggle for great presence of mind, Mrs. decent housing for the Negroes of Chicago who are now penned

> part of a fight against the Ku Klux Klan vigilantes who are burned their homes in Fontana, California; in Columbia. Tennessee; Freeport, Long Island,

"The cowardly hooligans who The fire chief stated that the almost succeeded in burning Mrs. bombing had been carefully, Hardy to death must be smashed.

The right of Negroes to live in The bomb virtually demol- Mrs. Hardy's home must be ished the kitchen and pantry. maintained by the formation of Large holes were blasted in the defense guards by the organized labor movement of Chicago.

"The whole labor movement, the Negro organizations and all her furniture, the house has been progressive organizations must form a united front to carry on this fight to a successful conclusion. To this fight the So-

cialist Workers Party pledges its unflagging support."

- By F. J. Lang Seamen have long agitated for the fourwatch system. The realization of this demand for reduced working hours in line with condi-

Fight For A 4-Hour Watch

Notes Of A Seamen -



tions enjoyed by shoreside workers is long overdue. Basic changes in wages and working conditions at sea have always followed belatedly mprovements gained by the workers ashore. The AFL Seafarers In-

ternational Union and the Sailors Union of the Pacific' are now pushing for the four-watch system as one of their main demands in current negotiations. The demand of the CIO Committee for Maritime Unity for a 40-hour work week also envisages the four-watch system.

The crew of a ship is divided into watches. They work around the clock, relieving each other at intervals depending upon the number of watches. Until 1936, maritime law did not provide for more than two watches for the deck gang on an American ship. This meant that half the crew worked a six-hour stretch, went below for six hours while the other half of the gang worked on deck, and then were called out again for another six hours of work. Under this system the seamen worked 12 hours a day, or an 84-hour week. The 1934 maritime strike put an end to the two-watch system in the few deepwater outfits that still maintained it at that late date. It was not until 1938 that the two-watch system for deck hands was discontinued on the Great Lakes, under compulsion of the 1936 Merchant Marine Act.

week for seamen is 56 hours necessary work without payment of overtime. The demand for four watches would provide

for three hours work on deck with nine hours below before being called out again. This would reduce the work week to 42 hours.

Although shoreside workers have long enjoyed the 40-hour week and in some instances have won the six-hour day or 30-hour week, the ship operators are now claiming that similar conditions for seamen are "fantastic." The fourwatch system, if granted, they say, would "ruin' the American Merchant marine.

The reason the operators are so adamantly opposed to the four-watch system is because it means a 25 per cent increase in the number of crew members required. For the same reason, seamen are now ready to fight for the four-watch system.

Four watches will not mean any more money in the individual seaman's pocket. That is why this demand has been coupled with the be purely "experimental", that demand for a wage boost. But of the two, the four-watch system is the more important de-

the fact that even the low-temperature atomic piles at Hanford to belittle and discredit its powere meanwhile producing as much energy as Boulder Dam, all this energy going to waste, heating up the Columbia River. They were further embarrassed by public statements of scientists that in its present state this energy was already avail-

able for use as a source of power, heat and electricity, not to mention its urgent and immediate need for medicine, agriculture, scientific research, etc. And so, after a delay of at least two years they have announced that a high-temperature atomic power plant will be built at Oak Ridge, Tenn. It will

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tion of converting only a fraction of a pound of uranium into energy, less than 1 per cent. (The atomic bomb converts apounce of mass into energy.) A complete conversion of a pound of uranium would release ap-

The favorite line of argument proximately 100 times the quannow runs that atomic power is of | tity cited by the Times' editors, questionable value for industrial who only pretend to be misin-According to the computation

will generate as much energy as

coal or 900 tons of gasoline. The

comparison assumes the com-

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plutonium into energy.'

Under present conditions, the three-watch evstem prevails. Each watch works a fourhour hitch, and is off for eight hours before being called out again. This cuts the work day to eight hours. But a ship at sea can't drop the anchor over week-ends. Consequently the work

On The Railroads

mand in the long run. The four-watch system will take up some of

the slack as the wave of unemployment mounts in the maritime industry. Already more than 2,000 merchantmen of the 5,000-ship wartime fleet have been laid-up. And only 1,000 ships are needed for peacetime operations. This means that four of every five seamen employed during the war will be looking for a job soon. Many of these are leaving the industry, but for those who will remain the four-watch system is an immediate answer to the problem of unemployment.

If the maritime unions win the four-watch system now it will insure them against the fate of the old International Seamen's Union which was smashed by the government in the 1921 strike. during the period of widespread unemployment that hit the maritime industry after World War I.

Girl Strikers In Akron Fight **Vile Conditions**

> (Special to The Militant) AKRON, O., June 7.-All is in fuel will have to be striking not milk and honey for the if a uranium 'pile' is to take the working people even here May 12.) where more than one out of three residents belongs to a

> union. Fifty girls, working for the princely sum of 50 cents an hour at the Rome Products Company, manufacturers of plastic power plants. If fuel costs are toys, have been locked out because they decided to join the then the atomic "piles" can be

> union. The girls are determined to of coal and oil or water power "stick it out on the picket line (which no one even bothers to until we get our jobs back and Goodrich, Firestone and transmission and distribution other CIO rubber workers locals costs.

> et line has the plant shut down erected close by industries and tight as a drum.

> sweat-shop days of 50 years ago well as the most accessible one, was told to The Militant reporter in the most densely populated

> As for the costs of "admin-"The rest room is filthy and ed to ensure healthy working point, they will cut out com-

pletely the annual tribute exconditions. The girls also detracted by the huge public utility scribed the vicious speed-up. A marine veteran who had lost monopolies. They will not only render exhis eyesight in the war was working for 55 cents an hour isting facilities obsolete but also ic energy development would operating drill presses. When the make it difficult to establish constitute a danger. The Comboss tried to get him to work on private ownership in this field. mission could thus decide that three different machines, the The capitalists can and should veteran complained and was laid get exactly nothing from the de- Union would be dangerous, while off. Another blind veteran was velopment of atomic power. It another in the United States or hired to replace him at 5 cents follows that from the stand- Great Britain would not be danpoint of "administration" the gerous.

The company made a crude costs will once again be slashed effort to divide the girls by of- to barest minimums. fering to re-hire all but four "ringleaders." This failed when other incredible argument which Street-Controlled Commission. accelerated rate. These bombs the girls, inspired by the help the editors of N. Y. Times em- | Thus in the field of atomic ener- | are being stored for use in the it this way, "The railroad strike could have been they were receiving from many ploy in their zeal to place a big |gy, which in a few short years Third World War which Wall union is digging in for a long better if all the Brotherhoods were united. Next unionists, decided to stick to- question mark over the future can be developed to replace all Street views as absolutely ingether to the end.

This debate is so important that the editors of N. Y. Times as are opened up when there is police officials have ceased to only one per cent at our dis- investigate. They have made no deem it necessary to add their authoritative voice to the side posal, they will be multiplied attempt to apprehend and punof the "doubters". "Transmisgeometrically as mankind learns ish the criminals responsible for sion, distribution and administo use the major portion of the this monstrous race-hate crime. tration costs are far greater than remaining 99 per cent. But the

fuel costs . . . so that the saving bar this road. They cannot and will not em- gro families striving to escape place of coal." (N. Y. Times, ploy atomic power for the ben- from the overcrowded areas of efit of mankind, but only for its the "Black Ghetto." Mrs. Hardy

VAST SAVINGS

As a matter of fact, this argument speaks not against but overwhelmingly in favor of atomic not the decisive consideration, far more expensive than the use

(Continued from Page 1) tures the report as an attempt pretend) and still compete with to outlaw the use of atomic enthe present plants. Why? Because of the vast savings in ergy as a weapon of war. This is nothing but deceit.

First of all, by placing control Atomic power plants can be of atomic energy in the UN, Wall Street would give up nothing. cities; they can be built any-Wall Street dominates the UN where, in the remotest region as in the same way that Great Britain dominated the League of Nations after World War I. The UN would act as a pliable instrument in the hands of American imperialism.

destruction.

But even before setting up this dummy control, Washing-

ton insists on major concessions that would above all affect the Soviet Union. The UN Atomic Energy Commission would have the right to enter any country. examine its factories, hire and fire employes, including top personnel and scientists.

> The Atomic Energy Commission would have sole authority to determine what type of atoma given project say in the Soviet

The UN member nations would Washington continues manuhave to give up their right to facture of atomic bombs, 24 Let us note in conclusion one veto the decisions of this Wall hours a day and at a constantly of atomic power. They claim present forms of energy, Wall evitable.

ract-rinuing atomic power. If such vast vist- Hospital. Since that time the

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, June 14 .---Some 700 members of the Brotherhood of Railroad The bombing of Mrs. Hardy's Trainmen and Brotherhood imperialist rulers of the world home is part of a pattern of of Locomotive Engineers are threats and violence against Ne- | holding firm in their strike, now in its 16th day, against the Hudson and Manhattan railroad. The line, which provides commuter service between New York City and New Jersey, has refused to grant the $18\frac{1}{2}$ cents an hour increase included in the settle-

ment of the recent national railroad strike. Last week, in the first such action by any union, the H & M union lodges boycotted hearings

Street would exercise dictatorial called by a special "fact-finding" committee set up by Tru-In return for these concessions man to "investigate" the strike. in national sovereignty, the old Truman has refused to take any war-monger Baruch promises action against the company, althat eventually Washington though it is in flagrant defiance would divulge the secrets of of the wage recommendations of manufacturing atomic energy. the government itself. The secret would not be divulged

International officials of both striking unions are supporting Moreover, the right to set the the stand of the local officials time of revealing these secrets against giving any recognition to the phony "fact-finding" pro-Clearly the Baruch recommencedure. Matthew O'Leary, H & dations to the UN offer absolute-M chairman of the Brotherhood y nothing. They simply make of Railroad Trainmen, refusing demands. Baruch simply reiterto testify before the "fact-findated the stand taken by Wall ing" body, said: "This dispute Street since the first great pubwas settled in Washington on. lic alarm over the danger of May 25 by the award of 181/2 atomic energy in irresponsible cents recommended by President hands. It is the same stand Truman." enunciated in the Acheson-Lili-

At the one-sided "fact-finding" hearings here, company of-The aim of the Baruch report ficials and government agents s self-evident. It is designed to held a friendly get-together. The throw the blame for the further | company asked for a 10 per cent steps toward World War III fare increase before it grants a squarely on the Soviet Union. If | wage increase. This, it admitted, Stalin finds he cannot make the would provide an additional andemanded concessions, then nual revenue of \$718,000, al-Wall Street hopes to center pubthough the company itself prelic anger on the Soviet Union. viously claimed that the wage The whole fraud of Baruch's increase would amount only to report is exposed by one simple \$600,000.

fact: Despite all the propaganda Expressing the determination about outlawing the atomic bomb. of the strikers to fight to victory, William E. Skutt. H & M chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said on Tuesday: "It's beginning to look like an endurance contest. The Summer, and we're well equipped to do so."

wrote one Minneapolis news correspondent, "if all the Brotherhoods were still united." With

"The railroad strike could have been worse,"



frankness, this capitalist spokesman goes on to point out how the disunity among the railroad union heads provided a welcome opportunity for the railroad bosses and the government to play one rail union group against another and pre-

'Next Time It'll Be Better'

- By Henry Adams

vent their coming together for a contract. 'As proof of the fact that there is little "brotherhood love" among the railroad union top officials, W. H. Mylander in the May 26 Minneapolis Tribune cites a number of their sharpest conflicts-the struggle between Whitney of the Trainmen and Robertson of the Firemen for dominance in the Big Five operating unions; the jurisdictional conflicts between the Trainmen and both the Order of Railway Conductor's and the Switchmen's Union; the raids of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen upon each other's unions.

The ranks of the railroad men are also saying that the recent rail strike could have been more effective. "We've got to get together if we want to win." In the shops, on the trains, at the terminals-wherever railroad men get together-they are talking about the need for united action by all railroad unions. The strike showed that it could be done.

In hundreds and thousands of instances, firemen not called on strike, climbed down from their cabs when supervisory employes appeared to take out trains-and the trains did not move

out of the deserted stations. Switchmen in the yards refused to run beyond their yard limits. to help. The 24-hour-a-day pick-Attempts to recruit scabs in the roundhouses and shops were a dismal failure.

Of the nation's 17,500 passenger trains, only 100 moved; out of 24,000 freight trains, only 240 made a pretense of operating. Members of all crafts went to the strike meetings and offered their support and members of all crafts jeered Robertson's strikebreaking order to his union, the Firemen and Engineers, to "get on the job and get this transportation moving."

Sell-outs. craft division and jealousy, weakkneed leadership are not new to the railroad workers, who have struggled for years within the narrow limits of the 21-union craft set-up. But the rigid organizational lines began to crack in this strike! In lodges which had not held a real active membership meeting in years, strike meetings were organized on a broad scale. Functioning strike committees were elected. A fresh, active local leadership began to emerge. Only two out of the 21 railroad unions were called out on strike, and these were the Trainmen and Locomotive Engineers, of whom the shopmen were saying two months ago, "They'll never go out!" But the railroad workers tied up the country. They took the full force of the attacks of the billionaire railroad companies and their capitalist press. They defied the challenge that "You can't strike against the government"-and still the trains did not move. Not until their own leadership gave way under all of this pressure did they go back to work.

The men on the railroads agree with the Minneapolis correspondent—only they are saying time it will be better."

union recognition," they say. They have inspired unionists from

A story reminiscent of the

all the time."

I hate to go in there," said one of the girls, "and besides they took away our rest period." The boss is guilty of several violations of the law which is suppos-

an hour less.

by the girls. "The place is filled areas as wel as those most sparsely populated. The costs with rubbish left over by the of transmission and distribution former occupants of the building who made mattresses. The stufcan thereby be cut to the barest minimum, which is impossible fing is flying around in the air with the existing plants.

istration." the atomic plants are automatic and self-operating, re-

quiring virtually no labor after once set up. And, what is far worse from the capitalist stand-