

Biggest Steal In History

Big Business plans to swindle scores of billions of dollars from American workers and consumers through price inflation. Government officials admit prices will rise 25 to 50 per cent within the next six* to eight months under the Congressional program for price "de-control."

The total annual increase on just seven commodities — meat, milk, butter and cheese, poultry, cotton, clothing and automobiles-will take eight billion dollars more from the consumers' pocketbooks. Meat prices alone will jump 3¹/₄ billion dollars, providing over 21/2 billions in added profits for the meat industry. Milk will cost another 900 million; butter and cheese, 11/2 billion; clothing, one billion.

The average family will have to spend from \$500 to \$1000 more a year for the same things they buy today. Or go without.

Toledo SWP Candidates Placed On Ohio Ballot



PAUL WYLIE

Trotsky School Begins June 30 At Summer Camp

A significant experiment in workers' education will be ganizer. He has participated aclaunched at the end of this tively in labor struggles. month with the establishment of the Trotsky School for the ord of militant union activity in

Malcolm Walker And Paul Wylie Named To Run For U.S. Congress And State General Assembly **By Harold Josephs**

(Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, O., June 21 - The Socialist Workers Party in Toledo entered the fall election campaign by announcing it will run two candidates, Malcolm Walker for U.S. Congressional Representative (9th Dist.) and Paul Wylie for Ohio General Assembly-

30-hour week and government operation of all idle plants under This will be the first time that workers' control. the SWP has entered candidates on an Ohio ballot. Complicated

3. Full equality for Negroes and all national minorities. Abolelections laws make it extremely difficult for minority parties ish Jim Crow. to get on the ballot. Although

Walker and Wylie will compaign standards through a sliding scale as revolutionary socialists under of wages to meet all cost-of-livthe name of the Socialist Working rises. ers Party (SWP), their ballot

5. Tax the rich, not the poor. 6. Against all forms of government strikebreaking.

7. For a socialist society. Campaign headquarters will be located at 213 Michigan Street, Toledo (2); phone number MAin 6316.

Comrade Wylie has a long rec-

Wall Street Sneak-Thief

Wall Street Uses A-Bomb Control Ind all national minorities. Abol-sh Jim Crow. 4. Protect workers' living For Power Play Against USSR

PRICE

Wall Street's power play with the atomic bomb is proceeding according to plan. In Paris Secretary of State around impatiently, police were Byrnes is bargaining with Molotov over the map of Eastern called. Europe and Eastern Asia. Byrnes is resorting to harsher language than in previous conferences. He has even issued 44 months as a baker in the an ultimatum that Anglo-American imperialism will carve navy said, "I've seen breadlines up Europe without further consultation with Moscow if Stalin does not toe the line

"Senators who worked for this drawn by Wall Street. Byrbill are, in my opinion, largely nes can talk tough; he is **Congress Plans** motivated by the idea that the backed by the atomic bomb. Meanwhile Washington's prop-OPA is interfering with our system of private enterprise and Byrnes with a full scale cambecause they resent what they paign to popularize the Baruch choose to call State authori- plan of "controlling" atomic entarianism.' In my opinion they ergy. The objective of this camwill be the very Senators who paign is to place Washington's monopoly of atomic energy in a favorable light. If a breakdown deepest into labor when it pro- in negotiations with Moscow oc-War. curs, Wall Street wants to throw creased prices which will come the onus on the Soviet Union. This coincides fully with Wall

Congress Backs Profiteers In Drive To Gouge People

Bowles Proposes To Shackle Labor With New "No-Strike" Pledge While Living Costs Soar

All competent observers are agreed that whatever happens on the question of OPA extension, the American people after July 1 face price rises of as much as 50 per cent in the next six to eight months.

Whether the final OPA bill being drafted

Crowds Storm For Bread In **Philadelphia**

By Jack Spiller (Special to The Militant). PHILADELPHIA, June 16.-Breadlines formed in front early as 4:30 a.m. today as wholesalers and producers refused to release grain supplies to city bakeries before the scheduled June 30 price rises go into

effect. Police had to be called to maintain order at one north Philadelphia bakery that was beseiged by unprecedented bread-hungry crowds.

At another bakery crowds began to queue up at 4:30 a.m. within two hours a double line that stretched around the corner had formed. At 8:00 p.m. when a peak crowd started to mill

One shop owner who served all over the world but I have never seen anything like this.' The owner of a bakery said unless we get more flour we'll be forced to shut down." Many bakeries have already been

by a Congressional joint committee contains the "booby traps" of inflation about which Economic Stabilization Director Chester Bowles warned last week, or whether OPA is extended with its present limited powers, a terrific price inflation looms

"There is only one point of agreement among those watching the outcome of the battle between the Executive and the legislative branches of the Govof Philadelphia bakeries as ernment. Prices are going to mount," states the authoritative N. Y. Times, June 23.

> What gives some pause to the inflationary drive of the Big Business government is the fear of another great strike wave for more wages to meet the soaring cost of living.

Even conservative AFL President William Green warned last week that further price rises would "breed strikes." W. Willard Wirtz, Wage Stabilization Board chairman, admitted that price rises would compel reopening of 40.000 union wage contracts. "Labor." he said. "cannot be expected to pay uncon-

trolled prices with controlled wages. To prevent the big strikes ev-

eryone predicts, administration officials are projecting the idea (Continued on Page 2)

"No Meat, No Work" **Miners Threaten** PITTSBURGH, June 22



training of working class politi- this area. He is a popular union cal leaders. Its first term will steward in his department at begin with the opening of the the Spicer Manufacturing Com-Midwest School and Camp at pany, where he has worked for Grass Lake, Michigan, on June more than 10 years.

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dent

UNION MEN

volutionary socialist movement, cational Director of the Social- gram:

ist Workers Party. "The teachers, teachings and student body in party. the existing schools of higher learning in this country are directly or indirectly dominated by the ruling capitalist class. The academic atmosphere is poisonously hostile to the working class and its interests. Their aim is not to teach the truth about our society but to train defenders and servants of the capitalist system.

CHAMPIONS LABOR

"Ours will also be a class institution, but of an altogether different kind. It will frankly champion the cause and viewpoint of the working class. All its teachings will be based upon the doctrines of scientific socialism as expounded by Marx. Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, and will center around the problem of transforming decaying capi- area for 24 hours. When we talism into the new socialist order. Its student body will be the maritime strike deadline, composed of workers who have however, we all packed up and already distinguished themselves moved together to a special baras union leaders and party build- racks. There we were informed ers and are willing to devote that we were to start special their entire lives to the cause of training that afternoon. the emancipation of labor."

FIRST STUDENTS

The first group of eight students at the Trotsky School include a railroad shop worker. two auto workers, one seaman, a woman organizer of the SWP. and three Negro comrades. including the acting organizer of the Harlem Branch of Local New York. Several of them are veterans. They constitute a' representative selection of the younger leaders and candidates for leadership in the Socialist Workers Party.

These students who have come from factories, shops and ships will devote their full time to of all other duties.

The SWP candidates will be "The Trotsky School, rightly the only ones on the ballot who named after the great teacher will truly represent the interwho founded and inspires our re- ests of labor. They are planning to conduct a vigorous campaign will be a unique institution," said in Lucas and Ottawa Counties William F. Warde, National Edu- on a seven-point fighting pro-

designation will be "Indepen-

Comrade Walker, a former

merchant seaman and member

of the AFL Seafarers Interna-

tional Union, is Toledo SWP or-

1. For an independent labor 2. Full employment and job se-

MALCOLM WALKER curity through the 6-hour day, **"They Trained Us To Break Maritime Workers Strike"**

By An Ex-Soldier (Special to The Militant)

I have just been discharged from the Army. That is why I am free to tell the story of how the Army was preparing to break the maritime strike on the West Coast. During the railroad strike most 3-

hands, etc., etc.

of the men in our outfit had, ousness of the situation. The first point on the trainbeen put on a strike alert. All it ing agenda was political orienmeant at that time was that we tation. The officers told us: The were restricted to the battalion sailors are striking against the government; we are the reprewere alerted ten days before sentatives of the government whose duty it is to combat a lawless mob; it is necessary to protect life and property and maintain peace and order; the strik-

GREEN TROOPS

At all times, it was stressed About 450-500 men were placed that the situation was very seriin this strike-breaking outfit. In ous. "It's not a joke; it won't be some companies they asked for volunteers, but in most they just easy." The toughness of the sailors and the longshoremen read off a roster of names. There seemed to have been no real was stressed. Also, it was coneffort to select men with the exstantly repeated that a great ception of the fact that the overwhelming majority were new the ervice and were better acdraftees with only eight weeks quainted with military techof basic training; and practiniques than many of us. cally none of them were ever in The officers emphasized: The combat. In general, green troops fact that the unions are well orwith little training; very few ganized, well prepared. The fact

had ever earned their living. The aims of the training were to teach the men the methods of strikebreaking (especially miliand impart to the men the seri-



will try to sink the hooks the tests by strikes against the inabout as the result of this bill. State authoritarianism in the field of labor relations." (Senator McMahon, of Connecticut, Congressional Record, June 13)

Land Of The Free, No Homes For The Brave The Veterans Administration on June 8 reported that 60 per cent of a sample of 3,000 married ex-soldiers were still looking vainly for homes or apartments three and four months after they were discharged. Meanwhile, most were living doubled up with relatives or friends, or in rooming houses or other overcrowded quarters. Urges Unity

IN THE NEWS

No Authoritarianism—

Except Toward Labor

Dynamic Progress **Toward Breadlines**

"The next three or four years will be lush advertising years . And then will come the bust -the biggest hangover we've ever experienced. And then, the revolution will be accomplished. You must work hard in these lush ers are a lawless mob who have four or five years, to see to it taken the law into their own that the faith in our method is strong enough to survive the inevitable depression that must al-

ways come in a dynamic and progressive economy such as ours." (William E. Robinson, business) manager of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, on June 11, to conference of newspaper advertising number of them have been in executives in New York City). * * *

> 60,000,000 Dead Get Good News

"PARIS, June 19-The Kellogg-Briand Pact (signed 1928) that they are likely to have outlawing war is still in force arms, dangerous weapons (cargo according to international law. hooks), stones, clubs, etc. The Sir Hartley Shawcross, British an "anti-racketeering" measure, fact that the strikers will be Attorney General, declared in ad- this notorious Barnes Bill seeks far less than the cost of main- Everett Francis, president of the study for periods ranging from tary formations); raise and numerically stronger, the popu- dressing Paris jurists in the Pal- to deprive the labor movement of taining Wall Street's peacetime CIO United Auto Workers Fish- The Negro Struggle seven weeks to six months, free maintain morale and discipline, lation friendly to their cause. ais de Justice today." (N. Y. the means to conduct independ- military camp for one single er Body local, and Ben Wood- Diary of Stzelworker (Continued on Page 2)

Times, June 20).

Street's preparations for World Then they will go all out for War III. At the same time in the far Pacific the Bikini demonstration is underway, deliberately timed to strengthen Byrnes' hand at

Paris. The ships have been stationed at Bikini. A dummy bomb has already been dropped in a dress rehearsal of the \$500.000 .-000 demonstration of the power and frightfulness of the atomic bomb. An ironic sidelight in this Ro-

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Boston CIO

(Special to The Militant). BOSTON, June 13 - The Greater Boston CIO Council tonight urged both the

State and National CIO to take immediate steps to call a national conference of CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods for the purpose of combatting repressive labor legislation. In a resolution proposed by

CIO United Steelworkers Local 2431 and adopted unanimously, the Council declared that it was necessary to unite the entire American labor movement in order to smash the current antilabor campaign.

Massachusetts unions are also facing the enactment of a state law that would seriously cripple all unions. The state's attorneygeneral with the support of the Associated Industries has initiated a referendum petition for an amendment to the state constitution prohibiting unions from 1929.

making contributions to political campaigns. Falsely labeled ent political action.

Huge War Funds

Congress this week neared two more milestones on the **PRICES JUMP** road to the Third World

The conference between representatives of the Senate and said they had to pay a dollar a House agreed to set draft age pound for lamb chops (40 cents limits from 19 to 44 inclusive. If over ceiling) and 85 cents for a pound of butter (29 cents over Congress approves this agreement, the draft will be extended

another nine months. The aim of this legislation is to build up the greatest peacetime military machine in American history. Wall Street wants a vast force

of Prussian - minded troops to hold the bases and territories seized in World War II, to keep the occupation forces indefinitely overseas, and provide colossal military reserves in preparation for World War III.

AIMED AT STRIKERS

One of the principal excuses offered by the militarists for existence of the draft is to provide military training for the youth. They want to indoctrinate the youth, true enough, but that is not all. No man in the United States would be exempt from the draft until he reached the age of 45. The majority here led the fight against the of the men above 18 and 19 have tax boost. It was the only oraleady received military training. ganization which publicly op-Thus it is clear that the extenposed and exposed the measure, sion is aimed at strikers. Conand its campaign had a great gress is deliberately putting influence on the outcome of the American workers at the comvote. plete mercy of draft boards in An attempt was made to si-

case of strikes. lence the SWP. 5,000 leaflets ad-To finance Wall Street's dressed to the General Motors enormous military camp, Conand other workers for early elecgress began consideration of an tion morning distribution were appropriation of \$11,191,034,700 stolen by corporation stooges (billions) for the Army and Navy. from the car of the SWP or-The size of this appropriation ganizer the night before the staggers the imagination. It is vote.

about \$1,000,000,000 (billion) more than Congress appropriated for the entire government for the fiscal year of 1937.

It is \$3,000,000,000 (billions) more than the entire stock of of a working class political ormoney in the United States in ganization.

The \$4,000,000,000 (billions) DENOUNCE THEFT cost of the entire Civil War (1861-65) was, by comparison, the views in the SWP leaflet, year.

Sunday's breadlines were magnified repetition of Satur-Coal miners in this area are threatening "No meat, no day's conditions in supplies of meat and dairy products, as well

as bread.

forced to close down.

Many merchants have already jumped the ceiling prices on meat and butter. Housewives

> ceiling). The news of breadlines in the nation's third largest city was reported by the capitalist press here merely as an event of curious news value.

work." John P. Busarello, president of District 5 of the AFL United Mine Workers, told Navy

officials running the mines that coal production might "decrease rapidly" unless the miners get meat, bread and other substantial food to sustain them in their heavy work. "It won't be a walkout," said Busarello. "They'll just

stay home because their work is laborious and they won't go to work without food in their dinner pails."

FLINT SWP LEADS FIGHT TO DEFEAT TAX INCREASE

By Sol Dollinger (Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., June 19-A second attempt by the corporate interests to put over an increased property tax on the Flint auto workers and other small-home owners was defeated yesterday when the proposition failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds

majority of 25,000 votes cast. | cal, issued a sharp denunciation of those responsible for pilfer-The Socialist Workers Party ing the leaflets. As yet, the local press has not seen fit to print the statement.

The big corporate and real estate interests went to such lengths to prevent the SWP from being heard because the highly-financed tax increase campaign was based on the propaganda that there was no opposition to the proposal. That fiction was exploded by the SWP leaflet. The Flint Journal had ignored an SWP press re-(Continued on Page 6)

ON THE INSIDE

Another leaflet was printed **Rubber Union Strikes Philippine** "Independence" Moscow Trials Negro Home in Chicago Bombed COLUMNS AND FEATURES What Do You Say? **Trade Union Notes** Workers Forum Shoptalks on Socialism



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What Do You Say? Question: How have price General Tire Workers In 3 Communities Shut Plants In First All-Company Strike Ruber Bu Art Preis

Question: How have price rises affected you and your family since the end of the

war? Assistants Union members.)

Frank Galiani, 515 W 142 St., New York City. shoes on my wages with the pri- and Jeanette, Pennsylvania, ces as they are. A good suit cost \$65. I can't even go on a vacation in the country because I can't make ends meet.

Al Seaman, 137 Keap St., Brooklyn.

My buying power has depreciated about 65 to 75 per cent much bigger return by jacking prices up in spite of OPA. The big guys want inflation to get all the money and keep it where it's always been-in the hands | JOINT ACTION of a few people. But the work-Why doesn't the government set arrest all black marketeers, not by fines?

I have to deprive myself of decent clothes because of high mobile but I can't spare the money now.

Henry Ernst, Camp Lakeland, Hopeville Junction, Everybody knows that prices went sky high. During the past year, I've had a wage increase, but prices went up so much higher, I didn't benefit from it.

Jerry Coorough, 102 South Oxford St., Brooklyn.

haven't amounted to much for fer was rejected. restaurant workers. The other day I tried to buy a secondhand iron-price \$7. Prices like this are way out of line with my wage increase. The big fellows want to take in the money.

George Brockington, former machinist, 1402 Pacific St. Brooklyn.

I'm not making as much as before the war. It goes without saying that prices are way higher than the money I make now. Maritime Workers Strike" I can hardly make ends meet.

William Sullivan, 84 Middagh St., Brooklyn,

I live alone but price hikes hit me plenty. You pay 75 cents for mystery dishes in restaupare rooi for \$4 a week a while ago. Now you pay \$7 for a telephone booth. If there weren't a small group of people with money who can afford to pay the limit to get what they want, the working people wouldn't have any black market problem.

(Special to The Militant)

Place: Brooklyn, N. Y. General Tire and Rubber Corporation shut down the Akron Asked of AFL Cooks and plant today. A militant picket line gathered in the early hours of the morning and cent shut down. Only three men

tering the plant.

were closed down by strikers. This is the first corporationwide strike in the history of the

Joseph W. Childs, president of Local 9, General Tire here, isthis morning: "The executive board invokes strike action votciated about 65 to 75 per cent and so has my wife's. The boss 29. The issues in dispute between gives me a raise, but he gets a the company and the union are wage payment plan, discharge in violation of bargaining contracts and contract renewal."

While the locals were bargain- away with other types of

Lawyer Anderson, 110 Le-nox Ave., New York City. The comparation wide set-

prices. I saved up for an auto- the northern locals are fighting to obtain equal raises in pay for the local in Texas. The corporation offered an 181/2 cent increase, identical to the "Big Four" agreement won last March by the Goodrich, Goodyear, Firestone and U.S. Rubber workers, to the two locals in the North, at Akron and Jeannette, but excluded the Texas local.

In Waco, Texas, the corporation offered 14 cents to the white workers and seven cents Wage increases since V-J day to the Negro workers. This of-

> President O. C. Murphy of the Waco local reiterated his determination to carry through the against Negro workers.

would really rise up." Despite this warning, Democratic and Republican Congressmen have joined in a wild butchery of the last remnants of price controls. Senator Taft, a leading Republican of Ohio, proposed

was made in Congress June 11

"One of the cruelest decep-

tions that can be perpetrated on

ued the Senator, "is the idea

that there can be an absence of

price control on everything ex-

that "as costs go up, the rentcontrol fgures must be raised somewhat higher."

And McMahon added that if rents were not raised while other

AKRON, O., June 21-A strike of 2,500 workers of the

to maintain pressure in the boilers are being permitted

In addition to the Akron plant, through the picket lines. The I can't buy decent clothes and other plants in Waco, Texas, company officials, perplexed by their inability to get into their offices, are reported to be scurrying around town looking for a new headquarters.

rubber industry. Local 9, General Tire here, is-sued the following statement Rents Will Soar Too, McMahon **Tells Senate**

> "It is impossible to maintain rent controls in the United States if we are to do

ers are still treated like slaves. ing for separate contracts, they controls." This admission agreed to work together in the up a special federal agency to event that no agreement could by Senator McMahon, a Demobe reached with the company. crat of Connecticut. punishable by jail sentences and They have agreed not to enter into separate agreements with the company until each local the American people," contin-

> The corporation-wide strike is extremely important because

cept rents." The Senator explained why controls on rent have lasted longer than other controls: "Those who would like to do away with price control always have such a reservation on rents, because they know that if they try to take that off the people

REJECT DISCRIMINATION

prices skyrocketed it would "re-CIO policy of no discrimination sult in either the landlords going bankrupt or taxes on real The Akron plant is 100 per property not being paid."

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again and again for the pur- means except actual fire and to

pose of steeling us for the nasty aim in the most exposed and

Greek American Labor Solidarity

THE MILITANT

Seamen of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions, whose ships are in New York harbor, picketing the Greek Consulate in solidarity with the Greek labor movement's oneday general strike protesting oppressive measures recently enacted by the Royalist government.

Akron Joint Labor Meeting Discusses Political Action

(Special To The Militant)

AKRON, O., June 21-The labor movement here took steps last week to establish a permanent committee for political action representing all sections of organized labor. At a meeting which brought together for the first time

committees appointed by the [®] TIO Council, the AFL Trades | policy. Some members of the And Labor Assembly and the committee favor cutting loose Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the following joint statement, signed by the chairmen of the three committees, dates. was drawn up and released: The question of what to do

"The Joint Committees unqualifiedly condemn the action of Congress in passing the Case Bill. We condemn the unwar-**"They Trained Us To Break** ranted attack of President Tru- | labor bill, will undoubtedly come man upon the Brotherhoods of Trainmen and Engineers, and on both sides of the "Huber his request for strikebreaking Question" is running high here legislation. We shall oppose to with many unionists ready to the utmost these and similar withdraw their endorsement and attempts upon labor's democratic run an independent candidate rights and call upon all the af- in the fall. All these facts stressing the great | use the bayonet and the butt of filiated Local Unions to do likedifficulty of the task were made the rifle. To use almost any wise."

ed the announcement of the worked in the past few weeks to of haven for the children. The dangerous spots, especially joint statement revealed that groins. The platoon leaders in the joint committee plans to granted labor for joint estions

PHILADELPHIA, June 21 -By a unanimous vote, Westinghouse Local 107, CIO United Electrical Workers, went on record last week for a National Conference of Labor

The local called for united has "demanded from Congress free labor." It further point- week.

Another great labor struggle is maintain a decent standard of living for the American worker and his family all sections of labor were involved." extortions, are renewing wage de-

The resolution cited and supported the public statements of road-block in the path of the in past elections, were also rep-President Walter Reuther and the CIO United Auto Workers executive board calling upon Philip Murray as president of the CIO to meet with representatives of the other unions. matically rising in direct pro-It called upon the Philadel-

portion to the rising cost of phia and Delaware County CIO living. Councils to initiate immediately, through the Philadelphia Trade All Not Yet Quiet Union Council, a regional conference to discuss and act on Truman's "double cross" of the **On The Strike Front** In the 30 days following June

The resolution is to be sent to Murray, William Green, Alvanley Johnson, A. F. Whitney, the Delaware and Philadelphia County CIO Councils and Pres-

Phila. UE Local **Backs Plea For Joint Conference**

By C. Blake

dependents. of the CIO, AFL, and Railroad Brotherhoods.

ed out that in the "struggles to

should demand an escalator clause in the next contract providing a sliding scale of wages, under a fixed minimum, auto-

labor movement. 18, there are more than 700 strikes scheduled by smaller unions, according to Department of Labor records. These involve demands for wage increases and shorter hours. Labor Department officials pre-

ident Truman.

Forced To Live In Phila. Park

PHILADELPHIA, June 18 -Lewis E. Baggett, 28-yearold veteran of the Pacific battle area, his ailing wife and four small children were driven to the desperate measure of living out-of-doors in Fairmount Park here for a whole month. They were unable to find any housing.

words, "We became so desperate Guild President Lashes At Truman

By Art Preis assault on labor is "to see that Packinghouse Union

Seeks New Wage Boost decent, proper legislators attend the halls of Congress so that same The most important action of and sensible legislation can be the recent convention of the adopted."

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1946

First, it must be noted that CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America, held in Montreal, Truman's draft - strikers bill Canada, was adoption of a re- wasn't just cooked up by a "new port of the contract committee Missouri Gang." It was originatcalling for a new "master agree- ed by Truman's predecessor, ment" with the Big Four meat- Roosevelt, in his Congressional packing trust and the large in- message of June, 1943. Truman's strikebreaking plant seizures are Negotiations are to begin Au- an exact duplicate of Roosevelt's, gust 7, about six months after in the rail and coal industries

its fundamentals.

Secondly, labor has been votshaping up as unions like the ing for "decent, proper legisla-UPWA, which are being robbed tors" for lo! these many years. of hard-won wage gains by price Unfortunately, these "decent, proper legislators," as they were mands. If they want to put a real | represented by the union leaders profiteering price-gougers, they resentatives of capitalist parties.

The only "decent, proper legislators" for labor are genuine labor representatives, put in office by a labor party. * *

Sidney Hillman Looks

Beyond The Case Veto

As this column noted last week, various union leaders are trying to cuddle up to Truman once more, using his veto of the Case Union-Busting Bill as a pretext for dusting off his "friend of labor" label.

The June issue of The Advance, organ of Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, publishes a front-page editorial, "Beyond the Case Veto." It starts off saying, "It is not the province of The Advance to. speculate on the why or wherefore of the President's veto of the reactionary Case Bill."

Any such speculation, of course, would embarrass Hillman's editors, since it would lead to the conclusion it wasn't done from strikes and strikers than during pure pro-labor motives, but simple political expediency. Besides. What has the corporations in the same breath as his veto, and their political agents most Truman called again for a draftstrikers law.

By some pretty tricky calculations, The Advance then tries to show that the voting on the Case shrunk to zero by price inflation. Bill in Congress proves that the

sole anti-labor forces that must be feared are the Republicans and "Democratic tories" from the The 250 delegates to the CIO | South. It concludes that the "rec-

about Congressman Huber, the

local Democratic, PAC-support-

ed representative to Congress

who voted for the Truman slave-

Special credit must be given to local Brotherhood of Railroad | that I went to the Municipal The discussion which preced- Trainmen who have persistently Court and asked for some kind

Vet's Family from the Democratic Party and running independent labor candidates. Others are committed to support PAC-endorsed candi-

at all times. This appears to be a very small figure in terms of the peak of the strike wave last January. when 1,750,000 were out at one By Alma Seton time. Actually, it represents a several times higher average of

the pre-war period. worried is the real possibility of big industrial strikes by this fall and winter, as those who wong wage gains last spring find them

Finally, in Mrs. Baggett's own



dict that there will be at least

150 strikes going on at any time

during the rest of the year, with

an average of 30,000 to 50,000 out

Richard Hebbard, 635 Fulton, Brooklyn.

I have a wife and five kids to take care of and if I didn't have this job that pays my rent, I don't think I'd be able to get along. Food and clothing are double what they were a few months ago, and besides you can't even get things like rice. The kids get the toughest deal -we can't afford to get them toys and they get ice cream maybe once a week on Sunday.

Edward Devenish, 1250 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn.

Well, my grocery bill is \$10 tary formation (wedge, diamond, more every week. Rents and right and left diagnosis), bayoclothing went up so high that net training, rifle practice and where I got along on \$35 to \$40 | dismounted drill.

before, now \$50 to \$60 doesn't Severe warnings were issued to even clear me. Things will get | fire only when directed and then even worse if they throw out in the legs; to shoot to wound OPA. If housewives' committees and also to be very careful not controlled prices and could go to provoke strikers except by after the real profiteers like Bo- | order. We were threatened by hack and Safeway, and not just | court-martial if we did not wait the small retailers, I'd be for for orders. them 100 per cent. In general, we were told to

ine of duty.

job we were being given. We did a lot of drilling. The platoon leaders often pointed out that it was necessary to impress the strikers with military discipline and bearing to compensate for our young looks. The psychological factor was emphasized many times.

We were warned against fraternization with the strikers. "Don't talk to them." "Don't accept anything from them, water number of micks, jeeps. and so or coffee — in a word, keep away

on. The training was very realfrom them." We were warned istic, serious, with very little unespecially against women "who necessary material. The officers are just as dangerous as the took a lot of trouble to teach us men," against the vets who might be wearing uniforms. We everything carefully. There were about 30 officers were told to overlook "insulting

of actual rifle fire.

attached to the unit, approxiremarks" — scabs, tin soldiers, boy scouts, curse-words, etc. In mately one officer to 15 men. In a regular outfit there is one ofgeneral, to keep away from the civilian population and have ficer for about 40-50 men. nothing to do with it except in I received my discharge a day

smoke-pots. Attached would be

a communications squad, first

aid detachments, and a great

or two before the training ended. The training also included After that the outfit was suplectures and actual stills in miliposed to proceed to a West Coast port.

> **Buffalo Readers** Our Saturday Night Cur-

rent 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.



the joint committee plans to ganized labor for joint action. "off-the-record" talks of demmeet within several days and onstrations urged the use of the most brutal methods, again short Besides rifle and bayonet, we unions into practical political were told we would have tear and vomiting granades plus

work were discussed.

The Militant was distributed elaborate its long-term policy at last week's joint committee and to plan activities in this meeting and was extremely well area. Plans to draw all local received. Many words of praise were spoken for the articles in it and especially for the cartoon

The main task facing the joint showing the American workers committee is that of discussing standing in unity against their and coming to an agreement on 'enemy.



There is more livestock in the United States today than almost any previous time in history-81,000,000 head of cattle. And more beef is being processed than ever before. But where is the meat?

Omaha stock market figures | Record, about 10 per cent went provide a clue. In the first months back to feed lots. The rest was of 1941 some 466,000 head of bought under the nose of governcattle had been received. Of this ment officials by "independent" amount, 75 per cent were pro- killers. cessed in Omaha.

In the first five months of into the black market or into 1946, some 732,000 head had been storage awaiting higher legal received. But of this amount, prices. How high meat will go park. only 13 per cent were processed before the monopolists release

What happened to the rest of keteers charge. Their prices range this meat? According to an ex- from 50 cents to \$1 a pound pose in the June 11 Congressional above OPA ceilings!

Runaway Price Inflation Looms

(Continued from Page 1)

of exacting a new "no-strike" | ministration would like to main- | daily food was mainly sandwichpledge from the union leaders. tain the fiction of price control es and milk. Bowles on June 17 announced as a pretext for enforcing a he is working on a plan to get wage-freeze. such a pledge, with the promise Not only must the workers in turn of keeping OPA in its hold on with a death-grip to O. railroad, nor would any other merely an 'executive committee'

their right to strike, but they present form. How the promise of "price must launch an all-out fighting control" worked out during the struggle to keep wages abreast war, is well known. Cost-of- with price rises.

living rose more than 50 per cent; The only immediately effectwages were frozen. Now the ive answer to continuously rising | Baggett's friend lived, discovered administration-and some union prices is a continuously rising that there were six extra people leaders - are toying with the wage scale. When the corpora- in the apartment, and threatidea of another no-strike pledge tions and speculators know that ened to evict all if the Baggetts on the deceptive promise of price every price rise will mean a cor-

control. OPA itself has elimresponding wage increase, they inated more than 3,000 price will not be so eager to jack up the Baggetts appeared in the ceilings and approved thousands prices. of price increases in the last four

months. It is suicidal for labor to place matically raised to meet every and Lewis Baggett had a job. any dependence on the capital- increase in the cost of living One veteran has "been taken and Democratic parties are basist government to control prices. should be included in all union care of." But what about the This government acts solely from contracts. Such escalator claus- thousands of others in Philadelthe standpoint of protecting es would constitute a continu- phia, who to a greater or less people under the thumb of Big monopoly interests and profits. ous protection against the rav- degree have the same problem Business. They are Tweedle-Dee

woman official I spoke to. told vention in Scranton, Pa., last me that the weather was clear week, heard Guild President Miland I should take my children ton Murray keynote the deliberback to the Park."

This incident came to light Truman's labor policy. when the Philadelphia Record, June 12, gave the Baggett's story picture of petty advisors who publicity. This callousness of have constituted a new Missouri the Republican city administragang surrounding the President tion, which has stalled for months. of the United States and counselon veterans' housing, was pouncing him to invoke a draft law ed upon by the Democrats. Howagainst labor, to put bayonets at ever, reports from other parts of the backs of workers, if necesthe country, in The Militant and sary, to break strikes . . ." said other papers, have shown sim-Murray. ilar failure to provide homes for veterans in Democratic-run communities.

Last December, after Baggett's discharge from the Army, the Baggett family had to move from North Carolina to Philadelphia. where he had worked before entering the Army. Despite diligent search, he couldn't find even two furnished rooms. None of the various social agencies would help him. Having no other alternative, the family was forced to spend its days in the

During this period, a friend of Mrs. Baggett permitted the family to sleep in her small apartment after her husband went to

work on the night shift. Each morning, at 7 a.m., the Baggetts had to leave for the day. Then to the park, rain or shine, went the sick Mrs. Baggett and her children to pass the long day while her husband took up the futile search for rooms. Their in part:

To make things worse, Mr. Baggett could not get back his job as a brakeman on the B. & for the Big Business interests. employer hire him while he lacked a home address.

road workers didn't rush to work On June 10, the finishing just because the 'government' touch was added when the owntook over. The politicians are er of the building in which Mrs. merely fronts for the big antilabor industrialists. BOTH THE SAME

"Now Brother Worker, don't didn't leave. be naive and say that a Repub-Immediately after the story of lican president wouldn't have done the same thing. You know paper, offers of assistance poured full well any president-either A sliding scale of wages, under in. By the next day, the fam-Republican or Democrat-would a fixed minimum, which is auto- ily had a home (temporary), have done the same thing. You know that BOTH the Republican ically anti-labor, because they are BOTH set up to keep the and Tweedle-Dum . . ."

American Newspaper Guild con- ord of the two parties still points to the importance of the workers in this country not being caations with a scathing attack on joled into supporting the reactionary Republican party be-"We find the most unhappy

cause of the reactionary minority in the Democratic party." There's no gainsaying that the Republicans are reactionary. But

what "minority" in the Democratic Party passed Truman's work-under-bayonets" bill in the House by a vote of 306 to

Murray's answer to Truman's 13?

Labor Will Be Forced To Build **Own Party, Says Union Editor**

More evidence of the impetus given by the Big Businessgovernment anti-labor actions to the campaigns for formation of a labor party, is contained in the May 31 issue of The Union Register, official publication of the Northwest

Council of AFL Lumber & Sawmill Workers, representing 60,000 members.

the rail and coal strikes is that a Labor Party or some other H. K. Kendall, the Register's | mass political party of the PEOeditor, writes a slashing indict- PLE is bound to arise from this ment of the Truman admin- national strike experience in istration and Congress, which he | which we have seen the Presicharacterizes as "merely an 'exdent of the United States and ecutive committee' for the Big | the members of Congress brazen-Business interests." His state- ly playing the role of strikement ends by pointing the way breakers in the interests of Big to a labor party. Kendall says Business.

"The political significance of

"Yes, the PEOPLE will be "These politicians, including forced to organize their own political party and vote themselves President Truman and most of into power, so that we will have the senators and congressmen, have shown themselves to be a genuine democratic government which will honestly represent the PEOPLE-including the That's why the miners and rail-WORKERS-and not a 'government' that acts like an 'executive committee' of the big employers

> "We predict that a nationwide move in this direction will be started immediately following the passage of the vicious antilabor legislation that Big Business politicians in congress are already rushing through. It is up to organized labor to take the LEAD in this political rebellion of the PEOPLE. Let's forget partisan politics for a change. Let's forget about being either Republican or Democrat, and show our true colors by being what we really are-LABORI*

in Omaha's government-inspected plants.

it through legal channels can be judged from what the black mar-

These buyers send the meat

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1946

Superficial observers frequently insist that the USSR has emerged from the second word war "strengthened." Like authors of kindergarten primers, they measure "victory" or "defeat" by the number of "cities taken" and "battes won." We have tried tions on the amounts of money to apply more serious cri- tions on the amounts of money or goods one inherit, this

teria.

Thus, we have shown that the international situation of the Soviet Union was more precarious at the conclusion of the second world war than at its beginning, in view of the fact that a single imperialist power has now completed its encirclement of Russia. We will try to show that even inside Russia the war base inherited from the October ternal situation as well reveals itself to be much more precarious in 1945 than in 1940.

RICH FARMERS

The pro-capitalist tendencies themselves more and more with became accentuated during the war, above all, in the domain of Hitler's conquests; the psycholtition of the land by German imperialism; the extreme scarcity of the most elementary tools and the general disorganization of the economy acted to destroy the material and subjective basis for collectivization in Western Russia. Individual exploitation remained, for all practical purposes, quite prevalent even after the liberation of the territories.

^{*} Even in the Soviet press, voices were raised demanding an implacable struggle against the pro-capitalist elements in the countryside. In the other Russian territories, the scarcity of prime necessities, the spread of the black market, the intensification of speculation, created conditions favorable for the crystallization of a new exploiting stratum within the collective farms (kolkozes).

"INDEPENDENT" SPIRIT

Many peasants succeeded in accumulating hundreds of thousands if not millions of roubles. That was shown clearly at the time of the individual purchase, more or less compulsory of State loans which frequently amounted to the above mentioned sums. As their riches increased, the spirit of independence of the well-to-do farmer elements (kulaks) in the countryside like wise increased. Numerous complaints appeared in the Soviet press about this or that kolkhoz which not only did not take into consideration the plan quota for

grain deliveries to the state that is to say, which began living independently of the Soviet economy. Finally in March 1945, a decree effected changes in the law of inheritance so as to eliminate for all practical purposes any limits to the number of legal heirs. Now any Soviet citizen can draw up a will and make any other citizen his legal heir. To the extent that this permits procapitalist elements to transform numerous poor peasants into convenient figureheads who can be used to get around the limita-

ance movement. Participants

The new publication is dedi-

cated to the restoration of Marx-

ism and to a socialist orienta-

Norway today has a labor gov-

ernment; but, alas, it rests con-

tent with the continuation of

capitalism. Its main slogan has

cial reformists, Stalinists includ-

ultaneously, the workers are in-

first acts, following the "libera-

tion," was the establishment of

a Wage Labor Board to have

The Stalinist leaders have

joined the team. In fact they

"Wages are not everything to-

admonished the workers:

final authority over all wages.

STALINISTS JOIN

tion for the labor movement.

Party.

decree constitutes an important concession to the kulaks and an accelerating element to primitive accumulation in the countryside.

OUT

UMBERTO

DEPOSED IN ITALY

The Anglo-American au-

thorities supported the mon-

archy until the very end-

even after a decisive major-

ity of the votes on June 2 was

against the House of Savoy.

King Umberto refused for sev-

eral days to abdicate, even

world. He even accused the gov-

To Very End

REFUSED TO GO

quarters in Naples.

CONDITIONS IN INDUSTRY During the whole war period, industry worked without a general pre-established plan. In heavy industry this resulted in has considerably strengthened an increasing independence of elements hostile to the economic different state trusts, which more and more tended to make revolution. In this sense, the in- agreements between themselves without consulting any intermediate central bodies. In light industry it led principally to an increasing decentralization, with the local authorities occupying **Allies Supported**

the production of very limited articles of consumption, often agriculture. The disappearance on a handicraft basis. Even in of the tractors as a result of 1945, the local and regional authorities were told "Get' along ogical consequences of the par-, by yourself" in providing for the construction of new lodgings for the millions of homeless.

Finally, the "policy of forced savings" which was followed to prevent a runaway inflation during the war resulted in the accentuation of the tendencies toward independence in the domain of the banks. The banks have tended to follow their "own policy," that is to say, to fix an interest rate determined by their own balance sheet, and no longer a general one for all of though the outcome of the elec-

Russia. This inevitably causes a differential in investment policy and is also a serious step toward the dissolution of the Soviet economy as such.

We know that the caste of ranking officers received impor-

the beginning of the war: the reestablishment of indivisible command, abolition of political commissars, the reestablishment of the use of orderlies, the extension of officers' rights (among phere of civil war, filled with others, the right to shoot deserters on the spot!). Later the inequalities in the army became even more accentuated. The officers and enlisted men were lodged separately, messed separately and the relative differences in pay became very much greater than those in capitalist

countries. Meanwhile the vilest chauvinism triumphed in the field of king is on legally firm ground." the bread grain crop assigned to propaganda. The Greek Orthoit, but even refused to make its dox Church under the patronsupport for the monarchist mobs. age of the government accumu-STRIKE THREAT lated immense riches It even

The War Strengthened U. S. Domination Of Philippines Pro-Capitalist Forces By Ernest Germain _____ IS Not Halted By 'Independence'' On July 4 the U.S. government will go through a highly

New Military Code Foreshadows **Revival Of Purges In Red Army**

By George Breitman

THE MILITANT

More purges are on the order of the day in the Soviet | Soviet Union, it is discovered Union, and they are coming — if they have not already for peace time? begun - in the armed forces of the USSR. That is the political conclusion to be drawn from the new disciplinary

code for the Red Army, Navy®and Air Force signed by Stal-| that are lessening the military in and reported by the offi-3. The establishment of special army newspaper Red cial "officers' courts of honor Star on June 19. which are created to preserve

The new code, according to the dignity and honor of the ofthis paper, has the following spe- ficers' rank." These courts will cial features:

1. Even more rigorous military discipline than in the past, with greater emphasis on saluting, etc., with an injuction to officers that "not a single offense or act of misconduct by subordinates should go unnoticed." 2. The necessity and duty to unworthy of officers and con-

trary to the "understanding of report to the highest officials the ethics and morality in the "the stealing or wasting of mil-Red Army." itary property, unlawful spend-How does it happen that after ing of money or any misconduct

the war, after the Red Army has in handling food supplies to troops" and "insubordinate acts been hailed as the savior of the

cast for a republic and Bureaucrats in Control **At Laborite Conference**

(Special to The Militant)

LONDON, June 13-The 45th annual conference of the a pro-capitalist peasantry in the change even in the figure astions was known to the whole British Labor Party is now being held in Bournesmouth. The conference has been attended by 1,179 delegates repreernment of an illegal act in ap- senting over 3,000,000 organized workers. On the two most

pointing Premier Alcide de Gas- | important questions facing® CONCESSIONS TO REACTION peri as provisional chief of the the conference-the application for affiliation by the republic. His pretext was elec-Communist Party (Stalinist) tion irregularities—although all and the foreign policy of the tant concessions from Stalin at the levers of control, occupation Labor government—the leaders authorities, army, police, etc., of the Labor Party have scored were on his side. Meanwhile, a victory,

The CP affiliation proposal royalist forces were mobilizing all over the country in an atmos- was rejected by 2,678,000 votes against, 468,000 votes for. A motion' to amend the Labor Party provocations such as the burning constitution to forbid any furof the Communist Party head- ther application for affiliation by the CP — or any independent

organization — was carried by Here, as in the past, the mon-2,413,000, against 667,000 votes. archy received the support of This victory for Transport the occupation officials. Ad House followed upon months of miral Ellery Stone, Allied com- intensive campaigning by the mander in Italy, publicly an- leaders of the Labor Party, led nounced that in his opinion "the the LP). Using all the methods at their disposal — silencing op-Needless to say, this was welcome positions, threats and horse deals cialist phrase.

- the bureaucrats were able to reverse the situation which exthat stricter discipline is needed

There can be only one answer: This stricter discipline is not needed to strengthen the Red Army, but to strengthen the bu- OLD JOB, NEW TITLE reaucratic grip over the Red

Army, which the Kremlin had to relax somewhat during the war. between the Stalinist bureaucracy and a section of the officer caste.

If this was not the case, Stalin would not take the grave step of in effect publicly reprimanding the officers and implying they have been guilty of mili-

The new code is a warning to the officers. At the same time under cover of talk about embezzlement, corruption and insubordination, it prepares Soviet public opinion for a general assault against all oppositional elements in the armed forces.

POTENTIAL VICTIMS

them.

A rift must be taking place

ther enslave and despoil Twelve years after the passage of the Tydings-McDuffie

Act in 1934 by Congress, the



McNUTT

this new purge will be pro-cap- Philippine Commonwealth 'will italist elements in the officer become the Philippine Repubcorps may be taken for granted. lic. But behind the new form. There are such elements, re- the content of colonial slavery flecting primarily the growth of remains the same. There is no slaved. countryside, whose development signed by the U.S. government is reported elsewhere on this page to the task of keeping the Filiin the article by Ernest Germain. pinos in bondage to Wall Street. During the war they were en- Paul V. McNutt, the U.S. High couraged and rewarded by Stalin Commissioner to the Philippines, himself, and it is quite likely will go. But Paul V. McNutt, the that their influence has grown U. S. Ambassador to the Philipsufficiently to make them ap- pines, will carry on the same pear dangerous to the Kremlin. imperialist job.

But they will not be the only TIGHTEN GRIP

victims. It has always been a What does Wall Street's "infavorite Stalinist device to uti- dependence" mean economically Osmena, former Philippine presilize the crimes and blunders of for the 18,000,000 Filipinos? First, dent, and his successor, Manthe bureaucracy or its pro-cap- the Filipinos are compelled to uel Roxas, readily agreed. A italist allies as a pretext for amend their constitution to per- treaty specifying locations of launching purges which wipe out | mit American business men and | military bases, facilities, transit opposition trends of all kinds. American capital to enter the rights and personnel is to be The bureaucracy can be expect- Philippines on the same terms negotiated between the U.S. and ed in the new purge to strike and with the same rights as Fili- the Philippine Republic after also-and must brutally-at crit- pino businessmen and capital. July 4. Thus, with the connivics from the left (in the army) The Philippine peso is to be peg- ance of the native capitalist tools those who are discontented with ged to the U.S. dollar. American of American imperialism, the the nationalist counter - revolu- Big Business thus fastens its Philippine Republic will be thrust tionary course of Stalinism and grip on the country's national under more extensive American want to return to the program economy with enforced constitutional guarantees.

of Leninism. At any rate the new code, like the purges it foreshadows, is a \$625,000,000 from the U.S. as aid

through its political servants in Washington, will tighten its greedy grip upon the Filipino masses in order to fur-**Behead German** For Opposing Rule (Special To The Militant) LONDON, June 13-An in-

publicized and showy ceremony to deceive the world into be-

lieving that it is granting independence to the Philippine

Islands. In reality as the July issue of Fourth International points out, behind the pomp and pageantry Wall Street.

> dication of the criminal policies of the British Labor government in the German zone of occupation is the recent Associated Press report: "Kurt Rogener, found responsible for issuing anti-British posters in the British zone of Germany. has been beheaded for inciting the populace to rise against the occupying authorities."

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The politics of Kurt Rogener are not known, but it is clear that all forms of German left wing organizations which fall foul of the occupying authorities are in danger not only of suppression but of the barbarism of British reaction, sanctioned by the Labor government.

es of "independent" Philippines will continue to be siphoned off

by the Wall Street profiteers. For the masses, the Philippines will remain a collection of plantations with a few factories processing profitable export crops. The economy will remain backward, the people poor and en-

MILITARY BASES

With the granting of this fraudulent "independence" all the decisive powers will continue to remain in the hands of the U.S. imperialists. Last year the U.S. government demanded the right to establish its own military bases in the Philippines and to maintain them in perpetuity ---that is, forever. Both Sergio

military control than ever before. The Philippines will receive How fearful the native capitalists are of the reaction of the manifestation of the fact that in reconstruction, but the mater- Philippine masses to this fake The explanation for this vic- the Stalin regime remains a re- ials, technical services and per- "independence" was revealed in tory of the Labor leaders lay gime of crisis. None of Stalin's sonnel will be placed in the hands Washington on problems inside the Soviet Union of U.S. administrators. Moreover, Philippine Resident Commissionhave been solved by the war. On none of the money will become er Romulo. He appealed before the eve of the war he had to available unless the Philippine Congress in the name of the carry through widespread and government accepts the provi- Roxas government for U.S. interrepeated purges in the army, sions of the Philippine Trade vention through the quick pasdecimating its leadership over Act of 1946. This provides that sage of the "Republic of the Philand over again. Now at the ter- Philippine exports to the U.S. ippines Military Assistance Act." "It is important that this bill until 1954, and subject to a probe approved before the advent of independence," he urged. There are in the Philippines Exports, limited by quotas, are today more than 300,000 firearms in the hands of people who have no right to hold them . . to have peace and order we must get assistance from the U.S. government as provided in this bill . . . Don't forget that our security is also America's security ... You are helping us so that we can help you." The Roxas government represents the wealthy landed capitalists, who during the war willingly collaborated with the Japanese imperialists in order to protect their own profits and privileges. Today they are betraving the independence move ment in return for the same protection by the U.S. imperialists,





by Harold Laski (chairman of Ernest Bevin, foreign secretary, won the day with a speech which contained not even a single so-

That some of the victims of

See Editorial Page 4 tary offenses. rule on breaches of discipline

succeeded in bringing about an official reconciliation between Stalin and the White Guard Russians in Paris and Shanghai. That is how Soviet society emerged from the Second World War, menaced internally and Rome.

externally. (The above is the third 'in a series of articles on the Soviet | record that they can be expected | Lewisham division which "views Union, translated from La to continue to give support to with grave concern the continu-Lutte Ouvrier, Belgian Trots- the most reactionary elements. ance of a Tory foreign policy,' kyist paper. Future issues of Anglo-American imperialism re- and the one from Newcastle-The Militant will print addi- mains an obstacle to progress for under-Lyme which condemned tional articles in this series.) the Italian masses.

Optakt, a new organ for revolutionary socialists, made | goal: a world freed of all suf- appointment and passivity.

that victory had been achieved: Lebor's own leaders supported

"The dreams of the old veterans the illusion, the Communist as

world based on social justice.

It was not only Roosevelt and

Churchill who promised that

through the Atlantic Charter.

isted last March, when the af- largely in the fact that the all The procrastination of the filiation proposal had the sup-

public was finally ended by the unions, and the declared supthreats of general strike by the port of a million workers. workers in northern Italy, and Almost 50 resolutions criticizthe demonstrations in Milan and | ing the foreign policy of the La- | left to chance in this confer-

bor government were tabled for Umberto left Italy, but the the conference. Typical of these union machine had been geared authorities have shown by their resolutions is the one from the to suppress any criticism and the government's policy in re-

ment.

tion stones:

ism.

deciding power at LP conferences government in declaring the re- port of some of the largest is in the hands of half a dozen big unions who between them command almost four-fifths of the total votes. Nothing had been ence. The whole LP and trade opposition.

> TREMENDOUS DISSATISFACTION However, the feelings and the

criticisms of the workers of the ten months of Labor in office found its reflection in the criti-**New Marxist Paper Issued In Norway**

cisms made by Will Lawther, National Union of Mineworkers' leader, of the Labor government's nationalization policy, which has not produced the slightest improvement in the conditions and wages of the mine workers.

of a new (camouflaged) Nazism, Lawther, who is as guilty as any labor bureaucrat of reac-There is only one way in which tionary attacks upon the rankand file, went so far as to threat-The Norwegian labor moveen strike action if the miners ment is built upon two foundawere not given better conditions and shorter hours of work. This These violent incidents have An independent trade union indicates the tremendous dissatorganization for the daily strugsfaction and pressure of the gles for the standard of living miners and workers in the naof the workers and a revolutiontionalized industries.

the theoretical concepts of Marx-**U.S. News Broadcaster** is Muzzled By BBC

> LONDON, June 20-The British Broadcasting Corporation might not flare up. Many hoped has refused permission of a special broadcast here by Howard K. Smith, American news commentator and author of the wellknown book, "Last Train from Berlin."

While declaring that the Unit-

miles from its border, while the and British reaction. the broadcast.

mination of the war the same shall continue to be duty free process is renewed.

Like all totalitarian dictator- gressively increasing tariff durships, the Stalin regime dares ing the 20 years thereafter. not permit the slightest sign of opposition and its only answer to be allocated, as the U.S. specto discontent is new bloodbaths. ifies, among Philippine export-These purges are a sign of the ers, mainly Americans, who were mortal weakness of the regime in business before the war. Thus and its lack of support from the in every way, and on a vaster scale than ever before the rich-

CIVIL CONFLICT IN PALESTINE AND PLIGHT OF NAZI VICTIMS

An outbreak of civil strife is rocking Palestine. Jewish armed groups have dynamited bridges and kidnapped British officers. The British imperialist rulers of Palestine have responded with a curfew and brutal house-to-house searches, hunting down leaders of the direct actionists.

grown out of Britain's refusal homeland for the Jews in Pal-estine. But these carvers of coto permit more emigration to | lonial empires did not have the Palestine of Hitler's victims. slightest intention of living up to peasants who rose and threaten-The frightful slaughter of the their promises.

Jews by the Nazis left the sur-Consequently the hope of Hitthe Allied conquerors have done has proved to be nothing but a balahaps. Thus the native capiof these people that new pogroms | turn?

to go to Palestine since the doors offers no solution. For it is this with Wall Street the exploitation of all other countries were fast- system that produces the Hitlers of the Philippines. ened against them. With Pales- and their Allied counterparts. It action.

But more is involved in the where on earth. ed States and Russia have em- plight of the Jewish people than

Thus most of the survivors mentary right of refuge. of Hitler's terror are still trapped This means opening up the in Europe while those who suc- doors of all the great powers to

He added: "Russia has estab- ceeded in entering Palestine are unlimited immigration of the lished its most distant base 600 caught between Arab resentment survivors of Hitler's terror. And in common with the labor move-United States is establishing During the Second World War, ment the Jewish people in Eurbases 6,000 and 7,000 miles from the Zionist leaders supported ope must fight for full demoits shores." When he refused Anglo - American imperialism. | cratic rights and against capital4 the censor's demand to delete They counted on the Wall Street ist exploitation and oppression these passages, BBC cancelled and London bandits living up to which breed anti-Semitism to-

their promises of a national day.

FEAR REBELLION

The landowners are frightened by the angry rebellion of the ed to topple the whole parasitic system. They tremble with feat vivors with an overpowering urge |ler's victims to find peace and a |before the rising agrarian move--get out of Europe. Nothing country of their own in Palestine ment led by the fighting Huk-

has served to allay the deep fear treacherous mirage. Where to talists are more than willing to serve as junior partner of the One thing is clear. Capitalism American imperialists and share

In this, the native capitalist tine barred by the British, Jew- is this system which prevents a class of the Philippines differs ish armed groups took to direct few million hounded, persecuted in no respect from the native cappeople from finding a haven any- italist class in India. Both are betraying the struggle for gen-

The fate of the Jews, like the uine independence in return for whatever concessions they can extort from the imperialist rulers. dom would mean independence must be launched for the ele- but from their native betrayers as well.

READ

Fourth International

in the group are members of have been realized." The next well as the Social-Democrat. And both the Norwegian Labor day the capitalist daily Dagbla- the people believed it, even after Party and the Communist det commented sarcastically: Roosevelt had declared that "He must have referred to the there was no Atlantic Charter. capitalist veterans for the vet-In collaboration with "the proerans of the labor movement algressive section of the bourgeoisie" we were to destroy reways dreamt about socialism." action and open up the road to However, in its leading edisocialism. torial Optakt presents the prob-In this manner the capitalists lem clearly and lucidly, it says: succeeded in establishing their Finally the Norwegian labor control over the resistance movemovement stands before the goal

ment and infusing it with their become that of all European so- it has struggled for, dreamed ideology. The best youth from about and strived for during 60 the labor movement fought for ed: "Increase production." Sim- years. The elections last summer gave formed that the standard of liv- the Norwegian Labor Party a

its first appearance in Norway on May 1 of this year. Its | fering and oppression; a new

publishers are a group of Marxists who during the German

occupation had issued several illegal papers taking up the

struggle against the capital-ist hegemony of the resist-

ing must be reduced. One of its majority in Parliament and together the two workers' parties have a decisive majority amongst the Norwegian people. How does it come then that

carried the ball. When the first board decision went against the national labor federation, they REALLY?

ment; we have a labor majority It is bitter to have to answer in Parliament . . . We must NO today on the first "free" tighten the belt and put the May Day after six years of ocshoulders to the wheel. It is for cupation. After Nazism is de-

for the future of our children; Make an end to laziness."

tiredness, disappointment and nopelessness are sneaking in upon the working people of Nor-We are in the process of a revolution within the Norwegian society. OR ARE WE NOT given the Labor Party a majority

day. We have a labor govern- BITTER ANSWER

Norway, for Norway's future, for stroyed.

This war had for its object let them not be ashamed of us not merely the victory over Ger-

At the May Day demonstra- which everybody should sacri- standard of living. That is why tion in Oslo, Prime Minister Ger- fice all in order to reach the they react with ernicism, dis-

in Parliament and the power of government. But this labor government does not feel itself as a labor government. It solidarized itself with the capitalist state, which it administers and with which it remains content.

vocateurs.

Maybe it is not so easy to understand these political developments in Norway; but economi-

... Speed up the work tempo. many, we were told. It was a cally the workers feel it from struggle against all reaction in day to day through the lowered 423 Springfield 8:30 p.m.

a program. And ensuing events | swindle them away. took cruel revenge. They have for May Day 1946. 'The Crimes Of Big **Business In War**

These are the values which were today in the danger zone and which we must unitedly de-"king and fatherland" and laid fend. In the first instance this

ary socialist program based on

This is a dangerous develop-

It can end in fatalism in face

and in the face of a new war.

we can meet this danger.

down their lives without being is a defensive program. But it permitted to voice their own ou- is the only one which can give jectives. Those who dared to us the strength to again open bring forward revolutionary per- up the offensive for socialist ob-

spectives were stamped as projectives. And this time we are not permitting anything or any-The workers faced the "libbody to stand in the way. We eration" with illusions and with shall make the analysis so clear

OUR PROGRAM

hope; but without leaders who and pose the objectives so sharpcould give them an outlook and

ly that nobody shall be able to This is going to be our program NEWARK

And Peace

Speaker:

MAX GELDMAN

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

power and influence over 56 new countries, islands and territories."

United States has expanded its tine.

erged from the war as "the only the perfidy of Britsh imperial- fate of the Negroes and all optwo expansionist nations," Smith ism. Emigration to Palestine pressed nationalities and minorhad insisted on pointing out in has run up against the resist- ities, is bound up with the fate For in the Philippines, as in Inthe script of his speech that ance of the Arab nationalists and of the world labor movement. In dia, a genuine struggle for freewhile Russia has expanded its the Arabs constitute the major- common with the labor move-

influence over 12 countries, the ity of the population of Pales- ment an immediate struggle not only from the imperialists



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SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1946



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

-Leon Trotsky

Hands Off China!

One hundred thousand Chinese demonstrated in Shanghai June 23, according to United Press, against American intervention in China.

The demonstrators carried placards reading: "U. S. Army - Go Back to Your Home Sweet Home," "Down with U.S. Dollar Diplomacy," and "Americans, Don't Participate in the Chinese Civil War."

Loudspeakers roared in English and Chinese for the immediate withdrawal of the American Army and Navy from China.

This demonstration once again dramatically calls attention to Wall Street's plans of conquest in China. Far from withdrawing American troops after V-J Day, Washington has been sending them deeper into this strifetorn land. These troops are being used as a pillar of support for the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek regime.

Besides American troops, Washington has turned over bombers to Chiang Kai-shek. American transport ships, instead of bringing the American boys back home, are carrying Chiang Kai-shek's armies into Manchuria. These armies are supplied with American armaments. In addition American officers are working on Chiang Kai-shek's staff, shaping these armies into a modern mechanized war machine. Wall Street hopes ultimately to use these armies as auxiliaries in the Third World War.

Washington's intervention in China is against the will of the Chinese people. The latest demonstration is only one in a long series. The Chinese people wish to rid themselves of the hated Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship. They want peace. They want the opportunity to lift China out of its present misery, famine and bloodshed. Washington's intervention is likewise against the will of the American people. Both the soldiers overseas and their families at home have demanded their return. The pressure on Congress to withdraw the troops has been so great that one promise after another has been given to bring them back home. Definite dates for the withdrawal from China have even been set. Each one of these promises has been broken.

call for price ceilings and their rigid enforcement and for rationing of all scarce commodities.

A labor majority in Congress could pass measures to requisition all supplies and distribute them equitably to the people at fair prices. It would deal in no gentle fashion with profiteers and speculators who tried to hold back necessities of life in order to extort robber prices.

There is only one way the workers, poor farmers and lower-middle class can get a government representing their interests and opposed to the inflationeers. That is through independent political action with a party of the masses, a labor party. Build a labor party! Drive the agents of the profiteers and monopolists out of Washington!

Bilbo's Lynch Call

U.S. Senator Theodore Bilbo campaigning for re-election, on June 22 publicly incited "every red-blooded Anglo-Saxon man in Mississippi to resort to any means to keep hundreds of Negroes from the polls in the July 2 primary."

In case anyone should not understand that he meant lynch violence, Bilbo added: "And if you don't know what that means, you are just not up on your persuasive measures."

His address, broadcast over the radio, was made only a few hours after a Negro veteran who attempted to register charged that he had

been flogged by four white men. Bilbo explained that if a few Negroes vote this year and a few more next year, "from then

on it will grow into a mighty surge." In the face of this threat by the majority, Bilbo calls openly for bloody terrorism to keep himself and the tiny ruling group of "white supremacists" in office.

Mississippi's population in 1940 was 2,183,-276. Bilbo was elected by 143,431 votes - virtually all the votes cast. By contrast, in the state of Washington, with a population of 1,-736, 191, the total votes cast in 1940 for U.S. Senator were 747,207. Bilbo is kept in power by a vote of less than seven per cent of the state population.

Bilbo is no isolated phenomenon. He is a harbinger of what the whole tiny capitalist class is prepared to do to keep the working people, the majority, from gaining political power.

Violence and murder were the answer of the tiny capitalist minority in Germany Italy and Spain when their rule was threatened by the working class majority. America's Sixty Richest Families will go to the same lengths if their rule is threatened by the masses of this country.

Bilbo's lynch appeal should serve as a sharp warning to all American labor. Place no dependence on the "democratic" capitalist minority to yield to the will of the majority. Labor must be prepared to defend itself through its own organized means against the fascist violence Wall Street will use if necessary to defeat the democratic will of the people.

New Red Army Code

The new code for the Red Army described in an article on Page 3 of this issue, is designed among other things to establish even stricter military discipline. Anyone who knows how strict that discipline was before adoption of the new code will ask: Is such a thing really possible? In Lenin's time, when the Red Army was led by Leon Trotsky, that army was a true innovation in military institutions. Well-disciplined, high in morale, it was also the most democratic army ever known. The officer corps and all types of caste privileges were abolished. Saluting was forbidden. The private was the equal of the colonel in everything but responsibility and pay, and the differential in pay was small. The enlisted men had the right to form committees which presented their grievances. And this army was able to fight a war on 14 fronts and defeat the attempts of all the capitalist powers and their Russian White Guard allies to overthrow the young workers' state. After Lenin died, when the Stalinist bureaucracy came into power and Trotsky was exiled, changes took place in the army as in all other Soviet institutions. The bureaucracy which could brook no opposition in Soviet society generally could naturally not tolerate any democracy in the armed forces. The progressive reforms in the Red Army initiated under Lenin and Trotsky were revised and the discarded. Before the second world war began it was hard to tell whose discipline was stricter or more undemocratic - the Wehrmacht's or the Red Army's.



"It really isn't our fault—I think black=market food is extra fattening!"



A PASSAGE TO INDIA, by E. M. | ing English virgin, engaged to | "friendship" and "injustice" -Forster, Penguin Books, 299 one of the resident Britishers. but not in the manner proposed

pp., 25 cents. • This novel about India by a picnic breaks up. liberal Englishman is a subtle Upon the return of the rest who remain in the shadows in and skillful analysis of the per- of the group to Chandrapore, his story will come forward and sonal relationships between the Aziz is arrested on charges of assert their real power by over-British ruling class and the na- rape The Club becomes the cen- throwing both of these exploittive Indian upper castes. But ter for whipping up the lynch ing classes, foreign and native while the author provides a pene- atmosphere. Hate-slogans are alike, and establish genuine brotrating insight into the daily dragged out to condemn the therhood and equality. lives and thoughts of these two "niggers" and protect "the women top sections of Indian society, in and children." The British sabre BLOOD IN THE STREETS by his book the great mass of the rattles ominously. Fielding alone impoverished, downtrodden In- courageously takes the side of dian people appears like a vague the unnerved Aziz. For this he shadow upon a distant screen. is ejected from The Club as a Only remotely does the power of class traitor.

Before the highly-charged atthe masses impinge upon the sharp clashes between the mosphere can explode into a haughty foreign oppressor and general massacre of the natives Dominican Republic, are today the Indian "Uncle Toms." The high point of the story is Quested bravely testifies in the press it. Mrs. Flor de Oro Truthe unsuccessful attempt by the trial that it was all a mistake. British residents to lynch Dr. Balked in their plans to reaffirm Aziz, a Moslem assistant to the their power over the Indians, the tion to try to suppress the book. British Civil Surgeon. Capable, infuriated British colony repudi-

meek and desirous of friendship ates Miss Quested. But in the end, the two "high- letters were sent to booksellers with the English, Aziz, like all of his race, is treated with cold minded" figures, Miss Quested in New York and Washington contempt both by his British and Fielding, return to the fold areas, as well as to the publisher, superior and al the other mem- of British class solidarity. With labeling this book as "scandalous, bers of "The Club." Two English ladies, visiting Aziz part ways. Thus does the manded that the book be with-

India, anxious to "see India and author conclude his plea for drawn immediately. the Indians," precipitate the more friendship and kindness "Although the book was pubevents leading up to the lynch- between the two ruling circles. lished on May 23, no suit has ing bee. Cyril Fielding, liberal He restores "order" to India by been started," Ernst stated. "If Principal of the small college at restoring each of his characters Mrs. Stehlin and her father

She flees in panic before the by the bourgeois author of this book. The worker, and peasants

Albert C. Hicks, published by Creative Age Press, Inc., 11 E. 44 St., N. Y.

The publishers of this book about the blood-stained rule of Rafael Trujillo, president of the by British troops, however, Miss fighting against attempts to supjillo Stehlin and her family are utilizing threats and intimida-According to Morris Ernst, counsel for Creative Age Press,

friendly sorrow Fielding and defamatory, libelous" and de-

EASTMAN RAISES **'RED PERIL' BOGEY**

By M. Stein -

The Scripps-Howard syndicate, controlling some twenty daily papers across the length and breadth. of the land, has been in the van of the "get-toughwith-Russia" crowd. They recently hired Max Eastman and paid him handsomely to do three. articles to help whip up their "Red-Peril" campaign. These articles were timed with the foreign ministers' conference in Paris, and the atomic bomb maneuvers in the Pacific. They are obviously an integral part of the psychological war waged so determinedly by Wall Street against the Soviet Union.

The three articles which appeared prominently on the front pages of the New York World Telegram, June 12, 13 and 14, reveal that the author, Max Eastman, was not worthy of his hire.

These articles, intended as an expose of Stalin's policy, are in reality no expose at all. They take as their text a quotation from "Problems of Leninism." a book published more than twenty years ago, containing some speeches made by Stalin in 1924. Max Eastman takes a few quotations from Stalin of 22 years ago, when he still talked like a revolutionary and he repeats in dreary monotone that these quotations are representative of Stalinist thought and policy today. Any copy boy on the staff of the Telegram could have done as well, if not better.

A conscientious author would pose and try to answer the question: How did the dead letter of 22. years ago square with the living reality of Stalinist policy in action?

In his articles Eastman instead takes Stalin's written word of decades ago as the gospel truth." without the least attempt to check it against the living reality. According to Eastman's twisted logic, Stalinist policy is to be judged not by what Stalin does today, not by what he did years agc-but by what he said in a book published more than two decades ago.

Words And Deeds

Words tell the truth only when they correspond to deeds. Words that do not correspond to the deed are only a means of deception. For example. the Atlantic Charter was the so-called program for which World War II was fought. Yet it was nothing but a deception in the light of the reality with which the peoples of the world are faced. Nobody in his right mind would say that the world is free from fear or free from want just because the Atlantic Charter says so.

To accept Eastman's criterion one would have to live in a world of fairly tales. The Negro people in this country would be blind to Jim Crow because the Bill of Rights says that all men are born free and equal. The colonial peoples would be oblivious to their exploitation and oppression simply because the imperialist rulers clothe their despicable rule with libertarian phrases. Truman would be the greatest friend of labor, despite his strikebreaking deeds against the railroad workers, because he says so himself. Max Eastman would still be a revolutionist because some twenty years ago he was in the orbit of the communist movement and he had written and spoken in defense of the Soviet Union.

Eastman A Renegade

But Eastman is a renegade who long ago went over into the camp of imperialism and has devoted himself to a defense of capitalist abominations. As a matter of fact, this is precisely why the Scripts-Howard syndicate gave him this well paying assignment. They have that his revolutionary past will give weight to his reactionary spoutings today.

The Daily Worker on June 13, immediately after the appearance of Eastman's first article, jumped

into print editorially with a denunciation of East-

Thus the perspective for China, if Wall Street has its way, it not Freedom from Fear or the other freedoms promised in the Atlantic Charter. The perspective is fearful oppression under the heel of American imperialism.

The labor movement must increase the pressure on Congress. Hands across the sea to the Shanghai demonstrators! Withdraw all 'American troops from foreign lands!

Prices And Politics

The only quarrel between the Truman administration and Congress on "price control" is how far and how fast to permit prices to go up.

Neither in its present form, nor in any modified version now being considered by Congress, will the OPA keep prices down. Like every other agency of the Big Business government, OPA protects profits first, last and always.

Skyrocketing prices which Wall Street is deliberately fostering are intended to inflict a huge hidden wage cut on the workers. This means expanded profits for the monopoly corporations.

Reports from the sessions of the joint House-Senate committee working out a final version of the OPA extension bill indicate all agree on one amendment. They all insist on retaining a guarantee of wartime profits on every single item produced.

Here is graphically revealed the role of the government as an agency of the capitalists. Even where the employers are forced to raise wages, through their political monopoly they are able to put through legislative measures to rob the workers of all they have gained in economic battles.

There would be a different story to tell if genuine labor representatives sat in Congress.

Labor representatives in Congress would demand effective government policing of the market. They would fight for full exposure of profiteering and black marketeers. They would

And now we learn Stalin is going even further along this path!

This is especially significant in this country because at the present time the U.S. Army too is trying to enact and enforce a stricter type of discipline. To answer its critics, especially among the veterans who had a taste of the officer corps in the recent war and didn't like it at all, the American brass points with horror - to the Red Army.

To cite one of many recent examples: The The War Department's Doolittle Board last month recalled the original "Russian experiment," only to conclude that later "the pendulum swung in the other direction and the Russian officer corps now has greater prestige and privilege than before the reorganization was attempted and far more than accorded officers in our Army."

In other words: "If Stalin can do it why can't we especially when we don't do it to the extent that he does?" And how can a Stalinist effectively answer such a reactionary argument?

Thus Stalin's new code, like the military regulations he put into effect before it, serves the effect of not only alienating support for the Soviet Union but also of justifying the regime of "barracks discipline" in the U.S. Army.

Chandrapore, serves as their to their "rightful" caste and think they have grounds for a guide. Fielding himself is treated place.

cause he numbers among his cause of the revolutionary strug- grounds, this is just an attempt friends some Indian natives, in- gles now going on in India. The on their part to intimidate Amerunsavory and decadent types be- ican business firms in order to cluding Dr. Aziz. In a moment of indulgence, longing to the two ruling classes, prevent Mr. Hicks' book on a The Club grants reluctant per- so well described in this book, subject of vital importance from mission for the ladies to see remain the same today as when reaching the American public Marabar Caves, a project spon- the book was written in 1924. . . . I am confident that Creasored and organized by the hum- But the movement of the masses tive Age Press has more than ble DF. Aziz. A trifling incident has since then gathered momen- ample evidence to prove the truth



A SLICK MANEUVER

One of the cagiest political operators in Congress is Senator Burton K. Wheeler, a Democrat of Montana. Only a few weeks ago troops were readied to break the railroad strike. Yet with labor still seething over this recourse to armed force, Wheeler at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, June 14, moved consideration of Senate Bill 1253 for the relief of certain railroad stockholders. And got away with it!

Most of the Senators, as is their custom, had already scrammed out for the week end. Be-

will have to go over," Democra- mittee testified in favor of it." tic Majority Leader Barkley | That argument should have been agreed to an exceptional thing a clincher. -a Saturday session. Thus any possible opposition would be caught short out on a beach or in a hammock with their shoes

quorum, the bill could be greased were properly represented and through the Senate with lightning speed.

Kansas, joined Wheeler Satur- large investments in railroad seday in the grease job: "If this curities, and I am wondering bill passes, \$80,000,000 more will whether those companies favor be available for the stockholders | the bill. I do not happen to know, and junior bondholders of the and I called my office to see if New York. New Haven & Hart- there had been any corresponford: by about \$60,000,000 in the case of the Rock Island; \$100,- is none." An embarrassing sit-000,000 in the case of the Mis- uation!

souri Pacific. and probably \$75.-000,000 in the case of the Frisco."

Wheeler did a perfect job of ing to help out a fellow Congressbuttering the legislative skids. man in distress. "Was it the Met-He murmured the magic names ropolitan?" he asked gently. of the "Wall Street Journal and the Journal of Commerce." He to induce Smith to spill his emphasized that "Every railroad worry on the Senate floor: "I executive, every banker, every am thinking of the Prudential. life insurance company repre- I should like to be advised about sentative, and every railroad em- | that !'

suit, they should start one imby "The Club" with reserve, be- The book is timely today be- mediately. If they do not have in one of the dark caves frightens tum. The Indian Revolution will of the statement made in Blood Miss Quested, an unprepossess- settle the question of capitalist In The Streets."

Wheeler lubricated the bill

junior bondholders and the

stockholders. Judge Igoe has

postponed final approval two or

three times so as to give us a

chance to legislate." Judges, Sen-

ators and stockholders work to-

gether like a precision machine!

Naturally the bill passed. And

naturally without a roll call vote.

man. But they are no doubt doing it with tongue in cheek. The American Stalinists emerged out of the war discredited among the best worker militants. Their super-patriotism, their avowed subservience to Wall Street, their strikebreaking actions have created such a stench in the nostrils of the American workers that the Stalinists had to dump their leader of fifteen years, Earl Browder, and blame him for all their crimes as a means of refurbishing their shattered reputation.

One of the by-products of Eastman's articles. intended to scare the American Babbitts with the Red Bogey, is this: they, at the same time give credence to the Stalinist claims of a "left" turn and help bolster their prestige among socialist-minded workers.

Stalinists Falsify

While denouncing Eastman the Stalinists resort to a falsification which falls into the same pattern as Eastman's falsification of Stalin's role. They say: "Eastman, is a follower of the notorious Trotsky who made a deal with the Nazis to help overthrow the Soviet government."

Many years ago while Eastman was in the communist orbit he held sympathies for Leon Trotsky. In addition he translated some of Trotsky's works from Russian into English. But it is no more correct for the Stalinists to present Eastman as a Trotskyist than it is for Eastman to present Stalin as a revolutionist. In both cases it is nothing but deception. It contradicts the living reality.

As to the Daily Worker's slanders about Trotsky making a deal with the Nazis to help overthrow the Soviet government, we refer the readers to the series of articles on this very question by Joseph Hansen on-page 7 of The Militant. It is precisely this charge against Trotsky which emphasizes all the more Stalin's counter-revolutionary role. The frameup and assassination of Leon Trotsky, the extermination of Lenin's entire generation of Bolsheviks by Stalin's firing squads-these are counter-revolutionary deeds that no amount of words written or spoken by Stalin in 1924 can cover up.

French Workers Show How To Get Wage Raises

LILLE, France, June 20-Bartenders, waiters and brewery workers striking for increased wages to meet the rising cost of living settled their demands by a demonstration of unique effectiveness.

When the bosses refused to negotiate, they occupied the premises here and operated them under the control of elected committees. After the end of the working day, the committees paid off the workers and arranged for the purchase of the next day's supplies. Surplus profits were deposited with their union.

The bewildered management threatened to sue the union for misappropriation of funds. But, apparently on advice of higher-ups who feared the consequences in the tense atmosphere of class conflict pervading France at present, they retreated and granted all the most important demands. After the settlement, the premises were turned back to the owners.

conference room rather than cause "it is obvious that the bill ployee who came before the comopenly on the floor of the Senate did not quite allay Smith's uneasiness: "They may hold sen-

ior obligations." he continued. "Would the position of those However, Senator H. Alexander senior obligations be jeopardiz-Smith, Republican of New Jered?" sey, lagged a little. He wanted to Senator Reed heartily reassurbe sure that the interests of the ed his brother Republican: "Unoff. And if no one demanded a clique who put him in Congress der all circumstances the senior bondholder gets his pound of so he inquired: "There are in

flesh regardless of what it does my State some very important Senator Reed, Republican of insurance companies which have to anybody." through the Senate so skillfully that Reed favored advising "Judge Igoe, just for his information of the passage of the bill by the Senate." Judge Igoe is hearing bankruptcy proceeddence on the subject, but there ings on the Chicago, Rock Is-

land & Pacific. "If we enact this bill." declared Reed. "\$60.000.000 But the old battle-scarred pomore will be available for the litical shark Wheeler was will-

A shrewd guess! Warm enough



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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.

Union Hiring Hall For All Workers Editor:

The June 15 issue of The Mili-

tant contained an interesting article by F. J. Lang entitled "Notes of a Seaman," in which the system of Union Hiring was defended and its advantages to such workers was explained.

It is nice to know that Union hiring halls guarantee fair and equal job opportunities for all seamen, and that it insures that all working rules in the Union contract are respected by the operators and thus the Union mentioned has not abused its control of hiring.

At this moment I am wondering whether it would be an ad-vantage for all unions to have the control of the hiring of workthe control of the hiring of workiness and the government through the United States Employment Service.

After all, the hiring of any worker can easily be influenced by various organizations and even individuals. However, all workers who belong to a Union are more or less under the control of that Union, and they guard their seniority privileges. A. S.

Demands Government Act On Cancer Research

Editor:

To say that cancer is a dreadful disease would be to put it mildly. Research is the keynote and the only hope for those unfortunate people who suffer from cancer.

To find the answer to this medical problem the government should immediately appropriate half a billion dollars and conduct the research program with the same speed and effort that went into atomic research.

millions of people are doomed terests of the big majority just after school. Some contribute to to death needlessly if a real proscientific talent for this program.

be answered by mass action.

"QUESTION FROM TARAWA . . .

Can crosses lift their arms and beckon, Do dead men speak? I sometimes wonder-Is that the surf that I hear rumbling, Or voices raised in outraged thunder? 'Where now, this brave, new world we fought for? The Peace and Plenty overwhelming, The Golden Horn of Cornucopia, The dazzling dream that died aborning? What now, you pompous, braying donkeys, What platitudes have you to proffer? What saraband of sleazy phrases, Or empty bag of tricks to offer? Atomic bombs and shattered cities, The acme of your civilization! With babies' bodies blown to dust, as A symbol of its coronation . . .

Eddie Dumaine

ers instead of the hiring being controlled by P'g and Little Bus-iness and the government

Editor: Militant carefully for the past Five where it says: "Our Prosix months" and that "not once gram." That's got some points have I seen one constructive suggestion to make this world a better place in which to live."

Maybe he doesn't think socialism is constructive. Does he think do the work. capitalism is constructive when Toledo, O. it's getting ready to heave the atom bomb? I'll take socialism

> fighting for. The Militant is calling for a rising scale of wages that goes up every time prices go up. Does

program for defending the work-

to fight unemployment.

to fool the people?

THE MILITANT

Why Migrant Workers Struck



Migrant workers tricked by promises of "good pay and comfortable quarters," went to work at the Starkey farms, Morrisville, Pennsylvania. They found one barn and one outside pump provided for the living, washing and cooking needs of over 50 families. Now organized into the AFL Meat and Cannery Workers Local 65, they are striking for higher wages and better conditions.

Readers Tell Of Weeks At Mid-West Vacation-School

meeting and say something] I would like to say a few things | must first have something to say. about the Mid-West Vacation To make my arguments against School and Camp which is about this damnable system of capital- place in the last years. Accept,

o reopen June 30. First I would like to comment something better to offer in its on the classes. Never in my life place. My problem was to find have I had the opportunity to that something better and find attend classes under such de- a method of selling it to my fellow worker.

tall trees and rich green grass to find something, one usually with groups of workers lolling doesn't have to look very far. in camp chairs or lying on the A friend of about 12 years standground, their bodies absorbing ing introduced me to the SWP. good old vitamin L while their I learned that my ideas of a minds are drinking in knowledge better way of life were substanimparted by a staff of very cap- tiated. I joined the party. A few able teachers. If the day happens months later I went to the vaca- don for more classics of the to be rainy, the class is held on tion school. I listened to the inthe pavilion, where you can idly structors take this system of watch the rain drops dancing capitalism apart piece by piece across Little Pleasant Lake, while and explain what makes it tick. I should know in order to carry armed myself with the necessary on the fight for a Socialist world? amount of ammunition to over-What did I learn at the school? come the sense of inferiority that Did it help me in any way? When had kept me glued to my seat I went to camp last summer I in union meetings. I learned that was practically a new member the SWP had the only workable of the Socialist Workers Party. program to offer to the workers. ters, and dollars piled up. Not a I was completely lacking in trade Best of all I learned how to carry week went by that the Militant union experience. I was too tim- that program to my fellow work-

say this. In the year since I at-

Pioneer Notes

Off the press only three weeks "The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Tasks of the Fourth International" has already sold more than 2,000 copies. Out of print a year, this historic document now appears as No. 1 of Pioneer Pocket Library, which will include various outstanding Marxian and Trotskyist works in a convenient uniform size and design.

"A beautiful jacket for a series," agreed several New York buyers, "and just what we've been needing: a uniform pocket size of the classics."

This work was formerly part "The Founding Conference of the Fourth International,' published in 1939. It comprises the transitional program adopted by the Founding Conference, as written by Leon Trotsky. . . .

Trotskyist works are in demand in the farthest corners of the world. Most of the readers would not be permitted to send money to America even if they could spare it, but Pioneer has tried to supply as many requests as possible.

"My joy is indescribable," writes a reader in Athens. acknowledging a shipment with apologies. "I regret I cannot help you by sending money. Now I shall be able to understand the great and serious facts taking please, my warmest thanks and gratitude.'

Other recent requests have come from Ceylon, Shanghai, Jerusalem. Cairo, several South American cities and South Africa, besides central Europe.

From Lancashire, England, we are informed: "This area, outside Merseyside, is virgin teritory for the Trotskyists so we will be sending down to Lon-Fourth International. I am glad to hear you are centralizing orders through the RCP (Revolutionary Communist Party) in London. It will certainly help to plan the sales so books can be directed to areas at present desperately short of material.'

THE DEATH AGONY OF CAP-**ITALISM AND THE TASKS** OF THE FOURTH INTER-NATIONAL." Pioneer Pocket Library edition, 25 cents. Order from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y.

Youth Group

. K.

The Militant is read today by month sub campaign, with the vorkers in almost every section of American industry, as indiccated by a few of the subscriptions sent in this week.

A. Field of Minneapolis sent ive subscriptions from railroad workers.

E. Brent mailed in subs for Detroit auto workers, commenting that the response the paper is receiving from GM workers is very good indeed, that most of them who subscribed for six months while on strike are now paying for one year."

Irene James of Portland. Oregon, forwarded \$1 contributed by a subscriber "who also brought in a half dozen subs for friends-all lumber workers -and promised more subs in the near future." She goes on to say that "this is the kind of subscriber who will make The Militant a mass paper in the coming period."

* * * We have many subscribers who are enthusiastic about The Militant and want their friends to

read it too. B. A. Barstow of Cleveland is the highest scorer with 131 sent in subs for two of his friends. points." A. C. Booth of Branscomb. Calif., asked us to send a sub

minded and introduced himself as 'maybe pretty red.' " This new subscriber is a woodsman.

tion, Pa., renewed his own sub and sent a sub for a friend. Mrs. Helen Cameron of Santa Monica, Calif., mailed in a sub

A friend of The Militant in Washington, D. C., sends money almost every week for copies of

friends of his. * * The Militant is not only being introduced to workers through the efforts of individual subscribers, but is being widely circulated by our comrades in various branches throughout the country.

The Cleveland Branch has sent in four or five batches of subs City of Amsterdam and it finds within the last few weeks, the last one containing 18 subs. George Grant reports that "Cleveland has rolled up 202 English soldiers, including Nerenewals since April 1.' Buffalo has started a two- | groes."

comrades in auto challenging the rest of the branch. The auto comrades enthusiastically promised 50 subs by the end of the first week. This is the first week's report from Libby Jones: "I am sending in 64 subs. These are the subs from the auto team which exceeded their promise of 50 by 14 subs during the first week. The city-wide team is way behind with 18 subs, but we will catch up. Our work is slower as it is mainly door-to-door work, but we will stick at it." Ann Alexander reports on the

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sub campaign organized by San Francisco: "30 subs enclosed. All these came from our recall work. As I wrote you once before, we have organized our recall work on a real campaign basis with full mobilizations every Sunday morning. Those who cannot go on Sunday get folders and go out on their available time, usually in the evening. There will be a prize for the one with the highest number of subs, new and renewed. The prize is a set of Lenin's Collected Works. So far Joan Wakefield

Minneapolis too has organized its sub work. A. Field writes: We are putting our call-back work on a campaign basis. The campaign will end Sept. 1 and we are offering literature from the Labor Book Store for first, second and third prize to the

comrades who get the most renewals." Al Cutler of Boston writes that

the summer months coming along makes it more difficult to do as much door-to-door work." But in spite of summer the paper to be sent to various the Boston Branch sent in 18 subs in this same letter and 16 in a letter just received.

It is heartening to know that our comrades in Holland are doing a good job in distributing The Militant. We quote an excerpt from their letter: "We take care that your Militant is sold in the busiest paper shop in the there a good sale. The owner of the shop informed us that most of the buyers are American and

OUR PROGRAM:

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

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

constructive for the people who A. L. P. New York

Brother Wagner have a better

ers from the inflation caused by constructive. I also think it's constructive when The Militant

How does he figure that The Failure on the part of the gov- Militant is trying to "incite"

calls for the 30-hour week and government operation of idle plants under workers' control

He says that The Militant is full of "worn catch phrases." Is very slim indeed. Some get a building a labor party and set- small allowance of spending ting up a government run by the money each week from their It goes without saying that workers and farmers for the in- families. Many work part time

gram of cancer research is not he prefer the "new" catchundertaken immediately. It is phrases like the "Four Freedoms" very obvious that the government which the sixty richest families support of The Militant. Each has the money, resources and the who rule this country put out

ernment to act immediately can the "complete breakdown of our Fund Director did not receive id to even ask a question at a er. duty on purpose. It can and must with resulting chaos"? Capital- fighters for socialism.

by the word "carefully." If he M. A. Wagner said in his let- | read The Militant carefully even ter last week that he "read The once he would have seen on Page

> that are a good starter for a constructive program. I don't mean constructive for the rich. But

which is what The Militant is How Trotskyist Youth **Raised Funds For**

'The Militant' Editor: the profiteers? I think that's tant Expansion Fund Campaign

The New York Trotskyist Youth Group finished The Miliat the top of the scoreboard with

253 per cent of its \$50 quota. Readers of The Militant will be interested to know where this money came from. The pocket-

books of the 15 to 18-year old members of the Youth Group are "worn catch phrases"? Or does the support of their parents. It took financial sacrifice to

raise the money they did for the week they contributed money on their pledges. The dimes, quar-

only be interpreted as neglect of social and economic structure some money from these young union meeting. Just sitting there I don't want this letter to sound duty on purpose. It can and must with resulting chaos'? Capital- fighters for socialism. ism is already doing that for us These young Trotskyists take ing the necessary self assurance the case. However, I do want to



lightful circumstances.

Imagine a beautiful setting of When one starts out in earnest

you listen to the lecturer explain listened to the history of the Marxian economics, Historical International from before the Materialism, etc. Can anyone Russian Revolution to the presthink of a more delightful way ent time. And in the surprisingly to learn the things a Marxist short space of three weeks I had

to a young man "who is open Albert Krause of Star Juncfor her sister.

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THE HOLE --

Paul threw away the match and inhaled deeply, expanding his chest and leaning his head back against the dirt-encrusted brick wall of the cast house. It would soon be time.

He watched Slim pack the sand against the bleed-out gate and saw Cramer, the boss, saunter over toward one of the spouts and lean on the rail signalling with his hand to the switchman to get the ladles spotted correctly. Paul slumped back against the wall feeling the weakness in his legs and the soft turmoil in his stomach.

"Jesus Christ," he told himself, "this ain't nothing. This ain't nothing at all next to the shells and bombs!'

He glanced furtively at the hand that held his cigaret. He could feel the tremor, but it wasn't evident. He dropped his hand to his thigh, letting it rest there. Then he raised it swiftly to his mouth, resting a couple of his fingers on his chin. Nobody was going to see that he had the jitters. He drew on the cigaret and once again dropped his hand to his lap, quickly so that none of the gang would see if it should shake.

Deep inside his stomach was a terrible emptiness, a void of quivering fear. Old Matt walked toward the trough, adjusting his goggles. That simple motion threw Paul into a fresh paroxysm of terror. If the tapping hole blew out on you when you were drilling it, the goggles would protect your eyes from the molten iron and the blinding white rush of the game flame. Oh, fine! Your eyes would be OK . . . but what about the rest of you? What the hell did a dead man want with

Jud Wilson Got It

Jud Wilson had been second helper up on Number Four years ago, three-four years before Paul was drafted. Paul remembered all about Jud. He didn't see it happen, but the whole department had talked about it in the locker rooms. and in the blast furnace shanties. Men from other departments had walked up to him at the bar in Emil's place and asked him, "Hey, how'd. that guy get burned up over in blast furnace yesterday?" He himself had asked Pete, "Jeez, how'd Jud get it?"-so he knew.

He knew how the tapping hole had been wet when they drilled it out. The gang didn't know it at the time, but everybody knew it afterward. Everybody knew Steve, the keeper, and Jud had drilled too far, and the iron had come out on him.

Funny, Steve should have caught it worse than Jud, but Steve just got his arm pretty badly burned, and Jud! - Christ, he got knocked right off the sheet irons into the trough with that goddam gas blowing right over him and the iron covering him up!

Couldn't have hurt him much, Paul mused. He never let out a peep. He must have got burned so bad it killed him right away before it had time to hurt much - like the guy that fell in the ladle once. He never let out a peep, either.

What the hell! If it don't hurt . . . You got to go sometime, and when that time comes you're gonna go, even if you're just laying in bed home or getting a shot at Emil's, and if it don't hurt none, then you're lucky.

Paul reasoned it all out, but there was no comfort. He didn't think his time had come, and he felt that maybe somehow there'd be a mistake and the tapping hole might blow out and burn him up like it did Jud, even if his time hadn't really come yet. And maybe it would hurt. It might hurt like all hell with the gas burning every inch of your face and body (even if the goggles saved your eyes), and the hot iron shooting and spraying all over you, cutting into you like bullets, burning you full of holes. For all he knew it might feel just like when you catch a spark inside vour ove, and it burns a ittle hole



go right through, like sticking a knife through a piece of newspaper.

"Come on, come on," Matt was bawling, standing there on his side of the sheet irons, holding up his side of the drill.

"Take it easy, you old Hunky bastard," Paul retorted. "We got eight hours here." He pushed his goggles down over his eyes and pulled on his gloves.

"Ah, I though maybe the army make a man out of you," the old man muttered in surly banter. "You still no - - - good, just like before you go away."

Paul stepped across the sheet irons that formed a temporary bridge over the trough and took his side of the drill handle.

"Hole dry?" he asked with forced nonchalance over the whirring of the drill.

"I de know."

"'I de know,'" mimicked Paul, trying to get into the old spirit of kidding. "Take that hunk of tobacco out of your mouth, and maybe you can talk English."

The old man spat. The tobacco juice lay on the sheet iron, glowing amber in the dull glare of the lights, which hung forty or fifty feet above them from the steel beams of the east house roof. You Never Knew

Paul pushed on the drill handle, tensely watching the hole. You never knew how deep the hole speakers. First to speak was Wilwas. One time the guys over on Number Two only got a foot and a half in when the iron came out. Only it came slowly, and they both got out of the way without getting burned.

The drill began to grate on something hard. Paul looked at Matt, but Matt kept his weight groes first and heaviest. Bohanon the machine, his bent old body swaying slightly | non declared: with the turning of the drill.

"We on the iron?" Paul finally asked. "Naw, Lump.'

Paul wondered fearfully how the old man ould be sure. Perhaps they were drilling into the crust. Perhaps in a moment they would break through, and then!

The grinding stopped, and again the drill began moving steadily through the tapping hole. Paul repressed a sigh of relief. He raised the back of his glove and wiped it across his dripping

leaned his weight on the handle and spat once more.

A Short Story **By Theodore Kovalesky**

floating and burning on top of the iron, out of from the tapping hole. He knew the diamondthe trough. They said you could smell burnt flesh on Num-

ber Four for a week.

(The gang would come up for the next shift. Maybe they wouldn't know about it. Somebody would say, "Jesus! What stinks?" If Cramer was still there, he'd probably look kind of pale. He'd say, kind of hoarse, "Paul got burnt up!" They'd all jump and holler, "How'd it happen?" "Him and old Matt drilled into the iron. Wet hole. Matt's in the hospital. Don't know how bad he's burned yet. Ain't much left of Paul.")

The Last Step ...

The drill bored steadily into the tapping hole, inching closer to the iron, closer to danger, closer to death and agony. Sweat streamed down Paul's back. He could feel little rivulets trickling down his legs into his socks. A couple of gondolas crashed together again down on the tracks. Paul didn't jump outwardly this time, but a terrible, jarring shock rocked his intestines. Silently he moaned. It was too much. Let the goddam iron come, only get it over with!

Matt drew back again, pulling the machine with im. A couple of the other guys unhooked the

pulled . . .

pulled the rest of Jud, what was left of him | rack. Paul looked. He saw the long bar protruding shaped cutting end was close to the iron, if not right against it. Maybe when he pulled it out . .

With dull hopelessness replacing his former panic, he reached for it. Vaguely he wished he had looked at the other drill to see whether or not it was wet. If the hole was dry, he'd be all right. Iron didn't blow out of a dry hole like it did a wet one. Iron and water don't mix, somehow.

But he hadn't looked in time. If the hole was out so Matt could blow out the hole. Then they'd burn it the rest of the way with oxygen, that is

if it didn't blow out first! God, he thought, if he got through this all right, he'd be okay until tomorrow, and then he'd have it all to go through again.

He put both hands on the drill. At the end of the hole was the iron, molten iron and fire, and eighteen pounds of pressure per square inch. The drill might be through the crust. When he pulled it out, everything might come with it . . . and him right in front of it all, with not a chance in the

world to get out of the way. Paul braced his foot against the splasher and

(The End) cable and carried the electric drill over to its \$855 Pledged At N. J. Dinner For Election Campaign Of SWP



Party candidate for Governor, 1946 campaign. Seated around the decorated then outlined the campaign banquet table, the members and plans of the SWP. He concluded friends of the Party were served by noting: "The opportunity now a delicious four-course meal, prepresents itself clearly to expose pared by an all-male committee and to prove to the hilt the rotheaded by Jack Reid, Russell tenness of both boss parties. It Roberts and George Holley. is our duty to spread our pro-CANDIDATES SPEAK

gram far and wide through ra-Alan Kohlman, SWP organizer. dio, meetings and tens of thouintroduced the after-dinner sands of printed leaflets. The scope of our campaign and its liam E. Bohannon, candidate for effectiveness depends primarily Congress in the 11th District. He upon you, the members and scored the postwar unemployfriends of the SWP." ment and the lack of decent

housing, which have hit the Ne- MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE Those present responded magnificently to the chairman's ap-

"I am doubly proud to be a peal for funds to finance the candidate of the SWP. First, in campaign. It was significant that order to champion the program of the \$855 pledged a great perof the party and the cause of the centage came from new members workers: second, to speak out and friends of the Party. One boldly as a representative of the worker made a pledge and then

joined the Party. A. Winters, Negro people.' The second speaker was Ar- organizer of the Bayonne SWP, lene Phillips, candidate for Con- pledged financial support of this gress in the 13th District. Point- branch to the campaign. The ing out that the SWP partici- spirit of comradeship which forehead. "Hot, up there," he said lightly to the pates in election campaigns in showed itself at the banquet and order to bring our ideas more in the fine response in pledges,

Matt didn't answer. Steadily, mechanically, he effectively and dramatically to continued through the rest of the workers, she said: the social evening.

"While wages have been cut and unemployment rises, prices



Held On L.A. **Race Covenants**

By Lois Saunders LOS ANGELES, June 22 -

tween white and colored, as the

California Supreme Court heard

Japanese and others, since the

covenants uniformly seek to bar

occupancy to "non-Caucasians."

expected for several months.

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other similar suits.

VIOLATE CONSTITUTION

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stitution, and also the constitu-

tion of the State of California.

Charles J. Katz, representing

Decisions on the cases are not

Defense lawyers based their

cases largely upon the broad is-

sues involved, namely that cov-

covenant cases last week.



Labor Power and Productive Labor By V. Grey

"Well, it's a dirty deal," you might say, "and a tough ituation when your labor produces so much and your labor power gets paid so little. But after all, why does your labor produce so much? You couldn't do' it without the capitalists' machinery and factories. You couldn't do it without the inventions of Edison and other 'smart men. You're just a laborer after all-even if a little bit skilled. wet, he didn't know it. He had to pull the drill If you sell your labor power for its full value and get a decent living wage-that's really all you're entitled to.'

Without modern factories and techniques we are helpless, all of us. That is true. But who made the factories? Did the capitalist, with his millions? Did even Edison, with his brains?

Ages ago the factories did not exist. And more ages before that there was no difference between labor and labor power that could be separated and exploited like it is today. And strangely enough, there were no millionaires.

At the dawn of humanity, the cave-man, or even eons later, the primitive Indian living in groups or tribes could barely produce enough from the unwilling earth even to keep alive. His labor power could not be bought and sold even if there had been someone around to buy it from him. There would have been no profit in it. For if part of the product of his labor were given to someone else, he would soon die of starvation.

But today human labor can produce thousands of times what the caveman could. For many, many centuries people have been improving their working tools, and thus increasing the productivity of labor.

No one knows who invented the wedge, the lever, the pulley, the wheel or axle. Long before writing existed, these existed. Ages before patent offices were invented, these were invented.

Yet they were tremendous advances for mankind. They made man's labor more fruitful. Labor could produce more with these elementary tools and mechanical devices. And in the last few hundred years these tools and devices have become transformed into extremely complex machines. Inventors long dead and forgotten made axes, nails, and chisels from the wedge, and wagons, waterwheels and mills from the wheel. In the last century they learned to harness steam and electricity to the machines.

The physical and mental labor of our fathers and grandfathers has produced the factories, railroads and other riches that lie around us. But generations upon generations of our remoter ancestors produced the things that made our fathers' labor more productive too.

The tools and technique we have today, the accumulated capital of the past and the rightful heritage of all humanity, these are the things that make our labor so productive. Our brains, too-finer and more subtle instruments than our ancestors had, enable us to work more efficiently, to produce better things.

Our Heritage Turned Against Us

But still, we as laborers have only ourselves to sell only our labor power. All that we produce - all that we labor to make - belongs to the buyers of our labor power.

Our ancestors built up such a tremendous storehouse of tools and knowledge, such a magnificent productive system, that it is impossible for each worker to own the tools that make his labor so productive.

We cannot work alone. We must work in common with hundreds of others, in order to make the kind of things and amount of things that are made today. We must work in huge factories.

Our heritage is turned against us. The capitalist, who owns the means of production-the instruments of our labor, finds us disinherited in the market place, with The court room in the state nothing to sell but our labor power. While our labor creates building here was jammed our work places and his pleasure palaces—our labor-power

Court Hearings

in the side of your hand. Only this would be a couple million times worse. This would be your whole body, both your hands, all your fingers, your stomach, your . .

Paul recalled once when he was a kid tightrope walking along an iron rail fence and he fell, straddling the rail. He remembered the thick gasp that rolled heavily from his mouth when he had tried to yell in his agony. He remembered lying curled up on the sidewalk, his bowels packed with a creeping pain, wishing he could die. And he thought of the flying, molten iron. Christ. what if it didn't burn you all up. what if a big splash of it just caught you there, like getting socked with a ten pound sledge and burned with acid and fire and hot tar all rolled up in one?

Sweat gathered under Paul's armpits and overflowed down his sides, tickling like cooties, making him think of the army again. Once more he told himself firmly, desperately, "This ain't nothing next to Normandy." He tried to drag his mind back to the invasion, back to the terror of the bombings when he had crouched in his foxhole, certain that the next one had his name written right across the side of it.

Now It Was Time

He leaped up from the board he was sitting on at the sound of a rumbling explosion. He stared excitedly around the furnace floor, looking to see what had blown up. Then he sat down again feeling foolish and hoping nobody had seen him. The sound had been only an engine banging into a couple of mud cars on the siding near the gas washer. "Them damn cars," he thought to himself with irritation. "They always sound like the whole blast furnace is blowing up!"

Slim was drying the sand now. Paul knew it was time, but he didn't move. He knew the boss would tell him to get started drilling out the hole with old Matt, and he knew Matt was standing there at the trough glaring at him. But still he sat there, pretending not to notice, stalling, staying away from that hole a few seconds longer, staying alive a few precious moments more.

"Let's go, Paul," Cramer said to him, a little surprise in his voice, because he knew Paul knew it was time. "What are you, day-dreaming?"

Paul grinned a little sheepishly and got up, fastening his furnace coat. The company gave you the coats, and they were supposed to be non-inflammable, that is, you could hold a match to them, and they wouldn't go up in flames. Only, if that hot iron ever hit them, it would



The anguish rose up again inside Paul. The relief of finding they weren't drilling the crust keep climbing higher and higher. had passed. Every inch brought them nearer to the iron. They hadn't hit it that time, but the SWP for a rising scale of there was no telling how close they were to it. Besides, you didn't always feel it. Sometimes the crust was soft, and you could drill right into the middle of the damn furnace without knowing any better. And there was about eighteen pounds of pressure per square inch inside there, trying to push that iron and fire out at you! Matt and Paul were leaning forward now, the front of the electric drill almost under the

splasher. Matt pulled back, swinging the machine out of the way. Paul stood at the side of the trough a moment, waiting for the clay dust to clear away. You never knew for sure if it was just dust. There might be some smoke; and if there was any smoke coming out of the tapping In Minnesota hole . . look out!

The dust sifted away into the air. Paul stepped onto the sheet irons, grabbed the long, spearlike drill with both hands, and pulled. It was stuck. He braced one foot against the splasher and pulled again. He jerked it back and forth, and it moved about six inches. Paul braced himself again. vanking frantically, panic soaring blindly through him. He was right in front of the hole. He couldn't see what was down there. It might come any time, and there'd be no way in the world for him to get out of the way. Finally, he wrenched it loose and carried it, exhausted, over to the rack. Matt pushed the air pipe into the hole. Paul turned the valve handle, and a great, gray cloud poured from the hole. The keeper banged the pipe against the end of the hole. He hit it again fall. A campaign platform, emand again. "Christ!" Paul thought hopelessly, as bodying the program of the SWP, he heard the thump, thump of the pipe. When

you got to the end of the hole the pipe would bang on the crust; but when there was more clay in there, it would make a dull thumping candidates for Congress in the noise. That meant you had to get the longer drill. He turned off the air at Matt's signal and went | cover the greater part of Minback to the rack for the other drill. Then he neapolis and St. Paul. remembered! In his general excitement, he had forgotten to notice whether or not the drill was

wet! He examined the drill. It looked smeared, but

he couldn't be sure. The clay in the tapping hole | tion. Both representatives, electwas always hot, hot as hell, and if the drill had up the long drill, cursing himself for not having noticed. Now he didn't know what to expect. He tried to think, "Oh, well, if I looked at it and it was wet, I'd feel a hell of a lot worse," but it didn't work. He knew he couldn't feel any

these "labor" representatives, worse. He was scared. He was yellow. He was a lousy, yellow bastard! But that didn't work are looking for bona-fide spokeseither. He couldn't work up any self-contempt. men for the cause of labor in the

He was just plain scared, and he couldn't help coming elections. It is expected that an SWP candidate will also be chosen to pletely dominated by Big Bus-The machine began to whirl again. He wondered if old Matt would take it easy, but, looking run for U. S. Senator. One of iness representatives. But the over, he saw the keeper pushing against the handle the candidates already in the Flint workers could easily break with all his weight. They were in a long way field is Governor Edward Thye, the corporation stranglehold and nominated through the influ- solve such problems as local

now. The iron had to be pretty close. It might come out any time. ence of former-governor Harold taxation through a labor party. They said the third helper ran up to the trough Stassen, author of the infamous that time the iron got Jud. They said he ran Minnesota Labor Act. This unup there in all that fire and tried to pull Jud out, ion-busting legislation has been labor party. With a real effort, but when he pulled at Jud's arm . . . the arm | termed the State Slave 'Act by | they could build a labor party came off! Then the gang got long hooks and Minnesota workers.

keep climbing higher and higher. Only the demand advanced by Flint SWP Leads the SWP for a rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of Fight To Defeat living can combat these cuts in **Tax Increase** the workers' living standards." The chairman announced that George Breitman, candidate for

(Continued from Page 1) U. S. Senator, had sent his release and the News-Advertiser grets at being unable to attend the Dinner because of illness. refused to run an advertisement. Even CIO Council leaders Alan Kohlman, who is the were taken in by the propaganda

of the so-called School Citizens **SWP Branches** Committee, headed by a General Motors representative. This committee claimed the tax increase was needed to prevent a school finances crisis and to meet the just demands of the **Hold Convention** school teachers for pay increases. With the elections over, the

school board has now discovered By Barbara Bruce that it can borrow the neces-(Special To The Militant) ST. PAUL, Minn., June 23 sary money to cover expenses and meet the school crisis. -Minnesota branches of the

During the last depression the Socialist Workers Party will banks and real estate interests hold a state convention on picked up eighty percent of the Sunday, June 30, in the St. houses here for a song. Then Paul headquarters of the party. they set up a tax limitation. Candidates for congressional and They want to raise it now that senatorial posts will be chosen many of these houses again are to run in the state elections this owned by workers and smallproperty owners. Meanwhile, General Motors property has a will be adopted.

scandalously low tax evaluation. Comrades in the Minnesota A CIO Council statement gave section of the party plan to run support to the tax proposition on the grounds, of insufficient third and fourth districts which time to put through a better tax method in view of the immediate needs of the school William J. Gallagher and system. It added: "The next Frank T. Starkey, so-called la-

labor vote will be to shift the bor congressmen from these two burden where it belongs." districts, are running for re-elec-

LET RICH PAY! The strong working class vote for refusing to vacate their home, ed with the endorsement of the been wet, the heat had dried it by now. He picked Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party against the measure shows the pounded away at the important workers want to put the "burdlegal point that the injunction two years ago, voted for President Truman's anti-labor bill en where it belongs" right now. issued in this case to "uphold highly instructive and entertain- J. Damien. They are anxious to raise the the dignity of the court" is an following the railroad strike. teachers' pay, but they want the action of the state, and uncon- famous documentary film of the Month discusses such major de-Hundreds of workers throughwealthy corporations and big stitutional. Courts heretofore Russian Revolution, "From Czar velopments as the French Elecout the state, disillusioned with real estate interests to pay for have frequently held that coven- to Lenin," was held June 14 by ants are private contracts be-

> For the first time in years, a tween individuals and do not involve state action. city commission has been elect-

ed which appears to be com-BALTIMORE Sunday Forum **JUNE 30** The major auto and CIO locals here are on record for a Miners' Struggle" Speaker: MAX GELDMAN 21 W. Preston St. 8 p.m. and sweep all political offices.

with approximately 250 peo- is rewarded with slave's bread, masquerading under the ple, about evenly divided be- name of a "Living Wage." Next Week: Surplus Value

appeals on a dozen restrictive ovenant cases last week. Most of the suits concern Ne- Article On China Today groes who are fighting through legal channels for the right to live in their own homes. Also live in their own homes. Also affected, however, are Chinese,

The Civil War raging in China "is an old struggle which has been going on with varied degrees of intensity 'for 18 years," writes Li Fu-jen in the July issue of Fourth International, now on sale. "What IS new-and this is something the capitalist press has consistently failed to report-is the re-emergence >

of the working class move- movement. ment in the cities."

enants violate specific constitutional guarantees. Attorneys for sweeping the big cities of China, the plaintiffs for the most part and the class strife today drawrelied upon previous court deciing in the "most diverse strata sions upholding the restrictionsas valid contracts between indi-Many of those in the courtwell prove to be the preparatory room, including some from Riverstage of the Chinese Revolution.' side and other nearby towns, are

NO LONGER ISOLATED themselves involved either in the He studied the growth of the suits now up on appeal, or in working class in China since 1927. Attorney Loren Miller, representing seven cases grouped into one suit, centered his plea on Chinese revolution. The working tal conflicts on the world arena the grounds that the covenants, class dispersed from the seaboard as well as on Chinese soil, can entered into by two or more cities during the war, has gained one follow intelligently the curpeople to limit the rights of a third for reasons of race and Thus, it is no longer isolated color, violate the 14th amend-

Seattle SWP Shows "Czar To Lenin"

the Laws family, who face a jail sentence for contempt of court

By Clara Kaye ing meeting-social featuring the ist Workers Party.

> George Flint speak on the siglution to present-day American workers. The meeting was chaired

Four workers announced their desire to join the SWP. Many. more expressed interest in attending the regular Sunday evening Open House discussions at our headquarters, 19191/2 Second

The importance of the agrar-Tracing the wave of strikes ian struggles, their potentialities and the maneuvers of the Stalinists to divert the peasant struggle into mild "reform" channels, of the exploited and oppressed," are dealt with in detail by Li the author declares that the Ru-jen. He lays bare the fallacy movement of the masses "may of the Stalinist policy, based upon attempts to play "good" capitalists - the relatively smaller capitalists -- against the big capitalists.

The"unfolding struggle of the when Chiang Kai-shek, with the Chinese masses is today overlaid treachery of the Stalinists, es- by Wall Street's onslaught tablished the Kuomintang dic- against the Soviet Union. Only tatorship on the ruins of the by understanding the fundamenstrength in Southwestern China. rent reports of the Civil War. Li Fu-jen's Marxist analysis geographically from the peasant gives the reader this firm foundation.

Other important articles in the July issue of Fourth International include Myth of Full **Employment Under Capitalism** by Warren Creel, which analyzes the Henry Wallace and Beveridge SEATTLE, June 18-One of plans, and an exclusive report on its most successful affairs, a Conditions in Egypt Today by

The editors' Review of the tions, Philippine Independence, the Seattle branch of the Social- Japan Today, and Truman and the Strike Wave.

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How Moscow Trial "Confessions" **Revealed Frameup Of Defendants**

THE MILITANT

By Joseph Hansen This is the sixth of a series of articles on the Moscow Trials and their significance.

When the Moscow Trials were exploded on the basis of incontrovertible evidence as nothing but frame-ups, the Stalinists resorted to an evasion. "What about the confessions?" they asked. For a decade this has constituted their sole defense and explanation of the horrible and sickening purges of the ge-@

neration that founded the in countless phrases. The records of the trials might well be handed Soviet Union. to students of scientific psychol-

Similar imprints of the frame-

'confessions" of the defendants,

One of the deadliest evidences

world utter the name of the great

teacher and leader of the peoples

completely replaces -production

The unfortunate victims who ogy as raw material for exercises "confessed" impossible crimes in in discovering how truth can be one trial were branded as liars revealed in false confessions and by the "confessees" in the next false charges. trials. But this, naturally, has not prevented the Stalinist slanup appear on every page of the der machine from repeating, "What about the confessions?"

shortened and condensed though The liberals reacted to the they are by the GPU that print-"confessions" of Kamenev, Zinoed and edited them. viev and the others in two ways. One school disregarded the evi- DEADLY EVIDENCE dence and maintained that the of the frameup character of the confessions were true. They held that all the leading Bolsheviks trial is the fact that the confesexcept Stalin suffered moral sions of the "criminals" follow collapse, organized a "Fifth Col- the identical psychology pattern umn" in league with Hitler and of the speeches of the prosecutor. resorted to terrorism.

They sing hosannahs to Stalin The other school admitted the and the genius-like correctness confessions were lies from be- of his policies, while denouncing ginning to end, but then asked, themselves as the most vile, stu-"What led them to confess?" A pid and dangerous enemies of the wide current of petty bourgeois state.

political thought held that the In Prosecutor Vyshinsky's Bolsheviks suffered a moral col- speech at the first trial a psylapse and willingly lied in the chologist can point out where trials. This current of belief the frame-up left its imprint, produced a number of books and much as a paleontologist might articles speculating about the point to impressions in stone psychology of the victims in the showing where a reptile passed Moscow Trials and seeking the in some prehistoric swamp. These seeds of their moral collapse in imprints are of three types. the alleged bad methods of the First, orations to Stalin such Bolshevik party before the Octoas: "With great and unsurpassed ber 1917 revolution. love, the toilers of the whole

MILLIONS DISAPPEAR

Yet the soil of these shocking confessions is so exposed to view of the USSR-Joseph Vissarionit seems impossible to avoid the ovich Stalin!" Why this prayer correct explanation. First of all in an alleged criminal trial? millions of people were hounded | Second, highly emotional cursby the tremendous purge. Out ing of the defendants: "Liars of these millions, those who re- and clowns, insignificant pygfused to capitulate to the Stal- mies, little dogs snarling at an inist regime were lined up and elephant, this is what this gang shot or disappeared in concen- represents!" Cursing of this sort tration camps and prisons.

Only those who gave in to of evidence. torture, threats to their families | Beside these delicate tracings and persistent cajoling were se- is the more obvious third type Sected for the trials. The pris- - the clear tracks of the frameoners who appeared in the lime- up in Vyshinsky's summary: light for public view were the "Perhaps this is all a pack of product of long processing. Most lies, an invention, the irresponsof them had capitulated over the ible chatter of the accused who years a number of times to Stal- are trying to say as much as in's demands. Step by step they they can against the others in were led from "confessing" one order to mitigate their own ultideviation to confessing a worse mate fate?"

one, until finally these rotting | Here is another imprint: "This hulks of men were in such a perhaps is one of the most strikmental state they could be forced ing cases in history when the to recite any script the GPU word mask acquired its real wrote for them. word mask acquired its real



NATALIA TROTSKY

STALINISTS AT NUREMBERG FEAR WIDOW OF TROTSKY

The questions of Natalia Trotsky, widow of the martyred Leon Trotsky, are feared by the Stalinist prosecution at Nuremberg. She demanded that her legal representative be permitted to cross-examine the Nazi prisoners. Such questioning would serve to further expose the infamous Moscow Frameup Trials in which Stalin vilely slandered Trotsky. Among other monstrous charges, Stalin claimed that the founder of the Red Army made a deal with Hitler through Rudolph Hess, one of the defendants now in the dock at Nuremberg.

Natalia Trotsky's demand has been widely supported by labor leaders and liberals in England, the United States, France, Belgium, Holland, Canada, Italy and other countries. Although she made her request months ago, studied silence has been the only response of the Allied prosecution and judges' at Nuremberg.

This highly significant silence constitutes still another damning admission of the frameup character of the Moscow Trials.-



TWO KINDS OF JUSTICE AT THE LICHFIELD TRIALS

The Lichfield atrocity trials, now in their seventh month, are a perfect example of the charge that there swinging their clubs not to keep the workers divided and are two kinds of justice in the U.S. Army-one for enlist- against, but with the mobs thereby maintain the captains ed men, another for officers.

These trials have proved con-D clusively that at the Army's pri- | ment has now been demonstrason stockade at Lichfield, Eng- ted to all.

land, U. S. soldiers were beaten The first enlisted guard to be and tortured with clubs, fists tried was sentenced to jail for and rifle butts — at the orders three years, reduction in pay and of the officers and in line with dishonorable discharge. the general policy to make things second enlisted guard was given so unbearable at the stockade a six months sentence. that the prisoners would prefer Last week the first officer to

to be at the front. be tried, 1st Lt. Granville Cu-But when the trials began, the bage, was found guilty of "auenlisted men who as prison thorizing imposition of unauthor-

guards had carried out the bruized punishment, which punish-"beat-them-to-the-ground" tal ment consisted of striking prisorders of the officers were placed oners with clubs, forcing them to stand with nose and toes against

op trial first. When a protest was made the wall for protracted periods," against this on the basis that etc. the guards had been merely carrying out orders and that the primand and fined \$250. officers were the responsible

The reprimand could not have parties. Undersecretary of War hurt one-tenth as much as a depend on their own organized Kenneth C. Royall held a press conference in Washington in single blow from a club, and \$250 is roughly one month's pay. order to defend this procedure. So it turns out that the War It was being followed delib-

erately, he said, and "for sound Department's procedure did not legal reasons." (N. Y. Times, expedite the trial of the guilty Rev. John Sairan, white, ad-Apr. 9.) It would expedite the officers after all. In fact, by dressed the high school gradcourts-martial of the officers, he starting with the enlisted defen- uating class. He centered his declared, because after they had dants and meting out the stiffbeen tried, the enlisted men est punishment to them, it helpcould not refuse to answer ques- ed to whitewash the officers and tions on the grounds of possible make them appear least guilty. That is what is known as miliself-incrimination. The fraudulence of this arga- tary justice.

Protests Win Reinstatement Of Suspended L.A. Students

(Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, June 20-Five Roosevelt High School students who had been suspended from school for distributing leaflets advertising an anti-Ku Klux Klan mass meeting of the Mobilization for Democracy, were reinstated last week with the apology

resentatives of unions, the that their suspension was Socialist Workers Party and only a "clerk's error." civil liberties attornies spoke.

The leaflets urged attendance When a delegation of parents at the rally to fight the terrorinvaded his office the next day, ist actions of the KKK in this Principal Dougherty blandly area. They were issued by a assured them it was all an "ertemporary United Front Action ror" and that the suspended Committee of representatives of youth were reinstated without eight youth organizations which absent marks. participated in a conference on

Stalinist leaders of the Amer-June 10 of Boyle Heights and ican Youth for Democracy and City Terrace youth. The con-Mobilization for Democracy not ference call had been issued by only failed to defend the victimthe Socialist Youth Club. students but called the



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News and Comments

COMMERCE, GA.-Just as in the Columbia terror case, it has been revealed here that the police are not impartial when it comes to attacks on the Negro people. You generally find them in there

of industry in control. Odd coassaulting Negroes.

incidence that the trustee boards Assistant State Attorney General Dan Duke told a civic group of most churches are made up here that a recent meeting of largely of the successful Big Klan Post No, 1 in Atlanta was Business men of the community attended by 38 police officers in | . . . or is it?

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For this, he was given a re

He also reported that an GORDON, Ga. - The link be-Atlanta policeman had told the tween the recent rise of the Ku Klan it would be allowed to Klux Klan and the organiza-"handle any race riot" and that tional drives of the CIO and the such a riot was expected before AFL in the south reveals itself the state primary on July 17. more plainly every day. Willie This same policeman told an- Dudley, a Negro who had reother Klan meeting that "if there cently joined the AFL United is ever any trouble, the Klan Cement Lime and Gypsum will be permitted to do its work Workers, was seized as he workbefore the police are called out." ed on a night shift recently by In Germany the workers four hooded Kluxers. They took learned that if you depend on him to an adjoining county government officials to fight where he was severely beaten.

fascism, then fascism is sure to Dudley said the men told him win. The American workers and he was being beaten because he the Negro people must learn to had joined the union. He said they told him that if he reported strength here, or results can be the beating they would return and kill him. They revealed plans to prevent all Negroes from join-MARYSVILLE, Mich. - The ing the union and said that they intended to get the union representative next.

J. W. Scott, manager of the talk around the report of a sur-Koalin Plant, confirmed the fact vey made by an inter-racial that Dudley had been beaten. committee investigating the con-The United Press report of June ditions of the 1,500 Negroes who 15 did not state whether or not live at the edge of that peace-Scott as a representative of manful and beautiful town. He reagement (obviously the only ones vealed that the two main plants who stand to gain by continued in the area-Gar Wood Indusopen shop for Negro workers) tries, Inc., and Chrysler Corp .--was questioned as to the possihad refused consistently to hire bility of his having known about any Negroes despite age-old orthe planning of the beating or. ders from the FEPC to do so. indeed, of his having ordered it. He further stated that all those

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who "countenance such discrim-TOPEKA, Kans. - The Suination and denial of the right preme Court has called discrimto work share in the responsiination in labor unions unconbility" of the deplorable condisiitutional. In a suit started here tions under which Negroes in the to enjoin the Brotherhood of segregated ghettoes are forced Railway Carmen of America from allowing Negroes to join only The very next day after this auxiliary lodges to the union. the frank little talk, the trustees of

high court made this far-reachthe church had an emergency ing decision against the consermeeting and voted 11 to 1 to vative Brotherhood.

give Rev. Safran his walking pa-Any day now we may expect pers. They said that liberalism to hear that this August body was "all right" but that Safran has also discovered and outlawwas "going too far." To these ed as "unconstitutional" the "Christian" trustees it is "going country's most open, most rigid too far" in the direction of brothand most vicious practice of diserly love to advocate giving all crimination in public conveyors, citizens the right to earn a dein restaurants, in theaters and cent living and support their in employment - which takes families in some sort of complace in the nation's capital, the center of all Federal Govern-

The role of torture must not on their faces, adopted the pose be overlooked. Just as our age of repentant sinners . . . has returned to the type of poli- "NO ONE WILL BELIEVE"

tics studied by Machiavelli during the decline of the feudal sysmodernized. It is now a gas chamber. And Hitler is not the only one to resort to these methods. Stalin's GPU has been

Two types of defendants sat in all the trials. (1) Obvious GPU agents. These were the obscure, unknown figures used largely to link more prominent defendants with Trotsky. (2) Seasoned capitulators. These were men, once Lenin's comrades, who from the historically famous made the fatal error of supporting Stalin. In every instance, such from the Catholic Church (it is defendants as Zinoviev, Kamen- not certain whether physical ev, Radek, etc. had spent years torture was used) this great slandering Trotsky and praising Stalin in language a sewer rat like Stalinist columnist Mike Gold might well envy.

Not a single genuine Trotskyist appeared in any of the Moscow Trials. There was a good reason for this. They would have blown the whole fragile structure sky-high by telling what was behind the "confessions" of the other defendants.

monstrous lie and this lie shapes Galileo. the confessions, revealing itself

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 nave books, magazines, pamphrets or other material which they can spare, are urged to donate it to the Detroit SWP library where numbers of comrades and cused, like , any other evidence, friends. The literature, or in- is subject to verification and evaformation concerning it, should Party, 6108 Linwood, Detroit 8, Michigan.

Again, "Zinoviev and Kamenev performed not at all badly tem, so it has returned to the in one of the scenes of their cunning perfidious masquerade . . Such words as "clownish farce," "mask," "lies," "invention," and "hypocrisy," permeate Vyshinsky's speech like a guilty conin the forefront streamlining the science trying to register itself.

"We know that in your defense speech you will curse Trotsky," says Vyshinsky. "But no one will believe you." Confessions are the very poorest type of evidence. How de-

pendable they are can be judged MILWAUKEE 5 12 240 ST. PAUL case of Galileo. Under pressure NEWARK TACOMA CHICAGO BUFFALO scientist made the following SAN FRANCISCO .. 25 28 "confession": " . . . I abjure with a sincere heart and unfeigned faith, I curse and detest the said errors and heresies MINNEAPOLIS 25 26 104 . . that is, of having held and AKRON believed that the Sun is the cen- BOSTON

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ter of the universe and immov- FLINT able, and that the Earth is not PITTSBURGH 15 15 100 SAN DIEGO 5 it does move." We leave to petty bourgeois YOUNGSTOWN 20 20 100

Instead of substantiating the politicians the question whether New York100 89 guilt of the defendants, the con- the psychological seeds of this Baltimore 10 fessions do quite the opposite. abysmal "confession" lay in the Los Angeles 60 44 They are constructed around a amoral methods followed by Seattle Bayonne

Prosecutor Vyshinsky himself Cleveland is on record as to the worthless- St. Louis Toledo ness of unsupported confessions.

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Refreshments

or call GA 1137 for

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MILITANT READERS

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A textbook on Soviet law edited by Vyshinsky declares:

"Under the system of formal proofs the admission of guilt by the accused was considered 'the

best proof extant,' 'the sovereign proof of proofs.' Nowadays faith in the absolute correctness of the defendant's admissions has been in a large measure destroyed. The accused might be pleading guilty falsely (for example, in a desire to shield another person or, by pleading guilty to a minor crime, to evade the accusation of a grave crime.) Thereit can be used by increasing fore, the admission of the ac-

luation in the sum total of the be sent to the Socialist Workers circumstances in the case." But it was precisely verification which was lacking in the Moscow Trials.

By Constance Locke Campaign Director Fourth International's, phia, Youngstown and Newark ----

two-month campaign for 500 each with a quota of 20 — ran new readers went over the a close race. Newark nosed the others were called from their top with 551. A worthy field with a high score of 24. told their classmates why, and achievement for the theoretical Similarly. San Francisco outstripped Minneapolis (each had insulted these anti-fascist youth a quota of 25) with a total of as "lousy rats" and threatened magazine of American Trotsky-

Socialist competition gave high spirit to the campaign. Philadel-Campaign Directors and

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friends have carried the enthusiasm of the campaign into their SCOREBOARD daily work. Subscriptions are still coming in from Reading. Milwaukee, Chicago, San Fran-Per. cisco, New York and Detroit. Quota Subs cent People troubled and perplexed by the economic and social crisis, 170 found in The Militant the only 140 paper that tells the truth about 140 today's burning problems. Having 116 discovered the value of Trotsky-115 ism in providing the key to these 112 problems, they are now proceed-CONNECTICUT 10 11' 110 ing further. Fourth International DETROIT 40 44 110 handles the same key issues as PHILADELPHIA 20 22 110 The Militant but with a wealth of additional material and more 10 10 100 rounded analysis.

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> San Diego Picnic Held **To Aid Workers' Relief**

65 By Ann Cope 60 (Special to The Militant) 60 60 SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 19-The San Diego branch of the 50 Socialist Workers Party held its 0 first picnic last Sunday to raise funds and food for the relief of European workers.

The picnic was a tremendous500 551 110 success socially and financially, with a large attendance of adults and youngsters. Enter-SAINT PAUL tainment took in everything from baby races to boxing Strawberry Festival matches and baseball. Numerous White Bear, Minn. bakeries and delicatessens had Thursday afternoon, July 4 gladly donated soft drinks, cakes and bread. \$57.45 in cash, and Strawberry Shortcake scores of cans of food, were collected on behalf of the Amer-Highway 61 to White Bear, ican Committee for European then follow arrows to Workers' Relief. SWP Strawberry Festival

> Subscribe To The Militant **Use Coupon On Page 2**

Three distributors to Roosevelt High School students yesterday morning were promptly called in to the office of Principal Dougherty and given written suspension notices. Two suspended. Principal Dougherty

they'd never be reinstated.

PROTESTS POUR IN Indignant protests speedily poured into the Board of Education by early afternoon. Telegrams, telephone calls and personal delegations flooded the Board's office from unions, civic groups, churches and synagogues and hundreds of individuals. The American Civil Liberties Union investigated and promised action for violation of free-speech.

By mid-afternoon, the shaken Board issued a press statement claiming that no students had been suspended! Last week, just before the

anti-KKK rally, the United Front Action Committee conducted another big leaflet distribution. This was followed by a

meeting of the distributors, the suspended students, their parents and other friends. Rep-





New York 3, N.Y.

principal to explain they were

Discrimination in employment ment and home of the Supreme against the leaflet distributions. has long been a favorite method | Court, Washington, D. C.

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ists and protect the right of

Representatives of the CIO

town Chicago. It was made out

on a form entitled "Copy of

Accident Report." The following

words," Was burned by torch that

was thrown through her kitchen

son," appear in the space for

"Description of Accident." Be-

yond brief questioning of Mrs.

Hardy at the Englewood Hospital,

on the night of the bombing no

police investigation has been car-

But the report of the Fire De-

Mrs. Hardy to her home.



There was once an island . . . in fact, there is an island which is called Bikini. But soon it may not exist.

There were on this is-

land of Bikini dark skin-

ned people who lived in

peace and under primi-

tive conditions until the

great gray boats came,

and the white men told

them that they must

leave their little home-

land, because it was to

be wiped from the face of



The island and the people are part of a great tragedy . . . a tragedy that may become the greatest in all the dark history of the world's suffering.

The uneasy dead of World War II, as it is cynically known, are but a short time in their graves. Their torn and twisted bodies have had but little time to rot. And yet, the drums of capitalism rumble again, the war clouds hover, heavy and black where sea and sky come together.

Propellors churn the blue water on the searoads to Bikini. Grim gray boats move through the Pacific (through the ocean whose name means "peaceful"), and they carry as cargo the most horrible instrument of death ever perfected by the madmen of imperialism - the atomic bomb.

At Bikini, the war-lords of Wall Street will flaunt before all the world the power that is theirs. "Look," they say, "See the force that is ours! We serve notice that from this day forward, WE are the rulers of the earth. We shall speak, and you will obey.'

At Bikini will be half a billion dollars worth of ships and planes. (A quarter of a million men like you and me sweat on the furnaces and

Veterans' Problems-

in the mills and shops for a whole year, and at the end of that time we have earned - and spent — half a billion dollars.) And these ships and planes will be destroyed that American capitalism may display, may brandish the atomic bomb. In a world racked with poverty and need, half a billion dollars worth of value will be wiped out.

The threat of an atomic war and the wanton destruction of a vast fortune . . . these, too, are part of a tragedy. But there may yet be more . . . much more. * * *

It has been said by men of science that an atomic bomb exploded beneath the surface of the sea might crack the ageless crust of the earth and fling the waters of the Pacific into the fiery center of the globe, upsetting the natural order of things, striking a blow into the very vitals of nature. And, it has been said, nature might strike back with the wild ferocity of-the elements gone mad.

And other scientists have wondered whether such an explosion-or others-might not set off a chain of still more atomic explosions until all the atoms, all the liquids, gases, and solids of the earth - that is, everything - were disintegrated . . . until the entire earth and all upon it were demolished? The war-lords of Wall Street are little concerned with these possibilities. They long to own the earth - and to that end are willing to risk destroying it.

And what of those human beings on board the gray ships churning the ocean waters on the way to Bikini? What are their thoughts as they draw near to the time and place of the atomic bomb experiment?

There must be many white faces and hunted, fearful eyes. Seven sailors escaped before it was time to sail. How bitterly they must be envied! Time moves forward, and the propellors churn. How great will be this tragedy?

GM Not So Stingy To Its Big-Shots

General Motors, which forced its workers to strike 113 days for an 18½-cent an hour raise, really isn't as stingy as it seems. The U.S. Treasury's preliminary report on the 25 highest-salaried people in the country for 1944 lists one-third — eight of them - as GM executives. GM President Charles E. Wilson raked in \$362,954, nearly a thousand a day.

GM vice-president Ormond E. Hunt, handed \$287,745, was almost tied by GM vice-president Albert Bradley with \$276,020.

Charles F. Kettering got \$244,187. From there on, salaries petered out - Mervin E. Coyle, \$240,215; John Themas Smith, \$232,671; Donaldson Brown, \$232,571; Edward F. Fisher, \$224,437.

GM's Harlow H. Curtice didn't even make the top 25, because he just got a trifle

over \$200,000. Sure they earned it — didn't they do their best to keep down the workers' pay?

Who's going to buy the

new autos, refrigerators, ra-

dios, houses and \$5 shirts?

We've heard a lot about the

huge "back-log of savings" that

the American people are sup-

posed to have piled up during

The Federal Reserve Board last

week made public a survey of

the Bureau of Agricultural Eco-

nomics. It showed there are about

80 billion dollars in savings.

SIXTY PER CENT of this sum

is owned by the TEN PER CENT

of families in the HIGHEST in-

PER CENT is owned among the

50 PERCENT of the people in

The families in the LOWEST

the LOWEST income brackets.

THIRTY PER CENT of income

earners have NO SAVINGS at all.

Those in the HIGHEST THIRTY

middle income group.

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and North Jersey ended today

denying the 18½ cents an hour

increase provided in the nation-

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sion of Truman's special "fact-

motive Engineers.

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the war. But who has it?

Who's Going To Buy The **New Autos?**

Vets Bitter As They Sweat It Out

The self-styled veteran experts who write for the capitalist press might write more honestly if they had to spend a few hours on one of the innumerable lines that a veteran has to sweat out after he becomes a civilian.

In the army we waited in line for chow, at the movies, for work and for pay and for just about anything our CO was kind enough to let us enjoy. Now as civilians we wait on lines just as long at the USES and the Veterans Administration. On the chow line, however, we would get at least Spam; but nobody will guarantee any reward for sweating out the line at the Veteran's Administration.

The other day, on one of those lines, I met a fellow who was about to "blow his top." He said, "I took off the ruptured duck the day I got out of the Army and I haven't put it on since. Everytime someone looks at me I'm sure he's going to yell, 'Sucker.' If anyone asks me what branch of the service I was in, I tell them 4-F or conscientious objector.

"You know," he went on, "many people make wonderful jokes about the 52-20 clubs. I wonder if any of those people have had somebody at an Employment Agency offer them a job as a shipping clerk for \$19 a week. And they didn't even smile when they made me the offer. Sure, the papers say there are a million vets that aren't seeking employment. However, those papers left something out. We aren't looking for employment at \$19 a week."

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I later asked him if he thought the war he fought in was an imperialist war. "If you mean that the only people who gained by the war were the people who stayed behind to make profits out of our sweat and blood," he replied, "well, you don't have to be very bright to figure that out.

This vet had never read The Militant and he had never heard of the Socialist Workers Party but as he stated quite plainly, you don't have to be very bright to see that all the cards are stacked against the veteran under capitalism. Yank magazine used to run many cartoons and articles describing the postwar life of the GI. We used to read about the job opportunities waiting for us, the sharp clothes and mod-

ern prefabricated homes we would have. The truth is virtually no clothing is available because the clothing manufacturers won't produce unless they are guaranteed fabulous profits. The vast majority of the veterans haven't a decent home because of the greed of the real estate interests and the indifference of the government. When and if clothes and homes do become available, nobody has revealed where the vet will get the money to pay for them. According to official sources unemployment among the vets will reach the 4,000,000 mark this fall.

All capitalism offers the veteran is broken promises. No wonder that more and more veterans are beginning to sound angry and bitter.

Incendiary Bomb Assault On Negro Widow Covered Up By Chicago Cops, SWP Reveals

Negro Home Bombed In Chicago



The shattered and burned kitchen walls of Mrs. Hardy's home are pointed out by Mike Bartell, Socialist Workers Party organizer, who broke the conspiracy of silence in the Chicago anti-Negro outrage.

Court Upholds All-White Jury In Frame-up Of 31 Negroes

By Larissa Reed

mony from 223 witnesses re- who smashed through the Negro to take any action whatever to system prevailing in Columbia, Tennessee, Judge Joe M. Ingram ruled on June 19, after tion, arresting over 100 and from our information, the efshooting down two Negroes in four weeks of hearings, that the cold blood in the jail. come brackets. Only THREE all-white grand jury which in-

The Jim-Crow court also overdicted 31 Negro citizens on a ruled the plea of the defense atframe-up charge of "attempt to torneys provided by the National commit murder" was "duly im-Association for the Advancement paneled according to law." of Colored People to abate the This cynical decision was based "attempt to murder" indictments. on state testimony that 10 Ne-

It likewise turned down for a groes had been summoned for second time a plea that 25 of the PER CENT own EIGHTY- jury service in the county during indicted Negroes be given separ-SEVEN AND A HALF PER the last 50 years. But the 1,000 ate trials. CENT of savings. The remain- pages of testimony reveal that

ing ELEVEN AND A HALF PER not one of these ever actually LYNCH ATMOSPHERE

CENT of savings is owned by the served as juror. Moreover, the Now the Negro defendents, 10 THIRTY PER CENT of the mass of testimony is a blanket of them war veterans and lead- have occurred in Chicago for the indictment of the Jim-Crow soing members of the Negro com- past few years.

The survey also showed that cial customs which have enforced munity, are ordered to stand trial those who own most of the sav- second-class citizenship on the in the Columbia court, in a lynch

By Robert L. Birchman (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, June 21-The conspiracy of silence that had surrounded the incendiary bombing of the home of Mrs. Grace Hardy, Negro widow, on the night of May 1, was broken this week. All Negro papers in Chicago except one carried the story. The 3

daily press, however, still re- its meeting last night endorsed mains silent about this ter- the fight to apprehend the arsonrorist act of "white supremacists" trying to drive Mrs. Hardy from a "white" neighborhood.

Council, the NAACP and the All stories in the Negro press SWP will meet this week precredited the Socialist Workers paratory to the organization of Party here with first exposing united action around the case the facts.

by the trade union movement Mike Bartell, Chicago organ-Negro organizations, working zer of the Socialist Workers class political parties and other Party, last Tuesday, presented progressive groups. the facts in the case to the meet-Evidence uncovered by the Soing of the Executive Committee cialist Workers Party disclosed of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored conclusively that the Police Department failed to conduct an in-People. They unanimously devestigation into the crime. The cided to take immediate steps record of the bombing was no to defend the right of Mrs. longer in the files of the neigh-Hardy to her home, see that an borhood Police Station. Every investigation is carried out, and that the anti-Negro arsonists responsible for partially burning

policeman at the station, however, knew of the crime and referred to it as that "accident Mrs. Hardy's home and seriously on Garfield Boulevard." injuring her are apprehended The record was found in the and punished. Bureau of Records in down-

DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A special Grace Hardy Defense Committee was established. The committee and Mike Bartell interviewed representatives of the Mayor's Committee on Hu- window by some unknown perman Relations, who promised to conduct an investigation. Police Commissioner John C Prendergast has refused a conference with the special NAACP commitee.

In letters to both Commissionried out. er Prendergast and Thomas H. Wright, director of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations, NAACP Attorney Sidney A. Jones stated:

this case is the utter failure of Despite unassailable testi- storm troopers in state uniforms the Chicago Police Department garding the Jim-Crow jury community, destroying homes attempt to solve this heinous and businesses, machine-gun- crime. What is even worse than ning and terrorizing the popula- doing nothing is apparently, forts of the Chicago Police Department to completely suppress the news and records of this crime.

CIO BACKS FIGHT

"Negroes cannot feel safe in Chicago with such horrible crimes as this occurring, and the fact that they are taken so casually by the Police Department. There has not been one arrest and no of Negroes. There has been exapprehension of any person in tensive destruction of property. connection with the bombings and actions of this kind which victims of these acts of race ter-

The Chicago CIO Council at rorism.

partment, found buried in files at a different station than the one in the neighborhood, states: INCENDIARY BOMB thrown "The most serious aspect of through window - 1st floor. Fire went to 2nd floor." (Our emphasis.) PATTERN OF YEARS A preliminary investigation by the Socialist Workers Party of

the more than 40 similar crimes in the past two and a half years reveals a whole pattern of threats and violence that have accompanied attempts of Negroes to break down the segregation walls that enclose them in the South

Side "Black Ghetto." The record is one of bombing, arson, vandalism, breaking of windows, shooting into the homes numerous cases of burns and other injuries, and deaths of the

You Paid For It – U. S. Steel Gets It - By Art Preis-

Japanese Labor Shows The Way

- By Joseph Hansen-

-By Alvin Royce-

During the war, the U.S. government took \$203,000,000 of the American people's money and built a tremendous steel plant at Geneva, Utah. The operation of this plant was turned over to the U.S. Steel Corporation which made high guaranteed profits from government contracts.

Last week, Attorney General Tom C. Clark approved the War Assets Administration's sale of this \$203,000,000 government-built and owned plant to U.S. Steel for \$47,500,000-that is, a fourth of its cost.

Of course, there was "competitive" bidding. If any of our readers, or all of them together, had made a fair offer of \$47,500,001, they could have been the proud owners of a brand-new super-de-luxe steel plant.

It might be argued that our readers and the rest of the workers did own this plant. Well, it's true they paid for it-but they never owned it. The U.S. government owned it; and it's a capitalist government.

Since this government is a great defender of "free enterprise," and since U.S. Steel had \$47,500,000 to pay for a \$203,000,000 plant, Benjamin Fairless is now the president of a

the skyrocketing cost of living, the owners re-

fused. On March 1 the workers informed the

management that until it came to terms they

As their first act, the workers ordered the

wage increase of 300 percent put into effect.

For three months the owners have not shown

up, yet the plant continues to produce with per-

fect efficiency. There has been no violence, no

trouble, no squabbles. The workers pay them-

selves their own wages and whatever is left in

the form of profits is banked to the credit of

Should prices continue to skyrocket, these

The Japanese puppet government, kept in

workers will undoubtedly automatically increase

their wages at the expense of profits in order

office by MacArthur and his occupation troops,

is opposed to workers' control. But so far this

government has not been able to stop the spread

to maintain their standard of living.

Then they continued operating the plant as

were setting up control over the plant.

ers' control of industry.

previously.

the company.

steel empire owning 32.7 per cent of national steel capacity, instead of 31.4 per cent as in 1945. There is, of course, a trifling matter of anti-

trust laws and further expansion of private monopoly. Even the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice had to concede that. The Anti-Trust Division advised Attorney General Clark against the gift to U.S. Steel.

Clark opined that "I do not view the sale, as such as a violation of the anti-trust laws." He piously added that this did not constitute approval of "the conduct of practices of the U.S. Steel Corp. in its use of property."

That doesn't worry U.S. Steel. It has the plant. The modest cost-for U. S. Steel-can be defraved through tax rebates and tax deductions. It can even afford to junk the plant entirely. After all, it just wanted to keep the plant from competitors.

The plant could have been operated by the government under workers' control. "Free enterprise" has dictated, however, that U.S. Steel must increase its monopoly over national steel capacity by 1.3 per cent even if it means robbing the working people who paid for the plant.

ings intend to hold on to them. Negroes for decades and which atmosphere which grows more They can still buy all they want resulted last February in the hostile and venomous every day. out of their big current incomes. murderous mass assault against NAACP atforneys are now pre-On the other hand, the majority the entire Negro community in paring a mass of evidence showof the population have little or Columbia by Tennessee's white ing that the lives of defense atno savings to spend. They will ruling class. torneys, defendents and supportget less and less necessities as LILY-WHITE ers of the defense have been prices rise.

This lily-white grand jury, up- openly threatened. In an effort held by the Judge, after a twoto obtain a change of venue, the and-a-half-month "investiga- defense attorneys will present tion" failed to find any evidence documents and evidence of the of civil rights violation against mounting race-hatred and hints the Negro citizens last February. In fact, the 3,900-word report of further violence which make handed down by this jury ac- it impossible to pick an impartually praises the 1,000 Tennessee tial jury to try the case.

Wall St. Uses A-Bomb Control NEW YORK, June 22-The 24-day strike of 700 engin-eers and trainmen of the Hudson & Manhattan Rail-24-day strike of 700 enginroad electric line between here

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in victory for the Brotherhoods man holiday was the Senate's next conflict demonstrates that awaiting these seamen. They of Railroad Trainmen and Loco- approval of the demonstration. it accomplished nothing but lull-Up to June 14 the Senate had ing the people into a false sense After forcing the workers out not yet acted. On that day Sen-

for more than three weeks by ator Huffman of Ohio observed, "today for the first time the resolution comes before the Senate of the United States for its approval or disapproval and the Senate is asked to act as a rubber stamp in placing its approval on this mighty atomic bomb show."

The Senate, of course, rubberstamped the show. As a matter of fact, a number of Congressand dining out of the Navy's well-stocked larders on their column of smoke at Bikini.

The Baruch plan to place 'control" of atomic energy with some distant unspecified date the UN was countered by a dif- when Washington feels its de-

substantiate their just claims. hibiton of their production or trol. storage, and destruction of all

of security. June, 11. In the debate between Baruch and Gromyko the capitalist press has made much of Washington's alleged willingness to submit in New York harbor, refusing as "deserters." What this means control of atomic energy to the to transport arms and ammuni- can be judged by the fact that UN if other nations would give tion intended for use against Dutch concentration camps in up their veto over inspection of their own countrymen in Indon- Borneo and New Guinea are toplants, etc. This is sheer dem- esia. They were imprisoned on day filled with tens of thousands

agogy. ceding the deportation action. In the first place, the Anglo-Following the storm of protest American imperialists dominate raised in their behalf, both the the UN, thus control would re-U.S. State Department and the main in Wall Street's hands. Dutch authorities gave assur-Secondly, Washington would not ances that no reprisals would be way to see the big flash and give up any of the production

taken against them. secrets of atomic energy even to this puppet organization until CALLED "DESERTERS" At the U.S. District Court, Wall Street actually retains veto

including the cable and letter erlands Consulate General. The

existing atomic bombs within 90 Lippman openly admitted this in to fear no prosecution nor any days after his proposal went into the June 20 N. Y. Herald Trib- other reprisals on the side of the

Instead of cracking down on effect. To prevent "unlawful" une: "While the Baruch plan's Netherlands ... uthorities." The H & M which was obviously try- use of atomic energy in the fu- words imply that the U.S. is letter was "positively confident" ing to chisel out of the national ture, Gromyko asked for a "sys- opposed to the principle of veto, that the action of the seamen the American proposal is found- did not come under the ruling proved cooperative and greatly facilitated a the heat on the workers to end Both the Baruch plan and the ed on the American veto . . . of the penal code with regard peaceful change-over from the capitalist set up. their strike. His special "fact- Gromyko plan are nothing but The treaty . . . must satisfy us to desertions of seamen. Instead, finding" body prior to its wage variations of the ancient paci- or we shall veto it. There can it was a "case of unilateral decision, called the strike "ille- fist slogan to make war impos- be no international control of breach of labor agreement." As halt workers' control. The answer of the work- gal." But the workers would not sible by "disarmament." This atomic energy without our con- such, "the only punishment which ers in such cases was swift expropriation and be intimidated and the board slogan has proved of help only to sent. The power to prevent some- might possibly take place would was compelled to acknowledge the warmongers. Although it is thing from happening by with- be the exclusion of the right to the correctness of their demand. | revived after each slaughter, the 'holding consent IS the veto." | sign on Netherlands flag vessels

Indonesian Seamen Victims Of American-Dutch Deal

By Evelyn Atwood

(Special to The Militant) NEW YORK, June 20. - One hundred and seventyeight Indonesian seamen, sent on June 7 from Ellis Island to San Francisco for immediate deportation to Java, may

be the victims of a treacher-Oous deal made between the for the period of one year." ous deal made between the U.S. authorities and the Neth- Clark's letter baldly states that erlands government.

John Andu, president of the Indonesia League of America, after receiving an ominous letter last week from Attorney-General Tom Clark concerning the fate were scheduled to be herded

aboard the SS Marine Lynx at

after inquiry at the State De-This fear was expressed by partment, "I have been informed punishment may be meted out to the deserting seamen on their return to Java, it is not believed that such punishment would be harsher than what would be given in any ordinary case of ship desertion.'

San Francisco and deported on DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Thus, Clark admits that these Last October these Indonesian heroic fighters for the freedom seamen walked off Dutch ships of their country will be treated Ellis Island for six months pre- of Indonesian fighters for independence. These 178 seamen, together with many Indonesian residents who were rounded up in the U.S. before the ship was scheduled to sail, are apparently going to be delivered over for punishment to their greatest enemies by the U.S. government. This underscores the dangers facing Indonesian residents in Foley Square, today I saw the this country who are today beofficial documents in this case, ing threatened with similar deportations. The Indonesia Leawritten on May 16 by the Neth- | gue is proceeding with the formation of a national defense com-

Wall Street spokesman Walter cable gave absolute "assurance mittee to help protect them against similar injustices.

> Stalinists Attack **Biography By Trotsky**

After ten weeks of silence, the Stalinists have finally appeared in New Masses with a hatchet - like job review of Leon Trotsky's book on Stalin. Next week's Militant will feature an article analyzing this review.

finding" board which upheld the union's demand. The company was also compelled by the unions to reinstate 50 maintenance workers fired for alleged violation of a "nostrike" clause in their contract men were already at sea, wining because they refused to cross picket lines.

NOT INTIMIDATED

The striking unions had refused to participate in the "factfinding" proceedings. Union officials made public evidence of a ferent plan offered June 19 by mands have been met Thus former "fact-finding" board's Gromyko. Gromyko called for hearings and decisions to fully outlawing atomic weapons, pro- power over proposed UN con-The union officials said that under no conditions would they accept less than the 18½ cents.

agreement, Truman tried to put tem of sanctions."

Japanese labor is surging forward. In a of this powerful means of struggle against the capitalists. MacArthur, in carrying out Wall powerful struggle for higher wages and better conditions, the Japanese workers are utilizing Street's aim of maintaining the capitalist one of the most effective weapons in the arsesystem in Japan, will undoubtedly do his utmost nal of the international labor movement-workto force the workers back into the straitjacket

in which they were bound before the war. If How this weapon operates has been drama-American troops were withdrawn, the Japanese tically illustrated in the Tokyo chemical plant workers would be free to continue along the of the Mitsubishis. Last spring the workers deroad to socialism. manded a wage boost of 300 per cent. Despite

The capitalist press calls workers' control in Japan a "new and unorthodox labor weapon." However, this is a falsehood. The Bolsheviks in the days of Lenin and Trotsky advocated workers' control in Russia before the October 1917 revolution. And within a month after the successful workers' uprising, the Bolsheviks proclaimed workers' control on a national scale.

The Bolsheviks viewed workers' control as a step toward full management of industry by the workers and the ending of boss rule. The Bolsheviks not only inpired and organized committees to operate workers' control in individual plants, but they coordinated these committees on a city, regional and nation-wide scale.

In a few plants in Russia the management In most plants, however, the management resorted to sabotage in a desperate attempt to the filing of charges against the saboteurs before peoples' courts.

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