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Working-class militants throughout the world this week will commemorate the life and struggle of Leon Trotsky, co-leader with Lenin of the Russian Revolution and founder of the Fourth International. . They will mourn his tragic death on August 21, 1940-when he was murdered by Stalin's hirelings.

Trotsky's imperishable contributions to the emancipa-



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tion of the oppressed are becoming increasingly recognized. In America, as throughout the world, his

ideas and program have taken deep root. Like all the greatest leaders and teachers of the workers, Marx, Engels and Lenin, Trotsky spoke and fought for the workers of all lands. He was an uncompromising internationalist. Socialist internationalism was the fortress he defended in his historic struggle

with Stalin. In 1924 his battle began against Stalin's theory of "socialism in one country"-that is, against narrowminded, reactionary nationalism.

Trotsky taught that only planned international organization of production and distribution-world socialism-could free the workers everywhere. Capitalism had become a world-wide system. It had long since outgrown national boundaries, which nevertheless remained as iron fetters.

In their mad efforts to save their decayed system, the capitalists can resort only to ghastly wars and terrible oppression. Only world socialism, the cooperative society of the free and equal in a system of production for use and not for profit, could dissolve national boundaries and open the way for the further progress of mankind.

Trotsky visualized the young, gigantic, undefeated American working class as playing a leading role in the coming titanic revolutionary socialist struggles. He wrote repeatedly of its elemental powers, its tremendous fighting capacities.

He hailed the CIO and every other advance of American labor. And he brilliantly analyzed the mighty tasks history has posed for the American workers.

"The problem of forming an independent labor party in the U.S.) will be put on the order of the day," he said in his last and unfinished article. "Ahead lies a favorable perspective, providing all the justification for revolutionary activism. It is necessary to utilize the opportunities which are opening and to build the revolutionary party." Along this road, pointed out by Trotsky to the American workers, lies victory.

Leon Trotsky's BIG AUTO LOCALS DEMAND Heritage To Heritage To U. S. Workers COST-OF-LIVING BONUSES

"Peace" Conference



U. S.-British Bloc Lays Down Line Against USSR At Paris Parley

The second week of the Paris "Peace" Conference ended with another diplomatic triumph of the U.S.-British imperalist bloc. Not a single one of the spokes-No decisive questions were men nor "defenders" of the small settled by the 15 to 6 vote to nations took the floor to propose permit the Conference to make that the small nations have a real recommendations to the "Big voice in deciding the nature of Four" ministers by majority as the treaties. Nor has a single well as two-thirds vote. The delegate taken the floor to de- procedure committee met in the "Big Four" still have the exclumand a just and durable peace Salle des Pas Perdu-Hall of the sive power to write the treaties - that is, a peace without re- Lost Footsteps."- United Press fixing the fate of the defeated venge, reparations, annexations, Dispatch, July 30. Axis satellites.

'Reopen Wage Ford, Chrysler Unions Urge Contracts,'GM UAW Fight On Wage Front Workers Say By Art Preis AUGUST 12. — Two powerful sections of the

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By Jerry Kirk (Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Aug. 6-CIO United Automobile Workers General Motors Sub-Council

of Region 1C, representing 65,000 GM workers in this area, at its last meeting declared itself in favor of reopening wage contracts and for an upward sliding scale of wages to meet rising living costs.

The Sub-Council recommended to the UAW International Executive Board that it "reopen wage contracts to regain the losses suffered during the war and postwar period by the working people." It was also proposed that "a clause for an upward sliding scale of wages be inserted in each union contract."

GM locals in the Sub-Council are Oldsmobile and Fisher Body in Lansing; Fisher Body, Buick, AC Spark Plug and Chevrolet in Flint.

Pete Schumacker, chairman of the Region 1C Sub-Council and member of the AC Spark Plug local executive board, told this reporter:

"GM workers in our region are only averaging three and four days a week of work. No worker can support his family on the wages he is now getting with prices soaring out of reach. With tax rebates General Motors corporation can profitably keep workers employed at a minimum.

action on this immediately."

Repeated charges by The

Militant that the veterans'

"on-the-job" training pro-

Schumacker also said: "Inflation is here and we need some of tragedies at Camp Shelby, wage guarantees to meet it. A Miss., in 1944, after VE Day in sliding scale of wages in every Germany, on the Italian front,

CIO United Automobile Workers this week urged a renewed fight on the wage front to combat the rising cost of living. 85,000 members of the

Chrysler locals and 80,-

000 members of giant

Ford Local 600 demanded

that the UAW Interna-

tional Executive Board

reopen wage contracts.

to negotiate with the auto

corporations for an adjustable

cost-of-living bonus to offset all

price rises. This demand is a

modified form of the sliding

scale of wages long advocated

by The Militant. It is already

being pressed in current nego-

tiations by the CIO United

The proposal of the Ford and

wide support among General

Walter Reuther and CIO Presi-

These CIO leaders had endors-

ed wage increases just before re-

newal of OPA. Then they re-

CIO LEADERS RETREATED

dent Philip Murray.

They called on the Board

Angry Veterans Give Details On Defective Shells

Letters from 95 ex-GIs who saw their battle-front buddies blown up by defective shells were made public last week by the Senate War Investigating Committee. The Committee has been holding hearings on the scandalous war frauds and profiteering.

The angry veterans sent their Packinghouse Workers. eye-witness testimony to answer claims of the Army Big Chrysler workers - which has Brass that only a "few" American boys were killed and wound-Motors workers as well - came ed by premature explosions on as a sharp rebuff to the policies the battle fronts. advocated, by UAW President

The vets also gave precise information on lot numbers and records to determine what crooked war profiteers made the shells. Army officials had claimed it was not possible to fix responsibility on guilty manufac-

> treated and urged the dropping One former supply sergeant of wage demands. Instead they old about many shells being imhave been pushing a milk-andpounded, despite an ammunition water policy limited to the inshortage, after gun crew members of the 81st, 86th and 87th Chemical Mortar Batteries were blown up in 1944. Others told

effective so-called buyers' strikes and to asking the capitalist government to "roll back" prices. The demand for a cost-of-living bonus was adopted by the Executive Board of Ford Local 600. largest local union in the

UNION LEADERS SPREAD FALSE WAGE THEORIES

The lie that higher wages cause higher prices is a standard excuse of profiteers for refusing to raise wages. Capitalists always try to whitewash profiteering and price- mendations of the Conference - War II. The only difference is gouging by blaming inflation 9production and distribution. They on wage increases.

control over price-fixing.

higher wages.

This consumer mass action -

countries.

vet."

planter Loy Harrison.

Unfortunately, this false theory seek to regulate prices in their is now echoed by CIO and AFL own interests. The workers will leaders. They are fearful of lead- be able to influence prices only these recommendations will serve Union, led by Lenin and Trotsky, offset soaring prices. They are trying to justify their cowardice with the economic junk of the capitalist propagandists.

The current CIO Economic Outlook gives support to this phony wage-price theory. It argues against demanding higher wages "at this time" because "if won, they are likely to be promptly reflected in further price increases."

IN CRUDER FORM

This same idea, in cruder form, is expressed in the AFL Labor's Monthly Survey for August. It blames the inflation on the CIO's strikes last spring. It even claims "practically the entire living cost rise" is due to the fact that the and state authorities. They CIO steel strike "forced" a "price- | have been known since July ceiling break." As if price ceil- 31. But no action has yet been ings hadn't been "breaking" taken against these cruel killers throughout the whole war while of four poor Negro sharecropwages were frozen!

pers. The CIO Economic Outlook The leaders of the lynch mob concludes on the basis of its false of more than 20 whites are rich wage theory that "at the present cotton planters. They are poli- of the gang." stage of events we can accomplish tical backers of Governor-Elect more by price action than by Talmadge of Georgia. Talmadge's recent election campaign was an wage action . . . '

This program was proved bank- open incitation to lynch rule. rupt during the war. Instead of Walter White, secretary of the fighting for higher wages, the National Association for the Adunion leaders clamored for a vancement of Colored People, on "roll back" of prices. This did not August 6 disclosed that "I gave EYEWITNESS OF CRIME halt inflation. Nor did it stop the the names of those six men greatest orgy of profiteering in (lynch suspects) to Attorney history. General Tom Clark in Washing-

The capitalist monopolies, aid- ton, D. C. last Wednesday, July ed by their government, control'31."

new national boundaries, forcible transfer of populations, trustee-But by the debate on this question, the Stalinists enabled the ships and mandates.

U.S.-British delegations to ap-In these respects the Paris Conference does not differ from refused a place to live by two pear "more democratic" and thereby to score considerable the Versailles Conference which laid the foundation for World And a cafe owner has refused propaganda gains. The recomwhich will be dictated by Byrnes that after World War I there the back way "where the custom-- will strengthen the bargain- was one country that refused to ers won't see him," the United ing hand of the U.S.-British participate in or take any re- Press reported July 30 bloc at the next "Big Four" consponsibility for the "peace" conference. Moscow's resistance to ference. That was the Soviet

when they intervene through in- as fuel for anti-Soviet propa- which carried on revolutionary Gets Off The Hook dependent mass action to take ganda and the diplomatic prepropaganda against the Verparations for World War III. sailles Conference and decisions. The hypocrisy that marks the

exposing their reactionary im- 000,000 treble damage action not dependence on capitalist proceedings at this Conference perialist character and fighting "price control" — is necessary. is exceeded only by the harshfor a Socialist United States of But only as a supplement to the ness of the proposed treaties, Europe and the world. most powerful action against the | which insure hunger and poverty

Stalin not only participates in, price-gougers — the fight for for the people of the defeated but sanctions the Paris Confer-

ence.

Georgia Lynchers Known! At least six of the Georgia | The suspects' names have not | He is the man who quarreled lynch-murderers who shot been made public, Mr. White with one of the victims, George down two Negro couples on said, because the NAACP fears Dorsey, over share-payments for Everybody's Doing It

July 25 are known to federal those who obtained and reported Dorsey's crop. He is the man who the evidence may be traced and went bond for another victim, Paul A. Olsen, former secretary suffer the fate of the four who Roger Malcolm, to take him out to Rep. John M. Coffee (D.) of were murdered. of jail where he was held on a Washington, told the Senate War Partial confirmation of White's charge of cutting another white Investigating Committee today statement was given in the landlord, Robert Hester. He is that the 'jails of America are

Washington Post, August 9. The the man who drove the four into going to be filled' if the Justice Post quoted a Georgia official the trap — and later claimed Department enforces a law barto the effect that "the FBI had the lynchers were "unknown" put its finger on at least three to him.

Neither Harrison nor the other | butions."-Associated Press. Governor Ellis Arnall, howsuspects have been arrested. ever, hastily claimed that pro-None of the well-known police gress in the state's investigation methods for questioning susis "very slow" and that the authpects have been used on these orities "have nothing definite as rich whites.

There are clues aplenty to the killers. There is an eye-witness But there is one suspect who al authorities still fail to act. [18.]

THE NEWS **Right Place** "Today the peace conference Bosses Gyp Vets

On Job Training

Hero's Reward Joe Sanders, 36-year old vet-

Food Profiteer

division in Washington."

No Bust-Control

gram is being used by emeran in Houston, Texas, has been ployers to get cheap labor were confirmed on August 6 landlords because he is blind. by General Omar N. Bradley, Veterans Affairs Administrator. to serve him unless he comes in Bradley called the operation of the program a "national scan-

dal.' Under the pressure of mounting veterans' complaints, Bradlev was forced to admit that 'the dishonest employer" has "already infected the program in "ST. LOUIS, July 31 (Associ-

many states." ated Press)-Dismissal of a \$3,-Employers are paying substandard wages to veterans listed against the Ralston-Purina Co., as "trainees" and "apprentices" largest suit ever brought here by long after they are skilled in the Office of Price Administratheir jobs. Bosses are illegally tion, was requested today in a deducting the amount of govjoint stipuation filed in Federal ernment subsistence allowances. District Court by the company \$65 a month for single and \$90 and OPA . . . George L. Roberta month for married men, from son, chief OPA enforcement atveterans' pay checks.

torney here, said he requested "Something is wrong," said dismissal of the action at the Bradley, "when it takes three direction of OPA's enforcement years to learn to be a stock clerk in one state and three months

in another and when training establishments lower the beginning wage of its trainees by an "WASHINGTON, July 31 amount equal to their subsistence allowances.'

One garage owner in a Southern town, Bradley reported, lowered the wage of a mechanic from \$35 to \$23 as soon as the veteran applied for training to become a foreman. The owner ring government contractors told the veteran his subsistence from making campaign contriallowance would make up the difference.

Records in the files of the Veterans Administration, made

"A bust is regarded by many available to the United Press and as a necessary corrective before reported on August 7, further the country can settle down to revealed the widespread wagepostwar prosperity of a more chiseling. "Most cases centered stable sort. The trouble is that a around veterans who accepted who undoubtedly knows every bust, if and when it comes, can or were forced to accept subcan be named - a confessed eye- land-owner for miles around. develop reactions that may not standard wages while their regwitness of the crime, if not a There have been tips on at least | be so simple to control." (Report | ular jobs suddenly were classed participant. He is rich cotton six of the murderers. But feder- for The Business Executive, July as on-the-job training," the UP reports.

union contract will go a long the Pacific, etc After "a shell burst in the barway towards solving one of our

urers.

world. Their proposal provides problems. The UAW should take rel of the gun and killed as high that the union research staff, as three or four men" on the rather than the Bureau of Labor

Anzio beachhead, wrote one sol- Statistics, will determine the dier, "we were forced to discard amount of price increases on countless rounds." Previously, in which the bonus will be based. According to the Local 600 Africa, he wrote, after similar experiences, "I furnished the lot plan, all bonus increases would numbers and the arsenal to the be permanent until the next regproper authority in my battal- ular wage negotiations, except (Continued on Page 2) ion."

18,140 SIGN ELECTION PETITIONS IN NEW YORK

By Karolyn Kerry NEW YORK SWP CAMPAIGN MANAGER

NEW YORK, Aug. 12-We're over the top! 18,140 names of New York voters were counted today on petitions to place the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) ticket on the ballot. This high figure is the result of only two week's work by the most ardent and en-.

ergetic group of campaign-, strongly with dismal accounts of ers the Trotskyist movement | the Communist (Stalinist) Party and Socialist Party attempts to has ever known. get on the ballot.

The legally required total of 50 signatures in each county has OTHER PARTIES FRANTIC been surpassed by a wide margin in every one of New York state's 62 counties.

A surplus of 6,140 signatures several unsuccessful attempts over the legally required 12,000 were made by Stalinists to interis now inscribed on S.W.P. peti- | fere with our petition campaign. tions. With four weeks still to go,

the petition-campaign is speeding towards its established goal of 25,000 with every indication of completion in record-breaking time

Only the most flagrant abuse of state laws by the Election Board can now prevent the names of Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for Governor. Milton Richardson for Lieutenant-Governor. Joseph Hansen for U.S. Senator, William Kitt for Comptroller and Sylvia Blecker for Attorney-General, from appearing on the ballot this fall.

By far the most productive was experienced by petition Saturday. In two hours, the campaigners rolled up 4,040 signatures

Reports from both New York threats made by the American

Both these parties are frantic at the success of our campaign. In New York City last Saturday

In one case a missile thrown by a Stalinist injured the eye of a woman comrade. Indignant workers protested this hooliganism and signed our petitions. Elsewhere in this issue is reported the scurrilous letter by Norman Thomas which borrows from the Stalinist cesspool for argu-

ments against us. Although campaign workers reported a generally warm reception from upstate voters, many of those in rural communities voiced fears of intimidation. Townspeople told of strong pressures applied several years ago to force the voters to repudiate

tion. New York workers must evening's work in the campaign be vigilant against similar attempts in this election and be workers in New York City last prepared to frustrate any discrimination against minority parties. This is particualrly important in view of the open

City and upstate contrasted Legion against the C.P.

their signatures on a C.P. peti-

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1946

AFL Threatens Detroit Auto Union Local Presidents Join Protest General Strike Against Arson-Attack On Detroit SWP Headquarters

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT. Aug. 10-Presidents of many CIO United Auto Workers locals here have joined the widespread labor protest against the fascist terrorists who recently set fire to the Detroit headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party.

The fire endangered the? lives of over a hundred workers at a meeting.

The arsonists escaped after they were seen sprinkling in-flammable fluid on the stairway Protests Notice and setting it on fire. No one was injured because the SWP Of Eviction audience cooly filed out a rear exit.

Top officers of Briggs Local 212, Packard Local 190, Cadillac Local 22, Ford Local 600, Chrysler Local 490, Production Foundry and Press Steel Units of Ford Local 600, Amalgamated Local 174. Dodge Local 3, Plymouth Local 51, Tool and Die Local 157, and Amalgamated Local 155, have publicly voiced their indignation at the arson outrage.

They added their voices to that of Walter Reuther, UAW Vice President, and George Addes, UAW Secretary Treasurer, who last week denounced the flendish attack on the SWP as ously. a threat to the whole labor movement.

James A. Tamoor, Ford Local 600 vice president, said: "I, too, want to add my voice of condemnation along with other liberal and progressive minded people against the perpetrators of such an un-American deed. I feel the rights of free speech and assembly are jeopardized should acts of this nature go unheeded." In a letter to the Detroit SWP,

Frank Danowski, president of Local 51, said "it is high time that our law enforcing agencies start moving in the direction of apprehending and bringing . to apprehending and bringing to justice these forces of lawlessness Seattle Packing and violence . . . Although I am not affiliated with any political group myself, I maintain that no political group should be molested or interfered with by mobs or fascist terrorists."

Dale Harris, president of Local 157, said, "I condemn the setting fire to the building in the Socialist Workers which Party meeting was being held and I call upon law enforcement agencies to not rest until the guilty persons are apprehended and punished to the fullest extent of the law."

STRONG STATEMENT

Tom Clampitt, president of in Tacoma the local's members Briggs Local 212, issued an es- voted to press for an escalator pecially strong statement. "No clause as their main aim. section of the labor movement can afford to remain indiffer- Sound Meat Packers, representent to the attack by gasoline ing eight Northwest packingand fire made on the headquar- houses, are deadlocked. Charles

Detroit SWP

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 10-As an aftermath to the incendiary firing of the Socialist Workers Party headquarters on July 25, the Building Department of the City of Detroit has now served notice on the Party that the premises must be vacated by August 12. Arthur Burch, Detroit organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, stated: "Qur alleged violation of the city zoning laws is

President, R. J. Thomas, UAW nothing but a flimsy pretext to deprive us of headquarters where workers of all races can meet together peacefully and harmoni-We have occupied these premises for eight months and passed numerous city inspections, with no 'violation' ever

being brought to our attention. "It is obvious that the city authorities want us to cease holding meetings as much as did the anti-labor, race-baiting fascists who tried to burn us to death. We shall fight this ouster move as vigorously as * we have fought all other attempts in the past to curtail the democratic rights of free speech and freedom of assembly."

Union Demands Escalator Clause

(Special to The Militant)

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 5---AFL Amalgamated Packinghouse Workers Local 186 is stubbornly resisting employers' demands that the question of an escalator wage agreement be dropped from present negotiations. At stop-work meetings this morning here and

Negotiations with the Puget

When the Phelps Dodge Corporation imported armed scabs to break the 7-month strike of the CIO United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers at the Elizabeth, N. J. plant, tug-

Tugboats Picket Against Scabs

boats continued their water-borne picket line. The picket line was designed to prevent the importation of strikebreakers from New York by boat. When strikebreakers shot two pickets, boatloads of pickets landed and fought it out militantly.

Federated Pictures

MAZEY, SCHOLLE STATEMENTS DENOUNCING ARSON-ATTACK

The following statements condemning the arson-attack on the Detroit SWP headquarters were issued by Emil Mazey, UAW-CIO Regional Co-Director of Detroit East Side, and August Scholle, President of the Michigan State CIO Council.

Although I am not in agreement with the program or philosophy of the Socialist Workers Party, I deem it my duty as a citizen of the United States to strenuously object in the attempt to deny this group the rights of Freedom of Speech and Assemblage through terroristic actions, such as the burning of their meeting hall.

The attack on the Socialist Workers Party in this meeting was very similar to the tactics used by Hitler in Germany which led to the destruction of all workers' political parties, trade unions, and other progressive organizations. We must defend the rights of the Socialist Workers Party to be able to conduct its meetings and activities if we expect to be able to defend these rights for all the citizens of the nation.

In our opinion, the arson act was the act of American Fascist organizations and must be completely and thoroughly investigated and those responsible for this act must be apprehended and prosecuted to the fullest extent of

Every democratic-minded citizen must recognize that

such tactics represent a familiar threat in our own backyard

from the very forces we have just fought a war to destroy.

Emil Mazey

August Scholle

Prices Hit New High; Worst Still To Come

AUGUST 12-Hearings on whether to continue "decontrol" of prices of five basic commodities, including grains and meats, will be held this week by the three-man De-

control Board of hand-picked bankers and corporation repre-Ford, Chrysler sentatives.

It is a sure bet that whatever this Board decides, prices are going to shoot up, up, up.

are once again threatening a meat famine and a return to their black market activities if any price ceilings are placed on meats "OPA or no OPA," meat prices would not go down, a leading spokesman of the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers

said at their convention August

A brazen threat to deprive the Ford local, are described in a statement sent by Tom Cunningpeople of shoes has also been ham, president of Chrysler Local made by the big shoe manufac-7, to the meeting this week of turers and leather dealers. Govthe UAW Board. Cunningham's ernment officials on August 5 letter said the Chrysler workers admitted a "conspiracy" to withhold hides and leather to force "Either the re-opening of the up prices and "a threatened im-

Chrysler contract for a wage in- minent collapse of shoe produccrease based on the increased cost tion." of living, or: NUMEROUS PRICE HIKES "A cost-of-living wage grant On August 9, the OPA an-

equal to the rise in prices since nounced a "three-way revision" to that date. The wage grant six per cent boost to tanners will logued outstanding aspects of be spread to shoe wholesalers the M & M "declaration of war By SWP In N. Y poration and the price roll-back and retailers. can be granted by Congress and

the Government. The 'cost-ofliving grant' does not change the basic hourly wage scales in the corporation but is an added amount to weekly pay checks." an estimated 8 per cent and shop."

posal of a roll-back in price. OPA ust 5) in its hey-day in 1943, ordered such a "roll-back." It was never enforced. Any program fostering processors. But it hasn't lowered

hope of the capitalist government rolling back prices - even if these big handouts. Yet this re-Washington promises to do so - serves to build illusions.

is in sharp conflict with the polproducts. icy of Reuther and Murray who

place sole emphasis on government "control" of prices. tomato sauce. This conflict was reflected in

the heated UAW Board meeting stated it would be placed before in general use. This index for organized labor.

a wage policy conference of the basic foods on August 6 stood at The call for united action of injustice in the history of New

In Los Angeles By Lois Saunders

(Special To The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9 - Representatives of 500,000 American Federation of Labor members here tonight set up machinery for an area-wide general strike against the open-shop, union-busting policies of the Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers

Association. Date of the strike was not set. There was indication, however, in a resolution unanimously adopted by well over 1,000 union representatives constituted as a Committee of the Whole, that the undertaken.

strike might be called at any Meat packers and distributors time after 10 days. This time margin was allowed to enable delegates to contact authorities, "fair-minded" industry associations, and the press in an endeavor to force a halt to the M & M "hot cargo" and open-shop drive.

The strike resolution instructed the chairman to appoint sub-Coordinating Committee to

emergency" called for by the resolution. A companion resolution, also Herguson Case tion, legal protection and publiing for "joint AFL economic ac-June 30 or the roll-back of prices of leather prices - upward. A cation of information," cata-

> against organized labor." It was Clothing prices are bounding charged that "more than a dozen higher with the sanction of OPA. prolonged AFL strikes have been It approved price rises on cotton provoked in Los Angeles in the of the Socialist Workers Party, textiles last week "that will lift last few months over the issues cotton apparel in retail stores of recognition and the open

The wage demand, as stated raise the retail price of such items | One of the most bitterly conby Cunningham, is weakened as sheets and towels by about tested of the local strikes has somewhat by the alternative pro- 17 per cent." (N. Y. Times, Aug- been in progress for months at the Pacific Press, west coast The government has removed printers of Time and Life maga- discrimination calling for a

the subsidy to food packers and zines. There is reason to believe that the other sections of organized the worker's taxes that paid for labor in this area — the CIO and duction of subsidies was used by the Railroad Brotherhoods - will the OPA on August 7 to author- give support to this AFL-initi-

The major emphasis of the ize price boosts of one to two ated move, since the fight against Ford and Chrysler workers, how- cents a can at retail on canned the Merchants and Manufacever, is on wage increases. This corn, peas, tomatoes and tomato turers and similar employer organizations is the fight of all Two weeks ago it was price labor against its common enemy. But there was no hint at to-

hikes for macaroni and spaghetti. Last week OPA got to the night's meeting that the AFL How high prices have soared

was making any effort to involve other unions in the strugthis week. The decision of the is shown by Dun and Bradstreet's gle against those interests which Board is not yet public. Reuther wholesale price index of 31 foods lash out indiscriminately at all

baiting campaign likewise launched here this week by the AFL. leadership. This campaign can only serve to divide the forces of labor at the very moment when a united offensive is being

The manufacturers and other employers in this area and throughout the country are tightly organized in their hardhitting, vicious attacks against labor. To deal the death blow to these tactics, workers must likewise pool their strength. This is the road to victory. There is no other.

It is to be hoped that, even though the AFL leadership recommittees of the existing Strike | fuses to take this mandatory step for the solid unity of all workers handle plans for a "joint work in this area-wide general strike, holiday," a picket pool, organ- the demands of the rank-andization, emergency service, legal file workers and the developmatters, and other groups, all ment of the movement itself will of which point toward the na- bring about this coalition of ture of the "united action in this combined effort.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10-The New York State Committee (Trotskyist) announced today that petitions bearing the signatures of six thousand New York residents had been sent to the State Commission against public investigation, under provisions of the Ives-Quinn Law, of Jim Crow conditions in Nassau County which led to the death of the Ferguson brothers in Freeport, L. I., last February.

At the same time, Farrell Dobbs. editor of The Militant. and Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor, sent the following telegram to Governor Dewey who accepted the findings of Lawrence S. Greenbaum and ordered the now famous Ferguson case "closed":

"Your whitewash of the murderer of the Ferguson brothers is one of the most brazen acts of York State By this acti vour



ters of the Socialist Workers J. Mentrin, union business agent, Party. Such incendiary assaults charged the stalemate to the are never perpetrated by oppo- companies, because they oppose nents within the labor movement making present wage levels the but by fascist-minded reaction- base below which wages could aries outside of organized labor. not go and granting higher

elements can get away with assailing left-wing political groups today, they will be emboldened to make onslaughts against labor unions tomorrow. However much the various genuine working class organizations may differ among themselves on program and tactics. they must stand together to scotch the terrorism of incipient fascism before it invades the labor movement like a deadly plague."

Even well-known Stalinists in and to resume negotiations this the UAW and CIO were forced to condemn the attack on the results, which the workers ex- tense and tired from their jobs Detroit Trotskyists. John Anderson, President of Amalgamated tral Labor Council for a strike leave fully rested and bronzed Local 155, and Sam Sage, presisanction. The Tacoma meeting dent of the Wayne County CIO | made the same decision. Council, both isued statements against the attack. "While disthe union negotiating commit-

agreeing sharply with the SWP." tee, said: "The escalator provisaid Anderson, "I am vigorously opposed to the torch as a political weapon. Incendiarism is ions can't be accused of spread- branches represented here. Brief the weapon of reaction and faseism.'

However, the Daily Worker. Stalinist organ, last week published the weird slander that the SWP set fire to its own headquarters and meeting.

"History proves that if such wages as prices rise. The Local 186 members are especially aroused because the companies are refusing to put back a clause which had been in the contracts for five years before the war. The clause was suspended under pressure of the government's wage-freezing policy and the union's helplessness due to the no-strike pledge. At the request of the U.S. Conciliation Service, the mem-

Organizer Describes SWP **Benefits Of Midwest School By Myra Tanner Weiss** Little Pleasant Lake, near Jackson, Michigan, certainly bers here voted to return to work makes a difference in the people who have come here from

the law.

afternoon. In the event of no all over the country. Arriving pect, they will ask the AFL Cen- in the hot summer cities, they by the sun. Every time a newcomer arrives we anticipate with William Bibby, chairman of pleasure the transformation he to branch work.

or she is about to undergo. Our program of activity for will give many more comrades sion is the only logical answer the evenings this week has into rising prices. With it, the un- cluded a series of reports from west. The sports and educationing inflation. It's the only real accounts of branch and trade protection we've got. Yes, it's a union work in cities from coast fruitful vacation.

relatively new idea-for other to coast have given us a more LABOR DAY JAMBOREE unions, but not ours. We've set intimate knowledge of the Soprecedents before and now we cialist Workers Party. We have want to get back what was abro- heard reports from Flint, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Philadelphia. gated during the war."



CIO leaders on August 15. SHORT-LIVED PROGRAM

Reuther's short-lived program to combat inflation through a union-corporation conference to get "more production," has already proved a fiasco. GM, Ford and Chrysler ignored Reuther's invitation, blamed low production on "strikes."

The auto workers are not falling for the employers' propaganda — echoed by the CIO leaders

- that higher wages mean higher prices. They know that present price rises have meant higher · One or two weeks at the Midwest Vacation School on profits. Higher wages means slicing those profits and giving the

> product. Bayonne and Akron; and other The demand for a cost-of-livcities will be heard from next ing bonus is a big step in the week. From this exchange of exdirection of the sliding scale of perience we get ideas that will wages, based on a fixed minibe very helpful on our return mum. With a sliding scale of wages automatically rising with The extension of the Camp

> every rise in living costs, the and School through Labor Day auto workers would have real protection against constantly and friends the opportunity of mounting prices. enjoying a week or two at Mid-

al activities offer a full and **SWP Candidates** We are particularly happy Demand Action about the plans for the Labor **In Lynch Terror** Day Jamboree. Oscar Coover, our Camp Director, has an-

nounced that it is possible for he School to offer three days MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. at Midwest at the low rate of Aug. 11-The three Socialist \$10 for adults and \$5 for chil- Workers Party candidatesdren. Many workers who couldn't Dr. Grace Carlson for Senmanage a whole week's vacation ator; Warren Creel, for Third will be able to participate in the School for this Jamboree. District Representative; All available extra cabin space Dorothy Schultz, for Fourth understanding." is being procured to house our District Representative — today issued a statement demanding

Comrade Coover requests adthat President Truman reconvanced reservations as room is vene Congress to enact effective limited even with the expansion of our facilities. Just write to statement follows: Oscar Coover, Midwest Vaca-

tion."

tion School, Grass Lake, Michigan. Aug. 31, through Sept. 2 (Saturday through Monday) should be red-letter days for the Midwest Camp and unforgettable days for every participant. climax.

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California AFL Launches

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Aug. 7 — Launching a reactionary witch-hunt against "communism" and the CIO in the San Pedro-Long Beach harbor area, the AFL today shut down all business and industry under its jurisdiction and held a mass meeting and demonstration at the Wilmington Bowl

Called under the joint auspices of the national, state, and harbor area councils of the AFL, the meeting was addressed by Daniel Flanagan, William Green's personal representative and Western Director of the AFL; Harry Lundberg, president of the Sea-C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the

California State AFL. Underlining the reactionary nature of this meeting to organize jurisdictional war on the CIO,

an AFL ad in the San Pedro News-Pilot openly stated, "This is not a mass meeting against employers." Letters sent to local employers by AFL officials apol-

ogized for the work stoppage and declared. "Please be advised that this is not a meeting against any employer in this territory. We seek your cooperation and

Twelve CIO unions in the harbor area denounced the work page counter-advertisement in anti-lynching legislation. The the San Pedro News-Pilot, en-

"With the lynching of four Negro farm hands in Georgia and Misled." The statement charged Negro sharecropper in Missis- the AFL move constituted: 1. A sippi, the reign of terror against drive against the CIO; 2. support colored citizens of the United to Wall Street's plans to lower States has reached a bloody Soviet Union.

"We call upon President Tru-Despite threats of heavy union man to indict those responsible fines ranging up to \$25 for nonfor the lynch-incitation cam- attendance, less than 6,000 of an paigns and to reconvene Con- estimated 30,000 AFL members gress for the purpose of enacting in the greater harbor area heedeffective anti-lynching legisla- ed the meeting call.

an all-time high of \$5.32. The the 500,000 members of the orprevious high was \$5.30 on July ganization is also strangely at administration joins company variance with the all-out red-

mob. **Red-Baiting Drive On ClO**

By James Dall (Special To The Militant)

workers a greater share of the this afternoon for the avowed @

purpose of "rooting out commu- , the meeting had a four-fold obnism" in the harbor area.

jective: 1. To rally support for American imperialist attacks on organize a witch-hunt against to oust the Communist Party farers' International Union, and members from the union movement; 4. To characterize the

CIO as "communist" and thereby attempt to justify AFL raids on the CIO.

The meeting followed the redbaiting pattern of the recent AFL state convention, which was key-noted by George Meany, AFL secretary - treasurer. Meany's speech was widely distributed at

today's meeting. The immediate reasons for the meeting are to be found in the jurisdictional disputes now raging between the AFL Teamsters and CIO Food. Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers in

California canneries, and between the AFL Seafarers' International stoppage and meeting in a full Union and the CIO Conference of Maritime Unions.



As revealed in the speeches,

with Bilbo, Talmadge, Rankin and the entire Southern lynch

"You have given a green light to Klu Kluxers and other native fascists in and out of police uniform to wantonly murder innocent people. An administration which permits killers to roam the streets at large is a danger to the peace and security of the citizens and cannot be entrusted with public responsibility.

"We are forwarding to you six thousand signatures on petitions by indignant New York citizens demanding application of the lves-Quinn Law.

"These petitions demand that SCAD invite all interested public organizations to participate in a genuine public hearing on the Soviet Union; 2. To discredit the Freeport case. They demand Communism by falsely identify- that you enforce the law of this ing it with reactionary Stalin- State, wipe out the miscarriage ism in the Soviet Union; 3. To of justice for which you share responsibility and safeguard the lives and homes of Negro peoradical workers and specifically, ple and other minorities."

Seattle Social **For Relief Nets** Food, Clothing

SEATTLE, Aug. 9-Stacks of clothes and canned foods plus \$70 in cash were accumulated last week by the Seattle branch of the Socialist Workers Party at a social held to aid the work of the American Committee for European Workers Relief.

The social, which attracted sixty people, including many new friends, was the most successful affair the Seattle branch has held to date. The large headquarters was arranged cabaret style, with small tables surrounding the dance floor. An especially entertaining floor-show was presented, featuring dancers, vocalists, comedians, and a serious skit depicting the plight of four co-thinkers abroad.

Many of those present were introduced to Trotskyism for the first time, and signified their interest and approval by buying subscriptions to The Militant and other literature and asking to be informed of all meetings.

workers' living standards, and 3. Propaganda for war with the

titled, "We Don't Want A Third World War, Do You? Don't Be SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1946

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Six Years After **Trotsky's Death**

When Leon Trotsky was assassinated six years ago, the enemies of the Fourth International predicted—and hoped -that Trotskyism would die too. But the movement Trotsky built on granite founda- .

tions has not only survived | cially launched in May 1942. -it has grown stronger than Despite persecutions and impriever.

In this country the Socialist because of the reactionary Voor-Fourth International a few months after Trotsky's death. But it remains true to the Trotskyist program.

During the war the SWP was singled out for persecution by the government, and 18 of its leaders were sent to prison for their revolutionary opinions and activities. The Post Office repeatedly interfered with the mailing rights of The Militant and of the theoretical magazine Fourth International.

GROWN STEADILY

Despite this, the SWP has It is active and growing in ingrown steadily during this per- fluence despite mass arrests, imiod. Today most of its members prisonments and the suppression are workers, rooted in the trade of their paper. Similar Trotskyunions, with ever-widening in- ist parties are participating fluence in the basic industries. prominently in the mass strug-

four to eight pages, and the numplied more than five-times.

of the American working class.

growth of the Trotskyist movement in most countries was tem- STALINIST TERROR porarily checked by the repressions and casualties of the war. pre-war groups and those created in the midst of the war. The stronger than ever before . **ON ALL CONTINENTS**

In Europe, the Trotskyist movement has sections or strong groups in Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Norway and Spain; in the west-Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Chile, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. Among the strongest sections and party was split in two. During groups are those in the colonial countries: China, Egypt, India (Ceylon and Burma), Indo-China, Indonesia, Palestine and South Africa. Trotskyists are cant gains in the unions. also active in Australia

sonments by the British colonial despots, the party grew in this Workers Party was compelled sub-continent whose 400,000,000 natives are desperately exploited. his Act to disaffiliate from the the mounting revolutionary struggles for colonial liberation. The Trotskyists are in the vanguard of the Indo-Chinese struggle for independence from French imperialism. They have also emerged as a force in the Indonesian struggle against the Dutch imperialists. In China, despite the frightful toll taken by Chiang Kai-shek and the Stalinists, the Chinese Trotsky-

ist movement is still alive, and drawing together its forces. In Egypt a Trotskyist party

emerged during the war in 1943.

The Militant has expanded from gles in Palestine and Syria. On the European continent ber of its subscribers has multi- in France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Greece and elsewhere -Today, on the sixth anniver- the Trotskyist cadres were deci-

sary of Trotsky's death, the SWP mated by Hitler's murder machis engaged in the most ambitious ine and persecuted by the capielectoral campaign of its his-tory. Running 16 candidates in of the Fourth International are five states, this campaign is a making their voices heard preliminary step to contesting the throughout the continent. In the Presidential elections in 1948. recent French elections the Trot-The SWP is today on the thres- skyists polled the relatively large hold of becoming a mass party vote of 45,000. The Trotskyists are likewise active in Italy, On the international arena, the where the party was formed in the midst of the war.

In Greece, where the fascists murdered many leading Trotsky-Trotskyist parties — both the Integnationalist movement by assassinating over 100 of its leaders in the civil war of 1944. Fourth International in 1946 is In Bulgaria, where the Trotskyists survived the terrible Nazi repressions, the Stalinists have

launched a wave of terror which led to the incarceration of the heroic Trotskyist leaders. In England, as in the U.S., Trotskyist leaders were arrested for their opposition to the imperern hemisphere — Argentina, ialist war. But this did not halt

the growth of the movement. When Trotsky died, the British the war it unified and became the Revolutionary Communist Party. It has run candidates in the elections and made signifi-PRODIGIOUS VITALITY

In India, the Bolshevik-Lenin- Proof of the prodigious vitality

Leon Trotsky.

revolution. Trotsky the man is

of Trotskyism lives and will con-

Peace Or War--How Trotsky Posed The Basic Question Of Our Times How would Trotsky regard the United Nations Organi-



But today on every continent, there are active and flourishing Trotskvist parties _ both the **Humanity From Capitalist Slavery**

By Larissa Reed

Leon Trotsky, a great revolutionary Marxist, was born still ahead of him. He watched From then on, Trotsky was on a Ukranian farm in 1879. For 44 years out of his life span with alarm the gradual rise of hounded from one country to anof 61, he fought with ideas and deeds to free the working Union, led by Stalin. He sound-1935, and finally he was granted ane asylum. Artificially split-up men and women of the world from capitalist slavery. In ed a warning call that Stalin's refuge in Mexico in 1937. All this little states, whose economy is many books and pamphlets,

and through his great gift as workers. Thereafter he was elect-an orator, Trotsky taught the workers first of all how to Soviet. In this capacity he or-the Soviet Union. hink out and understand ganized and led the Petersburg In 1223, while Lenin was on their problems. Then, each time insurrection of the Russian workthrough his own heroic example, ers and soldiers which founded the Left Opposition within the he showed them how to carry the first victorious workers' state

out these ideas in action. in history. His ideas, as well as his cap-acity for action, represented a COMMISSAR OF WAR onstant menace to all enemies

Thereafter, as Commissar of War, Trotsky organized the Red asters followed in England in Stalin's years he led the Red Army against the armies of 21 capitalist nations, sent to destroy the Revolution, and defeated them in battle. By this time Trotsky was about 44 years of age, with a record

ernmental, national, civilized, bourgeois Europe-as it has issued from the war and the Verchoking to death within their and wage wars over harbors, provinces towns.

cies, Trotsky declared the Third larger states, whose antagonhad proved it. He proclaimed the isms are likewise increasing day Trotsky discussed the possiby day. Italy stands hostilely The Fourth International was internationalist program. When, founded in September 1938, with clined to support Germany under Stalin's false policies, dis- Trotsky as its guide and leader.



zation, the Foreign Ministers' parleys and the Paris "Peace"

Conference? As sincere attempts of great statesmen to

achieve lasting peace? Or as calculated steps of bandit

conquerors toward a new and more terrible war?

would happen to it.

ing humanity:

socialist, principles?"

AN INSANE ASYLUM

At the Second World Congress

of the Third International, July-

August 1920, Trotsky again de-

clared in the Manifesto he was

assigned to write: "Official, gov-

and

insignificant

still apply.

"Is all toiling mankind to be- Europe might be regarded as the come the bond slaves of victori- height of well-being." the

Trotsky wrote about ous world cliques who, under the League of Nations in 1934 as folfirm-name of the League of Nations and aided by an 'interna- lows: "Europe, the recent arena, tional' army and 'international' of the greatest of wars continunavy, will here plunder and ally heads toward decline, pushed by victors and vanquished strangle some peoples and there alike. The League of Nations cast crumbs to others, while everywhere and always shackling which according to its official the proletariat-with the sole obprogram was to be the 'organizer. ject of maintaining their own of the peace' and which was rule? Or shall the working class really intended to perpetuate the of Europe and of the advanced Versailles system, to neutralize countries in other parts of the the hegemony of the United world take in hand the disrupt-States and to create a bulwark ed and ruined economy in order against the Red East, could not withstand the impact of imperto assure its regeneration upon ialist contradictions . . . The

Change the name of the League of Nations became a sec-League of Nations to the United ondary figure on the chessboard Nations and the above sentences of imperialist combinations.

"The main work of diplomacy, now carried on behind the back of Geneva, consists in the search for military allies, that is, in a feerish preparation for a new slaughter. Parallel with it goes the constant growth of armaments . . .'

Again substitute the UN for the League, remember that the new edition of the Verceilles Treaty has not yet been whitten, and you get a startlingly accurate picture of what has already happened to the pretentious UN "organizer of the perce" in its first year.

CAPITALIST "PEACE"

"They seek the protection of Finally, in 1940, at the outbreak of the Second World Wor, bility of "peace" under an Allied opposed to France and is in- victory: "Victorious France could re-establish her position as a against France, the moment Ger-great power only by dismembermany is able to raise her head ng Ger burgs, Balkanizing Europe, Great Britain could again play a leading role in European affairs only by refurnishing the game of playing on the contradictions between Germany and France on the one side, Europe and America on the other. This would signify a new and ten times worse edition of the peace of Versailles with infinitely more malignant effects upon the weaken-

rible, and most heroic years were Trotsky was deported to Turkey. revisionist policy would inevi- time Trotsky never ceased writand through his great gift as mass pressure of the Petersburg tably lead to betrayal of the world ing and speaking and building borders, snarl at one another,

his death bed, Trotsky formed International was dead. History Communist Party to fight need for a Fourth International. against the abandonment of the The Fourth International was

ion of the Fourth International was Fourth International, was offi-

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most sharply expressed by the of the working peoples. Because postwar Conference of the Fourth this rare combination of revolu-International held in April of tionary thinker and doer was this year. Convened under diffi- personified by Trotsky, he was one of the most hated and percult conditions in Belgium, the Conference represented a greater secuted men in all history. Trotsky was hounded by the membership and number of sec-Czar from the time he was a tions than at the Founding Convoungster of 17, when he began ference in 1938. The 1946 Conhis revolutionary career in the ference rendered more precise workers' circles of Nikolayev. In and reaffirmed the transitional 1898 he was exiled to Siberia by Program adopted in 1938 under the Czar But soon after Trotthe guidance and leadership of

sky escaped and went to London, where he met Lenin for the first Thus, six years after the death time and became his collaboragrowth on all continents is a to the Second Congress of the reflection of the rising tide of Russian party.

dead, but the mighty program EXILE AND EMIGRE

During the 1905 revolution.

of the First Petersburg Soviet of inhabitants. The alternative, @ 1905 revolution was defeated he ing in destructiveness, and gime. was arrested, together with the Soviet's Executive Committee. ending in the downfall of civiland exiled for life to Obdorsk by ization, possibly the extinction the Czar. But again Trotsky sucof mankind. ceeded in escaping. For the next In the struggle to achieve this ten years Trotsky lived as a

great aim, Trotsky considered emigre in France. Switzerland. the Soviet Union as a fortress Austria and Germany. In Vienna held by the working class. He he issued a popular labor newsdefended the Soviet Union from paper, Pravda, which was cirthe day it arose out of the culated in Russia. Throughout wreckage of the Czarist empire the years of his exile, he never to the day of his death. ceased writing, teaching, ex-Trotsky planned and led the plaining and fighting for revosuccessful uprising of the Rus-

lutionary socialism. sian workers that overthrew When the First World War capitalism in Russia. Under the broke out, Trotsky was among ferocious persecution of the the first to explain its char-Kerensky regime, the Bolsheviks acter and condemn it as an imdecided Lenin should go in hidperialist war. He adhered to his ing. Trotsky remained in Petrointernationalist position, teachgrad to organize the revolution. ing the workers that their main A year later, even an opponenemy was their capitalist rulent of Trotsky like Stalin had ers at home. At that time, Trotsky, like Lenin, predicted that to admit: "All the work of pracwithout a revolutionary victory | tical organization of the insurrection was conducted under the of the working masses of the immediate leadership of the world, new and more terrible wars would follow. Lenin's and President of the Petrograd So-Trotsky's predictions were borne viet, Comrade Trotsky. It is

possible to say with certainty the Soviet Union. out to the hilt when World War that the swift passing of the II followed in a generation. For his revolutionary anti-war garrison to the side of the Soviet, activities, Trotsky was expelled and the bold execution of the from France and deported to work of the Military Revolu-Spain, then to the United States. | tionary Committee, the Party

owes principally and above all After the 1917 February revolution broke out, Trotsky return- to Comrade Trotsky." (Pravda. ed to Russia, where he from the Nov. 6, 1918.) The first workers' state in his-

first stood side by side with Lenin and the Bolshevik Party. tory faced terrible foes. First Bolsheviks and shooting down After the July days he was ar- the German armies assaulted anyone remotely connected with rested by the Kerensky govern- the Soviet Union. Then within Trotsky's position. ment, but was freed through the Russia, the Whites-supporters

persecutions against Army to defend the life of the 1926, in China in 1925-27, Trot- Trotsky mounted through the young Soviet Union. For four sky's predictions were borne out years. Trotsky's children were in real life. In 1927, Stalin, de- murdered, one by one. A number termined to silence his Marxist of his secretaries were murdered. opponent, expelled Trotsky from Inside the Soviet Union, Lenin the Communist Party. Stalin and Trotsky's co-workers were with the help of France, keeps suppressed Trotsky's brilliant murdered in the frightful purges "Criticism of the Draft Program of 1936-38. Finally, on August impotence, thus untying her of the Comintern," prepared by 20, 1940, Trotsky himself was of 27 years' unbroken struggle him for the Sixth Congress of assassinated by Stalin's hired behind him. But the most ter- the Comintern in 1928. In 1929 killer in Mexico City.

safeguard peace.

Trotsky Articles

Featured In New

Foremost Defender Of Soviet Union Foch, military oracle of the French bourgeoisie, has issued a of Trotsky, the movement he for. Trotsky was elected a dele-founded, fights on. Its rise and gate from the Siberian League Against Domestic And Foreign Foes

Leon Trotsky was, first of all, the great proponent and organizer of world socialism. He held that the world's Hitler which he boasted would economic system must be dovetailed together and run ac-Trotsky was elected Chairman cording to a general plan for the benefit of the earth's

Workers' Deputies. After the he pointed out, is a succes- of the Czar-organized civil war sion of world wars, increas- to overthrow the Bolshevik re-

> The Whites were backed by the victorious Allied powers. Japan, Britain, Poland, France did their utmost to put military dictators in power. The United States sent invading troops and enormous supplies for the **Issue Of "FI"** Whites. The master mind of the intervention was Winston Churchill.

Leon Trotsky organized the Red Army to defend the first getting a better understandworkers' state in history. His ing of world politics, we recbrilliant leadership spark-plugged this new democratic army. The foe was hurled back on all Fourth International. In fronts. Trotsky entered the anmemory of Leon Trotsky, nals of military history as one Fourth * International has outof the greatest geniuses of all time in this field. lined the basic principles that

By 1924 reaction set in. Stalin guided the great Marxist in headed a faction which held the building a new international PREDICTION OF WAR Soviet Union could quietly build revolutionary movement of the socialism without bothering to working class. extend the new system to other A recently discovered docucountries. Trotsky maintained this illusion could prove fatal ized Industry and Workers' not only to the world socialist Management" is published for absolutely self-evident that the movement, but to the defense of the first time in this issue of

Trotsky contended that Stalfresh light on the growing tenthe way for a military invasion and what the workers should do by one or more of the capitalist about it.

powers. Riding high on the wave of reaction, Stalin answered these Soviet patriot by purging the Country by country, he describes

Then Stalin made a pact with today.

again. France is eaten by envy of England and in order to collect her dividends is ready to set Europe on fire again from all its four corners. England, Europe in a condition of chaotic own hands for world operations aimed against the United States . . .

"In harmony with this picture of world relations Marshal warning that the next war will begin where the last one left off, namely, with airplanes and

tanks, with automatic arms and machine guns instead of hand weapons, with grenades instead of bayonets." Trotsky declared that Hitler

was preparing an invasion of placed the Fochs and Pershings predict that World War III will peace is possible, he explained, the Soviet Union. But Stalin answered this warning by driving a pick-axe into the brain of begin where the last one left off-with atomic bombs and and areas and building the planthe Soviet Union's best defender. annihilating rockets. Otherwise ned economy of socialism. Trot-Trotsky could have written those paragraphs today.

In a speech at the June 23, 1921, session of the Third World Congress of the Third International, Trotsky said: "After the war it might have seemed that the triumph of pacifism was about to arrive and that the League of Nations was its mani-If you are interested in festation. Today we see that the calculation of pacifism was a miscalculation. Never before has ommend the August issue of capitalist mankind engaged in such frenzied preparation for a new war as at the present time." words are an accurate report of the state of affairs today.

In the Theses on the International Situation, written by Trotsky for the same Congress, the ment of Trotsky's on "National- aftermath of a Second World War is already envisaged: "It is more protracted the world pro-Fourth International. It throws letarian revolutionary movement is in its character, the more inin's policy would simply pave dency toward nationalization evitably will the bourgeoisie be impelled by the contradictions of the world economic and poli-

One of the highlights of the tical situation to engage in anissue is the able analysis by Ern- other bloody denouement on a world scale. This would signify est Germain, "The First Phase grave warnings of the great of the European Revolution." | that the task of 'restoring capitalist equilibrium' after the new the upsurges of the European war would have for its basis workers resulting from the war conditions of economic havoc and and tells what the situation is cultural savagery in comparison with which the present state of

ed organism of Europe.' Sounds like a report from Paris. Yet this was written six years ago!

The program of the Allied bandits is to carve up the world. This only sows the seeds of fresh and more terrible wars. Against this reactionary aim, Trotsky advanced the slogan of uniting Today the generals who re- all countries in a Socialist Unitpeace is possible, he explained, only through uniting countries sky devoted his life to the fight

> for this simple idea. Two quotations will illustrate his conception:

UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

In 1934 he pointed out, "The task of complete national determination and peaceful cooperation of all peoples of Europe can be solved only on the basis of the economic unification of Europe, purged of bourgeois rule. The slogan of the United States of Europe is a slogan not only for the salvation Substitute the United Nations of the Balkan and Danubian for the League and Trotsky's peoples but for the salvation of the peoples of Germany and France as well.

> And in 1940, he repeated: Against the reactionary slogan of 'national defense' it is necessary to advance the slogan of the revolutionary destruction of the national state. To the madhouse of capitalist Europe it is necessary to counterpose the program of the Socialist United States of Europe as a stage on the road to the Socialist United States of the World."

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"If the rulers of the Kremlin want to comof that.

Our Program

In this issue of The Militant we have shifted the box containing "Our Program" from its usual pace on page 5. To give it greater prominence during the election campaigns, we have moved it to page 8.

We have likewise made several changes in the points of the program to correspond with the shift of issues on the political front.

Our basic program is Marxism, today known as Trotskyism. This program is contained in documents of the Fourth International and in the works of our great working-class teachers and leaders, Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

The aim of this basic program is to do away with the out-moded capitalist system and its wars, unemployment, racial discrimination and poverty. In place of hunger and bloodshed, this program aims for a socialist society based on production for use and genuine, lasting world peace.

The ability of the working class to build socialism develops through the daily struggle against the corporations and for the improvement of the standard of living.

The slogans in "Our Program" indicate the road to success in this daily struggle. At the same time they lead toward the abolition of capitalism and the construction of socialism.

"Our program" thus must answer two requirements. (1) It must show the way to socialism. (2) It must meet the needs of the working class in their daily struggle against the capitalists. That is why we make changes in it from time to time.

The first change is the addition of these slogans: "Organize mass committees for independent action against profiteering and pricegouging!" "Expropriate the food trusts! Opergerms. Thus the problem of finding a road to genuine peace is up to the working class. The capitalists can do nothing but guarantee another war.

world war that will be waged with atomic

bombs, ocean-spanning rockets and deadly

We have, therefore, added the following slogans: "Take the war-making powers away from Congress!" "Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!" "Against capitalist conscription!"

To block the will of the people for a world of peace, the capitalists have imposed the Prussian military system on the armed forces, denying them their democratic rights.

To grant the workers and farmers in the armed forces their right to participate in the political life of the country we propose: "Abolish the officer caste system!" "Full democratic rights in the armed forces!"

As before, "Our Program" ends with the main slogan, "For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!" This slogan points the only political road for the labor movement. In the final analysis all questions are decided on the political front. To win its battle, labor must put its own government in Washington.

Troops And Strikes

Some 200 battle-equipped troops of the National Guard were used at Connersville, Indiana, on August 5, to smash a picket line of CIO workers and herd strikebreakers into the Rex Manufacturing Company plant.

Once again American labor receives an object lesson in the government'souse of armed forces to protect the interests of labor-hating capitalists.

The National Guard is an appendage of the federal armed forces. It has been employed traditionally against striking workers.

Every minority ruling class peddles the myth that its armed forces exist to protect "the people." Actually, these forces are organized for the sole purpose of guarding the exploiters against the wrath of the people.

This is true of the American capitalist class and its military arm. The capitalist class controls the state and the government. It controls the military. That is why, at times of critical struggle between the workers and the owners, the armed forces are always sent to aid the owners.

Truman used the threat of troops to break the railroad strike. He sent troops into Kentucky mine fields during the coal strike. He threatened to use the Navy to smash a CIO seamen's strike.

• Just as these armed forces of the capitalist government are used to defend the capitalists and their profits here at home, so they are used throughout the world to safeguard Wall Street's imperialist interests.

Labor must pay particular attention to the real function of the armed forces under capitalism. Events like those in Indiana further demonstrate that the armed forces are instruments of the capitalist government to terrorize the people.

That is why labor must oppose every measure to strengthen these forces-compulsory conscription, military appropriations, the officer caste system.

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"And does it say that our investments in China are protected, or should we send more Marines to safeguard Democracy?"



UP FRONT by Bill Mauldin steam." The big brass . . . most | of this country for obtaining Henry Holt & Company, 228 of them, anyhow . . . tolerated economic and social freedom.

pp. 1945, \$3.00. .

This book of cartoons and the were not the kind that teach ticles by E. B. DuBois, Carey artist's commentaries is about lessons and guide bitter resent- McWilliams and others tell of several hundred thousand men ment against the real enemy, the the Negro people's struggle of the millions drafted into the capitalist war-mongers and prof- against slavery; U. S. Army in World War IIiteers. the combat soldiers. More par-

ticularly, it is about the infantryman, the "dog face" and still more about the basic unit of the army, the rifleman-"up front." The book isn't really about them either. The cartoons were drawn for them and express their own war-weary humor, grim and casually direct, inno-

ly, touchingly human and always hopelessly homesick. Only those who after years of the deadly know-how of war "accepted with deadened senses" what to others would seem impossible conditions of life, can fully appreciate these sketches.

Most of these cartoons appeared in Stars and Stripes, the overseas Army newspaper, and were well the mind, heart and racked Himes on why World War II turned to by the men even before body of the soldier "up front" reading the news or the comic will learn to understand the for Democracy" despite the lack strips. No other drawings drew world-wide struggle against imso closely to the moods and perialism on the class front. thoughts of the front-line soldier. They stood with the bearded, mudcaked foul-smelling, dogtired, sleep-imploring, drenched,

enduring foot soldier; against the officer caste, the privileged, the more comfortable and even Co., Inc., New York, 1945, 491 the rear echelons. One is temptpp., \$3.50. ed to say-against the war itself! But that is not true.

The book is divided into three parts-"Heritage," in which ar-"Black and White Mores," which describes drawings, also contradict much cluding selections from Roi Ottabout the Negro question.

Moon's collection is a fairly impressive gathering of writings on the race problem and its history-even taking into considcause of his youth, he didn't eration the fact that he leaves know what it was all about, he out all mention of the important he attempts to give a political cessful role in government administration. On the other hand, was the colored American's "War of democracy in the armed forces and at home!

"The Races of Mankind," pre-Dave Stevens sentation of scientific proof of the brotherhood of man by Columbia University anthropologfreezing or sweltering and fright- PRIMER FOR WHITE ists Ruth Benedict and Gene FOLKS edited by Bucklin Weltfish, is included—the same Moon, Doubleday, Doran and pamphlet which was banned from

distribution to the U.S. Army

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Two Of A Kind — **Political Swindlers**

By George Clarke

To cover up their crimes, crooks often yell "thief" the loudest. This applies to the Communist (Stalinist) Party and to Norman Thomas' Socialist Party.

Both are now engaged in a big election fraud in New York State. Both are throwing sand in the eyes of the workers.

The Communist Party seems to be trying to place its own independent ticket on the state ballot. In reality, it is doing nothing of the kind. If the "anti-Dewey" candidate on the Democratic ticket is acceptable to the Stalinists, according to their own announcement, "they will withdraw in his favor. Just another way of tricking their own members and sympathizers into support of a Wall Street Party. In other words - a swindle, pure and simple.

Norman Thomas' Socialist Party also is trying to get on the state ballot. Ordinarily no one would pay much attention to this décrepit sect which has neither spirit, program, principals nor membership.

The S.P. is about to give up the ghost. On July 2 their national committee decided to approach the Social Democratic Federation for organic unity. The Social Democratic Federation is the backbone of the Liberal Party which is supporting Democratic Senator Mead for Governor in keeping with its practice of supporting capitalist politicians in all elections.

In other words, if the merger with the Social Democrats goes through before the election there may not be any S.P. ticket. If the merger is delayed until after the election, workers who have voted for the S.P. will have thrown away their vote on a dying sect breathing its last gasp. Another swindle.

BELLOW WITH RAGE

Both the S.P. and C.P. appear to be having a lot of trouble getting the required number of signatures to place them on the ballot. Thus both of them bellow with rage at the warm welcome Socialist Workers Party campaign workers received from workers and farmers throughout the state. In less than two weeks we collected 12,000 signatures and a number far in excess of the legally required totals for the 62 counties of the state. The campaign is now rolling forward to its goal of 25,000 signatures.

The Daily Worker accuses us of "provocation" to incite the American Legion against them. What provocation? Give names and places or shut up! What stupidity! If the Legion succeeded in driving one minority party off the ballot, how would that help the SWP which comes under the same election laws?

Norman Thomas writes a frantic letter to his "friends" in which he accuses us of attempting to "steal" the name Socialist. He compares us with the Nazis who "once stole the name Socialist for use in their nefarious propaganda." We heard that f ameup before from the Kremlin. That's where 'l'homas got it.

What gives the S.P. the monopoly on the name "Socialist?" Not their pregram. Net their "ornganda. Not their action. Not even history. For the Socialist Labor Party used the name Socialist years before the S.P. was formed.

Two of a kind. Both engaged in a swindle. The working class should remember that on election day.



Two more war-born "self-made" multi-mi es, Andrew J. Higgins and Henry J. Kaiser, are under fire for war fraud and profiteering. Risking scarcely a nickel of their own, these "industrial geniuses" each snared more than \$300,000,000 of government war contracts. In five short years, they raked in scores of millions in profits and held title to vast plants. Higgins, a pre-war small-time builder of pleasure craft, became a big-time builder of military craft at a huge shipyard the government set up for him down in New Orleans. When V-J Day came and government contracts dried up, Higgins shut down the New Orleans yard and fired thousands of workers on the pretext of "union trouble."

his "insubordinate" cartoons. His excellent drawings and humor

It can be regretted that he day-to-day aspects of living chose to write as well as draw. Jim Crow through stories by His comments, although partial- writers such as Key Boyle, Richly supplementing and amplifying ard Wright and Dorothy Parker. the spirit of what is best in his and "Today and Tomorrow," in-

of it. With the typewriter he ley, Langston Hughes and Lilportrays most officers as good, lian Smith on what they think totalitarianism in the army as necessary, the war as a just war, cently brutal, in places naive- the German masses as all Nazis, etc.

> Stating as he does, that becould only fall into the offi- period during Reconstruction cial imperialist clap-trap when days when Negroes played a sucappraisal of various aspects of the war. One can hope that the Moon includes apologies by Wenyoung artist who understood so dell Willkie and Chester B.

> > Reviewed by * * *

plain that through my writing I am aiding a future victory of the Soviet people over their reactionary bureaucracy, then I can reply, yes, I am guilty -Leon Trotsky

ale them under workers

These slogans are designed to widen the struggle of the workers against sky-rocketing prices. They are supplementary to our key slogan in labor's fight against inflation: "A sliding scale of wages - an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!"

The next change is the re-wording of a slogan to correspond with a shift in emphasis in the struggle of the unions against government domination. During the war when the trade union bureaucracy sat on government boards and took orders from Wall Street's political representatives, we called for "Independence of the trade unions from the government!"

The great strike wave smashed the effectiveness of government strikebreaking boards. Today Wall Street's political representatives seek to hog-tie the unions with vicious laws and pen strikebreaking. The struggle has therefore aken a different form. Our slogan on this quesbion now reads: "Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!"

Under this slogan we have added as specific points: "No injunctons! No compulsory arbitration!"

As prices continue to sky-rocket, the tax burden is felt more and more grievously by the poor. It is high time for the working class organizations to begin a serious struggle to end taxation of the poor and slap taxes where they belong-on the rich. As specific points we have added: "Repeal the payroll tax!" "No sales taxes!"

The housing shortage has become so bad that millions of families are now affected, partcularly the veterans. Wall Street's government continues to stall on building new housing. Yet Congress has ear-marked \$18,000,000,000 for one year's expenses in preparing the Third World War!

We propose these huge war funds be used constructively. We have therefore added to our program: "An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!"

Almost a year has passed since V-J Day. This is sufficient time to reveal what the postwar world looks like. It is a world of colossal ruin and devastation.

The Atlantic Charter turned out to be lying propaganda, precisely as The Militant predicted. Nowhere are the "Four Freedoms" being carried out. Right here in America, lynchmurders are mounting.

In Java, Indo-China and other colonial areas imperialist armies are re-imposing the old despotic rule of foreign capitalism. China is torn by a civil war with the hated dictator Chiang Kai-shek backed by Washington.

At the same time the Bikini atomic bomb

Election Laws

Just before going to press we received a wire informing us that the Lucas County Election Board in Toledo, Ohio, has ruled the Socialist Workers Party candidates off the ballot.

The technicality used as the pretext to bar the only workingclass candidates from the ballot in Northwest Ohio, was that their petitions were not filed as a unit. This technicality was not applied to Republican and Democratic candidates under similar circumstances in the past.

Our experience with all election laws tells us that in Ohio, as in almost every state in the country, the boss politicians suffer no lack of technicalities to deprive workingclass political organizations of the right to appear on the ballot.

The capitalist politicians and the ruling Democratic and Republican parties have built up a tangle of restrictions especially designed for this purpose.

This is, part of the method for preserving the political monopoly of Wall Street's parties. Among the methods used are the requirements for the number of signatures on election petitions to place candidates on the ballot.

These figures are often so large, or the procedure so complicated, as to present an almost impossible obstacle to small and financially-poor parties.

Where this obstacle is surmounted, the minority party then confronts the barbed-wire of innumerable legal regulations-trickily designed to permit of varying interpretations. That's where the Election Boards come in.

Since these boards are composed of Democrats and Republicans, usually professional political agents of the bosses, they "interpret" the rules to "find" a minority party in violation of election procedure.

There is nothing the boss parties fear more than competition - especially and particularly labor competition. Their greatest anxiety is to prevent the workers from building their own party and running their own candidates.

So long as they can prevent workers' political parties from getting on the ballot and runnng candidates, the capitalist politicians can maintain their monopoly of the electoral machinery and prevent political competition.

Part of the fight to preserve labor's political ights and to build a labor party is a vigorous national campaign to abolish these restrictive laws rigged up to keep labor, candidates off the ballot.

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The 23-year-old Mauldin re- the Negro got to be looked upon the whole book, and should be mained on the level of uncrystal- as a second-class citizen . . . | read by every worker, as an exized discontent. His humor pro- and why he doesn't intend to planation of how race prejudice vided the soldier, as he writes, stay that way." And that is as grew up-a weapon to "divide "with a safety valve to blow off far as Bucklin Moon's compilatheir feelings about things." His tion goes. Of the 41 articles and object was to make them "feel stories he has selected as the best better inside." For "it is not good writing on the Negro in America. for them to sit in their holes and not one offers any kind of hope brood about it and work up a to the 13,000,000 colored citizens

Congressmen At Work -

pp., \$3.50. According to one reviewer, this program." This is the most anthology is the story of "how worthwhile piece of reading in and rule"-and how science has disproved the theory that some races are inferior. Reviewed by

Winifred Nelson

How closely Congress follows the views of Big Business in reaching its decisions was revealed with unusual clearness in the debate over loaning Great Britain \$3,750;000,000.

Representative Wright Patman (Democrat of Texas) supported the loan July 11, arguing, "The British Government will be forced toward socialization much faster if we refuse the loan than if we make the loan." As authority for his argument, he quoted Michael A. Heilpern, economic adviser to the Bristol-Meyers Co. of New York:

future of leadership within the choice of trying to get all of the Labor Party itself. Whether the world — and together we do get moderate elements will remain 75 per cent of it immediately in control or will have to give way on a capitalistic free enterprise decision of our own Congress this time." concerning the loan to Brifain.

The Attlee government has staked the Congressional Record the bankers). its reputation upon the success testimony of two witnesses beof that loan. Our refusal would fore the House Committee on the American bankers, Hemingvery likely increase the prestige Banking and Currency. They way admitted they would be opof the more extreme Socialists." | were W. Randolph Burgess, Vice

Cole (Republican of New York) Bank of New York and W. L. agreed. "British socialism has Hemingway, president of the little in common with totalitar- Mercantile Bank and Trust Co. with things literally shot to pieces ian communism. It is far better of St. Louis. These two bankers for us to strengthen a British on May 24 testified in behalf of it is advantageous from our own Government which has socialistic the American Bankers Associa- selfish standpoint to help get leanings than to allow that coun- tion.

try to fall prey to the seeds of communism which have found about the Attlee government car- is really the gist of our argufertile soil in the areas on the rying out genuine socialist mea- ment," continent of Europe which were sures. He compared Attlee with The Congressmen repeated the

devastated by the war." Representative A. S. Mike Mon- who betrayed the workers and all possible variations. Then a roney (Democrat of Oklahoma) saved British capitalism: "Ram- big thumping majority voted to. added: "Britain cannot carry on sey MacDonald was a Socialist under the capitalistic system of and Labor man before he came to save capitalism in Great Britain free enterprise trade in foreign the Government, and his govern- by opening up the sluice gates of markets unless she has this new ment made a few changes and the U.S. treasury.

then they settled down and behaved very conservatively." Burgess figured on Attlee doing the same. "The Bank of England socialization, for example, they call it socialized and yet the same people are running the bank under the same principles under which it was run before, so it is a little hard to get worried about the policies of the Bank of England."

Hemingway felt that "by making this loan and helping England to stabilize its economy we might be able to help the conservatives and those who are opposed to socialism in England to stop it. In other words, it was our feeling that socialism thrives in an atmosphere of economic disorder and dissatisfaction. If England could again become prosperous that socialism would gradually slip away. That was On July 12 Patman placed in the view of our committee" (of

Summing up the viewpoint of posed to the loan "if these were world coming out of this terrible conflict which lasted for 6 years. in so many parts of the world. these people back on their feet Burgess was not very worried and doing business again. That

a previous labor prime minister arguments of these bankers with

FRAUDULENT CLAIMS

Last week, the Department of Justice sent a special attorney, J. Frank Cunningham, down to the Mississippi Delta city to investigate the money-making activities of Higgins. Cunningham charged Higgins, his son Frank, and other associates with "making and causing to be made and presented for payment and approval false claims against the United States government, knowing such claims to be false, fictitious and fraudulent."

Now most people will admit that it isn't a very nice thing for a "rugged individualist" like Higgins to defraud the American people of millions. Some people might even say that maybe labor-hater Higgins ought to be "put up against a wall and shot at sunrise"-like his good old friend Admiral Land of the Maritime Commission once advocated for union organizers.

"The Saga of Henry J. Kaiser" was described in The Militant, June 6. Between hundreds of millions in government hand-outs and selling tens of millions in shares to stock suckers, Kaiser came out of the war, as the saying goes, "well-fixed."

WAR PROFITEERING

Now he too has the spotlight cast on him. Senator Styles Bridges, Republican of Maine, has demanded that the Senate War Investigating Committee take a peek into the many and profitable activities of Kaiser. The Senator went so far as to insinuate Kaiser might be guilty of war profiteering and to have benefited from government "favoritism." And all Kaiser did was to ante about \$100,000 up to more than \$300,000,000 by pluck, hard work-and a pipeline to the U.S. Treasury,

The exposures of Higgins and Kaiser are a byproduct of the war scandals revealed by the Senate War Investigating Committee. This committee has been directing most of its attention to one gang of small-time crooks, the Garsson munitions combine that broke into the arms racket during the war. The big "well-established" crooks-like U. S. Steel, General Motors, du Pont, Ford, Bethlehem Steel Standard Oil-don't mind the heat being turned on outfits like Garsson's which tried to muscle in on the big thieves' territory.

Higgins and Kaiser are independent capitalists in the Garsson class who tried to squeeze between the big monopolies and lap up some of the war profits gravy. They are being made scape-goats for the crimes of Big Business. So now Kaiser proposes to turn "states evidence" and spill the beans about U. S. Steel and others. When thieves fall out, the truth will out-if the old whitewash brush isn't. applied all around i



Saving British Capitalism

capital added to her battered fi-"An interesting question is the nancial structure. We have the

to the left wing will depend, system of world trade, by making among other factors upon the this loan of \$3,750,000,000 at

Representative W. Sterling Chairman of the National City normal times." But with the

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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.

Reader in England Appraises British Labor Party Policy Editor:

The Labor Party in England has doubled its membership votes over the 1938 figure which is testimony to the magnitude of the left swing of the workers and radical middle class, as well as to the depth of the growing political crisis.

The annual conference of the Labor Party has recently taken place. We note that the rank and file delegates were more critical of the leadership's reactionary policies than they have been for a number of years. This is shown by the defeats the Labor Government representatives suffered in a number of questions, agricultural policy, education.

On most other questions the Petition Gatherer rank and file were highly criti- Proud of Her cal: on nationalization, where speakers demanded greater par- Achievements ticipation of voters' committees at every stage of production; in foreign policy where Bevin, Labor's foreign minister, had a very rough time over his defense of the Labor Government's continuation of Tory, i.e., capitalist foreign policy.

It is clear that the Labor Party Left Wing is beginning to emerge. It is reflected in Parliament by such persons as Silverman, Williams, Mikado, but it lacks a perspective and a program.

The food situation is gradually worsening here and workers are complaining that they are worse off than during the war. "Victory" has meant little to them. The housewive's shopping basket is becoming lighter, and it is the meager rations. None but a

tion bread — not with the workers in their present mood. A Reader



BEVIN

Editor: to try my luck at it after my much about the hard work the Party members were going to gatory and Hell, the devil, Uncle have securing the signatures re-

quired. I had Abe go out with me one night, and I listened to him explain the reason for the required number of signatures and the work of the party. He secured a my own.

taking her twice as long to ob- my shopping bag and on the tain the extra bits which eke out | way to the market succeeded in labor government could remain and women, and also from the in office in Britain today and ra- women who were busy picketing about two hours.

I felt very proud of my achieve-Nottingham, England | ment and the next morning went



Out of my own experience, I told Abe that approaching people and walking around was more successful than waiting for people to pass by. **Betty Davis**

New York

"No Draft at All." Says 'Militant' Reader

I am against any draft of

young men or old, as long as

I have been watching them for

We are in danger, and it is

BOSTON

PICNIC

at Houghton's Pond

L. B. Courts

Hamilton, Ohio

cities, under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party.

the Republican Party or Demo-

cratic Party is in power.

Editor:

40 years, and am not giving them Never in my life have I gone any leeway. They are Siamese out for signatures for any pur-Twins. pose whatsoever. But I decided getting worse all the time, but husband, Abe Davis, told me so there are some people who hate to give up. They believe in pur-

> Sam and Santa Clause. But there is nothing except the grave for he wicked No draft at all under the present system. That is my idea, and the way I look at it.

few signatures while standing on the street corner and the next morning I decided to go out on I put the petition blanks in

getting 51 signatures from men the meat shops. I did this in

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en to ask for what they came

"My Day" -- Experiences **Of A Working Mother**

By Mille Fredreci

I have never tried to write a column before. I am such for or to defend themselves. a busy mother and housewife who works out that I wish Some of them brought lawyers could travel about from home to shop and work by atom rocket. I don't have time to 🏵

make up my face, to say fire insurance which cost \$9 for nothing of making up a col- \$2,000 worth for three years. I repairs to the Tenement House live on the top floor. umn, so I'm telling this while I telephoned my Madame I my husband types it for me.

Here's a sample of "My Day." dress I had fitted for her because After staying up all night car- the roof was leaking and I was going to the OPA, the Health rying buckets of water last Tues-Department and court. day because my roof was leak-

ing, I went to court to get a WORKERS IN COURT summons for my landlord. Water I've never taken out a sumhas been pouring from the elecmons before but I went to 153 tric socket for over a month East 57th St. Municipal Court whenever it rains. I was so afraid where I got one after declaring this would cause a short in the I was a pauper (had less than \$500 in liquid assets). The court Department in advance and told | was crowded with workers who

they couldn't afford. Since March the OPA has turned over its investigation of Department, so I called them and they promised to send somewouldn't be able to bring the one to investigate the next day. (I'm still waiting after a week.) I had forgotten all about Buy-

ers' Strike Day until I reached Norton's to return a pair of shoes. The pickets were calling out: "Stay out of the stores," "Don't Buy — Prices are too high." I said to the picket captain: "I'm not buying, I'm taking these shoes back for a refund." So he let me pass. If I'd

kept the shoes another day, I'd have lost the price of the shoes and I worked too hard to get it. THE POOR PAY MORE

I have a big gas and electric bill for the last two months -\$15.99. That is \$5 more than my Madame's gas and light bill. She lives on East 77th St. and her three-room apartment, with a terrace, costs \$108 a month. My tiny four rooms could fit into her living room easily, but I pay a higher gas and light bill. It's not right that the poor should pay more than the rich. Fluorescent lighting might help a book, written in such plain, workers on a trip to Belgium. "It e get my hill down somewhat



San Pedro Branch of the Socialist Workers Party has worked out a novel way of increasing subscriptions to The Militant. Yetta Fine, San Pedro's energetic literature agent, writes: "To put a little spirit into this

George Grant, Cleveland: "Enwork, the branch is running a closed are six subs. We have had handicap.' We have a large race a lull in our sub work for the track posted at our headquarters. Each comrade selling a sub past month due to vacations, gets a horse to ride. Each sub, etc., but in another week or so sold moves him up a peg on the we plan to start another concerted campaign. race track. At this writing Com-C. M. Hesser, Portland, Orerades Elsie (our newest comrade

gon: "Enclosed are two subs. This makes only nine subs for July, five below quota. We did quite a bit of work but had bad luck this month-everyone we called on was either not at home or had moved. I am going out again tomorrow (Sunday) and hope to send in some more subs

in the next few days."

E. Brent, Detroit: "Enclosed are 15 subs that E. Drake turned in Saturday evening. As you can see he really went out for subs. We are very proud of him. This is a good example for all our other comrades to follow. . Sunday three comrades from Westside Branch went out. In just a short while one obtained five subs, another four - the third comrade didn't get any because he was working in a middle-class apartment building.... We will continue our call back work, although the hot weather is a handicap-people don't stay home on weekends.'

Despite summer handicaps, branches are digging into sub-Chicago Branch is getting good scription work with fine deterubscription results through Red mination Sunday mobilizations. "The 42 Irene Fitzgerald, Philadelphia: subs you recently received."

in the branch) and Eugene are

running neck-and-neck for first

"Subscription work Mas be-

come a regular part of the branch

activity. Many new subs are ob-

tained at homes visited on call-

backs where the subscriber has

moved and the new people buy

a sub. Also, the comrades are

doing a fine job of selling subs

Rudy Rhodes of St. Louis re-

ports a very high percentage of

enewals: "About a week ago I

visited 14 subscribers in one eve-

ning and obtained seven re-

newals and one new 6-month sub

from a neighbor of one of the

subscribers. That was the best

average of renewals I had ever

made. It was a colored neigh-

borhood. Several of the subscrib-

ers remarked about our action

in defending Negroes. They men-

tioned the Ferguson case, etc.'

to their shopmates."

place.

The work goes slowly. Summer writes Sara Preston, "were gothas hit us. We can get the subs ten on our first mobilization for all we have to do is to go out renewals. Although only 10 and get them. Seventeen comcomrades were able to get out. rades have brought in all the they did a swell job. Some of the subs in July. Scores range from nine to one. Max Geldman has subs are new ones, incidentally. which were gotten just by talknine, Herb Newell nine, Mike Davis five, Abe Polin six. Clyde, a young woman sympathizer, has taken over a housing project. in which she lives and has brought in four renewals so far."



From east, west and abroad come praise and orders for Pioneer publications, new and old. A British reader writes, in a long letter of praise: "May I also be permitted again to send my regards to Jim Cannon for his great contribution to the revolutionary sub for a friend at the same movement, especially in relation time. to his work, The History of American Trotskyism (\$2.00). Such man, made friends with three

ing to people on their porches. etc. . . . The 17 subs 'enclosed were gotten on our last Red Sunday renewal drive. Calumet Branch came through with 11 of them. The renewal drive here is 'going very well." Four Militant boosters joined the ranks of The Militant Army this week. A subscriber in San Francisco sent in five 1-year subs for the King Jazz Shoe Shine Parlor, N. Y. Shoe Shine Parlor, Smok y

Dog Smoke Shop, and Main, Event Pool Hall. Through t's source, The Militant will undoubtedly be read by many workers every week. W. Smith of Chicago subscrib-

ed to The Militant and sent a

Henry Hill, a merchant seas hard for them to get revolu-

Sunday, August 18 Meet at Manhattan Square at 11 A. M. Swimming, Games, fixtures that I called the Fire Refreshments them about it and I took out seemed too timid and awe-strick-



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Conditions In Soviet Union Worsen Shop TALKS For Factory Workers And Soldiers

Unpaid Men Live Like Slaves Under Corrupt Stalinist Rule

The purges are continuing in the Soviet Union. Dispatches from the USSR, based on articles in the Soviet press, confirm not only this, but also:

1. The masses' living conditions are more unbearable workers. than ever, while the bureaucrats occupy an even more ager of the state bank's regional, privileged position than before branch in Sverdlovsk, asserts the war.

2. The top Stalin bureaucracy is trying to shift off of itself their own pockets. and onto subordinate bureaucrats the responsibility for the conditions which have aroused in the Don Basin coal energy the discontent of the masses.

For the first time, Pravda prints 'reports criticizing Stakhanovism—the use of "storm" or no pay books." Living conditions "shock" groups who speed up there are "bad," people "sleep in production and receive special bonuses for setting high production norms.

"The storm tactics so widely practiced in the Don Basin mines lead to an increase in accidents, disorder in the mines and weakening of labor discipline," wrote one Pravda reporter about mines which fell below their quota in June.

axe for something like this-but succession" and that crews it was the top bureaucracy in erecting Diesel installations in the Kremlin which introduced, the Rostov region "have not been extended and widely praised the paid for at least six months." He use of Stakhanovism.

HOLD BACK WAGES

Probably the most striking sions" about them but "there the reports are those dealing with matter ends." the withholding of wages, which CHEAT THE WORKERS has apparently become a wideformer officials of the Tugulym ers' elementary daily needs." industrial combination were

Opposition To C.P. Developing **In Prague**

(Special to The Militant) PARIS, Aug. 2-A report of man of the city Soviet, has played Trotskyist activity in Prague, | no small role in this lawlessness,' Czechoslovakia was recently says the Pravda correspondent. featured in a Swiss newspaper. This report, while highly with reports and warnings about dubious and unverified in its conditions in the Don Basin

"Big Four" Plotters





Representatives of the "Big Four" powers at the not-sopeaceful Paris "Peace" Conference. Top, left to right, President Georges Bidault, France, and Prime Minister Clement Attlee, Great Britain. Bottom, left to right, Foreign Minister Vyacheslay Molotov, Soviet Union, and U. S. Secretary of State James

Federated Pictures



the recent kidnapping of Sjahrir (Special to The Militant) AMSTERDAM, July 29 - appears as a provocation aimed The Dutch authorities have to justify the use of terror commissar used to have the reestablished themselves in Indonesia, except in the who leads a movement embrac-the political commissar is merely areas of Java, Sumatra and ing one-third of the whole In- an adjutant under the orders of the archipelago of Riau, re- donesian population. ports De Tribune, newspaper of In their paper De Warrheid sponsibility is to educate the

the Revolutionary Communist (The Truth!) the Dutch Stalin- troops in political and cultural Another important issue on the Party, Dutch section of the ists are very concerned about matters. He has about the same

Discipline Patterned On Model Of Despotic Prussian System

PARIS, July 26-The Swiss paper, Army and People. paints an instructive picture of military training and discipline in the Red Army today. Here are some facts, none of which has been chal-

lenged by the Stalinists.

hours while at "attention."

in the German army.

soldier . .

ficer in the capitalist armies. Recruits are trained for two monthly pay:

years in the military schools of Infantry soldier 10 rubles the 16 Soviet Republics. During 100 rubles Corporal the first six months they are Infantry Lt. 650 rubles taught only military discipline First Lt. 800-900, rubles and physical training. No fur-Major 1200 rubles loughs are permitted during this 2500 rubles Commander period. The use of arms comes Lt. General 3500 rubles only in the second six months. These are the normal peace The "military drill," which is payments. It should be added used extensively, is modelled on that officers' incomes are free the Prussian drill. The Russian of tax, and officers are permitsoldier must not move for $1\frac{1}{2}$ ted under a recent regulation to have permanent orderlies for An indication of how strict is

their personal service. the discipline was given recently Thus the Red Army has by a Russian officer asked for changed under the Stalinist rehis opinion of Swiss Army disgime to the point where it is cipline. He answered: "We would hard to distinguish between it send a Russian soldier back 25 and a Prussianized capitalist times if he saluted like a Swiss army in any important respect.

In the Red Army today noncommissioned officers are salut-**Teachers Union** ed by the rank and file, just as **Votes For Rising** When a subaltern calls upon an officer, the military code demands that he take three steps **Scale Of Wages** (Stechschritt-a form of goosestep), remain at attention, and report. When leaving he makes

(Special to The Militant) a half-turn to the left, and goes PARIS, Aug. 1-The proout with three more Stechscrit-Teachers (SCI), at its recent When subalterns and superiors national conference in Gre-

meet, the subaltern has to step Stechschritten for five meters. jority to join the struggle salute and turn his head, with for a sliding scale of wages to the left hand pressed to his trousers. In the garrison towns meet rising prices. The delegates, representing 130,000 teachers special patrols supervise the sadisregarded the leadership's call luting. Of course junior officers for passivity on this issue. They have to salute seniors. etc. also voted to call a 24-hour na-Soldiers going on leave have to turn in all arms; only offihold examinations unless their cers can carry a pistol. Officers demands are met. may wear civilian clothes on

The Stalinists, led by Delanoue, representing the majority of the CGT, fought against the resolution on the sliding scale of wages as a "reactionary and il-

The post of political commislusory slogan." Delanoue tried against severe criticism, to desar, as it previously existed, has fend the policy of the CGT ma-The political jority, which is a policy of capitulation to the bosses and the government. But when the resolution on the sliding scale of wages was put to a vote, the leadership was defeated by 774 the commanding officer. His reto 482 votes.

genda was the decision on

pushing this proposal. By water-



By V. Grey The Machine

A machine is a product of labor just like a pocket watch or a pudding, but the first thing you usually think about a machine is how handy it is and what it can do. You don't stop to think that each part is cast, rolled or forged and machined just like the material it works on. You think instead of the wonderful things it can do-how ingenious and clever the machine is.

But the machine is not a human being. And it doesn't live by the same laws human beings do, or that labor power does. From the standpoint of value it is the sum total of all the castings, forgings and rolled products in itself, and Following is a comparison of the labor that put them there, plus the machinings, the close tolerances in it that other machinists put there. And that is all it is. It sells in the long run for how much these things will bring.

A modern machine seems to turn out riches for its owner like a sausage machine turns out sausages. When you see a twenty-ton press stamping out auto fenders at 600 per hour, or a hundred ton press stamping out the fuselage of airplanes, as young girls feed and handle the stock, you wonder if the machine isn't after all the creator of values and the coiner of wealth, instead of labor. That's now it seems on the surface.

But this isn't so. It is not the machinery, but labor which creates new value and surplus value.

Remember, when we discussed tools-like the crescent wrench, the lug wrench and the jack? How much could be done with them and how little they cost! Their usefulness was one thing; but their value was something else. For example, a garage man will jack up your car-change your wheel, and change your tire too-all for a dollar and a half. Without the right tools ten garage men couldn't do this in ten hours. Nevertheless it only costs you a dollar and a half. Why?

Because you do not pay for the magic of the tools. You do not pay for their tremendous efficiency in multiplying the productivity of labor. You pay only for the tiny bit of exchange value of the tools which gets used up as the mechanic uses the tools on your car. Approximately a dollar and a quarter of your money is paid for the labor.

Why is this? Because these tools are so common they are sold cheap. They are produced easily. It takes little gressive National Union of labor to make them. They can be used a thousand times without wearing out. If a five dollar jack can be used a thousand times (by a garage man) he does not pay five noble, voted by a strong ma- dollars for its use the first time and nothing the rest of the time. The wear and tear of the jack amounts to about a half a cent each time.

As it is with a tool, so, too, with a machine. The machine is cheap or expensive depending on one thing, and one thing only, namely: the total amount of labor necessary to produce it. A welding machine costs several huntional strike and to refuse to dred dollars. A modern blast furnace, which is one big roaring machine fed by a lot of little ones, runs quite a bit over a million dollars!

And these large machines can be used thousands of times just like small tools. They give up their value to the product in the same way tools do-bit by bit, as they gradually wear out, or depreciate.

An electric welding job can save a thousand dollar casting from the scrap heap. During the life of the welding machine, the welder will perform thousands of such operations. But the welding machine does not for that reason cost a million dollars. Nor does it do a million dollars worth of work. Welding machines are so common that even if there were none in the foundry the imperfect but still costly casting would merely be sold for close to its final price, say \$975, and someone else would weld it into the \$1,000 job.

Before the invention of welding such a repair job



Another letter from a miner in spread abuse. A letter in the Au- the same issue complains that the gust 6 Trud charged that the dining room manager of the bureaucrats at the head of va- Dzerzhinsky mine administrarious industries in the Sverd- tion in the Voroshilov region lovsk and Tugulym regions were "shamelessly cheats the workholding back more than 3,719,000 ers" and criticizes the adminisrubles due to workers, and that tration for forgetting "the work-

The letter, writen by the man-

that in the case of Tugulym, the

officials were using wages to line

printed a letter from a worker

trust, reporting that "none of

the workers remember when they

got their wages on time. We have

corridors" and quarters are "dir-

ty and uncomfortable." Further-

more, the head of the local

"trade union" is "unconcerned

about improving our working and

Trud's own correspondent in

living conditions."

The next day the same paper

editorially thunders Trud "the soulless, formal against bureaucratic attitude to complaints and requests."

On the same day Pravda tells the story of four veterans "shamelessly" deprived of their old apartments in Kiev, which were occupied illegally for 20

months by relatives of officials. "Comrade Chebotaryey, chair-On August 9 Trud continued

details, at least indicated the beginning of a revolutionary internationalist opposition to the SHAMEFUL CONDITIONS counter-revolutionary policies of Stalinism in Czechoslovakia.

Constitution and the movement our full rations either. for a Soviet form of Constitution, stated:

"Only some irresponsibles among the rank and file of the Communist Party have so far shown any such inclination (for

a revolutionary struggle)." In the language of capitalist writers "irresponsibles" is synonymous with revolutionists. The Bolshevik-Leninist elements in the Czech Communist Party were fight against the Stalinist degeneration and to support the a majority of the C.P. member- in the offices of the mines." ship came over to the Left Opposition.

Against this background the mittee of the Coal Mining Indusbits and pieces of news would try and its district committee in indicate that such an opposi- Shakhty were playing "a very tion is again developing within unenviable role" and that the the C.P., an opposition already "district commissioner did not active and strong enough to take any real measure to liquicause journalistic impressions in date the shameful state of affairs two capitalist papers.

mines. Five Fourth reported: "From January until June we

The existence of such an op- February and March we did not Dutch Army and Navy. position is borne out, indirectly, get rations on our meat, fish, by the remarks contained in the sugar and fat ration cards and June 29 issue of the London now we are told it is too late to Economist. Its correspondent, in get them. During the last few speaking about the new Czech months we have not been getting "For the past five or six

Trud's special correspondent corroborated these reports, and found many other violations of Soviet legislation. Even Stakhaamong the first in the 1920's to novite miners who had overfulfilled their quotas were not getting the second hot dish due at struggle of the Trotskyist Left their meals and "more than half Opposition for a return to the of the rations designated for policies of Lenin. In some areas supplementary feeding remains The same correspondent

> and prosecute the guilty ones." Then prices go up and some people have to go without the

International Notes

Puerto Rico

Strange as it may seem, the children to be taught the 3 R's in their own language-which Palestine is Spanish. But if ex-Governor will only.

In one of his last official tion camp in Cyprus. This news acts before resigning as Gover- was released on August 7 in nor, Tugwell vetoed a measure London as the British cabinet passed by the Puerto Rican leg- was waiting President Truman's islature which would have restand on their proposal to parquired the use of Spanish in the tition Palestine. The British schools. Just as the Nazis forced openly hint that they are ready the German language upon many to back up their immigration of the conquered peoples of Eu- ban with full military force, inrope, so would Wall Street force cluding a naval blockade of Palthe English language upon the estine's coast.

months we have not been getting an end to all forms of colonial masses. our coal. Our mine trade union committee is inactive. When some workers started demanding their wages. Mustchenko, the director, fired them.'

Wages, Prices And Profits The Law Of Labor Value Controls Prices

charged that the Central Comist anarchy controls both the level of prices and the amount of production of commodities under capitalism. It was pointed out that capitalist anarchy keeps the system swinging between two evils, surplus and scarcity. When there is too much of some commodity for the capitalist market, then the price of it goes down, factories close, workers lose their jobs. After production has gone down enough to suit the blind system it gives notice by a scarcity.

bloody suppression of the heroic Indonesian left wing. They even Indonesian struggle, British dare to say that this movement troops have been withdrawn and represents a "Fifth Column" received no wages. In January, replaced by elements of the and aids Dutch reaction! They find it necessary to spread such

International.

Meanwhile the Indonesian nalies (in the same way that the tionalist leaders continue their Mensheviks did against the Bolpolicy of negotiations with the sheviks) because it would place imperialists. The opposition to them in a difficult position to this policy of betraval has inadmit that it is Sjahrir and not creased tremendously among the Tan Malakka who acts against workers and peasants who want the interests of the Indonesian

oppression. Soekarno, Sjahrir When, some months ago, Tan and the other nationalist lead-Malakka was secretary of the ers fear the revolutionary masses Indonesian Communist Party more than they fear the domina- (Stalinist), De Warrheid praised tion of the Dutch imperialists- him. Now that he has broken with whom they now seek to with Stalinism, no slander is too reach a compromise. In this light vile for use against him.

By Warren Creel

goods. At the same time rising prices bring an increase in

So the amount of production of any type of goods is

After separating themselves from the function as the educational of-

leave; enlisted men may do this

All forms of fraternization be-

ween officers and enlisted men

only after two years service.

are forbidden.

been abolished.

Bulgarian Trotskyist In Prison Camp

(Special to The Militant) PARIS, France, Aug. 2 -Last month news was received here of the arrest of Dr. Gatchev of Plodviv, Bulgaria, a well known Trotskyists and president of the Bulgarian League of the Rights of Man. Since then we have heard from Bulgaria that "Dr. Gatchev has been removed from prison and placed in a concentration camp where the regime is very severe. This means his life is in danger.'

ing down the resolution to read participation in the "social, moral and sports formations of the youth," they managed to obtain a small majority of 612 for, 544 against, and 125 abstaining. The conference showed that the left wing is making important advances against the right wing leadership, which general ly votes with the Stalinists despite "anti-Communist" declarations. The left wing is grouped around the "Ecole Emancipee' this conference took a progressive and courageous stand.

whether or not to participate in could never have been done at all. Now, owing to weld-"pre-military training." For some | ing machines and welders, the work is done in a casual, offtime the Stalinists have been hand sort of way, just like the moulders, pourers, chippers, grinders and sand-blast men do theirs. The welding machines are slung around the foundry by the crane like so much scrap iron. In a few years, these little machines are worn out. And the company gets some new ones.

The value of the old ones has finally worn away just like its parts. But there is a difference. The parts of the machine are still there for you to look at, while its value is no longer there at all. The old used-up machine is valueless. It is only a corpse. Its life has gone into the work it has done. Its value into the castings it has repaired. A tiny fraction of its value has gone out of the shop with each casting it repaired. The sum total of these fractions is just equal to the value of the machine. No (Emancipated School) which at more-no less. It creates no new value.

> Besides creating new values, the hand of the workman welder preserved the value of the machine in the new product he created with the aid of the machine. Over a period of years he transferred the value of the machine over entirely to the sum total of his thousands of rapid and cheap jobs.

(Next Week: Machines Create No Value)

his expenses for machinery, for materials and so on, which in the end means the amount of labor in those things. Counting all that in, let us suppose the same situation in get the fruits of two days of work by a shoemaker. This factory production that was supposed in simple production: would mean that coats were bringing a high price. It would In other words, suppose that temporarily the profits in clothing production rose above those in shoe production. Business activity and financing would shift at once from would start changing to the better-paying trade. With more shoes to clothing. Fewer shoes would be made until scarcity tailors making coats, soon the supply of coats would go up of shoes equalized prices with labor-values and brought the price of shoes up again.

Wages are a price, the price at which we sell our laborpower. Next week's column will take up the effects of the control of wages by the law of labor-value.

Next week: Wages and Surplus-Value

BOSTON Memorial Meeting for ANTOINETTE KONIKOW Speakers: DR. J. CHESKIS A .MALDON Personal friends of Antoinette Konikow S. FRIEDMAN Boston District Committee, Workmen's Circle LARRY TURNER Boston SWP Organizer Chairman: L. SCHLOSSBERG Wednesday, August 28, 8 p.m. WORKMEN'S CIRCLE CENTER 612 Blue Hill Avenue Dorchester, Mass." Auspices: Workmen's Circle Branch 927

bean. The issue is now before Presi people of Puerto Rico want their dent Truman for final decision.

No further "illegal" immigra-Rexford G. Tugwell has his way tion by Jews into Palestine will the island's school system, from be permitted by the British govrirst grade through university, ernment, and all Jews caught be conducted in English trying to penetrate this blockade will be sent to a concentra-

controlled by the price. When the price goes low, production in that line goes down, when the price goes up, the reconquered peoples of the Carib

sult is an increase in the amount of production. This raises another question. Production goes up or down when prices go above or below what point? We assume that a high price is above the normal price, and a low price is below normal. But what sets the normal price?

production.

The origin of the normal level of prices can be seen best in an illustration from simple commodity production, in which the makers sell the commodities which they themselves make.

Suppose a producer on a simple basis makes a coat, and he has to spend one day of work in making it. The coat, then, contains one day's labor. Or we might say the labor-value of the coat comes to one day of labor time.

Normal Rule Sometimes Modified

Suppose another producer has to spend one day to make a pair of shoes. The labor-value of the shoes also is one day's labor time. All other things being equal, in normal exchange the coat and the shoes would be of equal that in modern factory production with hired wage workers worth. That is, one coat would trade for one pair of shoes. For a short time it would be different. Coats might be complex form. The factory owner must take into account

scarce, so that one coat would trade for two pairs of shoes. Last week's column covered the fact that blind capital- | So long as that lasted, a tailor, by one day of work could be good business to get out of shoemaking and move into tailoring, which was getting better prices, so producers until they no longer were scarce, and the price would come down to normal. Then the shifting would stop.

The "normal" price, or exchange-value, of goods is equal to the socially necessary labor time required in producing them. That is, roughly speaking, the product of a day's work in one line will trade for the product of a day's work in another.

In an earlier column it was said that we should begin by finding the normal rule of control of prices, and then go on to see how the rule is modified or stretched in particular cases. We have come to the basic normal rule of prices in the capitalist market. It is that exchange-values. or prices, are equal to the labor-value of commodities.

Wages Are the Price of Labor Power

This is the law of labor-value, out of which grows the control of prices and of the amount of production under capitalism. It springs from no regulation except the endless see-saw of the sapitalist anarchy, shifting back and forth from surplus to scarcity. Prices swing around this normal point of labor-value, they do not stay on it. But it is this very shifting above and below normal, and the surplus and scarcity that come with it, that enforces the law of labor-value as the general tendency.

The illustration of tailors and shoemakers covered only simple commodity production. But it is easy to see the same general rule would operate, though in a more

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How Leon Trotsky's Assassination Capped Bloody Edifice Of Moscow Frameup Trials Police Terrorism Rages Bloody Edifice Of Moscow Frameup Trials

By Joseph Hansen

(Twelfth in a series on the Moscow Trials and their significant.) Throughout the Moscow Trials, Trotsky and his son Leon Sedov were named by Stalin's frame-up machine as the principal defendants. This fact was of sinister significance. It meant both these great revolutionaries had been marked for assassination. Stalin intended to cap the bloody edifice of the Moscow

Trials with their bodies. The GPU got Leon Sedov February 16, 1938, in a Paris way to recovery from an operation that the hospital left him unattended a short while. A few hours later he was found wandering in the corridors in a delirium that astounded the surgeons. He died without recovering from this mysterious delirium.

Stalin's professional killers had tracked Sedov for months, stole his letters, tapped his telephone and even rented an apartment next to his. At least one previous attempt on his life had failed, according to facts established by French and Swiss authorities. Undoubtedly the GPU had succeeded in dogging him to the hospital despite the efforts to get him there secretly.

Stalin's professional killers now began closing in on Trotsky. The Militant of April 16. 1938. (then called the Socialist Appeal) reported that "Mink, wellknown GPU Assassin, Is En Route to Mexico." "Trotsky's Life is Menaced!"

UNEQUAL CONTEST

The contest was completely unequal. Stalin had a vast government apparatus. He had the most ruthless, powerful secret police in the world. He had national organizations ready to choice of a number of variants. He could try poison, machine guns, hand grenades, mines, or If one means failed, he could try another. He could choose the time.

Frotsky on the other hand c uld find exile only in Mexico. He lived in poverty. His followers were few and lacked finances. Nevertheless. Trotsky organized the best possible defense under the conditions. He was a fighter to the marrow of his bones.

Step by step, the GPU inched

they tossed incendiary bombs. They kidnapped the guard on duty, Robert Sheldon Harte, a hospital. He was so well on the of the Socialist Workers Party. member of the New York local A month later the police found Harte in a shallow grave covered with lime. The GPU assassing had fired two bullets into the youth's head and buried him in the cellar of a cabin they had rented in the mountains nearby. The Stalinist press immediately set up a howl that the murderous attempt on Trotsky's life had

been organized—by Trotsky himself! They called it "international blackmail." But the Mexican police succeeded in discovering the facts. Trotsky named David Alfaro Sigueiros as one of his possible assailants. Siqueiro went into

hiding. Later when he was appre-

hended, he admitted leading the assault. He was never punished. GPU gold goes far. The latest report from Mexico is that Sigueiros has made formal application to become a member of the Mexican Communist Party. This simply means he is no longer useful in the secret GPU apparatus.

WELL KNOWN STALINISTS

The Mexican police soon arrested most of the members of the gang. The bulk of them were well-known members of the Mexican Communist Party! Two carry out his bidding. He had Stalinist women had rented Mexico. Here a variant appears. there a series of attempts against unlimited funds. He had the lodgings near Trotsky's home to worm information from the police detail. One of these women was the wife of David Serrano. even a bomb from an airplane. a leading figure of the Communist Party of Mexico. Pavon Flores, member of the Central Committee of the Mexican CP,

was detailed to defend these Stalinists in court. Trotsky predicted that the Stalinist murder machine would make another attempt. What means they would use could not be predicted, of course. Back in 1938 the Stalinists had

succeeded in planting an agent among the Trotskvists. He went its preparations forward. The by the name of Jacson. Although Stalinist-controlled officials in he never joined the Fourth Inthe Mexican unions began a ternational he succeeded in esrabid campaign against Trotsky. tablishing himself as a sympa-They slandered the founder and thizer through a device sucessdefender of the first workers' fully used by Czar's Okhrana state in history. Refusing to re-cognize the right of asylum, they down the Bolsheviks of Lenin's down the Bolsheviks of Lenin's



After the May 24, 1940, machine-gun attack, Leon Trotsky predicted at a press conference, where this picture was taken, that Stalin's GPU would make another attempt to murder him. On August 20, the Stalinist assassin struck down the great revolutionary leader with a pick-axe.

By T. Cliff

object of organizing a new state

me that I must go to Shanghai,

did Zinoviev, Kamenev and the this man." Like the Moscow defendants "it

others that he became a "devoted disciple" of Trotsky. He was proposed to me that I go then claims the Fourth Internato Russia in order to organize tional ordered him to go to different persons and in the first In the Moscow Trials, these "devoted disciples" who had spent place against Stalin." The very years cursing Trotsky were taken wording of the Moscow "confesimmediately to see the head of sions" which the Dewey Comthe Fourth International when mission proved were frame-ups! they went abroad. But Jacson was How was Jacson to get across told, he says, "I must remain the vigilantly guarded borders some distance from the house in of the Soviet Union? Here is Covoacan in order to call no at- what he told the police under tention upon me." This was acquestioning: "Trotsky was go-

tually how Jacson acted — he ing to send me to Russia with the stayed away from the house, even while his wife visited of things in the USSR. He told Trotsky.

FAKE "CONFESSION"

Then like the Moscow defendants who confessed according to GPU blueprints, Jacson Russia. Our mission was to bring Held in a Mexican prison, the was filled with "disillusionment" demoralization to the Red Army, GPU keeps him supplied with and the "greatest contempt for commit different acts of sabot- money,

Twin-Cities Honors Memory Of A. Konikow By Barbara Bruce

their rights. The policeman, MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 8—A meeting of Twin Carmello Perconti of the 28th Precinct, yanked Mrs. Stewart City workers gathered here out of the cab, kicked her and tonight to honor the mebeat her with his nightstick, He mory of Antoinette Konikow split her lip, knocked out a tooth as a symbol of devotion to and shattered four other teeth the ideas of Marxism and and abused her with vile lanthe organization of a revolu- guage. tionary socialist party. Mrs. Stewart was dragged off Speaking of Comrade Konito the Sydenham Hospital where

kow's 58 years of activity in the seven stitches were taken in her workers' movement. Grace Carl- lip and medical treatment applied son pointed out her example as to her bruised abdomen and legs. From the hospital Mrs. Stewart an intellectual who gave unstintingly of her training and her was taken to a police station talent to the cause of the work- where she was booked for "assaulting an officer!" ing class. "Just as the party needs work-

WOMAN BEATEN ers who become intellectualized. In the police station Mrs. so does it need intellectuals who Stewart was again beaten by two understand the workers' movecops in a back room of the stament and who are willing to tion house. They forced her to serve the workers. not to comremove some of her clothing and mand them," said Comrade Carlkicked her and beat her with son. "Antoinette Konikow is an their clubs while subjecting her example especially to comrades to a series of vile oaths. She was who have had the opportunity then thrown into a cell. Later her of becoming skilled intellectuals two women friends were seized Our farewell to Comrade Koniand arrested when they attemptkow will be a pledge to profit by ed to visit her. Bail was arrangher life and example and to cared by Mrs. Stewart's husband ry on her work.' and the three women were re-

The meeting closed with the leased at midnight. singing of The Internationale. Another case is that of Bonis E. Byrd who accidentally brush-

age in armament plants and other ed against a cop while walking factories." on the street. Byrd tried to apolo-The same confession as the gize but was beaten on the head

leading defendants in the Mos- and hody by the cop who swung cow trials, even though Jacson his nightstick unmercifully. Mr. is an unknown individual and Byrd's eye was cut open so severely that he will lose the full use

> Still another case — there are many more - is that of a musician. Mr. C. Powell, who was so

partment against the Negro®

On the morning of July 14, Mrs.

Jossie Stewart and two women

police when they insisted upon

people of New York City.

savagely beaten by a cop that reaches the same conclusion as he is still in the hospital after several weeks. A member of the cow trials: "I came to the con- National Maritime union, Clyde A. Taylor, had an arm fractured by the police. These cases occur almost daily.

Protest meetings have been orthe working class as if it were a ganized by many groups in ances. on the China Clipper where I dirty sock." The Moscow de-Harlem. The Harlem Branch of

would meet other agents in some fendants were led out and shot the Socialist Workers Party has ship, and together we would by Stalin after thus confessing. held several street meetings at cross Manchukuo and arrive in Jacson has met a better fate. which speakers denounced the police brutality and raised the proposal for the people of Har-

against this police brutality.

At a meeting called by the

police commissioner and refused

NEW YORK, Aug. 12-Jim Crow brutality is rampant to see the delegation. in Harlem. In the last few weeks a campaign of terror The police commissioner, Arand intimidation has been unleashed by the Police Dethur W. Wallander, met with the delegation headed by Rep. Representatives of many Negro A. Clayton Powell. Wallander church organizations were predenied that there was any brusent and pledged their support tality and said there was no race friends were refused service by a to this motion. So did represen- bias in the Police Department white cab driver who called the tatives of the Packing House despite the evidence presented Workers, CIO, Local 253 of the by the delegation. The Stalinist Council of Negro Women, Unirepresentatives accepted this ted and Allied Veterans of Amstatement "at full value" and erica and other groups. even announced that they were

The Stalinists at this meetconvinced of the commissioner's ing made only one proposal and "sincerity."

that was to send a delegation to The Socialist Workers Party. Mayor O'Dwyer to protest the however, will continue to work action of the police. O'Dwyer, for a mass demonstration to prowho received the unqualified sup- test police brutality and for full port of the Stalinists in the last justice for the victims of diselection, passed the buck to his crimination.

Chicago Delegation Protests Wave Of Race Hate Attacks

By Robert L. Birchman (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Aug. 10-A mass delegation of 75 spokesmen for 37 labor, Negro, veteran, working class political organizations and civic and church groups, met in Mayor Kelly's office Monday afternoon to pro-O

test the laxity of Chicago's law obtain, and build more housing enforcement agencies in the re- immediately. The delegation decent wave of terrorism against manded that the Mayor have the the Negro people here. Corporation Counsel file a

The delegation told Mayor "friend-of-the-court" brief in Kelly of the 59 cases of bomb- some of the restrictive covenant ings. assaults and vandalism in cases now in litigation, on the the past 27 months against Ne- ground that such covenants harm gro families who defied Jim-Crow public welfare.

restrictive covenants and moved The Continuations Council of into so-called white neighborthe Conference to Combat Terhoods. They pointed out the failrorism Against Minorities at its ure of the police to properly inmeeting here Wednesday decidvestigate these outrages and to ed to start immediately mobilizapprehend the criminals. ing support from the trade union

One delegate told Mayor Kelly movement and other organizathat the restrictions which herd tions for a mass protest march, Negro people into black ghettos to dramatically bring to public are largely responsible for the attention the whole issue of Jimpresent situation. The Mayor Crow ghettos, discrimination and said he would have the Chicago terror.

Plan Commission make a sur-AMONG THE LEADERS

vey to determine the extent of restrictive covenants. Reports Among the leaders of the deleare that 80 per cent of the city gation to visit the Mayor were has such covenants. The Mayor Lawrence Montague, Chairman also said he would ask the Corof the Anti-Discrimination Comporation Counsel to set up a spemittee of the CIO Council; Wescial department to investigate ley Thompson, international representative of the Unied Autoall cases involving racial disturb-

STATEMENT SUBMITTED

The delegation submitted a statement that placed full res-

lem to organize a one-day stop-

mobile Workers, CIO; Herb March, district director of the United Packinghouse Workers, CIO: Charles Chiakulas, president of Local 477, UAW-CIO: Pearl Reubens, of the Joint Board

ponsibility for halting anti-Negro terrorism upon the Mayor and of the International Ladies Gar-Police Chief Prendergast. They ment Workers Union, AFL; Michpage of work to demonstrate demanded from the Mayor and ael Bartell, Chicago organizer, Police Commissioner a statement Socialist Workers Party; Charles recognizing the right of Negroes Stewart, American Civil Liber-

into the China Clipper! And then Jacson inevitably all the defendants in the Mosclusion that perhaps the Stalinists were not so far from the truth when they accused Trotsky with preoccupying himself with

doesn't speak a word of Russian! The mythical plane in which of it. Pyatakov flew from Berlin to Oslo has now been converted

cognize the right of asylum, they day. He married a devoted folbardo Toledano led the pack.

Trotsky of meddling in Mexican household. affairs. This drew a sharp rebuke from Cardenas, the president of Mexico, but the campaign continued. The official organ of the Mexican Stalinists Trotsky. Always ready to help a called for "Death To Trotsky!"

When Trotsky pointed out that this campaign was simply preparation for an attempt to murder him, the Stalinist press screamed that the founder of the Red Army was suffering from a "persecution complex!"

FIRST ATTACK

On May 24, 1940, the GPU energy. When the guards seized struck. They succeeded in enter- Jacson, Trotsky asked them not ing the guarded home early in to kill the assassin. He could betthe morning. A gang dressed as ter expose Stalinism alive than Mexican police, headed by the dead.

well-known artist David Alfaro On August 21, 1940, Trotsky Siqueiros, over-powered the po- died from the blow that had tee. lice detail. While part of the been ordered by the monster in gang placed bursts of machine the Kremlin.

gun fire at the rooms of the Jacson had written a "confesguards, others went directly to sion" which the police found in the bedroom of Trotsky and his his pocket. The GPU had prepared this in order to throw the wife Natalia.

machine gun slugs into the beds Trofsky himself in case Jacson of Trotsky and Natalia. But the was killed. This "confession" old couple had awakened at the like the "confessions" in the shots in the patio. They lay flat- Moscow Trials is the most damntened on the floor in a corner ing evidence of the GPU's guilt. while the assassins fired into the It follows the identical pattern room.

of the "confessions" in the Mos-Then as the assassins left, cow frame-ups. Jacson claims as



called on the government to throw him out of Mexico. Lom-bardo Toledano led the pack. ous means Jacson was able final-They went so far as to accuse | ly to gain entry to the Trotsky

SECOND ATTACK

On August 20, 1940, he brought participating there has also been an important developan article he had written to ment in the political struggle of the workers. For the first time in history, the Egyptian workers have not only conyounger person who indicated instituted the vanguard of the >terest in political questions, struggling masses but have | nevertheless assembled in a pri-Trotsky agreed to give his opinalso brought forth from their midst an independent lead-arshin ion. As the great revolutionary leader sat down to read the article. Jacson raised a pick-axe ership. high in the air and buried its

point in Trotsky's brain. Even with this mortal wound,

he Workers' and Students' Com- any union beyond one industry mittee which is a popular demo- or one trade. The main demand Trotsky still fought with all his cratic body; every faculty in the of the Congress was "The Full University and every trade union | Economic and Military Indepenelected its delegate to a common dence of the Nile Valley." council, from which the Committee was elected. The differ-

high).

ent quarters of Cairo also have time by the General Congress their elected quarter commit- which called upon the workers

February 21-Evacuation Day tions and instead to strike on -brought the Workers' and Students' Committee a great victory. arrested the chairman of the In Cairo 100,000 people demontrade unions. On June 25 the strated under its banner. In Congress called for a general Alexandria the students, under strike of the Egyptian workers, They directed a cross-fire of blame for Trotsky's death on the influence of Trotskyist mem- but on the eve of the strike all bers of the committee, approached the workers' quarters and to- | which signed the strike appeal gether they marched in magniwere arrested.

ficent demonstration. When the fascist leader, Ahmed | wave passing over Egypt, Brit-Hussein, tried to speak to the ish imperialism tries to give conmasses, he was shouted down cessions by taking at least part with cries of "Down with fas- of its armies out of Egypt. It

cism!" The Moslem Brother- thus hopes to cheat the masses hood, a clerical-fascist organi- by making them believe that its zation, fiercely attacked the rule over Egypt has come to an "Evacuation Movement," and end. Of course, at the same time, told the masses not to take part British imperialism does its utin it—but to no avail. The work- most to help the Egyptian capiers and students remained tri- talists in the suppression of the umphant throughout. working class.

The spirit that prevailed in In order to achieve this aim. the demonstrations was clearly the clerical-fascist organization expressed in the slogans of soli- of the Moslem Brotherhood redarity between Christians, Mos- ceives financial support from lems and Jews, of solidarity be-"obscure" sources. Besides this. tween Egypt and Sudan (Suda- the English heads of the police nese students declaring a comin Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said mon struggle against British im- and Suez continue in the service perialism were carried shoulder of the national capitalists. A crusade against the working

The end of March and the first | class has begun during the last of May saw further large dem- few weeks.

from all trade unions of the a law in Parliament which he realize the demand of the Egypcountry came to Cairo on May 1. himself called the "Law against | tian and Palestinian Trotsky-Their meeting was prohibited by the Communists." According to ists to convene a conference of the police, but the delegates this law, every leader of an or- workers of the Middle East.

ganization whose aim is to bring During the last six months, when strike struggles in one class to dominate another Egypt have reached a new high in militancy and numbers or to annihilate a social class or to change the basis of the social or economic system of the state. s liable to be arrested for ten years' hard labor and to pay a fine of 100 to 1.000 pounds.

A similar punishment is given to everyone participating in such an organization or spreading propaganda to change the exist-Egypt." Until now the law has This leadership is centered in prohibited the establishment of ing constitution. The same fate awaits everyone who belongs to an organization of an international character. As judicial justification of the law, the Minister of Justice in Parliament quoted the Italian fascist Con-V-Day was the occasion of the stitution of 1930. calling of another strike, this

The government did not satisfy itself with threats alone, but a few days after publishing the to boycott the Victory celebralaw, mass arrests were carried out against trade union leaders, the same day. The government left intellectuals, Trotskyists and Stalinists. Till now about 600 have been cast into prison. The situation in Egypt is prerevolutionary. The main task of the moment is to deepen the class consciousness and strengthen the organization of the work-

> In the wake of the strikes in Egypt there have been a large series of strikes in other countries of the Middle East. In Syria and Lebanon, strikes broke out in the big tobacco monopoly, the railways, the port of Beirut and the Electric Company. The strikes were suppressed with characteristic brutality. In the strike of the tobacco workers, for instance, the police did not refrain from shooting unarmed workers, killing one and wound-

The Syrian government arrested 700 railway workers in one day and threatened them with court martials. Iraq also experienced a large-scale strike in the petroleum works in July which led to a clash with government forces, five workers being killed. In face of these fierce struggles it is necessary for the trade

Stalinist Benjamin J. Davis in to move anywhere in the city ties Union: Gerald Bullock, under the full protection of the chairman of CORE (Committee the Harlem YMCA, representalaw. tives of the SWP proposed that on Racial Equality); and Henry Other demands included ap- W. McGee, president of the Chia mass demonstration and a onepointment of a special prosecu- cago Branch, National Associa-

day stoppage of work be called. tor to obtain convictions in these tion for the Advancement of This proposal was enthusiasticattacks upon Negro homes, and Colored People, who acted as ally endorsed by the meeting. revision of the building code to spokesman for the delegation.

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Diary Of A Steel Worker -The Plant And The People - By Theodore Kovalesky

Miles of it, sprawled and scattered along the dusty,glare-lit miles of the 'pike, heaped there in the weeds behind the barbed wire topped.



fences. Miles of twisted, tangled nightmares of ironwork, rusted, warped corrugated iron sheds, roaring blast-furnaces with tall cylindrical stoves lined next to them. Miles of gleaming track, polished by the locomotive wheels and the wheels of ladles and ingot buggies, scrap cars, dust

cars, coke cars, limestone cars, and gondolas heaped with rails, slabs, rounds, and billets. Miles of bright yellow track rusted with disuse, rusted with the rains and snows and the iron dust of the blast furnaces. Miles of high tension wires and pipes for the air, steam, water, and gas of the steel mill. Miles of dirt, dust, heat, danger, and . . . wealth.

That is the steel plant. Out of its own red dust it rises, looming over the broken town, where almost the whole population ebbs back and forth through the gates at shift-changing time, in the good days when men may work and earn food for their children. And in the bad days - well, it stands with gaunt and naked stacks, with dead fires and cold furnaces, it stands like an empty husk, a symbol of hunger for all the angry and hopeless eyes of the town to look at.

At night savage yellow flames jab the blackness over the coke ovens. There are sweating, coughing men there at the lids. At the blast furnaces and the cinder dump the sky surges into a full orange glow high above the heads of tired, coughing men. Long rays of dull yellow shoot from the open hearths, and from the shops pour the broad blue flicker of the welding torches. More sweating men are there. Wherever the firelight swells from the mills there are men, and strewn throughout the darkness behind the

Andrew J. May of Kentucky, Chairman of

the House Military Affairs Committee, is pro-

fence are thousands of other men with picks and shovels and wheelbarrows. Behind the dim windows of the shops are men at machines. On the trestles, bridges, cranes, larrycars, and engines are men. And out in the jagged light-and-dark of the town are more men, sleeping in their beds, drinking whiskey and beer in the taverns along the 'pike and up and down Main St., living through the brief hours on the better side of the gate.

There you have it, the sweating, grimy thousands who work and wait their turn to work, and the miles and square miles of steel and dirt and fire, the miles and square miles of money and common and preferred stock, of stacked-up, clustered, massed, golden wealth.

But this, in the world of today, cannot be the whole picture. The words to describe this society are "yours, his, theirs," and sometimes "mine", sometimes "ours." The great word is 'ownership."

Not in the broken, dusty town are the owners of the steel plant. Nor are these owners within the barbed-wire topped fences, coughing in the sulphur fumes, straining muscles into quivering fatigue.

Farrell Dobbs No. There are whip men to be had for pay, Candidate for overseers to be hired. These, and the technicians Governor of New York who have brains for sale and intelligence far keener than those who employ them, can be Farrell Dobbs has distinguishcounted upon to smelt and fuse the metals of ed himself as a fearless and dynamic leader of American lathe land.

The glitter of social functions claims the time bor.

He was born in 1907 in Queen of the owners. Palaces and yachts, vast, well-City, Missouri. From early childguarded estates all over the face of the earth hood he lived in Minneapolis, give them shelter. Rare and delicate foods nourwhere he graduated in 1926 from ish them. And our labor, our sweat, our agony North High School. provide for them "in the manner to which they are accustomed." Back in 1933, he was trying to

Look once again at the picture, all of it. Look support his wife and three young at us . . . and them. Then ask yourself, brother, daughters on the miserable how long will we, in our poverty and insecurity. wages of a coal yard driver in support them? How long before we shall take open-shop Minneapolis. He saw possession of that which is rightfully ours?

mittee, the May Act was designed to protect

the "morals" of the soldiers. The law prohibited

who were sent to prison came from the South-

from the poverty-stricken mill towns of North

Carolina and Tennessee and from the miserable

sharecroppers' farms of these regions. Many of

them could not read or write; some had never

even had a day of schooling. Although child

labor has supposedly been abolished in the United

States, I talked to dozens of girls and women

who had gone to work in cotton mills when they

girls as criminals for trying to get a little fun

and excitement and perhaps a few cheap lux-

uries. I am not one of them. There may be some

righteous souls who would raise their hands

should not have thrown the first stone.

There may be some who would look upon these

were 10 and 11 years old.



and he never forgot - what er, then as editor of The Miliapitalism does to the workers. He turned to the labor move- tant, the post that he now oc-

ment, to which all his energies cupies. He rose to even higher stature have been devoted ever since. He was one of the first to join as an incorruptible workingclass the organizing drive of the fa- leader during the war, when he,

mous Minneapolis Drivers Local along with 17 other SWP leaders, held aloft the banner of so-544 led by the Trotskyists. During the historic drivers cialist internationalism in the strike of 1934, he quickly came famous Minneapolis Labor Trial to the fore as a cool, capable, of 1941.

fighting leader. This struggle made Minneapolis a union town of labor ir war as in and inspired organization of the peace, for refusing to recant his of Common Pleas Court. whole Northwest. Marxist principles, Dobbs with

The open-shop employers hat- his 17 comrades spent 13 months ed and feared Dobbs — but the in a federal prison. workers loved and respected Since his release from prison SWP petitions. At this writing

him. He was elected repeatedly in February 1944, Comrade the opinion of the Prosecutor is as secretary-treasurer of Local Dobbs has plunged himself into not known, although he has un-544. As secretary and chief revolutionary work with greater officially stated he thought they spokesman of the AFL Teams- devotion than ever. Last year he were improperly filed. ter's Eleven State Area Commit- ran as SWP candidate for Mayor

tee, he led the negotiations of New York City. which won the first union contract for 250,000 over-the-road no finer and more qualified rep- siderable public interest. The Re-

In 1940, he came with his chair than Farrell Dobbs-for- bent, Homer Ramey, completely family to New York City to de- mer coal yard driver, militant discredited in the ranks of labor vote his full time to work for union leader, organizer and edi-because of his vicious anti-labor the Socialist Workers Party, tor, uncompromising battler for first as National Labor Organiz- socialism.

Paul L. Wylie

against the young May Act violators, but the Candidate for Ohio General crooked, grafting Congressman from Kentucky Assembly From Lucas County

Paul Wylie was born in 1908

drivers.

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Lucas County Election Board Votes To Bar Independent Labor Candidates On Ballot

BULLETIN

TOLEDO, Aug. 12 (By Wire)—The Lucas County Board of Elections today issued a ruling to bar the Socialist Workers Party candidates from the election ballot, although more than the necessary number of petitions had been filed last week. "We are going to appeal this discriminatory ruling and fight vigorously for the right of the workers in this area to vote for labor candidates and a labor platform," said the SWP candidates, Malcolm Walker and Paul Wylie. in a joint statement.

MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES

(Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 11 The Toledo Board of Elecions is trying to bar the Socialist Workers Party from the ballot on a legal technicality. At the same time the daily press has published several smear stories trying to link the Republican Party with the SWP candidates — Malcolm Walker for U.S. Representative, and Paul Wylie for Ohio General Assembly.

Supporters of the SWP candidates filed over 2,100 signatures on Aug. 5. Two days later. on the last day for filing, more petitions were submitted. This is the ground on which the petitions are being challenged. An old law calls for filing of petitions as a unit. Since the pas-

sage of the law, however, both Republican and Democratic tion regulations. candidates have followed the

practice of filing supplementary petitions and the question of their legality has never been raised before.

Furthermore, the people filing the additional petitions were notified by Lehr Fess, chief clerk of the Board of Elections, that the filing of such petitions was For militantly defending the customary and legal. Mr. Fess

is an attorney and an ex-judge know that from bitter personal posts. The Board of Elections has experience. Only under social- SWP PROGRAM

asked the County Prosecutor for ism can we live as truly free an opinion on the legality of the men and women."

BEST OPPORTUNITY Daniel Roberts, candidate for State Senator from the 31st District, a workingclass district, The candidacy of Malcolm said: "This is the best oppor-Walker in the Ninth Congrestunity we have yet had in this state to explain the crying need

New York's workers can have sional District has created confor labor representatives who are resentative in the Governor's publican candidate is the incumnot connected with the rotten capitalist parties and who will ight for labor's demands against Wall Street and the bosses.' record. The Democratic candi-News stories from the big press

date, Michael DiSalle, Vice-Mayor of Toledo, undoubtedly inocal papers announcing the tends to seek the labor and lib-SWP's participation on the state eral vote. Though he supported ballot. the municipal payroll-income tax

backing of some trade union bureaucrats

John Kelly, Democratic chair-man of the Board of Elections, workers' party." In their effort to sling politi-

charged that some of the SWP petitions were circulated by encolled Republicans. Malcolm Walker answered this slanderous statement in the Toledo Blade of Aug. 9: "Most members of our organi-

cal mud at the SWP, the Democrats also tried to make a point of the fact that most of the petitions were notarized by a Republican clerk of the Board of Elections!

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zation were registered at one The reason for this was that time or another as Republicans the SWP, a workers' organizaor Democrats because it is prition without the lush campaign marily from the two major par- funds of the Republicans and ties we are able to recruit new Democrats, had been able to remembers. Mr. Kelly asserts some duce its expenses by having the of the petition circulators are petitions notarized at the Board enrolled Republicans. Mr. Kelly of Elections. The capitalist poliwould also find if he examined ticians certainly make themselves the petitions more carefully that ridiculous by trying to make some of the circulators are also something of that.

enrolled Democrats. In either The Election Board will meet case, it means that these indivi- tomorrow to rule on the validity duals have changed their alle-of the Walker-Wylie petitions.

SWP Candidates Gain Place On Washington State Ballot

By Clara Kaye

WASHINGTON SWP CAMPAIGN MANAGER

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 10-The Washington State Socialist Workers Party this week received official notice from the Washington Secretary of State that the party's candidates will appear on the November ballot under the desigtion of "Socialist Workers" Party." The party has met electoral plans of the Washing-

all requirements of state elec-stall install ton State Communist Party. The where to run their own candi-

Charles Swett, SWP candi- dates because their main policy date for U. S. Senator, greeted is to endorse "liberal progresthe good news by stating: "Now sives" of the two capitalist parthat our legal place on the Washties. Democratic and Republican. ington ballot is assured, the road They did not announce their

ahead is clear. I shall campaign slate of five candidates until to reach as many workers as weeks after the primaries, when possible and acquaint them with Congressman Hugh De Lacy, our program—the only program | whom the Stalinists support, was that offers a practical solution renominated on the Democratic to the evils of the capitalist sys- ticket. The CP candidates are tem. It is a wretched system. I running mainly for minor county

The SWP candidates are exposing the CP policy of backing capitalist politicians. The SWP is campaigning on a program

calling for the building of an independent labor party. SWP plans call for a big elec-tion campaign through the lun ber and sawmill communities a well as major cities like Seattle, Tacoma, Everett and Bremerton. The campaign will use the radio, a sound truck, display posters and tours through the state.

Friends of the SWP are showing a lively interest and camsyndicates have appeared in the paign contributions are coming in steadily.

A combination Trotsky Memorial Meeting and Campaign

In addition to Democrats and Banquet will be held on August bill in Toledo, he hopes to get the Republicans, five minor parties 24 at the Seattle SWP campaign besides the SWP are on the bal- headquarters, 19191/2 Second

viding considerable free entertainment for the prostitution near Army camps. But the May Act violators whom I met in the Federal Penitentiary citizens these days. His desfor Women at Alderson, West Virginia, were not professional prostitutes. (I should say for the combine benefit of the new readers of The Militant that I was one of the 18 defendants in the Minneapolis Labor Case who served prison terms in 1944 because of opposition to imperialist war.) At Alderson I met scores of young girls-14, 15 and 16 years of age-who had been rounded up by the FBI and thrown into prison as crim-

Crime In High Places

-By Grace Carlson

rowed letterhead to a company with \$78,000,000 in war contracts.

But through all this, May denied that he had any but the most honorable, "business-like" relations with the Garssons. Then, the comedy went into high gear when the N. Y. Daily News published a picture of May and Garsson's pretty, brunette daughter-with her arms around the Congressman's neck! At this stage, Representative May had a very convenient heart "attack" and could not be reached for comment.

But I know one group of citizens who are getting more than the average amount of enjoyment out of Congressman May's embarrassment - the girls who were sent to prison during the war as violators of the "May Act."

Introduced by the now thoroughly discredited Chairman of the House Military Affairs Com-



inal violators of the May Act. But their "crime" lay only in being poor! The big majority of the May Act violators

THE MILITANT

Smear Campaign Against Veterans - By Alvin Royce -

The capitalist press certainly is indicating a consistent interest in the veteran. A glance through the headlines of the Sunday papers, for instance, revealed such headlines as VETS HELD IN CENTRAL PARK RAPE or VET HELD ON ARSON CHARGE. These headlines are pretty obvious reminders of a similar slander campaign against the Negroes. If this sort of caption was an exception, we might chalk it up to some sort of coincidence but a quick look through your morning paper will show it happens much too often to be coincidental.

These captions are part of a general campaign to discredit the veteran. Editorials have appeared throughout the country pointing to the 52-20 clubs and demanding that the veterans "get off the street and go to work." However, none of these editorials has indicated how to keep alive on the \$25 a week jobs that are available.

America's Sixty Families were quite sure that the veterans would be a willing reservoir of scabs after the reams of propaganda the Stars and Stripes had thrown at the GI's during the war. Instead, the story has been quite different. The vets lined up solidly with the workers in the great strike wave and, to top it all off, staged anti-brass demonstrations throughout the world even before they were discharged from the Army.

There's an old saying that the criminal always returns to the scene of the crime. Wall Street's colored people early in life and most hideous crime was the second imperialist war and the veterans were its chief victims. Now, the veterans are not only beginning to realize that the war was fought for the profits One of his first jobs was as of the corporations but are starting to think a coal miner in the captive mines about what they are going to do about it.

That is why the capitalist press must slander ed as a coal miner for six years the veteran. The veteran is made to look like where he learned the meaning, some psychopathic fiend that refuses to go to not only of back-breaking toll work and only waits for sundown to rape the and low wages, but also of militant unionism. nearest woman or rob the nearest bank.

Yes, the veteran is a problem. But he doesn't need a psychiatrist. All the veteran needs is a decent job and a house to live in. Of course, many veterans may turn out to be mental cases before very long. The run-around that you get at the Veterans Administration or at the USES is enough to make even a strong mind wilt.

Just as the Negro is the most oppressed worker, so is the vet fast becoming a secondclass citizen. That is why the journalist stooges of Wall Street have singled out these two groups in our society for their smear campaign. They are afraid that the vets and the Negro people will rise together with the labor movement and sweep this rotten system from the face of the earth.

in Louisville, Kentucky, and he received his education in the schools of Louisville and Knoxville. Tenn. He made the acquaintance of official Jim Crow and restricted opportunities for

first hand. As long as he can remember, he has rebelled against the injustice of discrimination and sought to combat it.

of United States Steel. He worka steward in his department

In 1932 he moved to Toledo, the National Association for the Ohio, where he worked as a garage mechanic until the crash came in the early 30's. Finding himself on the street with no iob. Wylie entered the movement campaign. of the unemployed where he

played an active role in fighting for the rights of jobless workers thrown onto the scrapheap by the breakdown of U.S. econseeking for many years. He

n 1940, he served for 11 months part in the fight against capitaln the U.S. Army. Then he was ism and all its attendant evils. discharged because he was overage and went to work in the Spi- lot as an independent because cer Manufacturing Co. There of complications in the Ohio he has served for three years as 'election laws.



ably and conscientiously representing the workers who elected him. He has been an active union member ever since he started to work. He is also a member of

Advancement of Colored People. Wylie has four children and his wife. Maggie, is giving capable and energetic support to his

After reading The Militant for many months, he came to the conclusion that the Socialist Workers Party was the organization which he had been

Among the first to be drafted joined it early this year to take Wylie will appear on the bal-

Next Week: Grace Carlson and Joseph Hansen

Testing Push Buttons Of War III --- By Joseph Hansen

People don't enjoy thinking what America's cities will look like when the sun goes down on the first day of World War III. After looking at the pictures of Nagasaki and



Hiroshima, they prefer to think about something more pleasant. Perhaps that's why they read about the Paris "Peace" Conference with the wish something could really be done there to assure enduring peace. Mankind can't stand much more bloodshed!

But while the Truman Administration carefully makes the record at Paris, its generals and sumirals are busily trying out the push buttons of World War III.

On August 5 two drone bombers took off from Hawaii. One of these pilotless planes was loaded with dummy bombs. "Mother" planes conducted the robots anywhere from a few hundred feet to three miles behind.

For 15 hours this sinister fleet crossed the

open waters of the Pacific. They covered the 2,400 miles without the slightest mishap. Then off Santa Rosa Island, one of the robots opened its bomb-bays over the pre-determined target. The dummy could have been 5,000 pounds of TNT or an atomic bomb.

The flight ended as smoothly as if these drones were guided by the most skilled crews. This experiment in push-button warfare proves that in a short time great swarms of robot planes can cross the Atlantic or Pacific loaded with atomic bombs.

As Brig. Gen. William L. Richardson, chief of the Army Air Forces guided missiles division remarked August 7, the American war machine has "just scratched the surface in guided missiles."

These few grim words speak volumes more about the future under capitalism than all the pious declarations of Truman's diplomats at Paris. Unless the workers take over in time, the push-button war now in the experimental stage will become a horrible reality.

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Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

A sliding scale of wages-an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!

Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!

Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!

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

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! Asliding scale of hours-reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!

Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans. during the entire period of unemployment!

3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!

No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!

4. Build an independent labor party!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!

7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!

8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!

9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.

Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!

Against capitalist conscription!

Abolish the officer caste system!

Full democratic rights in the armed torces!

Trade union wages for the armed forces!

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

10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of theworkers in all lands!

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!