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Cynthia Rogalin TRUMAN GIVES PROFITEERS **Lashes 'Little** Dies' Committee OKAY TO SOAK THE PEOPLE

California SWP Candidate Takes the Stand, **Denounces "Un-American Activities" Probers**

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 8-The California Senate Committee Investigating Un-American Activities, head-ed by Senator Jack B. Tenney, was denounced and exposed in its first day's session here yesterday by Cynthia

Rogalin, Socialist Workers Party write-in opponent for Tenney's office of State Senator.

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Mrs. Rogalin, 'ho took the stand in the afternoon session, charged that the "Little Dies" Committee's presence here, "ostensibly to investigate the Klan and communist activity, is actually a red-baiting, Klan-whitewashing repetition of the Palmer red raids of the period following World War I."

Beginning with the recital of a long list of incidents "which show the hand of the Klan in this area in the past year," the Socialist Workers Party spokesman pointed out that the police have not made a single arrest in connection with these acts of terror and intimidation.

CONDEMNS OFFICIALS .

She condemned the Mayor and Chief of Police and Southern California county officials for providing hundreds of police for the protection of Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith's meetings, and not a single officer to protect members of minority groups threatened by Klan terror.

"The City Police Department should be investigated for connection with Klan and other fascist groups," Mrs. Rogalin con-"Brutality and abuse tinued. against members of minority groups by the police have become notorious.

"There is a long list of incidents which show the hand of the Klan in this area in the

past year, instances of threats,



CYNTHIA ROGALIN SWP Candidate for State Senate from Los Angeles.

er home by demanding that "the chairman of this committee, Mr. Tenney, should be investigated for his connection with Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith," who has endorsed Tenney for re-election. She called on Tenney to openly state his position on race restrictions.

Labelling the Committee's activities here a whitewash, she challenged it "to investigate all of the individuals and public officials I have mentioned," and concluded by calling on the lathe Committee and the capital-

ist class it serves. "NO EVIDENCE" Following Mrs. Rogalin's state-

arson, intimidation, and one ment; Tenney staged a well-pre- attempting to duck the meat iscase of burning to death of a pared show in which a battery of sue by bringing in partisan poli-Negro family; but not a single public officials, including Mayor tical issues and stated that the arrest has been made, not a sin- Bowron, the Chief of Police, and SWP is the only political organ-

ToledoCouncil Asks Seizure Of Meat Trust By Harold Josephs (Special to The Militant)

Toledo City Council tonight adopted a resolution proposed by the Housewives Emergency Committee urging government seizure of the meat industry. This action followed a series of militant demonstrations at City Hall by the HEC, whose chairman is Mrs. Alice Patton. Thomas Burke, local CIO auto

workers leader and City Councilman, introduced the resolution, which provides for government operation of the packing houses with the unions' cooperation.

Earl Ordway of Spicer Unit, UAW-CIO Local 12; John Grupe and Ethel White, of Champion Spark Plug Unit, Local 12; and John Carver, member of the Toledo Area Council of Railroad Workers spoke in favor of the resolution.

Malcolm Walker, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor, who called for nationalization of the meat industry under union control, engaged in a sharp verbal exchange with Vice Mayor Di Salle. Di Salle. Democratic candidate for Conbor movement to unite against gress, tried to smear the resolution by claiming it was being foisted on the Council and other organizations by the "Trotsky-

Walker rebuked Di Salle for gle culprit has been brought to representatives from the Sher- ization with a real solution to iff's office, stated that they had the meat crisis

Some 30,000 Italian work-

enraged by mounting un-

lution on Page 6.)

How To Get Meat

MEAT TR

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 7 - The

State Supreme Court decis-

we go to press no word has the Democratic "case" against the ballot. Socialist Workers Party attorbeen received here of the the SWP.

Signatures on (petitions for postponement and announced cratic and Republican Parties.

Blames GOP And Then Grants Meat Trust What It Wants LABOR

By George Breitman

Truman's Oct. 14 speech giving in to the meat trust's demands for higher prices represents the beginning of the end of remaining price controls. Encouraged by the government's acceptance of the packers' hold-up, Big Business will push forward all along the line, more aggressively than ever before, for the scrapping of every last restraint to higher prices and bigger profits. All-

costs.

the American people got such a bare-faced demonstration of the government's subservience to the capitalists.

and child in this country knows that the meat famine was due to a conspiracy by the meat trust.

tried to make political capital of the meat crisis by placing "the real blame" on his political opponents in Congress, "the reckless group of selfish men who control."

But what did these "selfish men" want? They wanted an end to price ceilings, even high may now become available, the price ceilings, on meat among other products. And what does the "unselfish" Truman do? He want! And yet there are people who try to tell the workers about neys vigorously attacked the the difference between the Demo-

know where the responsibility rests if profiteering on meat raises prices so high that the average American cannot buy it."-Truman's

seizing an industry is when it wants to break a strike of workers trying to meet the ever-rising cost of living.

Besides yielding to the meat trust, Truman served notice that the administration is going to boost prices generally. Already, he admitted, his assistants are raising prices on "thousands of items" and now "their programs of lifting controls will have to be accelerated.

This means that while meat workers will not be able to purchase as much of it and other living necessities as they used to, To even maintain their living standards, the workers will have to fight now for wage raises.

But in reopening wage negotiations, the workers must now go

out profiteering and in-? flation are on the order Sure—On Both of the day — and the working people will be **Capitalist Parties** expected to pay the "The American people will It has been some time since speech, Oct. 14. Although every man, woman

Truman did nothing more than mildly criticize them. Instead he . . have encouraged sellers to gamble on the destruction of price

Is Based On Phony Technicalities NEW YORK. Oct. 14-As was the sum and substance of and other minority parties off gives them exactly what they

Effort To Bar SWP From N.Y. Ballot

iustice.

Mrs. Rogalin demanded an in- found no evidence of "organized vestigation of "the sponsors, Klan activity" and no evidence signers and advocates of race with which to prosecute any perrestrictive covenants. Their aims son.

and the aims of the Klan in Los See Page 6 for extracts from Italian Jobless Angeles are identical." Cynthia Rogalin's statement to Then Mrs. Rogalin struck clos- the Tenney Committee.

Rome; Many Shot **Acquitted Tennessee Negroes Face More Frame-up Charges** ers, veterans and unemploy-

Although 23 Negro defendants in the Columbia. Tenness Jim-Crow frameup were acquitted of murder charges Viminale Palace in Rome, seat in a Lawrenceburg court on Oct. 4, they still remain in of the government, on Oct. 9. danger of being railroaded to jail, the National Associa- The demonstration was led by tion for the Advancement of 3

press release this week.

The 23 were acquitted of "assault with attempt to commit given the maximum sentence of killed. murder in the first degree," which carried a penalty of 21 years' tery of charges are still levelled bail, the State can at any time against the acquitted Negroes, bring one or all of the additional some of which carry the same charges against them whenever penalties as the maximum charge it pleases. On Oct. 18, the NAACP of which they were acquitted. attorneys will present arguments Among these charges are "as- for a new trial of the two consault," "being accessories before victed Negroes. Failing this, they the fact," "carrying weapons will appeal the case to a higher with intent to harm," etc.

TRUMPED-UP

All of these trumped-up charges grew out of a night of lynch horror last February, when 500 armed state troopers aided by an armed white lynch mob, invaded Columbia's segregated Neand shot scores, ransacked homes Negroes in cold blood in the jail. the fact that four white policemen were shot at during the night of the terror.

The maximum charge brought by the State against the victim- COLUMBIA TRIAL ized Negroes blew up in the vicious, race-hating court under Public Relations Counsel, stated 30 witnesses. Will Willsford, one were acquitted after the southat him. The three other police- Columbia defendants were inno- agrarian reforms. men have failed as yet to place cent of the State's charges, then

ants.

employment, starvation wages and high prices, stormed the 15,000 road workers, who had

Colored People warned in a | Robert Gentry and John McKivjust been dismissed from work ens, war veterans, were convicon a government project. Hunted by an all-white jury and dreds were injured, at least two Lehman) charged that there

21 years' imprisonment. The government's last-minute retreat and assurance that im-While the 23 acquitted defendimprisonment. But a whole bat- ants are out on extremely high mediate steps were being taken to suspend the dismissal order, failed to halt the demonstrators, hundreds of whom fought their way into government offices Police and helmeted carabinieri, using sabres, clubs, firearms, armored cars and tanks,

court. Meanwhile, in Columbia Tennessee, on Nov. 11 the trial of

attacked the workers milling around in the square in front of the palace. Some of the workers shouted: "This is no better

two more Negro defendants will than fascism!" begin. William Pillow and Lloyd Kennedy, also charged on the their way through the iron gates maximum count of "attempt to of the palace and penetrated incommit murder in the first de- side, smashed windows and gree" were separated from the furniture and attacked anyone gro community. They beat up main body of the defendants who attempted to stand in their when defense attorneys asked for path. Outside the palace, crowds and businesses, and murdered two a change of venue from Colum- unhorsed mounted police and bia to another court because of beat them up. They surrounded The charges were based upon the extreme racial tension exist- two police jeeps, disarmed their ing in Columbia. These two occupants and turned the capwere denied the change of venue tured automatic weapons on the police.

granted to the others.

The demonstration marked the climax of a mounting crisis in Oliver Harrington, NAACP Italy. Six million Italians are reported in dire need because of the testimony of even its own on Oct. 10: "These innocent men unemployment. Landless peasants have been seizing land of the four policemen, admitted ern court discovered that Amer- holdings in protest against the could not identify any icans in other parts of the coun- government's do-nothing policy of the defendants as having shot try demanded justice If the in carrying out its promised

Real wages, according to ofany charges against the defend- the State is guilty of having al- ficial statistics, have fallen from vice president and Director of ion, Ford yesterday laid off 100, lowed Lynn Bomar's troopers to 50 to 60 per cent of the prewar the union's Ford Division, this 000 workers under the pretext of Two of the 25 who stood trial, beat and kill innocent citizens." level.

on on the court action in-(See Malcolm Walker's state- troduced by Spencer Young, for than 300 of the almost 25,000 ment and the City Council resothe Democratic Party, to throw the Socialist Workers Party the Secretary of State, Naturally, ticket off the New York State William H. Murray, the Demo-

ballot. cratic machine judge chosen to Decision is also pending in the preside at the hearing, accepted Democratic Party case against these "charges" as the basis for the Communist Party (Stalin- a decision.

Storm Palace In ists), Socialist Labor Party and Socialist Party.

Young

walkout.

The "evidence" presented by Democrats secured a postponethe Democratic attorneys against ment of the hearings until the the Socialist Workers Party in petitions could be checked against the Albany courtroom last Tues- 1946 registration lists. Signatures day brought into sharp relief the which must be obtained in the flagrantly undemocratic nature month of August will be checked of the New York election law. against October registration. If They rested their case entirely on this legal trickery is upheld it technicalities — technicalities of will be practically impossible for the flimsiest kind. The high-priced corporation ballot.

lawyers representing Spencer Communist Party attorneys (and Mead and agreed without hesitation to the postponement demanded by the were irregularities in the listing Democratic lawyers. Since the

of election districts in Cattarau- end of the hearing last Tuesday gus County and errors in the the Daily Worker has been comnotary public's signature on peti- pletely silent about the Demotions for Steuben County. This cratic conspiracy to throw them

FORD CALLS STRIKE AGAINST **GAS POISONING "SUBVERSIVE"**

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT. Oct. 12 - Billionaire Henry Ford 2d yesterday tried to cover up the wholesale gas poisoning of workers in his River Rouge open hearth furnace room by a

han fascism!" Demonstrators who forced heir way through the iron gates of the palace and penetrated inplaints, have refused to work in revealed that "many crane operan atmosphere of deadly fumes. ators" have been poisoned by The president of the Ford Mosodium fluoride fumes. tor Company went over, the Leonard said the crane operheads of the leaders of the CIO

ators refused to be further ex-United Automobile Workers and posed to these fumes "following addressed a lying letter to CIO company refusal to take ade-President Philip Murray dequate action against this indusmanding that he intervene trial poison." He denied the walkout was a violation of the against the "subversive and insurgent factions" who, Ford contract. claimed, inspired the week-old "Let there be no mistake about

it — this problem is not one Ford cited the notorious "comwhich is created by any subpany security" clause in the versive and insurgent faction,' Ford contract against the workstated Leonard. "It has been ers forced to remain out of the created by the company's legalopen hearth room by murderous istic attempt to force men to sodium fluoride fumes. work at the peril of their lives." Richard T. Leonard, UAW

As added pressure on the unafternoon gave the lie to Ford. materials shortages.

these two counties comprise less they would appeal to the higher courts in the event of an unfavtotal submitted by the SWP to orable decision.

SWP Candidates Present Program The most ominous develop-**Over The Radio** ment in the case came when the

Socialist Workers Party Then he dodged the demanded candidates are bringing their program in the November elections to tens of thousands of radio listeners who have never before had an opportunity to hear the ideas of Trotskyism. a minority party to get on the From New York to California, SWP branches have purchased

radio time and applied for a place on political forum programs. The response received in New York City, where scores of listeners have written in for copies of speeches made by gubernatorial candidate Farrell Dobbs, is an indication that workers everywhere find these broadcasts a welcome change from the campaign lies of the Democrats and Republicans.

Militant readers are urged to tune in the station nearest them, for the remainder of the broadcasts scheduled here, and to watch their local papers for announcements of further pro-

grams. CALIFORNIA — Los Angeles area, Sundays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. at 7:45 p.m. over Station KGER, 1390 on dial, San Francisco area, Mondays, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, at 8:45 p.m.,

er and notorious on the waterover station KSAN, 1450 on front as a professional Stalinist dial urong-arm man; MINNESOTA, Tuesdays, Oct. 22

and Oct. 29 at 10:30 p.m., over station WMIN. EW JERSEY, Sundays, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 at 3:45 p.m., over station WPAT, 93 on dial. NEW YORK, Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10 p.m. over station WNEW, 1130 on dial: Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10:45 p.m. on station WJZ, 770 on dial. Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 10 p.m. on station WNEW, 1130 on dial. Thursday, Oct. 31 at 10:45 p.m. over station WJZ, 770 on dial. ious outrage. WASHINGTON, Sundays, Oct.

27 and Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. over station KRSC, 1140 on dial. denly by pre-arranged signal. worker militants.

Truman admitted that there beyond their usual demands was an alternative to this capi- They must seek protection not tulation. He admitted receiving only against past price rises, but many demands for the govern- against future price rises as well. ment to seize the meat industry Otherwise whatever wage gains - a step which could have led they make will be eaten away to the smashing of the meat trust in a few months, as they were onspiracy. But Truman rejected this de-

last winter.

This means: It is the duty of mand. First he exonerated the every worker today not only to meat packers of virtually all fight for wage raises, but also to responsibility for the meat crisis. demand insertion into union contracts of an escalator clause to seizure as too "drastic" and "impracticable." Truman finds it is provide autmatic wage increases more practicable to give the to meet the rising cost of living. meat trust added billions in pro- Without such protection the fit than to try to provide meat workers will have to fight again for the consumers at reasonable and again to recover the same prices. The only time Washing- lost ground in the coming perton takes such a drastic step as iod of unrestrained price rises.

Stalinist Goons Badly Injure 'Militant' Agent; Beat Women

NEW YORK. Oct. 14 - A Communist (Stalinist) Party goon squad, numbering almost 100 men, tonight assaulted a small group of workers distributing The Militant to members of the CIO National Maritime/Union here at Manhattan Center, beating one work-

er into unconsciousness and From all sides the Stalinists desinjuring several others, in- | cended upon the distributors who cluding four women. defended themselves courageous-

ly, although greatly outnumber-The hoodlums included not ed. Rank and file NMU members only Stalinist members of the indignantly protested, denounc-NMU, but many who were idening the Stalinist interference tified as never having belonged with their right to read what to the union. Leading the obthey pleased. iously well-planned assault were

This series of Stalinist attacks such known members of the on Militant distributors, coming in the very midst of the Big Busi-Stanley Postek, ex-prize fightness and government red-baiting drive against militant labor. is a treacherous blow at the

> The Stalinist leaders are setting an example for terrorist methods against radical workers and the rights of free speech and press. These acts will inspire the fascists to similar anti-labor

In self-defense and in defense of the democratic rights of all workers, the labor movement must publicly condemn and vigorously stamp out all such outrages as the Stalinist leaders are

The assault tonight came sud-

violence. the NMU members of the prev-

inciting and organizing against

whole labor movement. This attack followed similar use of Stalinist gangster methods last week when two other Militant distributors were attacked before the NMU hall and one was beaten unconscious. The Mili-



Communist Party as:

tant being distributed tonight contained an editorial informing

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The Fight Against The Red-Baiters Statement By The Secretariat Of The Socialist Workers Party

The anti-red drive is mounting in fury. Attacks upon, ers and farmers by unloading "reds" and "communists" in the labor movement are be- the blame for high prices and coming ever more insolent and unbridled. Who's behind scarcities upon the strike this concerted campaign and what do they expect to struggles of organized labor. achieve by it?

During three and a half years of war the American people made countless sacrifices as Wall Street's spokesmen assured them they were fighting for a better world. and weaken the unions, to Now that promised postwar world is at hand. Who will dare render the workers helpless say living conditions have improved? In fact, the masses of people are today worse off than they were immediately offensive against their workbefore World War II.

The richest country cannot provide food, clothing or shelter to its wage slaves. Thanks to profiteering meat packers and live stock speculators. the nation suffers a meat famine while tremendous herds of cattle roam the ranges. Butter is \$1 a pound. Sugar has disappeared from the shelves. Common articles of wearing apparel are either unobtainable, of poor quality, or extremely expensive.

The housing situation is a crying scandal. Millions are homeless while race-tracks, night-clubs, luxury dwellings part of Wall Street's plans are built for the rich.

Returning veterans are the hardest hit. "The land of the free has no homes for the brave," who bled in Wall Street's war. Many are forced to subsist on the miserable government handout of \$20 a week.

Soaring prices place not only luxuries but elementary necessities beyond the average worker's reach.

Meantime the corporations, swollen with war-profits, are grabbing even greater peacetime profits: U.S. business net profits for 1946 will total eleven billion dollars - the biggest in history!

Is it any wonder the working people are seething with anger and discontent? They are expressing bitter hatred of the system of capitalist misrule which so cruelly deceives and exploits them. In strikes and demonstrations they are taking aggressive action to defend their living standards.

Offensive Unleashed

Big Business and its agents have deliberately chosen this moment to unleash the red-baiting offensive. This is Street's program of world domination. the most carefully prepared, extensive and ferocious campaign of its type since Attorney General Palmer's savage anti-labor witch-hunts after the first World War.

Now Wall Street and its government servants in Washington are plotting a return performance of these infamous Palmer "red raids" and persecutions of union militants. The current anti-red drive is being openly fomented by Big Business and its kept press. The National Association of Manufacturers began the hue and cry. Last week the U.S. Chamber of Commerce followed suit with a broadside demanding the ouster of all "communists" from government and union posts.

Day in and day out, the Scripps-Howard chain, the Hearst yellow press, the Chicago Tribune write inflammatory articles against the "reds". The N. Y. Times, mouthpiece of the Morgan interests, advises union officials to beware of "communism."

This vicious drive is being spearheaded by the highest government officials. Truman's Attorney-General Tom. C. Clark gave the signal in a menacing speech before the Chicago Bar Association last June when he assailed "small groups of radicals" who "seek to capture the important ofmaintain civil peace." J. Edgar, Hoover, anti-labor chief they are themselves conducting red-baiting drives and speaking at the American Legion convention two weeks ago, gave clear warning that the Department of Justice is preparing to hound and prosecute "commun-| Green Leads Pack ists" regardless of civil liberties, and that even liberals are to be labeled "communist."

These ultra - reactionary

forces aim to sow dissension in labor's ranks, to isolate in the face of the capitalist ing and living conditions. The employers hope to cripple the striking power of the un-

ions by pitting one section of workers against another so that they cannot effectively combine against their common class enemy.

This anti-red drive is at the same time an integral for a Third World War. Intensified assaults upon labor at home go hand in hand with large-scale preparations.

for atomic warfare abroad.

battleships and jet-propelled planes.

brass hats who want to "get tough" with the Soviet Union cil. wave the big stick at labor. The drive against the unions and the diplomatic and propaganda offensive against the union militants are on guard against the anti-labor tac-Soviet Union proceed side by side as two aspects of Wall tics of the witch-hunters and determined to defend demo-

The same sinister figures who are beating the drums for war are directly promoting the red-baiting campaign brazenly informed the CIO Shipbuilding Workers convention that "slow downs and strikes" are "threatening na- red-baiters combined to put over the no-strike pledge, tional defense" and advised the unions to "purge the Com- hound the militants, support the speed-up in the plants. Big Business domination, and for a better world. munists." These government agents are not concerned with The red-balters are attacking the Stalinists now solely beaiding the workers; they are interested in tearing down cause American imperialism is preparing war against the the house of labor for the benefit of the corporations and Soviet Union. warmongers.

these dangerous attacks upon the labor movement? Are they are carrying on their own red-baiting campaign The best way to fight reaction is to join our party. they organizing action to repel the red-baiting offensive of the bosses?

civil liberties and union democracy and militancy. These bureaucrats express no less fervent loyalty to the capitalist system than the members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. They are publicly lining up with the warmongers' against the anti-war forces. Prodded by such organizations as the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, the Social-Democrats and other rabidly anti-Soviet outfits, they raise fices in the labor unions, to create strikes and dissensions, a rabid hue and cry against "the red menace." Instead of the 69th Convention of the American Federation of Labor erlock the question of wages and profits are the highest Ameriand to raise barriers to the efforts of lawful authorities to summoning the workers to join in battle against the bosses, in its opening session last week in Chicago.



U.S. imperialism wants to gag all progressive opposition | drive into the unions are meeting with sturdy resistance to its conspiracy to plunge this country into another war. from the workers in many places. The union militants If pro-capitalist Wallace can be fired from Truman's have learned from bitter experience that red-baiting plays cabinet for merely differing on the best methods for de- into the hands of the worst anti-labor interests. The Genfending U.S. imperialist interests, all the more urgent is eral Motors workers in Flint decisively repudiated such a Wall Street's need to expel from the unions radicals and corporation-inspired "anti-Trotskyist" campaign during and anti-labor nature of the hypocritical outcries about militants who are determined to defend labor's interests. their great strike last winter. The Greater Buffalo CIO Witch-hunts, anti-labor laws, and anti-red drives are as Council recently adopted a resolution by a 90 to 10 vote much part of imperialist war preparations as rocket-bombs, condemning "red-baiting in any form." Harry Block, captain of the red-baiters in the CIO Electrical Workers, was It is no accident that the same Big Business men and just defeated for president of the Philadelphia CIO Coun-

> These are encouraging signs. They show that the best cracy within the labor movement.

The Communist Party is one of the main targets of

What are the top union officials doing in the face of conduct any real fight against the red-baiters. In fact the forefront of this battle against the forces of reaction.

against the most consistent defenders of labor's rights, the real communists, the Trotskyists. They are peddling lies and slander and instigating physical assaults upon Militant distributors at union meetings. They are also expelling from the Communist Party critical-minded members who advocate more militant policies.

The Stalinist bureaucrats cannot combat the redbaiters because, under Foster as under Browder, they continue to grovel before the very Democratic Party politicians who are plotting war against the Soviet Union and organizing the witch-hunts.

The militants must fight to expose the treacherous Stalinist policies within the unions. At the same time the militants must not permit themselves to be entangled or in any way identified with the red-baiters. The militants must present a solid united front against poisonous redbaiting attacks, no matter against whom they are delivered.

It Can Be Stopped

The red-baiting offensive can be stopped. The same working-class solidarity, militancy and unity in action that set back the wage-cutting drive can defeat these new boss maneuvers. Wherever red-baiters raise their ugly heads, they must be answered with uncompromising opposition.

The militants must organize and mobilize to lead this fight. Nothing less than the future of the labor movement is at stake. The witch-hunts, although immediately directed against the advanced working class parties, are actually aimed at all labor organizations and especially the most progressive tendencies and ideas within them.

Every worker must understand the totally reactionary the "menace of communism." The real danger to labor comes from the profiteering employers and their stooges, from their conspiracies to degrade living standards, to cripple the unions, to rule the world and drag the United States into dreadful atomic warfare.

Nothing and no one should be allowed to split the ranks of labor along racial, national or political lines. The slogan must be: On guard against the red-baiters! Unity of labor against all divisive tactics of the bosses!

The fight against the red-baiters is more than a fight to defend democracy and civil liberties. It is part of labor's the red-baiters, although these reactionaries know better struggles against the whole system of capitalist misrule. in the unions. For example, Undersecretary of War Royall than anyone that the Stalinist leaders are neither "red" against low wages and high prices, against the threat of nor revolutionists. Throughout the war the Stalinists and war. It is part of labor's struggles for adequate food, clothing and housing, for independent political action against

That struggle can be effectively conducted only under reliable leadership and with a correct program. In labor organizations from coast to coast the members and sym-For their part, the Stalinist leaders do nt intend to pathizers of the Socialist Workers Party stand today in

of the bosses? On the contrary, many AFL and CIO leaders are lend-ing aid and comfort to Wall Street's attempts to throttle civil liberties and union democracy and militancy. These As Only Program At Convention

By Art Preis

Some 600 well-nourished and 9-

curbing the workers. Economic Stabilization Director Not a whisper of the rank and file was to be heard at Green couldn't completely ov- Steelman put out his report that prices. His contribution to en- can capitalism has ever known; lightenment on this subject was: peacetime production is at an

is on the warpath to scalp the union movement and destroy all democratic rights.

The capitalist rulers realize the terrific resentment and growing protest of the masses. They fear being called to account for the misery their exploitation inflicts upon the the AFL bureaucracy have their red-baiting counterparts has witnessed in years - and people. Their only answer to the demands of the workers for adequate food, clothing and shelter and for decent wages Murray, as United Steel Workers Secretary-Treasurer David is to shout: "Look out for the reds!" They thereby hope to MacDonald and CIO Secretary James Carey have been busy est and progressive unionists divert attention from their own shameless profiteering behind the scenes organizing red-baiting moves in the present. But anything they had

These vile red-baiting methods are not new. Every union-hating corporation and boss has used them against hunts to deny freedom of political opinion in the CIO Counlabor organizations. These are the favored methods of fas- cils of Philadelphia, Cleveland and other cities. Recently, cism. This was the Hitler technique.

Big Business felt the colossal power of organized labor in the recent gigantic strike struggles. The efforts false label!) with the avowed purpose of "ridding their of the AFL Executive Council, of the corporations- and their government flunkeys to unions of Communists' control and influence." Resolutions break this strength were frustrated by the unprecedented have been passed recently in several local CIO Councils Wall Street Journal of the consolidarity of the workers and the growing unity between and in national conventions, like the CIO Utility Workers, vention proceedings of the U.S. the unions, the veterans, white-collar employes and Negroes.

Unable to defeat the unions by direct assault, the American capitalists are now seeking to split the ranks of worked hand in glove with the government and corporathe workers. Along with their red-baiting, through fascists tions to impose the no-strike pledge, wage freezing and like Gerald L. K. Smith the capitalist interests are also spreading anti-Jewish poison. Government and police officials are shielding Jim-Crow vigilantes and Riu Kluxers by participating in red-baiting attacks. This only helps the who are stirring up nation-wide terror campaigns against the Negroes, including a wave of lynch murders. Capitalist upon the workers. spokesmen are trying to drive a wedge between work-

purges inside their own unions.

Leading the pack in this witch-hunt is doddering AFL President William Green. This evil old man, who has never This snarling pack of witch-hunters and labor-baiters willingly led the workers in struggle against their employers, has been barnstorming the country on a rampage ranks who pay their high salagainst the "reds." In his eyes even the CIO is nothing but aries, these leaders of the AFL or disguised communists" covers "Communist organization."

But Green and his co-thinkers like Matthew Woll in stration as any AFL convention worker who dares to oppose any in the CIO. Such chief lieutenants of CIO President Philip that's no easy feat. CIO unions.

Reactionary cliques have been encouraged in witch-

34 CIO officers in New York announced the formation of a "Committee for Democratic Trade Unionism" (what a address, as well as the report barring "Communists" from holding office.

During the war these same weak-kneed bureaucrats the costs of the war upon the workers and hold them back from struggle. They are now playing the bosses' game again employers' drive to unload the burdens of peacetime chaos

But these attempts from above to carry the anti-red



well-heeled officials, a select American workers. He called on crew from the top layers of the the delegates to "proclaim their AFL bureaucracy, pretended to uncompromising opposition to speak in the name of 7,151,808 communism or totalitarianism in AFL workers. any way, open or disguised in

any form whatsoever." Far from representing the interests and sentiments of the put on as reactionary a demon- a lot of territory-including any

No doubt there were some honndicated by a major resolution to say was drowned out in the flood of red-baiting oratory and crude attacks on progressive union policies.

The major points of AFL President William Green's keynote could have been cribbed from the Chamber of Commerce.

Among the high—or rather low but a few. They're still draw- so would all American workers." ing down their \$30,000, \$40,000 -points of the AFL leaders' and \$50,000 per annum salaries that high prices are caused by views were:

1. The main enemies of the American workers are the "reds" and "communists." The CIO is 'communist." There is nothing more urgent for the meatstarved, price - gouged, taxrobbed workers than a witch hunt for radicals inside the unions. The Chamber of Commerce agrees with this. 2. The reason for the soaring

prices is that the CIO unions

only red-baiting as his program

win better conditions for inside the U.S. they would be lands.

What is needed now is not so all-time record peak-and real much price control as the cen- | wages are down nearly nine per tering upon full production by cent from a year ago.

the workers of the nation." Naturally, the pro - capitalist Workers, he opined, should work and anti-labor sentiments of harder, strive for a condition these "labor statesmen" were where "fewer workers would pro- pleasing to the array of Big The past record of the AFL duce more goods." That sure Brass invited into this labor bureaucracy indicates that "open gave the profiteering employers convention to spew their poison. a happy moment! Such spokesmen for the mili-

The report of the AFL Executary caste and American impertive Council went to the lengths lialism as General Carl Spatz, reactionary policy of the AFL of blaming the price increases leaders. That the AFL leaders upon the CIO workers who fought Forces, and General Omar Bradcontemplate a totalitarian purge for wage increases to try to catch of all progressive opposition is up a little on soaring prices. ley, head of the Veterans Administration, were on hand to This report said: "Those unbefore the resolutions committee ions which broke price ceilings fense"-that is, all-out preparacalling on all AFL affiliates "to to get 181/2 cents followed a tion for war on the Soviet Unmembership for all Communists, reference to the CIO strikes last their plug for "full production" shortsighted policy"-an obvious | ion. And, of course, they put in and no strikes. The system can't The report adds: "Had they afford both high wages and an-

(CIO unions) been really willother war, so, of course . There is, of course, no pro- ing to accept smaller increases Bradley even had the gall to posal to expel the gangsters and and adjust their demands by defend the policy of putting low racketeers, like Daniel Tobin, genuine collective bargaining to cellings on the amount veterans Joseph Ryan, Joseph' Moreschi industry's ability to pay, they are permitted to earn in the and William Hutcheson, to name would be better off today and "on-the-job-training" program

for supplying cheap veteran la-This employer - propaganda bor to greedy employers. The Greens, Tobins, Freys, -plus "expenses"-for collabor- raising wages was voiced by the Wolls and their fellow bureauating with the employers and AFL leaders in the same week crats had a high old time, in between shooting off their own mouths, beating their palms at the remarks of their Brass Hat

guests. We don't think the more than 7,000,000 members of the AFL, who want a fighting, progressive program to better their conditions, have much stomach for the nauseating spectacle put on at. the AFL convention. There are signs of revolt already in such unions as the AFL Longshoremen headed by the notorious Joseph Ryan, and the AFL Teamsters,

headed by Daniel Tobin. Conditions of food shortages Demands for the admission of living standards. This conflicts 50,000 or 100,000 Germans, Span- with the conservative, do-nothfrom fascist lands would follow Their answer to the needs of the . . the restrictions on immigra- AFL workers is to suppress any tion must not be weakened." show of militancy and victim-Under the guise of "anti-fas- ize militants as "reds".

cism," Tobin spreads the fascist-It is fear that the rank and file are going to revolt and boot against the traditional demoviolent red-baiting of the AFL cratic policy of asylum to the top leadership. Those big sal-"Once they were safely settled victims of persecution in other aries and shake-downs would be missed by ex-"labor statesmen.

Tobin Takes A Leaf From Hitler's Book

spring.

The sewer-level of reac- | told by plausible agitators that tionary filth to which some they must support the Communwage increases up to 181/2 cents of the AFL leaders descend- ists in this country to protect an hour. If the CIO workers'had ed at the AFL convention themselves from the fascist per-

ope. "The mere arrival of 50,000 Jews, even if they were not sub-3. The way to stop inflation the AFL Teamsters, largest AFL versive (Hitler's propaganda that and rising prices are becoming is to do away with price con- union. This leaflet, opposing the all Jews are 'communists') would so unbearable for the AFL worktrols and work hard for more entry of homeless refugees into fan the fascist organizations like ers that they are looking for production per worker. Stay on this "land of the free and home the Ku Klux Klan into activity. militant action to protect their "The prelude to the deluge increase production and profits from abroad is the campaign to lards, Argentinians and others ing policies of the AFL leaders.

pel them immediately from membership in the AFL."

Probably most of them, suffer-4. Support the anti-Soviet war ing from their persecution at the plans of American Big Business. hands of the Nazis (Tobin for-Line up the workers for another gets they are suffering now at world slaughter for "democracy" | the hands of American and Brit- | like propaganda against Jews, against "totalltarianism." Amer- ish imperialism in the former against foreign-born workers and them out which is behind the ican imperialism agrees with this. Nazi concentration camps), are Green offered the convention Communist sympathizers.

last spring fought for and won been satisfied with less, prices last week was best illustrated secution they experienced in Eurwould have been kept stable. by an anti-Semitic leaflet dis-The National Association of tributed to the delegates by Dan-Manufacturers agrees with this. | iel J. Tobin, Czar-President of

the job-boost production-don't of the brave," reads in part: ask for higher wages unless you first. The Wall Street Journal admit 50,000 homeless Jews. agrees with this.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1946

Help The Greek Workers!

An Appeal To The Workers Of England And Europe

Comrades:

Scarcely two years after the war of "democracy against fascism," military and police dictatorship is being established in Greece.

A terrible repression, reminiscent of the methods that Mussolini, Hitler and Franco used to peasants were in the vanguard of the struggle to crush the labor movement, has been smashing down on Greek labor and grows steadily worse. After the monarchist government of Tsaldaris replaced the leadership of the Greek national trade- forces which threatens to crush their resistance union federation and of all unions by its own for many years. Out of the partial defeats of the straw men, and placed all trade union organiza- proletariat, world reaction draws an ever-greater tions under police control, we are now on the eve of its outlawing of all independent working-class organizations.

So that the country will welcome in "calm" and "order" the royal dictator whom the trumpedup September referendum has put back on his blood-stained throne, martial law has been extended throughout all Greece, and combined operations by the army, the police and the reactionary armed gangs of the cities and mountains have been launched for a final "mop-up."

The Greek capitalists, who emerged from the war exhausted and politically and economically decomposed, would never have been capable of undertaking such a reactionary offensive if it had not been from the beginning actively supported by British imperialism.

The revolutionary assault of the Greek masses against native reaction in December, 1944 was broken by British tanks, guns and Spitfires.

Since then the Greek capitalists have been able partially to reconstruct their own forces of repression, thanks to the security inspired by the presence in Greece of the troops of British imperialism, and thanks also to its financial help, to the arms it delivered, and to the instructors who took in hand the organization of the army and police.

The fact that the present British Labor Government supported in Greece - by the presence of British occupation troops, by its material and technical aid, by its diplomacy - the forces of the worst reaction against the exploited masses of the country, will remain on its record as a stain of blood that nothing can efface.

In order that Greece may serve as a springboard in the Balkans of Anglo-Saxon policy against the USSR, in order that it may remain a strategic and military base of British imperialism in the Eastern Mediterranean Basin, protecting the route of Middle Eastern petroleum and the route to the Indies via Suez, the Labor Gov- September 20, 1946.

ernment has undertaken to consolidate a new dictatorship in Greece. Workers of England, workers of Europe:

A total victory of reaction in Greece will have repercussions far beyond the frontiers of that country. Two years ago the Greek workers and bury all reaction and fascism for good, genuinely to guarantee democratic liberties, to keep open the road to socialism. Today they are withstanding the blows of a coalition of reactionary strength to break proletarian resistance elsewhere, and gradually to replunge all Europe and the world into fascist barbarism and war.

The struggle of the proletariat everywhere is one and the same struggle, and international proletarian solidarity must not be an empty phrase. All working-class organizations should set up a united front to:

1. Demand the immediate withdrawal of the British occupation troops from Greece! 2. Protest to their own governments and to

Greek diplomatic authorities:

Against the Terror in Greece! Against the beheading of the elected leadership of the trade union movement and its submission to police control! Against the projected outlawing of working-class organizations! Workers of England:

You raised the Labor Party to power as a working-class rampart against exploitation and capitalist reaction as represented by the Tories," and the Labor Government has forged the chains which have bound the hands of your brothers in

Greece. Start in your trade unions, your political organizations a veritable storm of protests against this reactionary policy; be first to demand the immediate withdrawal of the British occupation troops!

British soldiers:

Refuse to carry out imperialism's aims of apine and exploitation! Demand to be sent home, fraternize with the Greek workers and peasants fighting for their freedom!

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL PROLETAR-IAN SOLIDARITY!

Executive Committee of the Fourth International Revolutionary Communist Party (British Section of the F.I.) International Communist Party of Greece.

Peruvian Trotskyist Group Denounces U. S. Imperialism

Calling on the workers of Peru to form an "authentic Dparty of the working class," the Marxist Workers Group of control of the poor farmers; na-Peru (Trotskyist) published the first issue of its paper, Revolucion, in August.

The Manifesto of the Peruv. Workers Group combines the ian Trotskyists begins by de- lution and the socialist revoluscribing the economy of the tion, because these tasks today country, which keeps workers are inseparable. and peasants in dire poverty. PROGRAM "Capitalist and feudal elements

industrialization of the country; the sliding scale of wages. slogans of the democratic revo-The Manifesto closes with a ringing call: "workers who suf- test of strength between the CIO, fer capitalist exploitation; farm- with a membership of 1,630,000 then. ers exploited by the landlords;

poor middle class men and wo- ernment. Union leaders have are combined," it declares. "But First of the 10 points in the men in the miserable workshops, called the strike to force the the very base of 'our' capitalism program is the construction of in the little trades, in the office removal of the anti-labor Yoshida

-that is, oil, essential transport, the Peruvian section of the and in your miserable existence, Cabinet. a large part of our manufactur- Fourth International. Others, you are also victims of the caping industry, our financial rela- call for struggle against world italist oppressor. Your only sal- to mass firings initiated by the tions-are all the exclusive prop- imperialism in alliance with the vation is in the program of the government; workers' participa-

the former Reich.

ican imperialism.

lege for propaganda.

REMOVE DISGUISE

elements.

example:

parties, agencies of Anglo-Amer-

This is the result of the

'forced unity" that we denounc-

ed several months ago. Never-

imaginable facility and privi-

French zones, a great victory of

the Christian Social Party took

place. The Social - Democrats

weakened. The Catholics - in

joyed the support of pro-fascist

now began to remove their dis-

In the American, English and

Referendun Has Not Ended Instability Of French Politics

Nazis Freed In Nuremberg

THE MILITANT

Letters certifying freedom are presented by Col. B. C. Andrus (second from left) to Hans Fritzche, Franz Von Papen and Hjalmar Schacht at Nuremberg, Germany, after the three Nazis had been exonerated by the War Crimes Tribunal. Throughout Germany hundreds of thousands of workers protested the acquittals. **Federated** Pictures

Japanese General Strike To Cap Labor Resurgence

By Larissa Reed

Climaxing the greatest series of labor struggles in representatives of democracy," Japanese history, involving seamen, railwaymen, miners, newspaper and radio workers and others, the Japanese CIO has scheduled a gen-oand the abolition of recent anti-

eral strike for Oct. 15. labor laws. The strike is a protest against

The call for a general strike the conspiracy by the Japanese was precipitated by government employers and the Yoshida pupattempts to break the press and tionalization of the large in- pet regime, backed up by the radio strikes. Newspaper workdustries under workers' control; American occupation authorities, ers began their walkout when to crush the resurgent labor Yomiuri Shimbun, one of Tokyo's

leading dailies, and its Hokkaido The general strike will be a affiliate fired a group of workers for union activities. The Hokkaido affiliate refused to abide covering 20 unions, and the govby a recommendation of the Central Labor Relations Bureau, government arbitration board, to rehire the 53 discharged work-

Their demands include a halt It is now revealed that the Imboden, head of the Press and longing to the CIO who were or-

By a close margin — over nine million to eight million the French voters on Oct. 13 adopted a new constitution, drafted and supported by the government coalition of the Popular Republican Movement, Communist Party and Socialist Party, and opposed by de Gualle, the Radical Socialists, Republican Lib-

RAGE THREE

erty Party, Gaullist Union impatiently; he stepped down and other right-wing parties. from the government early this year because his program then The constitution was a waterwas also premature for the ed-down version of the draft recapitalists.

jected last May when the MRP The difference between de opposed it. The defeat in May Gaulle and the dominant section strengthened the hand of the of the capitalist class is over MRP with the result that the tactics and will not at all sepa-Stalinist and Socialist Party rate them in future anti-labor members of Parliament made actions. De Gaulle feels that he numerous concessions along the has sufficient prestige to be able lines demanded by the MRP and to rule without the aid of the de Gaulle — a second chamber, Stalinists. stronger powers for the Presi-The capitalists on the other

dent, etc.

hand feel that conditions are **DE GAULLE'S POSITION** still so unstable that they can not rule for the present without Despite the concessions, de Gaulle chose to lead the opposithe aid of the workers' parties. who still retain great support tion to the three-party draft for the purpose of pushing forward among the masses. With the aid of the CP and the SP, the capihis candidacy to head a "strong talists can still put over unpopman" government in the future. ular and reactionary measures, The adoption of the constitu-Responsibility for the governtion will not be a deterrent to his ambitions; the no vote was ment's acts at the same time serves to discredit the workers' extremely strong, and de Gaulle parties and lays the basis for the now stands forward as the outstanding political figure in opcreation of a mass apathy which can be utilized at a later stage position to the government. The three-party coalition's

for dispensing with the workers' parties-that is, for establishing failure to solve the pressing problems facing France will surely the "strong" government deredound to his political credit. manded by de Gaulle. Thus the affirmative decision on

National elections next month the referendum does not all rewill pick a five-year Parliament. move the threat of a Gaullist Present indications are that the attempt at dictatorial power. three-party coalition will con-By and large the French cap- tinue in the government, with talist class did not go along the Gaullist opponents in a with de Gaulle on Oct. 13. The strong position to win new re-Big Business press expressed visions in the constitution. sympathy with de Gaulle's ideas France's political situation rebut felt that he was going "too mains marked above all by infar" at this time. This is not the stability despite the adoption of first time de Gaulle has acted the constitution.

representatives of democracy," Workers Fight For Democracy Inside Italian Stalinist Party

Ferment inside the Italian Communist (Stalinist) Party in Resina has led some of its members to an open struggle for democratic rights inside the party.

At the CP's Provincial Organ-9 izational Conference in Naples on | called for an investigation in July 27, the Resina militants pre-Resina to expel the militants from the party. sented a resolution demanding

At the investigation in Resina, the re-establishment of internal many oppositionists declared that democracy and freedom to critision officials, who called in the cize for all members of the party. they supported the resolution. They state: "This resolution for nal committees be elected by us is Communism, and if Comdemocratic and secret vote, with- munism means Trotskyism, then out influence from the bureau- we are Trotskyists." The Stalincrats above. They called for the ists were unable to expel the mili-The solidarity of the workers formation of a school to teach tants, but continued to threaten

In answer to the Stalinist slan-

ders, Rosa di Bartolomeo issued

a public letter to all the members

of the Resina section of the Stal-

had defended her, she stated:

"I, personally, and the whole

Fourth International are in full

The letter continued with a

strike.

of threats by SCAP Radio Divi-

SOLIDARITY



they had been threatened by the management if they dared to

As a consequence of these

strikebreaking actions by Mac-Arthur's staff member, only a portion of Japanese newspaper workers went out on strike. However, the workers of Radio Tokyo, Japan's only network, went out solid, silencing the radio for three days. They did this in defiance

> radio workers and told them that They also demanded that interif they struck they would be imprisoned.

and national revolution which Latin America. would deprive it of one of its Further demands include a semi-colonies."

U. S. CONTROL

ialism upon Peru is tightening, of the huge estates, under the the Manifesto continues. "If during the War Peru was an integral part of the economic and Bolivian Miners diplomatic machine in the service of Wall Street, in the com-ing period the country will pass Support Sliding under the direct control of imperialism, and our youth will be converted into cannon fodder. converted into cannon fodder.

"That process is now taking its course. When Truman's plan tutelage has been effected, we chain of our final enslavement." tional capitalists is intimately tied to the fate of the world capitalist system . . . The tri- of Peru. umph of the democratic revolution, the achievement of national independence in countries like have been steadily reestablishing ours, would deal a mortal blow to the world capitalist system. and in the end, to our own capitalists.

The program of the Marxist

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erty of imperialism, and not of workers, including the workers Marxist Workers Group and in the restoration of industhe native capitalist class . . . of North America; complete eco- the program of the Fourth Inter- try; protection of the right to The real 'big capitalists' are not nomic and political independen- national!" in Peru but in Wall Street, the ce of Peru, and a confederation bitter enemy of a democratic of Socialist Soviet Republics of

unicameral legislature; abolition of the presidential veto; democratization of the army: expro-The grip of American imper- priation without indemnification

The Bolivian Trotskyists, tions which were recently held for unification of the Latin long separated from the mass in the four occupation zones of American armies under Yankee movement by repressions ance of national independence. in the forefront of the workers' United Socialist Party (Stalin-The contract with 'International struggles in Bolivia, and may ist). Whereas many of the small Oil' . . . is a new link in the elect candidates for the Parlia-Imperialism cannot be fought ment in some sections of the benefited from the recent dividby the false policy of "national country this year. This was re- ing up of the land, the populaunity," the Manifesto points out. vealed in the August issue of tion of the large cities on the "The fate of our rachitic na- Revolucion, organ of the Marx- other hand, disgusted with the ist Workers Group (Trotskyist) turned toward the capitalist

> Since the overthrow of Villaroel, the Trotskyists in Bolivia contact with the workers. On theless, the United Socialist Aug. 25, they were able to hold Party had at its disposal huge a meeting of 2,000 workers to quantities of paper and every commemorate the Sixth Anni-

versary of Leon Trotsky's death. On one occasion, the Trotskyists were arrested for their militant role at a Mine Workers' Congress. They had introduced came out of the electoral battle three resolutions accepted by the Congress: demands for a sliding Germany as everywhere! - enscale of wages to meet the rising cost of living, for a sliding scale of hours to combat unemployment, and for the suppression of company stores which victimize

the impoverished miners.

strike and collective bargaining **LESSONS OF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS IN GERMANY**

By K. Manfred

BELGIUM-We have often | gees." (!!!) No comment is necstated that the policy of the essary.

movement.

In the name of innumerable occupation forces strengthvictims of Nazi camps, we proens the reactionary capital- test against the policy of the ocists who have done so much cupation forces, who gain by pro-fascist reaction. Must Otto damage to Germany and to the Hockenberger and his numerous whole of Europe. This is sharpcomrades die of hunger? ly confirmed in the local elec-

Now more than ever, we demand the immediate withdrawal of all occupation forces and the restoration of all workers' rights

In the Russian zone, half the in Germany. Only the German will have lost even the appear- and imprisonment, are again population voted against the proletariat is capable of dealing with the German reactionaries. To do this they must be freed farmers and agricultural work- from the chains of the imperialers voted for it, because they had ist and Stalinist occupation. (Reprinted from Oct. 5 issue

of La Lutte Ouviere, Belgian Trotskyist paper.) Stalinist methods and the GPU.

cording to the Mid-July issue of

Spark, the Indian Trotskyist pa-

per. It was under this leadership

that the textile workers conduct-

out struggle.

Christians, refused to aid little was taken on the question of

Otto Hockenberger, 13 years of continuing the strike. It resulted

age, who escaped from Ausch- in some 5,000 votes cast for con-

witz, stating: "We cannot be tinuation of the strike against

preme Commander, Allied Pow- over and operate Radio Tokyo, ers (SCAP).

This was only one of the beserve as strikebreakers. A large force of Japanese polhind-the-scenes moves of Mac-Arthur's agents to break the ice moved into strikebound Radio strike action of the newspaper Tokyo on Oct. 7, ordering strikers

and radio workers. Two days beout of the building. Their first fore the strike was scheduled to efforts failed as strikers refused begin, Major Imboden visited the to move. offices of Asahi Shinbun, Tokyo's Five strike leaders were arrest-

largest daily, and the key to suc- ed. The general strike called for complaining that many militant Stalinism has organized in all Oct. 15 is designed to support the workers in Resina were follow- the countries in the world, cessful strike action. With the clear intent of brib- newspaper-radio strike which is

ing the workers, he discussed with still going on. the management the possibility An Allied directive last year of increasing the newspaper from gave Japanese labor -on paper - the right to organize and bartwo to eight pages, despite present newsprint limitations. Fol- gain collectively. MacArthur prolowing this intervention, the claimed a "hands-off" policy in Asahi workers, who had previous- labor and capital disputes. But ly agreed to participate in the these rights are constantly viol-

ated not only by the Japanese

strike, voted against it. puppet government but by direct THREATS AND REPRISALS Imboden's act of bribery fol- strikebreaking intervention of lowed upon threats and repris- the American occupation author-

boden publicly praised the men strikers."

als against employes of the Tokyo | ities. According to a INS dispatch newspaper, Yomiuri, where 31 from Tokyo on Oct. 7, American workers were fired after the military police "took an active management tried to replace the role last night in breaking up

CIO with a company union. Im-|street demonstrations

Lessons Of Strike In India

In the powerful wave of strike actions which swept "lying across the road , . . sloover India during the summer, 14,000 textile workers most gans or gestures which offered physical obstruction," etc.

of whom belong to the Madras Labor Union, walked out natic Mills. The newly-electof the Buckingham and Car-9management to suggest that this ed president of the union was result was obtained by intimida-S. C. Anthonypillai, a Trotskyist tion. recently returned from jail, ac-

The claim that the departure of some 9,000 workers to their villages near by, showed hostility to the strike impressed nobody, and evoked laughter among most.

strike do not go home but to work. Nor can it be suggested that 9,000 workers were 'intimidated' by a few 'outsiders' as the management seeks to allege." ing.

What it sought to prohibit un-

strategy. Publications Division of the Su- dered by the government to take The Stalinist leaders tried to prevent these militants from reported for duty, but refused to speaking, but failed. When the inist party. Thanking those who resolution was read, they cried: "This is Trotskyism!" The militants retorted: "This is Com-

political opposition to the line of munism." Then the Stalinists launched the Italian Communist Party. an attack on the Trotskyist, Rosa This opposition is not held di Bartolomeo, falsely accusing through caprice, but is founded her of being anti-Soviet and on the proletarian defeats which

ing her.

A number of the delegates rose clarification of the Trotskyist to defend Rosa di Bartolomeo, explanation for the lack of depointing out that she had parti- mocracy in the Stalinist parties; cipated in the struggles of the the Fourth International's posiarmed workers against monarch- tion on the defense of the Soviet ist reaction, and that she had Union; and the need for an inalways fought for the cause of dependent revolutionary policy the workers. The Stalinists then in Italy.

Seaman Reveals Marines Impose Martial Law In China

By Sam Randell (Special to The Militant)

'Isingtao, China, where our ship was docked for three weeks last Spring, is virtually under martial law. Everything is controlled by American Marines, who shut the town up at 10 p.m. so far as American seamen and servicemen are concerned. The American Consul denies the city is under martial law-they say nored it. The Consul told us that it is only semi-martial law. the Marines were there to con-A lot of the seamen were trol "communists." He warned picked up and thrown into jail us that they could become even on the flimsy excuse that they more severe in their restrictions. sical obstruction is beyond our violated some law or other laid When the rank and file Madown by the Marines. There are rines in the town heard about continuous arrests of enlisted our protest, they backed us up men for similar minor infracand encouraged us, because they satyagraha"-(non-violent civil tions. These arrests are nothing

feel their situation is even worse. but reprisals against enlisted All of us felt that the Marines hi). "Is it that what is sauce men because they are disconwere there for no other reason for the Gandhian gander is not tented and fed up with being than to interfere with the insauce for the working-class kept in China without knowing ternal politics of the Chinese why they are kept there. There people. is no form of recreation for The people in China are liter-

them and they have nothing to ally starving on the streets, esfor the workers to look on while do and above all they know the pecially the children. Diseased people walk around, their legs

The seamen on the American decaying, with no medical atmerchant marine ships protested tention whatever. Filth is widespread.

The influx of American troops caused a tremendous rise in the cost of living. Graft and black markets prevail. Poor girls turn A petition was sent by the to prostitution in order to eat.

men on four ships to the Amer- Everybody knows that the Maican Consul protesting against rines are there to act as guarthis molestation. The Consul dians for the Chiang Kai-shek will not be found less inventive gave the petition to the Provost regime which is responsible for Marshal of the Marines who ig- all this misery.

ed their grim and long-drawn-The strike was precipitated when a company watcher man-The disastrous policy of the handled a worker. Efforts of the occupation forces strengthened | company to organize strikebreakthem more and more, and they ing failed, and the mills remained at a stand-still. Workers' solguise. Let us give a significant idarity remained unbroken despite the arrest of some of the In the little town of Soettin- union leaders and "legal" intergen, in the American zone, the ference with the pickets. local council, composed of Social At one stage a secret ballot

The strike served to expose the labor policy of the "Congress Government" of Madras, which maneuvered to prevent picket-

It issued a communique stating: "Picketing in order that it may be lawful must be peaceful and non-violent in a real sense.'

"Those who do not want to

understanding," says Spark. Moreover, "lying across the road" is a "standard form of disobedience, preached by Gand-

goose? What the Madras ministers wanted, Spark points out, was the scabs marched in to break their strike.

"We have no doubt, however, that the workers will know how against the discriminatory ar-

to fight this treacherous move. rests of many seamen. They ask-Have not the workers of Amer- ed why the law is not being apica invented the mass picket line plied to American businessmen

thrown around the entire fac- and others. tory as a counter to the violent breaking up of separate picket groups at the approaches to the factory? The workers of India

"How slogans can offer phy-

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modern capitalism,

the collapse of democ-

racy, reformism and

pacifism, the unpost-

ponable and burning

need of the proletar-

iat to find a way to

salvation from ines-

capable ruin, places

the world revolution



with a new force on the order of the day. -Leon Trotsky

Defeat Red-Baiters

We want to direct the attention of all readers to the important statement by the Secretariat of the Socialist Workers Party, "The Fight Against the Red Baiters," printed on Page 2 of this issue. It presents an analysis and guide to action on a problem that concerns every American worker fighting for a better world.

But here we wish to call attention particularly to that idea in the statement which asserts not only the necessity but the possibility of defeating the red-baiting offensive.

We have no desire or need to underestimate the power and resources behind the current Big Business drive to divide and split the workers in preparation for an all-out antilabor offensive. But while fully recognizing the dangers presented by labor's enemies, we must also understand that the situation is quite different from 1919, when labor's cause was sharply thrust back by a similar redbaiting drive.

Most of the changes that have taken place since then are to the advantage of the workers. After the first world war there were about 3.000,000 workers in the unions; few of these embraced the basic industries of the country; and most of these workers were divided along craft union lines. Today there are five times as many unionists as in 1919; they include all of the important heavy industries; and industrial unionism has come to stay.

After the first world war it was comparatively easy for the corporations and the government to smash the workers' strikes and organizational drives. In 1946 the corporations and the government had to retreat all along the line, except in the case of the railroad strike, and to fall back on flank maneuvers and attacks.

purposes of an NLRB election designed to split and weaken the strike front.

We are not in favor of small, isolated independent unions cut off from the main stream of organized labr. We have consistently urged such unions to join with the great national union bodies, particularly the CIO.

But the action of the District 50 officials is nothing but strikebreaking. It must be denounced as such. They have set a precedent that can work incalculable harm in the struggles of all unions.

Such strikebreaking actions will never convince militant workers in independent unions to join bigger union bodies. It will only persuade them that the leaders of these bodies are agents of the employers.

The best and only argument for affiliation which District 50 or any other union can use is all-out support to the striking power workers.

Railroad Unity

The tragic division of the railroad workers among 21 different craft organizations fighting against each other in the interests of 21 union bureaucracies, was underscored during the railroad strike last May.

Truman was able to undermine the resistance of the three striking railroad unions by getting 18 other unions to make separate settlements under-cutting the demands of the strikers.

The lesson of the broken railroad strike has been deeply imbedded in the minds of the railroad workers. The sentiment for industrial organization is growing swiftly.

The Militant has consistently advocated industrial unionism on the railroads. We have supported the program of the militants inside the railroad unions who call for progressive amalgamation of the railroad unions looking toward industrial organization.

It is gratifying to observe that an important step in the direction of industrial unionism is now being considered by the convention of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, headed by A. F. Whitney.

From all indications, the Trainmen appear to favor affiliation with the Congress of Industrial Organizations. CIO President Philip Murray was a key speaker at the BRT convention last week. He was accorded a hearty ovation by the delegates when he pointed out the identity of interests between the CIO and the BRT and their similar industrial outlook in policy and structure.

Affiliation of the BRT with the CIO will give tremendous impetus toward the movement for industrial organization of the railroad workers. It will crack the crust of craft union bureaucracy that has restricted the progressive development of organized railroad labor for so many decades.

Every militant and progressive-minded railroad worker will welcome and support the entry of the Trainmen into the CIO. The workers in the other railroad unions will look on this move as a signal to intensify their growing efforts to achieve industrial organization.

Anti-Labor Laws

Taking time out from their own orgy of red-baiting and witch-hunting against union militants, the top leaders at the AFL convention devoted a few moments to complaints about the government's attack on them and their unions. Joseph Padway, AFL general counsel, told the convention that he could not recall any previous two-year period "where so many anti-labor measures were brought before Congress." He cited two laws passed by Congress and signed by Truman that were aimed directly against the AFL-the Lea "Anti-Petrillo" Act and the Hobbs bill that lays the basis for frame-ups against picketing truck drivers. He warned that there are bills like the Case Bill which are coming up again. We can agree with the AFL leaders when they condemn anti-labor laws. But it sounds hypocritical for the AFL leaders to complain about such laws when they themselves support the policies that lead to such laws. Big Business, aided by its Democratic and Republican politicians, is engaged in a redbaiting drive. It is mounting in ferocity. The purpose of this drive is to terrorize the labor movement, split it up, sow division in its ranks, silence all opposition to Wall Street's policies. This anti-"red" drive is part and parcel of the general offensive against labor that is pushing through the anti-labor laws. The AFL leaders themselves support this Big Business red-baiting drive. They are calling for witch-hunts against "communists" in the AFL. They demand intensified war preparations and a "get-even-tougher" policy of American imperialism against the Soviet Union. Imperialist war preparations and antilabor measures go hand in hand. How can the AFL leaders fight against antilabor laws when they themselves support the very policies that lead to such laws? And how can they prevent such laws when they support the capitalist parties and politicians who put through these laws? The AFL leaders' complaints against antilabor laws are so much hot air so long as they continue to give aid and comfort to the laborhaters by red-baiting attacks on union militants and by supporting the reactionary political policies and control of Big Business.

THE MILITANT



"Have you heard those awful Trotskyist candidates on the radio?— You'd think WE people didn't count at all!"



Bulosan fought against being some Nicholas Van Ryn. He is AMERICA IS IN THE HEART, sucked into this life of vice. He a patroon-a landlord whose esby Carlos Bulosan, Harparticipated in the struggles of tate was received as a grant from court, Brace & Co., 1946, the unorganized West Coast ag- royalty 200 years before. 326 pp., \$3. ricultural workers to form unions

and fight for decent wages. Dur-This autobiography was written by a self-educated Filipino, were captured by vigilantes, torwho struggled against his harsh tured, maimed and almost killed. | lord. life as a poor peasant boy in His work was interrupted when Luzon, and his even harsher life he contracted tuberculosis. Facafter he came to this country. ing death on a hospital bed, he He wrote this book as a plea for educated himself and became a poet. Bulosan's description of his

Although at the end of his youth in the Philippines gives inoook. Bulosan goes easy on American ruling-class brutality, apthe impoverished, downtrodden pealing for its reform, his own story constitutes a damning inname the American imperialists dictment of the barbarous treatand native capitalist-landlord ment the capitalist exploiters class as responsible for the ruthaccord the Filipino masses not less expolitation which crushes only in their homeland but in the people. But through his his country.

Reviewed by Larissa Reed DRAGONWYCK, by Anya Se-

ton. Pocket Books, 1946, 375 pp. 25 cents.

In a colorful, romantic novel, Anya Seton has dramatized the class conflicts of the pre-Civil War period on the great landed estates of upper New York, begins when Nicholas urges the er with other newly-arrived immigrants, he was shanghied to of New York City. and in the teeming metropolis captain to beat another steam-

'All over Europe at that time,"

On these semi-feudal manors, farmers were obligated to pay a ing this activity, he and others share of every product as rent to the patroon, who lived like a

> When Nicholas contemptuously evicts one of "his" farmers who joins the anti-rent movement, the farmer commits suicide. When Nicholas falls in love with Miranda, he murders his fat wife who had failed to fulfill the "duty" of bearing a son.

A year later, Nicholas and Miranda are married. During their New York City honeymoon, the workers are demonstrating against a British actor who symbolizes to them all the snobbery and pretensions of the rich. Nicholas seizes a gun and shoots a young boy, setting off the massacre of 20 workers by militia

guarding the theater. When Miranda's infant son dies, Nicholas adds opium-smoking to his many vices. Miranda finally flees. But the steamboat on which she is escaping stops for Nicholas, who owns the ship. A fatal race down the Hudson boat. This too is historical back-

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More Testimony On **Court-Martial System**

The War Department's Advisory Committee on Military Justice, after holding about a dozen open hearings in different parts of the country, has now concluded its final hearing in Washington, at which the top brass hats testified on the Army's courtmartial system.

General Courtney Hodges of the First Army strongly opposed proposals to withdraw the power of field commanders to appoint courts-martial. Under this system commanders appoint subordinate officers and can make things unpleasant for them if they don't return decisions wanted by the commander. Hodges denied that defense lawyers in courts-martial "got in bad" with their commanders if they secured many acquittals.

General Omar N. Bradley of the Veterans Administration joined Hodges in opposing any changes in this set-up.

Other high officers, coming from the National Guard, presented an entirely different picture however, Major General Milton A. Reckord of the Maryland National Guard admitted the truth of the often-made charge that courts-martial are not intended to dispense justice but to maintain discipline.

"All the present trouble" comes from commanders' habits of using courts-martial "as an arm to chastise rather than to weigh evidence," Reckord said. He also declared military courts treated enlisted men more harshly than officers, and that prohibition of enlisted men from courts-martial bodies was "not according to the American idea of equity and justice."

Major General Ewart G. Plank likewise admitted many "inequities" and declared. "We have a sheory of protecting the officer in the Army."

Testimony by Lt. General Wade H. Haislip of the Seventh Army refuted the assertion by Hodges that commanders did not interfere with decisions made by courts-martial they had appointed. He admitted with a smile and no attempt at apology that he had sent a letter strongly rebuking a courtmartial which had sentenced an alleged deserter to "only" five years imprisonment.

None of the brass-hat critics of the court-martial system had a basically effective program for eliminating its injustices. "The only remedy would be a change of attitude in the people running the Army," said Plank.

The Advisory Committee is now scheduled to meet and make its recommendations to the War Department. While the committee is expected to recommend minor reforms, there is very little likelihood that it will propose fundamental changes such as were advocated by two Socialist Workers Party spokesmen, George Breitman and Milton Richardson, before the Committee's open hearing in New York on Sept. 10.

The main SWP demands were: For serious offenses-trial by civilian court. For less serious offenses-military trial by a jury of peers, that is, juries would be made up of enlisted men when enlisted men were being tried, instead of the present set-up where only officers sit on juries.

The new conscription plan made public by Secretary of War Patterson on Oct. 2 has some significant proposals intended to appease public dissatisfaction with the court-martial system. Patterson promised that the draftees, whom he calls "trainees," instead of being ruled by the Articles of War or Army Regulations, would be governed by a new "Code of Conduct." This code, he said, would be "administered by specially provided trainee tribunals for misdemeanors, and by civil courts for more serious offenses." (N. Y. Times, Oct. 3.)

This appears to be a watered-down adaptation of the SWP proposals, although not enough information is available for a full judgment. At any

A consideration of these changes alone is proof that victory for the Big Business redbaiting drive will not be easy or automatic in 1946. And there are many other factors to bear in mind:

1. The vast majority of the veterans, whom the capitalists depended on to play an antilabor role as in the period following the first world war, took their stand decisively with their brothers in the unions in the strikes early this year.

2. The Negro people, spurned and denied union membership, could be used in many instances as strikebreakers in 1919. Today 2,000,-000 Negroes are firmly entrenched in the unions (two-thirds of the entire union membership of 1919) and it is well known that they are the staunchest fighters in the struggle against the employers.

3. New winds are blowing in the South; the last big stronghold of the open shop.

4. There is in general a very definite radicalization beginning inside the American working class. The experiences of the depression, the CIO organizing drives, the broken promises of the war period, the grim realities of the postwar period have all combined to instill in the workers a very healthy attitude of skepticism toward capitalism.

For these reasons the Secretariat of the Socialist Workers Party is 100 per cent correct in saying: "The red-baiting offensive can be stopped. The same spirit of working class solidarity, militancy and unity in action that set back the wage-cutting drive of the corporations can defeat these new boss maneuvers."

Strikebreaking

Several weeks ago Pittsburgh labor gave an inspiring demonstration of working-class solidarity when it united in smashing the strikebreaking injunction against the power workers.

Now, unfortunately, some short-sighted union officials, motivated by narrow jurisdictional aims, are trying to split the independent power workers union in the very midst of its valiant strike.

All the anti-labor forces in Pittsburgh are trying to crush the power workers. A small group of company stooges is being used to spearhead a move to split the strike front.

Officials of District 50, AFL United Mine Workers, have treacherously stepped in to aid this strikebreaking move. They have lent the good name of the UMW to the stooges for



Build The Labor Party!

Alaska to work in a fish cannery. At the end of their labors, they were cheated out of their wages. For years thereafter, Bulosan was forced to ride the rods from state to state, a migratory worker, always hunted and hungry, in search of low-paid jobs on farms and factories.

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masses. The author does not

tragic story, the enlightened

reader will better understand the

reasons for the heroic fight of

the Hukbalahap peasants

against their oppressors, which

It was in the United States

that Filipino immigrants like

Bulosan encountered the worst

forms of degradation and shame

added to exploitation. When the

author arrived in Seattle, togeth-

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his people.

the people. From this fear sprang In the cities of California and many manifestations of revolt; elsewhere, Filipinos are condemned to live as social outcasts in segregated sections. Gambling, depravity, prostitution and like the anti-rent wars on the all the evils of his class. But crime are the only alternatives manors, and the Astor Place Hollywood converts him to an offered to starvation wages and riot."

unemployment. Tuberculosis and other diseases claim them by tale of poor Miranda Wells, who falls in love with wealthy, hand-

ground. Lives were often squanshe writes, "there were riots and dered in such races, designed to insurrections born of class hat- thrill wealthy travelers.

red. The same unrest trickled to Nicholas drowns, acclaimed as America, where to be sure there a hero. The story closes happily was a democracy, but was it as Miranda later marries a young working this democracy? That doctor who had helped lead the was the ever-recurring doubt of anti-rent struggles.

Hollywood recently made a picture from Dragonwyck, in large and far-reaching ones like which much of the interest of the Abolitionist movement; the book is lost. Miss Seton smaller and less important ones makes Nicholas a summation of exception, a psychoneurotic for whom no class is to be blamed. Reviewed by

Ruth Benson

Lament Of An Inkwell Admiral



The current strike of mer-, four years. Ships plowing through | strong union organizations. The chant marine officers for wage the dark seas became flaming officers aboard ship have had increases and union security has furnaces of hell in the matter their conditions improved aroused an ominous chorus of of minutes.

fear and hate from the scribblers of the capitalist press. Not the least of these scrib- full well that they could very union security.

blers is Hanson Baldwin who add- well be taking their final trip ed his voice to the attack in his in a steel coffin? Even at this club rooms and in the high of-N. Y. Times column on Oct. 9. moment ships are still being fices of the Pentagon in Wash-Baldwin, the military writer for sunk by floating mines that once ington, this is the red flag. And the Times, is considered a semi- covered the coastal waters of five Baldwin betrays their real fear official spokesman for the big continents.

brass in Washington. What he | Tens of thousands of merchant writes reflects the feelings and seamen suffered torture and mis- by the union organizer. The opinions of those circles. Thus ery. They were hailed as heroes planners of World V : III must it cannot be dismissed as the simple nostalgia of a shipowners' then and the Baldwins and oth-have a thoroughly regimented stooge who has just returned from | ers wrote that they were carryan evening at the cinema watch- ing out the finest traditions of ization is a threat they cannot ing Alan Ladd get the works the American merchant marine. with a cat o' nine tails in Hol- That is all forgotten. The litlywood's hash of Dana's Two erary fusillades that Baldwin once turned against Nazi sub-Years Before The Mast.

"Where now are the bucko marine skippers or breaking the mates of yesteryear? Where the traditions of the sea by machinehard hearted, hard fisted, leath- gunning survivors- are now er lunged 'sundowner' who could turned against the "master marspit into the teeth of a gale?" iners who carry union placards,' Baldwin asks. "There were gi- "skippers who pace the picket ants in those days-stout sea- line instead of the bridge . . men who ran taut ships and good whose "eagle eye keen from ones." So wails the inkwell Ad- searching the far horizons, is remiral. served now for signs of scabs

Sitting at a comfortable desk and goons." in the offices of the N. Y. Times, The merchant seamen of toour Admiral dictating to his day have come a long way. Their stenographer asks "where are conditions at sea more closely the giants of yesteryear"? Near- approximate the conditions of a ly seven thous. d seamen per- working man ashore. This has ished in agony during the past come about because of their

through the struggle put up by Were those giants — the men the unlicensed seamen. Now the who went aboard ships knowing officers are fighting to achieve.

> In the Army and Navy officer when he writes that "American sea power" is being threatened merchant marine. Union organtolerate. And the last stronghold aboard ship that they could rely on is being taken over by "the enemy"-as they see itthe union organizer.

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rate, Patterson does not propose it for the Army, but only for the draftees.

James A. Wechsler of the N. Y. Post revealed last week that the Navy had suppressed a minority report from a Navy board similar to the Army's Advisory Committee. Drawn up last June, it recommended granting victims of Navy courts-martial the right to ask review of their cases in U.S. District Courts; protection of people involved in courts-martial "against influence, coercion or intimidation;" abolition of bread and water punishment. etc.



The \$134,000,000 of government money poured down the wartime drain of the Canol oil project by the Joint Chiefs of Staff was all a clever maneuver to fool the Japanese, according to inspired "informed sources" quoted by the N. Y. Times, Oct. 8,

This stewed rabbit has been pulled out of the Big Brass Hat a year and a half after the War Department, under fire from the Senate War Investigation Committee, admitted that the U.S.-financed Canadian oil-pipe line project was a "most colossal blunder.'

The "informed sources" claim that it was necessary to continue the project in the wilds of Northern Canada, after it was denounced as "waste" in 1943 by the Senate War Investigation Committee and Petroleum Administration, because it was intended to fool the Japanese into thinking the U.S. was planning an attack from a far-north base.

Why shipment of oil by tanker at one-tenth less cost couldn't have done the trick, particularly since it was publicly known that the project couldn't be completed in years, has not been explained by the Big Brass.

Actually, the Canol project was only a waste for the American people who footed the bill. But it wasn't a waste for the Imperial Oil Company, Canadian subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey.

The 600-mile Canadian oil pipeline, refineries and other facilities were built for Imperial Oil. The Senate committee probing the case in 1943 revealed that the War Department had contracted to pay Imperial Oil an amount of \$1.25 per barrel solely for the privilege of drilling on the company's property under the company's supervision. Two of its five wells were dry.

The Senate report stated further: "The \$1.25 per barrel is in substance a royalty and should be contrasted with royalties of 15 to 20 cents per barrel paid for oil in the United States . . . In addition to being paid the royalty, Imperial Oil at the end of the war will own the wells drilled and the oil reserve improved at the expense of the United States."

For the third time the Senate investigation committee has demanded to examine the Joint Chiefs of Staff files on Canol. Two similar demands during the war were rebuffed with the explanation that the files were "secret."

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WORKERS' FORUM

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

Prices Up-**On What Meat?** Editor:

Perhaps the OPA hasn't heard of the meat famine. It has just raised the price of veal chops nine cents a pound - and raised the price of other cuts of veal, too. So now the veal chops we can't find in the butcher shops. will cost us 57 cents a pound. I suppose that's to console us that we're saving even more money by not eating meat! Or could it be that it's a way of boosting black market prices even higher?

> Housewife New York City

Grandmother Dies On N. Y. Meat Line Editor:

Here in New York, where one store in each borough has meat occasionally, men, women and children stand in line for hours in all kinds of weather, hoping they'll get into the butcher shop in time to find some food. Many of them wait all night long for the stores to open in the morning.

Last Friday, Oct. 11, a 61year old grandmother, Mrs. Bernadette Sargeant, waited patiently to get into a butcher shop in Queens. As she finally reached the door, she collapsed -dead from fatigue that caused her heart to fail.

Will this tragedy have to become commonplace before we put a stop to the packers' conspiracy? Let's have more AC-TIONS like that of the Toledo housewives.

R. J. New York, N. Y.

Longshore Pickets Like "Militant"

Editor:

Removal From Ballot Yesterday two of us distributed The Militant to longshoremen Editor: picketing the piers in San Pedro. I will be 76 years old on the What a warm and friendly re-8th of November, I have been on the firing line in the class strug-

ception we received! There had been a few men who were hostile to us at the regular too old to be active now. I en-Tiursday night longshore meetings, and who would make cutting please.

remarks to us in front of the I wrote letters of protest to ciber workers, but yesterday on Truman and Congress, asking the picket line those same men who took the Socialist Workers were most friendly. There was a Party candidates off the ballot definite absence of flippant re- in Ohio. I don't expect to pick



Politics Control

Food, Fuel, Clothing Editor: The Republicans claim the

Result—scarcity of foods, fuels and clothes. The Democrats this "subsidy." But that doesn't claim the Republicans control mean we can get these potatoes

the shortages. Result-scarcity for the money we paid to grow of foods, fuels and clothes. When politics control foods, a particular food is, the profitfuels and clothes to get more votes IT IS TIME for the work- help them keep their prices up ers to produce for use instead of

for profit (as under Socialism) and have a distributing station of the farmers who has to shovel in each community to deliver these putrifying potatoes off his foods, fuels, clothes and other necessities to our homes. And GET RID OF the systems of low wages, unemployment, high taxes, monopolies, chain stores and when a government begins to movement one iota. other insecurities disguised as

Street?

'FREE ENTERPRISE" to stimulate the sales for Black Market profits.

Protests Arbitrary

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equivalent who is SUPPOSED is Our Face Red! TO manage government business for the taxpayers. When did

> the staff of The Militant, and Jarvis Dusenbery we devote a good deal of time Perry, N. Y. trying to prevent them. Some-

times such errors are even more troublesome to our distributors

and readers. The special Minnesota election edition of The Militant, Sept. 28, contained a picture of Warren Creel, candidate for U. S. Congress from Minnesota's Third District, incorrectly la-

beled as candidate for the U.S. Senate. Part of a sentence in a biographical sketch of Creel. which should have read "His father, H. G. Creel" was printed

to read "Hit father, H. G. Creel The following letter illustrates

ions:

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Now Is The Time To Live Editor:

Last Sunday I went to see an old Socialist, Max Winkle, to ask him to renew his subscription to The Militant. His daughter came to the door. When I told her why I had come, she very quietly said that her father had been dead since January. I did not know quite what to do at that point, but she very quickly told me to come in, as she and her mother wanted the subscription.

I asked her what her father's The rich get richer and the illness had been. She told me in poor get robbed. We poor suck- a few simple words that he had ers have to pay sky-top prices suffered for 15 years from a kidto food profiteers for everything ney condition, and that doctors we eat. But that isn't enough. had predicted his death in 1929. We have a government that As I was ready to leave, she for the privilege of keeping prices eyes, "I guess it was his socialist makes us pay through the nose said, with a sort of mist in her

tradition that kept him alive as Out here on Long Island, thousands of tons of potatoes are long as he did live. That tradirotting away-at a time when tion, in spite of his physical conpeople aren't getting enough to dition, kept him going. For now eat, and millions are starving in is not the time to die but to live." other countries.

June Carey Allentown, Pa.

pounds. Now the government is **Rejects Lies Of** deliberately letting them rot. Democrats are poor managers. We're the ones who paid out "Great Conspiracy" hard-earned money in taxes for Editor:

A Stalinist called to see me last week and wanted to sell me Sayers & Kahn's book, Great Conspiracy. I was wise to this book and I informed Mr. Stalinist that Sayers and Kahn are a pair of irresponsibles peddling Stalin's lies. The Stalinists are

telling lies, believing if they keep telling them, they will be believed. But I informed Mr. Stalinist that if it was possible to sell three millions of these books ever stinks should be buried. And it wouldn't harm the Trotskyist stink it should be buried too.

Chicago, Ill.

"Stevedore" **Presented By Chicago Group**

By Sara Preston

drama of lynch terror on the vitamins) are also welcome. wharves of New Orleans is being presented in Chicago by a young interracial group of amateur actors. Although produced on the usual shoe-string, the Chicago den, Holland, which states in

of Stevedore packs a strong wallop. A quarrel between a philander-

her ex-lover opens the play. When he strikes her, she screams for help, and tells her husband she

was attacked by a Negro. The "law" immediately starts



This picture was taken in Poland, but it is a common scene in Europe today... a barefoot mother cooks a meager meal in front of the ruins of her home, now just a hovel of dirt and straw. You can help relieve the terrible misery by sending food, clothing and funds to the American Committee for European Workers Relief. See story below.

Letters From Europe Tell Of Workers' Need For Aid

The American Committee for European Workers Relief announced this week that it is receiving more requests for food and clothing every day. Although it has just completed a very large shipment of foodstuffs to Europe, these

food shipments will have to 9be larger and sent more fre- found a large enough overcoat quently if anti-fascist work- for his wife. Clothing to fit a woman her size would be most

me and my family, it is really

a wonderful joy that you sent

really a rescue since we are all

undernourished. The food sit-

uation is very dismal and des-

ers of the European countries welcome. and their families are to sur-A RESCUE" vive the winter. From Vienna, Austria: "For

The ACEWR, therefore, is making a special appeal for financial contributions to defray the large expense of food purchasing, mailing and shipping Contributions of food and clothing and medicines (especially

perate . . . for what you have done for us up to now I am FROM HOLLAND thanking you in the name of my Among letters recently receivfamily.' The CARE packages referred ed from Europe is one from Lei-

to are surplus army 10-in-one rations containing 29 pounds of Negro Art Theatre presentation part: "The writer of this letter food (40,000 calories). This package supplements the diet of a

family of four for two weeks. The cost of purchase and delivery to Europe of a CARE package s \$10. These are excerpts from but



The Seattle Branch of the campaign. He has attended some Socialist Workers Party is util- CP meetings but sees through izing its election campaign to get the loud talk and no action of new readers to The Militant. the Communist Party in its work Clara Kaye, Campaign Manager, among the Negroes. One renewal reports: "Enclosed are 21 subs. All is for a worker who is president but one are new subs. Eleven of his local and who was formercomrades went out - yesterday, ly sympathetic to the Stalinists some today, and some both days - into new areas never covered to our point of view. Three of before. We distributed our election campaign platform and pro- scribers who were acquainted pagandized the campaign as well as asking for subs to our paper. eager to renew their subs to I am sure that we will catch up The Militant." and make our subscription goals for August, September and Octo-

ber in the five-week period re-

maining to the end of the cam-

St. Paul reached its monthly

puts us over our quote for Sen-

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The Militant a trial."

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but now seems to be changing the other renewals are for subwith the Stalinists but still were

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P. Carroll, Literature Agent for Toledo, sent in five subscriptions, three of them for railroad workers.

John Boulds of Plentywood, goal, writes Literature Agent Mont. keeps tab of the subscrip-Paul Chelstrom: "Enclosed are tions in his area, making certain seven subs to The Militant which that expired subs are renewed. He just sent in two more renewals.

previously had refused a sub. On Beverly Wise sent in four subs this second contact he became for the Oakland Branch, statinterested and decided to give ing: "We are trying to clean up our lists by call-backs, which is naturally a slow process. I Pauline Ryder, Literature might note that very few are

Agent for Philadelphia, reports actual refusals to renew." a successful social held at the Some comrades have suggested

headquarters where seven subscriptions were obtained. She that we list the total number of adds: "Yesterday a few comsubs received from the branches rades covered a meeting at each month. We think this is a which Ickes spoke sponsored by good idea and list below the subs ICCAS - you know, the Stalinist sent in by each branch during front organization plus liberals September.

September Subs

petty-bourgeois Stalinists and New York their fellow-travelers (not a Boston .. 139 worker in sight), but we sold Philadelphia 41 30 copies of The Militant and 16 St. Louis **Connecticut State** 34 Seattle ... 30 Subscriptions have speeded up Los Angeles 28 in Flint according to Literature St. Paul . 25 Agent. El Snyder: "We have now Newark 24 in the Flint branch a Militant Minneapolis . 23 Scoreboard and will add the Chicago ... 22 us CARE packages . . . this is number of subs submitted by Detroit .. 21 Flint ... 21 Milwaukee 18 Akron .. 16 Pittsburgh 16 Cleveland Buffalo 12 Oakland Youngstown San Pedro Toledo Reading Bayonne .

selling subscriptions among Stal-San Francisco inist sympathizers: "The new General ... sub is for a colored worker who was contacted on a street sales

each comrade to create more excitement. And I must admit that it's working wonders too." Comrades in Marlboro, Mass. are doing good work in getting renewals. J. D. sent us 10, hoping "in the near future to have Fred Martin, Milwaukee Mili-

tant Manager, calls our attention to the fact that they are Rochester, N.Y.

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them. No matter how plentiful eers have their government to

L. R.

The government paid for these

potatoes, \$1.671/2 a hundred

-even if the food rots.

I read in the paper where one using the Hitler-technique of land so he can get to work harvesting his cauliflower said: "The whole thing stinks!" I say what-

A stirring, action - packed

ing white married woman and

Long Island Editors' Note: Typographical errors have always been a source of embarrassment and regret for Washington sell out to Wall

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CAPITOL HOTEL

jection to this anti-fascist hero immediately upon receipt of the Oak Ballroom letter. However, it still has not Socialist Workers Party 423 Springfield Ave. 8:30 p.m.

I like The Militant because it tells the truth. I want

to help because I know it depends upon workers like

Name City Postal Zone State

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Conspiracy Against Democratic Rights In New York

Radio Address by Farrell Dobbs, SWP Candidate for Governor

Text of the radio speech by Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York, over Station WJZ, New York City. Thursday, Oct. 10, 10:45 P.M.

Tonight I am going to tell you about a conspiracy against democratic rights, the like of which has never been seen in the history of New York. An evil plot to disfranchise tens of thousands of New York voters has been cooked up by the Tammany, Hall-Flynn gang of corrupt, ward-heeling Democratic politicians. These political strong-arm men for Wall Street are trying to rob the minority parties of their constitutional right to appear on the election ballot. They are trying to turn the New York elections into a Hitler-like plebiscite in which the people could only vote "Ja" for the Wall Street candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties.

The New York election laws are deliberately devised to make it tough for a minority party to get on the ballot. At least 50 signatures are required from each of the 62 far-flung counties in the state. A total of no less than 12,000 signatures must be filed with the Secretary of State. They give you only five weeks for this gigantic task.

Endless petty requirements are added to make it tougher. The color of the paper, the color of the ink are made a point of law. You can't sign plain "Sam Brown" to the petition. You must sign "Samuel John Brown," your full name, 100 per cent, whether you like it or not.

This maze of bureaucratic red tape is intended, not to help you get the candidate of your choice on the ballot, but to cheat you of your choice if Wall Street doesn't like that candidate.

My party, the Socialist Workers Party, filed three times 50 signatures for every county and double the 12,000 signatures required for the state. We strained to the limit to comply with all the petty regulations. The Secretary of State carefully scrutinized our petitions and decided to certify us for the ballot.

Then came to light the dirty plot of the corrupt machine politicians, a plot based on the worst joker in the anti-democratic election laws. The law provides that a so-called "aggrieved" candidate can go to court to bar an opponent from the ballot. One Spencer C. Young, Wall Street's Democratic candidate for comptroller, went to court and claimed he was "aggrieved."

Young didn't exactly go to the court himself. A battery of nine high-priced corporation lawyers went for him. Among these lawyers is-make a note of this-Louis Cohen, Executive Secretary to Mayor O'Dwyer. Chief counsel for Young is Sharon Mauhs, a machine politician who has jumped back and forth no less than four times between the Republican and Democratic parties, wherever the pickings were best at the moment. And he has the gall to yell "fraud" and "misrepresentation" at workers' parties fighting for their constitutional rights.

These Wall Street lawyers didn't go to just any judge. They went to Supreme Court Justice

William H. Murray, sitting in the city of Troy. Judge Murray is notorious for his biased and arbitrary decisions and for his association with the foul-smelling O'Connell Democratic machine in Troy. It was this same Judge Murray who high-handedly ruled the Communist Party off the ballot in 1940. The Wall Street lawyers know their man.

Judge Murray hastily issued a sweeping court order holding up the certification of the Socialist Workers Party and three other minority parties for the ballot. The Liberal' Party was exempted from this court order because it supports the entire Democratic ticket. Even the Stalinists of the Communist Party, who are supporting the major Democratic candidates, did not win exemption for their boot-licking service to Wall Street. Because they have two minor

candidates for office, the Stalinists were included in the court order.

judging the evidence against the

persons I have named.

INVESTIGATE TENNEY!

ings got under way. Judge Murray has arbitrarily overruled every defense motion. The corporation lawyers have called to the stand witness after witness who has been intimidated and coerced. Names of many petition signers have been pub-

lished in daily papers, with the obvious intent to intimidate and terrorize them. This is a signal to their employers to threaten and bulldoze them. Witnesses have testified that they came to court upon the urging of Democratic machine politicians who hold public office.

The testimony is strikingly uniform. Witness after witness, obviously testifying under stress, repeated parrot-like that he didn't know what he was signing, that he is a good Democrat, that he will always be a good Democrat.

A Slick Dodge

Then the Democrats stopped calling in witnesses and just threw a batch of affidavits on the table. You must admit that was a slick dodge Nobody can cross-examine affidavits to expose the intimidation and terror that went into secur ing these affidavits.

Against the Socialist Workers Party the Democrats claimed they had the very last word in the most fool-proof unchallengeable evidence ever brought before an American court. What was it? These legal sleuths had discovered that on the petitions for one county the notary public had signed her name over her stamp instead of under it.

Mind you! We submitted 25,000 signatures. The Secretary of State found every one of these signatures to be in good order and certified the Socialist Workers Party to the election boards. Now we face the danger of being thrown off the ballot because a gang of high-priced legal sharks claim to have discovered hair-splitting, insignificant flaws in petitions covering less than 200 of the 25,000 signatures. Thus 24,800 people-against whom the Democrats could find no complaint whatever-may be denied the right to vote for

candidates of their own choosing. And what are the Republicans doing while the Democrats trample justice underfoot? The Dewey Administration — like Pontius Pilate has washed its hands of the whole dirty busi-

ness and proclaimed: "The State is neutral." The Wall Street conspiracy against the voters in this election is so filthy that even former Mayor La Guardia has felt impelled to voice a protest. Attacking the undemocratic election laws in

signed article in PM, La Guardia said: "There are many unreasonable requirements now in the law, put there intentionally to make difficult, if not impossible, independent nominations by petition.

the judges who — in his words — "with a pre-tended attitude that the Court — I mean the to register. Go to the polls on November 5 and vote When the trial began, it didn't take long to Judges - have never heard of a political party the Socialist Workers ticket.

understand that the decision was already signed, | or know anything about politicians or the worksealed and ready for delivery before the proceed- ings of political machines, pull out their judicial microscopes and look for fly specks and apply legalistic technicalities to complete the job of disfranchising thousands of citizens and throwing the process of competition. candidates off the ballot."

> The misleaders of the American Labor Party have nominated the whole corrupt, machine-controlled Democratic gang as their candidates. Yet even they can't stomach the rotten mess cooked up by Tammany Hall. Hyman Blumberg, state chairman of the American Labor Party, has issued a statement denouncing the court attack on the minority parties. "Free, democratic elections shoud be won at the polls," Blumberg correctly stated, "and not in the courts."

The protest against the conspiracy is steadily mounting. More than 60 leaders of CIO and AFL unions have joined in the demand for free elecions in New York.

But Mead and Lehman, the principal Democratic candidates, are silent, just as Dewey and Ives, the Republican standard bearers, are tightipped about Wall Street's plot to impose a Nazi style plebiscite on the New York voters. By their silence they brand themselvés as parties to the conspiracy.

The so-called "bi-partisan," Democratic-Republican "get tough" foreign policy is also a "get tough" domestic policy. The Wall Street bullies are tough against labor, tough against racial minorities, and tough against democratic rights. They have unleashed a campaign of terror and persecution against minority parties.

In their kept press they hurl slander and vilification at Wall Street's political opponents. "Don't throw away your votes," they sneer at the voters who would oppose them. They fly into a rage and brand as "reds" all who condemn their program of no housing, no meat, high prices, atomic diplomacy and the threat of World War III.

Mortal Fear

Wall Street stands in mortal fear of a big protest vote, a big vote for the Socialist Workers Party in this election. They fear a big vote for the Socialist Workers Party's fighting program. They fear heavy support to our demand for an 18 billion dollar appropriation for new homes; for nationalization of the meat trust under workers' control; for an automatic increase in wages to meet every hike in prices; for taking the war making powers away from Wall Street's politicians and giving the American people the right to vote on the question of peace or war. That is why they are trying to keep the Social-

ist Workers Party off the ballot. I call upon the voters of New York to answer

the challenge of Wall Street. Join with the So-La Guardia ridicules the myth of impartially of cialist Workers Party in the fight for its constitutional right to appear on the ballot. Be sure

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS: There exists at present a condition wherein it is impossible to obtain meat and that this condition daily undermines the health of the people and their families, and

WHEREAS: This is the second meat famine artificially created by those who control the meat industry for the purpose of destroying all price controls, and AS: Investigations in other states have

Wages, Prices and Profits ____ How Competition **Produces Monopoly** - By Warren Creel —

Capitalist anarchy rules the economic system by bund laws, and not by the wishes or decisions of men. The chief law is the law of value, which controls capitalism through

The great corporations of today are not little competing companies, they are monopolies. Yet we know that even these monopolies do not escape from capitalist anarchy and the law of value, which work through competition. They do not produce goods in abundance, and pay high standards of wages, like industries set free from the old economic laws. But why don't they escape from the laws of competition?

The reason for this appears when we look at the true relation between competition and monopoly. The first part of this is: competition produces monopoly.

We can see this from the history of any industry; oil, or instance. In the early days many different companies were refining and selling oil and gasoline. They used to cut prices and use every trick to get business away from each other.

The aim of competition is to get business away from the competitors. The one who succeeds forces the losers out of the field. Then the winner alone remains. That is

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Minnesota

Tuesdays, Oct. 22-29, 10:30 p.m., WMIN

New Jersey

Sundays, Oct. 20-27-Nov. 3, 3:45 p.m. Station WPAT, 93 on dial

New York

Thursdays, Oct. 24-31, 10:45 pm., WJZ, 770 Thursday, Oct. 24, 10 p.m., WNEW, 1130 Wednesday, Oct. 30, 10 p.m., WNEW, 1130

Washington

- Sundays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 7 p.m.:
- Station KRSC, 1150 on dial

a monopoly. The winner built the monopoly by competing against the losers.

The oil industry went through that stage, which business men call "cut-throat competition." It could end only one way. After a while there was only one throat left, and that was the Standard Oil monopoly.

Under the anti-trust law the government pretends to do the impossible job of "breaking up monopoly" under capitalism. The courts were supposed to do this with Standard Oil by forcing the monopoly to go "back to competition." Since competition is the seed of monopoly, this was like trying to get rid of oaks by spreading acorns. The big corporation was split into many smaller ones, such as Standard Oil of New York, and Standard Oil of Indiana, and so on. But the parts still worked together as a group. They agreed on prices and cooperated as if they were one corporation. And since they were owned by the same financial interests they were a united business group in fact. So this cooperating group remained the Standard Oil monopoly.

Suppose instead the split parts had gone back to real inpention. Suppose they had set to fighting each othe in the old-fashioned way. The result would have been the same as the first time. One of the lot would have to come out as the winner, and competition would have produced monopoly again.

Cynthia Rogalin Takes Offensive At 'Little Dies' Committee Hearing

Extracts from the statement use of the city police for his | supports restrictive covenants in they have not lifted a finger to by Cynthia Rogalin, Socialist "guard of honor."

Workers Party write-in candi- I charge that Mayor Bowron disqualified from hearing testidate for State Senate from Los and the Police Department and mony on Klan activity since he that this committee's presence Angeles to the Senate Commit-California have collaborated with dirty hands and is incapable of the Klan and communist activ-

theory or in practice should be outlaw race restrictions. And finally, I wish to. state

FARRELL DOBBS

ting IIn-American tee Investiga Activities, Oct. 7:

As a resident of Los Angeles and an active participant in the struggle against the Ku Klux Klan and other fascist elements in this community, I wish to present certain evidence to this committee and to make certain charges.

First, I wish to call your attention to incidents which the Mayor of this city has dismissed as pranks, and which the Attorney General of this State has condemned as acts of the notorious Ku Klux Klan, but which neither of them has done very much about.

There is a long list of incidents which show the hand of the Klan in this area in the past year, instances of threats. arson, intimidation, and one case of burning to death of a Negro family: but not a single arrest has been made, not a single culprit has been brought to jussice.

HAVE NOT TRIED

The Mayor and the Chief of Police have claimed they are unable to place responsibility. I charge they have not tried. They have collaborated with the culprits by refusing to investigate those who obviously should be investigated.

Any honest investigator would immediately ask: What was the is a simple matter to secure aim of the night-riders and vigilantes in the incidents we have witnessed? It becomes apparent immediately that the aim was to threaten and intimidate members of minority groups, Negroes, Jews. etc.

Investigate Gerald L. K. Smith and his collaborators if you are serious about this thing. Investigate America's No. 1 Fascist, who has repeated visits to California in the past year to spread his race-hating propaganda and to build his fascist movement.

This is the man the Los Angeles School Board granted the use of the high schools! Investigate the School Board! This committee investigated school authorities in the North for permitting the use of the schools to working class groups, yet here you have not said a word about the use of schools by fascists.

I condemn Mayor Bowron for permitting the use of the schools for Smith's meetings, and the member of this committee who starve the American people. This

a whitewash.

ing hundreds of police for the protection of Smith, but not one officer to guard the homes of Negroes and other members of minority groups threatened by the Klan. The most horrible example is the case of O'Day H. Short and his family in Fon-

the Klan and Smith by provid-

to campaign for him in the comtana, who were warned and ing election. And what is Mr. threatened, but not protected. Tenney's position on race re-For a full account of this terstrictions, I should like to know? rible affair I refer you to the I hold Mr. Tenney, and the enpamphlet by Myra Tanner Weiss. Vigilante Terror in Fontana. tire State Legislature responsible for the ghettoes in Cali-I charge, further, that the City Police Department should fornia and the racial antagonbe investigated for connections

with Klan and other fascist groups. Brutality and abuse against members of minority groups by the police have become notorious.

AIMS IDENTICAL

And now I want to make another major point: If you seri-Party candidate for Governor of ously analyze the cross-burning incidents in the Los Angeles area, you see a direct connection between them and the attempt Council, Oct. 7:

to restrict Negroes to ghettoes. Both the Hickersons and the Aubreys live in areas where they are the object of legal and illegal intimidation. Investigate the sponsors, sign-

ers, and advocates of race restrictive covenants! Their aims and the aims of the Klan in Los Angeles are identical. It

the names of all the signers of restrictive covenants. They are all recorded. Investigate the Southwest

Realty Board and others which have actively fostered the spread of race restrictions.

Investigate the Merchants and Manufacturers Association and its connections with these United States, such degradation realty boards and sponsors of is possible. race restrictions. Investigate MONOPOLY their use of hired thugs in their Let us understand why these open shop, union-busting drive,

things are so and then we will as charged by the American have the key to the solution of the Federation of Labor. problem. In the first place the I challenge this committee to overwhelming and controlling investigate all of the individuals bulk of the meat industry is one and public officials I have mengigantic monopoly. It is this tioned unless you are prepared monopoly which controls arbiat the outset to admit that this trarily meat production and meat prices and which has it in so-called investigation of Klan its power to supply or withhold activities is actually a fraud and

meat from the 130 millions of this country. A small clique of I charge further that any profiteers has the power to

ity, is actually a red-baiting, Klan-whitewashing repetition of the Palmer red raids of the period following World War I.

I also charge that the chair-With all of our differences man of this committee, Mr. Tenwith the Stalinists in the Comney, should be investigated for munist Party, we of the Socialhis connections with Fascist Gerist Workers Party, the Trotskyald L. K. Smith, who came here ists, will gladly unite with them and with all sections of the labor movement for united independent political action of the working class to replace the servants of the capitalist class like this committee, with a labor government capable of representing the interests of the vast majority of isms which they breed, because the people.

determined that large quantities of meat are being hoarded by profiteers, and

WHEREAS: The government has the power to seize plants and never hesitates to use this power when the workers strike for just cause, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Toledo City Council go on record as demanding that President Truman take action immediately to seize the meat industry and to operate it in cooperation with the unions in the interests of the public, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we call on Governor Lausche to declare a state of emergency in Ohio and take whatever steps necessary to uncover whatever hoards of meat may be held by profiteers in the state.

Solution To Meat Crisis Offered By Walker

Text of the statement by Mal-, same clique swindles on the one to run them in the public inter- | would open the books of the poly. colm Walker, Socialist Workers. side the working farmer and on est. the other side the city worker.

This is not the first time these Ohio and SWP State Executive pirates have created a meat fam-Secretary, before the Toledo City Our party supports the desaw meat suddenly disappear

mands of the housewives and from butcher shops. And it reunion organizations and their appeared just as suddenly when fight for nationalization of the price controls lapsed. Again, meat industry. Our party has when price controls were reinthe solution to this meat famine. troduced on September 9, meat We have the only solution. We entirely disappeared from meat counters and the tables of our pioneered in advancing the demand for nationalization of the workers. For a second time the

meat industry in 1938. meat barons had struck in com-Today every workers' family plete disregard of the health and is concerned about the fact that welfare of the people of this nathere is no meat for their tables. tion

Housewives stand in line for What is the solution to a sithours waiting to buy bologna. uation where a few people can And if they are fortunate enexercise such power against the ough to get even that, they stand great majority of the people? in line to pay for it. It is our The Socialist Workers Party, in national shame that in a councommon with many unions and try as rich and productive as the other organizations, says that the solution is for the government to seize these plants and

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However, government seizure s not enough. It will be no solution to this crisis to pin epauine. Prior to the expiration of lets on these same robber barons. price controls on June 30 we call them generals, raise the flag over the meat plants, and let the same profiteers run the meat industry. If this is done, we can be sure that it would not be long before they would again try to bring the people to their knees

> famine. UNION CONTROL

That is why we demand govrnment ownership under union control. The meat industry must be taken out of the hands of this clique of profit-mad monoplists.

What is meant by union control? It means that instead of the profiteers running the industry, or refusing to run it, siphoning the bulk of the meat off into the black market, paying themselves fabulous profits and bonuses, and creating fam-

ines, the meat industry would be operated by the workers who know how to produce meat and have a vital interest in producing it. Under union control millions of dollars of advertising waste

would be eliminated. All meat would be sold in the legitimate market at prices people could afford to pay. The black market, kept going by the meat trust would be eliminated. The possibility of further meat famines

would be eliminated. The unions

trusts and see how much the

United States government had to pay for their patriotism during the recent war. Under union control the meat industry would be run by workers who know the industry instead of by absentee bank owners who reckon meat not in pounds, but in dollars, ONLY SOLUTION

Meat is a social and collectively produced product. It could by engineering another meat not be produced without the close cooperation and collective effort of millions of workers,

farmers, stock handlers, packinghouse workers, truckers, railroad workers, and retail workers. Without these workers not a pound of meat would reach the tables of the people. However,

GIVE THIS MILITANT TO YOUR SHOPMATE ASK HIM TO

One Or A Group

A monopoly can be one big corporation in an industry, like the Aluminum Company of America, which stands alone in its field. Or it can be a group of corporations, organized together enough to agree not to cut prices on each other. The big meat packers and the big auto manufacturers are group monopolies like this. Or a monopoly can be formed out of many corporations, all controlled behind the scenes by the same financiers or banking group. The radio manufacturing industry is the latter type.

One thing is sure. All monopolies were built by competition, in one of two ways. Either one competitor cut all' the other throats and won out alone. Or else several competitors decided it was wisest to merge or organize a cooperating group before the throat-cutting went too far. In either case, single company or group, the result was mono-

Monopoly grows more and more under capitalism, There is no reverse process that leads back to competition.

In 1935, one-tenth of one per cent of the corporations in the United States owned 52 per cent of the assets of all corporations. That means one corporation out of a thousand was bigger than the other 999 put together. Less than 5 per cent owned 87 per cent of all the assets of corporations. One-tenth of one per cent of the U.S. corporations reported earning 50 per cent of all corporation profits. Less than 4 per cent of the corporations reporting to the government earned 84 per cent of the corporation profits. We also must remember that the few giant corporations are not really separate, either. They are owned in groups by a few financial organizations which are the real powers of monopoly capitalism.

Those statistics give the situation eleven years ago. Monopoly has grown further since then, especially during the war. So the process of competition keeps on building more monopoly. This is the one side of the relation between competition and monopoly: competition produces monopoly.

The other side of the relation is: monopoly produces competition on a higher level.

As we shall see, competition takes on a new form in the stage of monopoly. The monopolies start competing against each other in various ways. Competition and capitalist anarchy still rule capitalism, even more fiercely in the monopoly stage.

Next week: Competition in the Stage of Monopoly.





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THE MILITANT

Stock Market Slump Shows Wall St. The NEGRO Fear Of Coming Depression In U.S. STRUGGLE

By Art Preis

Where is American capitalism heading? One strong indication has been the sharp slump in the stock market. This expresses Wall Street's own estimate of its long-rangefuture.

But even that doesn't show

cent in the prices of consumers

goods between April, 1945 and

July 1946, real weekly wages

have decreased that much furth-

er. In comparison with 1941,

come taxes paid by workers

constitute another significant

Keeping in mind that the

claim that prices have risen only

11 per cent in anyear is a gross

understatement, we find that in

the past year of rising produc-

tion and profits, workers' real

incomes have declined by more

What this has meant in terms

of the workers' living standards

is just barely hinted at in the

report. Purchases of nondur-

able goods - that is, food, cloth-

That, as every worker knows,

The decline in real mass pur-

In the face of these facts,

s a real understatement.

than 20 per cent.

factor.'

This Big Business vote of no- 15 and June 30, 1946, the NWSB confidence in the prospects of approved to more than 4 milits profits system isn't based on lion employes an average inmere moods. It is based on hard crease in basic wage rates of 14.7 cents per hour." economic facts. But due to reductions in over-

A summary of some of these facts is contained in the report time, shifts to lower-paying jobs of War Mobilization and Re- and decline in piece-rate earnconversion Director John R. ings, the average of hourly wage Steelman. The report was re- increases in all manufacturing was only 9.6 per cent from V-J leased by Truman on Oct. 3. "As the second year of peace Day to July 1946. Actually, gross begins," says the opening sen- weekly earnings-take-home pay tence, "the national economy is

in a position of great promise, 1945 and July 1946 by approxand of great danger." But the imately 8.5 per cent.' figures of the report show that the "great danger" immeasur- what workers' real wages are toably outweighs the "great pro- day. "With the rise of 11 per mise.

America faces an "acute threat," in "a further rapid price rise." If this happens and the report strongly indicates it will-"business and greatly increased personal inagriculture will find they have priced themselves out of the market and into a depression."

The report shows that employment, production, profits and total income payments are the highest in U.S. peacetime history. But it also shows that the standard of living of the working masses is rapidly deteriorat-Inflation is raging uning. checked; real wages have declined phenomenally. COLLAPSE COMING

In short, diminishing mass purchasing power is paving the

ing, shoes, tobacco, etc. - "have been comparatively level since way for a collapse. The total of civilian employthe first quarter of the year. In ment, according to the report, fact, taking into account price was 58,000,000 in August - 10,- rises, THE PHYSICAL VOLUME 000,000 veterans included. Add-OF THESE GOODS ABSORBing the armed forces, this would ED BY THE PUBLIC IN THE be about 60,000,000 total. PAST THREE MONTHS MAY But this is five million less ACTUALLY HAVE DECLINED

than peak employment, civilian SLIGHTLY." and military, in July 1944. That means five million less income earners, despite the growth of population. And during Sepchasing power is adding up to tember, the latest figures of the the beginnings of "over-produc-U. S. Census Bureau show, emtion"-the inability of the massployment fell by 600,000. es to buy back what they pro-

Unemployment in August, ac- duce and the piling up of uncording to the report, reached a marketable surpluses at present low-point of two million. This price levels. The report states figure is achieved, however, by that business inventories "are currently increasing at the rate wiping four million former wageearners; mainly women ' and of \$6.5 billion a year." One day wouth, off the books. The report this pile-up of goods will mean lists them as "voluntarily with- shut-down factories." drawn" from the labor market. About 900,000, nearly half the however, the report draws the

total of admitted unemployed, fantastic conclusion that the are veterans. "In addition, about workers "must support the labor 1 million veterans-aside from leaders who are working toward those in school - have not yet industrial peace and not pushing for uneconomic wage increases started to look for work."

Production has reached the which might precipitate a wagerice sni

How Meat Has "Disappeared"



OPA Sets New Meat Ceilings Aug. 20 **OPA Controls Lifted June 30** The chart above reveals that the meat shortage is deliberately engineered by the packing trust to extort still higher prices from the workers' families. Plenty of meat went to market

when prices were uncontrolled.

Federated Pictures

14,555

*Includes Calves

Sheet

129,787

Operators' Deadlock Broken In Maritime Officers' Strike

By Art Sharon

(Special to The Militant) NEW YORK, Oct. 14 — The way was opened this week for a partial settlement of the 14-day old nation-wide maritime tie-up when the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association announced its willingness to sign a separate vessels. This move would have forced the Pacific Coast operagreement with East Coast ators into line. and Gulf operators.

POLICY CHANGE This announcement broke a The change of the MEBA's deadlock created by the oper- strike policy brought it into acators when they walked out of cord with the policy of the AFL negotiations last week, after Masters, Mates and Pilots, the MEBA-CIO refusal to sign sep- other striking officers' union. At arate agreements with the Eastthe same time a meeting here ern and Gulf operators unless of leading MEBA officials with the Maritime Commission con- the AFL Maritime Trades Counsented to put the new agree- cil brought promises of further ment into effect upon all its intensification of the strike to

Pittsburgh Power Strike Firm DespiteReactionaryCampaign

(Special to The Militant) The most serious strikebreak-PITTSBURGH, Oct. 13. — In ing threat at present is the move mess how to the Master, would

force the government and operators back into negotiations leading to an early settlement. The MEBA statement said that "it anticipates that with the establishment of a pattern for Eastern and Gulf Coasts the Maritime Commission will in accordance with its established practice direct the application these barbaric parties,

of such pattern to all its general agency ships." However, there was no indication in Washington that the Maritime Commission would take this step. The Pacific Coast Operators

have bitterly fought the demand of the officers for union security. They have charged that granting such a demand would relast stronghold of move the "discipline" aboard company ships. At present, mates and encompany offices and are not re-

n the officers' union. Should the union win its key sire to know more about its pro-The most serious strikebreak- demand of union security, all gram and literature is, accordof a small group of company mess boy to the Master, would ation of the growing awareness

Swett Presents SWP Program In Washington

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Oct. 9. — Overshadowing other Washington State candidates for national and legislative offices, Charles R. Swett, SWP candidate for U. S. Senator, spoke here last night at the Elensburg College Elementary School at a forum sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

Representatives of the other parties present were Simpson and Young of the Democrats, Smith and Rose of the Republicans, and Morton of the Socialist Labor Party.

Each presented his party's policies, but Swett's hard-hitting again and again. Ward-heelers talk, in contrast to the apologeare even beginning to pay sotic and vague presentations of cial visits to our homes. From doing when they try to drug the the other candidates, made the deepest impression on the audience. literature, explaining in three

"Ours is a party dedicated to the emancipation of all the extheir undying love for us. ploited and underprivileged peoles of the world!" Swett de-

RUMORS SPREAD clared. "A party unrelenting in its struggle against capitalist depressions and wars. A party that ducting a whisper campaign to is out to build a socialist society. the effect that Truman is con-"The agonizing condition of sidering naming a Negro to the this world is the sum total of U. S. Supreme Court-especially the best that a capitalist heriif the Negroes support the tage can manufacture," he as- Democrats in this election. There serted. "There can never be a are even hints of this demagogy real peace under capitalism, for in the Negro press.

capitalism cannot live except by draining the basic rights of the workers and colonial peoples. Capitalism must expand or die." Swett showed how the Democratic and Republican Parties are owned completely by Wall Street. To continue supporting gro people. "even

There is no use in asking the their liberal stooges," means that question whether these capital-"you endorse a system that will ist party politicians will love us lead us to atomic destruction. in January the way they said Only insofar as the working men they loved us in October. Past and women of this nation learn experiences give us the answer to to think and act in an indepenthat one. Everybody knows the dent political manner and build meaning of the phrase: "eleca party of their own will we be tion promises." Everybody knows able to throw off the yoke of their value too. capitalism."

The audience was composed of women teachers of Ellensburg, a college community apgineers get their jobs through proximately 100 miles from Seattle. Their sympathetic and uired to maintain membership interested reaction to the principles of the SWP and their de-

ing to Swett, "a clear indic-

tellectuals that the only answer



"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded."

-KARL MARX

hold the "po- terror to their hearts. This will tential balance be a sign that the Negro masses of power" in 17 are wise to the false promises states with 281 and are preparing for an allelectoral votes. out fight against capitalist par-In any case, ty policies and politicians.

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everybody a-grees that the In this sense the Negro vote in 1946 will really be decisive for vote of the Nethe future of the struggle for gro people this Negro equality. year can have a

RED-BAITING decisive effect

on the aspir-No Negro should underestiations of both capitalist parties. mate the significance of the That is the reason why so present red-baiting drive in this country. The capitalists certainmany friendly speeches are being made nowadays by politicians ly don't underestimate it. They who have knifed us in the back are not spending millions of dollars whipping it up for nothing. They know what they are now until Nov. 5 our mailboxes people with tons of propaganda will be stuffed with all kinds of in the daily press; when their Democratic and Republican government officials incite lynch violence against "reds"; when different kinds of ink about their servants in the leadership of the unions rant and rave about the "red danger" more

than about the need for housing, Things have reached the point decent wages, and equal rights. where the Democrats are con-The Militant has already explained the reason for these attempts to arouse hysteria among the people. In part, it is designed to frighten into silence everybody who wants to prevent a third world war - this time against the Soviet Union.

In part, it is also intended to The Republicans are spreadcreate such a hue and cry ing the same kind of lies in the against anybody with a militant city where I live. It seems that program that the workers will after Nov. 5 they too are going find it difficult to carry on their to make all kinds of appointnecessary struggles for decent ments and pass all kinds of living conditions. legislation favorable to the Ne-

If this red-baiting drive is successful, reactionary legislation will be passed and the democratic rights of the masses will be whittled away. It will become much harder to organize and fight against Jim Crow and the lynchers.

The Negro people must not permit their attention to be diverted away from the pressing

Nevertheless, how the Negro problems that face them. They people vote in 1946 is an impormust denounce the red-baiting tant question, and the capitaldrive as an obstacle put in the ist politicians will study the returns very closely. They will way of the fight for a better world. They must speak out heave a sigh of relief if the Neagainst it, and help to defeat it. gro voters continue to support If the red-baiters succeed, the the parties of Wall Street and struggle of the white and Negro Jim Crow. They will know that workers will be paralyzed and they have nothing to fear and that they need not make any baiters are exposed and repu-

diated, these next few years will

On the other hand, a sharp witness great advances for the

to their own and the world's break by the Negro people from cause of the working people of

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problems is a socialist society." the two old parties will strike all races.

lars, a peacetime high. But this is in terms of inflated money figures. Digging into the report's charts of actual number of units produced, we find that production is only slightly above 1941 levels for certain smaller household durable goods, and considerably below 1941 levels for housing, automobiles, refrigerators, gas ranges, etc.

The report shows total income payments to individuals at an all-time high, 167 billion dollars a year. But this marks a phenomenal increase in profits, dividends and farm incomes - and a sharp decline in wages.

Business profits, after taxes, "are at the highest point in history"-more than 11 billion dollars annually. "Farm income has risen to an all-time high, and farmers have never been in so liquid a position."

But what's happened to wages? "The popular belief that 18½ cents per hour is the 'national pattern' of general wage increases has served to obscure essential facts concerning the level of increases . . . Between February

Steve Roberts, Governor

Truman's answer to declining da campaign to confuse the is- stooges to split away a section carry union books. Relations real wages and soaring prices is -Keep wages down!

Red-Scare Raised In Power Strike PITTSBURGH, Oct. 13 George Mueller, president of the striking independent pow-

er union, may be called to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee on charges, voiced by Committee Counsel Ernie Adamson, that "communist influences definitely instigated and are maintaining the power strike." gains.

Mueller said that if subpoenaed, "I'll be glad to testify." Asked if there are any "communists" in the union, he said: "Any employe who works for the Duquesne Light Co. can join the union regardless of race, color, creed, religion

or politics. Under the Wagner A Act we must accept them into the union."

20th day of their walkout for de- then withdrew this petition and entered another in the name of cent wages and working conditions. The independent power Mine Workers. union is being aided by the sympathy strike of AFL street car and bus workers. The company, backed by the its type ever made, speedily orpress and city officials, is arro- dered an election for Tuesday, gantly refusing to make any rea- October 15. Although the whole sonable counter-offer to the unmove is obviously part of the campaign to break the strike. ion. It is now insisting on arbi-

holding out courageously on the

tration --- that the union call off leaders of the AFL Brotherhood the strike without any guaranteed of Electrical Workers and CIO military circles to the demand This arbitration proposition their unions on the ballot for for union security is reflected in

has been flatly rejected by the the NLRB poll. union. The press, however, is It is generally conceded that trying to puff up a move by a the striking union, headed by well Stratt Bir Brand the small group of so-called "dissi- George Mueller, stands the dents" who are circulating peti- strongest chance of winning the tions for a membership meeting election.

to vote again for arbitration Having twice had their proback-to-work movement which the boss newspapers tried to inspire was publicly admitted the next day to be insignificant.

sues and split their union, the of the power workers during the among unlicensed and licensed striking power workers of the strike. Originally, this group petipersonnel would greatly improve Duquesne Light & Power Co. are tioned for a collective bargaining with the elimination of the unvote in their own name. They limited company right to hire and fire the officers.

> Even if the Maritime Com-District 50 of the AFL United mission should grant the demand for union security upon government-owned ships on the West Coast, the Pacific Coast keep the privately-owned ves-

been settled "in our way." BRASS IS HOSTILE

The extreme hostility in top Utility Workers have also placed of the merchant marine officers

> an article by Hanson Baldwin in the Oct. 9 N. Y. Times. Baldwin, Wall Street's Big Brass, used the officers' demand for union security as the basis for an all-out attack on maritime unionism.

Sighing for the "good old days posals for a return to work re- of bucko mates and hard-heartjected by overflow meetings of ed skippers with free flying the streetcar operators, AFL fists," Baldwin claimed that the

street car union officials are now unions have caused the "rapid attempting to get a vote by mail deterioration of the American on the question, "Shall we return merchant marine." What Baldto work, picket line or no picket win indicated the war-planners line?" The picket line is main- in Washington have in mind is tanied by the power workers and to regiment the American meris respected by the street car chant seamen in preparation for men. World War III.

The National Labor Relations Board, in the fastest decision of

operators have threatened to sels tied up until the strike has

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Anti-Labor Acts LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 12. — "The brutal assault by police and sheriff deputies upon striking members of the Conference of Studio Unions in Hollywood is a danger signal for the entire local labor movement."

Candidate Hits

declared Steve Roberts. Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for Governor in a statement today. "The unbridled attempt to des-

troy these unions is part of a series of anti-labor assaults by the capitalist-controlled police apparatus. The democratic right of unions to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing must be upheld by the solidarity of the entire labor movement. "The heroic struggle of the

CSU strikers last year was bolstered by the assistance of wide layers of AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhood unions. The SWP urges the organized labor movement to again demonstrate its solidarity and come to the aid of its striking brothers."

Hear The SWP Candidates! New York Street Meetings DATE TIME PLACE Friday, Oct. 18 8:15-9:15, Burnside & Walton 9:30-10:30, 170th & Walton 8:15-9:15, 7th Ave. bet. 125 & 126 Sts. ..9:30-10:30, Lenox Ave. bet. 115 & 116 Sts. Monday,, Oct. 21 8:00-9:15, Fulton & Nostrand 9:15-10:00, Fulton & Albany Tuesday, Oct. 22 8:15-9:15, Second Ave. & 7th St. 9:30-10:30, Second Ave. & 12th St. Wednesday, Oct. 23 8:15-9:15, 161 St. & Prospect Ave. 9:30-10:30, Freeman & Simpson Friday, Oct. 25

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semblance of an independent

swered the Stalinists by show-

ing that DeMore could hope to

make a good showing only by

campaigning as a labor candi-

date with a program for labor.

They further stated that such a

program would attract the sup-

port of the small businessman

and other middle class groups

because a program beneficial to

labor would also be beneficial

Still adhering to the bank-

rupt policy of refusing to en-

dorse any candidate not in eith-

er of the two major political

parties, the Ohio CIO-PAC has

not endorsed anyone for Con-

The militant unionists an-

labor campaign.

Diary Of A Steel Worker -Little Johnny O'Hara -By Theodore Kovalesky-

All the girls fell for Johnny O'Hara the very first day, Mrs. Robbins told us. He was so very little, he had such big eyes, and he was so affectionate and so starved for

affection.



Johnny had come into the Sisters of Mercy Hospital with a very ugly fracture of his left leg, the result of tumbling off a railroad trestle where he and a gang of other kids were playing. "He looked so tiny and pale," Mrs. Robbins said. "He was

such a little shaver, it like to tore your heart out, just to see him laying there like he was dying. He didn't cry none, either,' she added admiringly.

As his leg knitted, Johnny became happier each day. The youngest and smallest of a family of ten, he had never had the attention or affection that the nurses showed him, as they called him "honey" or "sweetheart," and ran their fingers through his hair and played simple little games with him. It was a new life, full of surprises, full of joy. Home was not like this! At home a fellow was scolded and swatted and yelled at. At home there were nine others, and he was the last, the one that got the last of the left-over, made-over clothing, in fact the last of everything.

One day Johnny's mother came to see him. "Imagine that!" Mrs. Robbins said indignantly. "In all the time he was there she just came one day!" She was a tired, pregnant woman. Mrs. Robbins admitted that it probably wasn't just lack of interest that kept her from the hospital, "what with the nine other ones at home, and the eleventh-imagine that!-on the way! "When I seen her condition, I told her right

out, 'Seems like you got enough on your hands as it is with the ten of them!' And she says, 'Well, what you can do? The Lord keeps sending them every year."

"Imagine that!" snorted Mrs. Robbins. "In this day and age!" "Well, about two weeks ago we sent him

home," she continued. "Oh, it was a shame the way the little tyke took on. He didn't want to go, you see. He cried and begged, but of course it was no good: he had to go.

"He had some cookies from me, and some books and things the nurses got him, and we packed them all up for him, and all the nurses came in to say goodbye. Well, we thought that was the end of it. All the girls were talking about him for about a week, but you know how it is. You get busy with something else, and you forget.

"Well." she went on, "I walked into the ward yesterday, and there was Johnny! His little chest was all done up in bandages like a little mummy, and he says, 'Hello, Aunt May.' I says, 'Why Johnny, what on earth are you doing here?

"'I burnt myself' he says. 'I spilled the teakettle over myself.'

"'Oh, Johnny!' I says, like that, And do you know, Mr. Kovalesky, what that child said to me?'

"No. What Mrs. Robbins?" I asked. "Well, he looked at me sort of sly and says, 'Don't tell Sister Bernice' (she's in charge of that floor, and she IS a terror) 'but I done it on purpose,' he says, 'I spilled it on me so I could come back here'.

Scores Thye As Anti-Negro ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 12-

Dorothy Schultz

Demanding that Republican and Democratic politicians the state of Maine 27 years ago do something more than and it was there that he was make demagogic speeches against educated and spent the first 18 discrimination, Dorothy Schultz, years of his life. After finish-Socialist Workers Party candidate ing school in 1936 he worked as for Representa e of the Fourth a lumberjack in the Maine woods Congressional District challenged for two years. He had become Governor Edward Thye to move acquainted with "radical ideas" out of the Hotel St. Paul.

Mrs, Schultz issued her denunciation last Sunday evening, at the Golden Hour forum of Camphor Church.

The St. Paul Recorder reported on Oct. 11: "Mrs. Dorothy Schultz told her audience that neither of the major parties, Republicans nor Democratic, are sincere in their protestations against segregation and discrimination in the nation.

"She stated that all Governor Party's opposition to a fight for ist Workers Party branch there. Thye (Republican) did when he was asked by the St. Paul NAACP to 'do something tangible' in protest against the reported practice of discrimination in the hotel where he and Mrs. Thye period of work in the YPSL in live, was to write a letter to the

management. if the Democratic Farmer-Labor until 1944 except for periods capitalist politicians ganged up Party really wanted to make an spent ashore doing party work to rule out his petitions as a effective protest against the in various ports of the Atlantic hotel, that Mr. Harrington, the party's state treasurer, should move his office from the hotel which is facing a suit for alleged

discrimination on Oct. 15. • "She pointed out that neither the Republican nor the Democratic party had done much to abolish segregation in the armed forces, or in governmental offices in Washington, D. C. She scored the government as being one of the greatest discriminators in the country.'

Candidates Speak At Seattle Rally

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 10. Socialist enthusiasm and carhival spirits, plus top-quality entertainment, marked the cabaret-style Election Rally and Dance San Francisco held here last Saturday evening at the Campaign Headquarters of the Washington State Socialist Workers Party.

Charles R. Swett, SWP candidate for U.S. Senate, and Daniel

oberts. candidate for

MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES

Shop Committeemen Enter Labor Candidate

six years as a sailor.

Robert Chester

Candidate for Assembly,

20th District, California

In Cleveland Congressional Election Race

Malcolm Walker **Candidate for Governor**

of Ohio Malcolm Walker was born in in school and was curious to find out more about the Marxist solu-

and Gulf coasts. tion to the poverty and degradation of which he and his family of the Seafarers International had been victims since he could remember. Union; he often represented the

In the fall of 1937 he went to Boston, Mass. where he joined the Young Communist League, believing that that organization represented struggle against capitalism. A few months later he left the YCL because he disagreed with the Communist Ohio as organizer for the Socialsocialism in Spain.

In 1938 he joined the Young March 1944. Peoples Socialist League, youth Mac. as he is known to his organization of the Socialist friends and comrades, intends Workers Party. After a short to conduct a vigorous campaign around the ideas and program Boston, he joined the party and of the Socialist Workers Party. shipped out as a merchant sea- He is running as write-in can-"Mrs. Schultz suggested that man. He worked at this trade didate for Governor after the



Banquet Held In

By Russell Morgan

Oct. 11. —Bay Area workers ing done by members of that to debate the issues crowded the San Francisco political organization in the un- Meanwhile, the Socialist Work- sive publication occurs in the headquarters last Saturday employed workers' organization.

MFOW

By V. Foley (Special to The Militant)

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 14 - Unlike most cities, Cleveland has an independent labor candidate. Mathew DeMore, president of District 54 of the International Association of Machinists, has been drafted to run on an independent ticket for Congress from the 22nd Ohio District.

This action was initiated by 9 the Collinwood Conference of posed to having the steering committee composed largely of Shops Committee, an organization of representatives from the trade unionists; their aim was to pack it with representatives various Railroad Brotherhoods, from fraternal, church and civic AFL, CIO, MESA and IAM shops groups. They fought in every in the Collinwood section of conceivable manner to keep this Cleveland. campaign from taking on any Faced with the impossible task

in the coming elections of choosing between the Republican incumbent, Frances Bolton, and the Democratic nominee, Earl Hefele, the workers in the Collinwood Committee decided to Walker was and is a member run an independent candidate against both. When DeMore agreed to run, the Collinwood ship's crew as "ship's delegate" Conference of Shops Committee on the ships he rode during his formed an 18 man steering committee composed of the top of-Malcolm Walker took his final ficers in various local unions. certificate of discharge in the Obtaining the required 3,500 merchant marine in 1944 followsignatures proved to be the easing which he went to Toledo, iest part of the campaign. So well did the idea of a trade union candidate appeal to the He has worked at this post since workers that more than 7,000 signatures were acquired in about three weeks. More sig-

gress from the 22nd District. nificant, all these signatures Neverthless a great number of were obtained in the shops and Cleveland CIO locals have enno doorbell pushing was needed! dorsed DeMore. In the early weeks of the De The Cleveland Socialist Work-More campaign, the Stalinists

ers Party branch is supporting were active and influential. How- the DeMore campaign as a step ever, as the campaign progressin the direction of a Labor Pared, their influence declined be- ty. SWP members here are cause of their efforts to sub- also campaigning vigorously for merge the trade union character Malcolm Walker, SWP write-in of the campaign. They were op- | candidate for Governor.

to them.

At the age of 33 Robert Chest-is organizer of the Bay Area Local of the Socialist Workers NOW MAKING REAL HEADWAY

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 14. - | Headquarters for coffee and dis-The SWP election campaign cussion

Continuing in the union train New Jersey is now makdition of his father, who is a campaign has developed with charter member of an AFL ing real headway. Every day the Police Department's obstin-Painters Local in Los Angeles, enthusiastic campaign work- ate refusal to issue a license for Chester joined the Painters Uners hit the factory gates, disthe operation of the Party's ion in 1930 and was an active sound truck. The Party is now member until he joined the tributing The Militant and two considering appropriate legal ac-UERMWA-CIO in 1940 as a 6-page campaign folders. tion should Police Commissioner Kaas ag in deny its legitimate

wireman in a radio plant. From In the evenings, these campaign 1940 to 1944, when he became workers cover union and other SWP organizer, he shipped as an meetings with election literaoiler and was a member of the ture. High point of last week's distributions was the coverage of He was a delegate to the na- a Stalinist meeting with The Mili- views in the capitalist press. As

tional convention of the Work- tant and a special leaflet in one newspaperman commented: ers Alliance in 1936, and joined which Alan Kohlman, SWP gub- "You're getting more space than the Trotskyist movement in 1937 ernatorial candidate, challenged all the other minority parties SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., the trouskylst movement in 1991 Charry Mahon, Stalinist candidate, combined."

The most favorable and extenrs Party launched its open air state's four Negro papers. The

right to operate the sound truck.

ved, the SWP has been success-

ful in securing publication of its

Despite the difficulties invol-

One hitch in the extensive

Another school term has opened up and mil-Columbia University bears out this point. In lions of new students are being given intel-1941, Dr. Lorge re-tested 131 men, who had first ligence tests of various kinds. Many workingclass parents are learning about intelligence tests and the LO. for the first time. It is impor-

Poverty And The I.Q.

-By Grace Carlson-

tant for them to know what the I.Q. is - and what it is not! We should first examine the basic assumptions of intelli-

not measure intelligence directly but indirectly. Mental tests measure only what the child has learned. The child who is being tested is asked a number of questions and given a number of tasks to perform. He is given a mental age rating on the test by comparing his performance with that of other children of his own age. For example, suppose the average fouryear-old can pick out and name the four colors, red, blue, green and yellow. If a three-year-old can do this and also pass the other tests on

age of four. The I.Q. or Intelligence Quotient is the ratio between the Mental Age and the Chronological Age. I.Q.'s below 100 are below average; above 100, superior.

the four-year level, he is said to have a mental

Psychologists used to think that mental tests measured sheer native intelligence and that they were completely uninfluenced by any factors in the environment. But most psychologists will now admit that if a child has not had normal educational and cultural opportunities, he will rank below average on the intelligence test. This proves only that the present intelligence tests are not valid tests of native ability. An interesting study by Dr. Irving Lorge of

been tested in 1921, when they were in the 8B classes of New York City schools. He found that the mental age of the men who had gone on to college was two full years more than those who had stopped school after the 8th grade. In terms of I.Q., this meant that the college-trained men 'had average I.Q.'s of 115 as compared with an average of 103 for the others. Both groups started with the same average I.Q. in gence testing. Psychologists do 1921.

Does this mean that the men who did not have the chance to go to college became less intelligent as the years went by? Not at all! It merely means that intelligence tests measure what the individual has learned and that these

tests are unfair to individuals who come from poverty-stricken environments. Rich people like to think that they are rich because they are smart and that poor people are poor because they are unintelligent. Some psychologists even back them up on this! In her book, Heredity and Environment, Dr. Leta Hollingsworth writes:

"Individuals of surpassing intelligence, as measured by intelligence tests, create national wealth, determine the state of industry, advance science and make general culture possible."

There is no doubt but that there are native differences in intelligence. But the rich do not have a corner on all of the native intelligence! In the vast majority of cases, bright children from working class homes are cheated out of an education. Because these superior people are deprived of the chance to make the most of their intelligence, society is deprived of their intellectual and cultural contributions. Some day it will be different!



Hundreds of thousands of men, women and children face suffering and death as the packing trust continues the meat famine. "This isn't



Veterans' Problems -

a scare survey," wrote Robert H. Prall in the N. Y. World-Telegram last week-but the shortages he described will strike terror into everyone whose life depends upon insulin, liver extracts, glandular extracts, enzymes, or surgical sutures.

These medical supplies are byproducts of meat. But the packers, who deliberately impose

hunger upon 140 million people, care nothing for the desperate needs of the sick. Hundreds of thousands of diabetics cannot live more than a day without insulin. People suffering from anemia may sicken incurably without liver extracts. Glandular extracts are vital for patients with heart disease-which kills more Americans annually than any other illness. Hormone treatments mean the difference between health

Until the other day General Bradley, head of

before the veterans. Even

the Veterans Administration, had very few

friends who would defend his bureaucratic agency

and invalidism for countless women. Other glandular products give children a chance to grow properly. And those in need of operations are told that "rationing of gut sutures for stitching by surgeons . . , has become necessary in some cases."

These are just the most widely used medical products which are already becoming scarce. There is also a shortage of a new drug-streptomycin - because "The enzyme supply from which cultures are obtained to make science's latest wonder-drug, streptomycin, has been reduced." Even accurate diagnoses are imperilled; a physician in a large New York hospital declares that "We don't have enough meat to make cultures for our laboratories."

Thus the list of victims of the meat packers greed is mounting. To increase their loot, the monopolists issue virtual death sentences to the sick. It is the literal truth that the robbers who have stolen the nation's food from its table, are telling thousands of its victims: "Your Money-Or Your Life!"

orchestra. A floor show featured ers Party's California candia male vocal trio and orchestral dates. After an excellent dinner, instrumentals. A 10-minute skit the candidates presented the satirized the U.S. method of SWP program. spreading "democracy" throughout the world.

State

Steve Roberts Hits. against fascist threats and race **Jim-Crow Terror**

munist (Stalinist) Party. He LOS ANGELES, Calif. Oct. 7. called on the workers to smash - Speaking to an audience of Smith and other fascists in the several hundred called together same manner as the trade unby the Ocean Park branch of the ionists did in Minnesota. NAACP to protest recent out-Robert Chester, San Franbursts of terror against Negroes.

cisco's own candidate for As-Steve Roberts, Socialist Workers semblyman from the 20th Dis-Party write-in candidate for trict, charged that the Demo-Governor, attacked both the cratic and Republican Parties Democratic and Republican parwere representatives of Wall ties as sharing equal responsibil-Street. At present, Chester statity in condoning outbreaks of ed, Wall Street's main effort is acial terrorism.

to strengthen its domination "Neither Democratic nor Reover world markets in preparpublican politicians have done or ation for World War III. On the are willing to do anything about national scene Wall Street is this terror," declared Roberts, attempting to smash the power-"because both depend on the ful trade union movement and white supremacist terrorists for through unbridled inflation to rob labor of whatever gains they

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Tori Price, California state campaign manager, called attenact only in the interests of the tion to the coming radio programs and stressed the need for organizing listening parties.

ic was furnished by a seven-piece welcome to the Socialist Work-Steve Roberts, of Los Angeles, Candidate for Governor, spoke on the activities of the Los Angeles section in its effective fight

terror. He sharply attacked the

hush-hush policy of the Com-

Senate, 31st District, spoke on night to attend an election He participated in the Madison meetings in Newark's Third current issues of these four pathe issues in the campaign. Mus- | banquet and extend a hearty Square Garden anti-fascist dem- Ward. Despite chilly weather two pers, with total circulations well onstration in New York City and successful meetings were held over 100,000, devote several cols was campaign manager of the last week with large distributions umns to the views of George SWP mayoralty campaign of of material, and heavy sales of Breitman and William E. Bohan-James P. Cannon in 1941 during pamphlets. .. fter each meeting, non on the Army's conscription the period of the Minneapolis a number of workers in the audi- plan and of Alan Kohlman on ence came along to Campaign state anti-discrimination issues. Labor Trial.

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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!

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

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Against capitalist conscription!

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Full democratic rights in the armed forces!

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 the workers in all lands:

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

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such reactionary journals as the N. Y. Times had to admit that things weren't going right with the VA. The situation came to a head recently when Bradley sliced veterans' subsistence payments to a starvation level. Veterans and labor organizations

Bradley Finds A Friend

-By Alvin Royce

throughout the country were holding demonstrations protesting Bradley's policies. However, the Daily Worker's veterans' columnist, Joseph Clark, came to Bradley's rescue

on October 8. Clark thinks Bradley is a misunderstood man. He says: "Bradley has a large fund of public

support in the nation." He goes on to plead that Bradley's action at the American Legion convention has won him "nation wide applause."

The Legion Convention was just about what could be expected from an organization that is run by brass and is financed quite enthusiastically by Wall Street. Speeches were made by a General, an Admiral and the head of the FBI. They spurred on the drive to World War III, attacked the Soviet Union and red-baited everyone and anyone who isn't kow-towing to Wall Street. The convention rejected the bonus and elected a corporation vice-president, Paul H. Griffith, to the post of National Commander. The brass hats in the leadership of the Legion

more than William Green truly represents the needs of the workers in the AFL. There is, of course, a great difference between the Legion and a trade union. But the leaders of the Legion sometimes have to respond to the pressure of the veterans just as Green has to respond to the pressure of the workers. John Stelle, former commander, criticized Bradley for his "starvation ceiling" on veterans' subsistence because of the pressure of millions of veterans. If the Stalinists were interested in fighting for the veteran, they would expose Bradley and not applaud him as they did when he tried to defend his reactionary record.

The mass of veterans don't have such rosy impressions of the Veterans Administration. They have waited on endless lines only to be told there is no on-the-job training or the schools are all full. Bradley has told them they must get off the unemployment compensation rolls even if it means taking a \$25 a week job. Countless veterans have applied for surplus material only to find that the big corporations get first choice on the worthwhile items. Unlike the Daily Worker, the veterans can not think "highly" of Gen. Bradley.

Before V-J Day the Communist Party supported the American Legion; today they attack it. Throughout the country the Stalinists are supporting the capitalist politicians that helped send us to war. These hacks who pretend to be "communists" should blush a little when they pose as "champions of the veterans."

their political support." do not represent the needs of the veterans any-He concluded by calling for may win. the establishment of an Independent Labor Party which would oppressed workers and minorities.

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