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# **PCI In France Plans Greatest Election Drive**

## French Trotskyist Party To Run Candidates For Parliament From Seventeen Key Sections

## (Special to The Militant)

PARIS, Oct. 25-The Internationalist Communist Party, French section of the Fourth International, (PCI), enters the Nov. 10 elections to Parliament with even more candithe Nov. 10 elections to Parliament with even more candi-dates and in a greater number of areas than it had in **Hit Ballot-Ban** June this year, when it re-

ceived 45,000 votes.

Candidates are to be run in 17 areas, covering the most important political and industrial sections of France. In the June elections the Trotskyist party reached almost four million workers and poor farmers with its propaganda; in the coming elections its voice will be heard by more than five million.

In a statement published in La Verite, the Political Bureau of the party calls on the workers "not only to vote, but to participate actively in its electoral meetings, to distribute everywhere its policy and program-a program of workers' demands and socialist revolution."

The statement points out further that "already its program is the program of the proletarian vanguard, that it has already inspired the revolutionary wing of the CGT (General Federation of Labor) . . . that it was present in the strike of the postal workers, which was a magnificent example of what the working class can do when, confident of its own strength, it imposes its demands on the capitalists.'

The Political Bureau added: "In those sections where the PCI does not present its own candidates it calls upon the workers to vote for the workers' parties" and asks the masses to put pressure upon these parties to carry out a program in the interest of the working class.

The extension of the Trotskyists' electoral campaign cor-

# **Leads Picket Line**

FARRELL DOBBS

Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of N. Y.

## **Red-Scare Drive Condemned By Buffalo Unions**

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 4-Workers in 13 CIO plants bal dispute with the leaders on here have taken a ction against red-baiting in the the line, whose arguments were backed up with shouts from 200 threats of "We mant the line, whose arguments were dorsed a strong resolution sponsored by CIO United Auto Workers Bell Local 501, which condemns ted-heiting and witchhunting as a union-busting maneuver inspired by Big Business. The resolution declares that

months ago, on Sept. 10, the Buf-

falo CIO Council went on record

in opposition to all forms of red-

baiting. (See Militant, Sept. 21.

responds to the growth of the red-baiting must be fought by all party and will-as the June elecof labor, and calls for maintentions did-further develop its, ance of the democratic principle influence. upon which the CIO was found-See page 3 for an account of he no dis. That there shall some of the leading candidates. crimination against any member

# **RICH REAL ESTATE OWNERS** DRIVE TO LIFT ALL RENTS

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# **SWP** Pickets In New York

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 - A close-packed picket line of some 200 members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party, shouting denun-ciations of the Democratic Party for barring SWP candidates from the ballot, marched up and down the full length of the entrance to Madison Square Garden last night where an American Labor Party-sponsored Mead-Lehman election rally was held. The Stalinists control the ALP.

Leading the picket line were Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for Governor; Joseph Hansen, candidate for U.S. Senate; and George Clarke, organizer of the New York Local of the SWP, Placards urged the New York workers to write in the name of Farrell Dobbs on Nov. 5 as a protest against the Democratic Party's efforts to bring Hitler's "Ja!" voting to New York.

Police attempted to halt the picket line as soon as it was formed. They failed after a ver-

against red-bailting in the throats of: "We want a free labor movement. They have en-ballot!" "No Bilbo elections in New York!"

The line marched without interruption for about an hour. during which the shouting and chanting never ceased.

The Stalinist leaders on the sidelines looked on in helpless rage as the solid and effective picket line attracted the atten- outlawed." He submitted for the consideration of the Gen-

tion of thousands of New York- | eral Assembly "a general re-Ders. Several workers off the duction of armaments."



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## **Millions Of Tenants Face** Rent Boosts Of 15 To 30%

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Big real estate sharks, backed by a powerful bloc of Congressmen, are moving to rip the ceilings off rents and add billions of dollars to the cost of living of the American people.

Their appetites whetted by the huge price rises won by the meat, dairy and other trusts, the wealthy real estate

## **Fight The Rent-Hogs**

AN EDITORIAL

If the wealthy rent hogs war. win their war against rent controls, the workers will find themselves in the worst squeeze they have ever experienced.

prices go up, workers "pare" a little — eat less, buy less. But you can't "pare" on housing. Either you pay the full rent or the landlord

kicks you out with the help of courts and deputies. That's what's facing mil-

lions if the landlords have their way. And it looks like they're going to have their way if it's left up to Truman and Congress.

But the rapacious real es- | failure.

The landlords are in this position to put the squeeze on the workers because the government has failed to relieve the housing shortage by a full-scale program of government low-rent housing construction. Opposition of the rapacious real estate interests to government "competition" is behind the government's housing

So-called "landlord strikes" lesson to the tenants on how that began in Seattle several weeks ago are spreading throughto get what you want. The out the west coast and moving

The National Association of

Real Estate Boards is pushing a

an immediate 15 per cent in-

crease in residential rents; re-

moval of all controls from land-

lords who give a year's lease to

tenants at a 15 per cent increase;

and immediate elimination of all

Why Wall Street War-Mongers Greet Slogan Of "Disarmament" Like unemployment, high taxes and skyrocketing prices, the armaments burden is part and par-

war against the Axis." with all this ren

On Oct. 29, Foreign Minister Molotov raised the slogan of disarmament in the General Assembly of the United cel of capitalism. Nations. Molotov demanded that "the atomic bomb be Actually the slogan of disarmament has always been raised

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tate interests are giving a

at the Truman administration for "justice and emergency relief" for the "poor" landlords who are raking in 40 per cent more than before the Truman, who wilted under the pressure of the meat and dairy trusts, cannot be depended on to act any differently under the

interests are hammering

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pressure of the landlords. There is grave danger rent controls When food or clothing will soon be abolished or rent ceilings lifted 15 to 30 per cent.

PUT ON SQUEEZE If that happens, millions of workers and veterans will face eviction because of inability to meet the extortionate rent demands of the landlords.

## More Signs Of

**Coming Depression** Like the stock market slump, the break on the cotton market is symptomatic of the true state of American economy. The three-time closing of the cotton exchanges since Oct. 8 is one sign of the diseased condition of American capitalism heading toward a new depression. Read the article by Art Preis on Page 6.

**New Fascist Outfit Active In Georgia** 

The existence of a newly-chartered secret fascist organization named Columbians, Inc. was uncovered in Atlanta, Georgia last week when its gangster members came out into the open with a Jim-Crow pogrom against Negro families moving into sections 9formerly restricted to whites. | Loomis, secretary, were arrested

On Oct, 31 a bomb blast rocked and released on Nov: 2 on bail the house of Mrs. Minnie Sibley, of \$5,000 each, on charges of disa Negro woman, and in the folorderly conduct and inciting a lowing week shots were fired and rocks thrown at the homes of riot. At the fascist meeting Emory many other Negro residents. Police confiscated two posters read- C. Burke, president of the organ-

ing, "Zoned as a white community," and bearing the insignia a Hitler-type race-hating camof the Columbians, a red flash through a circle.

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While Mayor Hartsfield and several hundred Jews who visited Police Chief Hornsby are only the meeting hall as observers now ordering an "investigation." protested. The fascists leaped to said the government would "ab-Atlanta police already know a their feet with cries of: "Throw great deal about the organiza- him out." tion. They attended a meeting of Police intervened to prevent

some 250 uniformed members of angry war veterans from stopthe organization last week ac- ping the fascists in their lynch cording to the Nov. 1 N. Y. Times.

campaign. Burke became even They looked on while a medal more brazen: "The fight has beof honor was pinned on Ralph gun and we are going to make it Childers, youthful fascist gang- hotter and hotter until you go ster who had been arrested and back to the Bronx, where you immediately released after he came from; and I say one day had beaten a Negro into hysteria we are going to march into the with a blackjack. Bronx.

When arrested, Childers rip-Detective Superintendent E. I. ped the red flash insignia of the Hildebrand charged that the At- hours and working conditions. organization off his shoulder and lanta organization is one of four attempted to hide it. Now free powerful Columbian movements on \$500 bail, he openly admits in the country, all linked under that he is a member of the fas- a common banner. The others, he cist organization. Four of the said, are in New York, Philadel- wage increases, reduced hours men were forced to strike because top leaders, including Homer L. | phia and Gary, Ind.

because of race, creed, sex or political views. According to the latest issue of The 501 Organizer, the resolution has been approved by the Republic Steel Local 1743; American Radiator Local 1199; four United Electrical shops in Tonawanda Amalgamated Local 308; officers of five Mine, Mill and Smelter locals; Leather Local 39; and Fur Workers Local 115. Two

treet joined the line and added their protests against the conspiracy of the Democratic Party. Thousands of Militants, election platforms, and special leaf-

> **Miners Compel Government To Reopen Contract**

Mine Workers ultimatum for disarmament. backed by a threat of a strike on Nov. 1, the Truman administration hastily backed down last week on its "get-tough-withthe-miners" attitude and agreed to begin discussions looking toward revision of its contract with

the 400,000 soft coal miners. Truman himself intervened to announce "that there would be no coal strike" and instructed government officials in charge of government-seized coal mines to open discussions on all disputed issues on Nov. 1 as the

UMW had demanded. On the eve of the conference, Capt. N. H. Collison, Coal Mines Administrator, announced a pre-

liminary concession to the Miners. The government has agreed. after previous refusal, to proization and Loomis whipped up vide retroactive payments of vapaign, spewing forth venomous cation pay based on employment prior to the government's seizlies against the Jews. One of the ure of the mines on May 22. Collison, who had previously

> The Crisis In The **Communist Party** See Page 2

contract, announced at the openfull authority to discuss all dis-

indicated the union is seeking UAW Ford Director Richard pons to force employes into the important improvements in the T. Leonard said the walkout did acceptance of work perilous to contract by Nov. 20, covering not violate the contract and the their health." and many other demands.

The response of the imperialist animity, why don't they disarm? statesmen and their agents was If Republicans, Democrats, the as automatic as the kick of a N. Y. Times, Stalinists, and Norfoot when the knee reflex is man Thomas all agree on calltapped with a hammer. ing for disarmament, why isn't it Republican Senator Warren R. instantly carried out? Why

Austin, speaking next day as doesn't Truman issue a decree chief delegate of the United to sink the battleships, scrap the States to the General Assembly, guns, stop manufacturing the readily concurred that "Mr. Mol- atomic bomb, and halt further in our agenda and fully considered and discussed."

**Bu** Joseph Hansen

Other delegates-from Mexico, Greece, India, Brazil, Canada, Faced with an AFL United etc., etc.-all applauded the call

Norman Thomas of the Socialist Party, as usual, joined the impossible? choir. Henry A. Wallace chimed

otov's proposal should be placed research into diabolical poisons that can destroy the populations of entire continents? What's the catch? powers would only junk all their

If the cause of war lay in the in praising Molotov's speech as possession of weapons, then define, constructive statement." stroying the weapons would of are doing a fine job" or "doing Wall Street's mouthpiece, the course ensure peace. But arma-N. Y. Times, joined Austin in ments in and of themselves are welcoming "Mr. Molotov's initi- not the cause of war. They are ative as particularly appropri- only one of the means of waging ate." And the Stalinist Daily war. The fundamental cause of Worker sang its customary ho- war lies deep in the workings of sannahs to the Kremlin propos- the capitalist system and canal, labelling Molotov's speech as not be ended any more than one of the most dramatic mo- profits can be ended without tion as a whole turned up 27.9 ments since the ending of the ending capitalism as a whole.

## FORD 600 THREATENS STRIKE TO HALT VICTIMIZING OF 18

### (Special to The Militant)

DETROIT. QCT. 30 - Of- vide protection against deadly ficers of Ford Local 600, larg- sodium fluoride fumes that had est unit of the CIO United poisoned several workers.

Auto Workers, today an-The 30-day strike notice was nounced they are preparing to approved by unanimous vote of file a 30-day NLRB strike notice the Ford Local 600 Executive to shut down the Ford River Board. Local 600 President Rouge plant on Nov. 29 if the Thomas Thompson stated: "This company fails to rescind its "dis- action is taken in conformity ciplinary" action against 18 with a vote by the membership workers who participated in a of the union and opens the way recent 10-day strike against dan- for legal strike action following gerous conditions in the open the 30-day period provided for in the Smith-Connally act."

The union is demanding immeone worker and suspended 17 diate elimination of the poison party could not and should not others for two to three weeks. It gas and other health hazards ing of the discussions that he had claims authority to victimize in the plant; dropping of the these workers under the notor- penalties imposed yesterday on the 18 workers; and discontinu-

of "no strike clauses" as "wea-

(See editorial, "Company Seof the company's refusal to pro- curity," on Page 4)

## "Fortune" Poll **Shows Veterans Support Labor**

Veterans are the best friends of the labor movement, according to a poll conducted by Fortune magazine and lords number thousands; but three-point program calling for published in its November issue.

On the surface, disarmament This Wall Street publication adappears quite plausible. If the mits that 49.6 per cent of the Organize now for mass reveterans - a larger percentage weapons, then wouldn't war be than of any other section of the mass action will halt the population - are pro-labor. The veterans piled up a 41.8

per cent "yes" vote for "unions they would approve of Congressional action outlawing all strikes. The survey of the populaper cent who would support repressive legislation.

#### LABOR PARTY

There were interesting answers also to the question of the Labor Party and the slogan "Open the Books of the Corporations. Of all the people questioned, including white collar workers -- Goodrich, Goodyear, Firestone

and farmers as well as business and U.S. Rubber - said URW men, 11.5 per cent thought labor President C. S. Burkmaster. He year the cost of living will have should have its own political added that the demand would be risen 20 to 25 per cent or more

broken down to show how the the event of further price rises. labor movement itself is thinking, DEMAND 25c. RAISE 28.4 of the CIO members, 19.4 Meanwhile, the CIO Oil Workper cent of the AFL members, ers opened negotiations on Nov. and 22.6 per cent of all union 1 for a \$2-a-day wage raise, 25 members, went on record for a cents an hour. OWIU President Labor Party. These figures are very encouraging, in view of the O. A. Knight said, "We regard fact that the labor leaders have the 25-cent an hour increase as a modest effort to achieve balspent so much time and energy ance between the Oil Workers inin the past year trying to convince the workers that such a come and skyrocketing prices."

The OWIU wage policy combe created.

#### **OPEN THE BOOKS**

The slogan of "Open the Books crimes of Big Business, received profits are at an all-time high, endorsed by 75 per cent of the take.

CIO members and 62 per cent of the AFL members.

landlords have organized east. The landlords are con-"strikes"-refusal to rent va- ducting an organized refusal to rent vacancies, while millions cancies in order to worsen are in dire need of housing. The the housing crisis. withholding of housing follows

Two can play that game! the pattern of the meat famine Rent strikes are nothing new. used to smash meat price cell-Organized tenants have refused to pay rent before and DEMAND BOOST forced the landlords to better terms. Remember, land-

tenants number millions. Workers, veterans, tenants! sistance to rent hikes! Only rent - gouge and keep the price and rent cellings on new

roofs over your heads. housing.

## more good than harm." They were even more emphatic in re-jecting the anti-labor drive of Congress and Wall Street. Only 17 per cent of the veterans said 17 per cent of the veterans said 17 per veuld approve of Congres-

ings.

The Wage Policy Committee of the CIO United Rubber Workers, meeting in two-day conference at South Bend. Ind., last week announced the URW will seek wage increases of 26 cents an hour

for 193,000 rubber workers to adopted by other CIO unions. compensate for cost-of-living in- The CIO United Auto Workers, creases since previous wage Executive Board in announcing boosts last spring. the auto workers would seek Wage demands will be made "substantial wage increases", deimmediately on the "Big Four"

clared that "authoritative sources predict that by December of this party. When the figures were subject to upward revisions in above last January." On this basis, the UAW would seek at least \$2 a day more.

Further indication that a general CIO wage campaign is under way was given two weeks ago when CIO and United Steel Workers President Philip Murray said the steel union would demand "healthy wage increases" in contract negotiations next January.

#### PROGRAM NOT SET

What program CIO leaders will mittee that drafted the new depush for protection of wage gains mand at a conference in Galveston, Texas, said that oil work- from further price rises after of the Corporations," raised in ers' real wages had declined an contracts are signed, has not the GM strike, and long advocat- average of \$8.44 a week in been indicated. But progressive ed by the Militant to expose the recent months, while oil industry unionists in a number of unions are advocating the inclusion of overwhelming approval. It was 172 per cent above the prewar escalator clauses in all contracts to provide automatic increases

The URW and OWIU demands above the contract scale for all indicate the pattern that may be increases in the cost of living.

solutely not" agree to reopen the nearth room. The company yesterday fired

puted issues, including wages, ious "company security" clause that UAW top leaders accepted ation by the company of its use The UMW committee promptly last spring.

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# **Profound Crisis Inside Communist Party Revealed** In Wave Of Expulsions For 'Leftist' Opposition

American Communist Party (Stalinist).

The recent publicized expulsions of such prominent members as William F. Dunne, Verne Smith. Ruth McKinney and Bruce Minton gave only a hint of the purge sweeping through the pledge, and even dissolved itself as a party. ranks.

Members are being summarily expelled by the dozen from some branches, according to reports. Virtually all expulsions are on the grounds of "leftist deviations"-primarily opposition to the Stalinist leaders' continued support of capitalist politicians.

The conflict within the CP is revealing itself openly in a number of unions where known members of CP fractions are opposing each other's policies or flouting the party's line on various questions.

This crisis, which can no longer be concealed, directly reflects the growing awareness of worker-militants in the CP that their leaders are playing an utterly cynical two-faced role. These leaders claim the party is for the abolition of capitalism and establishment of socialism. That is the basis on which members are recruited. But the pro-capitalist program of action pushed by the Stalinist leaders belies their anti-capitalist claims.

## Words and Deeds Conflict

This contrast of words and deeds is sharpened today by the ever more glaring crimes and failares of capitalism. And it comes after the Stalinist leaders demonstratively expelled Browder for the very policies they pursue today and after

A profound internal crisis is convulsing the | a return of the party to a revolutionary.road. with the capitalists. It helped break strikes, pushed the speed-up, side-tracked the struggle against Jim Crow, urged a permanent no-strike Workers, disgusted by the CP's fink role, left it

by the thousands. The party was becoming thoroughly discredited. As the war came to an end and the conflict between the Soviet Union and U. S.-British im-

perialism began to reassert itself, the Stalinist leaders realized they would have to make a tactical shift to the "left" if they wanted to retain or recover influence among the leftward mov-

ing workers. To dramatize the shift and cover up their own guilt, the CP leaders blamed their betrayals all on Browder. They had all gone along 100 per cent with the so-called Browder line-it was the world-wide line of Stalinism determined by the Kremlin. But they dumped all responsibility on Browder and expelled him.

For a time they talked about destroying all traces of Browder's revisionism of Marxism. They were not only going to restore the CP as an independent party but would return to a "true"

Marxist-Leninist program. They were also going to show by this, they said, that the CP is a democratic party where the members can discuss and change the policies and even the leadership. | ers' strikes. When the CP was reestablished, many of the

members recruited during the war on the prothey have assured the CP ranks that they want | dropped away. But many of the present CP mem- | not be secured without a real struggle against are expelled from the CP.

bers were recruited during the last year and a the employers and government. To stay in Mur-During the war, the CP openly allied itself half on the basis of a rejection of "Browderism" and a promise to follow a Marxist, a revolutionary, line. These new members joined because they believed the CP would lead the fight against capitalist reaction-the attacks on labor's rights and living standards, militarism and the threat of a new world war against the Soviet Union.

## **Kadicalism Is Just Talk**

These workers are finding that the Stalinist leaders merely talk more radical than Browder. But their program of action, on both the economic and political front, is fundamentally no different than Browder's.

Thus, the Stalinists complain about rising living costs, the profiteers and their government agents. But in the unions they refuse to advance any program of militant struggle against the effects of inflation.

On the contrary, they have taken the lead in opposing the simple and necessary demand, for which the Trotskyists fight, that an escalator clause be inserted in all union contracts to provide a sliding scale of wages that will rise automatically as the cost of living goes up.

Using the most blatant kind of distortion and evasion, the Stalinist leaders attack this demand. Instead they have urged the workers to depend merely on the government's OPA and futile buy-

Moreover, the Stalinists are trying to hang onto Philip Murray's coat-tails in the CIO. He warn dissidents of the kind of treatment they gram of "national unity" with the capitalists opposes the sliding scale demand because it can- can expect to get if they question Stalinism or

ray's good graces, the Stalinists refuse to advocate any action he will not endorse.

On the political front, the treacherous role of the Stalinist leaders is even more glaringly revealed. They are continuing the Browder line of supporting capitalist party candidates and opposing the building of a labor party.

They are calling on the workers to vote for bosses and Southern lynchers. In New York State, for instance, they ask the workers to vote for Mead and Lehman who have publicly repudiated CP support with vicious red - baiting statements and have proclaimed their endorsement of Wall Street's "get-tough-with-Russia" policy.

## Honest Workers Disgusted

It is not surprising, therefore, that honest and militant workers lured into the CP on the promise of a fighting program against capitalism are bewildered and disgusted. But any attempts they make to discuss the CP leaders' betrayals are being answered with slanderous denunciations and bureaucratic expulsions.

Simultaneously, the Stalinist leaders have intensified their goon-squad assaults upon Militant distributors and their slander campaign against the Trotskyists. This has a two-fold purpose. To poison the minds of the CP members against any investigation of the program of Trotskyism, the genuine communist movement. And to



- By Warren Creel-

To get the largest amount of profit, a monopoly sets its price at "all the traffic will bear." This is a price just below the point where sales would fall off and cut down the total amount of profit.

A monopoly price is limited by what the buyers are able and willing to pay. A monopoly holds production down and creates enough artificial scarcity to bring prices up to this most profitable point. It gets high profits, but it has candidates of the Democratic Party of the big city no fear that the high profits will attract other business enterprisers who would increase the supply and thus bring the price down. The monopoly has the power to keep other business enterprisers out. That's why it's a monopoly.

The monopoly pattern is to hold production-down. hold prices up, and collect high profits. It worked very well at first. The Standard Oil monopoly, which we have used as an example, paid cash dividends of 40 to 50 per cent a year in its early days. Thus the owners got back almost half their original investment every year.

Monopolies were not limited by competitive prices, so it seemed they were free from the old economic laws. In fact some capitalist economists boast that monopoly brings a new and stable organization of capitalism. But such economists are misled by their trust in money pricetags. To see what really happens, it is necessary to use the Marxist method of looking first at labor-value and production.

Profit comes from production. The monopolies try to get more profit by allowing less production. This is sure to defeat itself in the long run.

Looking at it in terms of labor-value, we see that when the monopolies hold down production they allow their workers to produce less labor-value, and therefore less surplus-value. But the monopolies sell at high prices, so they get in exchange a large amount of labor-value. They get in exchange more labor-value than their monopolized industries produce. That means that the monopoly capitalists take away a part of the surplus value from other capitalists in competitive industry.

Thus monopolies get super-profits only because they drain away part of the surplus-value from industries that still are competitive.

Monopolies drain surplus-value in two ways: (1) by selling at high prices to other industries; (2) by selling at high prices to workers employed in other industries. The first method drains surplus-value directly. If other industries must pay high prices for oil, or railroad freight, or electric power, etc., they must pay out part of their normal surplus-value, and it ends up in the hands of the monopoly. The second method works through wages. If workers must pay more for oil, or electricity, or shoes, that raises their cost of living. On the average their employers must pay higher wages to meet the higher cost of living. This increase in wages goes through the hands of the workers and ends up in the hands of the monopoly.

That's how the monopolies work the trick of seeming to violate the laws of economics. They don't get more profit out of less production. But they seem to, because they drain surplus-value from competitive industries which are carrying on production.

That's what paid profits like 50 per cent a year to the early monopolies. But when we see the process in terms of labor value it is plain that this will not work after all the basic industries have become monopolies.

In the age of monopoly there is no large section of competitive industry for the monopolies to drain surplusvalue from. When the monopolies raise prices they are raising prices on each other. When they raise the cost of living to the workers they raise each other's wage costs.

which they have become accustomed. Thus the monopolies are limited just as sharply as competitive industry by the law of value. At this stage the easy pickings from competitive victims are gone. The monopolies stand pitted against each other in a contest for markets and profit. And now capitalism brings competition, no longer on a small scale, but as a furious struggle between giants. Monopoly produces competition on a higher level.

## **AFL Leaders Double-Cross Studio Strikers**

#### By Al Lynn

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 30-Members of the striking Conference of Studio Unions this week received a treacherous stab in the back from top bureaucrats of the AFL.

Negotiations between the CSU. the strikebreaking IATSE, and industry, has allowed the prothe AFL bureaucracy, suddenly brought forth a statement by a representative of President William Green denying the validity of a "clarification" upon which the struggle of the CSU was

based.

The clarification had been made of a previous award in which the carpenter's local of the CSU obtained jurisdiction over set construction. The producers had refused to abide by it on the basis of previous contracts with the IATSE, although they recognized the validity of the clarification.

locked out when they refused to work on sets constructed by the IATSE.

President Green has now

ducers to constantly play the more conservative IATSE against the militant CSU which, however, has been handicapped by its own craft setup.

That the splendid conduct of the CSU during the strike shall appear to the public as only a meaningless jurisdictional squabble, is the price of craft unionism. But the strike will have accomplished much if it has taught the evils of craft unionism to those involved.

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he clarification. On this basis carpenters were Studio Workers' Demonstration **Protests Judicial Strikebreaking** 



matter will be taken up with the chairman of CORE (Committee, Board of Education.

process. Negro students living Youth for Democracy. within a few blocks of the school HOW TO FIGHT were transferred to Smyth and Medill, forcing them to walk considerable distances across heavily trafficked streets. Reese School is 85 to 90 per cent white and can accommodate an additional 200 or more pupils.

**OVERCROWDED** The all-Negro Smyth and Medill schools are already overcrowd-

ed, with classes being held in MASS ACTION basement rooms. Some classes re reported as

tion of 14 mothers representing Monday night in the Community this week protested the transfer ation and outline a plan of acannouncement from District Sup- Mr. Darby of the West Side Civerintendent of Schools Lang that ic League; Michael Bartell, Chitransfers will stop pending fur- cago organizer of the Socialist ther investigation, and that the Workers Party; Gerald Bullock,

of Racial Equality); John Gray, Boundary lines of the Reese executive secretary, Chicago loschool district were recently cal, National Negro Congress; changed by a jerrymandering and Delores Gerrard, American

> Bartell pointed out that the city officials and boss politicians responsible for discrimination in the schools will act only when mass pressure is brought to bear. He cited the victorious fight against Jim Crow at the White City Roller Rink as an example of how to fight discrimination.

There is no longer a large amount of competitive pro-"Delegations to city officials duction. The day of monopoly profit ends. The monopolies only when they drop down to the surplus value that they can get out of another has 73 students. The are backed by militant mass ac- production; and this is not at all the style of profit to tion," declared Bartell. He anagainst discrimination in the

ed that the wording in his copy of this document reads differently than the copy held by the CSU, and that in reality it IATSE.

CSU leaders point out that they had published the clarifi-. cation many times in film trade magazines. They are calling for an investigation to find out why it took five weeks to reveal this in open revolt against IATSE "difference," although they have agreed to abide by the decision if a permanent arbitration committee is set up.

In addition to the justified suspicions by the CSU members that there is underhand activity involved, it is now time for them to draw the proper conclusions from this scene of craft unionism in action. The craft union setup in operation among the 20 or so AFL unions in the studio

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here last Saturday against the to respect the CSU picket line, the authority of Roy Brewer, use of the courts by the studios report that less than 10 per cent IATSE vice-president, to make Brook Housing Project, have or- had pledged full cooperation. The demonstration, led by to work despite the many threats had done in a back-door agree- are preparing for an all-out fight in this area in the schools," members of Local 683 which is of reprisals.

orders to pass the picket line, was called by the Carpenters District Council, one of whose locals is vitally engaged in the strike called by the Conference

of Studio Unions. The demonstration took the form of a parade which marched to the various studios. It lasted for several hours and was disbanded only when police began wholesale arrests. Total arrests revulsion that has not left mittee was indicated by their came to 126, bringing the strike's me yet.

BUFFALO **Militant Forum** Inflation And Your Income Saturday, Nov. 16 Followed by Social 629 Main St. 8:30 Admission Free The studios, with the collab-

total to well over 400. Veterans, in the front ranks appear before the committee. I as they have been throughout was non-plussed. What could the strike, carried signs reading they ever expect to get out of "Vets resent police brutality." me, who worked for a living six There has been a series of bru- litant reporter in my free time? tal, club-swinging charges by po- My only connection with the lice on peaceful picket lines, at power workers' strike here was which many veterans were beat- in truthfully reporting their

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LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1- attempting to get the technic-. go back to work, regardless of valent in South Side schools is nounced that the Chicago CIO Between three and four ians back to work. But the lead- the CSU strike, until the studios being introduced. Under this Council at its last meeting passed awards the jurisdiction to the thousand studio strikers and ers of Studio Technicians Local sign an agreement with it for a sympathizers demonstrated 683 whose 2,000 members voted higher rate of pay. They denied

fight in The Militant.

(Please Print)

Postal Zone

The shabby game of this com-

ment with the producers.

oration of the IATSE, have been The local also decided not to double shift system already preonly for a half a day.

of their members have gone back any settlement for them, as he

setup the children attend classes a motion to support the fight Mothers in the neighborhood, schools, and that Henry McGee, particularly those in the Rupert president of the Chicago NAACP

ganized in the Brook Guild and "United action will end Jim Crow on the issue.

Bartell concluded.

Next week: How Monopolies Compete

# **How I Answered The House Witch-Hunt Committee**

## By Eloise Gordon

PITTSBURGH-Although I knew the unsavory record and composition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, my actual meeting with it in Washington two weeks ago filled me with a .

secretiveness at the hearing. Their first move was to bar some When I was subpoenaed to 15 newspaper reporters sent to cover the hearing.

Joe Hansen, Associate Editor of The Militant, was physically ejected when he challenged the committee's right to question me-with no witnesses present. Other reporters later said this was most unusual as this was the largest press coverage the committee had received to date.

The Committee, through its counselor inquisitor, Ernie Adamson, then proceeded behind closed doors with trying to blame me, as a "foreign agitator," for the power strike. This was right up the line of Rep. Wood of Georgia, the chairman, and Rep. Rankin of Mississippi.

idols of the Ku Kluxers, who in their own states consider everyone who speaks on behalf of labor and the Negro people as a "foreign agitator."

Ernie Adamson unfolded the of questioning proved so slim that even Wood could not help

over a year and a half. Due to Francisco during the summer.

**ELOISE GORDON** 

aken part in the workers' struggles there.

From these facts the commit- | mere cover for "subversive" actee tried to erect its case. Adam- | tivity. Didn't I just work "on son showed me a photo of myself occasion"? I said six days a in jail when I was arrested as a week was "occasion" enough for picket in the 1936 San Francisco me, and asked how much time waterfront strike. Looking to they put in for their \$25,000 a "trap" me, he shot the question: year. Why were you booked under a

They showed their feeling of false name?" I explained that complete failure finally by the the San Francisco police workperfunctory manner in which ed with the employers, and that they put to me the brief series all of us fighting against the of questions supposedly making employers had to use such pro- me directly responsible for the tective measures. Pittsburgh strike. Hadn't I talk-Had I worked for Harry ed to Mueller, the president of Bridges? No, I told them. He the striking union, in an adsupported the policy of the Stal- visory capacity? "Absolutely

we Trotskyists oppose the Stal-Finding themselves with nothan illness in my family I had inists because they are betrayers ing that could tangibly connect made a six-week visit to San of the workers' movement. But me with the strike, they exthey stopped me before I could pressed their helplessness by Before taking up residence in fully explain, when they realized the parting statement of Con-Pittsburgh, I had lived in Cali- that our opposition to Stalin- gressman Wood: "I hope that fornia and as a member of the ism is motivated by working- the Committee has not been of-Socialist Workers Party, I had ' class principles and is the exact | fensive to you."

opposite of the Committee's redbaiting aims.

I asked them why they did not nvestigate the "Un-American" scandal of the New York elections where the Democratic Party, of which Rankin and mittee's real motive was to smear Wood are members, conspired to the power strike. After the hearing, I discoverban the Socialist Workers Party from the ballot. That stumped them. This witch-hunting com-"feelings" was as hypocritical as mittee of labor-haters and fasthe entire hearing itself. Adamcist-minded Ku Kluxers snoops son told a reporter of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph: "We got every place except where civil rights are threatened.

I called Wood's attention to she volunteered to help. She is going to help us collect informathe Georgia lynchings, and asked him why he did not clean up tion.' his own house. He told me This is a base lie. sharply that I was there to be questioned and not to question.

Because of my six-week leave from my job, Adamson implied that my waitress-work was a

Aside from his tone of defeat, hearing public. Recorded in the Wood's remark puzzled me at transcript of my testimony is the the time, because I had clearly repeated demand that they make indicated that I felt the hearthis transcript available for pubing in itself offensive and I had

lication. flatly charged that the com-

Fortunately, Adamson's dirty lie has been refuted by reports in scores of newspapers throughed that this concern for my out the country which carried my account of what went on in the hearing and my denunciation of the Committee and all its works. Neither Adamson nor Wood has dared to contradict Mrs. Gordon so cooperative that my published statement.

This last petty, lying trick, merely reveals further the unscrupulous character of the reactionary scum on the House

My appearance before the Committee on Un-American accommittee was involuntary. I tivities. Cooperate with them? was subpoenaed. I demanded I'd sooner spend my time with that the Committee make the rattlesnakes.

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"evidence" to make me the basis for the red scare of the power workers' fight for better wages and decent conditions. His line

displaying his frustration. I have lived in Pittsburgh for inists (Communist Party) and not."

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1946

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# Greek Trotskyists Debate How Russian Workers Paved Program With Stalinists The Way To A Better World

#### Special to The Militant)

ATHENS, Greece, Oct. 14 — The first official debate bate, the Stalinists had insisted ever held in Greece between the Communist-Internationist Party (Fourth International) and the Communist (Stalinist) Party took place yesterday. The Trotskyist and Stalinist speakers debated "the®

and the duties of the work- tools. They advocated organizing ing class."

public meeting. Only after great and sailors the need for the inwithholding permission for a pressure from the workers did ternational solidarity of the the Minister of Public Order grant a permit - and then he confined the meeting to a small hall.

ful conditions in Greece. They held that no class struggle is possible so long as British troops remain.

#### TROTSKYIST POSITION

The Trotskyist speakers flayed the policy of class collaboration which was followed by the Stalinist Party during the war. the Greek capitalists and foreign

car be seen in the present furious attack against the toiling classes, since it gave the reaction an opportunity to reorganize its forces.

ment reduction.

Marxist method of fighting Bri- under the most dangerous

Why Wall Street War-Mongers

**Greet "Disarmament" Slogan** 

(Continued from Page 1)

by imperialist politicians to cov- Historic experience in all previ-

Adolf Hitler, for example, disarmament is a certain sign

found the slogan of disarmament the ruling class is getting ready

man armaments in preparation As the militarists ready the

for the Second World War. Ger- war machine, the diplomats,

mally had been completely dis- politicians and publicity experts

'ed to disarm, Hitler pointed lic. The demand for disarma-

armed. When the other powers begin selling the war to the pub-

to that fact to try to justify his ment is part of this publicity.

building up the "defenses" of Thus the editor of the N. Y. German capitalism. Small won- Times, commenting on Molo-

der Hitler sent his "warm tov's proposal, declares that the

thanks" to Franklin D. Roosevelt United States "has always ad-

for declaring in favor of arma- vocated, and led the way in

Another striking instance of ments." Wall Street's "success"

the role of the disarmament slo- | can be seen in two world wars in

gan is shown in relation to the a quarter of a century and in to-

atomic bomb. This frightful in- day's preparations for a Third

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of great aid in building up Ger- for another conflict.

domestic situation in Greece tish imperialism and its local and leading the toilers in a struggle for better conditions and tried to prevent the debate by higher wages. They advocated

working people.

around such issues as the dis-The Stalinist spokesmen solution of the puppet parlia-blamed the British for the fright- ment and the election of a Contituent Assembly, the withdrawal to the Stalinist organization. of British troops, and the organization of factory and neighborhood committees of the workers. and 548 for the Stalinists.

After the speakers finished, permitted from the floor.

widen the attendance to all interested workers no matter what their party affiliation. The Trotskyists gave a number of their invitations to Stalinist workers. The Stalinist leaders insisted on having the audience vote on which side had "won" the debate. The Trotskyists opposed this, as they held the value of the debate lay in the enlightenment

which the presentation of con-Finally they proposed a united flicting views would give the front of all working class parties workers. The results of a vote, said the Trotskyists, could easily be predicted since the majority of workers attending belonged As was expected, the balloting

gave 189 votes for the Trotskyists This debate is the first of a

five questions for each party were series arranged to present the political and programmatic dif-In the organization of the de- ferences between the two parties.

## This policy of betrayal, explain-ed the Trotskyists, placed the mass movement at the mercy of the Greek capitalists and loreign imperialism. The tragic consequences of this policy, declared the Trotskyists, 5 French Candidates

The following brief biographical sketches of five leading French Trotskyist candidates in the Nov. 10 elections give a graphic picture of the consistent struggle of the Trotskyists against capital-

The Trotskyists outlined the ism and Hitlerism, often conditions. In the first sector of the Seine

Department the chief candidate is **Paul Parisot**, 27-year-old journalist who joined the Bol-shevik-Leninist Group in 1934, and who was a member of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Socialist Youth un-

til 1939. After demobilization Parisot

er up their preparations for war. ous wars proves that the call for Continually hunted by the police, remains. he was arrested in 1944. He was

a member of the Central Committee of the PCI during illegalmembers of its Political Bureau. ism. Private property, meantor of the Seine Department. basis of capitalism. Private proizations since 1934, he was ar- producing goods for human use rested by Daladier in 1940 but but in order to assure the inescaped in the same year. He dustrial plutocrat a profit. was an active member of the

PCI during illegality. ARRESTED IN ENGLAND

veloped, as everyone knows, by How calling for arms reduc-American capitalism. It was de- tion paves the way for bigger

and France for anti-fascist ac-

In 1939 together with comrade

tivity.

ish Trotskyists.

The Only Road

NKVD. This secret police has in the first great revolt against its power between ten and twenthe slaughter of the First World ty million workers, condemned War. The workers everywhere for political opposition to the rerecognized this revolution as the gime and doomed to slave labor. working class answer to imper-The NKVD silences all voices ialist war. The November rewho indicate in any way their volution showed how to remove

Periodic purges terrorize the population. Exile, prisons, slave labor, firing squads have up to now proved effective in breaking up attempts of the working class to regenerate the Soviet government.

The Stalinist regime has restored privileges in the Soviet Union. The government bureaucracy, living on a luxurious basis, is fastened like a debilitating parasitic growth on the workers' state. So thick and powerful has this growth become, that the tate can

What is the importance to American workers of the November 7, 1917 revolution in Russia?

The campaign of war propaganda now pouring out of Wall Street against the Soviet Union is in part designed to cover up and hide the ?-

meaning of that revolution to America.

In addition, some workers, revolted by the crimes of the Stalin regime, tend to forget the place of the Bolshevik revolution in the history of the labor movement. It is well to refresh our minds

about that great event.

In the first place, the November 1917 revolution dealt a death blow to one of the most oppressive, autocratic and backward regimes that have survived into modern times. Czarist rule in its day was the symbol of the worst evils of monarchy. It protected and nurtured the remnants of serfdom. It fostered ignorance and illiteracy. It spread superstition. It fomented the lynch-murders known in those days as "pogroms." It was the breeding ground of the worst racial and national prejudices. The Czar ruled like a brutal jailer over an empire which Lenin called the "prison house

of nations." The workers of the world hated Czarism the way they hate fascism today. When the Russian workers overthrew Czarism. the entire world hailed this magnificent victory.

Workers' and Farmers' Govern-

### EVEN GREATER

ism.

ment.

But the Russian 'workers accomplished a task even greater than the destruction of Czar-They smashed the capitalist system in Russia. For the first

The Bolshevik revolution was countries had taken decades to ccomplish.

For American workers the most valuable accomplishment of the Russian workers undoubtly was their organization of the Bolshevik party. It was the political party founded by Lenin that made possible the successful overthrow of capitalism.

The Bolsheviks took the teachings of Karl Marx as their program. The theories developed by Marx as amplified by Lenin and Trotsky enabled them to lead the Russian workers as an invincible army in the political field against the capitalist

in the USSR the industrial rule of the individual capitalist is destroyed. And no matter what Frank, 40-year-old engineer, is the PCI candidate. In 1925 he joined the Communist Party (SFIC) and was expelled as a Trotskyist in 1929 Since ther

What Trotskyists Defend **Today In The Soviet Union** 

## **By Joseph Hansen**

was active in the underground. great conquest of the November 1917 revolution, still as the GPU but now called the

The possession and control of the nation's industries by

single individuals is the disity, and is one of the present tinguishing mark of capital-Pierre Boussel, 26 years old, is ing the decisive power of indivithe candidate in the third sec- dual owners over industry, is the Member of the present Political perty places profits over human Bureau of the PCI and a mem- welfare, since the worker is hired ber of militant workers' organ- not for the primary purpose of Under nationalized property



Today in the Soviet Union nationalized property, the secret police, generally known

onging for democracy.

Next Week Next week The Militant will feature excerpts from an address on "The 29th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution," by James P. Cannon. National Secretary of the So-

cialist Workers Party. This speech was delivered at the final election rally of the SWP New York Local at Capitol Hotel on Nov. 1. Don't miss this important speech. Make sure you get. your copy of next week's Mil-



PAGE THREE

LENIN



conquest of the workers was the nationalization of industry. This meant that the Workers' and Farmers' Government exercised supreme control over the banks. the transportation system, industry and foreign trade.

On this foundation, the Bolsheviks passed the most progressive legislation the world has yet seen. Racial and national inequality were ended. Women and children were lifted out of the semi-slavery previously imposed on them. Education

took giant strides forward. PLANNED ECONOMY time in history the working class gained state power and set up a

Finally, the Bolsheviks began instituting a planned economy. This meant the coordination and development of the Soviet Union's economy in accordance with a scientific, over-all plan. In a few years the Soviet Union demonstrated the advantages of such planning, accomplishing in a brief time what the capitalist

ainst civil liberately employe "enemy" doesn't disarm, then ian populations.

achieving, limitation of arma-

Yet the very same imperialhow can "we" be expected to ists who added the atomic bomb throw away "our" arms? You to their arsenals were likewise can't/ disarm "unilaterally." the first to call for "outlawing" Meanwhile a bristling display of force will impress the "en-

Ever since the people of Hiro- emy" far more than a display shima and Nagasaki were disin- of "weakness." And so the arms tegrated, roasted to death, or race continues its vicious course. doomed to the lingering radio- Washington's leadership in world active horrors of the bomb, the disarmament has converted the American capitalist press has United States into the most colcampaigned for "outlawing" it. ossal military power the earth Nevertheless, the Truman Ad- has seen. ministration has continued man-War can be ended only by reufacturing and stockpiling that moving its root cause. That means ending the capitalist sysbomb on a 24-hour basis!

And Senator Austin in his re- tem which puts profits above party committees. sponse to Molotov, repeated Hit- human welfare. Only under soler's formula, varying it only in cialism can genuine disarmament accordance with the different be achieved. Under socialism situation faced by a "victor" wars will be as outmoded as power armed to the teeth: "After | cannibalism. the last war we made the mis-. With the basic cause of war take of disarming unilaterally. eliminated then all the symp-

We shall not repeat that mis- toms that accompany the drive toward war will be eliminated take.' These examples show that the too-including the vast burden

slogan of disarmament is util- of armaments that now weighs ized by the warmongers as part down on the nations of manof their preparations for war. kind. Many times arrested in Holland



Trotskyist in 1929. Since then planning, made possible by the he has been prominent amongst the leaders of the French Trot- nationalization of indust y, withskyist movement. In May, 1939 stood the acid test of World War he was driven underground by II: The Soviet Union survived the police because of his revolu- the onslaught of the mightiest

tionary activity. Later he was war machine in European histhat the Soviet masses rallied where he worked with the Engto the defense of the nationalized

property. In 1940 Frank was arrested and placed in a prison camp for three years. He returned to

France in March, 1946 and was again sentenced for one year, but the sentence was quashed. At present a member of the Political Bureau and leading of German imperialism.

In the Seine-et-Oise Depart ment, Ivan Craipeau, 34-yearold teacher, is the candidate. anidated. Foundation member of the After touching the greatest Communist Youth in Vendee and foundation member of the

caped in October, 1943 with the of that struggle, and a very im-

Leninist Youth Movement (Trotskyist). Member of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Socialist Youth

movement and of the Internationalist Workers Party (POI)

election rally held by the So-

cialist Workers Party here in

the Hotel Capitol. Main speak-

ers of the evening were James P.

Cannon, SWP National Secre-

"Tonight, as we celebrate for

the 29th time the great Russian

paign," said Cannon. "This is a

LEON TROTSKY Stalin, an obscure figure in the revolutionary period, unknown on the Trotskyist movement that compelled to go to England tory thanks, above all, to the fact outside the inner circles of the Bolshevik Party.

Stalin crushed the Bolshevik Party that had been built by Despite the evils of the Kremlin Lenin. Stalin exiled tens of thousregime, the Russian people were ands of Bolsheviks. He stood convinced of the superiority of thousands before firing squads. the soviet system of property over | He executed all Lenin's general the capitalist system. And this staff of revolution. He murdered conviction gave them the courage Leon Trotsky, whose name is inand the will to repel the attack divisibly associated with all the greatest achievements of Lenin.

Stalin stamped out all demo-Virtually all the other concracy in the soviet organs of govquests of the November 1917 reernment. In place of the regime volution, however, have been liof Lenin's and Trotsky's time,

Stalin instituted dictatorial perneights yet achieved by man- sonal rule. His political party kind in putting scientific order prohibits the organization of any into human relations, the revo- opposition. In elections the people lutionary tide receded. Counter- are permitted to vote for only

scarcely be seen. Not the least of the crimes of

the Stalin bureaucracy is the foul torrent of lies it has poured of capitalism such as poverty, has fought since 1923 for the prohunger, and unemployment. gram of Leninism. The Stalin The legislation passed by the bureaucracy has completely re-Soviet government in the days written the history of the Soviet Union. Even the best known basis for the transition from and most common facts about capitalist society to socialist sothe origin of the Soviet Union ciety. The Bolsheviks ended the have been revised and recomrule of the capitalists in industry posed in order to slander Trot- and the rule of big land-holders sky and paint Stalin as some in the countryside. The workers latter-day divinity. set up their own control over

These crimes of Stalinism have enterprise and rapidly passed to served to obscure in the minds direct management of the industrial machine. of many workers the progressive character of the Soviet Union itself. But the workers must not permit Stalin's crimes to

blind them to the necessity of defending this great historical conquest of the world working class.

DEFEND USSR

If the imperialists destroy the Stalin regime, they will also destroy nationalized property. They will restore capitalism in Russia in its most bestial forms and dismember the country into colonies. Thereby 'imperialism would gain a new lease on life, or more correctly, the better opportunity to crush the workers everywhere and to destroy all

tinues in office long enough, then the eventual restoration of capitalism is inevitable. This can occur either through a successful military attack by Anglo-American imperialism or by an internal capitalist counter-revolu-

That is why the Trotskyist movement has fought to overthrow the Stalin regime and to replace it with a democratic regime.

But the new regime in the Soviet Union advocated by the Trotskyists would .renovate the government apparatus and restore the revolutionary program and policies of Lenin and Trotsky. The Trotskyists would pre-The Militant Chorus opened serve nationalized property and the meeting with the singing of build upon it as the most imtwo revolutionary songs, and the

Farrell Dobbs contrasted the singing of "The International." November 1917 revolution.

talist parties."

the basic cause of war. It

political parties. The Bolsheviks worked out a

combination of democracy and pointed to a new society free centralism that gave the rank from war and all the other ills and file control over the leadership while assuring the advantages of unified direction.

The teachings and experiences of the Bolshevik party are an of Lenin and Trotsky laid the invaluable heritage in the political battle of American labor against the rule of Wall Street. As the American workers he gin seriously organizing on the political field, they will find that the Bolshevik party blazed the trail for them. If the American workers follow in the footsteps of the Russian workers who accomplished the November 1917 overturn, then the victory of so-

Through a vast network of committees, called "soviets," cialism is assured in the United they integrated the economy. States.

Celebrate the 29th Anniversary of **RUSSIAN REVOLUTION** 

In Chicago

Sunday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Speakers: GRACE CARLSON HOOT RASMUSSEN ARNE SWABECK SWP Headquarters: 777 W. Adams St.

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## In Detroit

Sunday, Nov. 10, 3 p.m. Speaker: SOL DOLLINGER, Flint SWP Organizer SWP Headquarters: 6108 Linwood

## In Boston

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## New Haven, Conn.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. Speaker: DAVID WEISS New Haven Labor School 853 Grand Ave.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1-In a Marxist program and workingfestive atmosphere, over 300 class candidates of the SWP to workers tonight celebrated the corrupt Democratic and Recivilization. The overthrow of the 29th Anniversary of the publican politicians who ride to Stalinism, in the progressive sense, can be the task of the Russian Revolution and final broken promises, and who vie workers alone. If the Stalin bureaucracy conwith each other to serve Wall Street profiteers. He explained why the Democratic Party, with the aid of the Republican Party, conspired to prevent the SWP from appearing on the ballot. "They fear the Socialist Workers Party. They are determined

tion. to prevent us from getting an indication of our growing support from the workers of this city who are beginning to turn away in disgust from both cap-

George Clarke, Organizer of the New York Local of the SWP, gave an inspiring report of the great achievements of the New York SWP election campaign. taken by the party.

portant single conquest of the meeting closed with the mass

revolutionary forces seized power. one slate of hand-picked candi-These reactionary elements are dates. seen most clearly in the image of | The rule of the Stalin bureau-**Celebrate 29th Anniversary** Marcoux, Craipeau published L'Etincelle, an illegal paper. In 1940. teorther with Wardel With At Rally Of SWP In New York





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as the experience of Germany itself shows . . . the possibility of new and very rapid rearmament is inherent in modern industrial technique. 'General' d is a r mament, even if it could be realized, would only mean the strengthening of the military superiority of the more and powerful industrial countries." -Leon Trotsky

"Disarmament is not a means against war, since,



"What a nuisance — now we'll have to prepare more steak. Most people don't even realize the inconveniences of yachting!"



THE SUPPRESSED TESTA- | General Secretary of the Com- | Stalin became for Lenin in the MENT OF LENIN, with munist Party, to replace him past period of his life the in-Leon Trotsky's article ON with someone "more patient, LENIN'S TESTAMENT. more loyal, more polite and more attentive to comrades, less capri-Pioneer Publishers Pocket Licious, etc." Trotsky explains the back-

Stalin, who falsified the history of the 1917 October Revolution to build the myth that he played a leading role in the conquest of power, has also falsified and suppressed Lenin's evaluation of him. Today the Stalinists even deny the existence of Lenin's Testament, his final advice on how to organize the leader-

ship of the Bolshevik Party. Yet the authenticity of this document is beyond question. As late as 1927 Stalin admitted this. although even then it had been

divulged only to a handful of leaders in the Bolshevik Central to go as far as possible to meet Committee. the demands and claims" for in-

dependence of national minorities which had been oppressed by Czarism. But Stalin aimed at holding the minorities under domination by the central government. Lenin lashed out directly at Stalin: "It is, of course, necessary to hold Stalin and Dzerzhinsky responsible for this out-and-out Great-Russian

on Dec. 25, 1922, a year before Lenin's death. It states Lenin's opinions on Stalin, Trotsky, Zinoviev, Kamenev, Bukharin course. His "practical policy," mors by document-may at least

carnation of a rising monster of bureaucratism." When Lenin died, Stalin re-

stricted the reading of the Testament to the Council of Elders, though Lenin had addressed his ground of Lenin's urgent warnappeal to the entire party. The ing to the Bolshevik Party, and history of this document casts the events which followed it. a spotlight on Stalin's schem-Stalin, taking advantage of Lenings and maneuverings. But, as in's critical illness, was trying Trotsky explains, it was not the to completely bureaucratize the fate of one document that faparty apparatus. Lenin was cilitated Stalin's rise to power. "The mood and orientation of

"The disagreement in the the ruling class changes accordsphere of national policy (being to circumstances. This is also tween Stalin and Lenin) was still true of the working class." The sharper," Trotsky wrote, than their differences over the orpressure of the peasantry and the urban middle classes upon the working class, worn out by "Lenin considered it necessary

years of civil war, brought "a revival of petty-bourgeois tendencies in the proletariat itself and a first deep reaction on the crest of which the present bureaucratic apparatus headed by Stalin rose to power . . .

"Lenin's letter, known under the name of his testament, has henceforth chiefly a historic interest. But history, we may venture to think, has also its rights . . The, most elementary of scientific demands-correctly to Stalin yielded—in words—but continued on his anti-Leninist establish fact and to verify ruand Pyatakov. Today only the says Trotsky, "became the more be recommended alike to poliSATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1946

## **Profits Of Dutch Bosses Continued During War**

While the Dutch workers and their families suffered and starved on rations of less than 1,000 calories per day under the Nazi occupation, the Dutch capitalists continued to do flourishing business and reap lush profits. This week one of the golden war eggs was laid in their laps.

A stock dividend totaling 34,350,000 guilders (about \$13,000,000) was paid on Nov. 1 to holders of common stock in Lever Brothers & Unilever, N. V., Dutch branch of the international soap and margarine company, according to a Rotterdam dispatch to the N. Y. Times.

On top of this 13 million dollar plum, paid in 4 per cent cumulative preferred stock, cash dividends totaling about \$4,500,000 are also being forked out to the wealthy profiteers. These payments represent a combined total of 221/2 per cent for the five years from 1939 to 1944.

What the workers got after the war was a 100 per cent increase in prices, while their wages went up only 65 per cent. Now they are told that they must work harder and reduce their living standards still further, to pay for the costs of the war. The Dutch National Welfare Plan for 1946, recently published by the Dutch Minister of Finance, bluntly warns that years of great hardship lie ahead for the Dutch masses and that for the workers there is no "prosperity just around the corner."

The Dutch workers will be called upon to save 15 per cent of their much reduced incomes, instead of 10 per cent as before the war. They will also pay more than a quarter of their revenue for taxes.

The Dutch Lever Brothers company is closely associated with the British Lever Brothers, Ltd. The Boards of the two companies consist of the same directors. Indonesia, where the British and Dutch have combined to shoot down the Indonesian fight-"ers for their Republic, contains rich supplies of raw materials for soap and soap products.

## Now They Plan To Price The Shoes Off Our Feet

The American workers and their families may be on a new footing soon-close to barefoot. The OPA on Oct. 30 removed all price control from shoes, hides, skins and leathers, affecting all types of men's, women's and children's shoes.

Price officials estimated that leather prices would jump 50 per cent. This means an immediate advance in the price of footwear of from 20 to 30 per cent above present prices.

The American consumers already spend some \$2,000,000,000 a year on shoes, which have been steadily deteriorating in quality. Now an additional price gouge of hundreds of millions of dollars is planned.

This action by the OPA is an extension of the decontrol of livestock products, admits Economic Stabilization Director Steelman, who ordered the price agency to remove the price ceilings on footwear.

When the nation - wide meat famine was imposed upon the American people by the meat profiteers, Truman capitulated to meat trust's price demands.

The hide and leather profiteers have applied the same methods as the meat barons. They withheld hides from the market to such an extent that in September alone the shoe output fell by five million pairs. Tanners and shoe workers were thrown out of jobs.

Now the consumers are invited to buy shoes at

**Campaign Promises** 

In his Oct. 31 radio address over WJZ. Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for New York Governor, stated some truths that the American workers should keep in mind after the 1946 elections are over.

Dobbs said, "In a few days, the street cleaners will sweep up the leaflets and folders of the capitalist partles. And garbage trucks will haul the litter away. As they dump that campaign propaganda of the capitalist parties into the incinerators and it goes up in the smoke, what will happen to the promises so freely dished out by the Republicans and Democrats? "Just remember what happened to all the promises they made in previous elections. The road to hell is said to be paved with good intentions. But the Democrats and Republicans pave their way to office with broken promises."

Isn't that the truth? Isn't that what's happened after every election, no matter which boss party won? Isn't it true that only Wall Street has been the winner each time?

Hoover promised a "chicken in every pot." But we got the worst depression in all history, Roosevelt promised to "drive the moneychangers from the Temple" and to bring universal prosperity. He could only end the depression by breaking the promise that he made "again, and again, and again that American boys will never be sent to fight on foreign soil." But they were sent and the millionaire moneychangers became billionaires.

Truman promises to make good on Roosevelt's promise of a Bill of Rights for labor. But he called for the drafting of strikers and smashed the railroad strike.

All the capitalist politicians promised peace and plenty "after the war." But what the workers and veterans are getting is meat shortages, robber prices, no housing, warnings of a new depression and preparations for a new world war.

rights militantly. Now it turns out that "irresponsible elements" are those who refuse to work in peril of their lives. Leonard, the UAW author of the Ford "company security" clause, has publicly admitted these workers were justified in their walkout. He even charged the company with provoking the strike.

Sure the company provoked the strike. Leonard and the other UAW leaders gave the company the weapon that emboldened it to provoke strikes-"company security." That is why the Ford Motor Company last spring joyfully announced in full page ads the signing of the "company security" agreement. Ford knew what a weapon it would be in assaulting the union and victimizing its best members.

The UAW has begun a wage campaign and is reopening contracts for negotiation of higher wages. At the same time, the auto workers must fight for the scrapping of any and all varieties of "company security" clauses. The latest Ford incident has proved to the hilt that such clauses are nothing but a means to destroy union security.

## "Outside Agitators"

"Divide and rule" is one of the oldest maxims of ruling oligarchies. The Roman Caesars made a fine art of ruling by dividing. And the Spanish conquistadores crushed the nations of Mexico by skillfully playing one against the other.

Today, one of the outstanding forms of this ancient device of ruling classes is red-baiting. In America right now, Wall Street is doing its utmost to split the labor movement wide open by rabid red-baiting.

Unable to beat down the unions with a headon assault. Big Business is trying to disrupt them with frenzied ravings against the "reds" whom they accuse of all sorts of terrible-but very vague-crimes against "Americanism." By "reds" the company propagandists, of course, mean union militants.

But the red-baiting of Big Business is not confined to America. In extending its rule to other lands, Wall Street has likewise exported red-baiting.

In Korea, for example, Wall Street's military representatives answer the demand of the Korean people for democracy and freedom with red-baiting. Wall Street's gauleiters try to drive a wedge into the solid front of the Korean people by singling out the most militant Koreans and painting them as wild-eyed "reds."

Unable to accuse these so-called "reds" of "un-Americanism," the foreign conqueror Gen. Hodge called them "agitators from outside." Sound familiar?

In Japan, too, where the labor movement has been advancing with giant strides in recent months, MacArthur's propaganda machine has tried to split the Japanese workers with red-baiting. The Japanese capitalists are against the wall. If it were not for the support of American Big Business, Japanese capitalism would give way to a workers' state such as that forged by the Russian workers in November 1917.

Wall Street is doing its utmost to stave off this turn of events; and so has resorted to the ancient device of trying to rule by dividing the people.

The American workers must not be taken in by red-baiting either at home or abroad. They must maintain their unity not only in face of frontal assaults but likewise against the insidious propaganda of profess The workers of all lands have a common cause. Answer Wall Street's red-baiting by tightening ranks here at home and by demonstrating our solidarity with labor throughout the world!

THE MILITANT

brary, 1946, 48 pp., 25 cents. alarmed by this.

ganizational policy.

For the first time in many years, this Testament will be available to American workers.

Pioneer Publishers will soon release it, together with an article written by Leon Trotsky in 1932. This is a new edition of a pamphlet issued by Pioneer in 1935, but long out of print.

The Testament was written nationalistic campaign," he said.

That's the real picture. And nobody really believes it's going to change because more Democrats or more Republicans have just been elected to office.

That picture won't be changed unless the workers and all the poor, oppressed sections of the population unite politically into their own party and do the job that the Wall Street parties always promise to do before elections to make sure it isn't done after elections.

The old saying is still good: If you want a job done right, do it yourself! If the workers are to get peace, plenty and security, they've got to get it themselves.

That means: Build an Independent Labor Party right NOW! Don't wait until 1948-or '50-or '52! Labor won't be in any stronger position after a depression hits or after the fascists are riding high or after the atom bombs are unleashed.

## "Company Security"

Last spring the top leaders of the CIO United Automobile Workers handed billionaire Henry Ford 2nd the notorious "company security" clause that gave the company the right to "discipline" participants in so-called "unauthorized strikes."

When this "revolutionary plan" - as UAW Ford Director Richard T. Leonard called it was proposed by the UAW leaders, The Militant vigorously condemned it as the product of a conspiracy between the top union leaders and the company to victimize the best and most militant members of the union.

We warned the workers editorially in our January 19 issue about "the grave peril of 'company security' propositions designed to cripple their powerful organizations and convert them into høuse-broken unions . . . In the hands of the corporations they (such clauses) can be wielded to victimize the best union members, hamstring the union, terrorize its ranks, and cut the union to pieces."

Last week the Ford workers learned from bitter experience the truth of The Militant's warning. They felt the lash of the "company security" clause when Ford used it as a weapon to fire one union militant and give lay-offs to 17 others for participating in a strike after Ford refused to introduce safety measures against deadly gas fumes poisoning workers in his River Rouge open hearth room.

It was argued last winter by the UAW leaders that the union-busting "company security" clause was necessary to control "irresponsible elements." By that they and the company meant any workers who dared to defend their

## "Trusteeships"

The question of "trusteeships" is now coming up for discussion in the United Nations. It is important for the workers to understand what is involved here so that they can take the correct political position on this question.

"Trusteeship" is a device used by the imperialist powers to mask the extension of their domination over areas conquered in war. Outright annexation in the brazen style of early imperialism is too raw and obvious to suit today's imperialist diplomats. They prefer camouflage.

Under the League of Nations the imperialists camouflaged their domination under the term "mandate." Palestine, for instance, was placed under Great Britain's "mandate."

A "mandated" territory under the League of Nations could not legally be fortified, and other provisions were written down to give the semblance of benignant paternalism to the imperialist ruler.

The United Nations are now doing away with some of these pretensions. Great Britain proposes to establish naval, military and air bases in territories like Tanganyika. The Brit-.ish capitalists also wish to write in a provision that they can convert Tanganyika into a "strategic area" whenever they wish. They want in addition to include this territory in any customs or fiscal union they set up. They want a "trusteeship" that gives Britain the right to create monopolies of a fiscal character.

Thus the dividing line between "trusteeship" and outright annexation is so thin that it can be disregarded for all practical purposes.

The Truman Administration has gone even further than Britain in this question. On November 3 Truman reaffirmed the policy he set down last January that Washington intended to keep all Pacific territories seized from Japan and considered "necessary" to "security" in the eyes of the Admirals and Generals.

If Washington submits its proposals to the United Nations for Approval, it will be a pure formality. The War and Navy Department have favored by-passing the United Nations, and seizing these islands outright.

The setting up of "trusteeships" once again underlines the fact that the Second World War was imperialist in character - that it was fought for profits, colonies and the control of markets.

tician and butcher Stalin survives: Trotsky | decisive. the worse became Trotsky in 1932. was slain by Stalin's hired assas-Lenin's health."

\* Every worker seeking the truth sin: Zinoviev and Kamenev Lenin was not deceived. Shortwere wiped out in the bloody ly before his death, he broke off about the relations between purge of the 1936 Moscow Trial; his personal relations with Stalin. Lenin. Trotsky and Stalin, Pyatakov in the 1937 Trial; Buk-"Lenin keenly sensed the apshould read this pamphlet careharin in the 1938 Trial. proach of a political crisis," fully. It is an annihilating reply Lenin's final postscript called Trotsky continues, "and feared to many of the Stalinists' most upon the Central Committee to that the apparatus would stran- persistent slanders. remove Stalin from his post as gle the party. The policies of

-Ruth Benson

# Our Program:

## 1. Defend labor's standard of living!

A sliding scale of wages-an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living! Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteer-

ing and price-gouging!

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

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

- For the 6-hour day. 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours-reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!
- Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!
- Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

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

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

4. Build an independent labor party!

### 5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

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

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

## 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!

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

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

- Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!
- Against capitalist conscription!
- Abolish the officer caste system!
- Full democratic rights in the armed 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 revolutionarystruggles of the workers in all lands!

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

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!



#### Worried about taxes?

Indignant over the way the boss lops taxes off your wages each pay day?

Hate to waste money on sales taxes? And all the indirect taxes on tobacco, gasoline, movies, transportation, and so on?

You haven't seen anything yet.

Taxes are scheduled to go up like a V-2 rocket on the New Mexico proving grounds in the next few years under the Republicans and Democrats.

Principal reason for the terrific tax increases planned by the Republicans and Democrats is the staggering burden of war costs. As representatives of Wall Street they intend to use their power of office to place these costs squarely on the backs of the working class.

Pensions and benefits for veterans are now running at more than six billion dollars a year. These ex-soldiers are of course entitled to these payments. In fact they are getting far below what they should receive. But nevertheless this cost to the country is one of the results of plunging the United States into imperialist war.

Add to this colossal sum an item that is not so legitimate: five billion dollars in interest on the national debt. This interest is paid principally to the Wall Street banks.

These amounts tower mountain high, but they're only foot hills leading up to the expenditures for World War Three. Congress has handed the War and Navy Departments alone 13.2 billion dollars of public funds to pour down the drain.

That makes a total of more than 24 billion dollars. Remember that's for just one year!

Just to give you an idea—this is about one and a half billion dollars more than the entire national debt in 1933.

It's expensive to keep Republicans and Democrats in office!

The only way to shift the tax burden on to the rich who can afford to pay is by putting labor's own representatives in office. To accomplish that, labor needs its own political party.

If you want lower taxes, get busy organizing on the political field!

NEW YORK AUTUMN BALL Gala Revue . . . Dancing At CARAVAN HALL Sunday Evening, Nov. 10 110 East 59th St. Auspices: Socialist Workers Party

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1946

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.

## **Finds 'Militant'** Very Interesting

## Editor:

As I found your sample copy of. The Militant very interesting you will find enclosed 50 cents of a six-month subscription. However, there are certain basic elements of your program that at the present I cannot adhere to, but perhaps through more information and added literature a better understanding may be achieved.

Burlington, Vt

P. M.

### **Government Supports The Banking Trust** Editor:

Banks in the United States are sheltered by our government administration while operating as chronically bankrupt.

U.S. banking groups asked permission and received it, to lower Like 'The Militant' required banking reserves to 25 per cent of their vast liabilities Editor: on deposits subject to check. Thus | Last week the Brooklyn branch their state of chronic bankruptcy of the Socialist Workers Party deis legalized

The banks re on a government dole, many receiving 25 per cent at the Fort Greene meat marinterest (more or less) on their ket where hundreds of women paid-in capital investments every | waited in line from early morning year, for clipping coupons from until late afternoon in hope of government securities which were getting some meat for their fampurchased in their name by gov- lilies. The market is near a Housernment gifts and depositors' ing Project where we have refunds.

Rather than talking about Wall bers. Street, why not tell why banks continue to confuse the workers on this subject.

> F. P. L. New York, N. Y.



**Homeless Veterans** іп розтоп





## Women Shoppers

youngsters looking hungrily at at the things they can't have any more - because some big shots are so greedy! cided to distribute The Militant

**Eager To Learn Truth** Editor: I recently have become very interested in the Socialist Workers Party and I'm seeking further

cently gained several new mem-There were two of us women comrades when we started. But and reject any workers' party? on the way we stopped to pick ing American who is eager to Much can be said and written up some more papers at the home learn the truth. I would appre-

> There we met the wives of our formation that you have availcomrades who were very happy able. to join us in doing something

practical about the meat short-

Not only were the women very enthusiastic and efficient in giv- Children Underfed ing out the papers but we were But Potatoes Rot also helped by their three young | Editor: children who became active dis-

tributors. The papers were well eceived and we arranged to get together with these housewives for regular weekly distributions pays \$3 a hundredweight for poat the project. Edith Kane

## **Slogans To Rally** Housewives Editor:

Alice Patton's recent article describing the drudgery of house- in many other places. The govwork struck a responsive note, ernment bought up 67,000,000

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E. Tresca

Newark, N. J.

Sunday dinner, treats for the political scene.

New York, N. Y.

children are out of the question.

So all around the park you see

information concerning your

platform, constitution, and gen-

I consider myself a free-think-

erally what you stand for.

eight cents apiece!

# Workers Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Millitant". Letters

### By George Clarke

The New York election campaign of the Socialist Workwhich are available only to those ers Party has concluded on a high note of achievement. A militant mass picket line before the Mead-Lehman rally in Madison Square Garden and an enthusiastic public meeting climaxed the biggest and most ambitious election activity in the history of the N. Y. Trotskylst movement. | fined to the last few weeks be-

By knocking the Socialist fore elections, the wheels of the Workers Earty off the ballot, SWP campaign turned for three months at a constantly mountthe capitalist courts succeeded only in preventing thousands of ing pace. The drive for signatures workers from registering their began at the end of July and wound up in the first week of growing dissatisfaction through

voting for the SWP ticket. But September. the main object of the campaign Almost 25,000 workers and the workingclass neighborhoods could not be thwarted by crooked farmers signed the SWP petitions of all the city's boroughs and in as individuals and what a teachjudges or Wall Street politicians. and many thousands more heard the industrial areas at noon time. The message and program of of the SWP through its can- It is roughly estimated that 10,- is moving in our direction - so

the zoo. Of course she wanted a rising prices, housing, racial dis- tant city in the state. hot dog-it was 20 cents, twice crimination and the Third World Practically every important these platforms. Two sound as much as during the summer! War were carried to tens of newspaper in the state recorded trucks were kept in constant op-And the candy bars were hard to thousands of New York workers. the SWP struggle for a free balfind, but one nearby store had Everywhere there was a warm lot. 10,000 leaflets and thousands of the campaign. Many of these more Sunday mobilization to go, plenty of them-nickel bars at and often eager reception to the of Militants were distributed dur- street meetings were conducted they have already obtained 356 party's fighting program. Every- ing the petition campaign sum- in the form of neighborhood de- new subscriptions, 106 over their With everything else costing where there was recognition that marizing the party's program on monstrations. Three, four and goal.

so much that it takes all our the SWP was emerging as a major issues. The candidates of the SWP taneously within the radius of money to get a peace of meat for first-rate factor on the New York were heard by large radio audi-Unlike the election activity of ences in the most extensive out to hold placards, distribute

Cost Of Imperialist War



The cost of war has not yet ended. This 21/2-year old child pictured in Naples, Italy in May, is so twisted and emaciated by starvation that it can't even raise its head. Now winter adds the threat of freezing to the pain of hunger. The ACEWR appeals to you to help relieve the workers' suffering, by giving food, clothing and funds today.

**LocalCommitteesPlanAffairs** 

#### by the party. Eleven separate addresses were made on the radio on a wide range of issues. There were 130 letters received at campaign headquarters requesting copies of the speeches and the election platform. According to radio specialists this figure indicates that a possible 400.000 persons listened to the broadcasts.

Most impressive of all the campaign activities were the scores of street meetings which were Yesterday I took my child to the Socialist Workers Party on vassers who covered every impor- 000 workers heard the party candidates and party speakers from for a sub." eration for the entire duration

> five meetings were held simula mile. The entire party turned the major parties, which is con- broadcasting thus far undertaken Militants and leaflets and contact workers.

> > SCORES JOIN

these meetings were the concrete gains chalked up in building the party. Scores of workers joined the party branches in the course of the campaign. Some 650 workers signed interest cards asking for more information about the party; a great number of these are potential members of the party.

Hundreds of dollars worth of literature and newspapers were purchased by workers attending the meetings. Some 40.000 copies of The Militant were distributed throughout the city. One of the highpoints of this distribution was the coverage of the entire waterfront during the big maritime strikes.

An attractive pamphlet entitled "Security, Peace, Freedom and Socialism" containing the party platform and illustrated by Laura Gray's hard-hitting cartoons was published in an edition of 35,000 and distributed to New York workers. There were 237 subscriptions to The Militant at the street meetings.

The increasing popularity of NEW YORK. - For informathe party among new sections of tion on the Trotskyist Youth the workers showed itself in Group send name and address large turnouts for all local meet- to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, ings, for branch and city-wide N.Y. socials. Sometimes the newcom- Open Forum: Every Friday, ers made up the majority of the 8 p.m., at 116 University Place. branch meetings and the partici- Dancing, refreshments,



new friends. The following note from Pauline Ryder, Literature Agent, ac- in the party and we will send you companied 25 subs: "More than some pictures of it so that you half of these subs were gotten at | can use it in The Militant."

here are very 'Militant conscious' They know how much conducted night after night in more effectively the paper can espouse our program than they er it can be for a worker who every new contact is approached This kind of work helps the com-

> Boston's sub campaign is winding up at high speed. With one

"Barring unforseen developments," writes S. Brooks, Literature Agent, "It looks as if Belle Montague will win top scoring

honors. She has 52 to date and Josie Hall is runner-up with 41. There are a host of other comrad-The most important results of es close to Josie. Among them are Sally and Dawn Conti, Hilda Webster, Gert Crabbe, Mary Stanley, and Ben Franklin. In fact, all the comrades have done. an outstanding job." Subscriptions are obtained by

the Chicago Branch with the perspective of organizing a neighborhood branch. Belle Rosen writes: "These renewals were obtained by a group of comrades months. "Enclosed are five new who are working in an area attempting to organize some my records, we have sent in 58 neighborhood work and eventually start another branch there. meaning that we were 22 short They have made some excellent in August. We made our quota contacts. In the last couple of in September and have 40 to go

subs were expiring; they have al- promises, though - there's so ready secured renewals of eight." ......

Paul Chelstrom, Literature

Youth Activities

LOS ANGELES. - Socialist Youth Club meets every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquartobtained during the campaign ers, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educain house-to-house soliciting and tionals after every meeting. Re-

freshments served.

tells the truth.

DETROIT

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# THE MILITANT ARMY

"We don't expect to make our evening filling out subscription campaign. But this work will blanks to The Militant for their bring us more subs in the next period. We have one of the best window displays I have ever seen

a social we held. The comrades

El Snyder, Militant Director of Flint sends this enthusiastic report: "Enclosed you will find 11 subs that you can add to the credit of Flint Branch. A few of the comrades who went out last week to get subs obtained them. rades become more active in the . . .

Socialist Workers Party. It's really interesting to see the comrades get out and try to see who can obtain the most subs for each month."

Eleven subs were sent in by June Carey for Allentown and Dave Swenson sent us seven subs for Akron.

. . .

E. Brent of Detroit sent in four subs, explaining: "At the present time we are going through our files, making as many call-backs as possible. Some of these subscribers that we are visiting were trial subscribers and we want to give them a chance to renew their subscription. We are making a little headway as you can see."

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Clara Kaye reviews Scattle's sub record for the last two subscriptions," she writes. "From subs beginning with August, weeks in visiting 22 readers whose for October. Can't make any much election work to do!"

. . . Militant boosters in all parts of the country are helping us in-

troduce the paper to their friends. Jarvis Dusenbery of Perry, N. Y. ordered 10 copies of the October 19 issue of The Mill-

tant for distribution among his friends. S. Widman of Chicago renewed. his own sub and sent in a sixmonth sub for a friend in Wau-

saukee, Wis. John Rhines of Cleveland contributed \$1 to help The Militant because he likes a paper that



I just read in the paper where a Mrs. Hutchins who runs a school lunch program for undernourished children in Maine, tatoes. But she says that one

Princeton, N.

R. W. B

farmer at North Newport has Brooklyn dumped more than, 5,000 bushels of potatoes in a pile in one of

his fields to freeze and rot. She savs at least they ought to be released for hot lunches for the children.

The same thing is happening

of one of these new comrades. ciate your sending me any in-

## Editor:

I'm sure, in the experience of bushels just to keep the price of According to a report of the many mothers and housewives potatoes up. But children still government Census Bureau, "at who read The Militant. How go undernourished. try.

I wonder when the government lety over the children while we will dare to give us the real fig- hasten to do some other urgent ures on how many of the men chore! who were promised "a new

world" after the war, can't even find a place for their families to the real answer to this enslavelive in today?

Boston, Mass.

#### Wants To Help Editor:

Farrell Dobbs' broadcast of impressive. Please accept my congratulations and best wishes. anything more effective than hope for your success.

I would appreciate your assistance in being better informed on this all-important question.

Irvington, N. J.

#### Good Work Editor:

I heard your very interesting radio broadcast when Mr. Dobbs are doing great work. literature and keep up the good drudgery out of housework. Al- mirably on this score, considering wishing to give articles for the

Hastings-on-Hudson, ers, dishwashing machines, gar-

R. B.



City ......

Postal Zone ...... State .....

least" 40 per cent of the married familiar the endless routine of veterans of World War II in this dreary tasks, all of which cry for city are homeless. Conditions are completion within a period of like this everywhere in the coun- time much too short! How much a part of us that feeling of anx-

> While I agree with Alice Patton's conclusions that socialism is ment of the housewife, I feel C. B.

that other, more immediate slogans can be raised to rouse the

hopelesness and despair which is conveyed in this article.

For workers in shops, the real solution of whose problems will Oct. 31, "The Fight Against Wall also come only with the estab-Street's Machines," was most lishment of socialism, we advance slogans to meet their day-today struggles. So too, those whose Too bad that I am unable to do lives and activities center about their homes and children might respond to slogans more in consonance with their daily existence. Such as:

> For the immediate establishters and playgrounds as a pubcational systems — to free mothers for part of the day. For the creation of housing

spoke on Oct. 31. I think you trol to ensure the installation tivities and look to our own edu- tric iron, a \$25 dress and many of modern electrical equipment cation at the same time. Yet the Would you please send me the which is designed to take the Philadelphia comrades do ad- ready been donated. Anyone

> L. V. matic washing machines, iron-New York bage disposal units and ranges





States.

bazaar.

Second Avenue.

Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party sends another of those interesting houseworker from the feeling of monthly reports, for September. "Although the total receipts are a little less than those in August," writes Alma Seton, litera-

ture agent. "I think you'll agree that we can still be proud of ourselves when you see the amount of popular pamphlets we have sold. Compare 92 pieces in August with 277 in September! Of the 277 pamphlets, 183 were sold solicited from wholesalers, manon various distributions and ufacturers and individuals. Commobilizations.

dropped so sharply (from 91 to ment of nurseries, child care cen- 42 pieces) was that the comrades were so busy on mobilizations lic function as part of the edu- that they simply did not have time to think about more serious reading.

"It is certainly a problem tryready well known are the auto- there are only seven days in a bazaar may bring them to 197 week and we have enough work

to fill 14 days!" Comrade Seton appends the

and book sold, and the amount dren of European workers. Au- Benefit Fund; Ralph Urban, of receipts from each title. in three weekly meetings, at H. Phillips, Local'203, UAW; and From Los Angeles, May Manning reports: "Last Sunday two which committee members cut President Harold R. Wood, Local comrades sold 53 pamphlets at a patterns, stuffed and embroid- 742. UAW. Negro church. I estimate at least

half the congregation bought A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow or Build a Labor Party Now, or both. Many also evinced an interest in our election campaign and in our radio programs.'

. . . Order these 10c pamphlets and send for three price list from Pioneer Publishers, 116 Univer-

sity Place, New York 3, N. Y.

## I o Benefit European Workers

Realizing the burning need of the European workers B. M. for food and clothing, the local committees of the Amer- the votes are counted. Above all noon to 6 p.m. New York | ican Committee for European Workers Relief are raising funds for this purpose in va-3-

rious parts of the United ered dolls, horses and dogs. At the request of the Boston com-

mittee, one toy at least will be Joan Wakefield, Chairman. of sent to each of the European the San Francisco ACEWR, sent countries receiving aid from the in the proceeds of a Pre-Bazaar ACEWR. Party. The object of this affair

The main office of the Ameriwas to collect articles to be sold can Committee for European at a Christmas bazaar, which Workers Relief, 197 Second Avewill be held on December 1. nue, New York City, is con-San Francisco is also holding stantly sending out parcels of craft afternoons" at which infood, clothing and medicine to tructors and materials are availneedy workers in Austria, Gerable for making articles for their many, France, Greece and Italy. If you want to help, send your

The Los Angeles Committee contribution to this office. Reof the ACEWR has also made member, \$10 will send 29 pounds extensive plans for a Christmas of food to Europe—enough to Bazaar. Chairman Lillian Charles supplement the diet of a family reports that its main emphasis of four for three weeks. will be on the sale of articles

Hit Attempt To mittee members and friends are "I think one of the main rea-sons the sale of classic literature children's garments, potting Oust Detroit SWP

plants, making fruit cakes and DETROIT, Nov. 4-Several toys, framing pictures and visiting manufacturers in preparamore labor and liberal leadtion for this event next month. ers last week joined the In New York, where a bazaar and social will be held by the growing protest against relocal ACEWR committee, Marvel actionary efforts to evict the Socommittees under workers' con- ing to participate in public ac- Dobbs announced that an elec- cialist Workers Party from its headquarters here at 6108 Linuseful household items have alwood Avenue on the ground that Negroes attend its meetings. Supporting the protests voiced by other labor spokesmen, both CIO and AFL, were Executive In last week's Militant it was Secretary Edward M. Swan, for

reported that Boston ACEWR is the Detroit Branch of the NAAitemized report of every pamphlet making toys to send to the chil- CP; Branch 40 of the Workmen's gusta Trainor, Chairman, re- president, Packard Local 190, ports that all the toys were made UAW; Financial Secretary Frank



pants in the socials. The election campaign will be cialism?" 116 University Pl. a source of inspiration and gain PHILADELPHIA .-- For inforfor months to come, long after mation call ST. 4-5820, from it marks the beginning of bigger campaigns for the party and a fitting curtain-raiser for the tivities will appear in this column

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## As Diplomats' Wives See The World - By Ruth Benson -

lence.

The delegates to the United Nations Assembly in New York, who are dining and wining luxuriously while millions starve, brought along



their fluttering, useless wives to join the social whirl. Certainly these women didn't journey to New York to take part in the discussions on how to keep the world in the power of the oppressors. It's doubtful if they even know there is a world out-

side their personal existence. "Nothing of poker-hot inter-national portent here," Carol Taylor reported to the N. Y. World-Telegram on

October 24. "Simply a feminine buzz about Mrs. Wellington Koo's ravishing French-Chinese ensemble and Mrs. Pepper's hat." Both, of course, were worthy of note. While

half a billion men, women and children in the Orient try to live on a few grains of rice a day, the wife of the Chinese delegate paraded in a dress glittering with gold filigree butterflies that "clung to every other inch of the fitted jacket." How many stomachs could have been filled with wholesome food, for what that jacket cost? The reporter doesn't say. And these wives

had seen "official parties and night clubs" and now, she sighs, "I am blase." Most of the wives, however, are far from bored with their world travels via clipper, luxury ships, and limousines. For instance, Mrs. Carlos Stolk, wife of the Venezuelan delegate, cooed: "I'll see as much as I can and have a

lovely time." Doing what? "Much shopping." It will be shopping in the swankiest stores, where she won't run into a worker's wife trying to meet high prices with a tiny pay-envelope! She'll shop as Mrs. Guillermo Belt, the Cuban delegate's wife, does: "I just walk up and down Fifth Avenue," she beams.

of the ruling class don't care. Mrs. Pepper's

fancy hat was another symbol of the same opu-

"Although they come from many lands they are of one world," the reporter said. And she's right. Their "one world" is the world of the capitalist rulers, who live like parasitic orchids on the labor of the working class in every nation.

## "I have seen enough of the whole world," said Mrs. Mahmoud Hassasn, wife of the chairman of the Egyptian delegation. Did she mean enough of misery, of the suffering of the poor in her own country-or any other? No, indeed! She **Buffalo**

AGE SIX

BUFFALO, Nov. 1 - A mass meeting was held here last night to protest against the action of the N.Y. State Supreme Court in ruling off the ballot the Socialist Workers Party, the Socialist Party and the

Socialist Labor Party. After hearing representatives of various political parties describe the flimsy excuses used by the court to deny them their constitutional right to participate in the elections, speakers from other organizations took the floor to attack this assault on demoratic rights. A resolution was adopted stat-

all progressive organizations."

ganizations be given their elec-

Copies of the resolution were

sent to Senator Mead, candidate

of the Democratic Party which

instigated the attack, and to

Governor Dewey, whose judges

voted with the Democratic judges

Organizations represented in

addition to the political parties

involved were the American Civil

Liberties Union, the American

Veterans Committee, the YWCA,

Textile Workers CIO, Sub-re-

oral rights.

against the SWP.

Hardly a day goes by without some general delivering a speech on the need for a large army and conscription of the nation's youth. You

would never guess from their statements that this country to-

The Negro Struggle

day has the largest peace-time army in its history. In less than two months the new Congress is going to assemble in Washington, and one of the first points on its agenda will be the War Department's

demand for "universal military training," the favorite fancy name for conscription. All kinds of pressure will be exerted in an effort to put this plan over.

Generals will come out to testify, the Secretary of War will explain how badly the Army needs more manpower, and the President will deliver a solemn message to Congress on the question. There will be debates in the Military Affairs Committees and the Big Business press will be flooded with editorials.

But almost to a man, the Negro people of this country will stand up and say: You are hypocrites, you are deceivers of the people. And that will be the plain unvarnished truth.

It isn't just soldiers that the brass hats want. They showed that when they stopped the recruitment of Negro volunteers at the very height of their \$5,000,000 advertising campaign to get a large army. What lies these scoundrels spread! Here were numerous Negroes, second-class citizens in civilian society, clamoring to join the army where at least they are sure of a higher standard of living than is generally available in civilian life. And here were the generals, demanding a larger and larger army on the ground that the nation's safety demanded it, turning

– By William E. Bohannon – the Negroes down. The plain and simple fact is that the brass hats don't want just a big army-they want a

Their Kind Of Army

certain kind of big army. For one thing, they demand that it shall be a Jim Crow army. And if keeping it a Jim Crow army is threatened by permitting "too many" Negroes to enlist, then they'd rather have a smaller army temporarily. This one fact, which has burned itself into the minds of the Negro people, explains why the public opinion polls show the great majority of Negroes are opposed to conscription.

Of course, the brass hats are trying to overcome this opposition. Not by rooting out Jim Crow policies-but by soft-soap. In announcing the War Department's plans for the new draft scheme. Secretary Patterson promised that there would be "no segregation of Negroes at separate installations," that "units composed of Negro personnel will be trained as a part of composite organizations."

But only a blind man, and a very innocent one at that, will be taken in by this kind of hypocrisy. It means that Negroes will be permitted to train in the same camps as whites (which they have been doing all along) and that segregated Jim Crow units will be parts of bigger, chiefly white units (which has been the case all along too). The only concession Patterson makes is in words; but an analysis of the words shows that he is making no real concession at all. The Jim Crow pattern of World War II, already carried over into the peacetime army, will be carried over into the new draftee army as well. The Negro people's instincts against peacetime conscription are thoroughly sound. Now It us back up those instincts by joining with the advanced workers in the labor movement to

gional Office UAW-CIO, Mine, Mill & Smelters Local 597, and defeat the new draft plan.

# **Minority Parties**

This is straight out of the horse's mouth - the real chine kicked the Socialist on milk.

Workers Party and two othballot in New York. On Oct. 29 at a public forum THE MILITANT NEW YORK, N. Y.

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ing. The prosperity of war-in-

flated prices that bolstered the

otherwise chronically-sick agri-

culture is laying the basis for an

even more disastrous collapse of

The crisis of American farm-

In the cotton market slump

The textile manufacturers

have been piling up huge in-

in the automobile industry.

clothing have shot up as much

as 300 to 400 per cent, aggravat-

ed by the artificial scarcity cre-

ated by the textile and cloth-

The cotton speculators, in

the manufacturers. Then came

It is illuminating to observe

how quickly the capitalist gov-

ernment has stepped in to aid

tors were damning government

"interference" and regulation

the rush to unload.

can be seen the classic features

ers is looming, as the Wall Street

farm prices in the future.

be completed.'

# Ballot Ban Protested In Buffalo Cotton Slump Is Latest Sign Of Coming Crisis

**Violence Against Pickets** 



A striking member of Local 248, UAW-CIO, being beaten by police and company goons hired by Allis-Chalmers, at the West Allis, Wisconsin plant. Strikebreakers failed to smash the picketlines, estimated at 15,000, which marched outside company gates after the corporation had rejected union offers of arbitration. Federated Pictures.

# **Slash Milk Price, Is Demand Of Housewives Committee In Seattle**

SEATTLE, Oct. 28 - Hundreds of indignant Seattle housewives are demanding that the milk producers' associations take immediate action to lower the price of milk to 13½ cents per quart and the City Council empower a joint committee composed of consumer and labor representatives to enforce an or-

dinance to this effect. Active- | warmly received.

ly backed by thousands more in the labor movement, they have held last month in City Hall. organized the Homemakers Price | Park, after which an attempt was Control League for independent | made to see the head of the Milk reason the Democratic ma- action to combat spiralling prices Dealers. Association, Mr. Bird.

Mr. Bird, unfortunately, was Spontaneously originating with "not in." er minority parties off the a small group of determined A mass meeting called to forhousewives who called for a city- mally organize and launch the modities, is a symptom, not a wide milk strike by means of a new movement was held on Wed- cause.

## **Break In Agricultural Prices Foreshadowed** As Cotton Futures Plummet \$50 in 11 Days

By Art Preis

While Wall Street and government witch-doctors were blaming the stock market slump on everything from weather conditions to a Labor Day "let-down," the Sept. 14 Militant stated "this is the rumbling of great underground fissures opening under the

seemingly solid surface of farm boom is in danger of fad-American capitalism." We described the slump as "Wall Street's vote of 'No Confidence' in the future of its own system." The past two weeks' precipitate break in cotton exchange prices gives further striking confirmation of the Militant's analysis that the stock market Journal, Oct. 31, correctly imseismograph recorded signs of plied. The whole structure of volcanic explosions being pre-

farm commodity prices has "bepared under the surface of Amgun a correction," it says edierican capitalist economy. torially. "We must confess our Prices of cotton bales on the inability to predict whether or when the correcting process will country's 13 cotton exchanges

dropped 25 per cent within a space of two weeks. From a 26year peak of cotton prices recorded on Oct. 8, there was a of the basic contradictions of sharp slide downward of \$30 capitalist production which reer bale. For the first time in 76 sult in over-production for a years, the cotton speculators shrinking market. closed the exchanges on Oct. 19. On Saturday, one week later, the exchanges closed down again. ventories, second only to those after a further \$20 drop. And once more, last Wednesday, the Simultaneously, prices of cotton exchanges shut down in a disruption of cotton trading called

**'DEVIL THEORY''** 

"all but unprecedented."

ing profiteers. The wage-earn-It was first claimed that the ers cannot afford inflation pribreak was caused by the action ces. They cannot buy. The pileof one individual, Thomas Jorup of goods is turning into a dan, a millionaire speculator on glut in the warehouses of the the New Orleans cotton market. manufacturers and merchants. He is said to have suddenly unloaded 150,000 bales of cotton. But this "devil theory" failed to | turn. have gambled on future price rises. They held back unexplain the continued drop til they began to get scared by after the 150,000 bales were the pile-up of bales and the liquidated. dribbling away of orders from

Three weeks later, the "explanation" was being given that the break was due not to one man, but to "everybody," as an GOVERNMENT ROLE "authoritative informant" was quoted in an Oct. 30 Associated Press dispatch. "Farmers, merchants, doctors and everybody the speculators in their plight. The first demonstration was else all over the South have Only yesterday these speculabeen speculating in cotton futures," this "authority" claimed. Neither the "devil" nor the when it came to holding down 'everybody" theory holds water. inflationary prices. Today they The wild speculation in cotton, are pleading for government as in all other agricultural com- help.

Truman promptly promised it. The Agriculture Department and The citadel of "King Cotton" Commodity Credit Corporation was supposed to be the safest are preparing to bolster high and strongest in the agriculcotton prices with government tural price domain. That is purchases, loans and subsidies. cil; the secretary of the city CIO why no ceilings were maintain- Remember how helpless the ed in cotton prices and there government appeared when the was no strict control of speculmeat barons demanded the ators' margins. scrapping of price controls so WEAK BEAM they could soak the people with-But this "strongest" beam in out restraint? the agricultural price structure But the underlying causes for has proved the weakest. It is the cotton market slump will the first crack. Already, the not be eliminated by the capitmarkets in meat, grains, 'coffee alist government. Those causes and other commodities are lie in the anarchy of capittrembling and sagging. alist production - production for Government agricultural of- private profit without regard for ficials are now warning that the the needs of the people.

may appear to you, there is always a reason." But any GI who thought SNAFU would end when

Veterans' Problems -

endless bungling by Army brass. They used to say to us, "Remember, men, no matter how fouled up things

Still Plagued By Snafu

The Danger Of Loose Talk

- By George Breitman

- By Alvin Royce

views added up to efficiency no one could complain about the procedure. However instead of efficiency, the VA produces confusion and instead of results, only endless run-arounds.

Apologists for the VA admit many of these shortcomings but repeat the slogant they found so useful in the Army: "No matter, how fouled up things may appear to you, there is always a reason." They complain of two things. There is a lack of "public cooperation and understanding" and "they are understaffed." Just what section of the population doesn't cooperate with the veteran and why a sufficient staff is not employed they conveniently avoid mentioning. The cat was let out of the bag a short while ago when it was revealed that employers were using on-the-job training to secure cheap labor. Veterans belonging to a religious or racial minority are refused entrance into universities whose policies are decided by millionaire contributors to the schools' funds. Everywhere the bosses -stands in the way of a decent life for the veterans.

## UAW Bell Local 501, The chairman was the Rev. George Siudy. **Democrat Admits Plotting Against**

he became a civilian was very sadly mistaken.

Officers during the weekly Army orientations

had a slogan they used to apologize for the

Army brass has put on civilian clothing and taken over the Veterans' Administration. As a result we have the same red tape and endless waiting to sweat out that we had in the Army. For instance, over a million ex-GIs depend on their scanty education subsistence to keep bread on their tables. Yet the veterans who enrolled in school for the fall term had to wait two months for the receipt of their first checks. Even more unfortunate are the thousands of veterans who after waiting all this time have received forms notifying them that there is some technical flaw in their application and they must make new applications and wait at least another month.

Those who are familiar with the VA know its endless cycle. Forms to fill out, then an interview will be followed by a waiting period. This cycle will repeat itself several times before results are in sight. If all these forms and inter-

Truman wants us to hold our tongues about

or Czechoslovakia or anyone

else. And now along come three

more government spokesmen

and tell us to lay off another

important subject: the coming

businessman holding the job of

Secretary of Commerce, spoke

at a forum) in New York last

week and tried to discount

W. Averell Harriman, big

the danger of war. Byrnes wants no talk on

dollar diplomacy, either from Henry Wallace

depression.

fears of economic disaster on the ground "these

The same day his fellow-Cabinet member,

Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, held

a press conference in Washington to announce

that it was "bad psychology" to talk about a

depression coming. Actually, he said, he saw

no prospects of a depression, and "the elements

are all present for a continued prosperous per-

tion Administrator John D. Small issued his

monthly report and told a press conference in Washington that "we are doing all right today;

if we continue doing as well, why should there

Small said that the present talk of a "reces-

sion" creates fear and worry, causing people

to retrench and cut down on their plans, and

"that's what I mean by talking ourselves into

a depression. Even if it comes, I don't think it

will amount to much." Like the girl who was

just a little bit pregnant, it will be just a wee

Anyhow, said Small, "recession is not inevit-

able and need not come if the present high

little bit of a depression, so why worry?

be a recession?"

And on the same day again Civilian Produc-

fears are based on unreasoning defeatism."

The cost of one day of World War II could fumble. "All of you want the truck was driven through many easily double the working staff of the VA. The capitalist politicians voted for an eighteen billion dollar appropriation to arm GIs for the next war but they've conveniently forgotten the GIs of the last war.

Goldwater had to give up.

the reactionary legal restrictions

Goldwater, trying to recover his

and ironical laughter.

we couldn't win!"

nesday, Oct. 23. Several hundred telephone campaign, the protes sponsored by the Franklin D. Roosevelt Chapter of the Amer- movement met with immediate ican Veterans Committee, Rich- response from all sections of the ard Goldwater was asked why working class. Despite sparse the Democrats had engaged in publicity in the local press, the this fascist-like move. Goldwa- telephones of the three original ter is Democratic candidate for organizers rang incessantly as the Second Assembly District | scores called to offer their sup-"There's a law in New York," port to the strike and the organport. began Goldwater referring to ization.

Petitions demanding that on minority parties. The audi- President Truman and all pubence broke into prolonged hissing lic officials take action to lower the price of milk were signed by "Here's a better answer-" said over 1,000 Seattle residents in first few weeks. A sound Democrats to win-well, if we'd of the local housing projects, ad-

left these parties on the ballot, vertising the strike and calling for support. Women took the The veterans and workers hissed and jeered so loudly that floor at several union meetings

to explain their stand and were

men and women were present, among them Roy Atkinson, president of the Regional CIO Coun-Council; and representatives of many unions. All pledged continued moral and financial sup-

#### DEMONSTRATION HELD

Letters and telegrams of symbathy from consumers in other Washington cities were read, and Miss J. Short, president of the Portland, Oregon consumer's protest group, flew to Seattle to

speak at the meeting. Thirty-two women volunteered

for the Strategy Committee, the met on Oct. 26 and worked out plans for the milk strike.

ers' associations were to be visited this week by a delegation from the League - and, if possible, the milk-drivers unions. Their demand is an end to price-goug-52 per cent more profit this year than last year. The delegation F. Warde, chairman, sum up 9has decided to demand proof of paign.

in short, they will ask the companies to "open their books."

**Plan CIO Drive** An especially encouraging thing about the composition of the **In Los Angeles** LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1 -30. This contrasted sharply to At a meeting of CIO Coun-

cil members and rank and crimination and segregation. file delegates held here Sun-

adopted for an organizing drive of the major evils of modern so- ments. All of the campaign workto be patterned after the 1936 ciety to the profit system and drive. Special campaigns will take cannery workers, public workers, office workers and utilities

The meeting also decided to reconstitute on a permanent was barred. Hundreds of cops, heavy guard he was rushed out basis the strike co-ordinating

Jersey record of the capitalist These decisions place the local party politicians and ended with CIO in a much stronger position a stirring appeal to the audience for the new wage demands, and not only to make their vote in the making right now, and everybody in co is 100 per cent Union - unionists are highly incensed over the strike wave which will in- count on election day, but also Washington knows that that is the way to Smith is 100 per cent Anti-Un- this outrage. Vigorous protests evitably follow should they be to make their lives count by entering the struggle for socialism

## Leading policy-making body of the League, which subsequently Enthusiastic Rally Winds Up The milk producers' and deal-rs' associations were to be visit-

### **By Ruth Franklin**

NEWARK, Nov. 2 - An overflow rally and dance at the Cadillac Restaurant wound up the Socialist Workers ing by the profiteers who made Party's election campaign here last night. An enthusiastic audience heard three of the SWP candidates and William

opments since the end of the

war which showed that the work-

ers were looking around now for

Alan Kohlman, candidate for

Governor, summed up the New

a radical change.

the issues in the 1946 cam-|and joining the Socialist Workers Party.

William E. Bohannon, candi-Many in the audience, who had date for Congress from the 11th been contacted through the widespread distribution of the Party's District, devoted most of his remarks to a condemnation of the election literature, were attend-Republican and Democratic re- ing an SWP meeting for the cord on Jim Crow, contrasting first time. They demonstrated their pre-election promises with their enthusiasm and solidarity their post-election performance. by generous contributions to the collection. Most of them signed He stressed the fact that a vote for the SWP was a vote that interest cards asking to be informed of future SWP activities. counted as a protest against dis-The rally ended with the singing of The Internationale, and was George Breitman, candidate day, , a recommendation was for the U.S. Senate, traced all followed by dancing and refresh-

ers - members and sympathizers indicated how a Workers' and of the SWP - felt that the rally was a fine and fitting end to Farmers' Government would eraplace among agricultural and dicate these evils. He also drew the long weeks of intensive campaign work. attention to a number of devel-

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if we could get eggs. That's putting it squarely up to the people themselves. If we want to be unreasoning defeatists, if we are going to act like bad psychologists, if we insist on talking ourselves into a depression-all right, we know what the penalty will be. But as Harriman, Snyder and Small have explained, it will be our own fault.

level of employment and production is main-

tained." If present conditions don't get worse,

they'll be as good as they are now, see? If we

had some ham, we could have ham and eggs-

They told us frankly that the way to achieve economic salvation was by keeping a stiff upper lip.

pity of it all was that it was so unnecessary. There we were with a "high level of employment and production" and everybody as happy as Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. If only we had known when we were well off. But no, we couldn't keep our big mouths shut. And we paid the price for our imprudence with ten years of breadlines, relief lines, and hunger. Did we learn a lesson from that experience? Will we have better luck this time? It hardly seems so, if we can judge from the warnings coming out of the government and the way the stock market has been behaving since last sum-

But why worry? We have the word of John D. Small that it won't amount to much. Don't armed with riot sticks, swarmed a side entrance and booked at committee organized in last year's let i get you down even if he turns out to be about the scene of protest wrong, as Hoover was when he said prosperity was around the corner. They finally solved that

solve depressions nowadays.



School. We can't say they didn't warn us in advance. Don't you remember the crash of 1929? The

mer. Perhaps the crash is coming soon.

depression, didn't they? Another world war is

5,000 Picket Fascist Smith At San Francisco Meeting By Russell Morgan

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1 -In the Bay Area's biggest anti-Smith demonstration, 5,000 trade unionists last week marched in protest against Gerald L. K. Smith and indicated their firm determination to drive his fascist movement out of California. The .

meeting was held at . San ism Go hand in Hand." Francisco's Commerce High

picket line was the fact that an Among trade unions represented were the CIO Interna- overwhelming, majority of the tional Longshoremen and Ware- trade unionists were young workhousemen's Union Local 6, Na- ers between the ages of 20 and tional Maritime Union, Marine Firemen, Ollers and Wipers, AFL | the few hundred aged Smith followers inside the hall. Pile Drivers Local 34, and the

After the picket line had been Marine Cooks and Stewards. disbanded, police brutality flared Other organizations present were the Socialist Workers Party, Am- inside the hall when an indignant worker booed Smith. Hired erican Veterans Committee, Workers Party and National thugs and San Francisco police closed in on him with saps and Association for the Advanceriot clubs. As he fell, they rained ment of Colored People. The sidewalks surrounding the blows and kicks upon his body.

school, although public thoroughfares, were heavily roped spot, preventing sympathetic off and their use by the pickets workers from aiding him. Under

Northern Station on charges of strike wave. Banners carried such slogans disturbing the peace and "resist-

as, "Crush the Fascists with ing" arrest. Workers Defense Guards," "Fris-Militant San Francisco trade

ion," and "Race Hatred and Naz-) are being sent to city officials. | refused.

A cordon of police ringed the employes.