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#### – An Editorial –

Big Business is hurling an unprecedented propaganda barrage against the striking miners. Its vast press and radio artillery is pouring out lies and slander day and night.



propaganda assault. It is having influence even upon sections of the working class. This campaign, as almost every union leader and member realizes, isn't direct-

ed at the miners alone. Wall Street is trying to create a general atmosphere of antilabor hostility for the further development of its drive against the American working class.

How can organized labor meet and answer this tremendous propaganda attack?

Only by mobilizing its own forces for a full-scale counter-offensive-only by showing the same unity in action as the capitalists are displaying.

Labor must gather together its full resources, unite every worker in the ranks, and strike back with all its concentrated weight and power.

For this, it is necessary to establish effective machinery for joint action of all unions. The crying need is for a National Conference of Labor, composed of all unions, to formulate and carry out a unified fighting program.

But the top leaders of the CIO and AFL are too narrow-minded, too blinded by their own bureaucratic interests, to take this imperative step on their own initiative.

It is up to the union members in every locality to build a fire under the union leaders and to initiate a tremendous campaign against the government's attempted frameup of John L. Lewis and its infamous strikebreaking injunction.

Every union local, large and small, regardless of affiliation, must take a public stand in defense of the miners. Protests by the thousands and tens of thousands must pour into Washington. The local press and radio must be forced to give these actions fullest publicity so that labor's support of the miners becomes known and felt in every community.

In every city and county, the local unions must form "the people who produce the their own United Labor Conferences, mobilize actions on meat products of the nation are behalf of the miners and demand that the union leaders call a similar conference on a nation-wide scale.

### **CIO** Packing There should be no under-**Union Set For** estimating the effect of this **Strike Action**

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Dec. 1 - TheCIO United Packinghouse Workers Union has cleared the way for strike action against the Big Four meat packing corporations. Its 27-man strike strategy committee meeting here on Nov. 27 called the packers' terms "inadequate" and directed International officials of the union to call a strike "when and if such action is necessary."

Demands of the union include cost-of-living bonus, which is a variant of the escaltor clause long advocated by The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party, to provide a rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of liv-

Other demands are a minimum wage of \$1 per hour, a guaranteed annual wage, and a health and welfare fund.

Arrogant counter-proposals by the packing profiteers had called for freezing wages at present levels for a year with no reopening provisions, and eliminating all forms of union security. A reported new offer by Swift and Co., the terms of which have not been made public, is said to be far out of line with the un-

ion's just demands. The union represents 200,000 workers in packing centers throughout the country. The critical need of these workers was emphasized at the CIO convention by Herbert March, UPWA leader, who declared that

Ganging Up On The Miners

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Workers Of The World, Unite!

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## "Obey Or Starve" Is Washington's Policy On Food Relief For 1947

Beginning next month all the wraps are coming off and food will be employed exincite the use of force and vioclusively as a political weapon by the U.S. Government. That is the meaning of Washington's decision to abolish UNRRA and its blunt refusal to set up an international or nent

down on Czechoslovakia and

## Wall Street Offensive Aims To Cripple Union Movement

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#### By Art Preis

The ferocious, all-out assault of Big Business and its government against the striking coal miners is far more than a strikebreaking attempt against one union.

This bitter battle between the 400.000 soft coal miners and the capitalist government marks a new and more crucial stage in the great social struggle between Amer-

### "Liberal" Bloc **In Senate Asks Attack On Labor**

The real views of the Democratic and Republican Senators who call themselves "pro-labor" were made public Nov. 27 when a group of them sent an "emissary" to Truman and Attorney General Clark with a demand that they refuse to yield to the coal miners.

An anonymous spokesman of the group was quoted as follows: "The Government cannot afford to appease John Lewis to the extent of one iota, even though standing firm should bring on the calamity of a nonproductive winter, a closing of the schools, general sufferingand even bloodshed. I am convinced of this.

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"This is the final showdown. The Government must write the terms. If it does not, or if it writes them in terms of appeasement, the Government might as permanently the American workwell give up."

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been unfolding since the end of the war. The mine strike is developing as a great test of class strength between organized labor and organized capital. That is the real significance of the capitalist government's abandonment of all

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ganized labor that has

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pretense of impartiality in this fight. That is why the government's capitalist class character is being revealed so nakedly and unashamedly in this struggle. Behind the government's attempt to crush the AFL United

Mine Workers and to victimize their leader John L. Lewis, is the determination of Wall Street to launch a general offensive that will deal all organized labor a smashing and decisive blow. That was the chief aim of the ruling capitalist class at the end of the war. It had hoped in the period of war production cutbacks, lay-offs, down-grading and reduction of take-home pay. to cripple and paralyze the unions. It had attempted to reduce

(Continued on Page 2) These political rats who thus lence against the labor move-Call For "Greatest"

The danger to organized labor was never more acute. Act now! For Labor Unity in Action! For a Fighting Counter-Offensive Against Wall Street!

## **Public Hearing Held In Move** To Evict Detroit SWP Local

#### By Kay O'Brien

DETROIT, Dec. 1-A public hearing on the attempt to oust the Detroit Branch of the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters at 6108 Linwood Avenue, was held

Workers Party was ably presented by Walter M. Nelson, prominent Detroit attorney, and representative of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Mr. Nelson warned the Commission that the right of a political party to occupy headquarters of its own choosing was a political right which the Commission had no power to deny. "Nor is there any other body in the land," added Mr. Nelson, "which is empowered to deny

this basic political right." From statements, both written and oral, which were submitted to the Commission at a previous hearing by the Linwood and McGraw Civic Association, Inc., it had been clearly established

that hatred toward the intermingling of colored and white workers on a plane of complete social equality, motivated not only the ouster move but also the arson attack made on the headquarters on July 25 of this year.

#### STORM OF PROTEST

izer of the Socialist Workers This reactionary drive, how-Party, replied that the only conever, has brought such a storm nection was that the same fascof protest from the entire ist gangsters who drove the Detroit labor movement and has Communist Party out by violenevoked such strongly worded ce in 1939, were now trying to statements supporting the Sodrive out the Socialist Workers cialist Workers Party, that the Party.

spokesman for the property The hide-and-seek game of owners was forced to back down the Commission to bury the poland apologize to the Commisitical and racial issues beneath sion for having openly raised the zoning law technicalities failed issue. Nevertheless, it was percompletely, and the Commisfectly apparent from his furthsioners retired in confusion er statements as well as from without rendering a decision.

Commission last Wednesday. The case of the Socialist racial issue participation, that the miners. The efforts of the Commission to sidetrack the hearing onto the technicality of whether, under the terms of the zoning law, the Socialist Workers Party could be treasury."

considered part of the neighborhood community, were ably met by Mr. Nelson. He pointed out that it is precisely in residential areas, as part of the life of the neighborhood, where political parties belong.

In support of his argument, Mr. Nelson presented petitions signed by more than 500 resi-

dents of the area surrounding the party headquarters, demanding that the Socialist Workers Party be permitted to stay. These petitions completely silenced the previously hostile Commission secretary.

In the course of the questioning, an attempt was made to connect the Socialist Workers Party with the Communist Party which had formerly had headquarters a few blocks away. Arthur Burch, Detroit organ-

of the District's approximately Jan. 1. In all the new contracts the Machinists will demand a clause along the following lines: monthly bonus of 1 per cent of

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1 per cent in the rise in the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumers' index above the bureau's index (for the month in which

in a position today to eat very UN-controlled relief fund, little but neck bones and spare Hunger and starvation are still widespread in Europe and ribs, if they can afford them."

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### Ford Local 406 **Backs Miners**

LONG BEACH, Calif., Nov. 26—At a regular meeting of UAW-CIO Ford Local 406 today, a strong resolution was unanimously adopted giving 100 per cent support to the striking coal miners. The resolution condemned the antilabor action of the govern-

ment and called upon the Los Angeles Industrial Council to appeal to all sections of the labor movement, AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods for united action in backing the The Local resolved to "set aside \$2,500 to be used in be-

half of the United Mine ment. Workers if and when the federal government seizes their

the withdrawal of its credits and loans because some Czech offi-Asia, and 1947 will see little imcials had dared to voice criti- (Wheat, rye, provement over 1946. But from cism of Washington's economic here on the U.S. government is policies. The nations in the discarding its "humanitarian" U. S.-British political orbit will cioak and will give food only to get some handouts, if they do nations which are ready to grant what they are told. The nathe political concessions detions trying to follow an indemanded by Washington. After Jan. 1 there will be no U.S. relief for nations who do not toe

Wall Street's political line. most urgently in 1947—will go Fiorello LaGuardia, retiring hungry until they are ready to director of UNRRA, whose work come to terms. in Europe expires Dec. 31, has The junking of UNRRA and proposed the establishment of a the refusal to establish an in-\$400,000,000 fund to meet world ternational relief agency in its emergency needs during next place cannot be explained in year. But the State Department terms of an improved food siturefuses to even consider contributing to such a fund. Anyone trary, some countries will suffer who wants food should make dimore drastically than this year rect arrangements with Washfrom shortages of the most basington, says the State Depart-

ic necessities. An article in The reason for this new procedure is plain to everyone who following figures in annual world has followed the recent crack- production by millions of tons:

## **St. Louis Machinists Demand Monthly Living-Cost Raises**

#### (Special to The Militant)

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 26-Another union has decided to de- | tracts they will demand a flat mand a sliding scale of wages in future contracts. To protect the members' standard of living from skyrocketing prices, the independent In-> ternational Association of after each new labor bureau fig-

Machinists here will request

Connors explained that the monthly wage adjustments. clause would work out like this: Connors, business agent of District 9, announced today. The union represents some 20,000 workers in this area. lowing signing of the contract, Connors said that about half cent bonus, for the next month. 500 contracts will expire before However, if the index should fall 3 per cent, for instance, in the second month, no bonus would "All employes shall receive a not be penalized for the extra 1 their regular earnings for each They would lose nothing but the bonus.

The Machinists insist on an established base rate of pay, higher than the present scale, below which wages would not be

World Report of Dec. 3 has the

ists said that in their new conhourly increase of at least 30 cents in industrial firms and 34 cents in job shops to bring the base rate of pay back in line with the cost of living.

The idea of the sliding scale of wages "was born at a regu-If, for example, the bureau lar weekly meeting of the busishowed a rise of 2 per cent in ness agents," said Connors. "We had been tried with success elsethe union would expect a 2 per where. So we kept exploring methods for getting it into concrete form when our own contracts would expire."

The announcement of the be paid; but the members would machinists that they will accept figures issued by the Bureau of per cent the price level dropped. Labor Statistics shows they have not yet fully realized how this bureau doctors statistics. But in fighting for the principle of the sliding scale of wages the machinists have joined the front ranks

the contract was signed). Ad- allowed to drop no matter what in labor's battle to safeguard unemployment compensation to this attack on labor." justments will be made one week happens to prices. The machin- the workers' standards of living. which they are entitled.

Cereals and rice) 410 340 Fats and Oils 22 17 35 Sugar 27 Thus it is certain that famine and famine-created disease will pendent political line and those claim millions of additional vicin the Soviet Union's sphere of tims in Europe and Asia next influence-who will need relief | year. But Washington says that those who dissent will starve.

**No Compensation For Steelworkers** ation next year. On the con-By Harry Braverman (Special to The Militant)

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YOUNGSTOWN, Dec. 1-The ruling of the Compensation Bureau in Ohio denying

unemployment compensation to steel workers made idle by the coal strike is being strongly protested by the labor movement here. Workers in the area feel very strongly about this dirty move by state officials to prejudice the steel workers against their brothers in the mines.

The executive board of the has wired Governor Lausche protesting the ruling. This is one of strongly - worded resolutions many protests by local union leaders and bodies, including a

fin, candidate for office of CIO Steelworkers District Director. CIO Steelworkers Local 1330, sent a sharply worded letter to fice-holders from the Youngstown region condemning their silence on the issue of compensation for idle steelworkers. By

vicious ruling, these politicians once against demonstrate the incorrectness of the present PAC policy of giving support to candidates of the capitalist parties. The district directors of the Steel union from Ohio are at present meeting with the Compensation Bureau in Columbus to demand for the steel workers the

#### Demonstration onymity. The meeting where they Evidence of the growing de-

voiced their pent-up hatred of mands for militant action by labor was "guarded from puball organized labor to defend lic record." "Participants," said the AFL mine workers, is the the press, "refused later to idenappeal made by the 5.000member local of the CIO tify themselves . . . publicly." American Federation of Hos-Their reasons for hiding their iery Workers in Philadelphia. names like poison-pen letter The local wired CIO Presiwriters is obvious. If their names dent Philip Murray and AFL President William Green on were made public in association Nov. 27 to "alert the entire with their real views it would labor movement for the greatgive fresh impetus to the moveest demonstration in history ment for a Labor Party. And in the event that John Lewis is sacrificed on the altar of that is something these Wall Big Business and a reaction-Street political agents fear above ary administration." everything else.

## **Detroit Auto Workers Back Fighting Miners**

#### By E. Kennedy

DETROIT, Nov. 29-A tremendous wave of solidarity with the striking AFL coal miners is sweeping the CIO auto workers here. The main topic of conversation in the shops is the miners' fight and O its importance to the entire | cal 212 Council meeting was

sounded by a leading Stalinist labor movement.

organized labor.

who launched a tirade against Evidence that the UAW-CIO John L. Lewis while ostensibly rank and file, unlike the UAW speaking in support of the reand CIO top leaders, are serious solution. He was sharply answer-Mahoning County CIO Council in their expression of support ed by several delegates and the for the miners, is shown by the resolution adopted unanimously. At the Dodge Local 3 mempassed this week by the General bership meeting, only a couple Council of Briggs Local 212 and of members spoke against the the Dodge Local 3 membership. resolution and for support of These resolutions pledge strike the government under all ciraction, if necessary, in order to cumstances. Militant auto workrepel this new attack of Big ers quickly answered them. Even Business and its government on a Stalinist gave unqualified support to the resolution.

Local 212's resolution pledges Resentment is growing in the complete and unqualified sup-UAW ranks because the natioport" to the mine workers. It nal CIO leaders are giving only states: "We stand ready to aid lip-service support to the miners them financially, and with strike and because the UAW top lead. ers have failed to take any acaction if they should find it necessary to call upon us to do so." tion on behalf of the embattled The resolution further calls mine union.

The auto militants clearly upon the International Union "to understand that their own abiltake a similar stand and to take ity to win new wage concessions. the lead in organizing a National Labor Conference of AFL, or even to maintain their pres-CIO and independent unions to ent standards will be seriously prepare any joint action which undermined if the miners' fight may become necessary to defeat is lost. New efforts to force the top leaders into action to aid the The only sour note in the Lominers are expected shortly.

## public statement by James Grifliving costs the first month fol- talked about it and learned it all PAC-endorsed political of-

their silent acceptance of the

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# Two Weaknesses In The CIO Wage Policy

recent CIO convention centered on wages. A resolution convention stated that prices to compel the big monopoly corare "inevitably" going to continue upward and it demanded that industry grant | Big Business and its government

Few workers would dispute the correctness of the CIO's wage to answer the first question policy-as far as it goes. But, how to effectively meet the atunfortunately, it does not go tack of rising prices - was esfar enough. It leaves unanswered pecially deplorable. They had the two decisive questions most the answer presented to them workers have in mind when they on a silver platter by O. A. think of the wage problem today.

1. How can labor defend its standard of living if flat wage CIO convention the contract the other hand, the basic wage increases are quickly wiped out won by his union from the big cannot be reduced. by the continuously rising cost |Sinclair Refining Co. That con-

2. What program of action unanimously endorsed by the shall the unions push in order what Knight called a "unique" clause that protects this higher porations to grant wage increases, particularly in the face the indirect wage-cut of rising of the combined resistance of prices.

"substantial wage increases." to any wage boosts? The failure of the CIO leaders Knight, president of the Oil Workers International Union.

He described in detail to the months. If prices go down, on

The major attention of the of living, as has happened to the tract not only provides for a Curran, president of the Na- the CIO leaders, is their fear of to get the answer. hourly wage scales-but it has against the oil workers' escalator plutocracy. That is why even ray, for instance, offered as his advanced the conception of a the coming wage fight. That will demand, And Curran's only argument was a brazen misreprescale from being slashed through sentation of the Sinclair workers'

escalator clause. What honest argument could

This is the escalator clause, embodying the principle of the sliding scale of wages that The Militant and Socialist Workers

Party have advocated since 1938. The Oil Workers' escalator clause provides an automatic increase in wage rates for every three point rise in the government's cost-of-living index, with

increases" remained vague.

the CIO leaders give against this sound proposal? Their method try, while the whole capitalist ing a lamb. class and all its agencies were of opposing it was simply to ignore it. Their reason for ignoring the

program of the sliding scale of wages did not lie in its merits. longed and costly. That is why Their opposition in reality rethe gains were limited.

flected their reluctance to un-Will the big corporations yield dertake a militant struggle-the any more readily today to simthe contract reopened every three only way in which the sliding ple persuasion and across-thescale of wages, like all other ma- table collective bargaining? We jor wage demands, can be won. need only look at the ferocity At the root of the inadequacy and all-out scale of the attack No CIO leader, except Joseph of the wage program adopted by now being hurled at the miners ward a real nation-wide program corporations.

**Court Battles Labor** 

But CIO President Philip Murtheir plea for "substantial wage only program to win "substan- unified, strategic plan for the be said by the CIO rank and tial wage increases" his piteous entire CIO. They would have file. In the great strike struggles of plea to the corporate pirates to proposed a program of joint acast winter and spring the CIO "Come on; be decent; be gentle- tion to bring to bear on the corunions were battling on isolated men." You might as well ask a porations the entire weight of erything in their power to foresectors, from industry to indus- wolf to say grace before devour- the estimated 6,000,000 CIOworkers. Secondly, they would have pro-

The CIO leaders emphasized mobilized in united opposition to their reluctance to prepare for posed preparations for a showany single union's demands. That militant united action by com- down fight. The entire CIO memis why the strikes were so pro- pletely ignoring United Auto bership would be alerted and put Workers President Walter Reu- on a fighting footing. A special ther's suggestion for building a national CIO wage conference. ten to twelve million dollar war | with broad representation from chest" - Reuther himself didn't the local unions, would be held

seriously push the idea. If the CIO leaders meant bus- strategy. A clear-cut, unambiguiness about winning higher ous program of demands would tor clause and to prepare the wages, they would have put for- be drafted and presented to the CIO for a united, militant fight

Fortunately, the CIO conven First of all, they would have tion didn't say the last word on

> Only a few months ago, the top CIO leaders were doing evstall any wage demands. They were yelling for a roll-back of prices, for a "good" OPA, for "buyers' strikes." But the pressure of the ranks has forced them to come out for reopening

wage contracts and to concentrate on wage demands. That pressure must now be doubled and tripled to force the

CIO leaders to advance the progressive principle of the escalafor higher wages.

# **CIO** Anti-Red Statement Supported By Stalinists

Stalinists co-authorship and support of the anti-communist Declaration of Policy adopted by the recent CIO | tive Board, just before the conconvention, has evidently aroused much rank and file vention, strengthened the machcriticism inside the Com-9

unity."

to include in it."

munist Party. To quiet this criticism, the Stalinist leaders feel it necessery to wage a campaign of "enlightenment" in the CP press. The aim is to convince the dis-

turbed CP members that the Stalinist union leaders were not cowardly capitulators to the redwhen they helped draft and un- to claim "the Communist (Stalanimously endorsed the declaraefforts of the Communist Party determination not to let any out-

... to interfere in the affairs of side issue split the convention's the CIO." On the contrary, the Stalinist press brazenly claims that this was nothing less than "a great and statesmanlike

move. This "statesmanship" consisted of a behind-the-scenes deal in which the leading Stalinists in the CIO agreed to place the CIO formally on record as opposed to the activities of Com-

munist Party members inside the CIO. In return for this and a pledge to support CIO President Philip Murray's conservative policies, the Stalinists received Murray's verbal assurance that the CIO would not engage in a witch-hunt against them.

#### JUMP OFF ROOF

Just the day before the CIO claration of Policy strengthened communism." convention began, the Nov. 17 the hand of the reactionary redissue of The Worker, CP Sun-

inery for such measures whenever Murray feels they are exing the world the CIO isn't pedient. The Board, with the Comunist." He concludes that vote of the Stalinist members, the declaration "leaves the basis for continued unity, freedom of revised the rules governing state thought and political affiliation."

and local CIO councils. This took away the right of the councils to engage in any "STATESMANSHIP"

activities not previously approv-Evidently this didn't satisfy ed by Murray and the national many CP members. We find the board. It also gave Murray virbaiters and anti-Soviet elements Nov. 24 Worker going so far as tually dictatorial powers to take over and appoint a receiver for inist) delegates made a great "disobedient" local councils. And tion that "we resent and reject and statesmanlike move in their this move was aimed directly at "communists."

#### **RESULTS EVIDENT**

The Daily Worker, in its lick-But then George Morris had to spittle praise of Murray, says try his hand once more, in the Nov. 29 Dally Worker. Here he nothing about these bureaucraindignantly defends Philip Mur- tic rules introduced by Murray But how much the yellow deal ray, who forced the Stalinists made by the Stalinists has helped to sign the anti-communist. statement, against some reacfend off a witch-hunt is quicktionary complaints that Murray ly becoming evident. didn't go far enough against the

The December issue of Steel "reds." Morris again expounds Labor, official organ of Murray's on the "correctness" of the Stalinists' agreement in principle own United Steel Workers, rewith the position of the redports the Declaration of Policy and revised local council rules baiters "after they succeeded in under the heading: "Red Actieliminating all the major damvity in Local Councils Barred by age that the right wing sought CIO." Connecticut Vanguard, attempt to break the seven-@

organ of the Connecticut State The essence of the Stalinist "statesmanship" is to try to CIO, now blazons on its masthead: "We resent and reject conceal the fact that the De-

Thus, the Stalinists didn't acbaiters inside the CIO, gave them hieve unity in the CIO for proday paper, published a lengthy a formal sanction for continu- gressive policies to defend the inarticle on the convention issues ing and extending their efforts terests of labor against the emv George Morris. He attacked to whip up a witch-hunt against ployers. They achieved "unity"

**16 On Trial For Protesting** 

Police charged into the parad-

Next day indignant strikers

sembled in the park for a pro- VET BEATEN

and other union members, as-

test rally. Police again broke up

the police and the city adminis-

ers with swinging clubs.

bound plant.

Delaware County.



John L. Lewis, AFL United Mine Workers president, entering the Washington courthouse to stand trial for "contempt of court." All organized labor has denounced the government injunction and supports the fighting miners.

Federated Pictures

## made by the Stalinists has helped to "silence" the red-baiters and Powerful United Labor Pickets **Back Allis-Chalmers Strikers**

#### (Special to The Militant)

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 29-A militant mass picket line of an estimated 10,000 workers from scores of plants in this area on Nov. 25 halted the attempts of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. to run scabs into its plants here in an Murray for solid CIO support month-old strike.

of striking UAW Local 248.

Estimates of the peak number The Seaman body division of of pickets ranged between 9,000 and 10,000, according to Al Leggat, CIO United Auto Workers international official. During the day - long mass picketing demonstration, Leggat stated, some 20,000 workers had been in

## **Attack On Miners Spurs Drive Against All Labor**

The Virginia authorities,

(Continued from Page 1) **Any Old Stick** ers' standard of living, deplete labor's fighting powers and **To Beat Miners** quickly regiment the working class behind American imperialsm's program of war against the Soviet Union.

But this arrogant and powerdrunk American plutocracy met an unexpected obstacle. American labor fought back. With the CIO in the vanguard, the labor movement unleashed the greatest strike wave this country has ever known.

Big Business did not succeed Workers. The Virginia State in its schemes to beat labor to. Corporation Comission comits knees with one quick blow. plains that "solicitation of the The mighty American labor memberships violates the state movement emerged from the securities law." strikes with wage gains, more unified, confident and stronger seeking any stick to beat the than ever.

miners, are claiming that urg-But none of the basic issues ing miners to join the union had been resolved. Neither side is the same as selling corporahad scored a clear-cut victory. tion stocks. Even a law against The first stage of the struggle capitalist swindlers is twisted ended in a temporary stalemate, into an anti-labor club. with all the conflicting issues remaining and growing more acute. Not for an instant did American capitalism abandon its plot Anti-Injunction Act state expli® citly: "No court of the United ly to prepare a new and more States shall have jurisdiction to powerful offensive. It laid the issue any restraining order or basis for a broader onslaught. | temporary or permanent injuncmore determined and savage, to tion in a case involving or growbe waged on every front and with | ing out of a labor dispute"? every weapon at its command. What the American ruling class is indicating by its unpre- ernment itself is above the law, cedented attack on the miners that this case did not grow out is its determination to come to of a labor dispute and that "the Nash-Kelvinator was shut down grips now in a decisive fashion court has the right to enjoin a

> If this decision stands, it means legal simply by having some class-biased judge enjoin it as 'against the public interest." And the Judge goes further to machines, without any independsay that "regardless of whether ent party of its own, labor stands the Norris-LaGuardia Act applies"-that is, even if the ingal injunction is a crime, punishable by any sentence the Judge sees fit to mete out. And,

ists are to crush the miners! How unrestrained they are in the methods they are prepared to use! How united and single-The reactionary Virginia minded they are in their aims! 35 state authorities dug around They see in this struggle a chance to break the deadlock between the organized workers and the capitalist class. That is the secret of their all-out mobilization.

> This clearly points out the real nature of the struggle. It is not simply a question - vital, as it is - of defending the miners. All of organized labor must recognize that what is at stake are the rights and life of the labor movement itself. That is why all the unions must see the need to 30 go further than a mere defense of the miners.

This is a key point in a gigantic social struggle. That struggle must be settled in the interests of the entire working class. It can be resolved only if organized labor, with the same singlemindedness and determination

as the capitalists, launches its Doesn't the Norris-LaGuardia own tremendous counter-offensive.

The whole titanic power of America's 15,000,000 union men and women must be mobilized and hurled into united action for the conquest of social demands

that go far beyond the issue of This hand-picked minion of limited hourly wage increases. the bosses replies that the gov-American labor must fight for permanent security.

#### DECISIVE WEAPON

In this fight, the decisive weapon will be political. The mine strike has confirmed what all the past experience of labor has already demonstrated. The most

labor is its political helplessness.

Tied to the capitalist political

the constant prey of the capital-

ist government apparatus, its

serious weakness of organized

against labor. It worked feverish-

between noon and 4 p.m. on the with the American working class. labor union which is about to same day, while workers of the It wants to beat down labor once take steps that would be against day shift of 3,100 went ten miles and for all and to clear the path the public interest." day shift of 3,100 went ten mines and for an and to the the destruction of the that any strike can be made il-Soviet Union on its way to unchallenged world domination. The judicial farce being played in Washington in the court of Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, a small-time political hanger-on of the Democratic administration, plainly reflects the junction was legal-still the minclass nature of Washington's as-, ers' refusal to abide by an illesault on the miners. MAKES IT UP This judicial wheel-horse. who

in their musty law books and last week came up with a state injunction to back up Truman's federal injunction against the striking coal miners. These new injunctive proceedings are based on the alleged illegal "sale" of memberships in the United Mine

"the naive view that the CIO can ward off red-baiting attacks by itself joining the howl against 'reds'. Knuckling down by the CIO would only whet the reactionary appetite . . . Rejection was compelled by the sentiments red-baiting will not succeed as an anti-union weapon." Editorfally, the same paper warned that "red-baiting has the same logic as jumping off a roof. Once you start it, there is no. telling where it will end."

**Police Role In Phila. Strike** The Stalinists did not fight red-baiting at the convention. (Special to The Militant) They themselves "jumped off the PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30- of this area and some AFL un- police charged. Without the least roof" with the professional redbaiters and agreed to "serve flat Nine months after the bitnotice upon labor's enemies" that terly-fought General Electric the CIO "resents and rejects" strike, 16 union men have been communism - under which lahauled into court to stand trial bel the reactionaries place all on false charges of rioting, inmilitant labor activities and citing to riot and unlawful asopinions. sembly.

Two days after he wrote that At the conclusion of this case, any concession to the red-baitten union leaders will still face ers would only whet their appe- trial for contempt of court, altites, George Morris was "ex- legedly because they failed to obplaining" in the Nov. 19 Daily serve a vicious injunction limit-Worker that the anti-communist ing picketing.

tration's violation of civil liber-Declaration of Policy "was the The trial of the 16 arose out ties, a parade marched toward inspector in plain clothes. long sought-for answer of the of the response of Philadelphia City Hall.

Name

State

CIO" to the reactionary demands labor to the injunction issued En route to City Hall, the for a red-purge. The Stalinist against Local 119, CIO United marchers were in the vicinity party "especially," he says, has Electrical Workers. On Feb. 27, of the strike-bound plant. The "always favored a statement tell- 1946, members representing parade had actually passed the

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militants and members of working-class political parties. **REVISE RULES** It is true Murray didn't dare to launch an open purge and

icy of Murray - and until the of red-baiting would serve flat of the CIO ranks to voice his red-baiters are in a stronger notice upon labor's enemies that opposition to any repressive position to conduct a reaction- turned out in response to an apmeasures. But the CIO Execu- ary purge.

with the red-baiters to continue the line at one time or another. their red-baiting, while the At the height of the picketing, Stalinists are graciously permitthere were about 10,000 at all ted to stay in the CIO so long as gates. Near the main gate 7 they slavishly support every polalone, there were about 3,000. The large number of pickets peal by CIO President Philip

practically all the CIO unions General Electric plant when the

ions, paraded past the strike- warning, cops mounted on hors-

at least five unions other than Local 248 could be seen among the marchers, although no tabulation was made of the total number of locals demonstrating their labor solidarity. Yesterday executives of the 80 CIO unions in the Milwaukee

area met to plan further mass. picketing. Similar discussions were scheduled for a County CIO

Council meeting tomorrow. Meanwhile police provocations continued against the striking workers, and the Allis-Chalmers company made every attempt to augment its strikebreaking army of goons and imported scabs. The principal demands of the

workers include a 25 cent an hour increase in wages, a union shop and union control of grievance procedure.

R. J. Thomas, UAW-CIO vicetration. president and director of the 215-day-old strike, today charged that the Allis-Chalmers company had joined with the Na- Mine Workers last week. He didtional Metal Trades Association | n't wait even for the UMW atand the Hearst press in an allout anti-labor offensive.

torneys to present their evidence and arguments. In the very midst In a letter sent to locals rep- of the hearing, he blandly anresenting all of the 850,000 mem- nounced that the defendants are bers of the UAW, Thomas stated: guilty of contempt even if the "The full power and strength of injunction against the mine American monopoly has been strike was illegal. He made plain thrown into action against the that so far as he was concerned

members of the UAW-CIO Local the miners were "guilty" before 248 to break the strike, to smash the case began or the injuncthe local and to pave the way tion was issued. They were hand, has found any number of | for a full-scale offensive against | "guilty" for no other reason than daring to fight for their rights.

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anyway, mine strike spells "anwouldn't dare to spit out of the archy. window without a nod from This strikebreaking injunction, higher'up, makes up the law as ordering Lewis to announce that he goes along; tears up federal the UMW contract with the govstatutes as he sees fit, issues inernment is still in effect, is now junctions; orders contempt being used for a further threat

trials; denounces the mine strike to swindle the miners out of milin the midst of the "impartial" lions of dollars in future pay proceedings - all on the directhrough "fines" to be collected tion of the Wall Street adminisby the mine owners.

The Federal Coal Mines Ad-Consider the Judge's actions during the contempt trial against Nov. 30 that "yes, we have al-John L. Lewis and the United ready authorized numerous individual coal companies to assess fines against their striking miners" for "absenteeism."

interests of the vast majority, the working class, and not in the interests of the tiny minority

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ministration thus announced on front, political as well as economic. The present deadlock must be broken - but broken in the

How determined the capital- of ruling capitalist exploiters.



marchers was severely beaten To protest the viciousness of and his head cut open. Those who attempted to help him were attacked on orders of a police The District Attorney has been forced to rely wholly on the

police for witnesses. A newspaper reporter placed on the stand proved favorable to the defense. The defense, on the other

es and motorcycles smashed into

the front rank paraders. As the

parade broke up in confusion.

men, clubbing them down.

witnesses not only among the the whole CIO." paraders but among housewives in the neighborhood who saw what happened.

The case was put off for nine months because of the great anger throughout the city over the police brutality. The prosecution undoubtedly hoped this sentiment would die down. The decision to try the 16 now was timed to come after the election and coincides with the general capitalist offensive against militant unionism and the savage legal attack on the miners.

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## The Situation In Poland Purges, Police Terror Mount **Resolution adopted unanimously by the International Executive**

### Committee of the Fourth International. October 1946

The terrorist and pogromist activity of the | really the antithesis of communism. Polish underground gangs and the divers manithe reactionary classes

tion party, imposed on the Stalinist government oppressed masses, but struggles to restore a reby the pressure of Anglo-American imperialism for the purpose of destroying one after another all the reforms introduced since 1944, has tried to channel into this counter-revolutionary path, Krajova, the terrorist bands, and all reactionary the discontent of the masses, provoked by the criminal policy of Stalinism.

The Fourth International is opposed to pillage, deportation, and the transport of industrial equipment to Russia. It fights for the immediate withdrawal of the occupation troops by propagating fraternization between the Polish masses and the Soviet troops. It demands complete liberty for the labor movement, so as to put a stop to the increasing demoralization of the proletariat,: the result of its being in the grip of the Stalinist organizations. It fights simultaneously for the consolidation and broadening of the agrarian reform and the nationalizations, bringing to the forefront the need for workers' control and workers' management. It is through combining this struggle with the most energetic prosecution of support of a counter-revolutionary bourgeois orthe class struggle against the bourgeoisie, the rich ganization as a break with the Marxist class cridemonstrate to the masses that Stalinism is country.

Wages, Prices and Profits\_

This is why the Fourth International warns the festations demonstrating a serious current of toiling masses against any confusion between their opposition among the masses against Stalinist independent revolutionary actions and the counpolicy, pose before the proletariat the task of ter-revolutionary anti-Soviet activity of the legal drawing the lines between itself and both the and illegal organizations in the service of the Bierut regime and the political representatives of bourgeoisie and imperialists. This sort of organization, such as the party of Mikolajczyk, has The party of Mikolajczyk, the "legal" opposi- nothing in common with the interests of the gime which means for them unspeakable misery. The Fourth International therefore, is in the forefront of the fight against the NSZ, the Armia

> the autonomous revolutionary struggle of the masses against reaction wins much more decisive successes, at infinitely less costs, than the Stalinist police action against it. Here is, at the same time, the only way to deprive Stalinism of every' possibility of canalizing to its own profit the anti-

The International Executive Committee states that any form of support of the Mikolajczyk camp — as for example the "critical support" put forward by the editorial in the September number of the American Shachtmanite New International — means objective support to the drive of imperialism, whereof this camp constitutes the principal fortress in Poland. It denounces this

peasants, and the clergy, that the Polish workers where, completely block the road to the building can build their revolutionary organization and of an internationalist communist party in the

As Soviet Crisis Sharpens diadette forces. It will try to show the proletariat that

fascist feelings of the masses.

**British Atrocities In Palestine** 

With barbed wire barricades, armored cars and police hordes the British have turned Jerusalem into an armed camp. British ships continue to seize refugee-laden vessels seeking to enter the Holy Land. While Truman hypocritically suggests Britain open the doors of Palestine to 100,000 refugees, he keeps the doors to the U.S. tight shut.

Federated Pictures

#### By Larissa Reed

Conditions in the coal industry in the Soviet Union,, one of the pivotal factors in the achievement of the fourth Five-Year-Plan, are verging on the catastrophic. Coal production has been steadily 9-

dwindling.

Kuznetz coal basin, production eratives did an annual business is only 8.7 per cent of that be- of about 25 billion rubles, distrifore the war; in another only 28 buting through 30,000 societies per cent. Another trust in the Moscow coal basin fulfilled only 54 per cent of its plan for the third quarter of this year and ed to these cooperative societies. only 42.5 per cent of its plan for October.

was only 48 per cent of the 1940 ember. According to a Moscow dispatch to the N. Y. Times, coal loading operations must now be

placed on a 24-hour basis. At the same time, operating expenses have risen to staggering heights. For example, in the Kuznetz coal region. the cost of producing a ton of coal during the first quarter of this year was 103 per cent greater than

in 1940. PURGE DEEPENS

the mine workers into abandoning the mines. To meet this situ- CHILD LABOR ation the Kremlin has drafted thousands of peasants into the mines and reinforced police repressions in the mining areas through the injections of several thousand Communist Party and Komsomol youth members into the mines. Stalin's only recourse is to extend and deepen the purge in the coal fields, under the familiar charges of graft, embezzle-

ment, mismanagement, swollen administrative staffs, etc. Thus on Nov. 19 the Moscow Bolshevik complained: number of miners is getting smaller every month, yet at the same time the staff of workers in the supply departments on the

state farms that supply these mines is ... highly swollen and includes many men who could be used successfully underground.'

The widespread purge in the collective farms continues unabated. In recent weeks some 5.-500 members of the Cossack Don cy and the needs of the Soviet River collective farm system were masses and the country's econotransferred from desks to plows. mic life, it is clear that the war About 1,500 persons were strick- has resulted in a monstrous ag-

producers' cooperatives. Before . In one area of the important the war, the distributive coopwhich maintained 200,000 stores, shops and stalls in the USSR. About 75.000,000 people belong-Since the end of the war this

network of distributive coopera-Coal production of the Don tives has, in effect, become a part Basin in the Voroshilovgrad area of the "free market" - the equivalent of the black market. The production.' For many months bulk of goods allocated to these none of the mines in this area stores find their way into the have fulfilled their plans. The hands of speculators. Now the Don Basin "owes" 122,000 tons of Kremlin is trying to restore its coal for the first 29 days of Nov- disrupted trade system primarily through the purge.

As a supplementary measure the prices of all rationed goods were recently hiked to the levels prevailing in the black market. This slashed the real wages of the workers, already pitifully low, to one-third and one-fourth.

The purge is continuing in the top layers of the Soviet bureaus cracy. On Nov. 15 the presidium of the Moscow Collegium of Law-Deep slashes in real wages, as | yers was disbanded for not hava result of continued scarcities ing eliminated money grabbing and higher prices and worsen- and "other amoral actions," acing living conditions, are driving cording to Izvestia, the government newspaper.

To meet the acute labor shortage, more and more young chlidren are being dragged out of elementary schools and thrown into State labor battale ions. According to a Nov. 14 Moscow dispatch to the N. Y. Times. "students who show no great promise in elementary or secondary schools are mobilized for la-

bor reserves." To stifle protests of indignation, union committees are commanded to explain to their families "the particular significance. of the preparation of state labor reserves" in fulfilling the Five-

Year Plan. All these reported developments, give only a partial picture of the drastic measures taken by the Stalin regime. But they suffice to disclose the sharpening crisis in the USSR. Far from alleviating the antagonism between the rule of the bureaucraen from the collective farm per- gravation of this contradiction.

## The Fake "Spiral Of Trotskyists Defend Marxist Line In Debate With Greek Stalinists

- By Warren Creel-

Wages And Prices"

money." Sometimes this idea is expressed by a more precise theater. The subject was "Which Way for Greece-People's skyists got 189 votes and the statement, such as that the dollar has gone down to 65 Democracy or Socialist Soviet  $\rightarrow$ cents in purchasing power, compared with some earlier Democracy?" time.

These popular terms, such as "65-cent-dollars," and the discussion. "If the objective now even "50-cent dollars" are scientifically correct, as far possibility of a 'people's democas they go. It is correct to look at inflation as a process of cheapening money. Inflation has been seen many times in can really develop without the the world's history, and the end result of it is that all overthrow of capitalism; if a prices, including wages, finally go up to new levels to peaceful and gradual transition match the new cheapened value of money.

Thus, if money is cheapened to the level of 50 cent dol- then all the tactical and stratelars, the result, after a slow and painful period of adjust- gic appraisals of Marx and Lenin ment, is that all prices and wages would be doubled. It must be rejected. The issue in ist tradition. would take twice as many of the "50-cent dollars" for a this discussion is the correctness purchase as it took before the inflation. Also it would take of the scientific foundation of twice as many "50-cent dollars" to pay a day's wages. revolutionary Marxism."

Really, neither wages nor prices would have changed in relation to each other. In an inflation the value of money changes in relation to both wages and prices. As Marx said: "In such a case nothing would have been changed, either in the productive powers of labor, or in supply and Protest Price Rise demand, or in values. Nothing would have been changed except the money names of those values. To say that in such a case the workman ought not to insist upon a proportionate rise in wages, is to say that he must be content to Federation is organizing a gen- the arguments of the Stalinist imperialism in Africa. But the

## The second debate between the Trotskyists and Stalin-, for the Stalinist, and 32 blank. In times of inflation we commonly speak of "cheaper ists in Athens, Greece, took place on Nov. 3 in the Aliki In the previous debate the Trot-

movement in

revolutionary The Trotskyist speaker opened racy' really existed in Greece,' he said; "if the productive forces socialist.

Consequently the Stalinist sloto socialism is also possible gan for a "people's democracy" constitutes complete abandonment of the revolutionary Marx-

#### **REVIEWS HISTORY**

The Trotskyist speaker pointed to the fact that the Stalinists Reviewing the history of the advance this same slogan in the most advanced capitalist coun-**Belgian Workers To** 

Drawing a sharp line between the revolutionary socialist program of Trotskyism and the po-BRUSSELS, Belgium, Nov. 21 sition of the Stalinists, he urged -The Belgian General Labor the assembled workers to reject be paid with names instead of with things. All past history eral strike throughout the whole Party. The Stalinists oppose so- English and American imperialproves that whenever such a depreciation of money oc- country for Dec. 5, as a protest cialist revolution in Greece.

Stalinists 542. Labor Struggle, organ of the

Greece, the Trotskyist speaker Trotskyists, published articles proved that it was socialist in supplementing answers to the character and not bourgeois- questions asked by the workers democratic. From the character during the two debates. To show of the capitalist economy in the correctness of the Trotsky-Greece, he demonstrated that ist program, Labor Struggle comthe coming revolution will be pared predictions made by the two parties during underground days.

An example is the following quotation taken from the Stalinist theoretical organ, Communist Review, of March 1943:

"Now in this period when the var is shifting in favor of the Allies, that is Liberty, all our people rejoice and are heartened. But in this climax of high hopes and enthusiasm come the vultures, the paid Trotskyists, croaking from the roof:

#### TIBERATION"

'A wave of hope has swept the people because of the victories of English and American

In Peleponnesia and Sterea sts, if they come to Greece will narchist unfettered. On Oct. 23, for innot liberate us. In cooperation stance, monarchists raided a vilwill continue the job of German lage, tortured inhabitants and and Italian imperialism. They murdered 11 people. will rebuild the old Greek bour-In the last few days similar bands killed seven people in Calgeois state for the purpose of continuing our slavery."" amata, six in Sterea, four in In the light of such a quota-Volos, one in Atalanti, one in tion, asks Labor Struggle, who Agrini and a large number in followed correct policy and who Epire. Among those executed by the betrayed the masses? And for telling such truths as quoted government was Vilos, an Archabove from the official Stalinist eo-Marxist. He was condemned test case and exposure of the British Labor Government's organ, the Stalinists murdered to death on the charge that a more than 100 Trotskyists durrusty revolver had been found ing the civil war! near his room.



ed monarchy. Labor Struggle is the weekly newspaper of the Internationalist Communist Party (Fourth International). In Salonika, reports this Trot-

skyist organ, the average number of arrests each day is 200. Through the streets of the city. in addition, endless lines of prisoners arrested in the villages march on their way to the penal islands.

> Already far more prisoners are held than in the days of the dread Metaxas dictatorship when some 60,000 were under arrest. Death sentences are passed out on wholesale scale.

Latest issues of Labor Struggle describe the continuing terror in Greece under the Anglo-American protect-

curs, the capitalists are on the alert to seize this opportunity of defrauding the workman." (Value, Price & Profit.)

The American capitalists have invented a new and fraudulent theory called "the spiral of wages and prices" for the present inflation. They say the cure for inflation is low wages, because wage increases force price increases. which force wage increases, which force more price increases,—and so on. That's their "spiral," regardless of the value of money. Even proposed anti-labor legislation is ex-

It's so far wrong that serious capitalist economists see danger in it. For instance, Prof. F. A. Fetter of Princeton writes, on the editorial page of the Saturday Evening Post of July 13, 1946:

'We hear much talk of the wage-price spiral, as if increasing wages and prices were the mutual cause of each other, but the real cause is outside the spiral, it is the ex- a member of the Sheffield | cialists in their struggle against cessive supply of money. No wage settlement, however Branch of the Revolutionary costly, can long endure under these conditions . . . industrial warfare is inevitable."

Further, "The real cause of inflation is well known nal. Cleminson has been sumalike to students of theory and to practical financiers. moned to appear before the lo-Without a shadow of a doubt, that cause is the enormous increase of money and of bank demand deposits (checking accounts) . . . This increase began soon after the gold content of the dollar was reduced in 1933-34, and has been enhanced by constant sales of Government bonds to meet Committee is being made by the continual budget deficits throughout eight years of pro- RCP. Its circular to all trade found (sic) peace and four years of global war. The banks unions and workers' organizanow own a large part of the national debt."

He then lists a number of signs which show that the government in various direct and indirect ways has been printing money and pumping it into the economic system during this period. Among them: Money of all kinds outduring this period. Allong them, money of the standing was less than six billion dollars in 1933 and had 14 British Soldiers increased to 29 billion dollars in 1945. Bank deposits in checking accounts were 15 billion dollars in 1933 and had Face Court-Martial grown to 106 billion dollars in 1945, and so on. He adds: "The salient fact is that in all these respects the increase has been from five to eight fold. Nothing comparable has ever occurred before in our financial history. Nearly all prices, and wages too, have been rising, but more tardily, as is normal in such cases, and are still rising toward a tial. It is believed that these peak not yet attained. That is the impending catastrophe...

"This is the central problem, not merely the temporary in Tel-el-Kebir, Port Said. Suez scarcity of some consumer's goods whose prices are out and Appasi, where strikes and of line with the rest of the price system. To deal with the protest meetings by the soldiers real cause, anything and everything must be done that will reduce the excessive amount of money in circulation and will check the inflationary use of bank deposits . . . Unless Washington does something effective to stop inflation, we are headed for the greatest financial explosion in our history."

The capitalists, who are merely talking spiral and using the inflation to defraud the workers, are fiddling while Rome burns, and it has Prof. Fetter worried. He sees that It's time to face the facts. Yet his own proposed remedies, such as "increasing bank reserve requirements," don't go to the heart of the trouble either.

As we shall see, the extra price now going on our groceries is the delayed result of the medicine which sick capitalism has been taking through the past two decades.

against the recent increases in The representative of the Stalretail prices. Monster demons- inist Party presented the usual with the Greek capitalists they trations, to expose the disparity Popular Front arguments. between wages and prices, are to The audience gave 239 votes be held on that date. for the Trotskyist position, 453

### **British Trotskyist Faces Trial** cused by this new "spiral theory," yet it has no standing even in capitalist economics. For Distributions To POW's (Special to The Militant)

LONDON, Nov. 18-What may prove to be an important

"re-education" of German prisoners of war is the coming trial of William Cleminson, 3 Nazi elements in the POW camps and in Germany, will protest Communist Party, British secagainst this prosecution. Brittion of the Fourth Internatioish socialists and anti-fascists

cal court on the charge of distributing written material to German POWs.

contact the British working A campaign calling for supclass movement ... port and funds for a Defense erested in democracy and free speech to support us in this campaign and demand that the tions states:

prisoners of war have the same "All workers who value the access to the workers' press as ideas of internationalism and the capitalist press is allowed working class solidarity, and who unhampered circulation in the wish to assist the German so-POW camps.

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must demand the right of frat-

ernization between British work-

ers and German POWs and the

complete right of the latter to

"We appeal to all workers in-

The RCP has been particularly soldiers are to face court-maractive in this campaign for fraternization and the right of Gertroops are from those stationed man POWs to receive freely the publications of the workers' organizations. A number of Trotsky's important articles, including Germany-What Next? along with a regular paper, Solidaritat, have been produced in the German language. This material has had a very wide circulation, and demands are far in excess of the amount available. The elementary step of any Labor Government wishing to reeducate the German POWs and to assist them in their struggle Dancing, Refreshments against Nazi elements is to permit the free political intercourse of the socialist POWs. This case will bring the whole question sharply before the organized workers.



sonnel rolls in the same area. The struggle against the budding capitalist elements in the Five-Year-Plan. And the first villages is growing sharper. year is decisive so far as its suc-Among the measures introduced cess is concerned. Thus the balwas the confiscation of some 47,- ance sheet of the first year of 000 privately owned and culti- the Fourth Five-Year-Plan vated strips of "garden" land in shows that a profound crisis is the Rostov district alone. The purge is sweeping into the other of Soviet industry, agriculvast system of consumers' and ture and cultural life.

Today the situation is most acute at the very inception of the convulsing one branch after an-

## **Soviet Collectives Holding Back Grain**

"The

#### By John G. Wright

The Soviet Union is now in the throes of the gravest agricultural crisis since the famine that convulsed the country during the First Five Year Plan. For the first time

since the introduction of @collective farming there has ed to abolish this year, has been been a nation-wide break- extended to the next year. Prices down of grain deliveries by the peasants to the state. This information was made public in a leading editorial in Pravda on Nov. 23, and cabled to this country two days later by Drew Middleton, Moscow correspondent of the N. Y. Times.

The Pravda editorial is ostensibly a report on the fulfillment of grain deliveries but it omits the most important grain producing areas in the USSR, among them the RSFSR, the largest republic, and the Ukraine, once the granary of the USSR. Byelorussia, Moldavia and Kazakhstan are likewise omitted. The text of the editorial covers these omissions as follows:

"There are many districts and whole regions that are lagging far in delivering the grain to the state."

#### EXTEND RATIONING

are permitting the grain to rot in | ward regions." the fields. According to Pravda, and southeastern Urals and elseties of grain unthreshed. of the collective farms.'

of rationed foods in Soviet ci+ ties, already inordinately high," have doubled and trebled in the last period. The workers face a hungry winter, with shortages even more acute than in wartime. The entire Fourth Five Year Plan is obviously endangered by the crisis in agricul-

ture. The responsibility for this grave situation rests wholly on the shoulders of the Kremlin. As The Militant has consistently pointed out, the growth of capitalist tendencies in the collective farms has been fostered and intensified by Stalin's policies. These capitalist elements have now struck by sabotaging the grain deliveries.

The Stalin regime has no policy for emerging out of the crisis except through police measures, its one and only resort. Pravda places the blame for the collapse of grain deliveries In many areas the peasants on "party Soviet organs of back-

This means that the purge 'many regions of the eastern which has been in progress throughout 1946 will be stepped where" have left large quanti- up. But the collective farms and the rural administrations have Peasants in other areas refuse already been purged drastically. to make deliveries although, Thus, by last August, more than Pravda maintains, they possess 50 per cent of the incumbent stocks of grain sufficient for party and Soviet officials in the fulfilling and overfulfilling the Ukraine alone were reported replan of supplies, gathering seed moved. The entire existing adstocks and satisfying the needs ministrative machinery is being plunged into chaos without in Bread rationing, which the any way ameliorating the situa-Kremlin has repeatedly promis- tion.

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Who is To Blame?

The postwar world is here. Not the rose-hued world of enduring peace and plenty promised by Wall Street's high-paid publicity experts during the war. But the brutal postwar world of general instability, turmoil and strife.

Instead of security, the workers face the combined assault of the capitalists and their government — an assault rolling with all the ruthlessness of a flame-throwing tank. And the workers are forced to defend themselves with their strike weapon.

Who is to blame?

. The capitalists blame the workers, naturally. The capitalist class, to read its propaganda, is always right. This tiny clique of plutocrats, having fallen heir to the world's greatest fortunes, thinks about nothing night and day except how to improve the lot of the povertystricken masses in its power!

If the postwar world looks tougher than advertised during the war, say the capitalists, it's the workers who are to blame-the workers with their unholy greed for enough wages to keep up the standard of living of their families.

If the workers would only tighten their belts, forget their inconsiderate ideas about a decent living, and permit the colossally-wealthy bankers and stockholders and monopolists to continue pushing prices into the stratosphere, then all the ills of the United States would vanish. That is, all the ills worth worrying about.

lieve Wall Street may be forced to concede this demand. But this does not mean that Wall Street's bag of tricks is exhausted. Far from it. The corporations hope to undermine the effect of the sliding scale by a very cunning

device-doctored statistics. The big outfits would prefer to use figures padded by statisticians in their pay. But this is obviously too crude. No union would easily be caught in such a trap.

Here is where Wall Street's political agents in Washington come in. They can camouflage doctored statistics with the mask of government "impartiality."

Wall Street's politicians, for instance, control the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the unions agree to base wage adjustments on figures issued by this Bureau, then cost of living premium payments can be kept down by lowering the figures in favor of the profiteers. It's as simple as loaded dice!

How real this danger is can be judged from the already notorious way in which the Bureau of Labor Statistics juggles figures. Both the AFL and the CIO have shown that the government's index on the rise in the cost of living is false.

The answer to this stratagem is clear. In fighting for the sliding scale of wages, the unions must insist on statistics compiled by their own services such as the AFL and CIO Research Bureaus.

The CIO Oil Workers broke ground for the entire labor movement in winning a wage escalator clause. But the full protective benefit of this clause is yet to be won. The contract accepts the price index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics as the basis for cost-of-living wage adjustments. It is this feature of the contract that is played up by the Journal.

The Oil Workers, however, will quickly discover in practice how the doctored statistics of this Government Bureau help the company. In the next round of the battle they must insist on using statistics verified by the CIO.

**Stalinist Definition** 

The Foster-Dennis regime has given a curious answer to the criticisms of the rank and file over class-collaborationist policies followed by the leadership. The Stalinist bureaucrats call the critics "red-baiters" and have expelled them by the score.

The Maritime Worker, issued by the Waterfront Committee of the Communist Party of San Francisco, for instance, says that four expelled trade unionists carried on "a red-baiting campaign of their own . . . Of course, their red-baiting SOUNDS different than that used by the ship-owners . . . They say that the Communist Party isn't 'radical' enough for them. They say that the Party is 'too conservative' . . . they say that we are 'reformist.' "

Red-baiting, as every class-conscious worker knows, is a weapon of the capitalist class. Confronted with union demands, company agents attempt to divert attention from the real issues. They claim the employes have no legitimate grievances but have simply been "stirred up" by "reds." The red-baiters aim to persecute the militants, split the union and



"But doctor, you can't cure my case of nerves if you're going to wear a lamp like that!"



WHAT HAPPENED IN HIS- he changed the material condi- tion and freedom.

TORY by Gordon Childe. tions of his existence and fought Penguin Books, reprinted 1946. 275 pp., 25 cents.

he evolved language, the author points out, he "pooled" ex-This book, written by a well perience. No longer did man have aim is to keep the workers in known English archeologist, re- to start from the first beginfutes capitalist pretensions that nings; instead, he went forward making their next great historic man has always been what he is on the shoulders of preceding step forward, into socialism.

today, that human nature al- generations. ways remains the same, and About 10,000 years ago man that the present capitalist or- made one of his major conganization of the economic and quests over nature, through the social system is fixed and eternal. | cultivation of plants and breed-

Professor Childe goes back to ing of domestic animals. This the first evidences of man's so- new "food-producing" economy cial life some "500,000, perhaps marked man's emergence into 250,000 years ago." From this the higher stage of Barbarism. Palaeolithic stage of Savagery It was only some 5,000 years he surveys the evolution of man- | ago in the Nile Valley when man kind up to the builders of the initiated the production of a Roman Empire some 1,500 years surplus of foodstuffs. This supago. Even this recorded history ported a new urban population is only a fraction of the life- of specialized craftsmen and span of the human race till now. merchants through which man

Man, he states, emerged as a emerged into the dawn of civi-"rare animal" and a "food-gathlization. With civilization came erer," that lived like any other private property and the formabeast of prey. This vast period tion of classes-the rulers and of Savagery lasted during nearly the ruled, the rich and the poor. 98 per cent of humanity's sojourn With class sociéty came class on this planet. Even to this day, "it is still practiced by a few shows the first evidences of the backward and isolated societies." | strike as a weapon of the toilers. Childe points out that what The author concludes his book distinguished man from other before the emergence of capitalanimal species was his develop- ism - the most recent economic ment of hand and brain. When and political social system which man developed the first, simplest has brought this class struggle tool, he entered upon the long to its highest point. But the upward climb toward civilization. reader cannot fail to draw the His first tool was probably a most striking conclusion from this book: that capitalism, far broken bough or a chipped stone. Today these tools include the from being fixed and final, is gigantic and fearsome power of only a brief and transitory episode in the history of man's | ed reading. atomic energy. Man himself has changed as struggle toward full emancipa-

This book is not only valuable for mastery over nature. When in information. It is an aid in breaking the hypnosis of capitalist propaganda, whose main ignorance and prevent them from -Larissa Reed

> THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER by Carson Mc-Cullers. Penguin Books, 1946. 304 pp., 25 cents.

Carson McCullers mercilessly xposes the narrowness and brutality of a Southern town, as the characters in her novel unfold their lonely, thwarted lives.

Each person pours out his thoughts to John Singer - the deaf-mute who seems to understand them all. The most memorable are Dr. Copeland, a Negro physician who tries to teach Marxism to his people; and Jake Blount, a wanderer looking for a radical solution to the degradation he sees everywhere.

Dr. Copeland's own children accept their fate as Negroes in a bigoted community, but their surrender does not save them.

### Agents Of Imperialism In The Labor Movement

Wall Street imperialism's red-baiting drive against militant labor and its propaganda-preparations for war against the Soviet Union are being eagerly aided by a particularly unsavory crew in the labor movement-the Social Democrats.

These self-styled "democrats" and "socialists" are acting as the spearhead of the reactionary elements in the CIO who are calling for suppressions of "communists" and for a "tough" policy against the Soviet Union.

At the recent CIO convention, the floor leader of the pro-war jingoes and undemocratic Social Democrats was Jack Altman, of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes. He took the lead in pushing for repressive measures against members of the Communist Party and in opposing any resolutions which did not conform 100 per cent to the foreign policies and war plans of U.S. imperialism.

It was likewise noteworthy that United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther, who likes to represent himself at times as a "socialist" and who claims to be a progressive, played a behind-thescenes role in trying to initiate a purge against 'communists." Since his election to the UAW presidency, Reuther has alienated much militant support in the UAW because of his red-baiting. He was on the six-man committee that drafted the CIO's anti-communist Declaration of Policy.

Jack Altman, a more direct representative of the American Social-Democrats, openly and shamelessly espoused the full reactionary program of American imperialism. He sought to introduce a direct attack on the Soviet Union in the CIO's foreign policy resolution. He took the floor as the sole delegate to object to even the mild criticism of American foreign policy contained in the resolution. He opposed the CIO's endorsement of American labor's traditional stand against universal peacetime military conscription.

Altman's statements were so reactionary that both Philip Murray and Van A. Bittner, old-line conservative trade union leaders, were impelled to rebuke him publicly.

In Europe, the Social-Democrats share with the Stalinists an equal responsibility for betraying the

#### **Out in The Cold**

Homeless veterans and workers are being kept on the streets while rooms and apartments stay empty. Greedy landlords in Dallas, Texas boast of padlocking "at least 3,000 housing units" in the drive to extort higher rents from desperate home-seekers.

"The landlords aren't fooling," said the president of the Texas outfit, Statewide Landlords, Inc. The nationwide withdrawal of empty dwellings has already deprived the homeless of 300,000 units as winter begins.

workers to the rotted capitalist regimes. In this country, they have been forced to take a back seat, particularly during the war when the Stalinists outshouted them in professing their slavish devotion to American capitalism's war.

Naturally, these yellow "socialists" found it a little difficult to spill their venom against the Soviet Union during the wartime honeymoon between Stalin and U. S.-British imperialism. Now they are trying to make up for lost time.

The Social-Democrats are no less reactionary than the Stalinists. They merely serve different masters. The Social-Democrats are servants of their own "democratic" capitalists. The Stalinists are primarily servants of the Kremlin bureaucracy. Both cliques seek to dominate the labor movement in order to betray it.

That's the capitalist fairy tale. But what is the truth?

The truth is that as capitalism grows older, shakier and more decrepit, it staggers blindly from one crisis to the next, from a fearsome depression to a worse one.

Production capacity of the industrial system has far out-stripped its profit capacity. The capitalists consequently limit production, raise prices, drive down wages, try to crush competition, go to war-anything to bring up profits.

The workers and farmers thus face increasing insecurity, grinding poverty and death in imperialist war. Only socialism, which would end the profit limitation now shackling the industrial system, points the way out for them.

Today capitalism can no longer be stabilized on a level that will assure even minimum security to the masses. The present difficulties faced by the workers-bitter struggle just to keep wages in line with prices! - are just a sample of what the grim future holds in store if capitalism continues to rule.

No, it's not the workers who are to blame for the ills afflicting America. It's the general instability of the decaying capitalist system.

### **A Statistical Trap**

The mounting pressure for a sliding scale of wages has been recognized by Wall Street. An editorial in the November 26 Journal of Commerce grudgingly admits that the wage escalator clause in the contract Sinclair Oil signed with the CIO Oil Workers Union "sets a pattern."

As reported in last week's Militant, the oil workers won an 18 cents hourly increase from Sinclair. To protect this new wage level, the contract provides for a premium payment whenever the cost of living goes up three points. Adjustments are made every three months. In the event living costs decline, premiums can be lowered. But wages, according to the contract, cannot be cut below the new level just won. This level constitutes the minimum wage.

The Journal says that "By means of this provision, both employer and employe are protected during a period when living costs are subject to conflicting influences and may fluctuate over a wide range."

The editorial thus reveals how closely Big Business studies the trends in the labor movement. The giant corporations recognize that sentiment for a sliding scale of wages is rapicly mounting and that it can become one of the unions' main demands in the near future.

The editors of the Journal undoubtedly be-

destroy its fighting power.

But political criticism is not "red-baiting." no matter how the term is stretched by a cynical bureaucrat. Even a revolutionary socialist party can be criticized from the left. The criticism can be false, but that doesn't make the critic a "red-baiter."

In this case, however, the Stalinist party is not revolutionary and its critics are right. They have begun to see that Stalinism is rotten to the core. One of the evidences of this rottenness is the fact it pins the label "redbaiter" on honest political opponents.

If it be "red-baiting" to make such mild observations about the Foster-Dennis regime as did the four expelled trade unionists in San Francisco, then it is also "red-baiting" to call a strikebreaker a scab.

### **Mine Owners' Lies**

How the capitalist press slants the news against the labor movement is graphically shown by its handling of mine owners' propaganda in the coal strike.

Harry G. Kennedy, a paid lickspittle of the Kanawha Coal Operators Association, issued a statement to the press that "mine owners had been advised by their attorneys" that an extension of credit to strikers by company stores "might be construed as a violation of the Smith-Connally Act" and of "the order issued in Washington before the strike by Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough."

Cooked up in the inner sanctum of the Southern coal operators, this propaganda smells so rotten that any objective editor would have brushed it into the waste basket without a second glance. What has the extension of credit got to do with the Smith-Connally Act? Don't the miners have to pay for whatever they buy? And at prices notorious among even the most ruthless profit-gougers? Did the Federal Judge issue an injunction stopping the credit system for the duration of the strike?

This coal operators' propaganda is obviously nothing but a threat to starve the miners into submission. Its legal pretense about conforming to the Smith-Connally Act cannot stand the slighest examination.

Yet the capitalist press gave this threat a big play. The November 27 N. Y. Times ran it on the front page. The Times even tried to perfume the stench of this coal operators' swill!

In the great sweep of the coal strike this incident may not seem important. But it shows once again to what great lengths the capitalist press will go to present in a favorable light the worst company lies against the workers.

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## Our Program:

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

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

Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging! Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!

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

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! 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 revolutionary struggles 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!

Willie, arrested and thrown into solitary confinement, emerges from prison as a cripple. The story draws to a close with a brawl unleashing the anti-Negro hysteria of the Southern whites. Dramatic, well-written, and especially good for its understanding of the Negro fighting for emancipation, The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter is recommend-

-Ruth Benson

On the real issues before labor, especially the fight for higher wages, the Social-Democrats and the Stalinists at the CIO convention revealed not a hair's-breadth of difference in policy. Both supported Murray's policy of conservatism in wage demands and oposition to a program of militant action.

The slimy role of the "Social-Democrats" is to act as a "socialist" bait to lure the workers into the camp of "their own" capitalists in the war American imperialism is planning to wage against the Soviet Union.

**Federal Reserve Board Shows Trend To Crisis** 

There's a depression coming and Big Business knows it. Every week some admission of the coming crash is carried in the financial section of the capitalist press, while the grasping corporations keep on demanding higher prices that can only speed up the catastrophe looming before the American workers.

On Nov. 28 the Federal Reserve Board revealed that the value of goods distributed in October fell below the level of production and that inventories increased. This continues the trend since June, That means that as prices soar, workers are buying less and less of what they produce. All their pay is needed for food and rent alone. They can't afford radios, refrigerators, and washing machines. They can't even buy winter clothes; proof of this is that for the first time in years retail stores are running clearance sales in the middle of the season to unload part of their surplus stocks.

The same report stated that price advances in wholesale and retail markets after the lifting of controls sent the consumers' price index up two per cent from the September level and 15 per cent above the figure at the close of the war. And this is a conservative estimate.

Inflation drastically reduced 'the workers' real wages-slashed their buying power. Wage gains won last Spring by a large section of organized labor have already been wiped out by rising living costs.

That is why the inventory - the accumulation of goods in warehouses and on shelves-is growing. By the end of September it amounted to 32 billions of dollars, and was steadily mounting. There's "too much" of all the things the workers need-too much because they cannot buy. When this happens, capitalism inevitably faces depression.

Rather than keep turning out goods they can't sell, the bosses "cut production." They lay off thousands of workers, who then can't buy even a trickle of goods.

As the first victims are laid off, and production is slashed, more workers are laid off, and production goes even lower, until the unemployed number in the millions. The workers suffer, but the capitalists hope by cutting "labor costs" and by exorbitant prices to keep up their profits even though less goods are produced.

The capitalists run the factories for profit, not to meet the needs of the people. If management of production is left in their hands, we will see an even worse crash than the 1929-1939 depression, which was ended temporarily only by the Second World War.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1946

# Class Struggle, Not Anti-Labor Legislation, Plays Decisive Role

By Farrell Dobbs Extract from a report on "Trade Union Perspectives" delivered to the Twelfth Convention of the Socialist Workers Party

in Chicago, Nov. 15 to 18: The victory of the Republican Party will result in the sharpening of the antilabor offensive. To be sure, the official union leaders will try to make deals with the Republicans. The Republicans in their turn will seek to court labor in preparation for the Presidential elections of 1948. But all these are subsidiary considerations in view of the fact that Big Business is howling for blood.

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The Militant.

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With the high cost of living,

the workers are trying to hold

on to every penny to help tide

them over. A militant auto

worker told me at first that he

would have to wait until he saw

how the coal miners made out

before he could contribute to

After I explained how The Mil-

itant had to retrench by cutting

the size of the paper instead of

raising the price of the sub, he

said, "Well I guess a dollar won't

Editor:

Republican victory in the elec- tions, the imposition of criminal tions. The latter has merely ac- penalties in labor struggles, etc. centuated the anti-labor char- All these bills now lie in commitacter of the federal government. | tees like so many time bombs We need only look at the re- which will be set off whenever cord of the last Congress which, the moment is deemed propitious. Among the moves that may under the sway of the savagely anti-labor Southern Democrats, be expected in the next period is a big attack on the Wagner had before it seven major bills directed against the organized Act. The "company security" clauses which the top union oflabor movement.

MAJOR BILLS

The 79th Congress enacted two of these anti-labor bills into Ford, provide a convenient, exlaw, namely: the Hobbs bill (ostensibly aimed at racketeering but in reality a blow against the to labor. teamsters union) and the Lea bill (aimed against the musicians' union.)

The five other arch-reaction- Among these are proposals to ban against labor in Congress. This ary bills called for compulsory so-called "outlaw" strikes; to Street claims are "against the port. Few are the individuals real is the resistance of the workis by no means the result of the arbitration, the use of injunc- prohibit secondary picketing; to public interest" and so on. In

WORKERS' FORUM

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters

are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and

Come all you good workers,

Good news to you I'll tell

ficials have conceded to the corporations in union contracts, particularly the contract with cuse for stripping the Wagner Act of its provisions favorable

The Republican leaders have given public notice of a new series of anti-labor measures.

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proscribe strikes which Wall law has almost universal supstate referendums held during the last elections the closed shop was outlawed in Arizona. South Dakota and Nebraska. In Massachusetts the unions are now required to make public financial reports.

#### DECISIVE ROLE

Clearly, we are witnessing a arge-scale utilization of the legal machinery of the capitalist with the most vicious moves still in the offing. In this connection it is important to bear in mind that the passage of laws is one thing and their enforcement is something else again. Here the mass moods, the mass sentiments and the strength of the mass organizations play the decisive

and they would like the workers | abolish strikes in wartime. But to believe — that the law is the the resistance of the workers and regulation of human conduct. of civilization and the status of forces, law is often converted in- to bring into play far more poto its opposite. Let me illustrate | tent measures and weapons. That by choosing two examples from is why the capitalists in Europe wo extremes. had to resort to fascism which Every civilized community has flouted the very laws previously law against murder, and it is promulgated by the capitalists themselves.

tion "Thou shalt not kill." This dark of the night. However, all the rules concerning murder change when the im-

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It is no easy task to break

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ers, "Go and kill the barbarians." Thus the laws against murder

What happened in the case of the Smith-Connally Act illus- to intensify the resistance of the trates this same process from workers and clear the path for

Lawyers and judges believe - 'the Smith-Connally law was to force on the political arena.

#### be-all and the end-all in the their marvelous ingenuity in struggle turned this strikebreak-But in truth the law is only a ing legislation into a vehicle for refracted image of the condition the calling of strikes in wartime. At the same time, we have the class struggle within that here a striking demonstration of civilization. Laws can be enforced the fact that the class struggle in the long run only to the ex- cannot be legislated out of existent that they enjoy mass sup- tence. The workers cannot be port from the population. More- subdued by the mere passage of over, in the movement of human laws. The ruling class must try

backed up by the biblical injunc-

The anti-labor offensive of Big Business is a reality; but no less who will not respond sympathe- ers and their determination to tically to a cry for help in the fight for their rights. The American workers won't take it lying down. In the days ahead the union struggles that have already perialists wage war. The same unfolded in this country on a policeman who would arrest you scale previously unknown in capfor murder will in wartime haul italist history will rise to increasingly higher political levels.

This will provide great impetus for our work within the PAC. It will invest with great power our agitation for the in- tant. dependent labor party. It will produce the most favorable conditions for the consolidation of the left wing in the trade union

The same conditions which give rise to the unfolding offensive of Big Business must act share in Toledo toward increas-

the other extreme. The intent of their entry as an independent

## **SWP Delegates Set Goals** For 'Militant' Subs

Delegates to the 12th National subs. One of the renewals is for Convention of the Socialist Workers Party held recently in Chicago reached a unanimous decision to step up circulation of The Militant.

The branches had previously set themselves monthly subscription goals. Through this system the branches are stabilizing subscription work. The result is an

average of 947 subs a month, received as follows: June ...... .....1,226 July ..... 973 August ..... 882 September ..... 857 October ..... 799

4,737 To step up the monthly average number of subs, branches will organize regular Sunday mobilizations. Individual comrades will try to make sure that every worker they talk with becomes a regular reader of The Militant. If the determination and enthusiasm shown by the comrades at the Convention is carried over to subscription work, there is no doubt that we will not only step up circulation but will be able to double the average mon-

thly number of subs to The Mili-We believe that Paul Carroll of Toledo expresses the feeling a rush sub, asking that we "get of every branch in the country: "I learned a great deal from the

Discussion: and I am confident

ing Militant circulation." Connecticut State Branch has everything they can to help inalready made plans to increase crease circulation.

subs from that area. "Enclosed are 13 subs," writes James White. We intend to start a subscrip- Pa., renewed his sub for a year tion drive on Dec. 1 and would and sent a \$1 contribution to ike to challenge Pittsburgh, if help The Militant. they are contemplating a similar drive. Such a contest, we believe,

would stimulate interest and consequently result in more subs for both branches." How about this, Pittsburgh?

workers any independent candi-\* \* \* Philadelphia is determined to dates. In this sense their policy maintain its consistent sub rediffers little from that of the cord. "The Convention sort of AFL. This means that we must slowed things up," says Pauline go into the PAC and fight for a Ryder, "so I am only sending

labor party orientation-for in- you nine subs. However, we are having a mobilization this Sundependent workers' candidates day and hope to remedy this in the elections. Such a strugsituation." gle may well result in the emer-\* \* \*

gence of local and state-wide ladoing good sub work. M. Jones there go forward to a daily." Naturally, we never under any

circumstances support PAClowing note: "Four comrades went out Sunday morning for sponsored capitalist candidates.

about an hour and a half and

The Socialist Workers Party has been deprived of its headquarters and unti notice asks its friends and Militant readers to write for notice of meetings and activies. Address: Socialist Workers Party C/o C.M. Hesser P.O. Box 3711 Portland 8. Ore.

Don't listen to their lies. Unless we organize. Which side are you on? Which side are you on? hood. With a supply of pamph- Truck Driver

As a militant worker, he saw the necessity of every unionist lets, Fourth Internationals and subscription - renewal cards, I Likes 'Militant' backing up the miners to the A. Arheiter went to visit these people.

St. Louis. Mo.

address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed

prepared dinner, or on Sunday "Which Side Are

Editor: time to print the miners' song, and try to find how deep an in- him if he had ever seen a news-Which Side Are You On. Many terest they had. With some, this paper that gave labor's point of of us know only snatches of it, would develop into close per- view. the time to sing it! sonal friendships. We'd meet at Subscriber the corner grocery, go to each New York, N. Y.



"WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?"

(Chorus)

Don't scab for the bosses Us poor folks haven't got a chance

## Editor:

While hitch - hiking near At about 5 p.m., after I had Springfield, Illinois, I caught a ride with a truckdriver. He kept morning, I'd put --- baby in the complaining about how poorly carriage and off we'd go to visit he was paid and how prices are. just one of our readers. I'd get We rode several hundreds miles I think this would be a good a renewal, sell some literature, together and discussed unions and finally socialism. I asked

together and discussed unions He replied that he never had

#### By M. Stein

Extract from a report on the Present Political Situation and the Tasks of the Party delivered to the Twelfth Convention Chicago, Nov. 15 to 18:

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become converted into their opposite. SAME PROCESS

movement.



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S. Brooks of Boston tells us indirectly that he is leaving his post as Literature Agent: "Enclosed are 13 subs, 8 of which are renewals. I am readying my files for my successor and it is a considerable task, as you can imagine."

Comrade Brooks has done a fine job as Literature Agent. \* \* \*

Belle Rosen reports plans made by the Chicago Branch that will bring in more subscriptions: "We are planning to send comrades down into the mine fields of Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois this week to cover the strike, sell The Militant, get subscriptions, and if possible hold a meeting in the area. This once was a fertile field for us and we still have contacts and subscribers in the area."

. . .

Libby Jones of Buffalo sent in the first copy of The Militant off as soon as possible. This sub-Convention and Militant Panel scriber is a UAW organizer and the Bell boys here are very anxthat we will be able to do our ious to have him read the paper." \* \* \*

> Militant subscribers quickly become Militant boosters and do

Edward Evans of New Castle,

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Again we hear from our old friend, Sam Taylor of Madison, Wis .- this time with four new subs for friends of his. Comrade Taylor writes: "There will be more, for The Militant is steadily growing more popular. The cartoons have evoked much favorable comment. They're clear, they're clever, and above all, they're packed with political content.

"Here's hoping those contributions - and subs - come rolling in in ever greater numbers The Youngstown comrades are back to eight pages, and from so that The Militant can get

### **Portland Readers**



of the Socialist Workers Party in It would be a mistake to think that the Republican in the unions which must supply election victory indicates the leadership for a labor party

that the majority of the peo- | are as yet weak. But the sentiple have turned Republican. ment for a labor party is grow-The Republican victory was the ing. A recent poll of Fortune result of the two-party system | magazine calculates that 28½ per which automatically guarantees cent of the CIO and 191/2 per the continuation of Wall Street's | cent of the AFL favor the formonopoly of American political mation of a labor party. This On the contrary, inside the PAC indicates that the labor party we must become known as the picked up these ten subs. They

life. slogan can rally mass support. irreconcilable opponents of this also brought in the names of

**Tactics In Fight To Build** 

state against the working class, little bellies and say to the work-



THE MILITANT

#### **A Housewife's Way To Aid Party Work** Editor:

Being a housewife, a mother, gc out on SWP assignments. We and a member of the Socialist are going to start a Militant cur-Workers Party has presented me | rent events discussion group soon with the usual problems of not And after some of the mothers being able to set away from the join the SWP, we may even set house for Party work. However, up an SWP nursery so that we I've found a solution and I'd like | can attend meetings, etc. to pass it on so that maybe others will find it helpful.

I asked our literature agent for the names and addresses of Militant readers in ny neighbor-

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other's home for the evening, interested. Now my neighborhood friends care for my baby so that I can

Being a mother read not stop

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anyone from doing work to build in Pamphlet Form the Party. **Editor:** Mrs. S. L Chicago, Ill.

and wife have become equally stopped the truck, looked it over, then exclaimed: "Holy cow, this paper's great. How can I get it?" He immediately took a sixmonths sub and promised to plug the paper and show it to his fellow truck-drivers. George Rock

and that he probably never

ly favorable. New York, N. Y. Wants Hansen Articles

15 million strong. The Negro people would be willing and eager I see where the issues of The Militant carrying Joe Hansen's expose of that Stalinist pack of. lies, The Great Conspiracy, are carry along with it many middle party. In the process of strugin great demand. Someone I know, who was as urban areas.

reading that lying drivel, also NARROW OUTLOOK read Hansen's articles. After

But the trade union bureaudiscussing the whole question of cracy, both the AFL and the CIO, the Moscow Trials, he became wised up to the Stalinist fakers stand in the way. The same narand is now a subscriber to The row conservative outlook which prevented the AFL from organ-How about publishing the serizing the unorganized in the mass ies of articles by Hansen in pam- production industries, until the cause heretofore our attitude to CIO came into being, today prephlet form? I have heard many favorable comments on them. S. Taylor Milwaukee, Wis. cal step as the organization of the labor party.

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the people have no way of ex-The fact that the top leaderwould. I immediately showed pressing their dissatisfaction exship of the unions, including the etc. In this way the husband him a copy of The Militant. He cept by choosing alternately be- Stalinist union bureaucrats, are tween the existing capitalist against the labor party makes it ing, which has the same result. this slogan aggressively. I think Just when the labor movement we have a good chance to rally will break out of this vicious the most militant workers for an

circle we have no way of knoworganized struggle around the ing. But we do know that the labor party slogan. objective conditions for the for-STRUGGLE IMPORTANT mation of a labor party are high-

The trade unions are at the

national labor party actually peak of their power; they are comes into existence or how soon it might be formed is not decisive. The important thing is that to join the labor movement in the struggle for a labor party forming an independent party, raises the class consciousness of Such a party would receive the the workers. This struggle can support of the veterans. It would help build the revolutionary

class elements in rural as well gle for the labor party we seek to imbue the workers with a full understanding of our program and our revolutionary ideas.

In any case, whether or not

In our resolution on "The Present Political Situation and the Tasks of the Party" we have devoted special attention to the PAC. This was necessary bethe PAC has been too negative, vents both the CIO and AFL too abstentionist. The PAC repfrom taking such a bold politi- resents an advance over the AFL policy which has sought to block all independent political organi-

The union bureaucrats are zation of the workers. The PAC self-satisfied, capitalist-minded at least organizes the workers for in their ideology and too timid participation in the political life to confront the capitalist class of the country. This gives us an with labor's own party; they are arena for activity.

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policy. But the whole point is four others who are interested that we do not break with the in our paper. We are going to PAC when it fails to take our ad- send The Militant to these peovice. The party militants in the ple for several weeks and then parties or abstaining from vot- all the more necessary to push unions must work side-by-side try to get subs from them." with the workers who are going through the PAC experience and help them draw the correct les- tant Manager, writes: "Enclosed sons from it.

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### Before And After The Election By Joseph Hansen

Have you noticed how nickle-plating shops use "before and after" exhibits in their window displays? Next to a tarnished, smudged



vase out of some ash can they stand a job fresh from the electrolytic bath. You can see your face in the shimmering surface. The Democrats and Republicans make an exhibit like that before and after the election only in reverse. Before election the promises of a capitalist politician look like solid 24-karat

How they shine and glitter! But after gold. election - try to find a single campaign promise that doesn't look like a rusty can on the city dump.

Remember how the Truman Administration soft-soaped the miners when they filed notice on termination of contract? Remember how Collison, the Coal Mines Administrator, announced he had full authority to discuss all disputed issues, including wages, hours and working conditions? Remember, just before election, how the last thing Washington had in mind was "getting tough" with the miners?

Remember how all the capitalist politicians, all the Republicans and Democrats and their allies and friends, proclaimed to the high heavens their undying love for labor - just before election? Remember how they asked the union man to put "labor's friends" in office? Nothing

was too good for labor, said these professional PAGE SIX hand-pumpers, back-slappers and big-smile artists

But once the Republicans and Democrats got another lease on Washington what happened to the shiny promises?

These "friends" immediately cracked down on labor. They forced 400,000 miners off the job. They unmuzzled and unleashed the Wall Street lawyers who had been yelping for a go at labor. They combed through half a century of accumulated legal rubbish - back to the 1894 Pullman strike injunction - hunting for some "precedent" to take the curse off their latest illegal injunction. They wheeled out a black-robed judge and through the amplifying system of the capitalist press converted his snarls against the miners into thunderous roars against the entire working class.

And the whole pack of capitalist politicians took up the howl against labor. "Liberal" Republicans and Democrats in Congress who had sworn public oaths of love for labor sent communications - anonymously - to Truman, demanding he get still tougher - even if it meant "blood shed." The capitalist press, naturally, gave front page headlines to these cowardly, yellow-bellied, anonymous incitements to murder.

Yes, there's quite a difference in the appearance of capitalist politicians before and after an election. They take a high campaign polish. But it doesn't last long in office!

#### The Negro Struggle -The Most Inspiring Gathering — By William E. Bohannon —

Which Side Are You On?

- By Ruth Benson -

The Twelfth Convention of the Socialist Workers Party, held in Chicago last month, was the most inspiring gathering I have ever attended.



Down to the marrow of our bones we understood, as we left the convention, that the SWP was the party that was going to lead the American workers in creating a new socialist society of security, brotherhood and peace. The SWP has undergone a great internal change since its previous convention in 1944. Not

only has it had a healthy growth in this time; it has also become

a party of the workers in every sense, in composition as well as in theory and program. And what is especially encouraging - it is now a party of Negro as well as white workers.

For many years the SWP worked among the Negro people, taking a leading position in their struggles and presenting a practical program to kill Jim Crow. But we had only a small percentage, a mere handful of Negro members in our party. Today that is different. Negro militants learned that the SWP was the only party that did not betray the Negro struggle during the war; the only party that continued to fight against Jim Crow under all conditions. And the result is that our Negro comrades now represent one-fifth of the Socialist Workers Party membership.

At the convention I was able to meet and talk with many of these new members. I

A treacherous attack was made upon the

fighting mine workers last week by nine former

officers, present officers and members of a local

found that they were serious men and women and that while they had not been in the SWP for-a long time they were not newcomers in the fight for a better world. On the contrary, they already have long and honorable records in the unions. Negro organizations, veterans' groups, women's organizations. etc. Their experiences in these fields will be a great boon to our party.

Among the highlights of the convention was a panel on Negro work, attended by about 100 Negro and white comrades, which lasted for almost four hours one evening. Here we had a fruitful exchange of experiences from all parts of the country. As we listened to the reports, we had every reason to be proud of the part the SWP had played in the Negro struggle in recent years.

We also had a general discussion on perspectives, along the line of the program of action adopted by the convention. We discussed ways and means of advancing the struggle against Jim Crow, and came to agreement on the tactics we would follow in spreading our revolutionary message during the coming period.

One thing seemed clear to me: We are going to make big progress in the months that lie ahead. We have the core of experienced and enthusiastic people, we have the right program, and we know that the Negro people are looking for a way out of their misery and degradation. Before the Thirteenth Convention of the SWP rolls around, we are going to deliver some powerful blows against Jim Crow and the capitalist system that nourishes and sponsors Jim Crow.

class and the capitalist class, has been refuted

centrated its anti-labor offensive in a vicious attack against the United Mine Workers. The California CIO conven-"The fiction that the government is an "impartial arbitrator" standing above the working



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# **Teachers Strike Shuts** All Schools In St. Paul

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Grace Carlson On Teachers' Picket Line

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Among the pickets supporting the St. Paul teachers' strike were, left to right: Earsel Neal, a student of Maxfield School; Earl Neil, also a Maxfield student; Grace Carlson; Rev. Clarence T. R. Nelson, pastor of Camphor Memorial Methodist Church; Milton Siegel, CIO United Packinghouse Workers field representative; and Leona McGibbon, school principal. Minneapolis Star Photo.

## Urge California CIO To Support Miners, Fight Anti-Labor Drive

#### (Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2-The Socialist Workers Party in California has issued a statement addressed to the delegates at the forthcoming CIO state convention in Santa with appeals for the fullest co-Cruz, calling on them to take action on behalf of the striking miners and to fight against the government's antilabor drive. The SWP statement says:

The California State CIO, rep. 9 resenting close to one quarter tion has, as a primary task, acmillion workers in California's tion of solidarity with the mine of the AFL bureaucrats who at- In a resolution adopted on the industries, convenes in annual workers, and at the same time tempt to depict the CIO as the eve of the strike, the Maxfield session at a time when the government of Big Business has condrive of the Democratic-Repubican government.

been whipped up into a red- Big Business.

italist candidates. As a result,

despite the rejection of the reac-

By Grace Carlson

ST. PAUL, Nov. 29-Now in its fifth day, the largest teachers' strike in the history of the United States has shut down all St. Paul schools. Called by the Teachers Joint Council, central board for ?

Locals 28 and 43 of the Am- ers Party candidate for Congress in the recent elections.) A PTA strike committee was

erican Federation of Teachers. 1.165 teachers are taking part in the walkout. Hundreds port and to arrange for the servset up to organize picket supof school children and their paring of hot coffee and refreshents have joined the teachers ments in the homes of PTA who are picketing every grade members. Acting on the comand high school in the city. mittee are: Mrs. Clarence Nel-

Strike demands are: Recognison, Mrs. Milton Siegel, Mrs. tion of the Teachers Joint Coun-Schultz, Mrs. Isaac Blakey, Mrs. cil as bargaining agent for all | Harry Ballard, Mrs. H. McAdam. nstructional employes; a cost-**OTHERS ACT** 

of-living bonus of \$50 a month for the last four months of 1946; revision of the permanent salary schedule, effective next Jan. stimulated other PTA groups in 1, to provide a \$2,400 minimum the city to take similar action. and \$5,000 maximum salary; ad- Despite the intense cold of the dition to each annual City budget of \$1,700,000 for moderniza- perature dropping to zero, mothtion of school equipment and ers and fathers with their childfacilities, adequate school sup- ren of all ages have appeared on plies, improved health and re- the school picket lines. True to creational services in the schools. The decision to strike was

made by the teachers' unions | ly picket lines! despite tremendous pressure from taxpayers associations and similar groups. Prior to the walkout, the bold and arrogant city officials had threatened the Unfair to our Teachers." Others teachers with loss of their jobs, tenure and teaching certificates the Teachers Strike Committee. if they went on strike.

#### CHANGE TUNE

But the teachers' unions, backed by the entire St. Paul labor there is no talk of "reprisals"

A thorough denunciation of red baiting must go hand in hand only of the "difficulty" of getoperation with the AFL which is the teachers' demands.

ers by the city's Parent-Teachthe ground from under the feet nificant factor in the situation.

camouflaged with a red-scare labor in California and for a ber of the Maxfield PTA for morale of the striking teachers designed to create confusion and National Congress of Labor to several years, the resolution was is the refrain: division in the unions. In Cali- meet the state and national of- unanimously adopted. (Dorothy "We'll be the proudest teachers

their calling, the teachers have maintained very neat and order-Some children carry homemade banners, with such slogans as "We want Modern Schools;" "The St. Paul City Council is

Publication of the Maxfield

PTA resolution in the daily press

last few days, with the tem-

carry the banners provided by This reads: "Strike

#### For Better Schools

AFT Locals 28 and 43" Picket line passes have been movement, called their bluff. issued to members of the School The widespread public support Engineers Union. They have cogiven the teachers' strike has operated with the striking teachforced these same city officials ers by keeping the temperature to change their tune. Today, in the school buildings at 40 to 45 degrees — warm enough to against the striking teachers but avoid deterioration but cold enough to prevent any activity

ting the necessary funds to meet on the part of school officials. Other Education Department Aid given the striking teach- employes, such as stenographers, clerks and cleaning women ers Associations has been a sig- are respecting the teachers' picket lines.

Strike meetings called at the end of each day's picketing have The convention can best ach- for active support of the teach- strike song, a parody of "Eastieve this unity of action by call- ers' picket lines. Introduced by er Parade" is sung at the strike This anti-labor drive is being ing for a united conference of Mrs. Dorothy Schultz, a mem- meetings. Testifying to the high

fornia, as elsewhere, the AFL has fensive of the government and Schultz was the Socialist Work- In the picket parade."

now engaged in a death struggle with the Merchants and Manufacturers Assn. This will take condemnation of the anti-labor main enemy of the AFL unions. School PTA led off with a call been very well attended. The



Washington, D. C. Their attack came in the face of the overhelming support of the miners by every section of organized labor, including both the AFL and CIO. The capitalist press of course

gleefully printed the statement, trying to make it appear that the desertion of this handful of individuals was a break in the solid ranks of

labor. They smugly played up the arguments of these Guild members, which had been lifted bodily out of the boss press's own propaganda.

One of these arguments was that the mine strike is not "an ordinary labor dispute" but a test of "the government's sovereign power." And another, that there's a "difference" between the use of injunctions by a private employer and by the government.

What these Guild members don't see or don't admit is that the government itself is nothing but the executive committee for Big Business. It intervenes in every major strike, on the side of the employers against the workers.

After following the proceedings of the offi-

cial veterans' organizations, the sessions of the

Veterans Panel at the Socialist Workers Party

Veterans' Problems

the CIO Newspaper Guild in in life over and over again. During and sinc the war, the government has openly supported the corporations against the workers. It is enough to recall the most recent occasions, last winter and spring when the government "seized" the packing plants, the mines and the railroads, in order to drive the workers back to their jobs. The mine strike does not create a "different" situation, as the Guild writers claim, because it involves "a strike against the government." Every strike which affects a large industry today is or will become a strike against the gov-

> owners. The real question is: What stand should the workers take in such a strike? Where do they belong, when one section of labor faces a struggle against the united forces of the bosses and their political tools, the courts, Congress and the Administration?

ernment, which intervenes as the agent of the

The answer, already given by the entire organized labor movement, in the case of the mine workers, is: With the strikers, supporting their demands and their struggles against both the owners and the government.

dence - the union hall.

**Fights Delay On** CIO. **Veterans' Homes** 

Special to The Militant)

-A small housing project of The Murray machine seeks to vealed its bankruptcy. Only by 50 units, intended for veterans, is being delayed by the selfish and discriminatory have tried to duck the red-bait- ent labor action can the labor attitude of middle-class resiing issue by a cowardly policy dents who have complained of capitulation in return for

about the erection of the propiddling organizational deals. ject in their neighborhood, the Cochran Park area.

Mahoning County commis- of last year. At that time, the solve the burning problems facsioners in charge of the project right - wing Policy Committee have given in to this pressure was soundly thrashed for its redand terminated their option to baiting position. But the Conbuy 50 lots, even though they vention failed to chart a course have no other site as a substiof militant united labor action tute on the economic and political

This action was attacked two field. It clung to the bankrupt days ago, in a statement issued policy of supporting "good" capby Harry Braverman, Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party branch here.

Braverman described it as "a the CIO has suffered a considerdecided setback for veterans' able setback during the past ing will be victorious. housing in Youngstown. Even a

In spite of the obvious need for trade union small project of 50 dwellings organization of the veterans, reports at the would be of some help to homepanel indicated that the present leadership of less veterans. Arrangements must unions desperately fear the responsibility of such be made to have these houses set a task. Most of these leaders have been advis- up at once."

Meeting objections of Cochran lower the "tone" of the neighborhood, Braverman replied:

up at once."

project.

houses, which are already on anything from a hand-made

Costume jewelry donated by The Youngstown SWP is pre- Fifth Avenue shops will be sold paring to aid protest actions by at bargain prices. Gifts for men veterans in need of homes. A and children will also be found

erans applying for homes in the made dolls, etc. project. The SWP will be repres-

Another major task before the baiting campaign against the convention is that of initiating

ing the nation.

cessful fight against the increas-

ingly more belligerent anti-labor

schemes of Big Business in Cali-

fornia. The convention's politi-

cal course is of fundamental im-

portance in determining wheth-

**ACEWR Will Hold Festive** 

**Vyshinsky Branded By SWP** This red-baiting campaign, di- a call for the immediate formarected by the U.S. State De- tion of a Labor Party. This is partment, is not being conduct-the lesson taught us by the No-ed by only the AFL bureaucrats. The clo-PAC AS Hangman Of Bolsheviks ed by only the AFL bureaucrats. vember elections. The CIO-PAC A section of the CIO leadership policy of support to Democratic YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 1 has buckled under the pressure. capitalist candidates has re-NEW YORK, Dec. 2 - A leaflet branding Stalinist spokesman Andrei Vyshinsky as one of the "hangmen of make itself "respectable" by a bold rejection of this false polthe Russian Bolsheviks" will be distributed tonight at Madmaking concessions to red-bait- icy, and a complete reorientaison Square Garden where Vyshinsky is scheduled to speak. ers. The Stalinists in the CIO tion in the direction of independ-"Vyshinsky was always a foe"

of the Socialist Revolution," says the leaflet points out. "But to movement take the offensive the leaflet, which is issued by millions of workers throughout against Big Business, attract to Local New York of the Socialist the world Vyshinsky is better it the support of the middle class-Workers Party. "He-fought the The State CIO Convention es who are suffering from mono-Russian Revolution from the should remember the experience poly domination, and proceed to other side of the barricades in 1917. He was on the side of Stalin scores of Old Bolsheviks to their and world imperialism when he death. These Old Bolsheviks were The State CIO Convention has sent the Old Bolsheviks to their the great captains of the first in its hands the power and the duty to unite labor in a sucdeath in the Moscow Trials."

known as the prosecutor of the Moscow Trials of 1936-1937. In that capacity Vyshinsky sent successful workers' revolution."

Vyshinsky is listed as a featured speaker by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, the Stalinist front organization sponsoring the Madison Square Garden rally. "Mr. Vyshinsky will speak as

tionary Policy Committee's line, er or not the bitter struggle to defend labor's standard of liv- the representative of the Soviet Union to the United Nations,"

The leaflet recalls that the Moscow Trials were the greatest frameup in history. The John Dewey Commission of Inquiry examined every shred of evidence presented in the Moscow Trials" of 1936 and 1937. The Commission "found that the case presented by Vyshinsky was composed of the most monstrous lies. manufactured evidence and slan-

der ever brought into a courtroom." The crushing verdict of the Dewey Commission "was vindicated last summer at the Nuremperg Trial," continues the leaf-

let. "Not one solitary scrap of hem, Reading and Philadelphia. evidence was presented at that The European winter has be- trial to prove Vyshinsky's charge gun and letters are pouring into of a conspiracy between the the ACEWR office from Europ- Nazi leaders on the one side and ean workers, asking for warm Leon Trotsky and the Old Bolclothing and food. It must be sheviks on the other." remembered that in Europe this

The request of Natalia Trotsky winter only the houses of the that her "attorney be permitted rich will be heated. Unless these to cross-examine the Nazi leader Rudolph Hess with whom Trotsky was accused of conspiring" was ignored. "That was to be expected," says the leaflet. 'Cross-examination of the Nazi chiefs could only have proved: (1) That Trotsky and the Old Bolsheviks were innocent; and ing to the Stalin-Hitler pact had been carried out by Stalin himself.'

ing the vets in their union to join one of the major organizations. Dubinsky, Reuther and a Park residents that the housing few others have indicated their support for the planned would be of a type to American Veterans Committee. However, all militant veterans will continue to fight for organization of the vets by the unions for that | is the best means of uniting the workers and veterans in their fight for a decent way of life.

It was also evident from the discussion that the vets, as yet, haven't moved on any mass ed aside. scale on any strictly veterans issue. Veterans were prominently active in anti-fascist demonstrations and housing actions throughout the strongly protest this action, and from all over the world will be country but none of these rallied any mass acti- urge that Youngstown veterans offered, as well as articles for vity among the veterans.

However, the present stage of the veterans. struggle is not the final one. If the yets are the most insecure in these days of relative "prosperity." what will their fate be when this country is hit by the next depression? The vets will be the first evicted, the first to get pay-cuts and the first fired from their jobs.

No one can predict when the veterans will move or what veterans' organization will lead that struggle. But after sitting in on the SWP Veterans Panel, one prediction can safely be made. Wherever or whenever the veterans move, vets armed with the program of the Socialist Workers Party will be in the thick of it.

came like a long-awaited breath of fresh air. Trotskyist vets from more than 25

**Record Of SWP Vets** 

- By Alvin Royce-

areas throughout the country met to exchange and discuss their experiences. There was no haggling or name calling and very few words

were wasted. Unlike many veterans' gatherings, these vets didn't come for a drunken spree or to make pretty speeches.

Many Militant readers are unfamiliar with how members of the SWP participate in the mass movement. These readers would be glad to know that report after report at the Panel indicated that Trotskyists played an important role in almost every major veterans' struggle since the GIs have come home. We can only give a brief review of some of these activities here.

During the great steel and auto strikes last year these vets were in the forefront of the organization of the union vet committees. These committees in many localities were the very backbone of the tremendous victories that the labor movement chalked up early this year.

But the need for trade union veteran committees didn't pass away with the end of the strikes. Veterans everywhere considered their union to be their best veterans' organization. Whenever these vets had a problem they took it to the one place that enjoyed their confi-

"Granting that better housing should be provided. But the need for homes is too vital, too im- well as an evening's fun are . guaranteed. mediate, too pressing to be push-"Veterans who are members of individuals and shops has been the Socialist Workers Party donated. Exotic handicraft work

organize to see to it that these everyday needs. You can buy

order, and for which money has West African sword and scabalready been provided, be put bard to an alarm clock!

of a meeting to be held of vet- garette cases and lighters, hand-

8 p.m. All are welcome and Christmas bargains galore as ing them. Artists will do a silhouette or a sketch of you. There A great array of articles by will also be refreshments and

music. All of the proceeds of this workers and their children have bazaar will be used in the ACEWR warm clothing, both for indoor

work of shipping food, clothing and outdoor wear, and nourishand medicine to anti-fascists in ing foods, they will easily fall Europe. You are urged to come prey to disease. and bring your family and If you want to help maintain

friends. A good time is assured. and increase the flow of food, The attention of all Philadel- clothing and medicine packages phians and those living near to these needy European work-Philadelphia is called to the ba- ers, make a donation today. \$10 (2) that the real conspiracy leadcounty commissioner has in- in profusion. Among these zaar which is being run for Eur- will put 29 pounds of food in formed an SWP representative articles are radios, bill folds, ci- opean relief by the Philadelphia the hands of a European family. ACEWR Chapter. This affair \$1.50 will pay the postage on an

will take place Saturday eve- 11-pound package of winter The leaflet ends with the de-The bazaar will have a true ning, Dec. 14, at 1303 West Gir- clothing. Make all checks or mand: "Defend the Soviet Unented at this meeting and do all carnival aspect with numerous ard Avenue. This bazaar will money orders payable to the ion from imperialist attack by in its power to help speed the games, at which the skillful can feature competing booths from ACEWR and send to 197 Sec- fighting for a world socialist win their gifts instead of buy- Pittsburgh, Allentown-Bethle- ond Avenue, New York 3, N. Y. order!'

**Carnival And Bazaar In N.** The New York Chapter of the American Committee for European Workers Relief is holding a gala bazaar and social at Irving Plaza, 15 Irving Place on Saturday, Dec. 7, at