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# TRUMAN'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEEDS WAR MOVES AGAINST SOVIET UNION

## **Ask Grand Jury To Investigate Trotsky Murder**

## **Delegation Demands Probe of Stalin's Agents** Who Plotted Assassination in New York City

NEW YORK, Mar. 17-District Attorney Frank J. Hogan was today urged to summon a special grand jury to investigate the conspiracy to murder Leon Trotsky, which was hatched in New York City by Stalin's secret police. A delegation headed by Socialist Party leader Norman Thomas, N. Y. City Council-

held a 45 minute meeting with Jacob Grumet, assistant District Attorney, to demand action on the sensational revelations made by Louis F. Budenz in his recently published book, This Is My Story.

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In his autobiography, the former Daily Worker editor and Communist Party national committee member, testifies from personal knowledge that GPU agents, aided by American Com-Mexico City in 1940.

District Attorney a statement without compromise to the very signed by scores of prominent | end."

man Louis P. Goldberg, and hitherto missing links to the novelist James T. Farrell, chain of evidence presented during (the assassin) Jacson's trial in Mexico, which showed him to be a Soviet police agent." In his book, Budenz states that he himself was used by GPU agents to weave their web around Sylvia Ageloff, a trusted friend of Trotsky's household. The murderer, Jacson, used Sylvia Ageloff to gain access to the house

and commit the crime. "Terrorism from any quarter is incompatible with the free life munist Party leaders, plotted of the labor and progressive their moves here which ended movements and their democrain the murder of Trotsky in tic functioning," the statement read. "Such abhorrent methods The delegation handed the must be exposed and fought

citizens asking that "Earl During the interview, Thomas Browder, Jack Stachel, Budenz said that the assassination of himself, and all other Commun- Trotsky is not the only act of ist Party leaders, past or present, political murder on American who are known to have been in- soil in recent years which has volved in the activities of the been charged to the Russian Soviet secret police in our com- secret police. He referred to the munity, or who are declared to mysterious disappearance in tivities should be subjected to former Communist Party leader. official examination and such In his book, Budenz discloses judicial action as the facts may that he was told by "Comrade



## **A Program Of Action To Halt The War Drive** - An Editorial -

shows how far down the road to World War We must understand that the fight port a majority of favorable rehave had knowledge of such ac- 1937 of Juliet Stuart Poyntz, III Wall. Street has already gone in the against war is world-wide. The workers actions in its mail. irive for another imerialist slaughter?

Truman's ominous message to Congress | as they can be produced.

short time since V-J Day. What can the in every land confront a common enemy in American labor must therefore strengthen printed in its Mar. 16 issue ten of policy on March 12.

## Wants To Bolster **Rule Of Dictators** In Greece, Turkey

Truman's demand for authority to send military supplies and missions to Greece and Turkey represents a long step down the road to war with the Soviet Union. Truman has served notice that U.S. imperialism will stop at nothing, including atomic war, to secure world domination. Hereafter no nation will be free from the threat of intervention by Washington. Work-

**Congress** Is **Cautious On** Truman Plan

Although leaders rushed into action to Byrnes has been replaced under and authority he had asked tion of hostilities. for intervention in Greece and Turkey, most members of Contion on the legislation.

playing hesitancy because most Soviet Union and insurgent of the letters sent to them dur- masses everywhere. ing the last week show consider- WHAT WALL ST. WANTS able opposition and reservations about Truman's program, Not even the White House could re-

ers struggling to establish socialism in other countries will have American imperialism as well as their own capitalists to contend with.

Truman's speech, and the haste of Congres-

sional leaders to comply with his demands, mark a new stage in Wall Street's drive to become undisputed master of the globe. Congressional The get-tough policy of

push through legislation Marshall by a policy that just granting Truman the funds stops short of an open declara-The period of anti-Soviet political propaganda and psychologgress soon began to show cau- ical preparations, dramatized by Churchill's speech in Fulton, More sensitive to mass press- Mo., a year ago, is followed now ure than the White House, the by open and unmistakable acmembers of Congress are dis- tion directed against both the

This development has the same relation to World War III that the Stalinist bueaucrats. What

Roosevelt's 1937 "quarantine the Wall Street wants are political aggressor" speech and 1941 lend- concessions in the Balkans, the lease program had to World occupied countries in Eastern The N. Y. Times, which com- War II. These two steps are Europe, Germany, the Far East, working class do to oppose this headlong monopoly capitalism headed by Wall Street. pletely endorses Truman's line, combined in Truman's statement and economic concessions inside the Soviet Union itself.



ational committee mem-The statement pointed out ber of the Communist Party, that "Budenz adds new and (Continued on Page 2)

## **New Anti-Red Bills Imperil Civil Rights**

Through laws to ban the Communist Party and other working class parties that allegedly plan to "overthrow the government by force and violence." Congress and the Department of Justice are preparing a reign of terror against all opponents of Wall Street's 9--war drive and anti-labor offen- from the most reactionary secsive. tors of the employing class.

The notoriously anti-labor Last week, the Chamber of Committee has announced that on "Communism Within the La- pendence. This is the objective of Wall must be stepped up. The officer caste hopes by to see the Greek government House Un-American Activities Commerce issued a hand-book hearings will begin March 24 on bor Movement," directing its Street support to dictator Chiang Kai-shek, bills to "curb or outlaw Com- main attack on the CIO for its armed occupation of Korea, 99-year milimunism in the United States." "great weakness" in "fighting tary bases in the Philippines, and so on. These bills include far-reaching Communist inroads" and admeasures to suppress the civil vising employers how to promote and democratic rights of the purges in the unions. American people. General Motors has demanded

A key bill before Congress is as part of the CIO United Auto H.R. 2122, introduced by Demo- Workers contract that the union of California. It would provide guarantee that members and five years imprisonment and sympathizers of the Communist \$10,000 fine for anyone who be- Party will be barred from union longs to the Communist Party office.

(Stalinist) or any other group which has "any direct or indirect" relations in any way with international political movements.

#### SWEEPING LAWS

Other bills are being drafted to embody the proposals of Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach that "Communists should be excluded from any type of public time. fice in trade "unions." He told munist or subversive elements." | ect were discontinued.

many and Japan as contenders for world European and colonial masses. mastery. France was knocked out of the lenged domination of the world. To estab-

lish its dictatorial rule over our planet, American Big Business must accomplish the following: 1. Smash the power of the working class

of the current red-baiting hysteria and the powers be taken away from Wall Street's probably not exceed 40; that the anti-labor drive in Congress. 2. Crush the colonial and semi-colonial want war or peace!

peoples who are fighting for their inde-3. Renove the Soviet Union as an ob-

stacle to Wall Street's domination of Eurasia and open up the vast resources there to capitalist exploitation. As can be seen against the Soviet Union.

ergy to stockpile atomic bombs as rapidly ment in power!

Joint Statement On Unification Of

First of all, it is necessary to get a clear its bonds with the workers and colonial understanding of what Wall Street is after. people overseas. This means active sup-

running. Great Britain was dislodged as eign soil! For the complete independence the crippling effect it will have mistress of the seas. But Wall Street, while of the colonial peoples! Hands off Greece on the UN. victorious in the war, did not gain unchal- and Turkey! Let the Greek and Turkish

people choose their own government. Truman is trying to put over Wall Street's reactionary schemes abroad without consulting the American people. The American people should answer this brazen at- plain that the number of miliin the United States. This is the objective tempt by demanding that the war-making tary men sent to Greece would Congress. Let the people vote whether they

> The fight against capitalist conscription to rush legislation through Congress in the next weeks to Prussianize American youth and convert the United States into the biggest peacetime military camp the world has ever seen.

To halt the anti-labor drive and Wall Street's war program, the workers must from Truman's speech, the war plans of close their ranks and begin organizing their U. S. imperialism are directed foremost own political party. Put labor candidates Democratic National Committee in office! Throw out Wall Street's political

To carry out this monstrous plan, Wall | representatives! Organize a Labor Party | Committee to sign a joint state-Street is using its monopoly of atomic en- to put a Workers' and Farmers' Govern- ment endorsing Truman's pro-

letters of comment on the pres-Coming just two days after But it was pressure by action ident's speech. Only ONE of the the opening of the "Big Four" rather than by negotiation. It ten expressed full support; the Foreign Ministers conference on showed that Washington was im-The Second World War eliminated Ger- port of the anti-capitalist struggles of the others were opposed in whole or a "peace" treaty with Germany, patient with discussion and dein part, some branding it as a Truman's speech was undoubted- termined to go ahead and get Withdraw all American troops from for- move 'to war, others deploring ly intended to strengthen the its own way, without too much shall for further concessions by Government spokesmen and

the Big Business press took recognition of this trend of slow but rising opposition by altering the emphasis of their propaganda. They hastened to exgovernment had no interest in pholding the Greek dictatorship and would be only too hap-

Vandenberg, head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, promised a full and open hearing in an effort to satisfy unprecedented move designed to put pressure on Congress, the asked the Republican National gram. World War II.

reluctant Senators. And in an sion of the people at home. crease of the intolerable economic burdens imposed on the

pressure being exerted by Mar- regard for the consequences. It (Continued on Page 3)

## Anti-Labor Offensive Linked To War Drive

Wall Street's offensive against the American working class is part and parcel of U.S. imperialism's intensified drive toward war and subjugation of the rest of the world. Truman's proclamation of U.S. <sup>®</sup>

economic and military interven- | den will be relieved and that the tion against the Greek people monumental national debt will has brought with it the immedi- be lessened are thrown out the ate threat of further militarizawindow. The American people are going to pay in sweat and tion, regimentation and represblood for the intensified war preparations and financing of capi-It means a tremendous in-

talist reaction throughout the world.

Republican Senator Styles American working people, al-Bridges, chairman of the Senready borne down by huge taxes ate Appropriations Committee, and inflation caused by the 262 affirmed right after Truman's billion dollar federal debt from speech that "it knocks budget

plans askew." John W. Snyder, Promptly following Truman's Secretary of the Treasury, insabre-rattling speech, the Senformed Congress that it would ate Armed Services Committee be impossible now to reduce fedvoted demonstratively to maineral expenditures in order to cut tain the machinery of the Selectaxes. His reference was clearly tive Service System. They redirected to the ever-mounting cost of American imperialist aspirations, of which the Greek and Turkish ventures are but the beginning.

This need to regiment the The retention of the draft workers for war and to foist on machinery means that the end- them new onerous economic buring of conscription is just a dens directly dictates the need formality. In actuality, the threat for American capitalism to cripactivities of the two parties in that American youth will be ple the labor movement. The dragooned into the military ma- standard of living of the masses chine is greater than ever. must be driven down still further to feed the omniverous war

James P. Cannon,

For the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party. Max Schachtman.

to organize and arrange a pro-

gram of cooperation and joint

Committee of the Workers Party.

machine. The latest move toward war Part of this drive is to destroy has given a new impulsion to- the political liberties of the Amward the attempts of the Big erican workers through anti-Brass, with Truman's support, communist laws. Wall Street's to Prussianize America through war against the revolutionary universal compulsory military peoples of other countries who training. This is the keystone are fighting capitalist reaction, of Wall Street's plan to militar- is being waged simultaneously ize and regiment the American against any attempts of the Ampeople. erican workers to break the rule

All prospects that the tax bur- of monopoly capital.

ers Party as an independent fali.

bers of Commerce or to hold of- of the two parties satisfactory he thought employers should tions, did not meet with success have the right to "fire Com- and the discussions of the proj-

In recent days the question The inspiration for these bills was opened again. New discusto persecute political opponents sions between the leading comof the capitalist politicians and mittees of the two organizations to give the employers power to victimize the militant in the national Committee of victimize labor militants as the WP presented a written dec-

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In 1940 an internal strug- In this declaration the National Committee of the SWP, meet- date, shall be admitted into the dicates is most probable, the forgle in the Socialist Workers Committee of the WP obligated ing in New York, February 15-16, ranks of the united party as a mal unification will take place as jected Truman's previous recom-Party resulted in a split, the itself to accept the decisions of accepted this declaration as pro- body, without prejudice or dis- soon as the discussion now pro- mendation for immediate liquidminority forming the Work- an Extraordinary Party Conven- viding a realistic basis for unity crimination. However, while the ceeding in the ranks of the two ation of the county draft offices, tion projected for the coming and unanimously voted in favor unity negotiations are in prog-

pledged itself to abide by the dis- formal unification.

As to the specific forms of the cipline of the united party, politically as well as organizationally, even if the EPC should adopt decisions which would place the members of the WP and the recommending the unification SWP, as of February 10, 1947, mendation is approved by the members of the WP in the posias well as all those recruited by membership of the two parties,

tion of a minority. "communists" comes directly laration in favor of unification. The plenum of the National each party subsequent to that as preliminary consultation in-

of unification on this basis. In ress, neither party will admit the meantime a joint committee ally scheduled to end March 31. organization. The split has This obligation was undertaken view of the WP declaration, the into its ranks any individuals or of the two organizations has been continued up to the present with the understanding that the plenum of the SWP on its part groups who are now or who have established, which is empowered WP, like the SWP, would have agreed that the WP should have formerly been members of the activity, including the right to Attempts made in recent times the right to participate in the the right to participate in the other party, except by agreement. run for office, to sit in Cham- to find a basis for the unification pre-convention discussion and to preparatory discussion of the During the same period it is be represented at the EPC with EPC in a special discussion bul- agreed that no exclusive measto both sides, given the existence full rights and in proportion to letin which will be distributed to ures will be taken by either party of the recognized disagreements its numerical strength; and that the members of both parties. against any members or groups the House Labor Committee that on a number of important ques- fusion of the two organizations This discussion is to be complet- in its ranks in disciplinary cases into a united party would be ed in the branches of the sepa- arising out of the discussion on achieved. On this basis, the WP rate organizations, before the unity without consultation with the other party.

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On the basis of the agreements proposed unification, it has been and conditions outlined above, agreed by both sides that the the two National Committees are

For the National

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all possible fields of the class struggle, designed to lead up to and prepare the way for the NEW IMPULSION

## formal unification.

### PAGE TWO

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SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1947

## UAW Briggs Local 212 Urges Mass Rally Ohio Trotskyists Set Up To Start Defense Against Anti-Labor Drive State-wide Organization To Start Defense Against Anti-Labor Drive

DETROIT, March 16-CIO United Auto Workers Briggs Local 212, one of the largest UAW locals, this week called on the UAW International Union and Wayne County CIO Council to initiate a joint action conference of all local unions to stage a huge demonstration here in Cadillac Square against anti-labor laws.

This proposal was contained in resolution adopted this week by the Local 212 general membership meeting. The resolution was introduced by Ernest Mazey, who warned that organized labor is "in the most dangerous position in the last decade.

"We have gone beyond the stage of letter-writing and button - holing our Congressmen. Now we must bring our people by the thousands into the streets to demonstrate to our enemies that we will not tolerate any legislation that will rob us of our hard-won gains."

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS: it has become clear that Congress not only will not pass progressive legislation needed by the people such as a Federal FEPC Act, adequate housing legislation, etc., but is instead engaged in an all-out campaign to put through legislation which will cripple the labor movement, and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Supreme Court this past week handed down a decision upholding the injunction against the AFL United Mine Workers, which was a clear-cut strikebreaking act and one which has serious implications for the entire labor movement, and

WHEREAS: In spite of the great numerical strength of the organized labor movement, now more than 15,000,000 strong, the attempts to prepare action to resist the reactionary attacks have not passed beyond the talking stage, and

WHEREAS: The AFL has answered the CIO proposal for joint campaign with a proposal for or- military control over the seamen sue" did not appear on the agenganic unity, which at best will by the hated Coast Guard and da and was arbitrarily injected take a considerable time to ach- the substitution of a civilian suieve. and WHEREAS: It has become

local unions and city organizations:

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved: THEREFORE, Be It Resolved. That we call upon the Interna-tional Union UAW-CIO and the Wayne County CIO Council to Wayne Detroit and Wayne

Veteran Protest In Washington

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Ex-GIs, representing 19 different Michigan colleges, preparing to leave for Washington, D. C., carrying petitions, bearing thousands of signatures. They are demanding more subsistence pay for students which today is only \$65 a month for single veterans, \$90 for a married couple.

**Maritime Unions Agree On Joint Defense Action** 

pendent, agreed in Washington last week on a series of inter-union hostility to bring all proposals for joint action against the shipowner-govern- of the seafaring unions together ment attack on the seamen.

decision, agreed on the following proposals: A demand for the removal of tested that the "communist is-

pervisory agency.

Elimination of the practice of clear if action is to be started transferring American vessels to to ward off this sinister threat Panamanian and Honduran reto the life of 'organized labor, gistry to escape inspection reit will have to be started by the guirements and avoid paying the higher American wage scales.

Extension of citizenship privileges to alien seamen who sailed Three Labor Candidates

## **Seattle Boilermakers Win Restraining Order**

SEATTLE, Wash., March 14-Efforts of the top bureaucracy of the AFL Boilermakers to establish a dictatorship land. over progressive Local 104 here received a set-back this week. three main tasks.

On the appeal of Local 2129 members and officers, Judge ficials are restored to member-

Donald A. McDonald of the This restraining order is the King County Superior Court has latest development in a bitter issued a temporary restraining struggle of the Local 104 memorder that provides for a resbers to safeguard trade union toration of the "status quo" predemocracy against the dictatorvailing before International ial attack of the top interna-President MacGowan tried to tional machine. kick out the local officers and SEIZURE ATTEMPTED

seize the local. NO INTERFERENCE

In a drive to curb the pro-The international officials are gressive policies and leadership required to restore to office the of Local 104, the international duly-elected local officers and officials tried to seize the local cease interference with their and its properties. They ordered administration of the union. the suspension of its officers and Local meetings must be restor- meetings "without notice, charges, trial or other opportunity to ed. There must be no interference with the Local publication. be'heard." The restraining order will the 104 Reporter. Funds of the

local must be released under the stand until the legal issues incontrol of the local union. The volved in the seizure are settled. local membership has the full! Despite MacGowan's ban on right to run its own affairs. Local 104 meetings, more than Five members arbitrarily sus- 350 members held their regular--Federated Pictures pended by the international of- ly scheduled membership meet-

ing last week. None of the International's hand-picked "govern-ing board" were present. The In Flint Hears orderly, conduct of the meeting, **NAACP** Leader one of the best ever held by the local, completely disproved the International's claim that the local supporters of democratic unionism are troublemakers keeping the local in turmoil. A HOT FIGHT

at the Socialist Workers Par-The 104 Reporter is appearty hall here. ing regularly and all "deposed" local officers are continuing at

Prior to Judge McDonald's restraining order, the local received one setback when by a Dollinger, prominent unionist vote of 29 to 20 the Seattle Meand local SWP leader, explain tal Trades Council refused to the false and unscientific basis for racial prejudice and discrim-The resort to red-baiting can Local 104 membership and voted ination. only strengthen those who seek instead to seat the two delegates Johnson gave a rousing speech chosen by the "governing board." describing how the capitalists Pressure from the Boilermakers

promote racial divisions "to keep top officials and other AFL tion in defense of the seamen bureaucrats pushed the motions the workers from uniting to fight their main enemy—the capitalist through after a hot fight. class.'

Dr. Leach said that from the time he started to study medicine he had learned that, minus the skin, there is no difference in men. He brought a laugh when he was asked why he spoke at the SWP Forum and replied: Well—all we've got left is free In the discussion it was point- of the drive nationally and in dom of speech-and I'm going to

of the United States.

throughout the state.

the next year.

Large worker delegations were

present from many of the prin-

The convention adopted a pro-

gram of action centering around

of the state organization within

3. To run a state-wide ticket

and place the SWP presidential

candidates on the ballot in 1948.

made by our political movement

tire party will follow our work

with keen interest in an effort

**SWP** Forum

2. To double the membership cial legislation.

SHOW IN ACTION

CLEVELAND, Mar. 10 — The first convention of the and this opens favorable oppor-Ohio branches of the Socialist Workers Party met here all tunities for the spread of our day Sunday at the Cleveland Auditorium and set up a perslogans for action and our socialist ideas." manent state organization to plan and direct the activities

of the Trotskyist movement to learn both from the successes Supplementary reports were presented on work in all the imand shortcomings of our pioneerportant industries of Ohio. steel. rubber, auto, railroads, as well as

a special survey of the AFL un-"We aim to put the SWP cipal cities of Ohio, including squarely on the political map of ions. These informative reports showed that the SWP member-Youngstown, Akron, Toledo as Ohio," Selander declared. "We ship was firmly rooted in every well as the host city of Cleve- propose to participate in every concentration of industrial proprogressive move on the vital soduction within the state. cial and economic problems af-

The convention elected a state fecting the working people of committee of 14. Enthusiasm this state, and to initiate them greeted the announcement that where necessary. Our party must 1. To build new SWP branches be in the front rank of the forces Comrade Kingsley had donated \$100 to start off the work of the in a series of industrial centers fighting for higher living standnew state organization. ards, better housing, and benefi-

"The communist and socialist traditions in Ohio are over a hundred years old," declared Com-

'We must show in action that rade Andrews of Akron in his the SWP has the only program closing remarks. "This state has to guide the workers in their long been the home of great struggles against Big Business revolutionary and socialist and "This is the first state-wide misrule, against all forms of inlabor movements. Robert Owen body formed by your national justice, against the countless planted some of the first Utoparty," said Ted Selander in his evils of capitalism. To accompian communist settlements here, keynote speech on the tasks and plish this, we must weld together John Brown made his home in perspectives of the Ohio SWP. our scattered branches. By colthis center of abolitionism and "Our impressive gathering here lective, planned, state-wide work the underground railroad. is not only a sign of the growth we can multiply the striking

**OUR TRADITIONS** of revolutionary socialism in power of our forces and become

Ohio but also of the progress the recognized champion of the "After chattel slavery was working people in this great inabolished, the fight against wage throughout the country. The en- dustrial and agricultural state." slavery was carried forward by such leaders as William Sylvis, The delegates engaged in a who organized the first National probing discussion of their prob-Labor Union in Ohio. Marx's lems in branch-building. Special First International had its afreports were given on work filiates in Cincinnati where three among the high-school youth and socialist papers were published in the Negro organizations. Fratin the 1870's.

ernal delegates from Detroit and "During the First World War Pittsburgh reviewed recent de-Eugene V. Debs was railroaded velopments in their localities. to Atlanta prison for the anti-The trade union reports were war speech he made in Canton. among the highlights of the con-FLINT. Mich., March 16- vention. In his main address These facts show that socialism is no alien doctrine imported "The Myth of Racial Super- T. Wilson of Youngstown pointed from abroad but a living growth iority" was the subject of a out that the prevailing lull in lively public forum tonight the union struggles would not be of American soil. All these glorlong-lasting. "The industrial ious traditions belong to us of workers," he said, "are today in the Ohio Socialist Workers Party.

a mood of watchful waiting. They We are determined to add to A large audience of workers are thinking over the experiences them by our collective contribuheard Harrison Johnson, a lead- of the past year and seeking a tions in the coming struggles in ing Flint unionist; Dr. J. L. way out of the present deadlock. Leach, State President of the They are beginning to think more this state for the socialist libera-Michigan NAACP, and Genora and more in broad political terms tion of mankind."



- 1. Defend labor's standard of living!
  - A sliding scale of wages an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
  - Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging! Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!
  - For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours - reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay

A conference of seafaring unions, AFL, CIO and inde- | was the first in over a decade of in an effort to reach agreement The conference, by unanimous the five AFL and one independent union.

The CIO representatives prosuch an abuse of an arbitrary majority which contributed to the dissolution of the erstwhile Stalinist-dominated Committee for Maritime Unity.

The Washington conference against their main enemy.

to disrupt such unity and destroy the possibility of united ac-

for joint action on common probtheir posts. lems. At this stage, only agreed apon joint actions on problems concerning all seamen regardless of affiliation can lead to unity in the struggle against the shipowner-government combine. seat the delegates elected by the

Railroad Brotherhoods to a joint and hospital facilities for sick city-wide conference for the pur- and injured seamen.

pose of staging a monster mass Consideration of a joint conrally at Cadillac Square. Such tract termination date for all a rally would constitute a clear seafaring unions to eliminate warning to labor's enemies that the danger of a repetition of the organized labor will not toler- one-after-another strikes of ate the lynch-labor campaign. 1946 and a number of other pro- 49 districts of the Chevrolet Such action will furthermore in. posals for joint action on com- plant here today nominated spire other localities to take sim- mon problems. ilar action and will thus facil- ACTION MARRED itate a campaign on a national

The positive action of the conference was marred by the adop-

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tion of a red-baiting resolution calling on "all seagoing unions to reject Communists as traitors to the nation and a detriment to the solid permanency of the United States Merchant Marine." Representatives of the four CIO unions at the conference dissociated themselves from this

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the Labor Party Committee and its plant delegates named Carl Jack Palmer, well-known Chevrolet union leaders and members of the Labor Party Committee, to run as independents in the resolution, which was carried by RESOLUTIONS PASSED

tions.

FLINT, Mich., March 16 -Labor Party Committee representatives of CIO United Auto Workers Local 659 from tional Association of Manufac- dustrial cities. turers, are behind the move here three independent labor candi- to increase home-owners taxes gram for the coming city elec- cit."

By Douglas Snyder

FACTS AND FIGURES

The first general meeting of 'Facts and figures were presented to show that General Motors' Johnson, Lawrence Jones and vast property holdings here are assessed at a rate 75% lower than the rate for all other property for the purposes of taxation. By doubling GM's tax as-

non-partisan city elections. Resolutions were passed on two

important planks of the election program. One resolution opposed any increase in the tax by the Labor Party Committee on home-owners, who in this city marks the first attempt at inde-

are mainly workers and low-innot the poor.

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ed" by the GPU.

Thomas further pointed out is so grave that immediate acother big property holders more that the Anarchist leader, Carlo tion is imperative to halt these than enough taxes could be rais- Tresca, who testified to a Fed- political murders."

ed to cover city deficits and pay eral Grand Jury that Juliet more wages to city employes.

Nomination of three candidates unidentified assassins in 1943. MANY MURDERS

"There are many others," pendent labor political action in come earners. It calls for taxa- this city where the auto corpor- Thomas added. "The so-called that two kinds of examinations tion of the rich, particularly the ations have so long dominated 'suicide' of Krivitsky in Washbillionaire auto corporations, and the municipal government. Lead- ington-a phony if ever there ers of the Committee and the was one! There is the murder of

The other resolution support- candidates stressed the signifi- Ignace Reiss in Switzerland; the ed a wage increase for the public cance of this development in view series of murders of Trotsky's



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ed out that General Motors and the state to pass anti-labor laws. take advantage of it." other corporations, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Na-Chamber of Commerce and Na-Chamber of Commerce and Na- spire similar moves in other in- their heroic struggle for emancipation in this country.

three independent labor candi-dates and drafted a labor pro-gram for the coming city elec- cit." In Murder Of Trotsky

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that Juliet Poyntz was "liquidat- | secretaries and members of his family. We think the situation

Grumet admitted that the New Poyntz was abducted and slain, York County District Attorney's was himself shot and killed by office is "under an obligation" to uncover the perpetrators of murders in New York. He agreed that the Budenz book could "provide many leads." He stated were possible: a grand jury investigation conducted in secret, or a "John Doe" investigation in which all witnesses would be questioned in public. Thomas and Goldberg said that either action would be satisfactory. "A public warning has now been issued to the District Attorney," said James T. Farrell. "If harm comes to any more Americans, the responsibility must be placed directly on those who have thus been warned." Among the signers of the statement calling for the special grand jury investigation are: Dr. John Dewey, head of the International Commission of Inquiry into the Moscow Trials; Dorothy Thompson; Oswald Garrison Villard; Frank R. Crosswaith, Negro Labor Committee; John F. Finerty; Varian Fry; Paul F. Brissenden; Dr. John Haynes Holmes; Professor Sidney Hook; Layle Lane; Ferdinand Lundberg. Also A. J. Muste, Prosfesor Allan Nevins, Rev. John Paul Jones, Max Shachtman, George Novack, and many others.

to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for work+ ers 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!

5. 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!



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# The Truth About Turkey And Greece

Which Side Are You On?

#### By George Lavan

The Turkish government, which is to receive financial and military support from U.S. imperialism, is a brutal military dictatorship by a tiny group of industrial- Nazis, the Turkish rulers found ists, large land owners and least 50% of the peasants own

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poverished Turkish peasants or sput this figure much higher. and workers. Truman in his Taxes are high and varied; there speech to Congress spoke of is a tax even on hens. helping "free peoples maintain their free institutions." The WORKERS POLICED Turkish people have no free institutions.

Membership in this party was ers, etc. All minority groups were excluded. This party was merely a facade and tool for the tiny inner clique of the militarists, industrialists and land owners. All candidates for office were appointed by the dictator.

#### THOUSANDS EXECUTED

In 1926 Kemel Pasha used the phy of government had much in Near East. occasion of the revolt of the Kurdish tribes, an oppressed minorparty was formally permitted to come into existence, only to be quickly suppressed.

democracy, Kemel's successor, Nations, a procedure which deals along with the money. the first in modern Turkey's blow.

policemen and government par- until July, 1948. He also asked program. ty gangs.

Finally the government an- ican military and civilian pernounced that its party had won sonnel to supervise the use of once mentioned by name in the 346 seats out of the Chamber of this money and to train Greek speech, but it was perfectly clear 416. The opposition party pro- and Turkish personnel. tested 300 of the seats claimed He made no bones about his by the government and produced unqualified support of the Greek fic instances of coercion and indocumentary evidence. Needless and Turkish governments. Dis- timidation, he named only Po-

The new cabinet, formed im- about the brutal dictatorships in mediately after the election, re- these countries, he went out of to coercion and intimidation in elements in the government par- and democratic regimes. ty. Its first act was to alter the IMPERIALIST LIES press and libel laws so that any

criticism of the government is severely punishable by law. DESPOTS RULE TURKEY

to Germany.

is young and small. It is very ocratic" than fascistic. Kemel Pasha emerged in the carefully watched and policed early Twenties from the War of by the government. Revolution- of an economic crisis. Wartime Turkish Independence as a dictator who set up a one-party sys- ally, forbidden by law. So are tion has increased the cost of tem of government. This despotism and its official party, the tional affiliations. While local in 1939. The workers and peas-"Republican Peoples' Party," unions have been formed in the ants are in ferment. It is signistill rule. For 23 years only this face of terrific obstacles, the ficant that the government met party was permitted to exist. government has prevented the with the greatest opposition and formation of unions, on a na- lost most seats last year in urobligatory for all government tional scale. Strikes are forbid- ban proletarian sections. To

> d. During the war the Turkish gent need of "outside assistance." ruling class reaped enormous U.S. imperialism now proposes profits. While the Nazis had the to rush to the rescue, killing upper hand, the Turkish capi- two birds with one stone, gaintalists established close and pro- ing a strategic military and nafitable bonds with the German val base against the Soviet Uncapitalist class. The Turkish ion and strengthening a bankleaders found that their philoso- rupt despotism in the explosive

## dish tribes, an oppressed minor-ity, to purge the country and his own party of all possible opposi-tion elements. So-called "Tribunals of Independence" were set up and thousands executed or exiled. In 1930 an opposition party was formally permitted to

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is only in this light that one can | them alone, as Truman indi-Last year, to ease the internal understand Truman's contempt- cated when he asked for the unrest and to "qualify" as a uous by-passing of the United right to send military missions

Inonu, decreed a "free" election, the prestige of that body a fatal Thus the new policy applies not only to Greece and Turkey

history. A party representing a Truman reported to Congress but to any part of the world dissatisfied section of the own- that Britain's economic crisis where Wall Street finds it exing classes quickly was formed. necessitated withdrawal or re- pedient to press it. The 400 mil-The whole machinery of the duction of her "commitments" lion dollars requested last week government and army was used in many countries; including is just the beginning. Truman to assist the government party's Greece and Turkey. He therefore more than hinted at this when campaign and to hinder that of asked for 400 million dollars to he promised to consult Congress the opposition. Local leaders of be used in propping up their again if further funds or authorthe opposition were murdered by governments and armed forces ity were needed to fulfill his

#### for the authority to send Amer- CHIEF TARGET

The Soviet Union was never that it was Truman's chief target. When he condemned specito say, the protest was fruitless, regarding the well-known facts land, Rumania and Bulgaria.

He made no reference at all tina, Palestine, Indo-China, the hito combined could not do-

minorities.

supported by the overwhelming cated. majority of the population, was

common with the Nazis. Ninety per cent of Turkish exports went

When the Allied imperialists began seriously to challenge the themselves an even more favorable position. Both sides courted them with fayors and bid against each other for their products. As the Nazis began to lose, the Turkish ruling class discovered that its philosophy of govern-





## **Stalinists Find 'Bitter Taste'** In Truman's Sabre-Rattling

## By Joseph Hansen

that happened the day before STALIN'S POLICY suddenly become brutally clear. What President Truman proposes is not only clear but brutal: that we Americans shall build an empire, that we shall presents the most reactionary his way to paint them up as free fascist Spain, Portugal, Argen- attempt what Hitler and Hiro-

> Philippines or the many other dominate the world." This "feeling of hangover." as countries where these are widely for democratic rights, which is supported by the overwhelming

"Now we can say that the con-But the real author of Stalin- ditions necessary for the peace despotic Metaxas regime look bor) was irregularly elected in

Under Browder, the Daily Worker reeked with lies like broadcasting.

As recently as March 22, 1946.

A lie that will rank with any of Hitler's falsifications was Truman's designation of the present Greek government as "democratic." Truman needs this lie because the truth about the blood-stained police dictatorship in Greece exposes the reactionary character of his plan to bolster theil Greek government with American dollars and military of forces. Here, in order to show why it is necessary for the labor movement to energetically oppose Wall Street's new w foreign policy, The Militant reprints excerpts from a number of dispatches from Athens:

## A Barbarous Program

Shortly before the Sept. 1, 1946 plebiscite on the return of King George II, the Greek Trotskyists issued "An Appeal to the Workers of All Countries," describing conditions in Greece and calling on the world working class to come to their aid. The following is taken from this appeal, which was printed in its entirety in The Militant, Sept. 28:

In unhealthy transfer prisons For months now our country and jails, workers and poor peashas been transformed into a hor- ants of both sexes and of every rible hell. Gangs - both official age are piled in together in an and otherwise - have invaded unbreathable atmosphere. The the towns and villages and are desert islands of the Aegean Sea spreading death and terror everyare once more receiving their where. Full-scale military operaloads of deportees. tions with the most modern

Those who are arrested, if they weapons are being carried out are not assassinated outright. against the poor peasants in all are submitted to torture, which sections of the country. Those makes one shudder. The trade unions are practichouses that the war had spared

in devastated villages are today ally dissolved, their offices forcbeing burned by the hordes of ibly occupied by police and prothe monarchist government. vocateurs. Labor printshops are

Extraordinary courts-martial daily attacked by the savages. are functioning without pause. The labor newspapers are hit by Every day death sentences are the unbridled repressions of the pronounced and the firing squads state and fascist gangs. execute by the dozens the most A barbarous pogrom is unheroic sons of the laboring peo- leashed against the entire workple. Dragnets, raids and patrol ing class, against the poor peasby the police keep the working ants and the national minorities, class quarters in unceasing an- There is not the slightest exguish and terror. The Slavo- aggeration in this appeal. On the Macedonians are literally ex- contrary, no written report can

terminated by fire and sword. come anywhere near describing All through the country mass the terrible situation in which arrests are being carried out. we are living . . .

## Trade Unions Smashed

Fully corroborating this report was an eyewitness account rom Athens by Jean Paul Martin on Aug. 23 (The Militant, Sept. 7 and 14):

ment gave one more proof of the In this small, terribly ravaged "democratic" guarantees and country, the Greek capitalists conditions in which the plebisand the British imperialists collaborate with cold determination cite for the king's return is beto consolidate their "order." The ing prepared. Under the pretext that the leadership of the CGT. series of measures they have un-(General Confederation of Ladertaken make the terror of the

its recent Eighth Pan-Hellenic haps only by the measures of Congress, the government replaced it and the elected leaders of the individual unions by a The Tsaldaris government,

which came to power last March leadership named by the Ministhrough rigged elections that ter of Labor.

The strawmen of the prowere boycotted by all left-wing monarchist government were parties, on June 6 decreed a series of exceptional laws. These called on to "temporarily" take the leadership of the trade unlaws in effect legalized the white terror waged up until then in an ion movement, and in reality to

extra-legal way by the police, prepare to integrate it into the army and fascist-like groups ... state apparatus under the direct Recently the Tsaldaris govern- control of the police ....

## **Terror In Elections**

Under these conditions a plebiscite on King George II was rights; the right of every na-tion to arrange its affairs as it wishes; economic aid to the na-vation of peace and internation-try, Washington showed where it stood by dispatching a fleet of the store of the st seven American warships into Greek water's just before the plebiscite and announcing that American war planes would stage a flight over Athens after it. The government of course announced that the voters had favored the return of King George. An American newspaperman, Robert Conway, sent the following dispatch to the N.Y. Daily News (Sept. 17), describing how the plebiscite was conducted: Not only Communists, but de-| ands of women and children in mocrats, socialists, liberals and a desperate effort to halt a republicans were disfranchised. growing rebellion and wipe out Some were forced to flee into not only Communists but all dethe mountains before the elec- mocratic, liberal and republican tions, while some lived in diselements. tricts where the polls were never This correspondent is compeled to state that the supporters opened. The greater number were inof King George II are now stagtimidated and terrorized when ing a total civil warfare of the the officers of the Greek army cruelest and most inhuman sort. told the inhabitants that only In the struggle to starve all those who vote for the king can anti-monarchists into submisescape being classified as Com- sion, UNRRA food, trucks, shoes munists . . . and clothing, as well as UNRRA These were the conditions malaria-fighting planes are beafter the plebiscite, according to ing unscrupulously used, not Conway's report: only by Greek army gendarmes The Greek government's army and civil officials, but also by and gendarmes are waging a royalist bands composed of formpitiless war on scores of thous- er Nazi collaborators . . British Imperialist Role In "An Appeal to the Workers of England and Europe," the Executive Committee of the Fourth International together with the British and Greek Trotskyists gave the following report (The Militant, Oct. 19): A terrible repression, remin- ists have been able partially to iscent of the methods that Mus- reconstruct their own forces of opposed Stalinism because it was responsible for the degeneration to crush the labor movement, inspired by the presence in responsible for the degeneration has been smashing down on Greece of the troops of British Greek labor and grows steadily imperialism, and thanks also to its financial help, to the arms it delivered, and to the instruc-So that the country will weltors who took in hand the organization of the army and police. ed-up September referendum The fact that the present British Labor Government support-Admiral, other utterances at the olutionary program of Leninism, ed throne, martial law has been ted in Greece — by the presence How did the Stalinist ranks time indicate how Wall Street the Kremlin joined the imper- extended throughout all Greece, of British occupation troops, by happen to find themselves sup- was deliberately moving down ialists in persecuting us. The and combined operations by the its material and technical aid, porting the second imperialist the road to a Third World War. Stalinists howled for harsher army, the police and the reac- by its diplomacy - the forces slaughter the way the Social The Aug. 30 U. S. News, which is penalties when the Roosevelt re- tionary armed gangs of the cities of the worst reaction against the exploited masses of the country, will remain on its record as a the war, a GPU assassin drove The Greek capitalists, who emstain of blood that nothing can

working class" Browder. Truman's warmongering ist wartime policy was not Brow- of the world have already been pale. They can be paralleled perspeech left a "bitter taste," der — he was never anything won . . . the long-awaited peace according to the March 14 more than one of the Kremlin's for the nations of the whole Franco in fascist Spain. Daily Worker. "It is a feel- front office boys. The real de- world has come." ing of hangover," says the signer of Communist Party strat- REEKED WITH LIES Stalinist editor, "when things egy in the war was Joseph Stalin.

Nov. 7, 1942:

"Abolition of racial exclusiveness; equality of nations and in- Stalin told the Associated Press, tegrity of their territories; lib- "I am convinced that neither eration of enslaved nations, and the nations nor their armies are

Here, for instance, is how that. Browder, however, was Stalin himself characterized Wall only faithfully recording what Street's war aims in a speech on the "genius" in the Kremlin was

restoration of their sovereign striving for a new war." And he

arch and his anti-labor regime in power, but because of trouble at home the British imperialists will have to reduce "commitment" after this March 31. Truman wants the American government to take over this job then. Those who

(above).

This mother and her starv-

ar, barefoot children (left)

re typical of the suffering

nasses in Greece. They want

bread and freedom, and they

are denied both by the mon-

archist police dictatorship

headed by King George II

British money and troops

nave helped to keep the mon-

want to continue to prop up

King George's dictatorship

will support Truman's plan.

Those who want to help the

starving Creek masses will op-

In his speech to Congress, Tru- dismissed as the "terrorist acman denounced governments tivities of several thousand armbased "upon the will of a min- ed men." The rigged election ority forcibly imposed upon the that gave the monarchists conmajority" and governments trol of Parliament was endorsed relying "on terror and oppression, as "a fair expression" of the a controlled press and radio, Greek people's views.

fixed elections and the suppres-(Truman particularly saddension of personal freedoms."

ed his liberal critics by refusing choosing. That is the clear One might have thought that to even request some democra-Truman was denouncing the tic reforms in these governments tempted subjugation by armed dictatorship of Turkey — but no. as a condition for U.S. aid. Both For a capitalist politician on the the Greek and Turkish tyrants road to war it is customary to expressed their unbounded depalm off an authoritarian dic- light over the speech.)

tatorship like Turkey as a "free To strengthen support for his reactionary governments people" with "free institutions." new foreign policy, Truman then

The Turkish despots maintain took up a discussion of some of a standing army of about one its "broad implications." The Soviet Union's orbit can now and one-half million. This ex- world is engaged in a struggle turn to U.S. imperialism for suppense consumes 50% of the state between totalitarianism and freeport, above all, against the inbudget. And Turkey has one of dom, he declared, and the U.S. surgent masses at home. the lowest national incomes in government should "support free peoples who are resisting at- unmasks the real plans and purthe world. The impoverished peasantry,

who compose three-fourths of minorities or by outside pres- who dictate Washington's forthe population, are ground down sure." eign policy and who now pro-

by the double burden of land-This should be carried out claim their readiness to unleash it, makes the results of Stalin- involved. lordism and super-taxation. Of- "primarily through economic and World War III in their drive to ist policy during the war "bruficially it is admitted that at financial aid" - but not by subjugate the world.

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have good reason for a While this program is thus an taste" in their mouths. announcement of readiness to go

Under the delusion that it to war with the Soviet Union. would help the defense of the it is not aimed against the So-Soviet Union, and help end fasviet Union alone. It is aimed also cism and war, the Stalinist rank against the workers of any country who rise up in revolt against and file supported Wall Street in World War II. They were their oppressors and try to create the loudest hucksters of the noa government of their own strike pledge. Where workers were forced to defend their meaning of the words about "atstandard of living and their hard-won union gains from the attack of arrogant capitalists REAL PLANS UNMASKED raking in the lush profits of war. Thus Washington openly bethe Stalinists even went so far comes the greatest defender of

as to engage in strikebreaking. throughout the world. Every throughout the labor movement as Wall Street's most blatant Climaxes Series dictatorial regime outside of the and shameless apologists.

#### PAVES WAY FOR WAR

The Stalinist ranks discount-Truman's speech completely ed this ignominy as a necessary

tally clear.'

tions that have suffered and assistance to them in attaining

their material welfare; restoration of democratic liberties; destruction of the Hitlerite regime.

> After swallowing stuff like that, is it any wonder that Stalinists wake up after Truman's speech with a "bitter taste" and "feeling of hangover"? Even as late as Sept. 2 1945.

when Japan lay prostrate. Stalin solemnly assured the world:

## The Stalinists became a by-word U. S. Imperialism **Of Greek Moves**

The present crisis over Greece sacrifice in a worthy cause. Now is only the latest in a series since tempted subjugation by armed poses of the Wall Street gang Truman's "undeclared declara- the British invaded Athens in tion of war" on the Soviet Un- 1944. In each flare-up, Wash- We were isolated and persecution, as one Congressman puts ington has become more deeply ed. But we continued to tell the

stance, when Greece was hold- an imperialist conflict could only Far from bringing an end to ing a plebiscite on the return of undermine civilization and pave the danger to the Soviet Un- King George II, a 45,000 ton air- the way for barbarism and still ion, this policy has paved the craft carrier and six other war- worse conflicts. way for an atomic bomb assault. ships steamed off the Greek Far from uprooting fascism, this coast in a bristling display of policy has given world reaction military power. a new lease on life. Wall Street, "Bull" Halsey, in command of mightiest capitalist power on the fleet, responded to criticism of the USSR, for weakening the earth, has replaced Italian and about this imperialist political German capitalism as the prin- move with the notorious remark: ating the sympathies of the worse . . . cipal bulwark of political reac- "It's nobody's damn business tion. And far from securing where we go. We will go any- USSR, and above all for block- come in "calm" and "order" the enduring peace, Stalinist policy where we please." Besides the revealing declara- revolution in other lands. has helped prepare for a Third

World War that can extinguish tion of this Prussian - minded civilization. Marxism supported the first one? called for attack on the Soviet prison. And in the first days of ched for a final "mop-up." The official answer of the Krem- Union: lin's American lieutenants is-

goat, they explain, who led them now to assure our own defense. of the Soviet Union. path of Marxism into the crime The sacrifice of Earl Brow- no nobler cause for which to die Party should compare Stalin's tively supported by British im- and military base of British imder as a scapegoat undoubtedly than in defense of the ideal of declarations during the war with perialism. in the Stalinist fold. Today they the task." are trotting behind Foster and

years following "enemy of the finish the job." the working class.

al security." Within a year, capitalist statesmen studying Truman's "declaration of war" were calling the UN a "corpse." Today it is "brutally clear" how Stalinist policy tended to

disarm the working class, how it played into the hands of reaction, how it weakened the defense of the Soviet Union, and how it helped pave the way for another war.

TROTSKYIST POLICY Contrast the policy followed

by the Trotskyists during the war: We told the truth about Wall Street's war aims. American Big Business, we said, was after profits. colonies, and eventual domination of the world. For opposing imperialist war and advocating socialism as the only road to enduring peace, 18 of our leaders were sentenced to federal prison during the war. truth about the war. We re-

Only six months ago, for in- peated thousands of times that

In our defense of the Soviet Union as a workers' state we defense of the USSR, for alien-

masses of the world for the ing the development of socialist royal dictator whom the trump-Because we fought for the rev- has put back on his blood-stain-Democratic renegades from widely read in business circles, gime sentenced our leaders to and mountains have been laun-

"We know when we are threat- a pick-axe into the brain of Leon erged from the war exhausted efface. Earl Browder. It was this judas | ened. We know what is needed | Trotsky, co-founder with Lenin | and politically and economically | decomposed, would never have from the straight and narrow We must take those steps now In examining the fruits of been capable of undertaking such Balkans of the Anglo-Saxon pol-. Let us prepare to finish the Stalinist policy, the rank and file a reactionary offensive if it had icy against the USSR, in order of supporting Wall Street's war. job if need be ... There can be members of the Communist not been from the beginning ac- that it may remain a strategic

satisfied the more gullible sheep world peace. Let us not shirk those of the Trotskyists. Then The revolutionary assault of terranean Basin, protecting the they can judge for themselves the Greek masses against native route of Middle Eastern petro-Truman's message to Congress in the light of the present world reaction in December, 1944 was leum and the route to the Indies Dennis with the same touching indicates how far Wall Street situation who defended and ap-broken by British tanks, guns via Suez, the Labor Government trust they displayed in the war has gone in its preparations "to plied Marxism and who betrayed and Spitfires.

In order that Greece may serve as a springboard in the perialism in the Eastern Medi-

has undertaken to consolidate Since then the Greek capital- a new dictatorship in Greece.

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"The arrest in the economic develop-

ment and, even more, its regression, signify that the capitalist system of production is definitely worn out and must give way to the Socialist system."

Leon Trotsky

## **Defend Labor Month**

Every worker and every labor organization should respond wholeheartedly to the "Call To Action" issued by the CIO National Executive Board meeting in Washington on March 13.

The CIO has designated the month of April as DEFEND LABOR MONTH. It has addressed an urgent appeal to the entire labor movement to unite in mass action to halt "the grave threat that pending anti-labor legislation represents not only to the continued existence of organized labor but to the whole well-being of the American people."

This appeal includes a program calling for mass labor demonstrations and rallies; shop and plant gate rallies; plant gate and neighborhood leaflet distributions and petition campaigns; delegations to public officials, local, state and national; a campaign of resolutions, letters and telegrams to Washington.

Such a program, if taken up eagerly by every local union, could provide a splendid beginning for a resolute and militant nationwide labor struggle to stop Wall Street's antiunion offensive.

This program should be regarded as an important first step toward an even broader program of labor unity in action. It should help pave the way for a National United Labor Conference, with delegates from all local unions, to map out a program of nation-wide mass action and independent labor political action. The most effective answer to the anti-labor drive would be the launching of labor's own party to clean the capitalist rascals out of Washington and put real representatives of the workers in Congress.

We are mindful that too often the top CIO leaders have put forth good programs that remained on paper. It is up to the rank and file in the local unions to take the CIO's program for DEFEND LABOR MONTH and put real life into it. They must set up committees, invite in the local AFL and railroad unions, work out careful plans and preparations. The local AFL unions should reject the criminal refusal of the AFL top leaders to undertake joint action with the CIO. They must take the initiative by joining the CIO workers in a mighty demonstration during DEFEND LABOR MONTH.

accumulating in American Economy. Roosevelt could still use the Monroe Doctrine to cover Wall Street's moves into Greenland and Iceland, but by the end of the Second World War the realities of American foreign policy were obviously in outright contradiction to their formulation by President Monroe in 1823.

Truman's declaration fits closer to Wall Street's present-day aims. That policy is now avowedly one of consolidating their power over Europe, Asia and Africa.

Under the banner of the Monroe Doctrine, Wall Street extended its grip over two continents. Now the imperialist rulers of America have nailed a new pirate flag to the mast. Under the "Truman Doctrine" they are setting out to subjugate the earth.

## A Real Success!

The three-month Emergency Fund Campaign of the Socialist Workers Party came to a successful conclusion this week with a total of \$19,438.17. This is 97% of the \$20,000 goal.

For a while the-campaign lagged quite a distance behind schedule. However, the comrades and friends of the Socialist Workers Party were mindful of the task. In the last week, letters and telegrams sending the final contributions poured in from all over the country. The Trotskyists had a deadline to make!

The raising of this fund bears witness to the capacity of the advanced workers in America to make sacrifices for the advancement of revolutionary socialism. Almost every cent of that total came from workers and sympathizers in the lowest-income brackets. It is this group which has been squeezed the hardest between sky-rocketing prices and wages that remained stationary or lagged far behind the rising cost of living.

To contribute to the Emergency Fund meant in most instances scraping pennies together and giving up even necessary things. The Trotskyists and their friends were willing to do this because they understand that humanity has no other hope of escaping atomic destruction in a Third World War outside the victory of the program of the SWP.

The contributors also understand that the socialist reorganization of economy will lay the basis for a decent world for our children to live in. And the great goal of building a new civilization of enduring peace and plenty inspired them to give all they could from their modest budgets.

We want to especially congratulate those branches that made their goals and even went over the top. We know what this meant in the way of persistent effort. That's the spirit which will guarantee the final victory of socialism against all odds.

We consider the campaign a real success, It provides funds necessary to take the Socialist Workers Party across another stretch of the difficult road leading to a Socialist America.

## Anti-"Red" Laws

Red-baiting and labor-baiting are Siamese twins. They are linked organically and always travel together.

Such bloody butchers of capitalist totalitarianism as Hitler, Franco and Chiang Kai-shek sought to wipe out the revolutionary opponents of capitalism as a first great step toward obliterating organized labor and all progressive movements and ideas.





"I never COULD see why WE have to pay an income tax-after all. WE give the workers the money to pay theirs!"



THIS IS MY STORY by Louis ("communist" when he was a the Stalinists' self-applied label F. Budenz, Whittlesey House, Stalinist. He speaks of the press of "Communist." This he con-371 pp., 1947, \$3.

"heralding his abandonment of firms when two pages later he This autobiography by the ex- Communism." But he could not tells his real reason for joining editor of the Daily Worker who abandon what he never believed, the Communist Party. "The more deserted to the Catholic Church And this he confirms when he I recoiled from the Trotskyltes should not be taken as objec- emphasizes with great heat: "I . . . the more I inclined toward tive self-portrayal. It is of inter\_ had never been a Trotskyite" - conciliation with the Communest to the social scientist - that | that is, a real communist. ists" (Stalinists). He joined the is, the Marxist - as the case He describes his futile efforts Stalinists - and they embraced

history of one type of soul-sick in 1934 to prevent a fusion of him - to fight the real communthe American Workers Party, of ists, the Trotskyists.

Budenz was warped in child- which he was a leader, and the The Stalinists accepted Buhood by religious superstition. American Trotskyists then or- denz and used him because he In his youth, he was drawn away ganized in the Communist Lea- was also an American jingo who from the Catholic Church "not gue of America. Budenz vene- could be counted on to carry out only from the weakness of my mously asserts: "In the Trottheir line of conciliation with heart, but also from a rising im- skyites I saw crudely expressed American imperialism. And ten patience with the slowness of re- those evils which only later I years later, when the Communist form," But his mind had already discovered were also present in Party leaders turned on Browder been shaped beyond change in the Stalinists." Budenz never as a "revisionist" and rejected as a "revisionist" and rejected had any doubts about the un- his proposal that they pledge to Through all the years when compromising Marxism of the "support the development of Amhe participated in the labor Trotskyists. He spent ten years erican markets in the world movement, flirted with social- with the Stalinists before he bescene," Budenz made his definiism and served the party of Stal- gan to fight them on the grounds tive decision to break with the Communist Party. He determined Thereby he continues to serve to continue his service of Amerlife, his mind turned back to the Stalinism by upholding the very ican imperialism as an avowed

enemy of communism.

longed for the escape offered communist and counter-revolu-Budenz claims that his "finby religious mysticism from the tionary crimes against world laal" decision to break was dietated when the CP leaders retimes and the demands of the Indeed, what mainly attracted jected his proposal for a "com-Budenz and the leaders of the mission on democracy" in the He is, as he shows himself in American Communist Party to party. But one has the right this book, a classic example of each other - what they still to suspect the demogratic aspirthe Jesuit boast: "Give us your have in common today - is their ations of a man who obediently shild until he is eight years old, mortal hatred of the real comcollaborated with Stalin's secret police for 10 years and then For the purpose of smearing jumped to the camp of the Cath-But he is also an illustration of and discrediting the very hea of

what Stalinism can do to com- communism, this "moral" man eist Butcher Franco in Spain

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1947

## **Dictatorships Hail Truman's New Axis**

Fascist, militarist and monarchist dictatorships everywhere have hailed Truman's latest move toward war against the Soviet Union in order to establish what he called a "way of life . . . based upon the will of the majority."

Among the regimes of blood-drenched capitalist reaction that have answered "present!" to U.S. imperialism's roll-call for a new Axis against "Bolhevism" are Franco's Spain, Kuomintang China, Greece, Turkey, and Hirohito's Japan.

Naturally, King George II and Premier Maximos of Greece have expressed "profound satisfaction" and "sincere thanks" for Truman's offer of economic and military aid in suppressing the Greek workers and peasants. They are proceeding with renewed vigor to massacre, imprison without trial and otherwise extend the blessings of "democracy" to the Greek masses.

Premier Recep Peker in militarist-ruled Turkey proclaimed that Truman has been "inspired by a point of view both realistic and fully humanitarian." The regime that has outlawed all working class political parties and organizations is ready to de its bit for "democracy."

In Spain and China, the fascist butchers have taken Truman's pronouncement as a signal for renewed atrocities and repressions.

Chiang Kai-shek, who has slaughtered millions of revolutionary Chinese workers and peasants, two days after Truman spoke announced total war against "the Communists." The dictator whose atrocities rival Hitler's greeted Truman's message as the go-ahead signal for new "democratic" frightfulness against the Chinese people.

In Madrid, "President Truman's speech aroused enthusiasm here such as no American public utterance has evoked in Spain for a very long time . . . The press, which may be taken as official reaction, leaped on the speech as one of the rare cases where an Anglo-Saxon statesman's views coincided with Spain's." (N. Y. Times, March 14.) Franco's enthusiasm was expressed concretely by new ars rests and executions of "communists."

The old allies of Hitler in Italy and Japan have welcomed Truman's speech. Robert P. Martin re= ports from Tokyo in the March 15 N. Y. Post that 'Japanese officials are quietly jubilant over the implications of President Truman's request for aid to Greece and Turkey . . . One official said, 'Truman is doing now what we tried to do years ago with the anti-Comintern pact with Italy and Germany'. Emperor Hirohito, kept in power by MacArthur's bayonets, is no doubt pleased to find U.S. imperialism adopting a program so much after his own heart.

Mussolini's old followers in Italy have expressed their gratification. The Monarchist and fascist press approved Truman's speech. "Right-wing newspapers are openly jubilant," reports the March 15 N. Y. Times" . . The Rightist Corrierre della Nazione says the United States has established its frontiers at all points where the freedom of peoples is in danger." This is praise indeed, coming from experts on "freedom of peoples."

## **Mass Of State Laws Menace Labor Unions**

A steel web of anti-labor laws is being woven around organized labor in at least 35 states, ineluding the major industrial areas.

Every state legislature now in session is speeding through special bills to throttle the rights of labor. Last week two more states, New York and Delaware,

## The 'Truman Doctrine'

Wall Street's cynical publicity experts are buttering up Truman's demand to take over Greece and Turkey with all the slick technique they used in selling the "Four Freedoms" and Reosevelt's Atlantic Charter to a dubious public.

Remember how they compared the Atlantic Charter with the Magna Carta? Roosevelt's name, they said, would ring down the corridors of history for what he proclaimed in that document.

Now they have baptized Truman's message to Congress, giving it the resounding title of the "Truman Doctrine." They connect it with the Monroe Doctrine. Wall Street's authoritative mouthpiece, the N. Y. Times, says it will take its place "in the niche of history once reserved for the Atlantic Charter." And its author, the graduate of the corrupt Kansas City Pendergast machine who hit the White House jackpot, is being molded in a "brandnew image" to use the lyric phrase of Anne O'Hare McCormick, well-known commentator on foreign affairs.

The comparison between the Atlantic Charter and the Magna Carta ended in the wastebasket along with the "Four Freedoms." But the association of the "Truman Doctrine" with the Monroe Doctrine happens to contain a grain of truth.

Enunciated in 1823, the Monroe Doctrine called for America to keep clear of entangling alliances in Europe and for the European powers to stay out of the Western Hemisphere. This foreign policy covered the aims of American capitalism up to the turn of the century. The robber barons who amassed the great fortunes needed a free hand to seize and monopolize the resources of our continent. They wanted no interference from the European capitalist powers.

Under the Monroe Doctrine, American capital then established its domination over Latin America. By the time of the Spanish American war, however, the drive of U.S. imperialism passed beyond the frame of the Monroe Doctrine. The seizure of Hawaii and the Philippines, indicated the explosive pressures

Here in America after the first imperialist world war, the open-shop drive was spearheaded by a brutal reign of terror against radical workers. Many a union was wrecked, many a union man was murdered under Wall Street's war-cry: "Smash the Reds!"

Today again, as the American capitalist rulers hurl their legislative assault against labor and prepare to drag the nation into a war of world-conquest, they simultaneously wage an offensive against the "reds" that daily mounts in ferocity.

Wall Street's Congress is rushing to enact additional anti-"red" laws, including an outright ban on all political parties that can be labeled "communist." These proposed bills directly violate constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, press and assembly. They would pave the way for abrogating the civil and political rights of any group that dares to raise its voice against Wall Street's antilabor and pro-war conspiracy.

The Communist Party, an agency of the Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union, is directly named in these anti-"red" bills. This party is not revolutionary; it does not fight for socialism. But the American ruling class is trying to ban the Stalinists because they are servants of the Kremlin, against whose policies and influence American imperialism is fighting all over the world in preparation for war against the Soviet Union.

These anti-communist bills are also aimed against the real anti-capitalist fighters for international socialism, the Trotskyists of the Socialist Workers Party. The Trotskyists are recognized as the consistent working-class opponents of imperialist war. Eighteen SWP leaders were imprisoned by the Roosevelt administration during the last war for opposing the war and militantly defending labor's rights.

But it would be wrong and extremely shortsighted for the labor movement to regard the anti-communist bills as aimed exclusively at the Stalinists or real revolutionists like the Trotskyists. Working-class political minorities may be the first victims-but the final victim will be the whole labor movement.

That was the case in the countries where fascism, the naked dictatorship of the capitalist class, triumphed. That was the case in 1919-21 during the post-war persecutions of American labor radicals. It is the case today.

Any law that abridges the rights of any working-class organization is a law to undermine the rights of all workers. Such anti-democratic laws must be fought with utmost vigor and militancy by an aroused labor movement.

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How is it this anti-communtion. Explaining his relapse to ist could serve Stalinism so Budenz makes an ominous state-Catholicism, Budenz writes: long, through all its twists and ment. He tells the American rul-"My return to the Church was turns, as an admitted accomplice not a negative act. I was not a of its GPU murder machine? He something from Stalin. At the Catholic because I was anti- himself asks the question, why Communist; it was the other in 1935 "did I persist in finding rinist trials, Stalin said, 'It takes way around." It was the grip of ways and means to work with religious obscurantism on the the Communists?" He claims it but one can blow it up'." mind of a self-centered petty was his "desire for unity," "the bourgeois which made Budenz desire not to be labeled a 'Red tics of the Vatican, but he cona consistent opponent of the Baiter'," and "the constant tinues to admire one thing about scientific doctrine of Marxism. breast-beating of the Reds, which the Kremlin — its use of frame-That does not prevent him took me in pretty badly."

from referring to himself as a But he was not taken in by sheviks.

"A Declaration Of War"

How thoroughly Wall Street's Congressmen understand the ominous implications of the move into Greece and Turkey can be judged from the following comments, all made on March 12, the day Truman announced Washington's new turn in foreign policy:

petty-bourgeois.

the Catholic mold.

class struggle.

him thereafter."

Church. In every crisis of his

complex social conflicts of our bor.

Sen. Johnson (D., Colo.): It "sounded like an undeclared declaration of war."

Sen, O'Daniel (D., Texas): "This maneuvering has all the earmarks of a plot to rush us into another war."

Whether our intervention in Rep. Case (R., S. D.): "I know Greece tends to make such a war that if Stalin, or any other coun- more probable or less probable try proposed to send a military depends on many circumstances." Sen. Wherry (R., Neb.): "I mission to train 'selected personnel' in Mexico, we would mothink this means a virtual debilize at once. We would regard claration of war on totalitarian it as tantamount to a declaraforces in all quarters of the tion of war." world. I don't know that there is

Sen. McCarran (D., Nevada): any alternative." Sen. Capper (R., Kansas): "Money alone won't be enough "We have to go along with the many dollars are involved, how to sustain Greece and Turkey. We will have to go in there with President. There seems to be no men and materials, if we go at alternative.' Rep. Reed (R., N. Y.): "It's all."

many men we are going to send into World War III." Sen. Kem (R., Missouri): very much like a declaration of Rep. O'Konski (R., Wis.); "The "President Truman has asked war covered with relief veneer." speech . . . should make every Congress in effect to declare an Rep. McCormack (D., Mass.): red-blooded American citizen American frontier on the Helles-"If we fail to assist Greece and demand that it is time for a pont to be held, if need be, by Turkey . . . will not the Medirendezvous with destiny . . . It American blood." terranean become a Soviet lake, Rep Van Zandt (R., Pa.): "I and will not the security of the seems that the only destiny that our President has indicated for guess I may as well get my Navy United States then be imperiled? our country is more blood, sweat uniform out of storage." ... It is my opinion ... the naand tears.' Sen. Taft (R., Ohio) as boss tion that controls the Mediter-Sen. McCarthy (R., Wis.): "I of the Republican machine in ranean controls Europe, and the the Senate spoke cautiously: "I nation that controls Europe conthink it's a sensible policy if we do not want a war with Russia. trols Asia and Africa.' adopt it all over the world."

and is a main prop of capitalist reaction and monarchism in Eur-

At the very end of his book. ing class that it "could learn time of the Trotskyite-Bukhaa hundred men to build a bridge,

up and murder against the Bol-- ART PREIS

Budenz has adopted the poli-

will have to fight Russia or not

Soviet Union, and England and

all Europe, America probably

would not have had the atomic

bomb to fight a war against Rus-

sia, if we ever have to fight one."

Rep. Hoffman (R., Mich.);

"The President today did not

tell us . . . how much of an ef-

fort we are going to make, how

many tons of munitions and sup-

plies for war will be needed, how

. . Had Hitler conquered the

rushed through drastic anti-union laws.

New York's legislature in Albany pushed through in two weeks, without public hearings, a bill prohibiting public employes from striking. It affects several hundred thousand civil service employes. including school teachers who are fighting for higher wages.

Delaware's House of Representatives adopted bills barring the closed shop, forbidding the "prevention" of work in a struck plant, requiring state incorporation of unions and prohibiting the union dues check-off system. Both New York and Delaware bills are expected to be signed soon.

"The most concentrated drive of Big Business in state legislatures is against the closed shop. Bills against union security contracts are designed to permit employers to hire non-union and anti-union elements to undermine union organizations and conditions. Complete bans on closed shop contracts already exist in seven states, Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, Arkansas, Nebraska, Arizona and South Dakota. Extreme restrictions on the closed shop are law in Colorado, Kansas and Wisconsin.

Almost every other state legislature now in session is considering similar open shop bills, with the likelihood of passage in a majority of cases.

Along with proposed bills against union security contracts, many states are pushing through bills to restrict picketing, limit the right to strike, require special licenses and other measures to impede and harass union workers. Most of the bills provide heavy fines and prison sentence as penalties for violations.

In addition to the 10 states with restrictions on the closed shop, ten other states - Idaho, Texas, Minnesota, Michigan, Louisiana, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Alabama and New Jerseyhave passed restrictive labor laws in the past year or two.

Union actions against existing closed shop bans have been limited almost entirely to court appeals seeking to have such laws ruled unconstitutional, An appeal is being pushed through state courts, but is not expected to reach the U.S. Supreme Court before another year.

Because of the over-all danger of anti-labor bills before the U.S. Congress, insufficient attention has been paid by the labor movement to the growing mass of state union-busting laws. The alarm is now being sounded, however, as shown by the increasing clamor in local union papers and by the wide number of state, regional and local conferences being caled by AFL and CIO unions, both separately and jointly.

There is obviously a unified strategy in the concerted and simultaneous character of the drive to put over anti-labor laws in the various states. Most of the closed shop bills are virtually identically worded. They are sponsored by Democratic and Republican legislators alike and are invariably backed by the national corporations and employer organizations.

Through the state legislatures the capitalists plan to put through piece-meal those drastic anti-labor laws which they are not certain they can push through Congress in Washington. In this fashion, the reactionaries in Washington and the state capitals have established a division of labor in the general legislative drive to cripple the unions.



Congressmen At Work

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

## Wishes Negroes **Could Win Rights** Editor:

I am glad to get this opportunity to say I have read a lot about the Southern states and know every word you say is true, because I lived in Mississippi where the Negroes can't have a chance to speak for their rights. Why don't they have any rights? The Negroes went into the Army and fought. Still they can't have their rights. I wish Enat the Negroes could have their rights in the South. Likewise in the North, they don't have any rights to speak of, living under terrible condi-

tions. Can you tell me, will there ever be a chance for that to come Eddie R. to pass? New York

### **Send Financial Aid To Trinidad Strikers** Editor:

The following is a copy of a letter we have just sent to Rupert Hannibal: Secretary, Negro Social Cultural Workers Union; 1. St. Paul Street. Port of Spain, Trinidad. B. W. I. "Dear Comrades and Brothers:

We read your appeal for fimancial aid in The Militant of March 1 to help defray expenses in your defense struggle in the Lauds Robeson ourts of Trinidad. As a result of a special collection at our As Great Artist branch meeting of March 8, in which 20 comrades participated. e enclose \$16.80 toward your lise

Long live the unity of the persecuted striking workers of Trinidad.

L. Becker, Organizer Bronx Branch, Socialist Workers Party."

## Youth Activities

AKRON. - Socialist Youth Club meets Fridays, 7 p.m. Followed by refreshments, dancing. 8 South Howard St., 2nd floor. CHICAGO. - Youth meeting Fridays at 8 p.m. Discussion on pamphlet Socialism On Trial. Games and refreshments. 777 W Adams, 2nd floor.

Youth Club meets every Tuesday. 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educa- refreshing and cleansing. tionals after every meeting. Refreshments served.

NEW YORK. - For informa- lace and Pepper, in the face of for a State FEPC. tion on the Trotskyist Youth the Stalinist betrayal of the



STALIN **Praises "Militant"** 

For Exposing Stalin Editor: Received The Militant today reporting Budenz's confirmation

that it was Stalin who organized the assassination of Leon Trotskv. A bang-up issue with some

solid anti-Stalinist material which makes this Old Bolshevik's heart feel good. As we chant at college football games: "Hit 'em again, harder, harder!" S. T. an awakening interest in unions

Wisconsin

core.

Many of these new readers are Paul Robeson came to our town Italian. They suffer considerable last night. The moving quality discrimination because of their of his voice together with the nationality. Their encouraging superb intonation of a veteran response to our campaign shows artist brought encore after enthat they are looking for a mili-

Aside from the grace and problems. charm he lent to the standard classics, his rendition of the Ne-

gro spirituals gave dignity seldom achieved to the consciousto put the Negro in a ridiculous

Editor: light. Robeson's expressive interpretation of "Four Insurgent Gener- CIO is not taking the anti-labor als," a Spanish-Loyalist battle drive laying down. hymn, and "Joe Hill" brought By unanimous vote the meman ovation never before heard bership decided to carry the order for \$16 which completes NEW YORK YOUTH in the Russ Auditorium. In this fight to the enemy. As reported our pledge of \$200. I am truly CLEVELAND degenerate capitalist society in our paper The Searchlight the LOS ANGELES. - Socialist where the greatest of the arts local went on record for the is prostituted, such a rare per- following: formance by a great artist was

1. To support municipal ownership of the transportation sys-However, his unstinted praise tem. of Stalinism and its stooges, Wal-

3. To demand united action to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3. part the French Stalinists have by all organized labor against admit that percentages, like ap-

By William F. Warde National Fund Campaign Director The \$20,000 Emergency Fund Campaign for the Socialist Workers Party has closed with a magnificent show of strength. Contributions amounting to \$3,547.45 poured in

December 15 to March 15 is \$19,443.17. Although In view of our agitation for a Labor Party and the present a little short of the goal, the attainment of 97% mood of the workers, who are must be considered a noteworthy achievement showing the first signs of refor the American Trotskyist movement. sponse to our slogans, I suggest

. . . Telegrams and special delivery letters from the branches containing jubilant reports of the fulfillment of quotas streamed into the national office during the past week. Here was powerful evidence of the determination of the SWP members to make personal sacrifices for the cause of Socialism. 27 branches, three-quarters of the list, met or surpassed their obligations!

First a message from Chicago: "Over the top. \$332 in mail." Organizer Mike Bartell writes: "I think special note should be made of the fact that the Calumet branch has contributed \$414.-25 toward our quota, which is remarkable considering the size of the branch." The Chicago Youth keeps in step by mailing in the rest of its \$25 quota.

From the West Coast, San Francisco telegraphs: "We have made our 100% just in time." Oakland across the bay sends in the final payment on its \$250 assignment.

. . . .

Los Angeles through Julie Miller, Fund Di-Our over-all average for time rector, declares: "Oversubscribed quota, \$1,517 spent in getting each subscriphas been raised. Check will go into mail tomortion was 55 minutes. Last year row.'

Seattle comes through with \$800 to its credit. Under great handicaps, Tacoma manages to make 75% and Portland 50% of their quotas. San Diego was the first West Coast branch under the wire in the campaign.

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St. Louis encloses another \$6.50 which keeps this banner branch at the head of the country. But the pacemaker is hard-pressed by the New York Youth and by Cleveland. Thanks to an exceptionally generous donation and excellent response from its other members. Cleveland doubled its \$300 pledge. "I can assure you that we are all quite proud of this record," writes Almeda Kingsley.

Several of the smaller branches deserve special commendation for their achievements in going over the top. Among these are Pittsburgh, Reading and Allentown-Bethlehem. This puts

all Pennsylvania in the 100% class. Rochester also put on a burst of speed and finished the

Connecticut State wires: "Can finish paying. Money on way." From Milwaukee Carol Andrews Branch writes: "Enclosed is a money ST. LOUIS sorry we couldn't make over ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM 100% as promised. YOUNGSTOWN LOS ANGELES YOUTH \* \* \* ST. PAUL "It looks like rank discrimination to place New York so far NEW YORK LOCAL down on the scoreboard when it MILWAUKEE 2. To put up a strong fight has been responsible for collect- FLINT ing so much money," declared a LOS ANGELES LOCAL leading member of the local. We MINNEAPOLIS



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## THE MILITANT ARMY **Lynn And Boston Branches** Launch 'Militant' Drive

Militant subscription camcialist Workers Party. Both branch literature agents.

The Boston comrades secured members went out for the first ing. time," says Rena Breshi, "and

they feel pretty enthusiastic

Lynn: "We started our six-week out; they got a total of 12 subs." . . .

tions to The Militant.

"The Flint comrades," writes El Snyder, "obtained these 29 the branch as well."

\* \* \* Connecticut State's subscription campaign will finish next week. The record so far shows that the comrades have done a bang-up job. "We're in the final Friday, as we have only 18 subs

to go. Clara Raymond should the drive. We will give you the there." pleasant details next week." 200 116 \* \* \* 110 108 108

106 "This is part of our six-week 105 drive and these subs were ob-103 tained quite easily." 101 \* \* \*

101 The Buffalo comrades have 101 100

A Militant booster who is dopaigns were successfully launch- ing an excellent job in getting ed during the week by the Lynn new readers for our paper tells and Boston Branches of the So- us about the method he uses. "I decided on this method some time ago," he explains, "and it campaigns got off to a good seems to be working pretty well. start according to reports from The gift subs I turned in over the Christmas Holidays are being paid for. For various reasons,

some people are reluctant to 16 subscriptions. "Many new shell out for a sub on first meet-

Where they are personal friends or branch contacts it about it. I feel sure that we will might be good to say something get better results as we go along." like this: 'O.K. You've never seen the paper before. I'd very Hilda Webster reports for much like you to read it, to get another point of view, etc. sub campaign this past Sunday. I'll pay for a gift sub for you Our goal is 100 subs. A Militant and if you wish later, you can Squad of three comrades went pay me back.' In the meantime, if the recipient comes in contact with the one who submitted the

Flint and Connecticut State sub, the paper should be mentied for first place this week in tioned, the person should be asksub-getting. Each branch ob- ed whether he likes it, and one or tained a total of 29 subscrip- more of the articles, features, or names of individuals referred to and praised.

Personalizing the paper is subs while out on a mobilization. clearly an effective means of ap-One of the subs is a consolation proaching people who are today prize to Comrade N. The com- so 'columnist conscious.' Where rades are doing a wonderful job, the person asks questions or not only on mobilizations but on comments about an article, other functions and activities of there's an opening for the comrade to develop the Party posi-

tion . . . All of this makes the person more amenable to a request to pay for his subscription.' \* \* \*

Another Militant booster, G. week of our campaign," reports H. of Canada, renewed his sub-James White, Literature Agent. scription to The Militant and 'We should hit the 300 mark by says: "I am moving to a farm I have just purchased and will try get over 100 subs by the end of to get subscribers to your paper \* \* \*

E. R. Reed of Reading, Pa. Pittsburgh subcription cam- sent in a one-year combination paign is getting under way. Jus- subscription to The Militant and tine Lang sent in 5 subs, stating, Fourth International. In addition he sent \$2.50 extra to be credited to the \$20,000 fund.

M. K. Kessler of Buffalo reraised their sights in sub-getting. newed his subscription to The

tant political answer to their M. C. New Haven, Conn.

**Suggests Sona** 

Editor:

popularize it.

The Militant

**Editor:** 

**On Labor Party** 

a song be composed with the

Labor Party as its theme. If such

a song already exists, we should

I also suggest that professional

talent should be sought through

the Socialist Workers Party and

**Reports Success** 

Haven, and we did.

In Conn. Sub Drive

We have just completed a

three-months campaign for 300

subscriptions to The Militant.

We were out to introduce our

paper to the workers of New

our average was 45 minutes.

We found that although many

workers subscribed because of

and in labor generally, the more

advanced ones had to be con-

vinced that The Militant was

really a political paper before

they would subscribe.

Manuel Sunshine

Los Angeles, Calif.



Chevrolet Local No. 659 UAW-



## An Item Truman Left Out – By Joseph Hansen –

One of our hobbies on The Militant is running a fine-tooth comb through Presidential messages to Congress. It's surprising what you can sometimes pull out of the verb-

iage put together by the professional ghost-writers on the

White House payroll. In the

latest message we even found a

But our patient work failed to find a single hint about the re-

red herring, smell and all.



lation of Greece and Turkey to the fabulously rich empire in the Middle East staked out by the American oil trust as spoils of victory in World War II.

Our disappointment was all the sharper because we've been waiting since March 1944 to see if a prediction we clipped out of the newspaper about these oil holdings would come true. This prediction was made by Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson and an authority on oil policy.

When Roosevelt cooked up a project in 1944 to spend \$165,000,000 of the taxpayers' money building pipelines and refineries for the oil trust in Arabia, Colby sounded off: "If such policies are pursued in oil and other fields our country appears committed definitely to future wars in bewildering places and to constant maintenance of American armed forces all over the world."

Truman didn't say anything about oil, but he did mention military forces going into Greece and Turkey.

A headline in the March 16 N. Y. Times is more explicit: "Oil is big factor in aid to Greece." In 1940, it seems, when the British were held down by Nazi bombs, Standard Oil raced with the Texas Company to grab up as much as they could in the Middle East where half the world's known oil resources are located.

When they ran into a British snag in Arabia, they went crying to Roosevelt, and he gave the matter his "personal consideration," probably calling Churchill on the phone to "discuss" whether the British really needed all that lendlease.

Eventually the American monopolists got about 40% of the holdings. On Sept. 24, 1945, Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, with spokesmen of six oil companies to "advise" him in London, negotiated an oil treaty between the British and American governments, putting the official seal of approval on joint exploitation of the black gold in the Middle East.

This was followed last December by what the N. Y. Times called "one of the biggest oil transactions of all time." Standard of Calif. and the Texas Co. cut Standard of N. J. and Socony Vacuum in their Arabian-American Oil Co. Socony and N. J. then agreed to buy oil from the British-held Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. "State Department officials welcomed news of the transactions," said the Dec. 26 N. Y. Times. Investments of hundreds of millions of dollars were earmarked for refineries, docks and two pipelines, each the size of the Big Inch.

Now we come to the British notice about having to withdraw troops. In 1925 when the concessions were first obtained in Iraq, declares the March 16 Times, one of the company heads "said that it could be held only so long as British soldiers remained." Once "British" soldiers leave the area, "it would be difficult for the present owners of the concessions to hold

The "present owners" are the same outfits who ran to Roosevelt in 1940 for help against the British. Truman didn't say so; but we wonder-can it be that the oil trust, now sinking drills in the richest fields in the world, wants American troops within shooting distance to safeguard the company flag?

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# **Detroit Tenants Demand** City Freeze All Rents

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**CIO** Pickets Defy Arrests



The Negro Struggle \_\_\_\_\_ Greece And The Negroes By William E. Bohannon-

the Negro people will condemn and reject Truman's big step to war which is camouflaged under the title of a defense of



time is enough, thank you. The thing that must have struck most Negroes who heard or read Truman's speech to Congress was its utter and complete hypocrisy. Especially when he said there were two ways of life which every nation had to choose between, and described them as follows:

freedoms." Twice in one life-

"One way of life is based upon the will of the majority and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from political oppression.

"The second way of life is based upon the will of a minority forcibly imposed upon the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, fixed elections, and the suppression of personal freedoms."

If Truman really wanted to fight against this second way of life, then instead of helping the Greek monarchy and the Turkish dictatorship, he would be trying to overthrow them. Because in both these countries the ruling class is a will on the majority of the people by the most us into a new war.

In my opinion the overwhelming majority of brutal and obvious kind of terror and oppression. If the British would get out of Greece. the masses would overthrow the government inside of a month.

But leaving aside the question of Greece and democracy against communism. Turkey, there is another test, much closer to We haven't forgotten how the Negro fared in and after the home, of how much Truman wants to fight against the second way of life. And that test first two world wars, which is the status of the Negro here in the United also were designated as wars States. for "democracy" and the "four

You don't like terror and oppression, Mr. Truman? Then why haven't you done anything to stop it when it is directed against the Negro people? Why haven't you called Congress together to give you special authority to do something about lynchings, the way you ask for special authority in the Mediterranean?

You dislike fixed elections, Mr. Truman? Then how come you haven't even spoken out against the efforts of your Southern Democratic comrades to fix elections by depriving Negroes of their right to vote?

You are opposed to the suppression of personal freedoms, Mr. Truman? Then how about the city you live in now, the capital of the country, where Jim Crow is the official pattern? What have you ever done to preserve the Negro people's personal freedoms there?

Just to pose these questions is enough: the answers aren't necessary. Truman's actions speak louder than his most pious words. The new world war they are getting ready to drag us into has nothing to do with preserving democracy. On the contrary, the only way we will gain recognition of our democratic rights is by fighting for them unrelentingly against small minority which is forcibly imposing its the very same people who are trying to drag

While picketing the Brooklyn YWCA, these members of CIO Local 19, United Office & Professional Workers were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. The union immediately announced another picketline for the following day and intends to continue picketing until the YWCA settles.

#### DETROIT, Mar. 13—At a hearing today with Acting Mayor George Edwards, a group of 50 aroused tenants representing the housing projects of Detroit, as well as UAW - CIO representatives, attempting to break into the local UAW officers, house-Mayor's chambers and disrupt wives and their children, dethe hearings.

manded that the city Coun-The hearing was the climactic cil pass legislation which would point of the organization of immediately freeze rents locally, tenants throughout Detroit, esregardless of any decision which pecialy in the housing projects. Congress would make regarding Last night a mass meeting was held under the auspices of the Jack Lesnik, chairman of the Wayne County CIO Council, the UAW-CIO Housing Department,

mittee, opened the hearing by and the Detroit Joint Projects Tenants Committee. At this meeting, chaired by Brother Lesnik of Local 306, R. all rents at their present level; J. Thomas, National UAW housing director, pointed out that truct the police authorities to the real estate interests were halt all evictions; and 3. That attemping to destroy rent conthe city immediately start build- trol. He quoted statistics which proved that the real estate own-

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#### PASS THE BUCK

Edwards attempted to pass the buck by saying that it was im- MEAN BUSINESS possible for the city to legally pass rent control measures. He for the State to pass an enabling law before the cities could do anything.

Tenant after tenant rose to The time is here for militant his feet to say that now was not action." Dillard also stated that the time to consider legal tec- the tenants of his project were nicalities but that now was the wholeheartedly behind the protime to think of human rights gram of the Joint tenants coun-

and the necessity of people hav- cil. ing homes at the rentals which they could afford to pay. Besides, the City Council had no of the Wayne County CIO Counright to anticipate the decision cil, also made brief addresses. of the courts in this question. Ben Probe, secretary of the ING OF THE CONGRESS BAN. warned that "when rent control Gerald L. K. Smith, attempted is taken off and evictions begin, to disrupt the meeting. The lawlessness will step in." He chairman announced that they further stated "many union would be evicted from the hall locals have gone on record guar- if they didn't stop their disrupting memory to those who mix- anteeing that as soon as tenants tion.

ed their blood with their comple back in." In spite of these obstacles, the working class of Bombay did re-

gress, a group of landlords more low-rent housing, which gister its protest silently, howrepresenting the major real was presented to the Acting ever, by striking work in 6 cotestate interests of Detroit were Mayor today.

**Rubber Union Sets Deadline** RIN Revolt Day Celebration ernment recently to check com-Committee, took up the chal-lenge along with other groups riders are scot-free, the Act has rider experience whom to ap-riders are scot-free, the Act has rider experience whom to ap-

> By Milton Genecin AKRON, March 17-A nation-wide strike of rubber

**Trotskyists Commemorate Revolt Of Royal Indian Navy** 

BOMBAY, India, Mar. 8-Under the initiative of the er peaceful meetings inside pri-Bombay Unit of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India vate premises, BUT NO BREAK- CIO Wayne County Council, (Trotskyist) and the Forward Bloc (Subhas Bose's Party) Of course, the Stalinist-sponsora fitting program was chalked out to celebrate the first ed Indian People's Theatre Assoanniversary of the Royal Indian Navy Revolt and to comciation held a concert in a local memorate the 300 martyrs. fashionable hotel! What a fitkilled in Bombay one year galore, with injuries to many, in-

cluding a woman militant of the Forward Bloc. In all, 18 persons rades in the armed forces!

It was Feb. 23, 1947. The Con- were arrested, including the segress Ministry got panicky and cretary of the Bombay Unit of banned all demonstrations, pro- the BLPI. They have been recessions and meetings. In defi- leased, but are to appear for trial ance of this action by the so- next week.

ton mills and some more factorcalled "Popular" Ministry, the It is worth noting that they Bolshevik - Leninist Party mili- have all been arrested under the tants. who had initiated and notorious Goonda ("Ruffian") helped in the formation of the Act passed by the Congress gov- Bolshevik-Leninists of Bombay. RIN Revolt Day Celebration ernment recently to check com- The working class in Bombay as and some of the ex-RIN cadets been consistently used against proach for leadership. They are discharged from the Navy for all Leftists, including the Con- slowly but steadily building up their heroic role in the mutiny. gress Socialists, Stalinists, For- their own party - the BLPI.

ies. They were helped as usual by the limited strength of the

-Federated Pictures

Joint Projects Tenants Comdemanding: 1. That the City

the OPA.

Council pass an ordinance which would immediately freeze 2. That the City Council ins-

ing more low-cost housing. ers are making more money than

they ever did before.

Thomas was followed by Ernest Dillard, chairman of the claimed that it was necessary Brewster Project Rent Committee. He said, "If necessary, we will stop traffic to show these people that we mean business.

Patrick MacNamara, Detroi City Councilman, and Sam Sage The same group of organized landlords under the leadership of Atherton, representative of

were evicted, the flying squadron | The meeting went on record would proceed to move the peo- unanimously in support of the three point program of no evic-While the hearing was in pro- tions, no rent. increases and

## The Drive Toward War By George Breitman-

Notes From The News

In his war-like speech last week, Truman promised to call on Congress for "further authority" if it was needed to carry out his new



that such "authority" will include a demand, when the time is ripe for it, for a declaration of war.

When will that be? How close is the world to a new war? Will the time interval between Truman's speech and World War III be as short as it was between Roosevelt's

the aggressor" speech in 1937 and the outbreak of World War II? Nobody can give a final answer to these questions-not even Truman or Stalin-because it depends on too many unknown factors.

Truman's speech is a declaration of readiness to resort to war; its most immediate purpose is to force further concessions from Stalin. How will Stalin react?

It is well known that the Soviet Union, devastated by the war, is in no position to wage a major war at this time. This is one factor which drives Stalin to seek new compromises with the imperialists.

But Stalin-despite his public reassurances that the Soviet can live in peace in a capitalist encirclement-knows that world imperialism, faced with the breakdown of European economy and the upsurge of revolt in Asia, hopes to stave off its downfall for a time by

carving up the Soviet Union and opening it up to capitalist exploitation. He knows that every retreat on the part of the Stalinist bureaucracy will only embolden and encourage new demands by the imperialists.

The threat of war in the near future results from the tension developing out of this increasing imperialist pressure on the Soviet Union. This threat is ever-present, even though both Stalin and Truman might prefer another outcome than war.

Another factor-and one far more decisive than the plans of Truman and Stalin-will be the reaction of the working class both in the U. S. and throughout the world. The great majority of them are opposed to any new bloodbath. But mere opposition is not enough, as was shown when they were plunged against their will into World War II.

Will their opposition to the new danger be passive-or will it take on an active, militant form? That is, will they permit the ruling powers to destroy civilization in an atomic war, or will they intervene, sweeping aside the warmongers and establishing Workers and Farmers Governments which alone can secure peace? Speculation about what date the next world

war will begin may be interesting but it is certainly not the task that lies ahead for the antiwar fighters. The stark reality is: The war danger is here, and it is getting greater all the time. The job to be done is to arouse the working class to this danger, to mobilize and organize it for a fight to end this danger forever.

ward Blocists and Trotskyists. The Committee decided to hold ROLE OF STALINISTS

the meeting in defiance of the ban on Feb. 23. All the might of the attitude of these above the Congress police was mustered strong on the Chaupaty that RIN Day celebrations. The deevening. Speaker after speaker from the ranks of the Forward the wishes of the Congress boss-Bloc and the Trotskyists came on es, against the directions of the the platform only to be physical- Congress Socialist Party leaders ly dragged away by the police and the Stalinists. The Congress

**MEET THE SWP CANDIDATE** 

under arrest. The huge gathering could not barrass their capitalist masters.

LOUIS KISNER

**Candidate for City** 

Council, District 15

In Los Angeles

in Palestine his Zionist aspira-

tions vanished, and instead he

joined the Marxist Circles, an

international socialist youth

Returning to the U.S. in 1932.

he joined the Young Commun-

cational" on Leon Trotsky,

which Kisner knew was a falsi-

day that Hitler took power in

Germany, without opposition

the offices of Pioneer Publish-

los Angeles.

movement.

Militant.

ago.

DEFY BAN

**Chicago SWP** Another point to be noted is

Socialists did not want to em-



CHICAGO, March 16-The

tolerate this physical violence of The Stalinists openly stated weeks. In the absence of a the erstwhile "non-violent" Con- that they could not come into Labor Party movement, the gress. Lathis of the police were the Committee for fear of illegal- labor bureaucrats of both the ization of their party. They AFL and CIO are corralling the replied to by the masses with the called upon the Bombay work- workers to support Martin Kenonly weapon at their disposal, ing class to "OBSERVE" the day. nelly, Democratic candidate for stones. Lathi charges followed How? No directions . . . or rath- mayor. Kennelly is the candi-

date of Big Business and is a big business man himself. He is a director of Wilson Co., one cept. of the Big Four meat packers and an owner of several business concerns of his own. He in no way represents the interests of the workers.

The write-in campaign for Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor, when we first informed the comoffers the class-conscious workers in Chicago an opportunity to express their opposition to the ing cost." candidates and parties of capin the current negotiations are

### SWP POSITION

broadcasts presenting the SWP ies. These four corporations position on issues facing the control virtualy the entire rub- CIO Legislative Conference, workers today. On March 23 he ber industry in the United States. will discuss "Greece - Wall Together they showed a huge Street's Base for War on the profit of 102 million dollars for Soviet Union." On March 30 the year 1946, an amount more mously adopted a resolution he will speak on the local and than twice as great as that of calling for joint action by national issues in the campaign. any other year in the history of all sections of the labor The broadcasts on both Sundays the industry.

will be at 2:30 P.M. over station In anticipation of the strike, anti-labor legislative drive. WJJD, 1160 on the dial.

rally on March 29 at the SWP courts, to be on their side lead- in Lynn and Springfield, joint ternational, Kisner decided to shipped out as a seaman. He has headquarters, 777 West Adams ing a sustained and vicious antirevisit Palestine. On his way worked in an aircraft plant and St., at which Bartell will speak labor drive. Street's War on the Soviet Uners and asked for every piece of organizer of the San Pedro ion." The lecture will be fol- fought back with the same mili- resolution and joint committees tainment.

workers affecting 42 plants of the "Big Four" rubber corporations was set for midnight of Sunday, March 23, as negotiations between the union 9-

and the companies collapsed. of 1945-1946. This has embold-The time for the strike was ened the profit-bloated capital. set by the union when the cor- ists who have their knives pointporations stubbornly refused to ed at the union movement. offer anything better than a 10 A strike of the rubber workers cent an hour increase in wages. in the "Big Four" will bring out The CIO United Rubber Work- more than 100,000 workers an

mayoralty election campaign ers demanded a 26-cent an hour tie up the industry almost co in Chicago is now in its final increase to make up for the steep pletely. It will be the first strike rise in the cost of living during of the United Rubber Workers the past year. However, URW on such a broad scale. With a President L. S. Buckmaster stat- tradition of militant struggle-in ed today after negotiations col- the great sit-down strikes of the lapsed that the union negotiat- 1930's, it can be taken for grantors had offered "to shave 10 ed that the rubber workers will cents an hour off our original put up a first class battle to win wage demand . . . The best their justified demands.

company offer was for 10-cent | A victory in rubber can very increases, which we couldn't ac- well reverse the trend of retreats and galvanize additional

Other demands were reported sections of the American workto have been withdrawn or mod- ers into action against the Wall ified in an effort to reach an Street trusts that have plundered agreement on the wage question. the country of billions of dollars Buckmaster accused the cor- in profits at the expense of the porations of "stalling and delay- overwhelming majority of the ing which began last Oct. 28 people.

## panies of our request for a wage increase to meet the rise in liv-The four corporations involved To Set Up Joint Bartell will deliver two radio the Goodrich, Firestone, Good- Action Committee BOSTON, Mar. 15-A State

attended by 350 delegates here last Sunday, unanimovement against the vicious

the Akron plants of the corpora-The resolution called upon the Thousands of copies of the tions have been scheduling short State CIO to form a state-wide leaflet containing the Socialist work-weeks so that the work- joint committee with the AFL, worked with the Marxist Cir- Workers Party election program ers would feel the pinch as soon the Railway Brotherhoods, and are being distributed and hun- as they walk out. The unyield- independent unions. In addiimmediately upon his return to dreds of stickers urging the ing attitude of the corporations tion, it urged establishment of the U.S. in 1935, he joined the voters to write in Bartell's name is undoubtedly due to the fact similar committees on a local from the C.P. of Germany, he Trotskyist movement where he have been pasted up through- that they feel the entire gov- basis throughout the state. ut Chicago. There will be a final election dent, the Congress and the lution, it was pointed out that

committees of the CIO and the AFL have been set up and are On the other hand, the labor functioning. The Greater Bosmovement as a whole has not ton CIO had adopted a similar tancy and determination that are in the process of formation characterized the strike upsurge there.

first labor lieutenant of capitalism to endorse Truman's new war program. The Social Demoratic New Leader begged its readers to write Truman,

David Dubinsky, ILGWU president, was the

"giving him the praise he defor his courageous serves stand." Most union leaders, knowing what the workers thought about it, preferred to

remain silent.

Delegates to the CIO National Education Conference in Columbus this week staged an  $8\frac{1}{2}$ hour sit-in at the Neil House's coffee shop to protest discrimination against Negro delegates. \* \* \*

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The Communist Party last week demoted Secretary of Lapor Schwellenbach to the status of a "FORMER Roosevelt supporter" after his demand that the CP be outlawed.

The Michigan referendum to decide on a state FEPC, scheduled for April 7, has been ruled off the ballot by the Michigan Supreme Court on the ground that it lacked a title.

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Miners in Pennsylvania and West Virginia are passing the hat to help pay the fine imposed by the Supreme Court on the UMW and John L. Lewis. \* \* \*

"Sympathy" with communism is ground enough for discharge of government employes, according to a Supreme Court ruling this week. \* \* \*

A total of 113 anti-labor bills is in the hopper of the California State Legislature.

Secretary of Navy Forrestal has promised to consider possible deletion from the Navy budget of such items as \$97,252.50 for silver-plated finger-bowls bearing different engraved emblems to distinguish admirals from rear admirals, etc.



dollars and some cents," he says. "but I studied it carefully on my ist League. His first shock came trip, I was convinced and in-

when a YCL leader held an "edu- spired." For the next two years, he fication of history. Then, on the cles in Jerusalem and Haifa, and

bought his first copy of The has worked steadily in many out Chicago. capacities ever since. During the war years Kisner Disappointed in the Third In-

through New York he visited at present is an auto worker and on "Greece-Base for Wall Trotskyist literature available. Branch of the Socialist Work- lowed by dancing and enter-"It all amounted to only five ers Party."

italism.