

An Editorial

by the "subversive" list, which proscribes organizations and parties arbitrarily selected by the party in power. The administration sysby the "subversive" list, which proscribes organizations and parties arbitrarily selected by the party in power. The administration sys-tematically fosters public hatred and hostility toward these organ-izations by branding them as "disloyal" — although they were never given a chance to defend themselves against this characterization at an open hearing. By depriving these organizations of their civil rights, the administration in effect invites others to do the same. HOUNGERI Some 500 organized vigilantes on Aug. 27 mobbed and smashed up an open-air concert near Peekskill, N. Y. at which Paul Roberty was subduiled to size Robeson was scheduled to sing

No Reliance on Government

The fascist hoodlums simply seized on this label of "disloyalty" to obtain the support of misguided youth for an orgy of unbridled violence against one of the blacklisted groups. They did it with impunity because they knew they had not only the connivance of local gangs in Europe and Ku Klux officials but the moral sanction of the federal government. lynchers in the South - was led

Thus the Truman administration's favorite witch-hunt device prepares the way for the rise of pro-fascist sentiment, activity and Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars movements. And let no one make any mistake about it, the crime at Peekskill paralleled the early outrages of the Nazi storm troopers

in Germany in every important aspect - not only in the tactics and brutality employed by the hoodlums, but in the tacit approval and collaboration tendered to them by the "democratic" government officials and law-enforcement agencies.

Reliance on such officials to defend civil rights would be the greatest mistake of all. As if to emphasize this fact so that no one can fail to see it, these scoundrels, after refusing to arrest a single one of the criminals, now dare to accuse the victims of the violence of having "plotted" the whole affair themselves.

There must not be another Peekskill! The way to prevent it

is not by dependence on capitalist government officials, but by joint action of the labor and liberal opponents of the witch-hunt, organized to defend their own meetings and repel the assaults of the fascist forces.

The lead in organizing such joint action must be taken by the labor movement. American labor must not repeat the fatal error made in Germany where the Nazis began by attacks on unpopular minorities and the working class organizations failed to take quick and energetic measures to crush fascism while there was still time to do so.

Don't Imitate the Stalinists

Nor must the American labor movement be permitted to adopt the blind and suicidal policy followed by the Communist Party, the Civil Rights Congress and Paul Robeson, who refuse to defend the civil rights of other witch-hunt victims because of political differences

We Trotskyists, who are No. 1 on the Stalinists' own blacklist, warn the labor movement that its own head is at stake. If the and other groups on the "subversive" list, they will have to be he wasn't doing something, and by Veterans of Foreign Wars to their next meeting. fought later on at the entrance to the union halls - and at that he answered: "We're letting the Post 1556, which then sent a wire

and county officials and police who had been asked to prov de protection for the concert but deliberately stayed away until after the hoodlums had finished heir work. The vigilantes began with a parade in front of the picnic grounds' entrance, where a stone roadblock was put up so cars could neither get in or out. Then veterans' officials announced their demonstration was finished and should disband, thus "clearing"



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The attack — carefully planned in advance and executed along

lines made familiar by fascist

by officials of the American

and Catholic War Veterans. They

were aided and abetted by state

Civil Rights Congress.

Fourteen automobiles w e r overturned and wrecked, although some still had occupants. Men were rushed and assaulted with clubs, rocks and fists. Women

were manhandled and molested. The mobsters' shouted the vilest anti-Negro a n d anti-Semitic threats and insults.

Several fiery crosses were set up. The concert stage was wreckd, a bonfire was started with chairs and sheets of music. The violence raged for almost three hours. Over a dozen people were taken to the hospital, including two vigilantes mistakenly knifed and clubbed in the dark by mem-

bers of their own gang.

Workers of the World, Unite !

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Boomerangs

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Arrogance of Corporations May Force Wave of Strikes . A mighty strike wave may shortly be set in motion smallest concessions to the wage already taken up the challenge.

by the arrogant refusal of the giant corporations, enjoying the greatest profits in their history, to make even the and pension demands of the un- Why They Withdrew

Some 17,500 CIO rubber workers in the Goodrich plants have They were forced to strike when Goodrich, in a manner typical of all' the monopoly · corporations, not only contemptuously brushed aside the union's demands but in turn demanded that the union give up vital gains it had won in 15 years of struggle.

Rather than accept a return to subservience and degraded conditions, the Goodrich workers, backed by their international union, made the only choice possible - they determined to fight it out on the picket lines.

SAME CHOICE FOR OTHERS

This is the same choice which the corporations are forcing upon expectations either that Truman's the workers in steel, auto, coal "fact-finding" board will make and other major industries. The satisfactory and just recommend-"fourth round" wage and pension ations or that the corporations campaign launched last spring by will accept any recommendations the CIO has long since bogged that do not conform to the terms down in fruitless negotiations | laid down in advance by the steel with the corporations. Truman's monopolists. The Ford negotiations remain

fact-finding procedure in steel has merely given the steel barons deadlocked, with the old contract a platform from which to hurl the being renewed on a day-to-day most brazen challenges and pro- basis pending the outcome in steel vocations at the steel workers:

by Sept. 14. The independent The bold action by the Goodrich United Mine Workers last week

Los Angeles VFW Post Defends Legless Vet

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28 - A Kutcher also addressed the meet- his support for them in their strong resolution of support for ing of the AFL Conference of straggle against the Los Angeles workers is shifting the attention broke off negotiations until Sept. James Kutcher in his fight for Studio Union Painters Tuesday County version of the federal of the U.S. Steel, Ford and other 15 and the prospect looms for a reinstatement to his job with the night, and received a warm witch-hunt of which he is a workers away from the blind al- shut-down of the coal mines if Outside, a woman caught in Newark Veterans Administration reception. A resolution of sup-victim. The 24 former county em- ley of statistical debates. The the steel workers go out. fascists are not stopped now at the entrance to meetings of Stalinists the traffic jam asked a cop why was passed last Wednesday night port for his case is being referred ployees were fired for refusing workers' eyes are now turning to-

to sign a county "loyalty" oath ward the picket lines where they ous labor struggle in the offing, comparable to the national have made their significant gains barring capitulatory settlements

Mediation Offer Truman's "fact-finding"

board in the steel wage controversy, desperately seeking a way to ward off a strike, offered to mediate between the CIO Steelworkers and the steel industry owners.

The board withdrew its offer when the corporation spokesmen agreed - on condition that mediation be undertaken

with each of 30 companies separately. If the 3-man board devoted an average of just two weeks to a company, the

negotiations could be strung

out for more than a year.

time it will be much harder to defeat them.

UNIONS FACE CHALLENGE OF UNEMPLOYMENT RISE

Truman has started a campaign to "psychologize" the country out of a depression. Recently the White House by saying: "There was no need issued orders to the cabinet members to "talk business up." Secretary of Labor Tobin, without consultation with employment before the CIO convention and experts in his own department other big union conventions in the found that a crime had been comwho know the facts speak other- next weeks. These conventions mitted." wise, promptly forecast a million will have to face the issue squaremore jobs by Dec. 31 — that is, ly. Nation-wide organized labor Attorney Frederick E. Weeks Jr. just when the big wave of after- action will have to be launched said there was nothing he could legless veteran. One said that if ago. Christmas unemployment will hit. for a fundamental attack on .un- do because no one had been the council failed to assist a vet-

Typical of the optimistically employment. slanted and misleading propagan. The spearhead of that attack is for him to question. He evidently views, who had been shot up in Security report on Aug. 28 which at 40 hours pay - a program Clerk Robert A. Field, who led job and civil rights, he, for one, County "loyalty" oath, whose played up a slackening "in the that was adopted by most of the rate of new industrial lay-offs." unions ten or more years ago. All this means is that there were Now the time has come to make Attorney Leonard Rubenfeld, an-"only" 259,207 new applications this program a reality.

for unemployment compensation for the week of Aug. 20, a 10% decline over the previous week.

TRUMAN'S INACTION

This propaganda is designed to cover up the administration's failure to take any effective steps to deal with the unemployment problem. Truman has promised the labor force is jobless. Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Johnson on Aug. 24 ordered the fining himself to words. The air

firing of 135,000 government is thick with rumors of concenworkers, mainly wage-earners in trations of Soviet troops and tank government shipyards, arsenals, divisions at the Yugoslav border. etc. The New York State Labor The Cominform staged a specially Department reported last week arranged conference in Sofia that unemployment in the state where the big brass of the passed the 700,000 mark - one satellite nations were demon- never lost an opportunity to by the Kremlin that Tito has and military threats or actual out of every 10 workers.

The business and financial sections of the press reveal a totally the Danube, through Yugoslav different outlook from Truman's. | territory.

Thus, a survey in the Aug. 28 The entire situation is re- bargaining table. N. Y. Times shows that plant miniscent of merciless nerve-war But against Yugoslavia, which have a meaning and purpose of the revolutionary and socialist managers and purchasing agents pressure directed by Hitler could not possibly harbor warlike their own. Stalin cannot permit workers of all countries. in the largest manufacturing con-cerns are planning "cut-backs of Europe, including Yugoslavia, at which is insisting only on its whose grievances against the firming his slander against Yugothe outset of World War II. In rights as an independent nation, statute to Yugoslavia, at which is instanting the outset of World War II. In rights as an independent nation, is gangster methods and big-further plant closings in many bull attitude to Yugoslavia the of his military and economic that he is determined to a new military base of imperialheavy industries."

vets take care of it. o the national convention of that organization, then in session in STATE POLICE

State police did not arrive of the Kutcher case. until two hours after their help The resolution was also invas summoned by telephone.

or even take into custody for the VFW Friday night, where blank from the back of one of Aug 12. questioning. First Sgt. Alvin Kutcher was invited to speak to the folders on the case. connson of Troop K of the State the body which represents 153 The new union support came

Gray

Police defended their tardiness to be there in advance. We don't matter. But the fight precipitated Ladies Garment Workers Union play into the hands of the Comby this attempt to duck the issue which sent a letter and a check mies. We went in there when we resulted in a decision to recon- for \$15. sider the matter, probably at the

next meeting. The next day Assistant District

Meanwhile individual delegates Beach Ford UAW local at which came out to speak with the Kutcher had spoken a few weeks Kutcher also attended the Aug.

eran, regardless of his political 10 meeting of the United Defense arrested and there was no one the parade, or Assistant District from the council. was going to resign as delegate case will be heard in the

In addition to speaking at the U.S. Supreme Court in October. other initiator of the parade. two VFW bodies this week, Kutcher spoke there, expressing

UNION SUPPORT The Southern California Kut-Miami, urging their endorsement cher Civil Rights Committee

by Philip Murray and Walter in the past. "loyalty" oath. Reports from Youngstown and Reuther. The imminence of this CRC STILL SILENT other steel centers show an up- struggle imperatively demands a received additional moral and No reply has been received from surge in fighting spirit, among unified, coordinated strategy of financial support this week from the Los Angeles Civil Rights the steel workers. They have be- action by the CIO in order to troduced at the meeting of the two union bodies and an individua. Congress to which Kutcher ad- gun to make serious preparations bring the full combined might of Not a single person was arrested to duced at the meeting of the who sent a \$5 check with the dressed a request for support on for strike when the Sept. 14 dead- its affiliates to bear on the overline rolls around. They have little lords of industry.

posts. After Kutcher left, a motion was passed to table the matter. But the fight precipitated Ladies Garment Workers Union **Seven Goodrich Plants** A contribution for \$25 also arrived in the mail from the Long

AKRON, Aug. 27 - The first plants: not a single worker had been injured at work prior major nation-wide strike for a passed the picket line, except by to the strike in industrial acfourth round of wage increases, explicit agreement of the union cidents, and were scheduled for \$100 a month pensions and com- to prevent explosions and other treatment at the company hospany-financed welfare provisions, damage. pital. da is the Bureau of Employment the demand for the 30-hour week did not intend to question County the war and then deprived of his victims of the Los Angeles Company's seven plants in Akron, ers were kept out by pickets. A large strike kitchen was set This morning all office workup, and chili and coffee served Hospital attendants were given to pickets, who have been signed Los Angeles, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Miami, Okla., Clarkesville, Tenn., (Continued on page 2) passes to look after workers who Oaks, Pa., and Cadillac, Mich.,

"Get a Pass!" Pickets Tell Boss

AKRON, Aug. 27 - When John Collyer, president of the B. F. Goodrich Company and member of the Board of Directors of the J. P. Morgan Company, boldly walked up to the picket line of United Rubber Workers Local 5 this morning, he was greeted as follows by picket captain Kenny Oldham:

"Where the hell do you think you're going?"

"I'm John Collyer, president of the company," the big boss replied.

"Do you have a pass from the union?" the picket captain asked.

Collyer hesitated for a moment, blushed deeply and answered that he did not have a pass.

"You'll have to go up to Local 5 hall and get a pass from the officers," the picket captain said.

Collyer humbly turned his back on the picket line, stepped into his Cadillac sedan and rode a couple of blocks up to the 'union hall. He got out and stood around the union entrance for a few moments, obviously embarrassed. Approaching one of the boys hanging around the door, he asked, "Say, you know me, I'm John Collyer, president of the company — how about going upstairs, seeing Gid Lowe [secretary of Local 5] and getting me a pass to get into my office?'

The worker thought it over, then climbed the stairs and relayed the message. The officers had a quick consultation, and told the worker, "Go downstairs and tell Collyer he'll have to come up here to get a pass."

Collyer hesitated again, said, "Oh, I don't want to go up there," but finally screwed up his courage, quietly entered the inner sanctum of the striking union, asked for a pass, was finally given one, and after polite thanks took what dignity he had left, descended the stairs, entered his Cadillac and left, leaving the boys around the hall smiling at his come-down.

"We gave him a pass," one worker said, "so he could sit in his office and count his losses.'

I'nited Rubber Workers had negotiated in Dayton, Ohio, on a corporation-wide basis for several weeks. The Goodrich Company, controlled by J. P. Morgan Company, refused to offer a single penny in wage increases or penis this difference only: Hitler his collaborators and the com-lity in its relations with the

ment and resistance by small na-

spoke in the name of the "Third plete subjugation of the Yugo- USSR and the countries of East-Stalin's war of nerves against Reich" while Stalin covers his slav people by the Russian GPU. ern Europe. problem. Truman has promised only to shift some government contracts to a few dozen isolated "distressed areas" — meaning brutalities, with the struggle Russian press, written in the brutalities with the cloak of socialism," and "the struggle against imperialism." But the perialist rulers — from Hitler to areas where more than 12% of hoodlum language of the gutter, result — the subjection and Wall Street — but terror, purges is full of vituperation, lies and plundering of small nations - and mass murder against its opponents on the left, against op-

Despite the Marshall Plan tions: that is the real image of military and economic threats economic blockade of Eastern corrupt and counter-revolutionary and pressure are designed to Europe, despite the military encirclement of the North Atlantic in the Yugoslav crisis. Pact, Stalin and his cohorts have warship provocatively steamed up socialism can live peacefully side perialism" - completely un- choice than to seek support in

dictator in the Kremlin follows might. He will brook no com- liquidate the Tito/ regime be- a new military base of imperial- command. The problem of unemployment almost to the detail the methods promise, no agreement that does cause of its courageous struggle ism in the Balkans will rest on squads of pickets manned all the most pressing issue of the Fuehrer in Berlin. There not include the head of Tito and for political and economic equa-

siens. In fact, the company flatly told the negotiators of the URWA Policy Committee, headed by MAKING SLANDER REAL

Local 5 President George R. Bass, And Stalin cannot rely on that they would agree to nothing slander alone. There are too many that would increase cost of "Tito-ites" in Eastern Europe, production. too much sympathy for the Yugo-

COMPANY'S ATTITUDE position in the workers' move- slav struggle for the stigma of "imperialist agent" to stick. H's The negotiators had not been able to get an agreement on

basic provisions of a company-Stalinism as revealed once more make the slander a reality, to wide contract; the old contract drive the Tito regime into a expired on midnight of the 26th. But the persistent accusations corner where, facing starvation The company had proposed to stratively conspicuous. A Russian proclaim that "capitalism and "deserted to the camp of im- aggression, it will find no other tract provisions and to throw the

> The strike was authorized by a nation-wide strike vote which carried by a 15 to 1 majority.

At the stroke of midnight, gates of the Akron Goodrich

Stalin Pushes Terror Drive on Tito

By George Clarke

threats. But Stalin is not conis the same.

DEADLY CONTRAST

by side," that all differences can founded and completely slander. the camp of imperialism. This be settled amicably over the ous judging from the "evidence" indeed is the only alternative for will. bargaining table. — Tito unless he appeals for aid to

H. R. Lloyd, President of the URWA, stated that the interna-

eliminate a whole series of conunion back to pre-contract days,

at 12:01 this morning.

The seven locals of the CIO

when the company could fire at

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Finally, according to recent

cially on the national question.

Two Ways Out of Britain's "Dollar Crisis" Stalin's Bloody Record By Paul G. Stevens Britain in the future would have social legislation as the health[®]

ference on the "dollar crisis" has buy at a much dearer rate. This Scripps-Howard papers by their Senior Editor E. T. Leech, entitled "Utopia on the Rocks --British Socialism in Action." But there have been editorials and feature stories along the same line in most other newspapers, virtually demanding the curtailment of social security provisions and an end to all "experiments in any further financial aid to Eng-. land

This press campaign was met with such a storm of anger across the Atlantic that President Truman nimself found it necessary to call Wall Street's press agents to order. At the American Legior convention in Philadelphia he made a formal declaration that "the democratic nations are not proposing to interfere with one another's internal politics."

PART OF WORLD CRISIS Neither the howling of the reactionary capitalists nor the chief executive's attempt at moderation are without their function in this whole critical crisis" is really a crisis not only for British capitalism but part and parcel of the agony seizing free enterprise, that there must Party leaders." the whole capitalist system. It is the direct result of the passing army of the unemployed. For of the "sellers' market" that followed the shortages caused by need to cut the cost of producthe war.

On the one hand, the dilapidated British economy, a legacy of long years of capitalist exploitation and war that wasted the wealth and resources of the country, cannot possibly hope to compete under these circumstances with the streamlined American productive apparatus, which doubled its capacity in the past ten years. Not even the painful efforts of the Labor Government to raise production 50% over 1939 by driving the workers with the stick of austerity and the carrot of nationalization and social security measures, has been

their own.

able to solve their dilemma. For in order to buy food and of the dollar countries in the Western Hemisphere, the British rency to pay for these imports precisely in those countries. But the handling of the Labor Govit is there that the "recession" has been most marked, and consequently the market for British goods most greatly reduced. That England's "dollar crisis."

capitalism, with its own markets shrunk, sees in the British crisis

Churchill's Tories will pledge been preceded by a violent press in turn means that Britain would themselves to repeal it. The same campaign here against British have to "tighten her belt" even Scripps-Howard editor, and all "socialism." Particularly vicious further and make drastic cuts his other colleagues writing for was the series carried in the in the cost of production. Con- the American press from London, secuently the American capital- also do not hide the fact that sts add to the above program a the British Labor Government, demand that the Labor Governfor all of the "socialism" the ment slash the expense entailed newspapermen rave about, has by social services and shut down been very kind to the capitalists 'unprofitable" plants in the na- whose plants have been nationtionalized industries as well as alized. The former owners, they in the private sector. report, have been provided with These last demands are not

government bonds, in the amount entirely unrelated to Wall Street's of their dispossessed properties, socialization" as the price of fears of social agitation here at that pay them a neat 3% per home. American unions are mak- annum, and are not doing too ing their main demands at badly at all. present for pensions. The demand

for a government health plan THEY NEED ATTLEE

Clearly if the American bankis growing in urgency. In the meantime unemployment is ers are to put through their prosteadily mounting. Under these gram for Britain with any circumstances, for all of their measure of success, they must austerity, the British insurance rely, not on the blustering Mr. program, health plan and "full Churchill and his Tories, but on employment" are bound to serve the more modest Mr. Attlee and as a contagious example - par- his Labor Party. Charles Lucey, ticularly because they exist within who writes from Washington for a major English-speaking coun- the same papers that carried the try. For nothing can possibly be Leech series, reports "the view of as austere as the lot of the un- US officials seems to be that if employed in the wealthiest coun- any Government could survive try in the world.

such a program, it would be the The Wall Street magnates Labor Government. Their reasonwant, by all means, to show that ing is that although the workers situation. For Britain's "dollar these social schemes do not work, might never take such a program that there is no security except from the Conservatives, they in their concept of "dog-eat-dog" might be won over to it by Labor

> always be an industrial reserve The Labor leaders, Attlee, Bevin, Cripps & Co., are up against what they have in mind is their the gun. Their "socialism," they themselves avow, is a compound tion here at home and to prevent of 20% socialization and 80% the workers from going forward "free enterprise" - just a more to independent political action of balanced capitalist economy -

which in their opinion alone can "save Britain." To this end they

STRATEGIC REQUIREMENTS have sought to gain the coopera-These economic and social aims tion of the British working class of American capitalism in the by their social security program. British "dollar crisis," which gave They have promised "socialism by rise to the howling press cam- degrees" to the workers, that is, paign against "socialism," are, to the degree that they can make however, complicated by the Britain's capitalist economy work. strategic requirements of U.S. In reality they have shown imperialism in its cold war themselves to be more considerate ong range aim of again opening supposed to combat, than loyal to capitalist exploitation. to power. For the former, they

Wall Street wants Britain have had rich compensation and debilitated as a commercial rival, greater profits than ever, in spite other materials in the granaries but it also needs her as a stable of a heavy tax program; for the partner in the cold war. That latter, mainly austerity and more accounts for Truman's rebuke to ansterity. But even so it is no rulers must, earn the hard cur- the press and his appeal for longer possible for them to carry moderation and considerateness in out their program.

the Washington conference. how modified to make it palatable, Even Mr. Leech, in his provocative series, has had to report

To Be Deported



Hamish McKay proudly holds his membership card in Local 738, AFL United Brotherhood of Carpenters, after learning that the U.S. Immigration Service has brought deportation proceedings against him in Portland, Ore., after more than 20 years in this country.

anti-capitalist struggle. It is] Its program is enunciated by a highly unlikely that these tame new paper called the Socialist leopards can change their spots. Outlook, which is gaining con-Their whole record indicates a siderable popularity in labor readiness to capitulate to capital- ranks. As against the capitalist 1922, Lenin said: "It is necessary program to curtail social servism.

But Attlee and Co. were brought ices, the Socialist Outlook proto power by the masses of British gram proposes a wholesale attack this out-and-out Great Russian workers in 1945, not to save on all of the capitalist institu- nationalistic campaign" against capitalism but to put an end to tions. The capitalist press says Georgia. However, illness removed it. The workers have been very that the billion and a half dol- Lenir from action before he could patient with their leadership, and lars given to Britain under the open battle against Stalin on this have given it the benefits of doubt Marshall Plan equals the issue.

and plenty of time to make good. amount spent on the health plan, After Lenin's death the Soviet There have been no widespread or nearly the same amount as is bureaucracy which broke with the strikes in post-war Britain and spent on food subsidies, etc. The Bolshevik principles of internathe workers have patiently taken Socialist Outlook points out that tionalism adopted an increasingly the lion's share of austerity on Britain spends two billion dol- narrow nationalist outlook. against the Kremlin, and for the of the capitalists whom they are the promise of relief with the lars annually to pay off her Stalin's theory of "socialism in success of their leaders "export national debt to domestic and one country" was completely up the USSR and Eastern Europe to the workers who raised them drive." British exports have risen foreign capitalists, that it spends nationalist in spirit. Under his 150% above 1938. nearly three billion dollars a year rule the Great Russian chauvinism

Now they are told that they on its military budget. against which Lenin protested bemust pull in their belts still The answer of the left wing came more and more unbridled. tighter. For the first time serious in the Labor Party to the British The centralized police administrarumblings are beginning to be crisis therefore is: Suspend all tion of the Kremlin collided ever Detroit SWP Orders heard in the unions. The powerful payments on the national debt; more violently with the needs and National Railwaymen's Union has reduce the whole program of rights of the other nationalities. announced its intention to call a military expenditures and initiate

They must either accept the general strike for a raise in a policy of peace, ending all MURDEROUS MEANS Their concealed conflict was ernment and its spokesmen at Wall Street ultimatum, no matter wages. The workers feel that secret diplomacy, nationalizing they have had enough of austerity, all war industries under the conexposed in the terrible blood and get the dollars with which to that it is time for the burden to trol of the workers who have no purges of 1936-38 when the Presisave the present British capitalist be shifted to the capitalists interest in war. It calls for the dents and executive staffs of has been the immediate cause of that the overwhelming majority structure for the time being, or where it belongs. They aspire to suspension of payment of com- most of the Federated Republics of the British population, is en- else they must break with their nationalized industries run by pensation to the the ex-owners of of the USSR were either executed On the other hand, American thusiastically in favor of such entire past and take the road to representatives of their own and the nationalized industries; for or jailed by Stalin. Among these for their own benefit. They will an extension of nationalization to alleged "enemies of the people" not take Wall Street's program promote planning for the work- and "fascist mad-dogs" were the

By William F. Warde

against Yugoslavia is nothing new in the history of the Stalinist regime. Such brutal behavior by the world's second largest power toward a small country reproduces the despotism of the Kremlin autocrats over the other na-Frotsky were enabled to win genuinely socialist policy toward the nationalities oppressed by nonlos territories of these A CONTINUATION Thus we see that St Czarism and imperialism. They upheld the right of Finland and Poland to secede from Russian control; surrendered privileges in China and Persa; formed a free federation of the diverse Soviet peoples and gave them the widest possible autonomy; sought to establish fraternal friendship with neighboring lands.

LENIN'S ATTITUDE

Lenin's rupture of personal relations with Stalin was precipitated by the latter's crass violaion of the rights and feelings of which brought Stalin into sharp conflict with the Georgian Bolsheviks. This was especially unforgiveable since Stalin was then Commissar of Nationalities. In a note dictated on Dec. 30, to hold Stalin and Dzerzhinsky [his assistant] responsible for all

|camps in Siberia. The same fate | the uprooting and deportation of was later inflicted on scores of national minorities regardless of Moscow's Trenzied campaign was later inflicted on stores of herein their class status and social thousands of settlers of German their class status and social origin who had migrated genera- origin, forced migrations of miltions ago to the Volga agrarian lions of wretched individuals, the regions. inflammation of chauvinism.

The Kremlin reaped a reward for its oppressive national policies reports, hundreds of thousands during the war when several of farmers in the Baltic countries tionalities composing the Soviet Soviet nationalities went over to incorporated into the USSR are Lnion. It is a typical outgrowth the Nazi side. Among them were being deported to Siberia and of the Great Russian national. the Tartars of the Crimea and their places taken by Russian ism which has animated the Stal- the Kalmucks, Chechens, In- and Asiatic settlers. In Latvia inist bureaucracy from its birth. gushes, Kabards and Balkars who alone 50,000 families have been

The Bolsheviks under Lenin and Caucasus and the Kalmuck step- continuing on a massive scale. pes. They were barbarously

Thus we see that Stalin's moves peoples were wiped off the map against Yugoslavia - his atand all the residents deported to tempts to strangle the country Siberia. Despite constant re- by economic, political and diplopressions, separatist movements matic blockade, to terrorize its in the Ukraine have taken a new people and incite assassination of its leaders - represent a conlease on life in recent years in tinuation and culmination of his réaction against Moscow's dictaentire reactionary policies, espetorship.

IN EASTERN EUROPE

The Russian overlords do not have As the Russian armies rolled the slightest respect for the over Eastern Europe following rights, feelings or interests of Hitler's defeat, the Kremlin the satellite peoples. Whenever carried along its overbearing they encounter grumblers or

treatment of small nationalities. resisters, their sole prescription In collusion with the Kremlin is: "Off with their heads!" the Georgians, his own people, the Polish Stalinists expelled Fortunately, the relations be-

three and a half million Ger- tween the Kremlin and Yugomans from their ancestral homes. slavia are somewhat different Czechoslovakia expelled three than with the other nationalities. million Germans from the First, the Kremlin's efforts to Sudeten where they had lived for crush Yugoslavia are taking almost a thousand years. Then place, not behind an iron curtain, quarrels broke out between the but in full view of the whole Czechs and Poles over possession would so that the workers can of Teschen and Olza and between clearly see and judge the the Czechs and Hungarians when abominable conduct of the Czechs proposed to drive Kremlin.

some 650,000 Hungarians from Second, the Yugoslavs are in South Slovakia. Hungary itself a far better position to fight proceeded to chase out part of Stalinism and its agents and 470,000 Germans who had been thereby set an example of sucestablished for centuries within cessful defiance which can inits borders.

spire other peoples to throw off What have been the results of the yoke of the counter-revoluthese measures undertaken with tionary Moscow autocracy and the approval of the Kremlin? The remove the greatest obstacle in revival of national antagonisms, their march toward socialism.



10,000 'Militants' In Loyalty Oath Fight tional job on the Southside has An order for 10,000 extra copies of the Labor Day edition of The



Los Angeles came through-this week with an order to increase their bundle again by another 25 copies. "Elaine's fine organizamade this increase possible," reports Literature Agent Bert Deck.

Street sales of The Militant of the Socialist continue to be encouraging in Workers Party in Los Angeles. "Marj sold her the Militant Army spotlight this week. usual 15 at the CIO Council" The Detroit com- despite the fact that the Stalinists were giving out their literature

free. "One of the delegates who

received his free copy of one of

a first-rate occasion to expand the tentacles of its world domination. They want to break down the series of exclusive trade agreements by means of which Great Britain has artificially maintained a measure of its old share in world economy, known as the "Sterling Bloc" that includes the nations associated with her in the so-called Commonwealth, Australia, India, etc. They want to force through a devaluation of the pound sterling by means of which to penetrate further into British holdings as well as to obtain much more cheaply vital raw materials such as rubber. uranium. etc. Naturally this would mean that

right?

Purge in Indian Stalinist Party

"All is not well with the Communist Party of India," reports the July 17 Forum, the Indian weekly newsmagazine. "After purging out seven prominent members of the Party including the ex-General Secretary Puran Chandra Joshi four months ago, the Party has come out last week with another sensational purge!"

The Andrha Communist Party was expelled as a unit by the top CP bureaucrats for alleged "reformist tendencies." Also purged were two well-known leaders, Surendra Mohan Kumar Mangalam and Puchalapalli Sundarayya. Forum thinks the Andrha CP was kicked out because of too great enthusiasm for Mao Tse-tung.

The Andrha CP was one of the most important branches of the Indian Stalinist party. Numbering approximately 8,000 members, it has mass influence in the province and dominates the cultural field. The two expelled leaders were pioneer builders of the CP, enjoying a large popular following.

American credits."

from another slaughter.

Name ...

Ancestors of the Proletariat

Was Karl Marx Right?

The workers' aspirations have Co. At the last national conference of the party a few months ago, a meeting attended by nearly 100 Labor M.P.'s and local leaders launched a "Socialist Fellowship" to fight for an anticapitalist program to be carried through by 'the Labor Government. Although the bureaucracy was able to maintain artificial unanimity at the Labor Party Conference itself, the launching of the Socialist Fellowship marked a new departure for the left wing within that party.

lying down.

ers, and not for profit. The Socialist Outlook program also begun to find organized ex-calls for an end to all business

> tributed and to expose the pillage to death. Europe and Russia. Socialist Europe bent on co-

> > perialism."

of the capitalists. It calls for By such murderous means the

for a Socialist United States of that the Kremlin autocrats left In other words it proposes to "the sole indubitable cultural Francisco 50. defy Wall Street and to reject right of celebrating the arbiter its cold war, in favor of a [Stalin] in their own language." operation with the people in all Poland in agreement with Hitler. cialist Workers Party there conthe colonies, for whom it demands Over the past decade Stalin has tinued the local campaign for complete and unconditional free- uprooted and deported more peo- subscriptions to The Militant. dom. To America it concludes ple than any one else in history. Literature Agent Howard Mason proudly: "A Socialist Europe At the time of the Finnish war last week sent in 25 more subs, would inspire the American large numbers of Karelians living bringing the total to 69 and workers to end their own im- near the Finnish-Soviet border

7 GOODRICH RUBBER PLANTS SHUT TIGHT BY PICKET LINES

(Continued from Page 1) tive organization for the strike, up and scheduled to man the including welfare, publicity and

gates 24 hours a day. Ollie Laughlin, a pit worker as they blocked the entrances.

Farmers in the nearby area A SOLID FRONT

have already begun to volunteer donations of food; restaurants in Gooarich negotiating committee, the vicinity of the plant have is also the most prominent opvolunteered to cook food and provide free waitress service for widely supported contender for Besides these activities, the

Meanwhile, the other sections Goodrich bargaining. ternational.

Communist leaders of White Russia, the Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Tadjekistan, Turkmanistan, , the pression inside the Labor Party, controlled at present by Attlee & secrecy, with committees of work-caucasia and Armenia. The Old men in every business establish. caucasia and Armenia. The Old ment examining the books of the Bolshevik President and dozens companies to show where the of People's Commissars in Stalin's wealth of the country is dis- birthplace, Georgia, were also put

> foreign trade organized in the Kremlin enforced its domination hands of the state with the aim over the subordinate nationalities of producing for the use of the in the USSR who were not perworkers in this strategic labor people of the world. It proposes mitted the least freedom of acarea. that the Labor Government work tion. As Trotsky remarked, all New York ordered 500 extra copies of this edition and San to the other nationalities was While slugging hard on the civil liberties front in Detroit, In 1939 Stalin partitioned members and friends of the Sowere deported to slave labor

"making our goal of 100 very realizable with two weeks of the campaign left." Top sub-getters are Chuck with

11 points, Ernie K. with 10 "and a sudden spurt has brought Tom right up there with 9 points." "Most of these subs," Howard explains, "came from men in the shops. The general reaction seems to be surprise at the ease with which they can be obtained. The

Detroit comrades have tried But the rubber workers, who street sales. "One evening this

tion in which the Goodrich work- ing. In less than an hour they

in street sales is a good demonfield to energetic comrades eager to build the circulation of The Goodrich workers of a solid front the people and sell them litera- Militant and thereby speed the

victory of socialism in America.

too we outsell the Stalinists." Bert makes regular reports on literature sales, activities and plans which are sent to all the Los Angeles branches for discussion. In the latest report he calls attention to the favorable financial balance that expanded Militant sales have brought the Local's literature department. "All branches," he emphasizes, "should be considering street

corner sales in their various neighborhoods." This can lead not only to the development of a self-sustaining literature depart-

The encouraging beginning the Los Angeles comrades have made

major requirement seems to be to just ask the shopmate you feel would appreciate the paper, and the result as you can see is often a one-year sub and sometimes a combination. It seems to be the old fact that we've often stated but at times seem to lose confidence in, that is, that subscriptions can be obtained if the

George R. Bass, who heads the ponent of L. S. Buckmaster as a effort is put into it."

the presidency of the union. of the Big Four rubber unions have a militant tradition, are not week, three comrades distributed ment but to heightened political had recessed their negotiations, likely to allow the Goodrich cor. at the entrance to the theater activity in branch work. pending the outcome of the poration to bring about a situa- where Lost Boundaries was play-This is in fact the first au- ers are starved on a long strike had sold over \$3.50 worth of thorized strike at the Goodrich while the rest of the industry literature, mainly The Struggle plant here. There have been works. Pledges of solidarity have for Negro Equality and A Prac- stration, we think, of the many walkouts, including a strike been made from other important tical Program to Kill Jim Crow. possibilities that are open in this in 1943 against a War Labor locals, including those lined up The comrades found the line Board decision; but this one is against Bass in the union's in- waiting to see the picture a long official, with backing by the in- ternal fight. This assures the one and were able to speak to

The union has set up an effec- against the rubber barons. ture."

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ing it is time to reach a decision and set the time table. But

can they set the date? The very difficulties the capitalist

war-mongers face in setting the M-Day of World War III give

hope that revolutionary socialism can save mankind in time

The second installment of G. F. Eckstein's instructive

essay on the capitalist revolution in England 300 years ago.

More about the Levelers and the real role of such figures as

• Time Tables for World War III in the past century by "critics" of the founders of scientific Top circles of the capitalist class are now discussing a socialism. Since the end of World War II a new contingent question of life and death interest to every family in America have announced the "collapse" of this prediction. Are they - the date for World War III. John Saunders reports the opinions of the "War-Now" crowd, the "economic containment" The well-known American Marxist, Arne Swabeck, does school and the Wallaceite "peaceful competition" group and. not believe so. In the September issue of Fourth International, why they have been unable to agree. In Saunders' opinion, delay in reaching a decision has not

monthly theoretical magazine of American Trotskyism, he subjects the latest contentions of the "critics" to pitiless analysis. Dynamics of Revolutionary Change, A Historical Vindication of Marxism, is a well-reasoned, illuminating, dialectical study of a century's political development of the working class. Here are some of the topics: "How Men Make History," "The Corruption of Social Democracy," "Stalinism and Bolshevism," "Role of American Imperialism," "Asia Enters World Struggle," "The Selection of Leadership," "The Method and Role of Marxism."

One hundred years ago Karl Marx and Frederick Engels

declared that the fall of the capitalist class and the victory of

the working class "are equally inevitable." This basic hypo-

thesis of Marxism has been called into question repeatedly

The September Fourth International presents in addition: Whither Eastern Europe?

A comprehensive, authoritative analysis by Ernest Germain of the economic trends in Stalin's buffer zone. This article cuts through the lying, tendentious propaganda of both the Moscow bureaucracy and Western imperialism to consider the economic realities in the "no man's land" of the cold war. Indispensable for a rounded understanding of the current struggle between Stalin and Tito.

In one short year most ardent advocates of the highlytouted Marshall Plan have been forced to admit that it has entered a "critical phase." The capitalist spokesmen are astounded at the sudden crisis. What happened?

M. Pablo probes into the basic causes of the upset. He. shows how the Western European powers are being driven to the wall under the impact of America's imperialist aims and the developing economic crisis. The Marshall Plan, he predicts, is headed toward "inevitable collapse as an instru-

• Crisis in the Marshall Plan

A Carton and A Carton and

Cromwell, Hobbes, Milton, Lilburne and Overton. Explains why the Stalinists today misrepresent the Puritan revolution pickets.

and strike marshal, had folding pany's tough attitude stems partly chairs brought to all pickets, who from an attempt to affect the lined the chairs up across the coming convention of the United plant gates and comfortably sat Rubber Workers, to be held in Toronto Sept. 19.

picketing committees. It is believed that the com-

rades, actively campaigning against a phasis on the struggle for civil liberties and other crucial issues facing the labor movement, should

yellow-dog "loyalty" oath amendment to said that this paper is worth the city charter, felt that this issue of the paying for. She must have convinced him, for he gave her \$1 paper with its emfor one Militant. The next night at the Carpenters Union one, member gave Marj 50 cents and told her to hand out papers to be brought to the attention of the members for that amount. the maximum possible number of

"Vivianne has been devoting one day a week to selling The Militant. She sold 5 Monday at a rubber plant and 20 on a street corner. The Southside crew consists of Elaine, Babe, Lloyd and Selma. They have been selling 60 a week on street corners. Elaine expects to increase this crew soon and this will undoubtedly increase our sales."

Comrade Deck calls special attention to the "fine work of the San Pedro branch. They sell regularly at meetings of the Longshore Union and Cannery Workers Union. Last week 16 Militants were sold to the longshoremen, which is about average. Sometimes sales go much higher. San Pedro's consistent work has built a tradition for The Militant among the longshoremen and here

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"Reactionary epochs like ours not only disintegrate and

weaken the working class and its vanguard but also lower the

general ideological level of the movement and throw political

thinking back to stages long since passed through. In these

conditions the task of the vanguard is above all not to let it-

self be carried along by the backward flow: it must swim

against the current. If an unfavorable relation of forces pre-

vents it from holding the positions that it has won, it must at

-Leon Trotsky, Stalinism and Bolshevism, 1937.

least retain its ideological positions, because in them is ex-

pressed the dearly paid experience of the past."

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Assail Arms Program



Rep. John Bell Williams (left) (D, Miss.) who lost an arm the recent war, and Rep. Charles E. Potter (R, Mich.), who lost both legs in the war, hit the administration's military aid program as a step to a new war. Williams, opposing the bill in House debate, said: "I know we are going straight down the path to World War III.'

Youngstown Steel Workers Tighten Ranks for Strike

By Ed Conti

YOUNGSTOWN, Aug. 28 - Up and down the Mahoning Valley the CIO steel workers are beginning to tighten up their ranks in preparation for a strike.

All the large basic steel union ocals have initiated drives for tween the corporations and Mur-100% membership through dues ray. Faced with the specter of inspection campaigns, checking hundreds of thousands of steel been organized to handle the and some of the scabs who have from openly intervening in the all workers as they enter the workers on the picket lines, the defense. O. John Rogge, former managed to cross the picket line. strike through editorial columns, that the "fact-finding" board is bers have been signed.

police in various skirmishes were unable to break. This all-day dues inspection was a preview to

the steel barons of the power of the union, and what to expect if a steel strike is forced by their arrogant attitude.

CLEVELAND, August 24 - | articles on the local loyalty cases | tion in the Cleveland Post Office. Nathaniel B. Bowen, 51, had and protested editorially against Speakers at the meeting included worked nearly 28 years for the them. "The whole method [of the Cleveland Post Office and was loyalty program] is a violation I. Barron, secretary of the Jewish nearing retirement when he was of the fundamental rights and Community Council, and Charles suddenly suspended without trial freedoms which should be the Loeb, news editor of the Cleves. on "disloyalty" charges. "It privilege of all of us," the Press struck like a cyclone, and I said on Aug. 17. "This paper becouldn't do anything about it, lieves in the rights and freedoms he says. of all citizens. Under the present

Mr. Bowen is a pillar in East Mt. Zion Methodist Church and a getting them." member of the American Legion.

Fight Purge in Cleveland PO

The Press points out that all the National Alliance of Postal the usual safeguards of court Workers and the AFL Postal procedure ---- the right to know Worker's Union. He is a graduate who your accusers are, the right of Morehouse College and has a to call witnesses, the right to

law degree from Cleveland Law demand facts instead of hearsay School. He is married and owns - are denied. Actually the achis own home where he lives with cused workers are trying to his married daughter. defend themselves against in-Samuel L. Gordon, 44, had an visible people and invisible unblemished record of 25 years charges before Loyalty Boards employment at the Cleveland empowered to make arbitrary Post Office when he was notified decisions against them. of discharge for "disloyalty." He An "indignation" meeting

must support his wife, two children and mother, but was recently evicted from the house he rents.

'MY CHILDREN SUFFER" "You've got to live, you've got to keep working," Mr. Gordon says. "I do not feel disgraced, ing mess" of racial discrimina- their campaign for reinstatement. because I am innocent. It is my children who suffer '

their jobs or suffered suspension in the sweeping "loyalty" purge. They are typical targets of the witch-hunt because one is a Negro

and the other a Jew. Of the 80 victims, 24 are Negroes and 4 Jews. Obviously the "loyalty" purge not only deprives government employees of their rights ment of racial and religious discrimination.

All the ousted clerks are fightstitutionality of Truman's whole situation." Washington. The Federal Em- P.M. today. But Bell let the cat organized labor movement can U. S. Assistant Attorney General, took their plea for reinstatement into the Cleveland District Court likely to recommend. Murray, who where it has been denied. He is in the first place, may grasp at U.S. District Court.

PRESS COMMENT But if the steel barons are. This wholesale purge of govdetermined to force the issue in ernment workers has provoked vere manned by full-fledged of the union, they are due for a great indignation here. picket lines, that even the city terrible surprise from the solid Scripps-Howard Cleveland Press recently published a series of front of mass picket lines.



land Call & Post. A representative of Senator Taft said he had asked the Senator to probe the "loyalty" purgers. Charles Lucas, loyalty program, they aren't secretary of the Cleveland NAACP, remarked hat he hoped

Taft would not approach the disloyalty discharges "as he did FEPC in Ohio, with his tongue in cheek.'

Judge Perry B. Jackson, Harry

The Cleveland CIO Council voted at its Aug. 10 meeting to support the victimized postal workers. The CIO resolution stated they had been suspended "without a hearing or adequate representation" and called upon President Truman and Postnaster Donaldson to give them 'a fair hearing whereby they can

against "this mass-murder of face their accusers.' civil rights" was held here Aug. The Cleveland branch of the 10 at the St. James Methodist Socialist Workers Party is like-Church. Thirteen of the suspended wise on record in favor of the clerks were introduced to the suspended workers and has urged audience of 300 which demanded an investigation into the "stink- the widest possible support to

Gordon are two of the 30 Post Office workers here who have lost **BELL MEDIATION MOVE**

> BUFFALO, Aug. 29 — The striking workers of Bell Aircraft began the twelfth week of their strike amidst the probable collapse of mediation efforts by the Rt. Rev. John P. Boland, state mediator

sent in following Governor movement are becoming more and and jobs, but is a vicious instru- Dewey's order for the State more concerned over the Bell Mediation Board to intervene. strike, which is rapidly approach-Lawrence Bell, the strikebreaking ing its crucial stage. While president of Bell Aircraft, had generous contributions of funds

ing their discharge. A suit on agreed last week to meet with and other forms of assistance are their behalf, challenging the con- Boland but "merely to explore the being made by many locals, it is becoming clearer every day that "loyalty" order, is pending in The conference was set for 2 only the mass action of the

ployees Defense Committee, head- out of the bag last Friday when bring Bell Aircraft to its knees. ed by Bertram Washington, one company agents distributed a Buffalo's two daily newspapers, of the suspended workers, has leaflet to the office employees which for two months refrained

"There have been certain news- early last week finally "broke paper articles in the past few their silence." The morning days," the leaflet reads, "that Courier Express violently attackmight possibly create the im- ed the striking union because sought government intervention now preparing an appeal to the pression in the minds of some of several hundred 501 members had our employees that the company entered the plant, inspected the is weakening. Let me assure you premises, and paraded through it such is not the case. We are in a surprise move which temfighting for a principle of Amer- porarily put a crimp into the comicanism and, as I have said be- pany's scab-herding tactics. The

fore, I have no intention what-HOSTILE PRESS soever of capitulating. . . We And today the Evening News, will . . . see that our employees are free to work without fear of | in a column entitled Editor's Note. intimidation . . . by a handful of makes the discovery "that some Communists, Trotskyites and strikers would like to return to

Terrorists within the leadership work, but they say they fear the of the international [union] and consequences to themselves or their families. . ." Then the News

than a month before the trial began, told a public meeting in Macon, Ga., that "we're already fighting a war with Communism and it should be a fight to death." In order to get on the jury, Janney had answered "no" when asked whether he had any "bias or prejudice. . . against any of the defendants or Communists in general or the Communist Party." He obviously had lied about his bias. On this

Travesty at Foley Square

The travesty of justice being staged

by the government at the Foley Square

trial of the Communist Party leaders has

that theatrical producer Russell Janney,

hit a new low. Judge Medina has ruled

author of "The Miracle of the Bells."

could continue to sit as a juror despite

irrefutable evidence that Janney, less

ground alone, any impartial and fairminded judge would have declared a mistrial, or at least ordered Janney removed and replaced by a substitute juror.

One piece of evidence introduced by the defense in support of its motion for a mistrial was the voluminous notes of Carol Nathanson, singer. These notes were said to be her record of discussions she had held with Janney while the trial was in progress. These notes were full of expressions of Janney's bias.

From Medina's whole conduct of the trial, it was no surprise that he ruled out a mistrial or the removal of Janney for a substitute juror. He did not take even

becoming ominously loud with the approach of the national CIO convention in Cleveland starting October 31. Both the Murray machine and the Stalinists are trying to foist full responsibility for any eventual split on each other.

This threat of split does not flow from any concern, on the part either of the

ney thoroughly. But he did take steps to institute another investigation against Carol Nathanson. It is reported that shortly after Medi-

na ordered Miss Nathanson's documents impounded, FBI agents visited her and others who might have evidence of Janney's bias in order to terrorize and intimidate them.

Medina has jailed three of the defendants for "contempt." He has dismissed almost every defense motion or objection out-of-hand. He has upheld the prosecution on almost every point of procedure. He has denied the defense the right to present its full political views in a political trial. He has joined in the cross-examination of defense witnesses. He even refused the offer of the defense to call Miss Nathanson to give proof of her statement.

This is not only a trial against free political advocacy. It is a trial with a rigged jury and a judge who is the juridical image of the one who said, "I'm all for giving the defendant a fair trial before we hang him."

Apart from the political witch-hunt nature of this prosecution, the conduct of the trial has rarely been equaled in this country for judicial bias and violations of the defendants' right to a fair trial by a jury of their peers.

The Threat of Split in the CIO

jority control of the top leadership. are



The talk of "split" inside the CIO is

tempting to silence or drive out those who voice a minority opinion. The defense of union democracy and autonomy against the Murrayite onslaught is im-



plants and allowing only union members to enter. These drives have been enthusiastically supported. Hundreds of new mem-

These dues inspections have any crumb offered. been climaxed with a most imressive demonstration by Local 1330 at the Ohio Works, Carnegie-Illinois plant. The gates there an attempt to break the back-bone

corporations may hesitate to reject the mere token concessions

Murrayites or the Stalinists, over how best to protect the interests of the membership. It is a projection into the arena of the labor movement of the "cold war" between U.S. imperialism and the Kremlin.

A similar split has already occurred on a world-wide scale. The World Federation of Trade Unions, forged in the wartime heat of the Washington-Moscow alliance, has been cracked apart by the "cold war." The French and Italian confederations of labor, dominated by the Stalinists, have suffered splits.

The Murray machine has adopted the policies of the U.S. State Department as the "CIO national policy" to which every leader and affiliated union must adhere under threat of penalty, including expulsion. The sole criterion set for "loval" membership in the CIO is active and unquestioning support of Washington's bipartisan foreign policy.

In the enforcement of this "CIO policy," Murray and his lieutenants, in ma-

The Minimum Wage Fraud

The minimum wage bill recently adopted by the House and now in process of enactment by the Senate is one of the filthiest frauds Congress has ever attempted to put over on the American workers.

Represented as a bill to raise the legal minimum wage from 40 cents to 75 cents an hour, the bill would actually remove more workers from the protection of the minimum wage law than would be benefited by the increase in the minimum standard.

The present 40-cent minimum wage law, enacted more than a decade ago, exempted millions of workers. Truman promised a new law which would extend coverage to these millions in the lowest wage categories.

But the bill the administration actually sponsored, according to the estimate of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor, would benefit only 1,300,000 workers, more than half of whom now get more than 65 cents an hour but are below the 75-cent limit pro-

seeking to defend union democracy and autonomy are hypocrisy. They have but one aim: to convert the unions into pliant instruments for the support of the Kremlin's policies and diplomatic maneuvers, just as the pro-imperialist union bureaucrats like Murray seek to shape the unions into tools of the U.S. State Department. In the CIO unions they control, the Stalinists rule with an iron fist. They deal with minority opposition in the French and Italian confederations of labor just the same way Murray proposes to deal with the Stalinist minority in the CIO.

· But the fact remains that the Murray-Reuther forces bear the chief responsibility for the threatened split. They are the overwhelming majority. It is they who are preparing to expel the Stalinist minority. It is their policy of denying the right of a minority to advocate political views contrary to those dictated by the Murray machine that has driven the CIO to the verge of split.

posed. Almost all the workers originally

benefiting under the old minimum wage law now receive wage rates higher than 75 cents.

The House bill was amended to reduce the number of workers covered. According to the Wage and Hour Division, the amended bill took away coverage from 1,160,000 workers previously protected. This does not include an unestimated number of wage-earners engaged in home work.

Last week, the Senate took up the butcher's job begun by the House. Its first action was to adopt an amendment to strike 200,000 workers in just one! category from minimum wage law protection.

The House vote on the fraudulent minimum wage bill was 361 to 35, with the Trumanite Démocrats voting solidly in favor of it. Thus, the Trumanites can claim they are "fulfilling" their promise to raise the minimum wage level even if few will benefit and more will be deprived of the little protection they now have.

Within the plants, daily skirmishes with management are taking place. After the July 4 holiday shutdown, steel production was sharply cut to about 75% in the Valley. This apparently was not only due to a flooded steel market, but was a A. Taft, is brazen in giving the nove to cause wide-spread unembloyment, and try to take the the Taft-Hartley Law and how neart out of any steel strike. It it was rammed through the Conhad this effect at first, but has gress.

started to backfire. The steel workers are rebounding with an awakening militancy.

This cut-back in production was used as a cover to begin the most concerted speedup ever attempted since the depression days in the early '30s. Ordinary grievance law of 1943 down to the Case procedure was not able to dent this determined and provocative anti-union move. The workers began to realize that this was the beginning of an all-out fight, not only to gain concessions, but to maintain already-won working conditions.

A few department strikes were carried out. Management was told the men will not work under such speedup and there would be more stoppages until full crews were put back in force. This revived militant attitude forced the steel masters' to yield, resulting in most cases in clear union victories.

The workers are able to take nore direct action because the top union bureaucracy has momentarily loosened its brakes on any militant action against the corporations in order to put on

further pressure in the present stage of the negotiations. This manifests itself in a new spirit good trade union movement in

has risen sharply to almost 95% of capacity. This is the result of imagine from his description of attempted stock-piling in an- Van Bittner, a typical conservaticipation of a strike.

ning to feel that the union-bust- Bittner typifies the bull-headed ng speeches before the "fact- official running the American

finding" board being headlined labor movement today. He showfrom Foley Square are an indica- ed by his words and attitude beion of the steel corporations' un- fore the committee that he bending and arrogant attitude. respected only force in his deal-If this attitude does not change, ings with others. If I happened the steel workers are determined to be an employer faced with

There is still the possibility close my business."

OUR NEW NATIONAL LABOR miscalculated the temper of the POLICY, by Fred A. Hartley, American people. He ends with Jr., Funk and Wagnalls, N. Y. the boast that "Before the 1948

elections are finished, the Taft-1948, \$2.85. Hartley Act will be hailed as the This book, graced with a special greatest single contribution the have thought that the company introduction by Senator Robert Republican party has made to had abandoned its strikebreaking this nation." But Hartley is not and was ready to negotiate with show away on the background of content to simply rest on his the union. Immediately after its laurels. Again and again he publication, Hugh Thompson egretfully calls attention to the CIO Regional Director, sum-

fact that a number of first class The book traces the various union-busting clauses were left antecedents of the law beginning out of the final Taft - Hartley with the 21 anti-labor amenddraft, such as "a citizens's right nents to the Wagner Law pro o work," making the secondary osed by Representative Howard boycott a criminal offense, out-Smith of Virginia in 1940 through lawing industry-wide bargaining, the Smith-Connally anti-strike an absolute ban on all forms of anion security etc. Hartley as-Bill of 1945. Big Business. after sures us: "I don't think any of recovering from the CIO shock. these provisions can be regarded in the thirties, was gradually as discarded for all time. . . The perfecting its technique, lining principal question is not if they

up its Congressional henchmen, will be enacted, but when." testing out and molding public Hartley is not just talking opinion and finally at the propithrough his hat. The forces he ious moment in 1947, it struck. represents are busy right now In the chapter, "The Men Betrying to popularize some of these hind The New Law," we get a measures. In the current Senate frank picture of the plutocracy's Banking Committee hearing on timeservers in Congress, how "labor monopolies," George B.

carefully they were maneuvered Christensen, a leading Chicago into the key committee spots corporation lawyer has proposed where they could help put the law to outlaw all forms of union shop, across, and the utter contempt the extension of the Sherman of these lackeys for the interests anti-trust law to unions and of the masses they pretend to breaking up of big unions into represent. The mentality of Hartlittle ones. Another "anti-monoley and his confederates is that polist," Theodore R. Iserman, of an American fascist. counsel for the Chrysler Corpora-

The purpose of the law, ac-ition, came up with the formula cording to Hartley, was not to to forbid industry-wide bargaindestroy the labor unions but "to ing.

promote the development of a The blurb on the book's jacket states that Mr. Hartley speaks of all-out defense of the union this country" and "to improve the and working conditions. I lot of the good labor leader." today in politics." That's the Recently, steel production here What Hartley has in mind by thing that makes this Pegler-"a good labor leader" you can product worth reading.

BARGAINING WITH ORGANIZ-ED LABOR, by Richard C. tive Murray-type of union of-Most steel workers are begin- ficial. To Hartley, however, "Van Smyth and Matthew J. Murphy, Funk and Wagnalls, N. Y. 1948, \$3.75. A manual written by two com-

pany personnel men on collective bargaining and the main subects and types of clauses included in collective bargaining agreements. Its objective "is to to man the picket lines in the Bittner or others like him reprepresent to the reader an innanner they displayed in 1946. senting my workers, I would tegrated management philosophy

of bargaining with organized that a deal may be cooked up be- Like so many others, Hartley labor on a business-like basis." Breading daily, 12-4 and 7-10 p.m.

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suggests how to scab successfully: "If sufficient numbers This leaflet, which was recollaborated, these threats [from printed in the Buffalo Evening the CIOl would vanish into thin News, is sure to blast the hopes | air. . ."

of any labor leaders who may But even the virulent News has to somewhat straddle the fence on the strike and urges a settlement satisfactory to both sides. This is due to the New's fear of antagonizing the workers who constitute the bulk of its readers. moned representatives of all CIO and to the employers' fear that unions in the Buffalo area to Bell's strikebreaking may result meet tomorrow to "plan definite in a general battle between all and decisive action to counteract labor and capital in this area. the Bell Aircraft Corporation's In the meantime, militants attempt to wreck UAW - CIO throughout the Buffalo labor movement are throwing in all

Thompson emphasized that "ir energy and time to help the Bell view of this attitude of Bell strikers win, and have systematicmanagement, it is obvious that ally urged the CIO leadership to all labor must assert itself to take mass action on a scale which impress the company. . ." This will compel the company to shull of the Buffalo CIO Council's its plant. The readiness of the rank and file for such action. it two weeks ago to is believed in militant circles, recommend an area-wide general was indicated when delegates to walkout if the company persisted the Buffalo CIO Council voted in its strikebreaking efforts. Wide sections of the labor to recommend a general walkout.



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The Hobby

By Theodore Kovalesky

Sam sighed deeply into his beer. Knowing him for a philosopher who looks at life seeing sweetness and light without overlooking the wormwood and the gall, we gave our attention to him. Jimmy grinned irreverently. "What's the matter. Sam? Tired of livin' and scared of dyin'? Or

are you just tired of working?

Sam snorted. "Who works?"

"I admit you don't sweat like we do on the furnaces," Slim said, "but what do you do with that lathe over in the Wilson Machine Co. if you don't work?"

"That's a hobby. I don't work any more." "But what — ?"

"I got a system. I got a system." Sam turned impatiently back to his beer. He was always figuring systems.

We waited for him to continue, but Sam merely heaved another deep sigh. I said, "Tell us, Sam."

"It's on a payday a couple of years ago. I'm thinking about life, and I ask myself, 'Sam, what do you get out of it?' Always work, I think, always bills to pay. Where's the enjoyment? I'm in a rut." Sam sighed again.

"If you found the answer to that one, I want to hear it," Jimmy said.

"So I try to figure out a system," Sam went on. "Other men get enjoyment out of life. Hunting, fishing, wine, women and song, stamp collecting, hobbies. . . Then I get the idea! I've got a system. I'll take up a hobby.'

'So you bought a hunting lodge in Canada and a yacht in Florida," suggested Slim.

"Wise guy," said Sam. "I get it all figured out. I'll take up a hobby. What'll it be? For a hobby I take up running a lathe!"

Regardless of diplomatic maneuvers, advances,

retreats or temporary agreements in the "cold

war," American imperialism is pursuing with

single-minded purpose its vast preparations for

atomic war, within the next few years, to destroy

the Soviet Union. Military strategic and industrial

mobilization plans are past the mere discussion

stage. They are already blueprinted in essential

How and where the U.S. will attack the Soviet

Union, the forces and weapons it will use, the

military conduct of the war through all its stages

are described by the Aug. 26 U. S. News and

World Report. Piecing together information dis-

closed by the top military leaders in public state-

ments and testimony before recent Congressional

hearings. U. S. News presents the "U. S. war

plan for fighting Russia" in a "three-phase cam-

paign." The article points out that "no secret

information is involved" but the plan is "un-

U. S. conduct of the next world war "is to start

where the last one stopped, with an atom bomb

attack on enemy cities." That is Phase 1. U. S.

News quotes Gen. Omar Bradley, Chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. Hoyt Vanden-

The magazine provides a map showing where

the initial air attacks by B-36 bombers will be

launched from and where they will return. "From

Okinawa to industrial area behind Urals . . .

return to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, ... From Fair-

banks. Alaska to industrial area behind Urals . . .

return to base in Italy. . . From Maine to Mos-

cow . . . return to bases in Britain... . From

berg, Air Force Chief of Staff, to this effect.

details.

mistakably clear."

"In the Wilson Machine Co.?" "In Wilson's. In Wilson's. Why do I do it?" "Because — " Slim began.

"Wise guy. I get it all figured out. I run the

"See ?" said Sam. "The answer to my gropings And on top of it all, I get paid. It's not so much, and it doesn't pay the bills any better than beyou make a fortune on top of it?"

Jimmy was figuring it out. "All day every day, nothing but play, no work, and you get paid for it all the same. . .

"That's right. That's right," Sam said. "There's got to be a hitch to it," Jimmy said. "No," Slim answered, "The man's just got a hobby like stamp-collecting or yachting or wine women and song. . .

Sam sighed again.

"But the man's unhappy," Jimmy said.

"But he's got everything to live for," said Slim, "fike hunting, fishing, traveling. . .

Sam sighed again.

Blueprint for War

By Joseph Keller

"Where did the system break down, Sam?" I asked. "You're not tired of not working?"

"Not working is fine," Sam sighed. "But, boy oh boy, have I got a lousy hobby!"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1949 "Wise guy. I get it all figured out. I run the hathe for my hobby. I run it forty hours a week. No more work. All play. Why shouldn't a man run a lathe for a hobby? Now I don't have to work any more for a living. I get up every morning and indulge in my hobby. Then I come home and eat supper. Then I have the evening to myself." "What more could a man ask from life?" I "See?" said Sam. "The answer to my gropings. The answer to my gropings.

THE MILITANT

By Ruth Johnson

Three young men are in prison, facing the electric you get paid for having fun with a hobby, should chair. One is dead, lynched by a sheriff's posse. An entire community huddles in fear of returning night riders, who three times swept in to burn and

clothes, in the week before the shoot up their homes. This is Groveland, in Lake NAACP investigators arrived. NAACP attorneys were County, Florida, 1949. The outrage began-like Scottsboro and count- threatened by the Orland Senless less-known cases - when a tinel, most influential paper in white woman claimed she was the area: "If smart lawyers or raped by four Negroes. Cops say agents of different outside ortwo of the men confessed by ganizations seek to hamper nodding their heads. But all three justice through the employment nsist they are innocent, and of legal technicalities, they may none has signed the statements bring suffering to innocent Negroes.' demanded by the sheriff.

No medical testimony has even The Sentinel had tried, conbeen produced to verify the victed and condemned the boys woman's charge. (A 'few weeks without the "technicality" of a ago in Illinois, a Negro was set trial. A screaming front-page free after 25 years in jail; an artoon headed "No Compromise!" autopsy finally showed that the called for the death penalty, woman who accused him, died a spurring the Klan on in its raids virgin decades later.) against the Negro community.

Did they confess? The National Before the NAACP report, the capitalist press everywhere told a different story, commending the Florida whites for saving Charles Greenlee, 16 years old, their Negro neighbors from the night riders. A special correspondent for the New Leader, Terence McCarthy, went to

Walter Irwin, both 22 years old, with their wrists scarred by had evacuated Lake County Nemanacles; they had been hung from pipes by handcuffs. Their bodies still bore the marks of lashes. Shepherd had three their homes in terror." broken teeth, perhaps a broken

iaw. None of them had been given nounced on July 16. "On each of had told them that death awaited medical care, or even a change of the nights of July 16, 17, and 18," them at home although they were



City, Ala., listen to Lycurgus Spinks, one of the contenders for the leadership of the Klan held by the late Grand Dragon Samuel Green. A statute in Alabama forbids the wearing of masks and hoods, but it has not succeeded in putting the Klan out of business.

reformation of southern justice. groes "left their homes before McCarthy saw the Shepherd "Friendly whites, newspapers nightfall and hid out in the home: "Before us stood fourteen win a change of venue, to move North and South had reported, orange groves, swamps and deep squat columns of cemented brick. the trial of Greenlee, Shepherd woods. Each morning they re- A few days back they had sup- and Irwin away from the charnelfury," he wrote. "I found in- among them the parents and was only black ash. ... made their way far out of town. permanently, their families

two houses. Both were burned broken, scattering because whites to the ground. . . A colored

bullets. In Bay Lake and Stucklences had been shot up.

the Negroes 'evacuate' their few. ioines.'

The Klan had been thirsting Three is the cause of all workers for a bloodletting. Negroes live in seeking a decent life. Hand in virtua! peonage in Lake County, hand with the fight to save them forced to work under a law that goes struggle against capitalist makes "idleness" a "crime" - violence and the whole Jim Crow for colored people. A single day's system.

swamp, George Valree had owned New York 18, N. Y. But the case cannot be won by court arguments alone. Vigorous restaurant was riddled with rifle protests must be made, mass meetings organized, the labor ney's Still, all the Negro resi- movement aroused. The Groveland frame-ups are proof that Jim "Such were my firsthand ob- Crow and lynch law are capitalist servations of the manner in which chains to keep the impoverished Lake County whites had "helped' multitude enslaved to the wealthy

The freedom of the Groveland

New York City SWP Goes Over Top

Maine to industrial South Russia . . . return to Tripoli. . ." But this war won't be any "30-day blitz." Phase

Europe. General Bradley is quoted on the plan for this stage. French land forces are to be built up as the nucleus for "the preservation of a springboard for an eventual, climactic ground attack" that will lead into Phase 3. For the second phase, the French Army will be built up by the U.S. to forty divisions from the present strength of seven divisions.

on the Russian forces and invasion of the Soviet Union "to be spearheaded by American troops, supported by U. S. and British fighter-bomber air teams, and supplied largely from U.S. . ."

military control and discipline over the workers, parallel the military strategic preparations. Officials of the government's Munitions Board on Aug. 27 announced industrial mobilization preparations are "simply beyond comparison" with those before U. S. entry into World War II.

material to be produced within a specified time after the M-Day signal, have been provided to every major manufacturer. "Several hundred concerns with demonstrated war production ability" have been put on a "select list" to turn out "select items" in full production within three to six months after M-Day.

tary direction of war production.

from beatings.

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Finally, Phase 3 will be a "combined attack"

Industrial mobilization plans, which envisage

Military "specialist reserve units" are already

Association for the Advancement of Colored People sent investigators to Groveland. They saw with his face and head scarred. one eve completely closed, his stomach, chest and back torn, his genitals bruised and bleeding Groveland expecting to hail a McCarthy says, most of the Ne- accused of nothing." They saw Sammy Shepherd and

groes to help them escape mob turned. But not all. Some stead, that the Negroes had fled relatives of the accused boys -

The alleged rape was an-



movement developing even here By Sam Lawrence Harold Robbins, SWP candi NEW YORK, Aug. 25 - So- in the United States. There is date for Manhattan Borough cialist Workers Party candidates more ferment in the ranks of the President, discussed the problems "in training" in scores of industries. At the last in the municipal election cam- CP and its periphery than ever be- of the New York workers: count, the Army alone had nearly 10,000 such paign spoke last night to a large fore. Scores of expelled dissident miserable housing conditions "specialists" organized in 1,263 industry-spon- and attentive audience gathered groups are operating and turning rising unemployment, poor transsored and industry - army - trained "affiliated to commemorate the ninth an- out bulletins exposing the be- portation facilities, and "the con units." These will form the nucleus for the mili- niversary of the death of Leon trayals and bureaucratism of the spiracy of the real estate in-**Frotsky**. CP. terests to maintain segrega-

These publicly described military strategic-industrial mobilization plans, already in opera-date for Mayor and main speaker with all honest liberals in the date for Mayor and main speaker with all honest liberals in the industrial mobilization plans, already in operation, bespeak the real perspective and aims of on the program, recalled the civil rights movement. The crisis masses. imperialism more eloquently than all the murder of Trotsky by Stalin's has penetrated into the Stalinist- The crisis in the ALP and the

Klan protects. But in recent years a few of the Negroes, among them Shepherd's father, managed to escape from peonage. They bought a few. acres of worthless swamp, reclaimed it, planted and harvested their own crops. By Groveland standards, they were too well off, too independent for Negroes; worse still their example threatened to undermine the whole system of forced labor.

"It's these n - - - r farmers, they've got to go," was a Klansman's frank statement to Mc-Carthy.

or the bosses' sawmills, and the

Negro is arrested, tossed into

jail, put to work as prison labor

if he doesn't take the hint and

system under which the Negro

40% of the population does all

the work, while the white 60%

loaf on their profits, is what the

"change his ways." This peonage

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What better excuse than a trumped-up charge of rape, resting on the word of a white woman against the Negro victims? It needs no evidence, it is hard to disprove, it inflames the preindiced whites to violence serving the interests of the ruling class.

The NAACP is attempting to ported a house . . . now there house of Groveland. Funds are needed for defense, and con-"Across the way, deeper in this tributions should be sent to the farmland recaptured from jungle NAACP, 20 West 40th Street,

2 will be needed to meet the expected tremendous counter-drive from the East across Western

flowery speeches of Washington statesmen and hired assassin in 1940. "Stalin dominaed American Labor Party. necessity of genuine independent diplomats about their "endeavors for peace"

What Liberties?

By Art Preis

Senator Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico visited Ohio last week to whoop it up for the Democratic Party in preparation for next year's elections. Never have the American people enjoyed such freedom as now under the Truman administration, he claimed.

"...I want to ask you what liberties you have lost? . . . Do we not have the liberty of free speech, the right of peaceful assemblage, the right of religious freedom?" he asked. And he added for good measure that he is "convinced that we are on the threshold of even an expansion of the liberties we have thus far enjoyed."

Does Anderson think there is no loss of liberties when Truman, through his former Attorney General Tom Clark, issues a political blacklist of so-called "subversive" organizations which are denied the right of a hearing and even a specification of charges?

Does he think freedom of speech remains as inviolable as ever when two million federal workers are subjected to a "loyalty" purge, secretly investigated by the FBI and faced with dismissal on anonymous charges without trial and even the right to confront their accusers?

What of the legless veteran James Kutcher, fired from his clerk's job with the Veterans Administration because he admitted holding socialist views and membership in the Socialist Workers Party?

What of the Minneapolis union leader Carl

Skoglund who is threatened with deportation because of his decades of loyal and militant defense of labor's interests and what of the thousands of other non-citizens who are being threatened with indefinite confinement at Ellis Island or deportation for no other reason than they are but we are not neutral in this see such fissures opening up in whitewashing of police brutality suspected of holding political views contrary to fight, for regardless of Tito's the Stalinist camp, then we can against Negroes, Gladys Barker, the administration's?

What "expansion" of liberties can we expect from the government's frameup prosecution of the Communist Party leaders under the infamous Smith Act which makes mere advocacy of "subversive" political ideas a felony?

Did the people who attended the scheduled concert of Paul Robeson in Peekskill, N. Y., "enjoy" the "freedom of assembly" they were accorded by the vigilante mob which attacked them while public officials and police stood by?

Do the Jehovah's Witnesses and other religious conscientious objectors "enjoy" the "freedom of religion" they are granted when they are thrown into federal prison for refusing army service which violates their Christian convictions?

It takes an idiot or a knave to find no loss of liberties in a flood of "loyalty oath" and anti-"subversion" laws; attempts at legal lynchings of Negroes in Trenton, N. J. and Groveland, Fla. witch-hunts against teachers, professors and scientists. And Anderson's no idiot. God help the American people if we have an

expansion of these "liberties" we have "enjoyed" thus far under the Truman administration!

hoped thereby to exterminate all ALP Councilman Eugene Con-political action by labor were gine." vived and grown stronger"

By R. Bell

"The banner of revolt has been come out. raised in Belgrade by Tito, a "If on the eve of the coming ing Mayor O'Dwyer, who ordered man who supported Stalin against crisis that is destined to produce the clubbing of striking workers. Trotsky. . . Tito is no Trotskyist, the greatest social upheavals, we

personal motives, the power be- have the utmost confidence that candidate for President of City for city-wide office, and 5,000 for the summer, was a Saturday hind his revolt springs from the the masses will find a new leader- Council, went on to tell how gains desire of the Yugoslav masses ship for the approaching strug- could be won by mass action. She for genuine socialist freedom." But Titoism is not only a This was the basis of his un- Tenants League, which by mili-

Yugoslav phenomenon, the speak- swerving faith in the victory of tant demonstrations forced the er emphasized: "We see the the Fourth International which city to give up its plans for mass disintegration of the Stalinist he proclaimed from his deathbed." evictions of over 3,000 tenants.

opposition to his despotic re- nolly got his belly full of Stal- stressed by Harry Ring, candi-Bartell declared. "He inist dictation and unprincipled date for Controller. "The Stalfailed in that objective, for the politics. He declared his inde- inists and Social-Democrats," he Fourth International has sur-pendence and opened the fight for said, are "jointly, equally and democracy inside the ALP. Here criminally responsible for sabo-Today, Bartell pointed out, too the truth about the corrup- taging the struggle for inde-Stalinist parties throughout the tion and maneuvers of the Stal-pendent working class action." world are torn by dissension, inist - Marcantonio machine has Both have supported capitalist

candidates, including strikebreak Recounting O'Dwyer's part in

gles. This was Trotsky's analysis. cited the Lenox - Fifth Aveiue

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 - The Socialist Workers Party campaign for signatures to place its candidates on the ballot in the New York City elections has been successfully concluded, two weeks before the D

deadline. Irving Beinin, the elec- tition campaign was brought to tion campaign mahager, announ- a close demonstrates that the caced today that well over 10,000 pitalist witch-hunts and 'subvervoters have signed nominating sive' lists, far from terrifying petitions for the SWP ticket, workers, have provoked a strong which includes Michael Bartell desire to fight back in defense of for Mayor; Gladys Barker for civil liberties," Beinin observed. President of the City Council; "That was the response we met Harry Ring for Controller; and in all the working class districts Harold Robbins for Borough Pres- where we went." ident of Manhattan.

The high spot of the campaign. The minimum number of sig- which began Aug. 6 and continnatures required by law is 7,500 ued through the hottest days of borough office. Thus, with more night mobilization which netted than 33% over the minimum ob- 3,200 signatures. Two recruits tained, a place for the SWP on who joined the party a month the ballot in November appears ago after having attended SWP certain if the capitalist politicians classes and forums brought in the greatest number of signatures

comply with the law. "The speed with which this pe- during the three-week period.



nation of the war in the fall of This conflict erupted into open military and totalitarian regime between two reactionary gangs The three main conflicting 1945, Curran visited Moscow as warfare at the Portland conven- over the American people. tendencies in the labor movement part of a National CIO delega- tion of the CIO last year when An extension of this policy to will confront each other at the tion sent to establish the basis the Stalinists were given the foreign soil meant bolstering the represents the interests of the CIO National Maritime Union for the organization of the World ultimatum: Conform to CIO tottering dictatorships abroad, working class. Both are reacconvention which opens in New Federation of Trade Unions. The policy or get out! "Conform to financing reactionary groups and tionary to the core and are con-NMU Pilot of Oct. 19, 1945 pub- CIO policy" meant support the cliques engaged in counter-revo-lished excerpts from Curran's "cold war" against the Soviet lutionary schemes to undermine movement as pawns in their game York City on September 12. 1. The tendency represented lished excerpts . from Curran's by President Joseph Curran who, speech to a gathering in Mos- Union. The Stalinists elected to and destroy the mass workers of power politics. since his break with the Stal- cow's Hall of Columns. "I am told fight.

nists, has emerged as a full to assure you," Curran proclaim-The capitalist press greeted fledged "labor statesman." This ed, "that the CIO will always the AFL and CIO conventions of Taft - Hartleyism along with pendent working class action on tendency stands for all-out sup- work hand in hand with the last year as a triumph of labor American dollars. The "labor both the economic and political work hand in hand with the last year as a triumph of labor tendency stands for all-out sup-Soviet trade unions," and added: statesmanship. The foremost port to the reactionary foreign "We heartily hail the heroic Republican newspaper, the N. Y. policy of the American State De-Red Army, the Soviet trade Herald Tribune, hailed the "labor the State Department, splitting that road. The fight against the ated the real needs and interests unions, the entire Soviet nation statesmen" in an editorial (Nov. the trade union movement and yellow - dog amendment in the for all they've achieved under 26, 1948) because: "The resolu-

the great and wise leadership of tions adopted by the American Comrade Stalin." This event occurred, of course, Cincinnati and by the Congress whose feverish zig-zags are during the period of American- of Industrial Organizations at ists at that time were shaking the bi-partisan foreign policy."

hands with J. P. Morgan, whoopstand for the formation of a ing it up for the permanent nogenuine left wing based on a strike pledge, national unity and eign and domestic policy are in-

the Congressional Record, with laudatory compolitical field. ment, a speech by Father Hunter Guthrie, the

Kremlin.

'opinion-control bureau'," the New Republic re- in accordance with the diplomatic open conflict in the CIO between 1948 was characterized by the ports. It quoted Guthrie as saying that "the state's thinking in this matter [of opinion control] is much sounder than that of the resentful in- the "labor statesmen." dividual whose opinion is controlled."

partment to which are subordinof the American workers. 2. The Stalinist tendency. generally recognized as an agency of the Soviet Foreign Office,

tailored to meet the needs of the Soviet collaboration. The Stalin- Portland, show full support of 3. The independents, who

policy of independent working labor - management cooperation. extricably bound together." This

class action on the economic and But the honeymoon was short- is another way of stating the lived and soon gave way to the truth, long ago established by While it has become a matter of "cold war." The mounting ten- Marxism, that foreign policy is labor movement can be under- ticipated in the struggle to defeat well understood in the case of Kremlin, and the native "labor oaths, witch - hunts, assaults on either the Kremlin or Wall Street, an important advance in the

For example, after the termi- the State Department.

is completely false and can only lead to disaster. Neither gang There is, in reality, only ONE

movements which arose after the "liberation." It meant the export choice for the worker: Indestatesmen" swarmed over Europe | field. The workers are instincplaying their role of agents of tively groping their way toward sowing demoralization in the NMU was led by an independent group against both the Curran workers' ranks. Symptomatically, Curran inigroup and the Stalinists. The Federation of Labor meeting at

tiated the referendum to launch a struggle in the convention against "loyalty" oath purge and witch- the "anti-communist" amendment hunt in the NMU at the very proposed by Curran is a conmoment he took sail for Israel as tinuation of that fight.



new president of Georgetown University, which common knowledge that the "line" sion between Washington and an extension of domestic policy. stood. The Stalinists and the Curran's yellow-dog amendments. sounded like a call for a state-established of the Communist Party changes Moscow was soon reflected by But domestic policy in the year "labor statesmen" confront the They want no part of either. If workers with the alternative: this group succeeds in organizneeds of the Kremlin, it is not so the Stalinists, who supported the Taft - Hartley Act, "loyalty" Either Washington or Moscow, ing at the convention it will mark

statesmen," who lined up with civil liberties and rampant reac- you must choose between the building of a militant and demotion which sought to establish a two. This "either - or" choice cratic union.

Notes from the News

THE "IMPARTIAL" LAW — The New York State Police refused to intervene in the fascist violence against the Robeson concert near Peekskill on Aug. 27 until after the hoodlums had achieved their aims. But the following day, the N. Y. Times reports, "When 350 persons met at the estate of Dr. Sam Rosen in Katonah ... to form a Westchester Committee of Law and Order and to protest against alleged official failure to take steps that might have prevented Saturday's violence, thirty state troopers and fifteen deputy sheriffs patrolled the entrance to the Rosen estate, the troopers jotting down license numbers of cars that entered."

* * * GRACE CARLSON'S PROPOSAL - All of the Twin Cities press prominently featured Grace Carlson's suggestion for labor action against the Peekskill outrage, made in a telegram by the Minnesota state organizer of the SWP to state AFL and CIO leaders. Recalling that Hitler

marched to power by such methods, she urged them to organize "a united labor conference immediately to deal with this sinister threat to freedom. * * *

SHORTER WORK WEEK - On Sept. 1, a million railroad workers in the non-operating

crafts went from a 48-hour week to a five-day 40-hour week, with about the same pay as before.

LAUDATORY COMMENT-The new Attorney General, J. Howard McGrath, "recently placed in