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### **PRICE: FIVE CENTS**

# CP TRIAL VERDICT HITS RIGHTS OF Lewis Urges Joint Labor Defense Fund to Support CIO Steel Strike

United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis has pointed the way to victory for labor in the crucial test of strength between the American plutocracy, spearheaded **Canton Surrender** by the steel trust, and nearly ?

million striking steel and coal strike fund) the giant adversaries Assures Stalinist which would decimate one by one workers.

solidarity, Lewis on Oct. 14 pro- labor." posed to AFL President William Green that the nine largest af- ment intervention, Lewis pointed filiates of the AFL join with the out that the government has used UMW in providing a \$2,500,000 mine "seizures" only as a strikeweekly strike fund to back the breaking device, with the opera-CIO United Steel Workers strike. tors still in control and making Lewis offered \$250,000 a week ther huge profits. If the governfrom the UMW treasury to ment does take over the mines. match- a similar sum from each of the nine AFL international

unions. The day before his letter to

Green, Lewis stated his uncompromising opposition to government interference in strikes through "fact-finding" boards or "seizures." He said the only way the miners will welcome government operation of the mines is if the mines are worked not for the greater profit of the owners but for the "people's account."

Green has given a queasy, quibbling reply to Lewis, rejecting his joint action proposal. He claimed that Lewis' plan is "impossible and impracticable" and that the immediate and urgent needs of the struggle must wait until there is a "united labor movement."

#### MURRAY'S REPLY

CIO and United Steel Workers Lewis demanded that it be a President Philip Murray respond- "bona fide seizure" and that the ed to Lewis' proposal with the mines be operated "on the account statement that the steel union of the people and the Govern- a hopeless position. Its liquidament, and independent of the join with the United Mine Workoperators."

In a dramatic appeal for labor the major units of organized Rule of All China solidarity. Lewis on Oct. 14 pro- labor." In his statement on govern-By John G. Wright On Oct. 14 the Stalinist-led

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armies of insurgent Chinese peasants marched unopposed into Canton, occupying the last big city on China's seaboard. The city's surrender was, as elsewhere, arranged in advance by the Nationalist military authorities and by "local negotiators," that is, by representatives of Cantonese

capitalists. 'In Canton, as in Shanghai, Nanking and other cities, the workers remained silently in the background. There were no demonstrations, let alone any mass uprisings. Underground Stalinist cells were obviously under strict orders to maintain "law and order." It is reported that they even issued "warnings" to the municipal police "to continue their services."

The fall of Canton, within six months after becoming Chiang's provisional capital," virtually assures a speedy termination of arge-scale warfare on the mainland. The Nationalist government - a government in name only has now fled to the hinterland.

establishing a new "provisional capital" at Chungking. Completely

tion is a matter of mopping up



By James P. Cannon | around the whole circle from | themselves, after thorough con-

coast-to-coast.

### **Conviction of 11 Stalinists Emphasizes Need for United Front Against Witch-Hunters**

By The Editors

Friday, Oct. 14, 1949, will go down as a black-letter day for civil rights in America. The conviction on that day of 11 Communist Party leaders in the political trial at Foley Square struck a hammer-blow against the democratic liberties of the whole working-class.

We are irreconcilably hostile to Stalinism. But we recognize that the trial and conviction of the 11 gives a green light to the government witch-hunters, the book-burners, all the storm troops of reaction.

The war against the Bill of Rights, launched in 1941 when the government used the Smith Act to convict 18 Trotskyists in the Minneapolis Labor Case, has assumed blitzkrieg force with the conviction of the 11 Stalinists under the same Smith Act.

"Great satisfaction" at the outcome of the nine-month trial is expressed in Washington. "Elated" members of the House Un-American Committee claim the verdict proves that the CP is an illegal conspiracy." Senator Mundt, co-author of the infamous Mundt-Nixon "police state" bill, hails the verdict as showing the "need for speedy passage" of his law to straitjacket free political thinking in the United States. Truman's newest cabinet appointee, Attorney General McGrath, finds the outcome of the trial "gratifying", — a sinister hint of what the Truman administration has in store for political dissenters.

### **Green Light for Witch-Hunters**

The purgers and thought-controllers are rolling up their sleeves for a busy season. The witch-hunt against teachers, aliens, scientists will be whipped up to greater ferocity. Open-shoppers in industry will hound and victimize militant workers. "Illegal conspiracy!" will be hurled at all groups that dissent from the domestic and foreign policies of the party in power.

Every agency of capitalist power and propaganda - government, press and church — is being mustered to bolster the trial and its verdict and to glorify the judge and prosecutor. Medina is portrayed as a long-suffering, patient martyr, and a model of judicial wisdom and impartiality. McGohey, one day after the verdict. is elevated to a federal judgeship by Truman - prompt recognition for services rendered.

But the defendants - and their attorneys - are subjected to public degradation. Benjamin Davis, Negro defendant and elected member of the City Council of New York, is threatened with removal from office on the grounds he is a "felon." The five attorneys for the defense, on the sole order of Judge Medina, are charged, convicted and sentenced to jail for "contempt," as an act of intimidation against future legal defenders of civil rights.

The political mouthpieces and press of Big Business are trying, above all, to represent the trial and conviction of the Stalinists as no threat to the liberties of the American people. We are assured

that the whole trial was "democratically" conducted. This was "no



surrounded, amid a hostile population, the Chungking regime is in

JOHN L. LEWIS

ers and attiliates of the American Lewis' proposals for labor Federation of Labor to pool their olidarity and joint action against resources for the common defense he steel corporations, which also and general welfare of the labor own many "captive" coal mines. movement."

Paying tribute to the "mighty to government intervention in struggle" of the 400,000 soft coal any form undoubtedly have the disputed masters of all China. miners, Murray said he was for a joint defense fund to aid the majority of union men and of China" was formally proclaim- to build and strengthen the party Campaign, miners and "all unions which are women.

forced into necessary strike What is necessary to make this action" by "the monopolists and financial interests who dominate Congress of Labor, representing CP. the great industries of this coun- all sections of the union movetry."

In his letter to Green, Lewis to put this program into action. pointed out that "one of the great | If Lewis and Murray mean Stalinists did not initiate this matter. segments of organized labor," business by their statements on revolution. Beginning with 1945 the United Steel Workers, is joint strike defense, either of the mass of the peasantry showed facing a "vast and barbaric them or both together, should time and again that it was attack" of the "entrenched" steel take the initiative in issuing a determined to settle the land Stein, Organization Secretary of skyists, who never surrender and industry and its "formidable call for a national conference of question and started to rise allies," who "are out to crush the all unions to be held as quickly spontaneously. Throughout 1945, way since Oct. 1. power and destroy the structure as possible. Once the ball is set the whole of 1945 and up to the of the steel workers' union." rolling, we can be confident there spring of 1947, the Stalinists Lewis expressed the hope that the will be a tremendous pressure of opposed this spontaneous move- Union Committee of the party, work and strengthen their organ-AFL leadership "will agree to the AFL ranks on their leaders ment and tried might and main is already scheduled to begin ization. subordinate every other con- to join forces with the CIO and to limit it to rent reforms.

sideration and rise to meet in UMW to beat back the offensive this fashion [through a joint of Big Business.

ing the CIO convention delegates forces - who didn't find it too

when they convene on Oct. 31 in hard to stomach the Stalinists

of the Kremlin are preparing, pushed through unanimous en-

venture. The barons of industry Murray got his main support for

when they supported the no-strike

the climax of the divisive "cold freeze and the War Labor Board allies to the limit. Declaring that

chine and the Stalinist clique. partners of many years standing policy" to support every "cold

The Murrayite tools of the U.S. at the behest of the U.S. State war" measure of U.S. imperial-

Convention the Murray machine

"resents and rejects" the "inter-

embark on an "independent" ad- ference of the Communist Party." Murray also secured further

"interference" resolution

to them, to scrape together Policy"' stating that the CIO in the CIO who did not conform the Stalinists.

pledge, incentive pay, the wage war against its one-time Stalinist

- turned on these. Stalinist it was now "CIO national

At the November 1946 CIO political alliance with the Tru-

Cleveland.

This convention will witness

State Department are threaten- Department.

war" between the Murray ma-

ing their minority opponents with

expulsion. The Stalinist stooges

if no other course is left open

what they can from the CIO and

and the AFL craft raiders are this

A NEW STAGE The fall of Canton thus marks and his declaration of opposition the Chinese Stalinists have estab- the National Committee and en- tional staff of the party are all and sympathizers, who have never lished themselves as the un- thusiastically greeted by the parapproval of the overwhelming On Sept. 22 the "People's Republic program of expanded activities come in from the Party Building the quota assigned to them

ed at Peiping, with the new gov- and increase the circulation of its ernment headed by Mao Tze- press and publications, the Na- revolutionary militants for quite pointed Campaign Manager. program a reality is a United tung, chairman of the Chinese tional Committee has called for a long time now. They have had

a \$12,000 Party Building Fund to stand up against the general Mao and his colleagues rode and has assigned the quotas (listatmosphere of reaction, the ment, to take the practical steps into power on the tidal wave of ed on Page 2) after consultation wholesale assaults on civil rights, the agrarian revolution. The with the party branches on the and the anti-radical witch-hunt

The life of the branches of the

Socialist Workers Party during

the fall and winter months will be

in the shops and trade unions. The opening gun in the fall and But the important thing is that winter Party Building Campaign | they have stood up firmly. And as is the national tour of Morris is characteristic of the Trotthe party, which has been under never quit, they now propose to answer the challenge of reaction A second national tour by Bert with a bold program to extend

Cochran, chairman of the Trade and intensify their propagandistic

with a meeting at Pittsburgh on The Party Building program has The peasant uprisings then Nov. 15, and will keep him on been hailed with enthusiasm, and (Continued on page 3) the road for nearly two months the party members have pledged



By Art Preis initiative in forcing this dis-|Reuther. This same convention democracy in the CIO, sought as |tant fight, against passage of the Will the CIO rally all its forces ruptive conflict. It has carried gave extraordinary bureaucratic long as possible to appease Taft-Hartley Act. Every year tiator and strategist has been in the face of the corporate the war to the Stalinists from the powers over local CIO bodies to Murray. They had voted in the since the 1946 strikes has seen badly cracked. He now appears onslaught led by the steel start and has moved ruthlessly the top CIO leaders - the 1946 Convention for the "resent bigger and bigger compromises of the same stripe as other oldmonopolists or will the struggle and bureaucratically to drive the preliminary to moves to take over and reject" resolution and for the on CIO wage demands. And this for power between the Murray- Stalinists from the CIO. local councils under Stalinist conanti-democratic regulations on year has brought the biggest with whom he had been favorably Reuther and Stalinist factions The fight began with the break- trol.

ism and to maintain a dirty Stalinists control, their bureau-

disrupt and split the CIO? This up of the Washington-Moscow The Stalinists gave the Murray WIDENING RIFT is the crucial question confront- honeymoon. The Murray-Reuther By the time of the November

1948 convention, the Murray ma-

chine was prepared to push its

man gang in Washington, the

Murrayites declared they would

n word and deed to this policy.

bureaucratic powers to yank local

CIO council charters and to dic-

local CIO councils. compromise of all - the agreecontrasted in the past. ment to abandon the "fourth

machine a new weapon when round" wage increase. they tried to thrust the Wallace

But further retreat can mean

workers will ratify the contract,

movement for a third capitalist disaster. American capitalism is although Reuther has mobilized party on the CIO. This was the now I ned up behind the steel his whole apparatus and the occasion for the Trumanite trust to break the power of the union's press to persuade the

crack down with "CIO national be a crime against the whole ment. But even if they do, it policy." And in unions like the American working class. vides "for a pension plan of \$100 will not be because they believe Unfortunately, the independent Reuther's claim that the proposed a month paid for by the commilitants will have little voice contract contains "more basic pany" and is based on "the princratic ruthlessness against op- in this CIO convention, whose improvements" than any contract ciple of no contributions by the ponent factions has given Murray delegates are picked by the top since the first major ones won vorkers.'

an example to justify his own bureaucrats of both factions. But in the industry. Actually, about a third of the dorsement of its "Declaration of no longer allow anyone to live anti-democratic actions against whatever the outcome of the con- Reuther's lieutenants had freely \$100 pension is federal social vention, the independents will predicted the contract would be security for which the workers In the course of the irresponoppose any move to split the slicked through with little opposiare taxed. Ford's share of the sible warfare between these two workers/from the mainstream of tion. But the conference of the pension will be reduced as federal bureaucratic factions, the CIO industrial unionism, the CIO, UAW's National Ford Council benefits increase. As federal has been in steady retreat before where they will continue to fight proved a big surprise. Reuther benefits rise, so will workers'

tate to affiliated international the corporations and government for democratic, militant union- wangled a majority vote only. poised to take full advantage of from the priest-ridden Associapayroll deductions. Moreover, in unions. any split. tion of Catholic Trade Unionists reaction. The real interests of ism against the totalitarian after a bitter two-day battle and return for this pension at the The Stalinists, far from defend- the membership have been thrust methods of both the Murray and more than a third of the votes age of 65 after 30 full years of The Murray machine, it must and the Stalinophobic Socialbe pointed out, has taken the Democratic elements like Walter ing autonomous rights and union aside. The CIO put up no mili- Stalinist camps. were cast against the contract. service, the Ford workers are

Electrical Workers, where the

sideration matter Additional plans for other branch meetings, to make all the tours, the publication of new necessary personal sacrifices to dominated by an intensive Party books and pamphlets, and raise their quotas in full and on a new phase: For the next period Building Campaign outlined by strengthening of the organiza- time. We also count on friends in the works for gradual unfold- failed us in the past, to help the ty membership. To finance this ment as the necessary funds campaign to the full extent of

> under "General." Times have been tough for Reba Aubrey has been ap-The deadline for the compleion of the Party Building Fund s Dec. 31.

We all confidently look for- on trial were precisely books and ideas - and specifically the books vard to a Happy New Year and ideas of Marx and Lenin. The defendants were accused of celebration of 100% success in building a group "dedicated to the Marxist-Leninist principle of the this great endeavor. (Continued on page 2)

### **REUTHER'S PRESTIGE BADLY SHAKEN ROTTEN AGREEMENT** B

By Joseph Keller

Due to his miserable settlement with Ford, CIO United Auto expressed not only among Ford workers, but by General Motors Workers President Walter Reuther has suffered a severe loss of and Chrysler workers who fear prestige among the UAW ranks and resent the Ford "patters." This opposition has become and local leaders, according to strong in sectors of the union clause, now called "Strikes, reports from Michigan auto where Reuther's influence has Stoppages and Lockouts." The

been dominant. Thus in Flint, heart of the GM empire, Chevrolet Local 659, Buick Local 599 and any employee who instigates, Fisher Plant 2 Local have all participates in or gives leaderadopted resolutions opposing the ship to an unauthorized strike Ford contract. A similar resolu- in violation of the Agreement." tion was adopted by the Greater Flint CIO Council.

Reuther is attempting to sell At this writing it is still his contract with the crudest kind noot question whether the Ford of false claims. Here are some

examples from the "Special Ford Edition" of the United Automobile Worker, the official UAW majority of the leadership to CIC. A split in the CIO would Ford ranks to approve his agreepaper controlled by Reuther: . 1. The Ford settlement pro-

enforce production standards' and may make its own "reasonable" rules on safety, etc. Next Week:

A report on the controversy at the Ohio Bill of Rights Conference.

creases under a 21/2-year contract.

2. "The old 'Company Security

clause has been completely wiped

Actually, the only major

change is in the title of the

company still has "the right to

discipline (including discharge)

3. ". . . the Production Standards clause has been re-written

and strengthened to protect

workers against speedup," says

Actually, the company retains

the sole right "to establish and

Reuther's paper.

out. . ." says the UAW paper.

The Ford pension contractthe reaction of the auto workers and the employers. Answers to some recent slanders about the role of the Trotskyists in Bolivia and Cey-

Articles on Yugoslavia, the repercussions of the CP trial. and the review of Deutscher's. biography of Stalin.

line conservative union leaders

widespread opposition has been

in violation of the Smith Act of 1940. In his charge to the jury, Judge Medina cynically said: "Books are not on trial here . . . It is not your function to pass upon the relative merits of communism or capitalism or any other 'ism.'" It

was not even charged, he said, that the defendants "personally" have actually advocated forcible overthrow of the government or that the "Communist Party as such" has so advocated. The "crime" was that the defendants had "conspired" to advocate.

But the very wording of the charges made plain that what was

#### political trial," we are told repeatedly. All that was involved was a "criminal conspiracy" by eleven individuals - who just happened to be the leaders of the Communist Party - to "advocate and teach... the overthrow of the government by force and violence

centers. The myth of Reuther's "militancy" and "brilliance" as nego-

In the past couple of weeks, required to sacrifice all wage in-

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### Labor Union Trends -The New Reformism n the Labor Movement

By Bert Cochran

Last week I began describing | auto. But to think labor can ling" and "mediocre" leadership. how Widick and Howe identify utilize this competitive element The whole thing is placed upside their thinking with that of the as its fundamental strategy in down. labor bureaucracy in their re- major struggles with the mono- The period of the "bumbling"

and Walter Reuther.

were broken down ex-radicals when the CIO was formed and

entered into the service of John roles as militants years back but 1936. Lewis used them and others to do the "rabble rousing" in orthe machine men would take over and "do business" with the bosses.

On page 80 the book states: "In 1941 the Reuther group, feeling that the time had come to move against the Stalinists in the UAW, introduced a resolutionto bar them and fascists from union office." In this section our authors, by innuendo and suggestion, place their stamp of approval on this injection of red baiting and anti-democratic procedure into the unions.

#### ROLE OF RADICALS

On page 81, in a discussion of the faction fight during the Homer Martin period, Howe and Widick state: "Part of the responsibility, however, for the internal UAW debacle must be placed on the radical groups.' This was common gossip in the Reuther circles during this period The expression went, "The radicals built this union and now they are trying to bust it up.' Radicals of all shades and varieties probably had more to do with building the UAW than any other CIO union. Stalinists Trotskvists, Lovestoneites, Norman Thomas Socialists — all were active. Even the Ochlerites took a crack at things. Naturally. the presence of these different political tendencies exacerbated the faction struggle.

But this question has to be judged en bloc. Out of these internal fights was forged the most imply that the activities of poli-

cently published book, The UAW polies means one has lost all and "mediocre" leadership was touch with the realities of the the period of the UAW's un-On page 51 they speak of Rose modern class struggle. On this surpassed militancy and its glory Pesotta as "an aggressive ra- question, even Philip Murray is - not to be sure because of the dical" and Powers Hapgood as thead of Reuther. But our two eadership, but because no bureau-"a militant Socialist." This is cribes, true to the task they set cratic machine had yet been rich, and revealing in the ex- for themselves, doggedly defend fastened upon the auto workers, treme. Both Pesotta and Hapgood even this theory of their mentor. and the free democratic inter-

FACTIONS AND DEMOCRACY play of different forces permitted the auto workers to voice their Further along on page 155 we sentiments and give free rein to events leading up to the strike, 29 CENTS A MONTH L. Lewis as subservient agents. find this: "Since they can so their aspirations. The period of but he took out much time to Both had played distinguished easly be abused, factions are Reuther's power is the period of justify his "personal record." sometimes dangerous to union the entrenchment of the bureauwere completely played out by icmocracy." This, it seems to me, cracy and the conservatizing of s standing the thing on its head. the auto union.

in the same way that Hillman Factions are not an unfortunate cynically used to hire Socialists by-product of union democracy, A GREAT MYSTERY ganizing campaigns after which union democracy. Without them, and their publicists speak of the workers paying 11/2 cents, Those that begin by deploring labor leader. I am not discussing 'actions end by supporting their the man's personal talents, which

prohibition. On page 170 we run across this rem: "When the Thomas-Addes group, in a desperate espousal of 'militancy' proposed that the union not sign the anti-Comnunist affidavits required by the Tatt-Hartley Act, the sentiment of the majority of the delegates vas neatly expressed by one alking militant now. The piecework boys." I gather from this he knee to the Taft-Hartley Law 'n 1947.

On page 183 we are treated to a left-handed defense of Reuther's raiding of the UE and on page 224 our authors swallow ook, line and sinker Reuther's narrow-minded standpoint on the Negro problem.

The chapter on Reuther's rise, ANOTHER LINK

to reaction but by more consistent the grand vision of the Russian became an agent of the State Deand aggressive militancy; not by Revolution and the struggle for partment and allied himself with shouting 'red' but by showing the a Socialist society have now grown the capitalist politicians and the totalitarian strings to which the so tired and dispirited that they government in power. No, sir. seasoned labor cadre and the CP danced. . . And it had won." are willing to settle for Reuther. There is nothing unfinished about strongest labor union in the Our two sociologists have truly And having reached that point, him. He and the bureaucracy he United States. That is the way to taken us into a never-never land. they must of course paint him epitomizes are going all out to lock at it. For our authors to This is written about a leadership up. indoctrinate the American work-- mind you - that allied itself Look at the distance, we are ers with a worked-out reformist,

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## 25,000 HOMESTEAD STEEL WORKERS DEMONSTRATE UNION SOLIDARITY

By John Fredericks posed to non-contributory pen-HOMESTEAD, PA., Oct. 13 -

appearance of Philip Murray. This demonstration of union solidarity was the highlight of an otherwise quiet week in the steel strike. This was the first meeting held here since the strike of his friend Truman. began. All regular meetings had been cancelled. The mass turnout showed the workers' temper, as did the sign on the platform: "Give them Hell, Murray."

Murray held the platform for over an hour, explaining the He reported on the stee!

negotiations which started June 15. The companies arrogantly held 15 years at American Steel & to the following offer: no wage Wire and 29 years in the Homeraise. no pensions, 11/2 cents stead plant. Murray said: "This but indispensable instruments of These ADA'ers, labor officials social insurance contingent upon elderly citizen who has given 44

mon democracy becomes a sham. Reuther as a great and brilliant take it or leave it. Murray went on to show that the companies forced the union of his sinews, his blood, his are well known, and which have to strike. He showed that U. S. cast such a hypnotic spell over Steel lies when it says it is opthe authors of this book. This,

however, is not the main criterion Germany under the leadership of for a socialist. There are talented a lot of Reuthers. It is not sufficient to go wild people in all camps. The question

is: what camp doessone belong to over the radio stations that the and to what purpose does he use UAW and the ILG have set up. his talent. It is important to ask what is How does Reuther's leadership being said and what kind of

manifest itself? Is the UAW, philosophy is being preached over 'onghby Abner: 'Look who's under Reuther, blazing new trails these radio stations. It is not in winning superior wages or enough to point with pride to the working conditions? Reuther's great achievements of the CIO that because the Stalinists and record in this regard doesn't in integrating Negro workers begin to compare with that of into the labor movement. What is. ing the war, that demonstrates John L. Lewis and is worse than paramount today is what is being Reuther's correctness in bending that of the previous admittedly done to guarantee Negroes equal "bumbling" and "mediocre" lead- job opportunities and wiping out ers. Is the UAW, under Reuther, their status as second - class

pioneering in the field of in- citizens. The book describes Reuther as dependent labor politics? Not so anyone can notice. In what way an "unfinished personality." This then does Reuther's "advanced is dead wrong. There is nothing leadership" display itself from a unfinished about Reuther or the socialist point of view? That is other CIO top bureaucrats. I am naturally not speaking of their a great mystery.

personal lives, which are of no concern to anybody but thempreviously referred to, winds up Ordinarily this book would be selves. I am talking of them as with this panegyric to the main just another book. Coming as it public figures. Reuther started character of the drama: "The first does at the present time it is a out as a Socialist with an unnart of the Reuther group's his- link in the ramified campaign to derstanding of the class forces

tory was at an end. It had gam- sell Reuther and the new bureau- and conflicts in modern society. bled on the idea that the Commun- cracy he typifies to the advanced He didn't just inadvertently ist Party could be defeated in a workers and intellectuals. Many stumble into his present positions trade union . . . not by turning who in the past were inspired by but consciously and premeditatedly

sions. He cited the case of "the caverns of Wall Street where 25,000 striking steel workers Benjanain Fairless who is paid steel policy is formulated," and filled West Field here today a \$207,000 a year and will retire the history of the CIO. He said full hour before the scheduled on a company-financed pension this mass turnout was a great of \$50,000 a year. Murray made no attempt to held their first meeting and only justify his accepting the "fact- 50 people had dared to show up. finding" board's report, but was The union now is strong and had of unity, each side means the gress," they didn't even know full of praise for the "fairness' He scored the steel industry which had not accepted the formula: "The steel industry has

> faith, they still think of the days of the Homestead murders and the Chicago massacre.'

To dramatize "the righteous fight," he brought on to the platform an elderly steel worker, Andrew Gerasik, who had put in years of his 65 years to U.S. Steel, who is now depreciated, broken down after having given

muscle to build this magnificent corporation, has retired. . . Yes, pension of 29 cents a month. 29c.

month!" The crowd of steel workers. of hardship and brutal treatment, were shocked. They showed it by involuntary cries of "Jesus they need do nothing; he and his tive liquidation of the latter.

**Quotas for SWP** \$12.000 Fund Quota \$100 50 200 500 Chicago 400 Cleveland 250 Detroit 1,100 Flint 200 Los Angeles 1,500 Lynn 75 Milwaukee 250 Morgantown 25 350 Newark New Britain 30 25 New Haven 3,000 New York Philadelphia

St. Louis St. Paul-Minneapolis San Francisco-Oakland Seattle Toledo Worcester Youngstown

Pittsburgh

General

cry from the days when they had raised hourly wages from 82c. average to \$1.70. "But," he condom that you have gained and never accepted the union in good not only you the members of this great organization, but the community as a whole."

He next alternated between

This industry had "sent you letter." But it contained a lie. draws any pay until the strike Western powers were able to letters.") ing class.

SOME DISAPPOINTED

"associates" would do the strug-Christ!" Murray rested the case for his pensions. built the CIO. after this soul stirring speech," not stir my soul. I came to hear

> or when it would be over." Other workers agreed with him as they men" too. While the Western ocfiled out of the field. The most discussed topic in least grant formal democratic another group of workers was rights because it is solidly supthe salaries and pensions of the It's enough to make a communist of you. I think I'm half of one now." Another said, "They can proletariat. It rests on the so-600 150 instead. Well, this is not 1936.

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Monday, October 24, 1949

By O. Lenz

GERMANY - After the creation of the Western German State, a rival enterprise has been set up in the. Soviet zone. Both pretend to represent the whole of Germany. When they speak of

incorporation of the rival zone they were establishing a new in its own. Each accuses the government. It was a case of tinued, "it is not only the mone- other of being responsible for open fraud. The voters didn't aptary gains but the economic free- the dismemberment of Germany. prove any government program, but were offered only three

STALINIST POLICY general slogans: Unity, a just The new West-German governpeace, and the end of occupation. ment is a tool of the occupying There was only one list of candipowers. It rests on the Western dates, whom the voters could all a letter, under the personal German bouregoisie and "con-accept or reject. The election resignature of Fairless, a nice structive opposition" of the Social sults may have been falsified. Democrats, embracing the ma- In any case, one third of the The letter had claimed that the jority of the working population, voters voted NO, and the number union leaders were drawing fat who consider the "democratic" of NO votes was especially high salaries during the strike. "This West to be a "lesser evil" to in industrial areas, as in the is not true. No union official the Stalinist dictatorship. The traditionally red Saxony. The Western German governaraws any pay until the strike stage formally correct democratic ment has no right to pretend stituted libel proceedings against elections. But in spite of demo- that it represents the entire Ger-

the companies and their "nice cratic forms the elections served man people. The Eastern Geras a means to subjugate the work- man government even less.

As for Eastern Germany, NEED FOR UNIFICATION

The meeting was ended with thanks to the presence of the From the beginning we undermany phrases of self-justification; Soviet army, the Stalinists were stood the fundamental difhe has retired on the munificent but there was no plan for action, able at the outset to occupy every ferences between the victors' inno goal set for the steel workers important position and their terests and knew that the reto strive for. Murray called for no policy became the official state unification of Germany would be action of any kind on the part policy. The SED arose not as the impossible without the withused to the most extreme cases of the steel workers. He left the result of a genuine merger of drawal of the occupiers. This impression that their leadership the CP and the Social Demo- has been the basic slogan of the was in the right hands and hence crats, but through an administra- Fourth International in dealing with the German problem since The factory councils, the most the end of the war. The sharpengling for them. Such an attitude elementary cells of a workers' ing of antagonism between "East can be sharply contrasted with democracy, and a premise for and West" foreseen by every the militant mass struggles that the formation of workers' com- Marxist was bound to provoke mittees (soviets), were abolished. considerable differences between The workers felt disappointed The working class having no the evolution of Eastern and of at the wind-up. They had been power whatsoever, the standard Western Germany. It is meanled to expect more. When the of living remains extremely low, ingless to ask who is responsible chairman said in conclusion, the lion's share of production for the division of Germany: this "there is nothing that I can say going to the Soviet bureaucracy. division is the inevitable conse-The masses react to this guence of the policy decided at I heard one worker say: "It did plundering with barely disguised Yalta and Potsdam and all the feelings of hatred which, of victorious powers are equally how the strike would be fought, course, turn against the SED responsible. officials and "People's Police-We have been against all the

measures to divide Germany becupation regime is able to at cause we know that the labor movement cannot develop freely except within a unified Germany. ported by the German bourgeoisie Unity is an economic necessity steel executives. One worker said, and regarded by the masses as too. Without German unity there "Did you hear those figures? the lesser evil, the Stalinist can be no independence from system has the sympathies of foreign powers. Political dependneither the bourgeoisie nor the ence has led to the participation now." Another said, "They can proletariat. It rests on the so-easily afford our pensions, but called "People's Police," on the ploitation of the German workthey want to break the union thin layer of Stalinist officials ing class. While the restoration and on elements without any poli- of economic and political soverinstead. Well, this is not 1936. and on elements without any put of economic and pointed tical traditions among the youth. We have a strong union and tical traditions among the youth. We Marxists have never adored formal democracy. We consider permit the German bourgeoisie Although many men were the system of workers' commit- to unload on the foreign powers Although many men were the system of workers commuted to unload on the foreign powers reluctant to go out on strike when the strike was first called, they expression of democracy. This are growing more grim and system provides not only for the per-



portunist officialdom.

petitive and since, it seemed, the of the State Department. postwar situation would lead to a sharpening of this competition, THEIR HIGH POINT

Reuther's proposal to concentrate extremely vulnerable position." were struck.

tically trained radicals in the with the Association of Catholic told, between Reuther and a social-imperialist ideology and unions is a negative factor is to Trade Unionists, that pioneered Hutchinson. Look at the wonderful reconcile them to support of the adopt the viewpoint of the op- in the use of red-baiting as a things these CIO unions are Wall Street plutocracy in return factional weapon, that was "mili- doing. Look at the radio stations for hoped-for crumbs and con-On page 131 we learn that tant" and "aggressive" primarily they are buying. Look at the cessions. "Reuther's 'one at a time' pro- in demanding the signing of the health centers they are building.

posal was so obviously sound that Taft - Hartley affidavits, that Look at all the education courses can only bring the American it had to be adopted. Since the above all others took the lead in they offer their members and the workers to the same pass as the auto industry is internally com- placing its services at the disposal attractively printed material they Social Democrats brought the are publishing. We've certainly German workers in 1933. The travelled a long way from the young labor militants and indays of Gompers. tellectuals now becoming socially

Our authors, in common with That's right, we have travelled conscious would be dooming their generation were they to give a their position on the conviction Oon GM put the corporation in an all exponents of the new reform- a long way. There is no question ism in America powered by the about it. But different times pose So vulnerable, in fact, that the ADA liberals and the labor different problems. It is not suf-GM strike of 1946 lasted 113 days bureaucrats, view the rise to ficient today to go into raptures wing movement can gather and was finally settled only when power of the Reuther machine as over the numerical growth of the strength and arouse the new steel and other major industries the high point of the auto union's CIO since 1936 and in pollyanna generation of fighters to new ican Labor Party have spoken despite a letter addressed to him evolution and achievement. Arthur fashion assure ourselves that we struggles only by resolute op- up against the verdict so far."

There is an element of com- Schlesinger, reviewing the book are moving ever upwards and position to the labor bureaucracy said Bartell. "Lehman, the run- SWP's public challenge to him petition, it is true, in all monopoly in the Nation, speaks of the UAW onwards. That "isn't what hap- and all its hangers - on and industries, steel, oil, chemical, surviving the previous "bumb-pened to the labor movement of apologists.

### **Trial Verdict Hits Rights of All**

#### (Continued from page 1)

by force and violence."

Aside from hearsay testimony of paid FBI stoolpigeons and embittered renegade Stalinists like Louis Budenz, the sole prosecution "evidence" was words and sentences, ripped out of context, from the writings of Marx and Lenin. And to this falsification, the prosecutor added that abominable perversion of Lenin's teachings, Stalin's writings.

### The Essence of the Frame-Up

Thus, the frameup was twofold. Marxism-Leninism was falsely equated to the "violent overthrow of the government" and then the But the essence of the frame-up was an indictment of Marxist socialism as a "criminal conspiracy."

The entire case was based on a law - the Smith Act of 1940 The Stalinists themselves have made it doubly hard to inspire - which is a brazen violation of the Bill of Rights, and particularly the defense of civil rights in their case. Their attitude to the civil of the First Amendment which forbids Congress to make any laws rights of their opponents has created the utmost disgust and antiabridging freedom of speech or press. The Smith Act when it was signed by Roosevelt was denounced by every labor and liberal organization in the country. It is the first law since the notorious civil rights of all.

Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 to make it a "crime" merely to "advocate" - print, write, teach, preach - any idea which the United Action Is Needed Now party in power alleges aims at the "violent overthrow of govern-

ment." This law was first used against the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis CIO Teamsters Local 544 in 1941, before formal support to the appeal against the Foley Square verdict. Back the inists, Marcantonio, even in con-U. S. entry into the war. The major "evidence" was the classic appeal against the imprisonment of the CP defense lawyers. Demand demning the verdict, falsifies the works of Marx and Lenin - the very ones cited in the Stalinist that the convicted 11 be let out on bail. trial — as well as the writings of Leon Trotsky.

ists and to this day oppose the campaign to restore the civil rights revocation of the presidential order establishing the "subversive" of the Minneapolis victims. They have reaped the bitter fruits of list and the "loyalty" purge. Defend the first victims of the Smith their fatal policy at Foley Square. Their experience should stand Act by demanding a pardon to restore civil rights to the 18 victims Smith Act was signed by Rooseas an object lesson to all.

For our contempt for Stalinism and its services to the witch- For united action against the thought-controllers, police-staters gave the order for the first conhunters must not blind us to the fact that the CP trial and convic- and totalitarians!

overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States establish another precedent for thought-control and the outlawing Dwyer and Morris publicly disso- and slanders against the Trotof political ideas and parties.

One of its most ominous features was Judge Medina's interpretation of the monstrous "conspiracy" laws. In his charge to the jury he stated that if two or more persons come to a "mutual understanding," even without explicit agreement, to "advocate" ideas branded "subversive," they are "criminal conspirators." Any act or statement of one alleged conspirator is "evidence" against all those accused. Even acts or declarations by alleged conspirators "unknown to the Grand Jury" are binding on those accused and brought to trial.

The Foley Square verdict and Medina's judicial rulings will be used to hurl the Department of Justice's "subversive" list at more Stalinists were falsely accused of advocating Marxism-Leninism. and more victims like the legless veteran, James Kutcher. And we can expect more trials for "advocating" non-conformist political ideas.

pathy toward the Stalinists in labor and liberal ranks. But the decisive issue remains: The verdict against the CP endangers the

We urge a mighty united front of all true defenders of civil as a clam about the civil rights rights to halt the offensive of the witch-hunters. We call for full of non-Stalinists. Like the Stal-

Launch a nation-wide fight for repeal of the Smith Act and all CP trial by calling for a 'return' The unprincipled Stalinists hailed the jailing of the 18 Trotsky- other anti-democratic laws, federal, state and local. Demand the to the Roosevelt 'heritage.' of the Minneapolis case.

viction under the Smith Act -

determined now. It is clear they will not stand by and see their TOTAL \$12,000 union smashed.

### Their program is bankrupt. If Bartell Demands Other Candidates **State Position on CP Convictions**

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NEW YORK, Oct. 16 - Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor of New York, today demanded that all candidates for municipal office state

finger to the labor bureaucracy of the 11 Communist Party lead- the Minneapolis trial of 18 SWP and its outlook. The new left ers and the sentencing of their leaders in Minneapolis in 1941." Marcantonio has evaded the lawyers to jail. "Only the SWP and the Amerquestion of the 18 Trotskyists, by the SWP and despite the ning mate of O'Dwyer on the in the daily press and over the Tammany ticket and of Morris radio. This policy is a body-blow on the Liberal ticket, has sent at the fight for civil liberties. congratulations to Prosecutor Meanwhile Marcantonio's McGohey hailing the verdict as henchman, Paul Ross, ALP candia 'mighty victory for the cause date for Comptroller, has come of freedom and liberty.' He out into the open, showing where

thereby exposes his pretense of the Stalinists really stand and tion, like the Minneapolis case, reinforce the sinister Smith Act and liberalism as a lie. Unless O'- employing all of their usual lies ciate themselves from Lehman's skyists.

stand, it must be assumed they In answer to a direct question agree with his view of this outrage." Bartell pointed out that the CP and ALP, which give shame-

politicians.

faced support to Lehman as a lesser evil" than Dulles, have the Smith Act. again been paid off for their unprinciple support of capitalist

"These so - called people convicted in 1941 is an friends of the people always effort to discredit the struggle prove themselves enemies: the for civil liberties today," Ross workers must take this as andeclared. "I don't defend the other warning to break with rights" of Trotskyists, he brazenly both capitalist parties," said added.

"The ALP itself has played an unprincipled role in the struggle for civil rights," he continued. "Marcantonio has opposed the trial and conviction of the 11 CP leaders, but he has been as oniet

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election, but also for the perrips with its main enemy manent control and recall at any home. No unification of the zones is

time of every representative. It is the direct government by the people. The Stalinist bureaucracy possible in an occupied Germany. has nothing left of that system But the withdrawal of the occuwhich existed in Russia after piers can come only as the result October. 1917, and cannot permit of a change in the international it in its German protectorate situation. We do not know if the Russians will really evacuate their either. zone in 1950 as they have pro-

EAST ZONE "ELECTIONS" mised; few people trust their

The new government of the promises any more. We do not Soviet zone does not represent a want to prophesize. However it nigher, but an even lower form is certain that a unified capitalist than ' the formal democratic Germany, if and when it becomes parliamentary elections. When a reality, would have far less the voters in the Soviet zone political stability than the elected the third "People's Con- Weimar Republic.

### THE MILITANT ARMY

After last week's report from | comrades went out selling Mili-Literature Agent Bert Deck on tants door to door in one of the how the Los Angeles Local of the settlements. Sixteen copies were

Socialist Workers sold." On a visit to a campus, two Party sold 450 copies comrades sold a few copies of of The Militant, we Fourth International, the theoreexpected some of tical magazine of American Trotthe other branches skyism.

The Buffalo branch of the Soto move into the spotlight on street cialist Workers Party ordered sales. But it appears 950 copies of the October 10 that you have to be issue featuring the headline: really on your toes "Steel Workers Answer Corporato keep ahead of the tions' Challenge." This issue also energetic Los An- had a prominent story about the brutal police attack on the Bell. geles comrades. strikers in Buffalo. It should be

well received by the Buffalo The Worcester, Mass., branch

ordered 100 copies of the same issue for distribution on the P. sold 52 Militants last week and picket lines there. will undertake to sell 50 a week Another branch making an

extra effort to, crash into the ranks of the model category whose bills are kept paid right up to date is Morgantown, West Virginia. Our thanks, comrades. And thanks to L. C. of South have sold more but that was the Gate, Calif., who enclosed \$1 as a contribution on renewing his

Promising possibilities for subscription, and A. S. of Florida, street sales in Detroit are inwho sent \$1 "to help make up for dicated by Literature Agent your trouble" in putting through Howard Mason. Fifteen copies of his change of address. A. S. adds, The Militant were sold at one "Wish I had more to give." union meeting, he reports, and

We can join A. S. in that wish. 20 copies at a city-wide meeting | It's contributions such as this from our readers that help assure Literature Agent Gerry Woolf regular appearance of America's of Pittsburgh writes that "several leading socialist weekly.

Even more than before, the SWP candidates. will stress the need for united action against the witch-hunters. Bartell, Gladys Barker, Harry Ring and Harold Robbins plan to carry the campaign for civil liberties into the workers' neighborhoods.

history of the background of the "But Marcantonio knows very well that the thought - control

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CIPEL tion of what happened to the 18 This week they increased their regular bundle order by another 50 copies. "Greater activity pickets. among the branches has made this possible," Bert writes. "Bob

from here on in."

end of our bundle."

of UAW leaders.

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of the Militant Army, Helen,

"sold 15 Militants in about 20

minutes at a new sales point, the

AFL Laborers Union. She could



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ically or 'morally' superior to Mussolini but because the defense of a backward country against colonial oppression deals a blow to imperialism, which is the main enemy of the world working class. We defend the USSR independently of the policy of the Moscow Negus for two fundamental reasons. First, the defeat of the USSR would supply imperialism with new colossal resources and could prolong for many years the death agony of capitalist society. Secondly, the social foundations of the USSR, cleansed of the parasitic bureaucracy are capable of assuring unbounded economic and cultural progress, while the capitalist foundations disclose no possibilities except further decay.

- Leon Trotsky, In Defense of Marxism, 1940. LENIN

### What Did It Get Us?

If the CIO leadership plays square with the membership, it will spend most time at the coming CIO convention in an honest examination of the results of its own policies. The Murrays and Reuthers have had it their own way in the CIO. Their policy has prevailed and has been fairly tested by events. The workers now have every right to a straight answer to the question that is uppermost in their minds: What did it get us?

In its essence, the policy of the CIO leaders has been: "Leave it to Harry!" Support Truman, trust in Truman, stake everything on Truman. This was the way to end the Taft-Hartley Act, win civil rights legislation, strengthen rent control, ensure adequate housing, health insurance and decent social security.

Well, what did it get us? Congress has adjourned and not one of these promises has been carried out. In fact, reaction rides higher than ever. The corporations and landlords are bolder and more grasping. The cops and judges are more brutal to striking workers. The militarists sink both arms deeper in the public treasury and the people groan under a war budget swollen to four times the whole cost of government just a decade ago. Prices still scrape the clouds, profits soar in the stratosphere and eight million breadwinners are either without jobs or on parttime.

This is only part of what labor got by depending on capitalist politician Truman. There is still more to the reckoning. "Leave it to Harry!" the Murrays told us, and there won't be any need for

strikes. Truman's our friend. he'll bring the corporations to terms. Put your wage and welfare demands in his hands and he'll fix everything. No battles, no pick-'etlines — Truman will get it for us "cheap."

That's the policy Murray pursued in the steel negotiations - "Harry will fix it!" But his "fact-finding" board sliced the steel workers' demands down to one thin crust, a miserable pension that most workers in steel will never work long enough or live long enough to collect. And for this the steel workers and all labor were asked to take an indefinite wage freeze. But that wasn't all!

The steel workers have had to strike anyway! They have had to face the hardships and sacrifices of a grueling struggle from which they can expect not one cent more in their paychecks. They could have gone out three months ago for their full demands and won some substantial gains. Now they must fight with their backs to the wall just to preserve their union.

They must make the fight, of course the corporations and government have left them no other choice. But they have a right to demand of their leaders: What did your policy of appeasement, of dependence on Truman and capitalist government boards get us besides a tougher struggle for smaller stakes? If Murray answers the question honestly at the CIO convention, he will have to say: We would have done better — far better — if we had depended on our own independent strength and action from the start. The

#### sive" capitalists, their aim being interests of the workers and the to pressure the capitalists into a producing farmers." Its main deal with Stalin, no matter what task will be to transfer the means the cost may be to the workers. of production from private owner ship to the ownership of the peo-Small wonder then that the Stalinists want to suppress the ple. He described the Workers and testimony at the Minneapolis Farmers government as "a Contrial of James P. Cannon, the gress of representatives of founder of American Trotskyism, workers and soldiers and farmbecause he told the workers the

persecution of the Trotskyists by all the people.

to convict the Communist Party 9-

To discover what they are

leaders at Foley Square.

who opposed the war.

alliance with so-called "progres-

ers, based on their occupational truth about capitalism and about units, rather than the present imperialist war. He sought to form based on territorial reprearm them with a Marxist prosentation." It will be "the most gram for their self defense democratic government from the against capitalist violence and point of view of the great masses for the attainment of socialism. of the people that has even Since the capitalists employ existed." workers at wages less than the

**By Farrell Dobbs** 

of his toil, must be abolished.

Compare this magnificent in value of the products they prostrument of workers' power with duce, he explained, the workers the so-called People's Front gov can obviously be customers only ernment of workers and capitalto the extent of the value they ists, "operating upon the basis receive in the form of wages. of the capitalist system," which A surplus of goods and capital the Stalinists advocated in their s thereby produced which the testimony at Foley Square. No capitalists seek to export abroad. wonder the CP wants to suppress The capitalists of one country thus enter into competition with the record of the Minneapolis the capitalists of other countries trial!

To establish the Workers and who are likewise seeking markets and fields of investment beyond Farmers government, Cannon their national boundaries. That said, "The workers must organize themselves independently of the economic conflict leads inevitably, capitalist political parties . . he explained, to wars of conquest develop an independent working by the capitalists — called imclass party of their own, and perialist wars - fought to control markets, colonies, sources of oppose the policy of the capitalist parties, regardless of whether raw materials and spheres of inthey are called the Democratic Proclaiming the SWP's unor Republican, or anything else." Not a mish-mash party headed alterable opposition to all imby a millionaire capitalist like

the workers in a resolute fashion

REACTIONARY VIOLENCE Union has transformed the war

Cannon predicted that the of rival imperialists into a just transformation to socialism will and progressive war." Cannon not be easily attained, because branded as a subterfuge the the Sixty Families - once their claim that the war against Hitler special privileges are threatened was a war of democracy against

"The conflict between Ameri-

fluence

war."



Outside the huge Renault plant in Paris, thousands of French auto workers stage a demonstration for a wage increase of 15 francs (about 4 cents) an hour and an extra allowance to meet spiraling living costs. Their action is typical of the economic unrest in France which caused the resignation of the Queuille cabinet. "Socialist" Jules Moch was offered the post of premier but failed to get agreement on his cabinet and withdrew.

mind and not to permit the reactionary outlived minority to rustrate the will of the majority." in Spain - which was just like from Algeria, Nigeria, Came-

the one the Stalinists are proposcapitalists.

the trap of a People's Front with "progressive" capitalists, Canion stressed over and over again that fascism can be fought and original draft submitted on be-

working class political action and mittee was considered inadequate by workers' self defense. and a sub-committee prepared a "When we see fascist bands fresh draft which was finally organizing with the aim of break- accepted by the Congress. The ing up the labor movement," he salient points proclaimed that in said, "we are going to advise the the event of a third world war, workers, before it is to late, to the attitude of colonial peoples rganize Workers' Defense Guards | would be "general and vigorous and not to permit the fascist resistance to participation in any hoodlums to break up workers' imperialist war." organizations and meetings." "The colonial peoples," stresses

"I think the workers have a ou can make the most of it." capitalist court of a true work- event of such struggles, to ex-

ers' leader, a genuine Marxist- press their solidarity with the Leninist, a Trotskyist. Once the colonial people in concrete form workers have studied Cannon's towards helping them achieve testimony, (printed in the Pioneer | these objectives.'

The delegates of the Lanka Publishers pamphlet, Socialism on Trial) they will realize how fully Samasamaja Party and the Bolhis 1941 predictions have been shevik Samasamaja Party of - will organize fascist gangs to confirmed by events during and Cevion, M. N. Perera and Ali,

oppose the workers. These fascist since the war. gangs will raid the workers' They will become aware of the halls, attack their meetings, try class treachery of the Stalinists; to burn their printing plants and and they will recognize that only assassinate their leaders in an the Socialist Workers Party can attempt to break up the workers be fully depended upon to lead movement. He also pointed out that Marx- solution of the grave problems ists don't limit themselves to the of our epoch.



LONDON, Oct. 10 - The Second International Con-He reminded the workers that ference of the "Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism" the People's Front government was concluded here after meeting for four days. Delegates

roons, Ceylon, French West Namese Workers of France being ing for this country - had no Africa, Gambia, Gold Coast, India, represented, on the grounds that sooner been installed than it was Madagascar, Morocco, South the Ho Chi Minh representation confronted with an armed rebel- Africa. Sudan, Uganda and Viet had said they would not suplion, led by the reactionary Nam were in attendance. It was port the organization if a Trotthe most representative colonial skyist Viet Namese worker were Warning the workers against conference held since the war. on the International Committee The main discussion centered The Trotskyist delegate, Levan, around a statement entitled "The was the democratically elected Colonial Peoples and War." An representative of 15,000 Viet Namese workers resident in defeated only by independent half of the International Com- France.

> The falseness of Rous' objection can be verified by the fact that he himself, as editorial writer of Franc Tireur, is consistently attacked as a Trotskyist in Humanite, organ of the French Communist Party, though of course he is nothing of the kind. As Comrade Levan has pointed

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out. "If the government of Ho Chi Minh does not sit with Levan, the statement, "refuse to parit will not sit with Rous." Beright to defend themselves," he ticipate in imperialist wars, and sides, the government of Ho Chi told the prosecutor on cross- are determined to transform im- Minh is not affiliated to the Conexamination. "If that is treason, perialist wars into wars of na- gress of Peoples and has no intional liberation and socialist terost in it. The whole thing Such is the testimony at a emancipation. And it is the duty started as a maneuver by a group thought-control trial before a of the European masses in the of Viet Namese Stalinists who were not even present.

By deliberately confusing the colonial delegates on the matter of a "local" organization versus a national one, Rous masked his attack on Trotskyism which lined him on the side of Stalinism. The vote really boiled down to a vote on Trotskyism versus submitted for discussion a state-ment outlining the Trotskyist Stalinism. The Shachtmanite lelegate joined hands with Rous

and the sect known as Common

Wealth (whose delegates were

mostly Burnhamites) in favor of

the exclusion of the Viet Namese

Workers' organization from the

nternational Committee. The Viet

Namese Workers were denied a

### **Brass Hats Confirm War Conspiracy**

A corner of the veil of secrecy enveloping the war conspiracy in Washington was lifted a little more when the top brass of the Air Force and the Army testified before the House Armed Ser-

soldier and a "man at a lathe." He then went on to prove to the hilt that he, like his colleagues, was indeed a proponent of all-out "strategic bombing," in plain fascism. words, the mass atomic bombing of civ-

perialist wars, Cannon said, 'Our Party has always stated Henry A. Wallace, as the Stalthat it is impossible to prevent inists propose, but "a workers" wars, without abolishing the party that is capable of leading capitalist system which breeds and organizing the movement of At that very time the Stalinists for a revolutionary solution of were peddling the falsehood that the crisis." 'The invasion of the Soviet

vices' Committee in "rebuttal" of the Navy chiefs.

This "rebuttal" leaves no room whatever for doubt that the disgruntled proponents of sea power told the truth when they let slip that this country has already been committed — behind the backs of the people — to a war of atomic annihilation.

Take the testimony of W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force. He did not deny that "strategic bombing" plays the central role in the "grand strategy" of the projected war. On the contrary, he began by denouncing the Navy for inadvertently making this public. They were guilty of disclosing top "military secrets" and imperiling "security of the United States," declared this promoter of atomic hecatombs.

Praising the B-36 as "the best bomber in the world" for the purpose of delivering the A-Bomb, Symington calmly affirmed that in the next war there was and could be no distinction between a

ilians.

"Any impression of ineffectiveness as concerns the atomic bombing" was "wholly at variance" with the findings of a top-secret committee that has conducted studies on Air Atomic Operations, assured Symington.

These and other declarations of the decisive section of the American militarists paint a ghastly, but clear picture of where they are heading and into what they intend to drag the people of this country, and the rest of the world, if they are permitted to have their way.

As matters stand, the mass of the American people have exactly nothing to say on the question of war and peace. The decision rests with a few men in the White House and in Congress plus their military "advisers" who are fast becoming the most powerful group in the land. This fateful decision must be taken out of their hands and submitted to a nationwide vote.

#### can imperialism and German imperialism," he said, "is for the domination of the world." His prediction has been proven to the hilt by the launching of the present cold war against the Soviet Union right on the heels of victory over Hitler.

Cannon also explained how capitalist competition results inevitably in the bigger capitalists crushing the smaller ones until the wealth becomes concentrated in the hands of a very few peo-

ple. Here in America, he pointed out, "while the workers were working and the farmers were farming, Sixty Families were getting control of the country.'

ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY These Sixty Families, he said are the greatest enemies of democracy here at home. They will next try "to stop the popularizing of ideas inimical to the capitalists and to check by egislation the organization of the workers.'

The Stalinists, on the other and, promised in 1941 that "Democracy will take a giant leap orward after victory over Hitler.' Today the Taft-Hartley Act, the persecution of liberal-minded scientists, educators, religious and cultural leaders, and of government employees, foreign - born

workers and minority political parties - all these evil products role can fall to no other class of the current witch-hunt prove that Cannon was right on this core too.

Witch - hunts, like imperialist wars and depressions, can be prevented, Cannon said, only by replacing the present capitalist society with a socialist society. production and the existing wage system, under which the capitalist robs the worker of the fruits

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### Flint Unions Greet James Kutcher, Support His Fight Against Purge

FLINT, Oct. 9-James Kutcher's fight for civil rights its National Committee, abstainwas brought home to GM workers this past week when ed from voting on a declaration he addressed three of the large GM locals Sunday. At from the European Commission Chevrolet, Fisher Body and AC,

he was welcomed by the presi-| Committee after his address to dents and executive boards which local members. Fisher Body and had voted to give him time to Chevrolet had made financial conpresent his case. Donnel Chap- tributions previously. man, UAW regional director, was Kutcher was introduced at the tion of Russian oppression in

on hand at the Chevrolet meeting three meetings by George Novack, Eastern Europe. His abstention to greet the legless veteran. national secretary of the KCRC, Wide publicity to Kutcher's who declared that the CIO sup-by the colonial delegates, becampaign preceded his visit. In a ports this fight because they rec- cause it signified that he placed press release Chapman stated, ognize the danger of subversive the fight against Russia before

lustrates the injustice done to parties today but will menace the government workers fired with- unions tomorrow. Kutcher's activities here were out just cause. . . I am firmly con-

tical activity must be upheld un- secretary, Lawrence Jones, Chevtil such activity is proven to be rolet union leader. Before Jim Kutcher's departure against the general welfare of for his Detroit engagement, a the American people."

rousing reception and party was In addition to Chapman's stategiven in his honor by the Flint ment, facts on the case were car-



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attitude towards the USSR, the colonies and war. This was favorably received, and will be discussed together with any other them forward to the socialist material inside the affiliated organizations of the Congress. The most outstanding evolution to date of the role of the Shachtmanites as an anti-Trotskyist tendency emerged during the Congress. The delegate

from the "Independent Socialist. League," one Mr. Berg, who signed himself as a member of pledging active support for the

This fresh Shachtmanite evolution was remarked upon by many delegates. Starting out by abstaining on the resolution which declared that the main fight was against imperialism, he ended up by support for the Stalinist Ho Chi Minh against us. Shachtmanism thus found itself with Moscow against Trotskyism. It is colonial peoples in the fight

seat by 60 votes to 40.

necessary to give this new against imperialism. The reasons development the widest publicity he gave were that the statement because it demonstrates that the should have included condemna-Snachtmanites are an anti-working class sect. which stops at nothing in fighting Trotskyism. was received in a hostile manner

While several colonial delegates were confused on the question of procedure, this is now The Kutcher case graphically il- lists, which strike at minority the liberation of the colonies from being cleared up and no doubt the whole matter will be reviewed

imperialism. During the elections for the at the earliest opportunity, in International Committee, Jean view of the widespread misgivvinced that free speech and poli- supervised by the Flint KCRC Rous, the secretary, objected to ings about this anti-Trotskyist the delegates from the Viet maneuver.



#### this critical point, amid the intensification of Washington's cold | for the benefit of the native (and war against the Kremlin and foreign) capitalists has been un-Chiang's offensive against Yenan, derwritten by the new Stalinist has been temporarily obscured by masters of China. Small wonder that a turnabout was finally made and the Chinese Stalinists placed that they want the workers in themselves at the head of this Canton and other cities to remain and strategy of the Chinese Stal- Private profit in the means of

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**OVER ALL OF CHINA BY STALINISTS** 

began to engulf Chiang's regime tions" have been declared "pro- to the cities. And here the primary

quiescent. agrarian revolution. One of the chief concerns of The Chinese proletariat was not revolution in China but only its permitted to raise its own banner. first stage. Failing the mechaniza-

(Continued from page 1)

heads of the Stalinists. It was at

#### CLASS COLLABORATION

between the revolutionary worksants, the Chinese Stalinists committed themselves to an alliance landholders. with the native industrial and

and threatened to sweep over the | tected against encroachment." In other words, the continuation than the young Chinese proleof the wage slavery of the workers tariat. The primacy of the working class in the Chinese revolution events on the military arena and, in the first instance, by the policy

property and their "legal opera-1 must thus shift in the next period

inists. The workers have thus far been kept quiescent and they The abolition of landlord prethe Stalinists has been to prevent perty and the division of land may remain so for a while the agrarian revolution from be- among the peasants and the rise to come, watching, questioning, coming linked up with the upris- of the Stalinists to power mark waiting. No one can tell how long ing of the workers in the cities. not the completion of the agrarian this passive phase will endure. But it cannot endure forever They will not accept wage slavery

tion and collectivization of agriunder the Stalinists, any more culture, all the age-old problems than they did under the Kuomin-Instead of forging an alliance will speedily revive again, along tang. And when they finally speak with the scarcity of foodstuffs, and act, their course will bring ers and the revolutionary pea- the pauperization of the farmers many surprises, especially to the and the resurgence of the large Kremlin. The course of events will prove to the hilt how decisive The center of gravity in the is the role of the proletariat in commercial capitalists. Their unfolding agrarian revolution the birth of the New China.

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### **Till Stalin Do Us Part**

#### By Ruth Johnson

Sometimes little items in the news give us the sharpest picture of the big news of the day. A few weeks ago, the N. Y. Times in two inches of space, told of a Moscow decree making divorce almost impossible in the Soviet Union. The day's major articles dealt, as usual, with Stalin's threats against the independence of Yugoslavia.

I remembered a short story called "The Rightsof Small Nations" by John Reed, the author of Ten Days that Shook the World. Reed's story is about an American bully who mouths fine words about the defense of small countries while he arrogantly tramples over the feelings of a Rumanian girl who lived with him in Bucharest. Individuals, like policies, can best be judged not by loud pretensions but by their actions.

Reed, who died in 1920, was a partisan of the changes in the marriage laws made under Lenin and Trotsky in the first years of the Soviet Union. The old statutes based on the subjugation of women, were wiped out. For the first time, marriage and divorce became a personal choice. The aim of the Bolsheviks was to eventually remove all state interference with private lives. While safeguards were established for the welfare of the children, the new laws declared, for instance, that "the mutual consent of the husband and wife or the desire of either of them to obtain a divorce shall be considered grounds for divorce."

The latest Stalinist decree is a terrible regression from these principles. It declares that divorces are forbidden except "where marriage contradicts the principles of Communist [read Stalinist] morality," or "dces not allow the normal raising of a family." It gives the Soviet Supreme Court the power to "guide and instruct" the lower courts, for fear that local judges might be more sensitive to the desires of the people.

"Temporary divergencies of opinion or conflicts the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more makes marriage in the USSR the hateful condition of "holy deadlock" that even capitalist humanitarians abhor.

This is not Stalin's first assault on the enlightened marriage laws established by the Bolsheviks. He has steadily made divorce more difficult to obtain, partly to foster a higher birth rate with the aim of building a bigger army, and partly to appease his new ally, the arch-reactionary Greek Goodrich Contract Orthodox Church, now operating with his blessings. Accordingly he has re-written the biblical injunction, "Till death do us part." substituting himself for the grim reaper. The right of men in Many Respects each other has been destroyed as cynically as so many other gains of the October Revolution.

This, like the bureaucracy's other crimes against the masses at home and abroad, provides 35-day corporation - wide strike a measure of the degeneration of the Soviet Un- of the Goodrich workers came in ion under Stalin. He feels only contempt for the she wake of the Ford settlement. masses. While the Bolsheviks with their liber- The 17,000 Goodrich strikers, ating program looked to the workers of the world though limited by the small as their allies, Stalin leans on the most reaction- specific weight of their forces ary forces everywhere. He tramples on the most compared to the steel or auto elementary rights of the people - from their workers, won concessions from interests, needs and desires, as in the case of the corporation in an agreement Yugoslavia, down to the most intimate decisions which is superior to the Ford of their personal lives, as in the Soviet Union.

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Plan.'

Chevrolet Local 659 at its reg-

point out its "good points."

THE MILITANT

**To Fight Ford Pension Plan** 

Vet's Family Evicted

Mrs. Fred Vanderhoeght and her children at the office of the Disabled Veterans Organization in New York City after being evicted from their furnished two-room apartment for non-payment of rent. Vanderhoeght, a disabled vet, has had to take his family on relief.

### The pension program can be reopened after a year at Good-Kutcher Speaks at Scores **Of Detroit Union Meetings**

DETROIT, Oct. 16 - James Kutcher's visit to the auto center is proving to be the high point in his national tour. The legless vet and representatives of the Greater Detroit Kutcher Committee will

have appeared before more than Local 2, Dodge Local 3, Local 70 organizations before he leaves 155, Local 254 and Local 78. All this city for Toledo on Oct. 24. these five locals voted financial During the past week they have aid to his campaign. He also addressed as many as six to addressed the Executive Board eight meetings a day on the of Chrysler Local 7.

COULDN'T BELIEVE IT" On Friday afternoon Jimmy told his story to the executive board of the big West Side Local 174 sion program remains contribu- ing in this community. The which had postponed acting on tory. There has been very little Detroit Committee contains leadcriticism on this point among the ers from all walks of community Goodrich workers due to the fact life, including Dr. Henry Hitt that 85% of them were enrolled | Crane; Rabbi Leon Fram; Circuit Court Judge Ira W. Jayne; Gus membership in the Socialist Scholle, Michigan CIO President;

Workers Party." Board members broke out in spontaneous ap-plause after listening to Kutch-Wages can be reopened at Ford Reverend Robert Bradby, NAACP er's explanation of his victimiza-

ers quickly labeled the pension a "Dead Man's Pension

By Emmett Moore

storm of opposition among GM workers. Chevrolet work-

FLINT, Oct. 9 - The Ford settlement has aroused a

veritable pillar of old age secur-

ular meeting assailed the settle- | ity. ment as totally inadequate. A hogwash on pensions, the letdown resolution to this effect was pass- hogwash on pensions, the letdown ed unanimously although Region- has been so decisive that Reuther al Director Don Chapman at- supporters are very few and far between on this issue. It is untempted in an hour's speech to questionably clear that a shift from Reuther is under way.

The resolution states that the Chapman when asked if he Ford plan will'set a pattern for would recommend this settlement all auto workers and requested to GM workers answered, annoythe UAW executive board to im- ed, that the speaker was asking mediately convoke a national repa political question. He felt that resentative emergency conference if this was the best that could be in Detroit to consider the Ford obtained he would vote for it. He negotiations. It called on the attempted to bolster his point by Ford workers to reject the plan. stating that a Ford worker faced Resignation of the financial with strike as the alternative secretary of the Fisher Body local would be voting differently today provided a test of sentiment on than Chevrolet workers.

the new contract at Fords. Bill He was answered by a staunch Genske, a left-wing anti-Reuther-Reutherite who declared that we ite, campaigning against the Ford never got anything worthwhile plan, decisively defeated his without fighting for it. He re-Reutherite .opponent with 1,700 called that as a convention delevotes cast in the election. This gate he had voted a \$12 assessgives the left wing clear cut conment for the express purpose of trol of the local board and marks aiding the Ford workers in their the first victory of the opposi- fight.

The president of the local de-

tion in Flint in two years. SPARKING THE FIGHT

nounced the settlement point by point and called for the original Sparking the drive against the UAW demand of 38c an hour as pension proposal are Chevrolet proposed by the UAW Research militants who circulated a petition Committee. He claimed that the against the settlement and Ford pension, contrary to Reuthbrought sufficient pressure to er's propaganda, made the workbear on the officers to get them ers foot the bill inasmuch as they to present a resolution in opposition to the Ford pension. crease.

At the meeting the workers made it clear they were dissatis- wide conference was raised from fied with the pension, the three the floor and incorporated into vear contract, the total failure the executive board's resolution.

Chapman claimed this was the rent terms was recognized as a best they could obtain without a terrible blow to all GM workers. strike but he did not explain sat- Unless a storm of protest, as is isfactorily why the Ford workers being generated in Chevrolet, could not strike. It must be re- arises immediately from all seccalled that Reuther appeared in tions of the UAW, the auto work-Flint only a year ago and railed ers will have suffered a big dehis case because, as the presi- against the miners' retirement feat. Around the call for a Nadent remarked, "some members fund and its inadequacies. By tional UAW Emergency Confercouldn't believe that Kutcher was comparison the Ford plan makes ence the fight against the Ford discharged solely because of his the miners' pension look like a settlement can be concretized.

would be foregoing a wage in-The demand for an industry-| A Ford settlement on the cur-





#### Yugoslav Embassy at London. Adamic, a wellknown American author and long a collaborator for themselves. with the Stalinists. said of Tito's conflict with the Kremlin, "From a moral and political point of view the attitude of the Yugoslavs is correct." Describing social developments in Yugoslavia as a "very deep-rooted" process, Adamic asserted Yugoslavia.

New Supporters of Tito

that the wealth of the country can be developed for the use of the people "only through a planned economy - through Socialism." Adamic announced his intention to write two

Evidence of Titoist sympathies is rapidly

The foremost example of the trend is Louis

Adamic's statement released Oct. 10 by the

mounting among the Stalinist periphery in this

country, especially in the Wallace movement.

or three books about Yugoslavia, the first of which will be published "as early as possible in 1950.'

On Oct. 16 Jo Davidson, the American sculptor, came out in support of Tito against Stalin. Davidson is chairman of the artists, scientists and professions wing of the Wallace movement. His action is bound to have big repercussions in the Progressive Party.

Another Wallaceite, William S. Gailmor, in an Oct. 18 dispatch from Belgrade to the New York

Post, wrote a warmly sympathetic account of an interview with Tito. Gailmor, who will be remembered as the high-powered collection taker at the Wallace meetings in the 1948 election campaign, stressed Tito's invitation to interested persons to come to Yugoslavia and take a look

At the recent Stalinist "Peace Congress" in Mexico City, O. John Rogge, a prominent defense lawyer in Stalinist civil rights cases and a Wallaceite, denounced Stalin's hostile acts against

Henry A. Wallace, himself, has limited his remarks on the situation to a cautious deploring of shows of force by one country against another, which criticism, he said, "holds equally good for the Soviet Union as for Britain and the U. S. A."

None of these cases have been commented upon as yet by the Stalinists. However, a preview of their probable line is contained in the Cominform attack on Konni Zilliacus, British Laof the Stalinists. After Zilliacus came out for of Franco.

The Goodrich contract is in effect for a year while the Ford contract runs for 21/2 years.

Ford. Ford and Goodrich will pay al-

Ford will cut its rate of payment.

#### BENEFITS LIMIT

The Ford limit of \$100 receivable benefits doesn't apply at Goodrich. The ideal 30-year bor Independent M.P. and long a fellow-traveler service pensioner, ballyhooed by Kutcher case. Few civil rights the Reutherites, receives benefits fights in recent years have Tito. the Kremlin hatchetmen called him an agent totaling \$140 per month at Good- brought forth such ready response rich. However, the Goodrich pen- and such broad non-partisan back-

### **More Worthless Promises**

#### By Charles Hanley

Yugoslavia.

The young Soviet Republic, under Lenin and Trotsky, asked for a "peace without annexations or reparations," promoted fraternization between Russian and German soldiers, pointed out the socialist way for genuine brotherhood and peace between the toiling masses of Germany and the Soviet Union. This policy has been discarded and brutally violated, in war and peace, by the tyrant in the Kremlin. In 1933 Stalin, after sabotaging any united front with the Social Democrats, ordered the German Communist Party not to organize mass resistance against Nazism. In 1939 Stalin concluded an alliance with Hitler and drank his health while Molotov told the world the alliance was sealed in blood. In 1940 the Kremlin congratulated Hitler on his victory over Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France. Ulbricht, the Stalinist who is now vice-premier in the East German government, told the German workers in his Moscow broadcasts that Hitler's war against Britain was justified as an anti-imperialist struggle. The GPU collaborated with the Gestape, handing over oppositional German communists who were living in Russia. After Hitler invaded the USSR, Stalinist propaganda became ultra-chauvinist, denouncing the Germans as "fascist beasts." In 1945 the Soviet army terrorized the workers and peasants in Eastern Germany and pillaged the countryside. The Kremlin annexed East Prussia. Stalinist Poland annexed Silesia and Pomerania. Moscow joined the imperialists in dismembering Germany. And now Stalin has sent a message to his new puppet government in Eastern Germany, saying that "the experience of the last war has shown that the German and Soviet peoples made the largest sacrifice in that war, that both these peo-

ples have the largest potentialities in Europe to complete great actions of world significance. If after 15 months, but at Goodrich President; George Schermer both these peoples will show the same determina- they can be reopened after only chairman of the Detroit Inter-

cially in the light of Stalin's cold war against

As for Stalinist "democracy," they know that

it spells enormous privileges for bureaucrats, de-

graded living and working conditions for the

workers, secret police spying on everybody and

They and the workers throughout the world

have had their fill of Stalin's promises of "secur-

ing peace," as well. They have not forgotten the

Kremlin's lies that the Stalin-Hitler pact was

designed for precisely this purpose. Stalin next

vowed that his alliance with the "democratic" and

"peaceloving" imperialists would end forever the

danger of imperialist war. Then came the UN

and another barrage of Stalinist lies. His new

promise will keep peace as far removed as ever.

The entire experience of the last quarter of a

century shows that Stalin's policies have helped

pave the way for imperialist war and not to strug-

death sentences for oppositionists.

stoppages has been expunged from the contract at the union's insistence. The Ford contract contains a company security clause.

not bargain during unauthorized

By R. Swenson

rich, but only after  $51/_2$  years at

most exactly the same amount per hour into pensions. But Good-

under the previous company pen-

rich will be liable to continue paying at the same rate if Social Security benefits are upped while

months tion to fight with the same intensity of effort for peace with which they waged war, then peace in Europe can be regarded as secure. If you will ciate the contractual gains scored Brien and the heads of numerous lay a cornerstone for a unified, democratic, peaceloving Germany, you will at the same time achieve also know that their struggle was secretary of the Wayne County compromised by Murray's capi- CIO Council, is chairman. a great work for all Europe by securing a firm peace..."

tulation to the Steel Board and Reuther's settlement with Ford. If anyone is in a position to grasp the utter

sion plan.

cynicism of these words, it is the German work-Political Climate ers. They know that the Kremlin is as responsible for Germany's dismemberment as are the im-In Yugoslavia perialists. They know just what kind of "independence" is in store for East Germany, espe-

"I had not been in Yugoslavia for five months, and from the moment I crossed the frontier in the Orient express I could feel that the quarrel with Russia had made spectacular progress in that in-

terval. At Ljubljana a couple of Yugoslav soldiers joined me in my compartment, and before long they were telling me that Stalin was a deviationist and has always been one. and had I ever heard of 'Lenin's Testament'? Only in Yugor slavia, they said, did one now find pure Marxism-Leninism." -- The opening paragraph of a dispatch from Belgrade by Alexander Werth, printed in the Oct. 8 Nation.

fender. Both Lovell and the mem-

went on record to declare the in their opinion all their activities UAW Local 985; AFL 'Cement

The key sections of this resolu- bers of the Mahoney Defense

tion declare that "the Sailors Committee, it is understood, have

courts.

#### racial Committee; Rabbi Joshua Rubber union militants appre- Sperkas; Judge Patrick V. O' tion. Meanwhile Kutcher has become in the Goodrich strike, but they CIO and AFL bodies. Al Barbour,

The CIO Council has urged every local to hear Kutcher's story "to let everyone know what doubt have to be carried to the Supreme Court."

FORD UNITS HELP

The units of Ford Local 600, largest union local in the world have come to the forefront in supporting Kutcher at the same time that they have been con- platform with the legless vet. sidering their new contract with the corporation. This weekend Kutcher spoke to seven different unit meetings at Ford. Several

immediately voted to help his fight with substantial contributions and the others will act soco. The Maintenance Unit took a full-page ad and 50-tickets for the Kutcher Civil Right Banquet; the Glass Unit voted a full-page

the central figure in a controversy over free speech on the campus between certain faculty officials

and the students at Wayne University. The Special Programs Committee which supervises studempire. ent activities had previously twice denied permission for Kutcher to appear at open meetings at Wayne. Following gram Committee last week recommended that Kutcher be allowed to speak at a meeting resolution on Oct. 15.

on The President's Loyalty Pro-On the following day, the 18,gram and Its Relation to Civil 000 member Buick Local 599 Rights. This meeting is scheduled for Oct. 19 where several prominent professors will share the Reutherite administration. The Kutcher will go to Ann Arbor Oct. 20 to address a student assembly at the University of Michigan.

same resolution. So universal is rank and file sentiment against the Ford set-Kutcher's Detroit visit will be either openly oppose the plan, as the floor. The opposition was led

many prominent speakers in his the membership from taking a honor at Central Methodist position, as in Buick. Church, Woodward at Adams, At the Buick local meeting, Oct. 22, 6:30 P. M. Hundreds of President Clif Rock attempted to tickets have already been sold prevent any discussion on the to this affair. Together with the resolution. When this was preouvenir program it is anticipated | vented by leaders of the anti-

that a sizeable sum will be Reuther Rank and File Caucus, raised in this city to carry on Rock and his friends were afraid this outstanding struggle for to openly defend the Ford settle- Reuther Tries to ment. So they put on a fencecivil rights.

### **INLAND STEEL USES FORD** PLAN AGAINST STEEL UNION

Steel industry spokesmen are citing Walter Reuther's pension agreement with the Ford Motor Company in answer to the CIO steel union's demand for non-contributory pensions paid entirely by the companies.

In a huge ad run in leading magazines and newspapers, the Inland Steel Company argues that the steel workers can't be striking because "the union would not permit a worker to pay part of the cost of a welfare plan. . . for the CIO has recently accepted welfare plans in automotive and other industries in which the worker does pay part of the cost."

Clearly referring to the Ford agreement, the Inland Steel ad points out that "they have. . . accepted pension plans where the employer deducts what the retired worker receives through social security. Since the man himself has contributed to social security, he obviously is paying part of his pension."

The shrewd steel magnates are not taken in by Reuther's claim that the proposed Ford pension plan is "non-contributory." They have been quick to seize on this plan as a weapon in their fight to force the steel workers to pay a big part of any pension plan in the steel settlement.

### PENSION SETTLEMENT

#### By Arnold Cramer

FLINT. Oct. 18 - The snow-balling opposition to Walter Reuther's Ford settlement now embraces a majority of Flint auto workers, heart of the General Motors

Following by, one week the ac-straddling exhibition that would tion of the Reuther-dominated do credit to professional tighttion of the Reuther-dominated Chevrolet Local 659, the Greater Fint Inductivit Union Comment Fint Ford pension, you see, but angry student protests, the Pro- Flint Industrial Union Council, the Ford pension, you see, but under the prodding of Coburn resolution! Walker, Local 659 president, pass-

ed a similar anti-Ford pension WHO LED THE FIGHT

To top this unscrupulous conduct, Rock gave the press a false report of the events at the meetpassed a similar resolution, ing. In an attempt to smear the against the opposition of its opposition, he announced that the supporters of the resolution were Fisher Plant 2 Local passed the in the Stalinist Unity Caucus. The

fact of the matter was that the Unity Caucus played an insignifisentiment against the Ford set-tlement that local Reutherites own resolution not even reaching climaxed by a banquet featuring in Chevrolet, or try to prevent by the Rank and File Caucus, a powerful anti - Stalinist, anti -Reuther bloc in Buick.

At an election for delegates to the Flint CIO Council on the same day, the pro-Reuther Buick administration lost half of the 32 seats to the Rank and File slate.

### **Smear Opposition**

DETROIT, Oct. 16 - The anti-Reuther opposition, the Committee for a Militant and Democratic UAW, held a meeting at Dodge Local 3 hall here today, attended by 300 UAW members and local leaders to mobilize support against the proposed Ford settlement.

The four top UAW officers, Reuther, Mazey, Gosser and Livingstone, frightened by the snowballing opposition to the Ford pension plan rushed to publicly denounce the meeting. In a press statement they declared: "The so-called Committee for a Militant UAW-CIO which met Sunday is the same small, political caucus that has always opposed<sup>44</sup> the present administration. They have opposed every progressive. program of the present administration and their opposition to the Ford contract is a continuation of their opposition to administration policies."

### LUNDEBERG PUSHES WITCH-HUNT PURGE IN SUP

gle against it.

SAN FRANCISCO-The Harry of charges brought against him | tighter when the Lundeberg gang | Lundeberg climaxed his cam-River Rouge Plant. Last Friday Lundeberg machine of the AFL and expelled this member for 99 declared as union policy the paign of intimidation and goonthe Labor Cooperative Clothing Sailors Union of the Pacific is years. Stiles' written declaration union's hostility to Trotskyism squad rule by sending an ultistore outfitted the Purple Heart embarked on an orgy of red- was then read to the meeting. and the Socialist Workers Party. matum to the members of the vet with a new suit, topcoat and bailing and terrorism to in- Stiles demanded to know since The Oct. 7 West Coast Sailors Mahoney Defense Committee in other apparel. Similar courtesies timidate all opposition and bring when a conversation with union publishes the policy resolution Seattle as well as to Frank are being extended to make his to heel the Seattle branch of the members criticizing union policy adopted at the Sept. 26 San Levell, to cease all activities on stay here memorable and com-SUP. This branch, as previously constitutes grounds for charges. Francisco meeting and since behalf of Mahoney and to fortable.

reported in The Militant, is in Stiles denied any violation of ratified by a majority of the suspend publication of the Derevolt against the anti-democratic the constitution. Here is a sample SUP branches. actions of the Lundeberg bureau- of the questions asked Stiles by cracy and is issuing its own local the trial committee. Question: Do you think the Union of the Pacific years ago already replied to Lundeberg that UAW Midland Steel Local 410; paper, the Defender, to protect the interests of the rank and file Mahoney trial fair? Answer: I and force the Lundeberg leader- don't think so. [John Mahoney Communist Party dual and hostile are completely constitutional and Finishers Local 514; and to the stitution.

ship to abide by the union con- was expelled by the Lundeberg to the Sailors Union of the Pa- intend to continue to exercise Phillip Handler branch of B'nai crew because in a Seattle branch cific, and to the American trade their rights as members of the Brith Lodge. Wednesday morning The reactionary course of meeting he asked who gave the union movement; and whereas the SUP.

The long battle between the Lundeberg and his henchmen was pie cards authority to break the Socialist Workers Party, com-Executive Board of the AFI climaxed in the past few weeks picket lines in the Canadian Sea- monly known as the Trotskyites, Seattle branch of the SUP and Musicians and in the evening by new expulsions, by an Ameri- men's strike.] Question: Do you are only an auxiliary of the Com- the Lundeberg machine thus spoke to Local 285 of the CIO can Legion-type of red - baiting think the Defender is an illegal munist Party and are also attack- continues to rage. It is expected United Public Workers, composed campaign and by preparations to paper? Answer: I don't think so. ing the Sailors Union of the Pa- that Lundeberg will shortly try of Negro municipal employees expel the leaders of the Seattle Question: Do you think the cific . . . resolved, that we class to expel the members of the who will soon be subjected to Seattle Committee is uncon- the Socialist Workers Party, or Mahoney Defense Committee and local "loyalty" tests. The Detroit opposition from the union. On Sept. 26 the Headquarters stitutional? Answer: I don't the Trotskyites, in the same that, these actions, like his Joint Board of the United Public category and declare them dual previous expulsion of Mahoney, Workers endorsed his case. Branch of the SUP approved the think so.

report of a trial committee which This campaign of ruthless reac- and hostile to the Sailors Union will then be fought, out in the declared Warren O. Stiles guilty tion was screwed up a notch of the Pacific."

Thursday he was warmly greeted by UAW Murray Body

ad and took six tickets; the Press Steel Unit gave \$25. This Monday the legless vet-

eran will be the guest of Local 600 in an inspection tour of the

Last Monday Kutcher talked

to the AFL Photoengravers

Local and to the National Mari-

time Union. Tuesday he spoke to

he appeared before the Detroit

the loyalty procedures mean so that civil liberties can be protected" and "to raise money to fight his case which is going to reach the lower courts and will no