## Allies' Attitude To China's War

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# DRIVE BEGUN TO SEND PRICES SKY HIGH

# **WLB Broadens Powers** To Stifle Union Militancy

## **Asserts the Right To Punish Unions** In New Decisions

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By ELOISE BLACK

Punitive measures against striking unions in recent rulings made by the War Labor Board indicate that it is seriously engaged in a campaign to stifle the independent existence of the labor unions.

On Dec. 3, as was reported in The Militant, the AFL Chemical Workers Union had its maintenance-of-membership clause revoked and placed on probation by the WLB as punishment for a strike the workers conducted against wage-chiseling by the East Alton Manufacturing Com-

Since then, in its Dec. 16 ruling on the case of the CIO Auto Work ers and the Pontiac Yellow Coach Plant, where a series of walkouts had been provoked, the Board has again instituted disciplinary action against the workers. Once again it placed the union on probation, and to its policy of inflicting punishment upon unions that engage in strikes, the WLB added a significant new feature.

In granting maintenance-of membership to the workers at the Pontiac Plant, the Board placed the following conditions upon the

1. That the security clause will be immediately withdrawn if future work-stoppages occur.

2. That the union will be held responsible to the WLB to disstoppages.

ishing unions that resort to establiceable restlessness growing their membership; it is also at- roit area, which various governtempting to enlist the assistance ment boards have used as a test of the top union leaders in singling ground for anti-labor meas-

It remains to be seen what the the last three weeks.

## **Important Unions Protest Against** WLB Delay On Grievances

The bogging down of cases brought before the War Labor Board by the unions, has brought forth a wave of protests from important union bodies insisting on decisions on their demands for wage in-

A resolution issued on Dec. 18 by the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, protests because "the backlog of unsettled disputes is mounting each week." At the New Jersey CIO Convention last week, the WLB snail's pace in dealing with workers demands was attacked, with several delegates urging a return to genuine collective bargaining by the reclamation of the right to strike.

The CIO United Auto Workers Executive Board meeting in Los Angeles also attacked the WLB for stalling wage demands, and reflected the growing dissatisfaction of the militant auto workers. The International Association of Machinists, on the West Coast, through it director, has voiced similar protests.

reaction of the organized workers will be toward the increasingly dictatorial tendency of the WLB. The workers are not entirely unaware of the union- busting effects of WLB policy. There is government workers, who are considerable evidence of growing

3. That the international union | In spite of the steps the Board ship, and the members who are been forced to resort to job-action ing that the WLB take jurisdicresponsible for work-stoppages in many cases simply to bring at- tion over cases involving governand report his findings to the tention to the accumulation of ment workers, both the AFL and grievances against their employ- CIO members of the board voted In other words, the WLB is not ers. Especially within the past with the employer and "public" only continuing its policy of pun- two weeks there has been a notlished union methods of defending among the workers. In the Det-

ing out and blacklisting worker ures, more than a half-dozen strikes have broken out within to war industries.

## **Jurisdiction Is Extended Over All Civilian Jobs**

Important War Labor Board decisions affecting N. Y. paper deliverers and Montgomery Ward workers show that the Board has in effect broadened its jurisdiction to cover workers in civilian as well as war industries.

While thus extending its powers, the WLB ruled on Dec. 16 that it had no authority over disputes involving government workers. In a case brought before the Board by Newark Local 277 of the CIO State, County and Municipal Employes Union, a board panel, selected to review the case, had recommended the reinstatement of 65 workers discharged by the city for union activities. But the Board itself decided that these workers did not come under its jurisdiction.

This ruling, dealing specifically with the Newark case, also applies to the disputes involving 32,000 CIO transportation workers in New York City, and 600 AFL gas and water workers in Omaha, Nebraska, who had asked the WLB to intervene in their disputes.

The board has refused to assume jurisdiction in these cases primarily because there is already so much pressure against subject to reactionary civil servwhere the WLB has been called militancy is not deemed neces-

Despite the fact that national members in the Newark decision. WIDER JURISDICTION

In its ruling on the Montgomery-Ward case, and in the New York Newspaper and Mail Deliverers strike, the WLB indicated that it considers its jurisdiction by no means limited

Although many of the New dailies had disapproved when President Roosevelt ordered Montgomery-Ward to comply with the Board ruling, and claimed that the WLB had no right to intervene in non-war industry, they all heartily applauded the WLB order that sent 3,000 newspaper deliverers back to work pending arbitration.

The WLB, from its very inception, has served to frustrate the demands of labor, to delay and bog down bargaining, and to make the union movement subject to the domination and dictation of the government. These latest decisions are further ternational, the postal authorities protests by other labor and evidence of this dangerous

process. Only a determined fight to main-Fourth International. Increasing tain the independence of the unions from government control

# How Food Prices

How food prices have gone

From Jan., 1941 to Jan., Since Jan., 1942 — a rise of another 6%.

**Eating Horse Meat Too** 



Federated Picture

The beef shortage which has hit Seattle, like many other industrial cities, produces a scene harking back to covered wagon days as consumers line up to get a few pounds of buffalo meat. In Boston 60,000 pounds of horse meat were sold in a period of two weeks, and many another town is revising its ordinances to permit its sale.

# **Labor's Program To Fight Rising Prices And Shortages**

- AN EDITORIAL

The workers' living standards are under attack from all sides. Congress led off the attack with the passage a few weeks ago of the record anti-workers' tax bill. On the first of the year, the workers will start paying 5% taxes on their wages over \$12. In March, the huge income taxes are due.

There is a serious and growing shortage of goods that workthe following: ers' families use, particularly food. In numerous parts of the United States, beef has been unobtainable for weeks.

As the food shortages develop, black markets are beginning dissatisfaction with the deal the ice regulations, that additional to operate. If you are not willing or able to pay the high price unions have been getting in cases | federal pressure to curb union | demanded, you often cannot get beef, butter and other items.

tinue to rise at ever increasing speed. The head of the Office of shall appoint a representative to has taken to prevent and punish conventions of both the AFL and Price Administration, Leon Henderson, has resigned - by request, investigate the local, its leader- work stoppages, workers have CIO passed resolutions demand- it is reported. Big Business wants someone who will jump even quicker at their command than he did.

On the other hand, let us look at conditions of the capitalist

The recently passed tax bill favored the capitalists beyond their

Of those goods in which there is a shortage, they are sure to get theirs because they are able to pay higher prices.

The ceilings on food are always higher in the "better" sections of town, and therefore more profits can be made by selling to stores in the wealthy sections. The wealthy get first call. What is left over - if any - goes to the workers.

The capitalists are demanding price rises from the government and they are getting them. They shout that their profits - their sacred profits! - are decreasing.

The profits of the capitalists are maintained and increased by charging the workers higher prices. The worker has no recourse. Since his wages are frozen, he cannot get the higher wages needed to make up for the increased cost of living.

The only way the workers can fight for the necessities of life er no alternative but to buy the and against the rising cost of living is with a program including higher priced items: the following points:

1. DEMOCRATIC RATIONING UNDER CONTROL OF COM-MITTEES COMPOSED OF TRADE UNIGNS, DIRT FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS, HOUSEWIVES AND SMALL STOREKEEP-ERS. In this way the masses will have a chance to get their share been largely replaced by those for manufacturers and once havof the goods they need, instead of letting the wealthy get an undue proportion because they have more money.

2. PLACING PRICE REGULATION AND CONTROL IN THE HANDS OF THESE COMMITTEES. Such committees would have as their only aim the improvement of the living standards of the masses and would have absolutely no interest in maintaining the profits of the capitalist class, the banks, the landlords, the railroads and the middlemen.

3. THE RISING SCALE OF WAGES. Every increase in the cost of living must be met by a proportionate increase in the work-

4. WORKERS' CONTROL OF PRODUCTION AND EXPRO-PRIATION OF THE WAR INDUSTRIES, WHICH NOW EM-BRACE ALL LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRY INCLUDING FOOD MANUFACTURE. Capitalist ownership of industry results in placing profits first and the welfare of the masses last, in cutting wages wherever possible, in boosting prices, in hidden profits, in waste, graft and speculation. Workers' control of production and expropriation of the war industries would constitute a real step toward planned production and distribution that will raise the living standards of the masses.

5. A NATION-WIDE LABOR PARTY TO BE FORMED BY THE TRADE UNIONS. Labor is almost completely without representation in Congress. The capitalists have a free hand in Congress to carry their program of profits first and always. A labor party could fight for the workers' interests against the capitalist changes in formal price quotaparty politicians.

# Shortages Threatened If Prices Are Not Raised

Administration Seen Yielding to Profiteers Who Are Ready to Stop Milling Flour for Bread and to Slaughter Milk Cows

By Anthony Massini

Government figures show that prices have reached the highest point in the last 20 years, but Big Business is not satisfied. A new drive is under way in Washington to raise still higher the prices of basic commodities such as bread, meat, milk, and other foods.

That the working people will not be able to depend on the administration for an effective fight against this new drive is already indicated by its

recent measures to "appease" Big Business. It has Labor Dep'tReport pierced several price ceilings and granted increases that mean more profits for the employers and a low-Shows How Bosses er living standard for the masses.

Also seen as a gesture to appease Big Business was the 'resignation" of Leon Henderson as head of the Office of Price Administration last week. His probable successor will be Prentiss

Brown, Michigan Democrat, 2 who is expected to make changes in OPA policy "tending to Prices Keep On who is expected to make chang-



assumed on many questions, particularly those involving rationing programs." (N. Y. Times, Dec. 16) "Brown believes can be obtained voluntary HENDERSON agree m e n t s

ness men, an article in the Dec. than through compulsion," according to a UP dispatch from Washington on Dec. 18. "That Department of Labor report to Henderson's resignation will be show examples. Among these are followed by both legal and illegal price increases is regarded as a foregone conclusion," says PM of 1. Cheapening quality without

As was to be expected, Wickard

Henderson has been removed: the

demand for higher food prices has

the OPA, both before and since

While the drive to end price re

strictions is gaining headway in

Washington, business men handl-

throughout the country to achieve

the same end without legislation.

Their method, as previously re-

ing got them, to demand them

tailers. Here is how they have

been operating in recent weeks:

of Kansas Congressmen told Sec-

"The delegation asked Mr.

Wickard to request the Price Ad-

ministrator, Leon Henderson, to

First the OPA submitted to the

And naturally once they get

what they want, the business men

retary Wickard. . .

RREAD: "The country faces

Henderson's announced "resigna

concessions to this demand.

"Thus, the weight and wool REPORTED "DEAL"

content of fabrics in apparel, It was even reported last week, blankets and other products has Secretary of Agriculture Claude cotton fabrics have been reduced, Wickard, acting for the adminissilk in numerous uses has given tration, had made a deal with way to cotton or ravon, cheaper those who want still higher prices. grades of leather have been sub-According to this report Wickard stituted for calf in shoes, and so had agreed to the removal of Henderson, to "moderate" in-"In most cases, no formal price creases on farm products, and to the elimination of the farm subsidy program, which the "farm

line.

reductions were made to compensate for this deterioration in quality, and substitutes have com- bloc" wants replaced by increasmonly sold in the same price line es in food products all down the as the originals."

**Evade Price Laws** 

"Consumers are being goug-

ed not only by direct price in-

creases, but by an amazing va-

riety of schemes hatched by

business men to impose hidden,

direct 'raids' on the workers'

pocketbook," says Labor, the

railroad union paper, on the

basis of a recent survey conduc-

ted by the Department of La-

Listing the favorite devices re-

sorted to by profiteering busi-

12 issue of Labor quotes from a

lowering the price:

2. The addition of "special charges" which were not made denies this story. Nevertheless, "Many manufacturers of neck-

wear, sweaters, jackets and sportswear have added an extra charge of 25 cents per dozen for sewing in labels, formerly included without charge."

3. The dropping by manufacturers of cheaper lines of products and the substitution of more ing food are placing pressure costly ones, leaving the consum-

"For example, Boston manu- ported in The Militant, is to withfacturers of women's low-priced hold food commodities; to threatshoes have discontinued sale of en, create or aggravate shortages; \$2 models in favor of those sell- to sell only to higher-paying ing at \$3. Men's \$1 shirts have purchasers; to demand increases retailing at \$1.69 or more."

4. The manufacture of so-called for wholesalers and then for re- frozen. "new" products, differing very slightly if at all from products formerly turned out:

"Thus, numerous 'new' products are created selling at higher prices than those produced when maximum price regulations were originally issued."

5. Fake "upgrading":

The article declares: "For instance, impure and unsorted increase the price of flour by 58 scrap metal has been sold as cents a barrel because recent in- N. Y. Times reported on Dec. 18. 'pure and segregated' scrap, creases in wheat prices made it causing 40% indirect price in- impossible for the millers to op- estimated, means that the average creases. The same thing has been erate under flour ceilings fixed individual consumer, who used done with waste paper, hides and by the OPA." (N. Y. Times, about 840 pounds of dairy prodskins, lumber and meat prod- Dec. 17.)

Although these schemes for demands of the wheat producers rice raising of real prices are and raised the price ceiling. Now not shown in OPA charts and the millers threaten to let a bread indexes, they have been so wide- shortage arise unless ITS demands pread, according to the Labor are granted. The people will go Department report, that they are without bread unless they get considerably more significant their 58 cents increase, they are due entirely to increased military for many products than actual saying.

## soften the atti-tude which Mr. **Rising Despite** Henderson has **OPA Ceilings** Despite the administration's

promise in September to halt rising prices if it was given control of farm prices, Secretary of better results Labor Perkins disclosed on Dec. 19 that prices - and the cost of living — have continued to go up since then.

The cost of living for city families increased 0.7% between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15, she reported. This was the first full month during which the administration had complete control of prices.

At this rate, living costs would rise something like 10% during the next year. It is expected that they will go up even faster than this rate.

The greatest increase was in foodstuffs. One-seventh of the increase was due to increased excise taxes - on cigarettes, cigars, railroad fares and phone calls - which went into effect

According to Department of Labor figures the index of living costs has risen 21% since August, 1939.

on Nov. 1.

But this does not tell the whole story. For it does not show how workers have been gouged by illegal price rises and schemes that get around price ceilings. (See other article on column 6 of this grown louder in Washington; and

And it does not take into account the fact that although prices may remain at a certain level in lower priced stores, these stores have the severest shortages, and workers have to go to higher priced stores to get many of the things they need.

who buy from them, the baking companies, etc., will also demand increases and make threats. Then the retail grocery storekeeper, when he finally gets the increase passed on to him, will also have to demand an increase which will finally be passed off onto the consumer whose wages have been

By that time the wheat producers and millers will have begun to issue new ultimatums to the bread shortage within thirty to OPA. And if the OPA acts in the sixty days unless the ceiling price future as it has in the past, it on flour is raised, a delegation will grant new price increases.

MILK PRODUCTS: "The civilian population will have to cut its consumption of milk and dairy products by about 18 billion pounds, a Department of Agriculture spokesman disclosed," the

"The proposed reduction, it was uction, including whole milk, cheese, butter and other products, in 1942, will have to go back to 1935-1939 standards, when the average per capita consumption was about 795 to 800 pounds."

Agriculture Department spokesmen pretend that this shortage is and lend-lease requirements of the government. That this is not the

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# Post Office Cracks Down On Third Labor Paper

Dec. 21 'Labor Action' Withheld From Mails As Protests Increase Against P. O.

"Who will be next?" was the question being asked in labor circles this week as the Post Office Department extended its interference with the mailing privileges of working class papers by withholding from the mail the Dec. 21 issue of the New York weekly, Labor Action. As in the 9case of The Militant and the

did not bother to give any reason for their action. It is believed, however, that Labor Action is being attacked because it follows a policy critical of the administration, defends labor's rights and freedom .of speech, and condemns Stalinism. The Dec. 21 issue of the paper (See Page 2 of this issue for an contains, among others, an article criticizing the Post Office repressions against The Militant.

monthly magazine, Fourth In-

### ASKS SUPPORT OF FREE PRESS

A letter sent by Labor Action to its subscribers on Dec. 19 declares that the suppression of that paper "will mean another mine the rights and standards of withheld and then delivered after the American labor movement. That is why we feel justified in calling upon all our readers and friends to stand by, ready to give decided as we go to press. us all the aid necessary to fight speech and free press."

liberal journals against the attack on The Militant and alarm is being expressed that the Post Office is planning further and domination can call a halt to repressive action to silence all the more and more arbitrary anticriticism of the administration labor actions of the WLB. and the Stalinists from the left. account of latest comments.) PRESENT STATUS

Simultaneously with this latest

step by the Post Office came new

The status of The Militant is as follows:

The first three November issues were withheld from the mails, and then ordered destroyed. The last November and the

first two December issues were delays ranging from 14 to 7 days. The fate of last week's issue, also held up, has not yet been

The December issue of Fourth any attack on our right to free International has been held up for almost three weeks now.

## Have Risen In Last Two Years

steadily up in the last two years is indicated in the following figures of the conserva t i v e Agriculture Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics:

1942 — a rise of 32%.

GOV'T IS STILL BUILDING

# Soviet Railway System Faces Winter Strain

By JOHN G. WRIGHT

railway system has a direct For Winter Traffic bearing on the conduct of the military struggle. At the same time, it is of equal importance in the operation of war plants for winter work inasmuch as only NEEDED" behind the lines and in supply- a few weeks remain before the ing the civilian population with cold weather sets in. Time is vital necessities. How have the pressing. Pravda makes it clear Soviet railways fared under war that this is precisely the case by conditions? In a leading editorial asking point-blank the question: Pravda itself supplies us with an answer to this all-important preparing for the winter of 1942question:

"MISTAKES COST US DEARLY"

for railway transport. Many railways operated as if in a fever, working in spurts and unevenly. No small number of commanders and political workers in trans- under winter conditions. This portation have failed to give them- situation is intolerable." selves an accounting of the difficulties that would confront them in their work and they were not able to prepare in time for the train and supplement the railway personnel with new cadres. Measures were not taken in time to repair locomotives and freightcars nor to prepare the railway eco-

"Last year's mistakes cost us dearly. To repeat these mistakes at the present time is to create additional difficulties for our transport system, and to place the functioning of the railways under the threat of a breakdown." (Pravda, Sept. 3, 1942.)

ALARMING SITUATION

It is very seldom that one finds so alarming that it must be called from the top. to public attention. Last year, according to Pravda nothing at all was done! The belated revela- other glaring instance of the conserves only to underscore the the vital needs of the front and on Stalin and the post-war world danger it once was - thanks to to Moscow." seriousness of the danger. (It the rear. The Kremlin tries to has a certain weight. should be noted, by the way, that resolve the conflict by pressure up to now there have been only from the top. The same methods place assigned to Stalin in capi- The "Times" feels no need ing). The month of September is ground whatever to expect that engaging in its frankness. It pours struggle between Trotskyism and

rather a late date to raise the problems of preparing railways "DEMOCRACY "How are the railway workers

"Reports arriving from the localities," continues the editorial, "bespeak the fact that the "Last winter was a hard one heads of a considerable number of railways have not as yet organized in a real way the prepara- omits to say, however, is that tion of railway economy and the working personnel for operations

KREMLIN METHODS

What renders the situation so from the difficulties of war-time economy, there is lacking in the Soviet Union, under the present regime, the indispensable levers for remedying those conditions that arise not from the objective situation but are created artifi-

If the "commanders of a considerable number of railways" had been subjected to the direct pressure and control of the personnel and the masses in general they would never have been permitted in the first place to delay taking the necessary elementary steps toward preparing for winter in the columns of Pravda such conditions. But the whole point direct and open statements. The is that the Soviet rank and file words are clear and unmistakable: is powerless in the face of a situation exists in the railways arbitrary rule imposed on them

In such a vital field as that of railway transport we have antion of last year's conditions flict between Stalin's regime and boasts from Moscow about the were no doubt tried last winter- talist history. Its editorial on the whatsoever-at this moment-to way transport has been function- but to no avail. There is no "Post-War World" is unusually camouflage the real nature of the

Prayda Sounds Alarm a repetition of the same procedure ration announced thru a special will bring any better results to-report to Congress on Dec. 15 out, a repetition of what happen- the war had reached the total plants: ed last winter carries with it a threat of disaster.

The arbitrary rule of the oureaucrats has cost the Soviet Union very dearly. This applies to other spheres than that of railways. Pravda tells the truth when it says: "This situation is intolerable."

To remedy the situation and thus promote the defense of the USSR, it is first of all necessary to place the responsibility where it really belongs. What Pravda the Kremlin itself is primarily for the big monopolies - at the responsible for intolerable con- expense of the government. ditions under which the soldiers and civilians have had to con- made public last winter, the Truduct the defense of the USSR.

intolerable is that in addition to play. That is why the restoration that as a result: winter. They failed to prepare, difficulties which naturally flow of Soviet democracy is so urgent-

By A. ROLAND

The Times of Dec. 20 shows the Bolsheviks.

PLANTS FOR THE MONOPOLIES Chairman Jesse Jones of the chine tools and factory buildings

Reconstruction Finance Corpo- practically free of charge." The condition of the Soviet Many Roads Unready day. And yet, as Pravda points that the RFC's expenditure for jority was for construction of of 18 billion dollars, an in-\$737,391,674 was spent for con-

> While Jones failed to publish a complete breakdown showing just how the money few figures he did release indi-

u s e d to construct n e w J. JONES

crease of 6 billions since last

In a report of RFC activities

Stalin Can Be Relied On

Of the figures which Jones did make public last week, the ma-

struction of 12 government-financed plants for aluminum prod-

\$422,074,007 was turned over to build 16 government financed magnesium plants. \$564,361,220 has been expended

was spent, the rubber plants.

cate that t h e authorized to build up stockpiles their milk." bulk of these of necessary war materials. But billions is being the only part of the 18 billions Jones cited as an expenditure building up stockpiles was \$325,plant facilities 450,000 for the importation of 700,000 tons of rubber.

the government, the plants are price ceilings to increase cheese, which has become so acute that man Senate Committee revealed built upon properties owned by and possibly butter and evapor- the voluntary ration of 21/2, pounds The real solution is to bring some of the details of RFC grants the monopolies, and the monopol ated milk prices." (N. Y. Times, the self-action of the masses into to the monopolies and charged lies have the privilege of purch. Nov. 19.) asing the plants after the war "The capital expenditures for on the most favorable terms ly needed. The objective situation plant improvements for defense if they want them. In the meanitself demands a complete break purposes will ultimately provide time they reap enormous profits with the methods and policies of the contracting corporations with from facilities in which they have

# **New Drive Begun To** Send Prices Sky High

case is shown by another report made public the same day.

A preliminary report of the House Small Business Committee declares:

"The outlook for an adequate supply of dairy products . . . is dark indeed, unless the Office of Price Administration will revise its retail price ceilings so as to stop an impending wholesale for the construction of synthetic slaughter of milk cows. Many dairy farmers are finding it more In addition to building plants, profitable to sell their cows for the RFC and its subsidiaries are meat than try to make a profit on

act to threats of this kind? Even about it, announced plans for a form of mounting prices.) While the actual titles to these dairy products rationing program, new plant facilities are held by including a provision to "revise be seen in the meat situation, Boston — will again be higher

> increases for the dirt farmers who, be reduced to less than 2 pounds. like the worker-consumers, are be-

the price ceilings, based on the prices of last March, have been the highest. The OPA, realizing. the situation was heading toward a crisis, has decided to set a ceiling on wholesale meat prices in ten different zones, so that all wholesalers in those zones would be able to get the meat at the same price. However, the effect generally will be not to reduce prices to the lower price ceilings that have

CLAUDE WICKARD

ing gouged by Big Business, Such How does the administration re- increases, however, should come before the Small Business Com- big corporations, such as the daimittee's report was made public, ries and processors, and not be The result in the areas which Wickard, who must have known passed on to the consumers in the have been hit hardest in the meat

MEAT: The same pattern can per person, which few people car get anyway, has been reduced to (No worker will oppose price 2 pounds, 3 ounces, and may soon Packers have been sending the

OTHER FOODS: Many chain stores and other lower priced food stores have been running short of rice, dried fruit and dried beans, which are being sold primarily to higher priced stores.

been in effect up to now, but to

raise prices "slightly" in most

Similarly, on Dec. 18, after

Henderson's resignation was an-

nounced, wholesale ceilings were

announced for lamb and mutton.

shortage - San Francisco, Chi-

cago, New York, Philadelphia and

The OPA's "solution" to this problem was to announce on Dec. 19 an increase in the prices charged in these stores. Result: a one cent rise on packages of these foods weighing between a pound and 15 ounces, and a two cent rise on larger packages. This, according to the OPA, will result in permitting "the affected retail outlets to stock up on the food items." It WILL result in that, but at the expense of the con-

"Solutions" of this kind prove that the working people cannot place the slighest reliance on the promises of the administration to curb rising living costs. If the ever-worsening problems of rising prices, growing shortages, rationing and profiteering are to be solved in the interests of the masses, the people will have to depend on their own efforts, organized strength and program. See the editorial on Page 1 of

this issue for a discussion of labor's program to combat the ris-

# Why The 'Times' Thinks That 'LABOR REPRESENTATIONS'

scorn on the very belated attempt | Stalinism. Trotsky stood for the of Laval to parrot Hitler's battle- proletarian world revolution: Staare given by the employers and There could be no better cry against the menace of com- lin for the turn away from that characterization of the N. Y. munism. Hitler came to power goal towards Russian nationalincreased "labor representation" demand with sufficient energy on government bodies.

William Z. Foster, entitled "A War Cabinet and Labor," printed

in the Dec. 17 Daily Worker. Foster says that Roosevelt is by the Trotskyist ideology of the proletarian world revolution, Hit-last representatives not only in all leading boards but also in the problems, may become very

ever," he continues, "labor is capitalist governments sometimes skyists in Russia, the proletarian being treated as a sort of junior appoint leaders of the labor

the Post Office!... Write today to cow itself took over, as in the has appointed both Democrats be of assistance to them in con- around it became obvious to us The Midwest Area of the Frank C. Walker, Postmaster Baltic states. The state of Stalin and Republicans, but no labor trolling the workers and keeping that the classier the district — Young People's Socialist General, and let it be known that became more and more a national men whatever. Capitalists and them from taking the path of the more meat, butter and other ist state, and the Communist In. their agents saturate the whole militant struggle to solve their essentials. ternational became the tool of war apparatus. Why is there this problems. very obvious discrimination

Why indeed? "Certainly," "And this nationalization a sign of hostility to the trade Britain, the capitalist governdent. . . . The real explanation hurry. position of the employers to any

ism. They have no love for the butcher Stalin. They fight under They clearly rely on Stalin not him in the same way Frenchonly to lay the ghost of proletar- men fought under Napoleon, ian revolution, but to steer Russia knowing, much as they detested back to national capitalism after him, that his defeat might bring the war. With Stalin still in the restoration of feudalism. sia; the capitalist statemen hope, ler would bring untold suffering quently denounced in the courts. will sit down at the peace table and misery to the Soviet masses. was that of holding up an issue Stalin will bargain for his share the restoration of capitalism, and

> The very spirit of the defense of the working class state not merely by any caste or clique, but by all the Russian masses, is There are today conflicting ten- proof that they fight first of all dencies at work in Soviet Russia, for the remains of the revolution, as for that matter in other lands. secondly for the cossibility of re-Stalin has built up a powerful bu- trieving it from the disaster to

> > the very foundations of society.

# By PHILIP BLAKE

"A contributing reason has

full labor representation in the The reason why the Stalinists whole war setup." From this are so concerned about getting "real explanation" it follows, acmore trade union leaders into the cording to Foster, that the unions should make greater demands for such representation.

> WHY LABOR STOOGES ARE APPOINTED

"Otherwise," he warns-and AN ESTIMATE OF STALINISM preparing to establish a War this is the major consideration of Cabinet because his present Cabi- the Stalinists in diverting the net does not meet the wartime workers' dissatisfaction with the needs of the administration, present setup into channels for munist crusader too late. Be- and insists on the necessity for getting a few more labor stooges cause of the subversive and, in the labor movement to demand a on government boards—"the a Communist International guided In Great Britain, he says, labor industries, caused by neglect of representative in the new Cabinet. present serious situation in the

much worse and lead to serious strikes." In his own way Foster thus in-

But they make such appoint- fast and lamb chops for supper "In his Cabinet, and as war ments only when they are certain these days.

executives, President Roosevelt that labor leaders they pick will

And once the effectiveness of to be satisfied with the butcher's The last sentence in this par- against the representatives of such labor leaders has been used making up the menu for us. Of up, as was recently the case with course, if the housewives in our Sidney Hillman in this country Foster hastens to add, "it is not and Sir Stafford Cripps in ments usually kick them out in a

LABOR PARTY NEEDED

Labor does need representation tributors are just refusing to ship in the government, now more their meat out to places where than ever. But it needs represen- they can't realize as much proftatives who will defend the work- it as they do in the East. ers' real interests, and who cannot be arbitrarily dismissed bad that the only meat being sold because they are not useful to is horsemeat. And with it all the employers. Labor needs there is talk of paying more

law-making body, Congress. And the only way it will get such representation there is by ports that the House Committee forming a nation-wide labor party on Small Business "recommendbased on the trade unions and ed passing on cost increases, plus fighting to elect its candidates in reasonable operating mark-ups, to opposition to the capitalist candi- protect distributors from actual

## THE WORKERS AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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## **Complaint By** Two Housewives

A. WILLIAMS & M. WINTERS

As two indignant housewives.

After a few days of shopping

In our neighborhood we have neighborhood could afford to pay

those prices, we'd get meat too. We can now sympathize with the people down South and out West who haven't even seen meat for the past few weeks. That's because the wholesalers and dis-

In Boston the situation is so representation particularly in the money for the meat that we aren't getting!

The N. Y. Times of Dec. 19 re-

We don't get it! It seems to us that the problem is to keep prices down because certainly our husbands aren't going to get an increase in salary every time the OPA gives a present to the distributors. There is a lot of hullaballoo about protecting the distributors but not one word about protecting the consumer.

What it all boils down to is that if you have plenty of money, you can get what you want, and if vou haven't, you're out of luck. Every housewife will agree that

something must be done about it. As far as the OPA and other government agencies are concerned we know that we can't rely upon them for help. We must do the job ourselves. The best solution to this problem is to have our husbands propose committees in their trade unions that will work with us women as a trade unionconsumer committee, with the

following program: Consumer control of price-fixing and equalized food distribution financed by government

Rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.

### Attempts to suppress The Mi- question and enemy propaganda tant and Fourth International but stated that the government are "an alarming development," was fearful of the effect on the the liberal weekly, New Repub- morale of soldiers and civilians lic, declares in an editorial note of revolutionary doctrine. "We disagree violently with printed in its issue of Dec. 21. many of the views of the Socialist

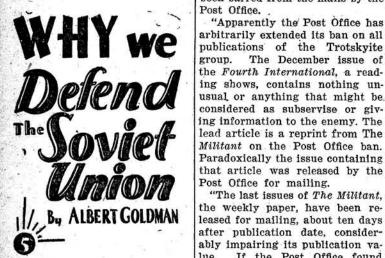
The editorial follows: "Under cover of the Espionage Act, the administration appears to be moving toward a general attack on certain organs of the extreme left which have been especially critical of the-war. The Militant is the weekly organ of the Socialist Workers Party, followers of Leon Trotsky, Last month the Post Office Department declared an issue unmailable under the Espionage Act. No explanation was given, for Post Office rules require hearings only when second-class mailing privileges are permanently revoked.

ilarly banned. "Last week the Post Office Department notified the Fourth International, monthly magazine of the same group, that its December issue had been ordered withheld from the mails. Again no reason

Yet all subsequent issues of The

Militant but one have been sim-

was given. "Seeing in the bans a serious threat to one of the Four Freedoms, the American Civil Liberties Union telegraphed the Post Office Department requesting explanations and a hearing. In re-



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# PROPUTION TO THE PROPERTY OF T

Workers Party, but we find this right of freedom of press in an attempt to silence it an alarming editorial, "Post Office Hitlers," development. The step from suppression of The Militant and The Fourth International to suppression of pacifists, Quakers, Jeho-

"Apparently the Post Office has

policy of holding up each issue

for a Washington decision is an

ous repercussions."

Socialist. The editorial follows: "Up until recently, the fascist journals, would not be a difficult trends in America had been mainone for the mind of a rigid buly limited to the economic field. reaucrat to encompass. For once the principle of arbitrary suppresof labor, appointment of czars sion has been granted, the right of free speech is lost."

"Now they have made the first steps toward regimentating free speech and free press and free The policy of withholding issues of The Militant and Fourth to extend the fascist pattern to tised an arbitrary and irresponInternational from the mails civil rights, the same rights we sible censorship which was subse-

can have dangerous repercus-"The post office has arbitrarily sions, says an article in the Dec. banned from the mails the last 19 issue of the New Leader, Sofour issues of The Militant, and cial-Democratic Federation orgiving any reason. The Militant "On the heels of the Post Of- is a weekly paper which expounds fice actions against The Militant, the views of the group of Trotorgan of the Trotskyite Socialist skyites led by James P. Cannon. Workers Party, we learn that the We do not subscribe to many of Fourth International, theoretical their views, but we are unalterdiscussion organ of the party, had ably opposed to arbitrary suppresbeen barred from the mails by the sion of any working class paper

in America. "If the little Hitlers in the Post arbitrarily extended its ban on all Office Department are allowed to publications of the Trotskyite get away with this, it will be but group. The December issue of a short time till they crack down the Fourth International, a read- on the Socialist Call and other ing shows, contains nothing un- radical papers, and then the labor usual or anything that might be press in general.

considered as subservise or giv- "We see forebodings of this in ing information to the enemy. The 'confidential' releases from the under the odious Burleson regime. lead article is a reprint from The Office of War Information to The Militant . . . has had several Militant on the Post Office ban. newspaper editors which state Paradoxically the issue containing that their 'responsibility' is to Some of these have been destroythat article was released by the present news of the war in such ed. Post Office authorities, who a way as to 'insure maximum | did not so much as notify the "The last issues of The Militant, support and full participation in publishers that The Militant had the war effort.'

"It goes on to say they must tell the readers their 'duty to sacrifice' and that we must not liberties must view this arbitrary nothing to stop publication, the allies.'

If the Post Office found criticize any of our 'courageous censorship with apprehension. "This may mean that no paper with a denunciation of the Comcould demand freedom for India, munist Party which is thus far arbitrary censorship over a pub- or freedom of speech for workers the only group in the country to lication which may have danger of Russia, since this would emopenly endorse the repressions barrass 'our courageous allies.' It against The Militant.

About Ban On 'The Militant' fice, for the benefit of the war other countries, whom the Mos-

Stalin and his liquidation of the

League, youth section of the we will not tolerate such high-Socialist Party, defends the handed action as has been used against The Militant."

# printed in the December issue of its organ; Midwest Young

An editorial, "Post Office Cenof Congress to an ornamental sta- ing with the mailing privileges men for capitalism reckon on this of The Militant. In part the as a priceless asset.

editorial declares:

"In World War I the Post Ofthought. They are now starting the reactionary, Burleson, pracare supposed to be fighting for. destroyed two of them, without of the publication singled out for class mailing privileges on the build a great Russian state. grounds that an issue had been missed, uninterrupted publication THE SOVIET being one of the stipulations un- BUREAUCRACY der which second class mailing privileges are granted. In a suit brought against the Post Office after the war, a Federal Judge compared the action of the Postmaster General with that of a policeman who knocks a man down, then arrests him for block-

ing the sidewalk. fice is apparently exercising even issues barred from the mails. tion. been declared unmailable, now refuse to explain their action.

"All who have concern for civil The editorial then continues

Times than that of the socialist in Germany in a crusade against ism. The growing sense of secur-Jean Jaures for its French communism. The Times leaves ity that has come with the defcounterpart. It is the American it to be inferred — quite correctly inite turn in the war towards bourgeoisie embodied as newsmunism and fascism was very sary in the eyes of the "Times' Allied victory, makes it unnecespaper. Its state of mind is thus real at the time of Hitler's rise. editors to use the kind of falsia good index of that of the But now all that is past history fication of a Joseph Davies. The ruling class. It is sensitive to and Laval is barking up the editorial virtually blasts into their fears, responsive to their wrong tree. Communism, accordsmithereens the vicious slanders hopes. That is why its attitude ing to the Times, is no more the of the ex-Ambassador's "Mission Says the paper: "But Laval

dons the armor of the anti-Com-What Four Other Papers Say his camp and won a following for "A JUNIOR ELEMENT" similar crusaders elsewhere, including the United States. But with the 'liquidation' of the Trotcow rulers despised as tools and "Protest the fascist action of liquidated first wherever Mos-

Russian power politics." ude towards Stalin in relation o the war and the post-war peof the Bolshevist Revolution is union movement by the Presisorship," printed in the Dec. 19 now being completed and solidiissue of Weekly People, organ fied in the fires of the Russo- is that the President has been too It took the form of regimentation of the Socialist Labor Party, German war." Stalin wages the conciliatory to the general opvigorously condemns the Post war on the level completely of a over this and that, and reduction Office authorities for interfer- national struggle. The spokes-

suppression, then revoking second- working class revolution, but to form.

"In World War II the Post Of- Russian fatherland alone, makes can "subvert" a social system by more arbitrariness that it did They will fight outsiders and in- system is subverting itself at a

under the dictatorship of Stalin. same assurance that his power

power at the end of the war, Rus- The defeat of the USSR by Hit-The device employed by Burleson just as another of the nations. It would mean the certainty of in the spoils, not to spread the in its worst form, the fascist

Stalin would like to feel the

# STALINISTS ASK GOV'T FOR

With more and more trade recognition of labor." That is unions openly protesting against what is known as a distinction the runaround their grievances without a difference. the War Labor Board, the Stalin- been the failure of the leaders of ists are increasing their cries for the organized labor movement to

government apparatus is graphically illustrated in an article by

"In the United States, how- dicates the real reason why

the workers?"

reaucracy, a parasitic caste that which Stalin destines it. has usurped many of the revolu- As for the rest, the Times wishtion's benefits. There can be no es us to accept the gray-bearded question that the appeal to Rus- lie that revolution depends on sian nationalism, to fight for the agitators. It is not agitators who its greatest appeal to this caste. their cleverness. The capitalist siders who attempt to separate breath-taking pace. Its decay, its them from their privileged posi- terrible contradictions, undermine

But the Times assumes far too The Times merely whistles in the much when it attributes the hero- dark when it pipes as though the ic defense put up by the Russian post-war world will - Stalin willworkers and peasants solely to ing - settle down peacefully as nationalist propaganda. The curve though nothing at all had hapof the revolution has been stead- pened. ily downwards, it is quite true,

But buried under all the bitter | will continue unabated. But the ashes, its embers still glow. The forces unleashed by the capitalist masses fight under Stalin, but war cannot be controlled by any their aims are not the aims of individual or group of individuals. Stalin. Their aim is really to de- The post-war world is far more feat fascism, the outright brutal likely to affect Stalin than Stalin dictatorship of decadent capital- the post-war world.

Lin Yutang Charges Sabotage Of Chinese Front

# The CANON BRANCIPATE ITSLE Negro Struggle

By Albert Parker

## Jim Crow News of the Day

under Paul V. McNutt.

In a letter to the National Association for the Advancement of to subordinate race prejudices in Colored People, he declares that Africa, why shouldn't the same "he sees no necessity" for any request be made of them at change in the present situation home? Why have the authorities because the FEPC "is still under consistently refused, despite redirect control of the Chief Execu- peated appeals by Negro organtive" and because of "develop- izations, to issue similar educaments" since he made the trans- tional material to the soldiers in fer, which is a reference to the this country, requesting them to ton for depriving China of says Lin Yutang. After Burma fact that the FEPC has announc- subordinate race prejudices and ed that it will conduct hearings to treat Negroes as equals? on job discrimination in five cities in the near future.

replied, according to its Dec. 18 an end to the segregation in the groes and other minorities re- can result only from prejudice? main skeptical because of "such circumstances as the insistence of the War Manpower Commiscontrol the operation in those re- Boiler Workers Union in Seattle, sion is the fact that only North- his Jim Crow practices and stateern or border cities are included ments. in those where the FEPC will conduct hearings based on investigations of discrimination. .

live in the South, it is there that ton. They did not protest very discrimination, particularly with | loudly, but they did protest-even respect to the use of Negroes in though it may have been their skilled and semi-skilled capaci- motive to build up the false and ties, as well as in the matter of slanderous idea that Jim Crow is training and up-grading, is most the fault of the white workers. deep-rooted and widespread."

And it is in the South where the regional offices of the War Manpower Commission will prevent the FEPC from doing any-

about this. But since, as Roosevelt said, the FEPC is still under his direct control, is there any good reason for believing that he didn't already know about it?

sent to participate in the North from them and we can be sure 2500-ton steamer could carry in who said that first Hitler must the next command. African invasion were given that nothing will. pamphlets urging them to "subordinate" whatever race prejudices they have.

may bring some old race preju- army, and segregated depart- Washington have made a ruling...

of their messages:

Constant struggle against the

invader is the only way to an

INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST

The day of Hitler's defeat is

approaching! Be prepared for

the revolutionary struggle for

FREEDOM - INDEPEND-

Long live the international

the tin miners' strike at the Cat- Drafted."

leaders were allegedly acting un- of Britain reports.

brotherhood of all the peoples

avi mines of the Patino tin enter-

This plan, the government said,

and agricultural centers "so that before?

der orders from Berlin.

Workers of Warsaw!

ENCE - SOCIALISM!

May 1, 1942

POLAND!

May Day 1942

May Day 1942

of the world!

President Roosevelt has finally or color or creed. If so you must answered the protests made when remember that it's your first duty he transferred the Fair Employ- to subordinate them to the good ment Practices Committee from of your country. You must take the status of an independent the attitude that giving away to agency under his jurisdiction to such prejudices would amount the War Manpower Commission literally to shooting Americans in the back."

But if soldiers should be urged

And why don't the authorities themselves subordinate some of To this the NAACP correctly their own race prejudices and put weekly news release, that Ne- armed forces which results and

When Tom Ray, executive secsion that its regional offices shall retary of Local 72 of the AFL gions of the Committee on Fair refused to accept Negro ship-Employment Practice. Another | yard workers into the union, there situation giving rise to apprehen- was a nation-wide protest against

Among those to condemn this instance of labor Jim Crow were certain "liberal" government of-"Since the majority of Negroes ficials in New York and Washing-

Now Ray has decided to "solve" the problem by setting up a Jim Crow union local for the Negro shipyard workers. Every worker who is an honest and consistent NAACP told Roosevelt opponent of Jim Crowism will reject this step as a blow to the interests of the labor movement. which require unity of all workers regardless of race.

But what about those so-called liberal government officials? What have they to say about it? United States Army troops Thus far nothing has been heard

.For how can they oppose Jim Crow when the government itself Jim Crows the Negro people into The pamphlet stated: "You segregated regiments in the dices with you, prejudices of race | ments in the navy?

By BETTY KUEHN

Thousands of leaflets and pro- military elements would distract

volution.'

conditions.

The oldest gag in the world is Dec. 17 N. Y. Times article. How-

being pulled in connection with ever, its title is "Rail Workers

In another part of South Amer-

troops. What happened to these

workers is not revealed in the

"To offset these proceedings the

that where supplies already given the 'defeat-Hitler-first-idea' has to enter Burma to fight the Jap-U. S. government treat- ed." That is, until China finds Pacific. The 'defeat-Hitler-firstment of China was voiced ways and means of getting its idea did not prevent sending at all costs, but was not per-Dec. 17 by Lin Yutang, into China, it will get no more should not prevent help to China. letter, which reported that "the Chinese publicist and supplies.

By Felix Morrow

upon the British government.

about this "incredible situation."

He recalled Wendell Willkie's

words on returning to this coun-

try: "If I were to tell you how

lew bombers China has received

from us you simply would not

As a typical instance, Lin

Yutang cited the situation of air

ransport from India. At the

beginning of the year China was

supposed to get 100 transport

planes to take the place of the

lost Burma Road, Instead China

was assigned 40 planes. But when

they arrived in India, the British

seized 25 of them. "The diversion

of the 25 transport planes had

the consent of Washington, leav-

ing China 15 planes to ferry in

Only later, "after negotia-

ions," were the other 25 planes

WASHINGTON CONSENT

Indian airports.

believe me.'

supplies.'

one trip."

for Chungking.

"A DOUBLE BLOCKADE"

'unofficial'' spokesman Supplies for China must "run double blockade," says Lin The protest, in the Yutang, "one bureaucratic blockade in Washington, and another form of a signed article bureaucratic blockade in India. in the Dec. 17 issue of The diversion of the transport P. M., charged that China planes referred to above was only one instance among many. was not being sent the Lend-lease supplies for China are supplies promised by Washing- connscated on the way supplies promised by Washing- previous consent or even notificaconfiscated on .the way without ton. Lin Yutang's article was tion of the Chungking governnoteworthy as the first time he ment."

had directly blamed Washing- Promises made were not kept, promised supplies. In several fell, "President Roosevelt made previous statements he had in- an announcement that America dicated that the main blame fell would find the means to give arrived."

which held up in India supplies The main cause of this situaearmarked by Washington for tion, declared the Chinese spokestransportation to China via man, is that American and British officialdom still attempt to The Chinese author charged treat China as a backward counthat "the American public is not try, as a mere colony. Lin permitted to know" the facts lutang says:

"The origins of this policy . . . have nothing to do with help to other fronts. They have nothing to do with current American production. They have to do essentially with a nineteenthcentury conception of China and the refusal to accept China as an equal partner in the war. . . . The elderly men over 50 who are policy . . . assume that they are going to run this war their own way and the Chinaman is going to like it. In other words, we are dealing with an outdated nineteenth-century tycoon psycho-

Lin Yutang finds it necessary, for diplomatic reasons, to call it "outdated nineteenth-century" imperialist outlook, but he makes t clear enough that, if it originated in the nineteenth century, it is still very much alive in restored to China. But, limited to official Washington and London today.

these 40 planes, "the monthly supplies now going in are prob-ANSWERING AN ALIBI ably 1% of the carriage of the Burma Road traffic at its peak, and are less than what a small be defeated, then Japan-Lin

planes, the Services of Supply in China against Japan:

cannot be adequately transport- nothing to do with American anese. Lin Yutang himself told A sharp protest against ed to the country of destination, failure to regard the China front the story in a letter to the N. Y. no more supplies need be allocatas the primary front in the Times on July 19.

the other; but even that little was not given to China."

main effort to defeat Japan. So logical, indeed, that, as Lin to operate with in Burma. Yutang says: "No one pretends supplies being sent to the Pacific, ish imperialism, the Chinese while China's great land front would come as representatives of China help. That help has not gets only the tiny trickle describ- Free China. Every Chinese soled by Lin Yutang.

### WHAT CHINESE WANT

The basic difference in conception of Pacific strategy outlined by Lin Yutang was confirmed by Time magazine (Nov. 23) as fol-

"In Washington it is well known that Chiang Kai-shek and other Chinese strategists have long looked at U. S. Pacific strategy with dismay. Instead of costly naval attacks on island fingers, the Chinese have reneatedly suggested land and air attacks from the continent of Asia. But China has received few directing (American - British) planes and little other equipment. The Chinese watch the U. S. expend men and equipment in the Solomons and grow unhappier."

Lin Yutang demands a campaign to wrest Burma from Japan and thus re-open the Burma Road to provide supplies for a full-scale offensive by China. But, he says: "The dual command of the last Burma campaign must not be repeated; THE WILLKIE POLICY bitter memories still rankle in Chinese breasts. The failure of the last Burma campaign was the failure to solve the problem of command. . . . There are certain grim facts that cannot be aired Answering such alibis as that about, but must be taken into of Secretary of the Navy Knox- consideration in the planning of

"And now," concludes Lin Yutang pointedly shows that THE BURMA CAMPAIGN

Apparently Lin Yutang is referring to the refusal of the British, last Spring, to permit "It must be fully realized that large numbers of Chinese troops

The Allies' Attitude To China's War

"China wanted to defend Burma earmarked supplies out of India help to the Solomon Islands and mitted to do so," declared the The fact is, what China asked Chinese mechanized units"-apwas so little, so ridiculously parently all that China had-were little, that it could not affect the immobilized at Kunming during war against Hitler one way or the Burma fighting while the Chinese vainly sought British agreement to let them into China's great land front against Burma. In the end, the British Japan is the logical front for the authorities refused to provide the Chinese mechanized units with oil

Why didn't the British permit that the war in Guadalcanal is the Chinese troops into Burma? the correct way to begin the of- | Lin Yutang does not say. We can fensive against Japan, gradually give the answer. The British sent overcoming the 21,000 islands in as many Indian troops as they the Southern Pacific." Neverthe- could transport-why not Chiless, this island-hopping strategy nese? The reason is obvious. The is absorbing practically all of the Indians came as vassals of Britdier would be proof to the Burmese and the Indians that there are peoples of Asia who are freeing themselves.

A victory for Chinese troops tory for the colonial peoples and not for British imperialism. That is why the anti-British masses of India are wholeheartedly prodestroy Japan's land armies in Chinese. That is also why the British preferred to lose Burma the weapons with which to do so. o Japan, with the hope of winning it back later, than to let the effective bombing of Japan-China hold Burma against Japan. ese war industries and shipping.

Lin Yutang now makes it plain that China has no more faith in British conduct of a new Burma | mainland of Asia, which means campaign than it had in the previous campaign. He proposes, as a solution, "There must be a unified Allied command for a course to her final defeat. But a Burma campaign, and there is no campaign from that direction question that, in view of the alone is a long and costly affair, recent memories, sincere Chinese with success doubtful. The early cooperation is only possible with defeat of Japan hinges mainly an American Commander-in- on operations from China."

This "solution" evades the plain fact that American military strategists today appear to see eye to eye with the British in the Pacific, as is indicated by the concentration on island-hopping. Lin on a change in American policy Yutang attempts to explain this away: "The Pacific war pattern is the result of drift and not of turns its attention to solving the grand strategy of the Pacific war. he appears to believe, then the United States will adopt the policy toward the Chinese land front advocated by the group around Wendell Willkie.

as backed this policy is the ing for national

"Vast reserves of trained revolutionary workers of all Chinese manpower are ready and countries.



First U. S. Army soldier to land on Liberian shores, Private N. E. Taylor, is shown talking to natives. For an examination of the reasons why the U.S. government is interested in Liberia, see article below. Federated Picture.

# WHAT U. S. FORCES ARE in Burma would have been understood everywhere as a vic-

willing to wear down and

"In the war against Japan the

For China to place all its hopes

would be suicidal, for there can

main effort must come from the

China. . . .

Yutang.

ism of Churchill.

By MYRA WARD

American troops who were

recently landed in the small Asia as soon as they are given country of Liberia may have Chinese bases are available for found it strange and unfamiliar territory, but to American capitalists it is neither strange nor unfamiliar. This little semi-colonial country of 2 million natives, located on the west coast of Africa between the British "The naval operations in the Pacific are contributory, of colony of Sierra Leone and the French Ivory Coast, has long been a favorite "ward" of Amer-

ican imperialism. The republic was originally founded in 1821 by the American Colonization Society as a settlement for the descendants of Ne-Admiral Yarnell and those who agree with him are, however, not | gro slaves, who together with the native African tribes comprise its in charge of the government and American production. The domi- population, In the years up until the first world war, England, nant policy in official circles remains that condemned by Lin Germany, and the United States maintained favorable trade and

> SUITABLE FOR BIG BUSINESS' PURPOSE

financial relations with Liberia.

be no guarantee that the Willkie-But it was after the war, in Yarnell line toward China will policy." Once Washington really ever become the official policy of 1918, that American financiers the American government. Nor is who at that time were confrontthere any basic difference be- ed with the British rubber monotween the "dollar imperialism" of poly, began to devise plans to Willkie and the cruder imperial- utilize Liberia and its supplies of rubber and other raw mate-We are for the victory of rials. At the instigation of barons China over Japan because China of the auto industry, a conference One authoritative figure who is a semi-colonial country fight- was called where it was decided independence that the government would acretired Admiral H. E. Yarnell, in against an imperialist power. As tively cooperate with these indusa letter to the N. Y. Times of genuine supporters of China we trialists to provide a tropical Nov. 14, Defending Willkie must warn the Chinese people sphere of influence where they against pro-administration critics, that their salvation lies only in could produce their own raw rubloyalties from Hitler to Roose- this extension of time, Darlan the admiral wrote on Pacific themselves and their true allies, ber. Liberia, it was decided, would the colonial peoples and the be quite suitable for the purpose.

In 1924 an expedition was financed by Harvey Firestone, head of the Firestone rubber interests and sent to investigate the possivorable reports were sent back, the Firestone Company floated a loan of \$5,000,000 which the Liberian government had been requesting from the State Departnent since 1918. In return for this, the Firestone Company exacted a "planting agreement" whereby it would occupy one million acres of land at an annual rental of 6 cents an acre. By 1929, those plantations which had begun operation, showed a yeary yield of 2,000 pounds of rub-

### er per acre. COMPLETE MONOPOLY

This "loan," which was to be repaid within 20 years, gave the rubber corporation a complete financial monopoly in Liberia. So great is this control that when the Firestone Company discovered that Liberia lacked railroads and decent roads, it ordered the government to spend one-half of the \$5,000,000 loan on public works - highways and harbors to facilitate transportation of the company's produce from the plantations to the ocean for shipment to America. The Liberian government is also required by American capitalism to "secure and maintain an adequate supply of labor," which led to abuses so grave that the League of Nations sent a commission to investigate conditions in 1931.

No wonder then that newspapers recently reported that Amercan soldiers in Liberia "were charged with safeguarding the Negro republic's neutrality and its rubber plantations." At the same time, one cannot help wondering what will happen when American Negro soldiers and Liberians begin to exchange notes on the policies of American capitalists at home and abroad.

For a Rising Scr' --Wages to Rising Li

# INTERNATIONAL NOTES Darlan Says He Will Rule Till At Least End Of War

Yutang on this point, "instead of there is a Pacific front being

gradually adding to the transport supplied but not the one held by

By MICHAEL CORT

clamations covered the walls and their efforts and be distributed to houses of Warsaw last May Day, put down strikes in those centers velt-sponsored High Commis- were before. according to a message smuggled with the object of dispersing the sioner for French North and from Poland recently. The Brit- army in many localities so that West Africa, is now receiving a buildup in the American press, that Allied prisoners in North ish New Leader of Nov. 14 con- manifestations and strikes could tains reproductions of pictures of begin in the capitals of the departand indirectly through the Africa had been released and that three of them with transalations ments (provinces), ending in re-White House itself, It's all the Vichy anti-Jewish laws are aimed at making the American "in the process" of being lifted. We have never heard of Nazi agents advocating a workers' re people forget Darlan's past volution, but we HAVE heard of record as a fascist and to sell reactionary governments calling him as a stalwart defender of strikes Nazi-inspired in order to prevent workers from gaining the "four freedoms."

higher wages and better working when he gave his first interview to the press last week and claim- sure on this point from the ed that while he was No. 2 man in Vichy he was nothing but on such good terms with Franco. ca, Bogota, Columbia, 5,300 rail-"prisoner of the Nazis." Acway workers walked out when tually he was preparing all along the National Railroad Council reto resume the struggle against jected their demands for a wage the Nazis and was only waiting ncrease and a larger Christmas until the moment that he could be sure of aid from the United They were replaced by the First Nations-he says, Reserve Battalion of railroad

WHO'S A LIBERAL NOW?

Taking up the whitewash brush on this side of the Atlantic, Presi-When the Governor of Jamaica lowed the Darlan interview with prises in Bolivia. Government refused to accept the legality of a statement of his own. On Dec. blood. This happened again and spokesmen are saying that the the Railway Union (reported in 16 he handed reporters a formal again long before the anti-union spokesmen are saying that the the Railway Union (reported in 16 he handed reporters a formal again long before the anti-union strike was promoted by the Parthis column Nov 7) the union took statement which read, in part, laws were decreed by Petain, and tido Izquierdo Revolucionario court proceedings against the (Left Revolutionary Party) whose government, the Nov. 20 Tribune Africa have accomplished much no labor unions to apply the laws in support of the war effort of to. the United Nations, and in doing The government announced, ac- Governor invoked the Defense so have definitely allied themcording to the N. Y. Times of Dec. Regulations and declared the Un. selves on the side of liberalism leaders, Fernando Sinani, and a was announced that a number of stands in government." party document which was sup- arrests had been made 'not be-

gaging in subversive activities'." "the people of India."

The line of the Roosevelt state- tion of the war-at least. ment is that whoever sides with Thus Roosevelt's "temporary the United Nations against the military expediency" will be Axis is automatically on the side ended at the earliest only after of liberalism. The natives of Germany has been defeated upon North Africa will hardly sub- the continent. By that time scribe to this idea. They ex- Darlan no doubt hopes to have perienced no change in their so solidified his regime that no

velt. They are no nearer the will now have an opportunity to strategy: Admiral Jean Darlan, Roose- "four freedoms" now than they curry favor with the French (and

As his first gesture toward the These were minimum concessions he could make under the circumstances. He made no mention, however of Spanish loyalist or working class prisoners being Darlan assumed his new role released from prison. It can be assumed that there is little pres-

> Darlan explained his attitude to the trade union movement in the following manner:

> American government which is

"There is little industrial development in North Africa, and Vichy laws prejudicial to labor unions had little or no application. All reports show no serious problem here."

The real reason why this is no 'serious problem" is that every dent Roosevelt immediately fol- attempt of the native masses to organize has been crushed in "Since Nov. 3 the people of North consequently there were little or

NOT SO "TEMPORARY"

Aside from the bald hypocrisy 20, that it had seized one of the ion illegal. A few days later it against all for which the Axis of claiming that the Germans forced him to assume high office Since the natives of North and vigorously suppress the posed to have been drawn up to cause the persons in question are Africa have absolutely nothing to struggle of the French workers obtain, party approval of the trade union leaders but on the say about the policies followed by against fascism, the most strikground that they have been en- their French rulers, it must be ing thing about the Darlan stateassumed that when the president ment is the fact that he does not was to promote work in mining Where have we heard this tune talks of the "people of North consider his rule a "temporary Africa" he refers to Darlan and military expedient," as it was his coterie. This is like referring first labeled by Roosevelt. It is to the British colonial rulers as now revealed that Darlan intends to remain in power for the dura-

status when Darlan shifted his one can remove him, Having won

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Now Trotsky's writings in that discussion have been gathered together into a book, "In Defense of Marxism (Against the Petty-Bourgeois Opposition.)" A note by Pioneer Publishers, which issued the book on Dec. 21, declares that it takes its place among the great classics of Marxist literature, and Pioneer is stating a fact. The book will be read, re-read and studied not only today for an answer to current political problems, but as long as a class society exists, for it reveals in the most lucid manner how Marxists approach problems, the methods they follow, the criteria they observe. It is therefore worth its weight in gold as an educational instrument and a weapon of the socialist movement.

Pioneer Publishers is to be thanked for having undertaken so important a publishing task and for having carried it out so well. The best way to thank Pioneer is by helping to give the new book by Trotsky the circulation it deserves among advanced workers, and thus enabling Pioneer to conrique and indispensable work it has

nore than 13 years.

**Democratic Price** Committees Needed

The leading articles on page one of this issue deal with the growing shortages in numerous goods and the increasing prices. They show how the government is steadily retreating before the capitalists and granting their demands for higher prices.

In this way commodity after commodity is being put out of the reach of the workers, particularly the lower-paid workers, and made available only to those who can afford to pay the increased

These retreats show that the government has no serious intention of fighting to enforce its own price ceilings.

But even if the government did have an earnest desire to enforce the price ceilings and ensure democratic rationing, their methods would not

To carry out this work the government officials appoint bureaucratic committees and boards composed of professional politicians. The committees are tied up with the capitalists by a thousand bonds They come from the upper classes or the middle classes, not the working class. They live close to the capitalists and hobnob with them. They are responsive to the arguments of the capitalists who place profits as the basis for all economic affairs.

The work of price control is a huge undertaking. The present government committees and boards are composed of a small inadequate number of people, far too few to cope with the gigantic problem of policing thousands upon thousands of stores and businesses.

In contrast to these ineffective committees which operate on a pro-capitalist program with overwhelmingly pro-capitalist elements, we propose the establishment of democratic committees from be-

The mass committees, composed of unions, housewives, dirt farmers organizations, and the small retailers will have a genuine interest in making sure that the masses receive their share of the goods that are scarce. They will see that democratic rationing will be carried out. They will fight against the "black market."

They will have a direct interest in seeing that prices are kept down. Coming from the great mass of the population, they will represent the interest of this mass. If they do not do so, they will be removed immediately by those who elected them.

The capitalist class will be more afraid of even the idea of such committees than the devil is of holy water. That is understandable. Such committees mean the beginning of the end for the huge profits they are making out of the war.

## Civil War In Yugoslavia

In what was formerly Yugoslavia a war within a war is raging.

On the one hand there are the Axis forces of invasion. Opposing them are the forces of General Mikhailovitch and the "partisan" army.

Between the forces of Mikhailovitch and the partisans a class war is raging.

Mikhailovitch represents Yugoslav ımperiaiism, the large land owners, the political dictatorship, and the regime of national oppression that existed in that country before the war.

The partisans represent the workers and peasants of Yugoslavia.

Mikhailovitch is fighting to reestablish things as they were before the war.

The "partisans" are fighting, according to report, for the abolition of landlordism, for improvement in the conditions of the masses. In the final

analysis, they are fighting for a new social order. The capitalists internationally are quick to line up in this war.

The heads of the Allied governments are openly in favor of Mikhailovitch. That is understandable. because they see that their class interests will be served by the victory of Mikhailovitch over the "partisans."

The Stalinist Daily Worker reports that Mikhailovitch is in close contact with the Italian fascists. We do not know how much truth there is to their report but it is extremely likely. But if he is not supported by the Italian fascists now, he will be later, for the ruling classes always did and always will forget their differences in the face of a rising revolt of the toilers.

All the sympathies of the workers of the world will lie with the "partisans" for they are fighting against Yugoslav capitalism. Only by a class program, such as is represented to a certain extent by the "partisans," will the workers and peasants be able to drive out their oppressors and establish a system free of fascism and war.

The capitalist press is fully aware of the issues involved in Yugoslavia and is already voicing the fear that similar "disputes" (civil war) may break out in the other occupied countries, particularly

Yugoslavia is a forecast of things to come.

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## Sends Money to Fight P. O. Ban

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New Haven, Conn.

## Reports Jim Crow Acts in Britain

Editor:

I am a Negro and was in England when General Ben Davis was there investigating the Jim Crow question. The General reported back to America that everything they are only demanding what was OK, but I can tell you that

I was standing on a corner in Scotland one night when two white M.P.'s walked up to a Negro soldier who was standing very quietly minding his own business. "Hey nigger, your place is on the other side of the street, so keep moving," they yelled at him. When he was a little slow in moving, the M.P.'s slapped him in the

face and placed him under arrest. There is increasing discriminawhite officers and M.P.'s and they are trying to get the English and successful at this.

nue to welcome Negro soldiers as er rates of profit. the equal of the white soldiers, I have shown this particular of their union.

it was up to the Scottish people to observe our customs.

I'm wondering if it is going to be the same at the end of this war as it was at the end of the last war when white and black mothers were sent over to Europe to visit their sons' graves. White mothers were sent over in a very nice and clean ship, but Negro mothers were sent over in hog island ships.

The black people of America are not begging for anything. belongs to them - complete equality with all other citizens.

New York City

## Liked Article On CIO Convention

The Militant is to be congratulated on the excellent CIO story steel industry, the men in the tion in England on the part of by Felix Morrow which appeared plant look upon the union as the in the Nov. 28 issue of your pa- instrument through which they per. This is the story reporting can best express their demands. Scottish people to discriminate the CIO delegates' first hand ac- The sentiment of the rank and also. But they haven't been so counts of how big business sabot- file is to build the union, make it ages production in various indus- strong and continue the struggle White girls in Scotland conti-stries in an effort to obtain great- against the company for better

and this makes the American of issue of the paper to several ficers extremely mad. I had a friends of mine and they were

long talk with a white girl and greatly interested in that story. she said that she had been given All this information, which was insulting remarks by the white available to all reporters cover-American officers when she had ing that convention, was buried walked down the street with sev- by the labor press generally. It eral Negro soldiers. She said is to the benefit of labor that that the white officers told her these facts be given circulation.

Los Angeles, Calif.

## Ignore Contract's "Escape Clause"

A remarkable demonstration of union solidarity has just taken place at our local. No. 2194 of the United Steelworkers of America at Crucible Steel Co., Harrison, N. J. Not one member took advantage of the 15-day escape clause, which is part of the new contract giving maintenance-ofmembership, to resign from the union.

Our local has a membership of over 8,000 after an organizing campaign which brought in about 6.500 new members in the past ix months.

Despite the constant retreats of the international union leaders, which are reflected in the weakness of all the contracts in the conditions and the maintenance

Harrison, N. J.

COLOR, UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF DEMOC-RACY, edited by Alain Locke. November, 1942 issue of Survey Graphic. 128 pages. \$.50.

The effect of the war upon the destinies of the Negro people in the United States and the oppressed colonial masses of the world is the theme of the November issue of Survey Graphic, an influential social workers' magazine. The issue of the magazine is aptly entitled "Color, The Unfinished Business Of Democracy." Under the guest editorship of Alain Locke, noted Negro intellectual, a group of Negro and white contributors express their views on the subject. Among the contributors are such figures as A. Philip Randolph of the March-On-Washington Movement, Walter White of the NAACP, Edward Anderson Carter, Pearl Buck, Lin Yutang and others.

The majority of the contributors fall under the heading of "liberals" who plead the case for the support of the United Nations. Yet most of the writers hasten to admit that neither the American Negro nor the colonial subject of Great Britain has gained any far-reaching or permanent gains from their "democratic" rulers.

## Presents Important Facts

For instance, Lester B. Grainger in his article, "Negroes and War Production," presents material that proves the exact opposite. From this article one learns that in the third quarter of 1941, Negroes constituted only 3% of the total number of workers hired in 20 selected war industries. That six months after the issuance of President Roosevelt's executive order barring discrimination in war industries, a poll of several hundred employers revealed that out of 282,245 job openings, 51% were absolutely barred to Negroes regardless of their qualification.

Earl Brown in his article on the armed forces shows that the fundamental pattern of segregation has not been broken down. Edward Anderson Carter draws the bitter picture of segregation in civilian life. The unanimous conclusion of all the writers is that the war has sharpened and intensified the oppression of the Negro masses.

It would seem from a review of the facts that neither the Negro masses in the United States nor the colonial peoples can place any reliance upon the good intentions of the "democratic" ruling classes and their governments. Indeed through all the articles runs the plaint that the Roosevelts

and Churchills have done nothing. The idea that society has run into the blind alley of war, fascism and oppression of minorities on an unprecedented scale because capitalism continues to exist, is never mentioned. The only program these intellectuals can offer is continued reliance upon Roosevelt, and if he fails, Willkie!

There is but the faintest hint in these articles that the Negro masses must shape their own destinies through independent action, in an alliance states such a program with any degree of consistency is the contribution of A. Philip Randolph, who presents the program of the March-On-Washington movement. It is no accident that Randolph is the only trade unionist among the contributors. But even his program of "non-violent" mass action, as he calls it, is marred by support of Roosevelt's war-program and vagueness as to methods

## How to Win Equality?

In war time the lessons of a lifetime are compressed within the scope of a few days or weeks, both for the individual and the masses. While the Negro people learn the lesson of Roosevelt's bankruptcy through such domestic incidents as the defeat of the anti-poll-tax bill, in which both capitalist parties concurred, and through international events such as the alliance with the fascist Darlan in North Africa, their so-called leaders and thinkers lag behind.

The blindness of these "liberal" intellectuals is revealed in the conclusion of the article by John A. Davis, "The Negro Outlook Today," which attempts to lay out a political strategy for the Negro masses. Mr. Davis concludes his article by saying, "The outlook for the Negro in America is one of slow but steady advancement toward

Nothing could be further from the truth. Democracy is a luxury which capitalism, whether fascist or democratic, in increasingly unable to let the working class or minorities enjoy. In their struggle for democratic rights, the Negro masses will inevitably find that together with the working class they must put an end to capitalist rule and reconstruct society on a socialist basis. Only socialism can guarantee to the oppressed equality in all spheres of life.

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## How 'Courage to Order' Is **Produced by Army Doctors**

By GRACE CARLSON

In a recent issue of the official British medical publication, the Journal Lancet, appears a very significant editorial entitled "Courage to Order." There we read a frank account of many recent instances in which Medical Corps officers have drugged British soldiers in order to lessen their fears and thereby create in them an artificial courage in the face of

"In war," says the editorial writer for Journal Lancet, "a reduction in fear, if it can be attained without too great a sacrifice of mental efficiency, is often as useful as intellectual stimulation." The drug which has been used for this purpose is the fairly well-known sedative, sodium amytal. The amount of sodium amytal given to the British soldiers was considerably larger, however, than that taken by the average sufferer from insomnia.

Intelligence tests given to the soldiers after they had been dosed with the sodium amytal showed damage to their ability to think, to the extent of an average loss of 4 points in I. Q. (Intelligence Quotient.) This is described in the report as only a "slight impairment of mental powers."

Certainly, no British soldier - understanding that to protect himself in modern warfare it is necessary to utilize every ounce of mental energy that he possesses - would look upon this decrease in his intellectual capacity as "slight" or unimportant!

Other drugs which do not impair mental efficiency have been utilized by the British Medical Corps in early tests but have subsequently been discarded, says the editorial, because they are not powerful enough or because they have other disadvantages. Alcohol, for example, although a decided stimulant, "impairs ability for prolonged physical exertion."

Caffeine, which quickly stimulates the heart and increases the flow of blood to the brain, thereby relieving feelings of fatigue and strain, is undesirable because the necessarily large doses of caffeine which soldiers would require might cause palpitation of the

Benzedrine sulphate, the favorite drug of college students during examination week, has been ruled out because it is not a sufficiently powerful stimulant for soldiers in battle.

No report is made of the use of courage-inducing drugs by the Soviet troops but Marxists know that the heroic soldiers of the Red Army are spurred on by the most powerful stimulant yet discovered the determination of workers to fight for factories and land which have been taken away from the capitalists and the landlords.

## **Before and After the Speech by Pearl Buck**

BY TWO STALINISTS

"Pearl Buck, the famous novelist, [has written] a series of beautiful, moving, and wise speeches a n d articles ('American Unity and Asia,' New York, 1942.) Mrs. Buck has made a contribution of historical importance to the development of United and foreign, in these utterances. Hers is the sort of wisdom which could have prevented this disastrous war, and the only sort of wisdom which can now win it."

- From "Victory and After" by Earl Browder, Page 91, October, 1942.

"To those acquainted with Pearl Buck's utterances during the past year her latest speech comes as no surprise. Her position is characterized by a number of basic misconceptions and deeply-rooted illusions with respect to the war . . . [In her book 'American Unity and Asia' she permits herself] utterances which can be misinterpreted and seized upon to incite race war and disunity."

> From "The Case of Pearl Buck" by J. S. Allen, Daily Worker, Dec. 16, 1942.

## One Reason Why A Milk **Shortage Is Threatened**

By R. FREEMAN

There is going to be less milk for the workers and their children this coming year, and the likelihood is that what milk is available will skyrocketin price.

"The civilian population will have to cut its con-

sumption of milk and dairy products by about 18

billion pounds, a Department of Agriculture spokesman disclosed." (N. Y. Times, Dec. 18.) The official explanation for this is that a war is going on and war creates shortages. But this is only

a half truth. While a percentage of the milk is being diverted from the domestic market to the armed forces abroad and to lend-lease, another and more basic cause of the shortage, which is of long duration, is a lust for profits on the part of the dairy business inter-

Listen to this statement by Dr. William de Kleine, former American Red Cross Medical Director: "In a single year the amount of milk consigned to industrial uses, to animal feeding or to the drainpipe would provide as much calcium to human beings as would 3,360 billion slices of bread, 560 billion eggs

or 280 million cups of carrots." (N. Y. Times, Dec. 20.) Dr. de Kleine explains that this milk is diverted from human consumption because it is skimmed milk. Skimmed milk is nutritious, of course, but it is not very profitable to handle.

Asserting that dried milk could be made available for less than five cents a quart, Dr. de Kleine pointed out that the "poor people can't buy a quart of milk a day" at present prices, and cheap dried milk is not available because the fluid milk producers control the dried milk industry.

"Here is a pint of milk a day for every man, woman and child in this country," said Dr. de Kleine, "and we are feeding it to animals or letting it go down the drain."

Not all shortages are created by the war. A good many of them are created by the capitalists' greed