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# UNION HEADS BACK FORCED LABOR PLAN

# Allies Impose Harsh "Peace" On Greek ELAS

By Larissa Reed

After the civil war which raged for over a month in and around Athens, the Allied invaders and their Greek Quislings have succeeded in imposing savage terms upon the defeated ELAS forces. Weeks of negotiations ended on Feb. 12 when Premier Plastiras secured the signatures of the Stalinist leaders of the EAM-ELAS on his "peace agreement."

According to the provisions of this agreement, the ELAS forces have been ordered to "stack UAW Referendum their arms within fourteen days." Determined to guarantee a complete disarming of the On Strike Policy light machine guns, 163 mortars, sub-machine guns, heavy machine guns, 32 pieces of assorted artillery and 15 radios must be awaiting the outcome of the turned in. Thus the British aim CIO United Automobile Workto carry through their plans of ers' referendum on the no-strike depriving the workers of their pledge. The referendum has means of self-defense which were been virtually concluded. The

As a condition for surrendering their arms, the ELAS leaders demanded the simultaneous disarming of the reactionary brigades which had shot down Greek workers for the Nazis during the occupation. Churchill and Scobie flatly rejected this demand. Thus the armistice provides only for disarming the ELAS forces. The government is permitting the British-created Royalist Mountain Brigades and the pro-Nazi Security Battalions to keep all their weapons. REIGN OF TERROF.

The government also rejected the demand by EAM- ELAS for a general amnesty, thus leaving continue. It is ensured by the the way open for its continued Rank and File Caucus, which ores. General Plastiras can now the no-strike policy at the last proceed to frame up, imprison UAW convention, and conducted and execute workers in the fash- a widely supported campaign naion of Franco after the Spanish tionally to win a majority vote

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ELAS fighters, the government stipulated that within these two weeks at least 41,500 rifles, 1,000 The organized workers in

every industry are anxiously interrupted by the civil war bedeadline for the active mem-ginning December 3. bership's mail vote was February 17, while members in the armed forces have until February 28 to send in their ballots. Regardless of the voting results, which will probably not be disclosed for another month or more, the battle of the UAW mili-

tants to rescind the no-strike pledge has helped to educate millions in the labor movement about the disastrous consequences for the workers of the no-strike surrender policy and to arouse hundreds of thousands of auto workers to the need for a return to a militant union program. The struggle for such a pro-

gram in the UAW is bound to out. error against the mass- ganized and led the fight against

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## Real Aims Uniting The Allies At Secret Crimea Conference

By William F. Warde

The Crimea conference marks the highest degree of unity acrieved by Roosevelt Churchill and Stalin. The elation expressed by the official press in Washington and London as well as in Moscow reflects this fact. If not all the questions dividing the Allies and bringing them into sharp conflict with each other were settled, it is clear that some of the most pressing problems which engendered serious friction between the meetings at Teheran and Yalta have been ironed

Among the major matters disposed of were the territorial partition of Poland and the kind of governments to be imposed upon Poland and Yugoslavia. The Baltic states are to remain part of the USSR. In return for these and other concessions in Eastern Europe, Stalin has evi- are bound to break through all American Marxist movement go- the reduced price of 25 cents.

dently set aside his Free Germany Committee headed by Junker attempts at regulation and to in- ing back before the last war. As Last year's successful camgenerals. The Allied plans for the military occupation, dismemberment, despoliation and enslavement of Germany signify that their policy in Italy will seem beneficent compared to their pro-

ejected treatment of Germany.

ans and the states bordering on Army he will continue to mainhas also agreed to support governments in these countries which, while subservient to the Kremlin, are pledged to protect the capitalists and landlords against the demands of the pop-

ular masses. As the EAM's shameless surrender to Scobie's "armistice" terms in Greece indicates, Stalin is also fully prepared to give unreserved support to the Allies in their schemes to dominate the countries allotted to their spheres of influence in Western Europe. He has thrown in the services of the Stalinist parties as small

UNPUBLISHED PACTS

In the horse-trading that went on at Yalta, there were undoubtedly a number of other commitments made about which the official pronouncements have not said a word. This is confirmed by a cable from London by Raymond Daniel published in the Feb. 18 N. Y. Times, stating that "the unpublished results of the conference may have as strong an influence on future events as those that have already been published." As one small example, ences into the board's lap for N. Y. Times correspondent Har- settlement rather than seek old Callender reported from Paris agreement through negotiations. on Feb. 16 that "the British and Americans at the conference major issues, since the board agreed that the Marianas and refers back to the parties issues other islands mandated to Japan | it feels have not been adequately | best possible use of this antiafter World War I should be

The Yalta conference did not the USSR. The bitter competiof the United States and England over markets, sources of raw ma-

crease in intensity. Nor have the Yalta decisions removed the ber of the Communist Party and quota and ended with over 7,800 gements ne approves. Under the conflicts between England and the USSR over their respective For a free hand in the Balk- spheres of influence which flared up in the past year from Iran the Soviet Union, Stalin has to Poland. Above all, despite given sureties to the Anglo- Stalin's efforts to deny and to than her full share of party drive in true Bolshevik fashion. American imperialists that in the suppress it, there remains the countries occupied by the Red irreconcilable antagonism between the capitalist powers and tain intact capitalist property. He the Soviet Union which flows from the existence of nationalized property in the USSR.

These differences and divisions which have repeatedly unsettled relations among the Allies will persist after Yalta as before. But their struggles against each other will perforce be conducted in a masked manner, accompanied by public protestations of

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By Art Preis

Labor Board, last week came out with a prize example of

hypocrisy. Trying to conceal the Board's function as the "grave-

yard of grievances," Davis complained that the Board is receiv-

## HELEN JUDD

Her tired heart worn out by life-time of toil and struggle on behalf of the working class, com- of the Program of Expansion rade Helen Judd, 71-year old adopted by the Socialist Workpioneer Trotskyist, died sudden ers Party at its National Conly of a heart attack in Chicago vention held last November. last Saturday. The sad news of

Militant was going to press. a Debs Socialist, a founding mempaign, which began with a 3,000 generate he approved " Under the of her final collapse.

Helen insisted on doing more concerted and disciplined subwork. Never did a day pass that This year the SWP branches she did not devote to party work, throughout the country have ac- in plants and areas designated including literature distribution cepted their increased campaign by the WMC would be unable to in the coldest weather. Charac- quotas with enthusiasm and de- get jobs elsewhere. In addition, teristically she was hurrying to termination to go over the top the party headquarters when her in this drive to make The Milibrave heart gave out. The Chicago tant the mass fighting paper of SWP held a Memorial Service the American working class. Tuesday night. Her funeral was Some branches have confidently on Wednesday.

(A more complete account of ed them. Comrade Helen Judd's life will appear in the next issue of The

# Support Vicious Substitute For May-Bailey Slave Bill

Join Employers to Urge Kilgore-Wagner Bill Freezing Workers to Jobs at Frozen Wages

By C. Thomas

The capitalist press last week gleefully announced that all 'organized" resistance to compulsory labor legislation had ended, with the endorsement of a "substitute" manpower bill by top union officials. The labor leaders ended their "resistance" by joining with the National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in support of the employer's "manpower program." This substitute measure was offered by Senators Kilgore and Wagner in place of the May-Bailey slave labor bill, now before the Senate. It empowers the War Manpower commission to enforce the job-freezing, compulsory labor decrees, issued by Roosevelt over the past three years. If enacted into law, the Kilgore-Wagner bill would tighten and extend these drastic labor controls into the "post-war" period.

## **Campaign Begins** For 10,000 'Militant' Readers

In its most ambitious Militant subscription campaign, the Socialist Workers Party on MC's ruling that employers must do all their hiring through February 25 will launch a drive the United States Employment for 10,000 new regular readers of the Trotskyist weekly. The drive will begin with a nationwide Red Sunday-a one-day full party membership mobilization for the sale of Militant one area to another, or to keep subscriptions. This campaign is the next step in the fulfillment

the death of this sterling Ameri- will last three months, closing can Bolshevik arrived as The officially with another Red Sunday on May 27. For the purpose of introducing The Militant to Her passing means the loss of thousands of new worker-readers, veteran communist fighter and a the paper is offering a trial subdog-fights over the spoils of war | link with the best traditions of the | scription for 26 weekly issues at

Despite her advanced years, SWP membership to carry out a Employment Service.

raised the original quotas assign-

All sympathizers and readers by selling trial subs to their

**WLB Chairman Davis Gives Whitewash** 

The Kilgore - Wagner "substitute" aims to put "teeth" in the existing manpower regulations by granting the WMC statutory authority to impose "legal" sanctions against the workers. The 'teeth' are sharpened to chew the labor movement to pieces. One of the sharpest of Service or other designated agencies." This provision would give the capitalist government "legal" authority to grant or withhold employment, to move workers from one plant to another, from them frozen to their jobs.

ROOSEVELT'S ACTIONS

The Roosevelt administration has sought to concentrate this power in its hands for some time. On Dec. 5, 1942 Roosevelt issued The subscription campaign an executive decree instructing the chairman of the War Man-"lawful and appropriate" steps, "to assure that all hiring and recruitment of workers for jobs in any plants, facilities, occupaion or areas designated by the chairman shall be conducted solely through the United States Emone of the first Trotskyists, she new subscribers before the cam- later issued an order effective worked indefatigably for the paign deadline, demonstrated the July 1, 1944, instructing employcause of socialism to the moment growing receptivity to the Trot- ers to "hire all male help" skyist ideas and the ability of the through the offices of the U. S.

Under the Roosevelt - McNutt "controlled referral" plan, workers who refused to accept jobs McNutt declared, they "might be deprived of unemployment compensation." The "plan" was a 'work - where - you're - told - orstarve" measure. It was "denounced as illegal by Representative William J. Miller. Republican of Connecticut, who conof The Militant are urged to tended it invoked a national labor join the subscription campaign draft without Congressional sanc-

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# **SWP** Candidate Files **Nominating Petitions**

has called for full labor support

In her program, which is re-

Among the important planks in

her platform are: job security

policy; elimination of taxes on the

incomes of workers and those

least able to pay; independent

to offset rising living costs.

program points out.

(By Wire to THE MILITANT)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.-Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor here, has qualified for a place on the ballot by filing last Wednesday her nominating petition with 930 signatures of registered voters. She will be the only working class candidate on the ballot.

ment has not put a labor party | Trotskyist candidate, who is and labor candidate in the field widely known in this area for but is following the bankrupt her union activities with the policy of supporting capitalist waitresses and exploited cannery party candidates, the Trotskyist workers, in the statement issued candidate has declared her defi- from the SWP campaign headnitive decision to run for the quarters, 232 South Hill Street, office of mayor. Both the AFL and CIO here on a program to make this largest

Since the trade union move-

have declared support for capital- | West Coast industrial center a ist candidates. The AFL has en- 100 per cent union town and to dorsed a lawyer, Anthony En- win security, decent wages, adtenza, while the CIO Council, equate housing and living condi-Stalinist-dominated, has endorsed tions, and abolition of racial dis-Mayor Gletcher Bowron, who is crimination. also backed by all the "notables," including the head of the Cham- ceiving wide circulation here, the Trotskyist candidate emphasizes ber of Commerce.

The first union meeting to re- that a fundamental solution to ceive the Trotskyist candidate's the problems of the Los Angeles newly printed platform was the workers and oppressed minorities longshoremen's meeting at can be achieved only through a Wilmington Thursday night. De- national and international prospite the announced opposition gram to free all workers from of the union officials, union rank capitalist wars and exploitation. and filers outside the hall gave The most imperative need of the a friendly reception to the leaflets American workers is for their and contributed funds to the Trot- own independent labor party, the skyist campaign.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14 -Offering the first serious labor through nationalization of industry under control of the workchallenge in many years to the ers' own organizations; opposicorrupt and boss-ridden capital- tion to forced labor laws and all ist political machines here, other freedom-destroying legisla-Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist tion; no labor support to or Workers Party candidate for dependence on government agenmayor in the April 7 elections, cies; revocation of the no-strike this week issued the full militant workingclass program on which she will campaign against | consumers' committees to control | of profiteering capitalists." the candidates of the anti-labor prices; a rising scale of wages

The attractive and dynamic |. In the true spirit of interna-

#### Beating the Gun On Forced Labor

Even before a national slave labor bill has been passed by Congress, the City of Columbus, Miss. with a population of 20,000, put into action its own local forced labor law.

Every worker in the city is required to carry a card bearing his or her name, the name of the employer and place of employment. Anyone found without such a card is subject to prosecution as a "vag-

The card also indicates the number of hours per week the worker is forced to work. At the end of each day, the boss writes on these cards how many hours was actually put in. And every month the boss files with the city tax office a report on labor used and absenteeism.

tional workingclass solidarity Myra Tanner Weiss calls for uncompromising defense of the European workers in their revolutionary struggles against imperialist domination and for selfgovernment and self-determination. She appeals for the fighting unity of all workers against their common enemy-the capitalists

CALLS FOR LABOR UNITY

The Trotskyist candidate's declaration points out that she is and could not eradicate the deepthe only candidate for Los An- seated imperialist rivalries begeles mayor who "stands un- tween the United States and reservedly FOR the interests of Great Britain nor eliminate their the producers of society's wealth, underlying class hostility toward | ployers and their "public" agents, the workers of all categoriesand AGAINST the small minority | tion between the capitalist cliques She advances a program for

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negotiated."

unions and employers "drop small

differences into the board's lap,"

can evoke only a big horse-laugh

from the workers. The very ex-

tion board, dominated by the em-

has provided the pretext for the

corporations to brush aside direct

The employers know that with-

negotiations with the unions.

change in this deal. Excuse For Board's Stalling Policies

under American control after the defeat of Japan."

ing too many cases which could be settled by direct negotiations between unions and employers. "Too often," he asserted with a bing power. They know that the straight face, "the board finds a WLB was established to permit tendency among both unions and the corporations to stall the workers' just demands. And they employers to drop small differknow that Roosevelt's wage-freezing policy has bound the WLB to the policy of forbidding wage This delays the settlement of grants to the workers.

Of course, the corporations have not hesitated to make the labor board. As most local union The statement that "both" the grievance committees can testify, the moment the board was put into operation, the bosses answered every grievance complaint with "Take it to the WLB!" The workistence of the compulsory arbitra- ers were put on a merry-go-round, chasing back and forth between the board and the employers.

seas and the land and their other ers can not clinch their bargain- concessions made to the workers tape to "both" the workers and vegetables.

hibited - and the board didn't spend a year or two years coming to a decision.

New York, the WLB stepped in pocketbook workers after the and merit increases.

SHEER, HYPOCRISY

What Davis is trying to do with his hypocritical statement is to whitewash the WLB and refurbish its tattered prestige. The | decisions. workers have come to understand its function. They are demanding that the union representatives withdraw from the board. Davis grievances if it didn't have so But suppose the companies and is seeking to prop up the board unions did agree beforehand to a by disclaiming its pro-employer contract? Then the WLB insisted function as an agency for stalling on its "right" to pass upon the the workers' demands. That is terials, control of the air, the out the right to strike the work- terms of such a contract. Wage why he tries to attribute its red-

William H. Davis, chairman of the pro-corporation War were often and promptly pro- bosses who "refuse" to negotiate

"small grievances." This hypocrisy stands doubly exposéd in the light of the most That's what happened in the important wage cases now pendcoal miners case two years ago. ing in the WLB. What has held After the union and the operators up the decisions in the packagreed to a contract, the WLB inghouse, auto, textile, glass, intervened to rule the wage con- aluminum cases? Some of them cessions a "violation" of Roose- have been before the WLB for velt's "wage-stabilization" policy. over two years. Were they just Just a couple of weeks ago in swamped out by the volume of "small grievances" pouring into to order a wage cut for 8,000 the board? No, these cases have been deliberately stalled by the manufacturers had granted bonus WLB. And when this device became too crude and obvious, Roosevelt tried to take the heat off his WLB by getting his Director of Economic Stabilization Vinson to block any WLB wage

> For Davis to pretend that the Board would not continue to stall many is as absurd as contending that a wild tiger devours raw meat not by preference but only because it can't get fresh

By Joseph Keller

Gang-Up on Miners

coal operators are laying down their preliminary joint barrage in WLB. The paper states: anticipation of the impending struggle against the mine work- froze labor's pay and deprived Negotiations for a union contract renewal begin March 1 authority to grant increases. with the bituminous mine owners STRIKE ONE! Current orders and April 1 with the anthracite

An editorial in the February 15 United Mine Workers Journal Vinson, deprives the War Labor warns the miners that "poisoned publicity designed to arouse the populace against any and all wage demands" is already being "The membership of the UMWA may just as well know how the deck is stacked in advance of the policy committee meeting and wage negotiations. It is a formidable op-

All the government agencies are "backing the attack against THREE AND OUT!" the UMW" declares the editorial. "The lineup includes Director of Vinson, the WLB, the Solid Fuels Administration, the OPA, the Roosevelt administration and the upon utilizing an assumed authority under executive decrees and WLB, are still "playing ball." the infamous Smith-Connally enslavement law to deny the mine been started, because the rules workers' wage demands on toto, were all stacked against labor regardless of the economic justice of the UMWA wage pro-

The editorial charged Secretary of Interior Ickes with "planting" statements in the public press designed to prejudice the miners' case and discredit the UMW leaders. It NLRB Strike Polls further charged that one of the

It is reported that the UMW's nally Anti-Strike Act. policy committee, which meets to 26, will consider a demand for a ent approximately 50 per cent won in the 1943 general coal

#### UMW and AFL

Of great importance for the impending miners' struggle is the outcome of the negotiations for reaffiliation of the UMW, to the AFL.

The AFL executive council meeting in Miami, Fla., last week proved effective in halting gov- new readers during the Militant top. The Militant, as expressed voted to accept the UMW's re- ernnment and employer stalling quest for reaffiliation with an on union grievances. apparent major concession to the mine union on the chief issue previously blocking the reaffilia- Employment Decline tion. That was the matter of jurisdictional disputes, especially after reaffiliation.

has arisen with the UMW's ingetting together with UMW troit employment peak of 700,000. agent. President John L. Lewis for additional parleys.

#### Not Out Yet!

The CIO United Automobile

official organ, the United Automobile Worker, February 15, an-The government agencies and nounces the decision of the board calling on the CIO to "quit" the

"The 'little steel formula' the War Labor Board of any from 'assistant President' James

F. Byrnes, transmitted through 'Stabilization Director' Judge any concessions on 'fringe' economic issues, such as correction of inequalities, shift bonuses, severance pay, etc. STRIKE TWO! Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, declaring that government operation of the Montgomruled that War Labor Board deare merely 'advisory.'

However the WLB is not "out' yet - and neither are the UAW War Mobilization James Byrnes, officials on the WLB. Three Director of Stabilization Fred strikes doesn't disqualify in this game where the rules are made by the government and the emcoal operators, all concentrating president R. J. Thomas and other officials still function on the

This game should never have from the start. The UAW board just wants the WLB to retire to the dugout, but offers to give the big business government another chance at bat against labor with

A real indication of the mood primary reason's for Vinson's re- of the workers toward the nocent ruling requiring OPA ap- strike policy is shown by the recproval prior to any WLB grant ord of strike votes conducted of "fringe" wage increases is "to during the past 12 months by the NLRB under the Smith-Con-

25 per cent hourly wage increase, majorities resulted in 323 of the from \$1 to \$1.25, and full portal- 381 voting units. Only 34 voted to-portal pay instead of the pres- against strike. In 63 per cent of the cases where unions filed notices for strike, the notices were withdrawn before the vote, after mere notice of intent served to speed up settlements. In many cases after strike votes were taken, walkouts did not occur because settlements were hastily concluded.

with its over 600,000 members, that the mere threat of strike ports from our agents, there "We accept the proposed quota workers in a number of instances

Another exposure of Roosevelt's phony manpower "shortaround the disposition of District age" claim, which he deliberate-50, the UMW's organization for ly cooked up in an attempt to coal by-products workers. The push through his forced labor AFL leaders agreed to accept scheme, was presented by UAW the UMW "as is," with jurisdic- Secretary-Treasurer Addes to tional questions to be ironed out Senate committee hearings last However, a further obstacle labor bill.

Addes presented figures showsistence upon a post on the AFL ing a 16 per cent employment R. Stevens, "we had set 500 subs executive council. The council decline in Detroit, key war- as our quota but now we plan to members contend they have no plants center. A survey of 192 oversubscribe the 400 quota set power to give Lewis such a post major war plants showed a drop us by the National Office." without approval of the AFL of 57,000 workers from the level convention. This new issue, it of 347,000 in December, 1943, to appears, will not halt further ne- the January 1945 level of 289,gotiations, as AFL President 000. This would indicate a total William Green is reported to be decline of 100,000 from the De-

CIO Textile Workers President Emil Rieve disclosed that "The Reading Branch was able two thousand textile workers to make a survey on the list of in the New Bedford area subscribers obtained in the previare threatened with unem- ous sub drive and found that we ployment because Army officials received about 55 percent renewhave demanded transfer of 800 als and of these renewals 95% Workers, through its executive key workers, whose removal are unionists. The reason for our board, has declared "Three from their present jobs would high percentage of renewals was Strikes on WLB." The union's jeopardize production.

# TRADE UNION \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund Campaign Notes Notes Total Goes Over Top Ahead Of Deadline

\$8,000

#### \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund

A Fitting Welcome to Our 18 Class-War Prisoners

By Rose Karsner, Campaign Director

One more milestone has been passed in the forward march of the American Trotskyist movement. With one week still to go in its record-breaking campaign, the Socialist Workers Party has gone over the top in its \$18,000 Party Expansion Fund Campaign

Inspired by the homecoming of the last of the 18 imprisoned Trotskyist leaders released from Roosevelt's prisons, the loyal members and sympathizers of the SWP this week shot the fund to \$18, Board of the right to grant labor 221-101 percent of the original quota.

The enthusiasm of the branches was translated into a race to core 100 percent before the termination of the campaign on March 1. All but four of the branches have already reached their objective And these four, which confronted special circumstances, will undoubtedly reach their full quotas before the deadline. The final scoreboard which will appear in the March 3 issue of The Militant ery Ward stores is illegal, has will show why the SWP is called a "party of 100 per-centers."

And something extra! With the balance of the quotas coming cisions cannot be enforced, they in during the next week, the last Scoreboard should register at least STRIKE \$1,500 over the quota. That's our kind of party!

#### FROM THE BRANCHES

Twin Cities: "Check for balance of our quota on way. Credit us ith 100% in this issue."

Dayton: "Enclosed another \$5 toward the Fund Campaign. I can think of no better way to welcome back the comrades from ployers. In fact, the UAW, whose prison than to make the campaign an outstanding success. I was very pleased to learn that the cartoon I chose is on its way. Thanks."

Buffalo: "Though we already reached our 100% we are still collecting on the Fund. Enclosed find check."

Chicago: Belle Radlow-"Enclosed find check for the Fund Campaign which brings our total to \$1,680. Approximately \$200 of this was realized at an extremely successful bazaar which the branch conducted. We're also running a movie party and will send more money next week."

Flint: Thorne—"We undertook a quota of \$25 and have sent in \$40 so far. We expect a few more donations which were promised, so there may be more later."

Detroit: This branch reached its 100% on January 26th but kept on collecting on pledges. Comrade Brent says: "Enclosed find another \$75 toward the Expansion Fund.'

Los Angeles: Myra Tanner Weiss-"Enclosed find check toward our quota. The election campaign is keeping us very busy but we were not too busy to take time out the day our comrades were released from prison to celebrate with a toast to them and their families." And Dan Roberts of the same branch writes: "Enclosed find check for \$400. We are anxious that all branches should have ful-Seventy-one percent of the 98,- filled their quotas by the end of the campaign. We definitely will formulate demands on February 224 workers voting in 381 strike have all our money in by March 1st. Through all the activity around polls favored strike action. Strike the election campaign we never lost sight of our national pledge.



These figures would indicate and determination shown by re- ion militants. backed by a solid vote of the should be no question about our of 75 subs for the new cami-Subscription Campaign.

For instance, Youngstown was by itself'." assigned a quota of 150 subscriptions, but Inez Cope, our agent, felt that the quota of 150 was too low and that 300 would be a more realistic figure."

Jeff Thorne of Flint raised their quota from 10 to 50, clinching the 50-quota by ordering that number of 25c. sub cards.

Seattle: "In our perspective for the next six months," writes

Minneapolis: "Our branch has voiced the opinion that we will be able to get at least 300 subs. We'll be ready to start February 25," according to A. Field, our

J. Russo of Reading reports: due to the emphasis placed upon

Philadelphia is accepted by J. writes: "At our last branch meeting the members present all Miller who says, "Our branch To Hear Address twenty-fifth to start the campaign with a bang!" A. Lynn of Los Angeles:

"While we aren't increasing our designated quota of 2,000 you Lawrence will speak on "The may be certain that Los Angeles Yalta Conference" at the next may be certain that Los Angeles Yalta Conference" at the next will go over its quota, and at an Sunday Night Forum scheduled to study Marxist literature for", she said.

cal: "We accept our quots of Science, 116 University Place. All 2,500. The New York branches readers of The Militant are urged are busy with preparations for to attend. this sub campaign. The New The meaning of the Labor York comrades are confident that Draft measures for the American with the same enthusiasm and workers was the subject under socialist competition we had in discussion at tonight's forum. the first campaign we will exceed | Comrade C. Thomas gave a com-

from the branches in ever-in- numerous questions posed by the creasing quantities, being secur- audience. ed by our agents in shops, at socials, on vacation, through doorto-door work, etc.

the sixteen 25c. subs were sold at our most recent social. It was about the best party we've in San Pedro

M. Bartell, Chicago: "Of the new subs, three are from a large auto plant, sold on the job, as workers Party tonight formally most of our subs are. An inter- opened its new headquarters at esting case was a call I received at the office from a steel worker.

The Militant had been distributtainment, and refreshments. ed at the plant the day before, and he got a copy. He found our clude a section devoted to the address stamped on the paper, sale of books and pamphlets on and called up very excitedly, all subjects of interest to workwanting to know how he and his ers, the branch announces. A full friends could get it every week. list of Pioneer Publishers' works He said the paper was terrific, and other Marxist classics, as and he couldn't understand how well as The Militant and Fourth come he hadn't run across it be- International, will be available. fore. We sent someone to see him, whereupon he bought a sub, and took a few blanks for his

Yetta Fine, San Pedro: "The twelve 25c. subs enclosed were sold by a new comrade while she was in New Orleans on a vaca-This makes nineteen subs she has turned in from there."

READ THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

y itself'."
The quota of 150 subs assigned New York Forum

Branch

Boston

Buffalo

Detroit.

Toledo

Pittsburgh

Maritime Club

Youngstown

New York

Bayonne

Cleveland

Newark

Reading

San Diego

San Francisco

Chicago 2000

groups and friends 300

TOTAL

Twin Cities

Los Angeles

Philadelphia

Members-at-large.

Seattle

Milwaukee

NEW YORK Feb. 18-Frank for 8 P.M. February 25 at the George Grant, New York Lo- New York School of Social

prehensive picture of the latest developments in Congress on the Trial subscriptions pour in forced labor drive and answered

# H. Mason, Detroit: "Eleven of New SWP Hall

SAN PEDRO, Feb. 10 - The 1008 South Pacific Street, room 214. Feature of the evening was

The new headquarters will in-

In Philadelphia THE MILITANT FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

LABOR FORUM 405 W. Girard Avenue and 13th and Market St.,

N.W. corner

# Pioneer **On Yalta Parley** Notes

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1356

87

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3185

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3023

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Percent

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118

109

109

108

106

106

101

100

100

100

100

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100

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101%

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A woman who has just begun makes the following comment on the pamphlet, "The Founding Conference of the Fourth International. "The pamphlet as a whole is

wonderful, but I felt that the section entitled, 'The Road to the Woman Worker' was outstandingly interesting. It deals with the reasons why it is especially important for women to come into the Trotskyist movement. It points out that the decay of capitalism deals its heaviest blows to the woman as a wage earner and as a housewife. I had never before thought of women as a specific layer of the working class, with their own problems as an exploited group."

This pamphlet contains the program and resolutions of the Fourth International which were adopted at its founding conference in 1938.

The Socialist Workers Party branches are putting Pioneer's newest pamphlet, "American Workers Need a Labor Party," to good use, as the following letters testify. The literature agent in Detroit

writes: "We sold 17 more pamphlets at a union meeting where we previously had sold the same amount. Every active member of the local will have one before long." Toledo: "We are having a lo-

cal campaign on the Labor Party pamphlet and so far it has gone along fairly well. In the first two weeks we sold 200 of the 500 you sent us."

The Founding Conference of the Fourth Int'l American Workers Need Labor Party

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# **WORKERS LAID OFF** DESPITE 'SHORTAGE

The campaign of the Ad-them at a large profit on the ministration to put over forced home market." Among other labor, supported by claims of typical examples cited in Econ-Army-Navy brass hats that a widespread "labor shortage" exists, is based upon misin- and the discharge of the skilled formation and deliberate distortion of fact. This was virtually admitted by Undersecretary of War Patterson who told newspapermen last week that there ing at only half its capacity. Some is no actual shortage of manpower. He made this admission after testifying in favor of the slave labor measures before the jobs which could be easily handled Senate Military Affairs Com- by women. Yet the Army has been

The CIO Economic Outlook for February cites a number of instances to show that where production has been curtailed, it is not because of any alleged "labor shortage," but because employers are closing down their least profitable operations. The Woodworkers and Textile Workers Unions report two notable examples of cutbacks and curtailment of military production prompted by the employer's greed for profits. Despite the hue and cry about a lumber shortage, "Camps have been closed, men laid off and equipment left idle in the face of the protests of the loggers and of the Union with no other apparent reason than, as frankly admitted by one operator, that the operation was not profitable enough." In the textile industry, "com-

panies have deliberately made goods which have failed to meet military standards in order to sell

## **New York Local Welcomes Return** Of Grace Carlson

Over 150 comrades and friends were on hand to greet Grace Carlson at a party given by the Socialist Workers Party Saturday evening Feb. 17 to welcome her back to New York after her absence of over 14 months from this city. Grace spent over 13 of these months in Alderson Penitentiary, West Virginia, as one of the 18 prisoners in the Min- men. "There are today 20,000 neapolis Labor Case. Upon her release January 24 she went directly to the Twin Cities to spend a few weeks with her family and comrades.

Surrounded by sympathetic comrades and friends, Grace expressed her pleasure at being free a gain and said she was happy to be back in New York and to take up her work where she had left off. "I am ready to do whatever is needed to further the program of the only party that is worth

omic Outlook is the halting of all production at the American Locomotive plant, Schenectady, N. Y. workers employed there.

The CIO paper reports: "Ford's River Rouge plant-the largest foundry in the world-is operatsix to seven thousand foundry workers have been laid off or transferred to other jobs within the plant. Many are nut on light furloughing soldiers to work in foundries, because of shortage of

In regard to the supposed "labor shortage" in steel, the CIO Steelworkers Union estimates a loss of 2,350,000 tons of ingot steel a year because the steel barons have closed down highcost facilities. Nearly 60% of the socalled "critical" plants in New Jersey were closed on New Year's Day because the employers wanted to avoid paying premium overtime pay.

Discrimination against millions of willing and able Negro workers continues despite the "labor shortage" ballyhoo. "Four thousand Negro women are willing to work in St. Louis, yet the small arms ammunition plants there will not hire them. Certain Detroit plants refuse to hire as truck drivers Negro veterans who have served as truck drivers in the Army. A ration board in the south refused gasoline allowances to a Negro automobile owner because white workers travelled back and forth to work with him in a car pool. A shipbuilding company in Texas refuses to employ Negro welders graduated from a government training school nearby. A Chicago plant has never registered with the USES because it knows the USES would send Negro workers. In Cincinnati plant after plant refuses to employ Negroes in skilled jobs.

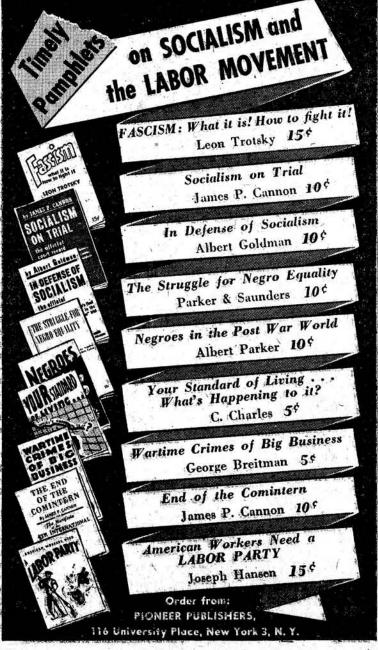
Discrimination against women workers is becoming common Women workers are being fired, as at Yellow Truck and Coach Division of General Motors, while the companies clamor for more women in Detroit with war work experience who cannot find jobs. These CIO reports directly from

the production lines explode the false propaganda being issued by the administration to help ran through the forced labor bill.

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# A Report From France On What Workers Want

gan of the Parti Communiste Internationaliste (International Communist Party) French section of the Fourth International. In the four months since this article was written, the deGaulle gove ernment has more and more openly proceeded against the factory committees and militias referred to in the article.—EDITOR.

All the letters from the factories allude to the essential problems of the present hour: wages and above all the renewal of work in the factories; the purge [of collaborationists]; the militias; democratic liberties. Concerning wages, most of the letters have dealt with the dole of 1,600 francs allowed monthly to the workers. "We do not want doles, we want our wages, we want work, the establishment of rotation on jobs and the sliding scale of hours of work [so that all can have jobs]." This is the way the workers express themselves.

Everywhere they demand the renewal of work. "There is work of favorable treatment accorded to these gentlemen (five doctors day which is destroyed and pillaged. Let us destroy the opposition of the bosses, nationalize of the workers!)—such are the without compensation or in- desires of the toiling class. demnity the heavy industries, re- FACTORY MILITIAS turn to production according to unions, under workers' control mittees." Twenty-five thousand militias into "permanent militias," workers from the B.M.W. railroad our factory Militias, serving by demonstrating at Argenteuil.

WORKERS TAKE OVER

In the Caudron factory the workers show the way. They have play the role of watchdogs in chased out the old management. the service of the bosses, but will The new manager is an old trade defend the workers' organizaunion militant. He is assisted by tions, the workers' meetings and two workers' delegates. The elect- demonstrations, strikes against ed factory committee takes upon the red-baiters and the fascists. itself numerous functions: it rules | Notable is the existence of a on all questions concerning the Liaison Committee of Inter-Miliorganization of work, on wages, tias which has been established hiring new workers, etc. "In a | in the West suburb, grouping toword, it is the real governing gether about forty factories. An organism of the factory." The attempt is being made to sabotage purification commission, assisted this Committee despite the desire by the militia, also works well: it for it of the worker-militiamen has liquidated a good number of tion [under the Nazis].

The problem of the purge is, as a matter of fact, very often formulated by the workers. Strikes at the CARBONE - LORRAINE plant, at WESTINGHOUSE, at the C.M.S.C. factory, etc. have shown the workers' determination not to recommence work with managers and foremen who, backed by the S.S. and the Gestapo, super - exploited the workers during four years. A real purge, publication of the interrogations of the [big capital- again, only the action of the ists] Lehideux, Worms, Gignoux workers, resolute, unified, can etc., their speedy trial by the make possible the triumph of the

"socialism in a world of peace

and plenty; independent working

class political action; true free-

dom from want and fear: elevated

living standards; social and cul-

tural advancement of all man-

kind." She calls for a struggle

against "capitalism with its wars

and depressions; the wage and

job freeze; lowered living stan-

dards; the regimentation of la-

bor; race hatred and discrimina-

She further pledges to "use the

power and influence of her office

to fight for nationalization of in-

dustry and control of factories

and plants by the workers' own

organizations, the trade unions,

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Concerning the Militias, numera plan formulated by the trade ous are the complaints of the workers who are indignant at the exercised by the factory com- transformation of the factory track workers demonstrate at the into "patriotic guards," in other North (railroad) station against words into police auxiliaries under the coming layoff. "We want the orders of the chief of police work," demand the hundreds of and the bosses. "We want to keep rotation, with their own elected leaders.

The militias do not want to

"Democracy should be observed collaborators who pushed production [under the Nazis]. in the factory," say also our correspondents. "We want meetings of the factory workers more frequently, wall newspapers so that all the workers can express themselves daily; we want all important decisions to be taken in accord with all the workers. Thus, in the Jumo factory, the steering committee has been bureaucratically suppressed without the workers being able to give their

views" Such are the problems of the hour for the workers. Once

elected popular tribunals, the end | demands of the exploited masses. TROTSKYIST CANDIDATE ISSUES FULL PROGRAM

His letter concluded: "So you ee we G. I.'s get a line on what once in a while and are not entirely dependent on the daily press

MYRA TANNER WEISS

Declaring that the political in- contract of a provision for autostrument needed now for the na- matic wage increases to meet tionalization of industry is an In- rising living costs and "the endependent Labor Party, the SWP forcement of this provision platform states that a vote for through continuous pressure of its candidate is a vote in favor the labor unions." She points out of the formation of labor's own how the Los Angeles "shipyard party. "There are no 'friends of | workers won such a provision in labor' in the capitalist political their union contract after long parties, Democratic or Repub- and persistent struggle. But the lican. Roosevelt has rewarded the shipyard bosses, encouraged by workers who voted for him in the Roosevelt administration, the last election by pressing for have refused to carry it out."

Taking a fighting stand against

any form of race hatred and distent with having frozen wages, crimination as a chief weapon of he now seeks to shackle the worklabor's enemies, the Trotskyist ers to their jobs and convert them candidate's program declares: into helpless prisoners of the Racial discrimination and per-The Trotskyist candidate calls secution are especially rampant in the Los Angeles area. Antifor the inclusion in every union Semitism is rife. Negroes, Mexicans, Filipinos and Japanese are slandered, threatened and victimized by fascist-minded vigi-FOURTH INTERNATIONAL lantes encouraged by cost-plus 'patriots' who drape themselves with the American flag and proceed to imitate Hitler and his Nazi gangsters." The Trotskyist candidate denounces "the municipal system of 'race Zoning',' which has meant that "racial and national minorities are

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herded into virtual ghettoes."

### **UAW Referendum On Strike Policy Nears Conclusion**

(Continued from page 1)

against the pledge in the refer-

One of the features of the Rank and File campaign was the publication of a national paper, the Rank and Filer. The first issue of the paper, published by the National Steering Committee elected by the Rank and File delegates at the convention, came off

the press several weeks ago. The Rank and Filer, a fourpage tabloid, explains the program of the Rank and File, contains a number of effective articles on the need for rescinding the no-strike pledge, blasts the threatened forced labor law, and calls on the auto workers to continue to build the militant cau-

RANK AND FILE PROGRAM

In addition to opposition to the no-strike pledge, the three other major points of the Rank and File program are: Break, the WLB by removing UAW members from regional and national War Labor Boards; Smash the Little Steel Formula by hitching wages to the rising cost of living; and begin today to build for an Independent Labor Party tomor-

All the top UAW officials, aided by the corporation newspapers, Roosevelt, the Murray-Hillman campaign during the referendum. Their chief argument was based on flag-waving in the name of the boys in the foxholes."

However, some UAW militants in the armed forces did a bit of talking for themselves. A typical example of their sentiments was er now in the Army, Pvt. Floyd (Mike) Bracy, published in the February 1 Spicer Unit News.

It seems to me that as long as war and the fascist terror." the CIO maintains its no-strike pledge they are in the same boat follows: that the Greek ELAS will be in as soon as the British talk them into surrendering their arms. army without arms."

try for a period under army command. One, who was sent to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant workers have begun the battle. at Jackson, Michigan, stated that cents per hour. The top rate was ERAL STRIKE! 96 cents. The same jobs in Akron are paying \$1.06 and \$1.12 per hour. He felt that was the main cause of the low morale of the of June 1936.

for an opinion about the home Fight for Workers' Rights

"Might Is Right" By Covington Hall (Tune: "Auld Lang Syne")

Might was right when Spartacus Went down in seas of blood, And when the Commune perished In the selfsame crimson flood; And might was right at Auto-Lite, At Ford and Chevrolet-'Tis the logic of the ancient

world. And the Gospel of today." Might is right when Morgan

A hell in every home; And might is right when banks foreclose. And turn us out to roam. And might is right when bosses

To cut the workers' pay: 'Tis the logic of the ancient world. And the Gospel of today."

Might was, it is, e'er will be, The One and Only Right; And so, O hosts of Toil awake! O workingmen, unite! Unite! Unite! For Might is Right, 'Tis freedom's only way-'Tis the logic of the ancient

And the Gospel of today."

[Reprinted from Spicer Unit News.1 French Trotskyist Call to Action

Le journal des trotskystes

qui luttent depuis 5 ans dans l'illégalité contre la guerre impérialiste et la terreur fasciste.

en Juin 36!

against fascism.

Hitler Seffondre

S Américains approchent de Paris. La classe ouvrière doit mettes profit la situation et passer à l'action pour assurer elle-mêm, sa l'oération contre la terreur et la dictaure, contre se exploiteurs capita listes. Suivez le mot d'ordre rève générale de la C.G.T. allégals. Déjà, les chemines sont entrés en lutte. ES Américains approchent de Paris.

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parce qu'elle a peur de es et les S.S., en vous rmées : la Résistance a refusé de les arme Mais les Milices la classe ouvrière. ARM z-vous ous-mêmes en désarmant les flies, les fasc emparant des arsenaux Surtout, n'oublie me vous. APPEL Z LES A RATERNISER, NS LA LUTTE CON RE LEURS OURREAUX ET allemands désertent e

DRE A VOUS DANS LA LUTTE COM à vous donner leurs LES NOTRES : LE orces le permettra, OUVREZ LES PRISONS, OC PEZ LES MAIRIES et i gués démocratiquement élus par les assemblées e quartiers. equel nous, PARTI COMMUNISTE INTERNATION Voilà le pr Parti Communiste Français et le Parti Socialiste à L' partis ouvriers, no

> Pour le PAIN, la LIBERTÉ et la PAIX VIVE LA GRÈVE GÉNÉRALE! Le Comité Central du PARTI COMMUNISTE INTERNATIONALISTE

# machine in the CIO and the Stalinists, ganged up against the UAW militants in a slanderous UAW militants in a slanderous French Trotsky ist Call o Revolutionary Action

sued in the critical days when the Nazi power was cracking in Paris and the Allies had not yet a letter from a Toledo auto work, arrived. It was issued as a special number of "La Verite," organ of the Trotskyists of France which, as the heading states, "has been fighting Private Bracy declared in part: for five years in illegality against the imperialist

The text of the general strike call reads as

"HITLER IS CRUMBLING"

"The Americans are nearing Paris. The work-Without the right to strike labor ing class must take advantage of the situation is in the same position as an and go into action to secure by its own power its liberation against fascism and reaction, a-His letter describes the experi- gainst terror and dictatorship, against its capiences of several of his buddies talist exploiters. Follow the order of the day ordered to work in private indus- for a general strike at the illegal C. G. T. (Trade Union Confederation). Already the railroad

"LONG LIVE THE STRIKE OF THE RAILwhat impressed him most was ROAD WORKERS! SUPPORT IT as the metal the dissatisfaction among the civ- workers who have stopped work in several facilian workers. It seems that most tories have already done. Go to your place of of them were originally from work and, everywhere at the same time, in the Akron, Ohio. He was paid 78 factories, the offices, the yards, launch the GEN-

> "For your demands: 50 per cent raise and a living wage, the return to the social conquests

"For control of the canteens and food distribution by your elected delegates.

"For control of production in order that it is actually going on in the world will no longer serve the imperialist war but the needs of the people.

"For workers' rights: the right of free trade unions, the recognition of the right of the workers to arm themselves and organize into Work-

"For the immediate liberation of the hostages taken July 14, and of all political prisoners. "Occupy your factories as in June 1936!

"Laid-off workers, support the strike. Go back

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to your factories, occupy them or join factories fighting in your area. "As in June 1936, get together in the factory

and elect your delegates. Let them constitute antly a national liberation strugther Factory Committee. Let the delegates of gle. That it had aspects of such your Factory Committee get in contact with a struggle is undeniable. For those of neighboring plants.

various factories, the strike will become in- by British finance capitalism. vincible as it was in June 1936.

and districts. They must occupy the vital points how closely the Greek ruling of the factory and prevent the management from warning the Gestapo and the police. They must establish contact between the factories and the districts. They must organize food distribution. They must protect the strikers against the police, the brigands of the S.S., the Gestapo and the Militia of Darnand (Vichy).

"But the Workers' Militias are badly armed: the Resistance has refused to arm them because it fears the working class. Arm yourselves by that many joined the EAM bedisarming the cops, the fascists and the S.S., taking over arsenals and badly-guarded stocks.

#### Fraternize With German Soldiers

"Above all, do not forget that among the armies of occupation the strikers also have their allies. The German soldiers are deserting in droves. They are workers like you. Appeal to them to fraternize and give you their arms, to join you could readily support those asin the struggle against their hangmen and ours: the S. S. and the Gestapo.

"As soon as the relation of forces will permit, open the prisons, occupy the city halls and in- But it would be wrong to con- is satisfied with capitalist democstall there the delegates democratically elected sider the struggle of the EAM as racy. What the Greek masses by the factory and district councils. "This is the program upon which we, the In-

ternationalist Communist Party, call the workers' parties, particularly the French Communist Party and the Socialist Party, to unity of action. "For bread, liberty and peace.

"LONG LIVE THE GENERAL STRIKE!" (signed) Central Committee of the

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#### masses under the leadership of the EAM-ELAS, against the British imperialists and their Greek puppets, it is necessary to analyze the character of that struggle. In the Spanish civil war the

port to the Loyalist Government Greek masses.

in its fight against Franco be-

WHY WE SUPPORTED

**'EAM-ELAS' STRUGGLES** 

By M. Morrison

fascists supporting the Greek cism and for bourgeois democ-

To explain why we supported the struggle of the Greek

be one for bourgeois democracy against fascism. Every one who not one which had as its aim the read our literature knew that we establishment of a workers' and were opposed to the Loyalist peasants' government determ-Government and would not have ined to do its part in organizing hesitated to replace it with a a Socialist United States of Eurworkers' and peasants' govern- ope. The masses followed the ment had we had a majority of EAM at the head of which was the people behind us. But our a combination of Stalinists, Soopposition to the Loyalist Gov- cial-Democrats and liberals. The ernment did not prevent us from leadership of the EAM is similar giving it material support as in character to the Spanish Poagainst Franco. Bourgeois de- ular Front Government. The mocracy is an evil which we want Greek masses undoubtedly want to replace with workers' democa fundamental social change. racy but it is to be defended That was also true of the Spanish masses in the Spanish civil Was the struggle of the EAM- war. But the Greek masses were ELAS one that can be said to following a leadership which limhave been similar in character ited itself to a struggle against to the struggle of the Loyalist the reactionary forces represent-Government against Franco? On ed mainly by the monarchy and the side of the EAM the leader- supported by British imperialism, ship was certainly fighting for just as the Spanish masses folno more than bourgeois democ- lowed a leadership which limited racy. Undoubtedly there were itself to a struggle against fas-

Government and its British mas- racy. A common factor in the Rus-But it would be stretching the sian Revolution of February meaning of fascism far too much 1917, in the struggle of the Rusto say that the British imperial- sian masses against Kornilov, in ists and their Greek puppets re- the Spanish civil war and in the presented fascism. As events Greek civil war, is that objectshowed they were perfectly will- ively they can all be considered ing to cover their rule with dem- a stage in the struggle of the ocratic promises, later to be ful- masses to establish their own filled or not, depending on the workers' and peasants' governmilitancy and power of the mass- ment. The victory of the Ruses. While they used the methods sian masses in the February of fascist dictatorship, the lan- Revolution and against Korniguage was bourgeois democratic lov permitted them to go on to in character. The British masters the October Revolution. The deand the Greek servants repres- feat of the Loyalist Government ented reaction in general but not was a set-back to the workers' that specific form of reaction revolution in Spain. The comwhich we designate by the term promise between the EAM and the reactionary forces in Greece, disarming the ELAS soldiers, constitutes a terrible blow to the

On the part of the masses the struggles I mentioned above were struggles to make possible the victory of the workers' revolution. As revolutionary Marxists we were obligated to support those struggles.

a long time Greece has been a "By expanding to various corporations, to the semi-colonial country dominated ATTITUDE TOWARD EAM The fact that the Greek monarch, what extent Trotskyists partici-"Join the Workers' Militias of the factories to the British imperialists shows of the EAM. We can take it for

Since the dominant role in the

civil war against the EAM was

played by the British imperialist

army, it is very easy to fall into

the error of considering the

struggle to have been predomin-

#### represented by Churchill. NATIONAL LIBERATION

The Greek masses had just gotten rid of the German imperialist yoke and consequently were tempt to decide the fate of the struggle of the EAM. Their Greece. It is undoubtedly true cause they wanted the Greek people to be free of any alien con-

Revolutionary Marxists support struggles for national liberation except where they are submerged in an imperialist conflict. Under the particular con-struggle it is waging is a proditions of the Greek civil war we gressive one. pects of the EAM struggle which port to the EAM because at the can be said to have been part of head of that organization is a a struggle for national liberation. Popular-Front combination that primarily a struggle for national need to solve their vital problems liberation. One need only consider a struggle of the masses of peasants dedicated to the task of India against British imperial- aiding in the establishment of a ism to realize the difference be- Socialist United States of Eurtween the character of a strug- ope. gle which is primarily one for national liberation and a struggle like the one waged by the Greek masses, in which the as- some compromise with the Britpects of national liberation are ish imperialists and their puppets. present but are secondary in im- Take power into your own hands

The essential nature of the Greek civil war was a struggle of the masses against all the reactionary capitalist forces represented by the monarchy and supported by British imperialism. When the Papandreou Government, under Churchill's orders, directed the ELAS troops to surrender their weapons, the masses realized that it could only mean an attempt to reinstate the monarchy and the reactionary forces behind it and thus to prevent the workers and peasants from establishing a government devoted exclusively to their interests. In a certain sense the action of the Greek masses is analagous to the action of the Russian masses in February 1917, when they overthrew the Czar, and in September 1917 when they fought against Kornilov who organized the reactionary monarchical and bourgeois forces in an attempt to overthrow Kerensky. The Russian masses did not want the monarchy and all that it repres-

Trotskyists gave material sup- ented and the same is true of the

cause we considered that fight to POPULAR FRONT The struggle of the EAM was

Greek workers and peasants.

At present we do not know to granted that there were many do class is connected with the class ing their utmost to defeat the British imperialists and their Greek puppets. Participating in that struggle, they undoubtedly explained to the worker-soldiers of the ELAS why they gave material but not political support to explanation must have been in somewhat the following man-

> 1: We are fighting with you for the defeat of the reactionary forces represented by the monarchy and supported by British imperialism. We give material support to the EAM because the

2. We give no political sup-

3. We warn you that the leadership of the EAM will make and call upon the working masses of Europe and America to come to your aid.



'Freedom from Want'

# Leon Sedov: Brave Revolutionary Fighter SHOP TALKS

Trotsky, died in a Paris hospital seven years ago on February 16, 1938. Only thirty-two years old, Sedov had lived his entire life in the international Socialist movement, giving to it all of his talents, energies and devotion. He was a true son of the Russian revolu-

When the bitter news of Sedov's sudden death reached Leon Trotsky, exiled in Mexico, he wrote "Leon Sedov-Son, Friend, Fighter," a stirring tribute to this great young revolutionist. We reprint below sections from that pamphlet.

Sedov was one of the outstanding leaders of the young Soviet workers who fought in the Russian Left Opposition against the bureaucratic degeneration of the Soviet state and the Communist International. Throughout the struggles of the Left Opposition, Sedov worked side by side with Trotsky. After Trotsky's expulsion from the Soviet Union in 1928, Sedov voluntarily went into exile to work tirelessly as his father's collaborator.

The GPU, Stalin's secret police, hounded Sedov, laid trap after trap in attempts to kill him. In 1938, while Sedov, apparently recovering from an operation for appendicitis, lay helpless in a Paris hospital bed, Stalin's agents finally succeeded.

Sedov lives in our memory as a symbol of the revolutionary youth of the world. His name is indelibly inscribed on the banner of the Fourth International which will bring the liberation of all mankind.

#### By Leon Trotsky

While but a child—he was going on twelve—he had, in his own way, made the transition from the February revolution to that of October. His boyhood passed under high pressure. He added a year to his age so that he might more quickly join the Komsomol (Communist Youth), seething at that time with all the passion of awakened youth. The young bakers, among whom he carried on propaganda, would award him a fresh loaf of white bread which he happily brought home under his arm, protruding from the torn sleeve of his jacket. Those were fiery and cold, great and hungry

Of his own volition Leon left the Kremlin for a proletarian student dormitory, in order not to be any different from the others. He would not ride with us in an automobile, refusing to make use of this privilege of the bureaucrats. But he did participate ardently in all Red Saturdays and other "labor mobilizations", cleaning snow from the Moscow streets, "liquidating" illiteracy, unloading bread and firewood from freight cars, and later, as a polytechnic student, repairing locomotives.

If he did not get to the war front, it was only because even adding two or as much as three years to his age could not have helped him; for he was not yet fifteen when the civil war ended. However, he did accompany me several times to the front, absorbing its stark impressions, and firmly understanding why this bloody struggle was being waged...

#### Leon's Exposure of the Moscow Trials

Leon's chief literary work was his book, The Red Book on the Moscow Trial, devoted to the trial of the Sixteen (Zinoviev, Kamenev, Smirnov, et al.) It was published in French, Russian and German. At that time my wife and I were captives in Norway, bound hand and foot, targets of the most monstrous slander. There are certain forms of paralysis in which people see, hear and understand everything but are unable to move a finger to ward off mortal danger. It was to such political paralysis that the Norwegian "Socialist" government subjected us. What a priceless gift to us, under these conditions, was Leon's book, the first crushing reply to the Kremlin falsifiers.

The first few pages, I recall, seemed to me pale. That was because they only restated a political appraisal, which had already been made, of the general condition of the USSR. But from the rightly live in the hearts of all those who work, suffer and strug- Siantos, Secretary-General of moment the author undertook an independent analysis of the trial, gle for a better world. Revolutionary youth of all countries! Accept the Stalinist party and spokes of the Mead Senate Investigat-I became completely engrossed. Each succeeding chapter seemed to me better than the last. "Good boy, Levusyatka!" my wife and I said. "We have a defender!"

How his eyes must have glowed with pleasure as he read our warm praise! Several newspapers, in particular the central organ of the Danish Social Democracy, said with assurance that I apparently had, despite the strict conditions of internment, found the means of participating in the work which appeared under Sedov's name. "One feels the pen of Trotsky. . ." All this is-fiction. In the book there is not a line of my own. Many comrades who were inclined to regard Sedov merely as "Trotsky's son"-just as Karl Liebknecht was long regarded only as the son of Wilhelm Liebknecht-were able to convince themselves, if only from this little book, that he was not only an independent but an outstanding figure.

Leon wrote as he did everything else, that is, conscientiously, studying, reflecting, checking. The vanity of authorship was alien to him. At the same time every line he wrote glows with a living flame, whose source was his unfeigned revolutionary temperament.

#### The Making of a Young Revolutionist

This temperament was formed and hardened by events of personal and family life indissolubly linked to the great political events of our epoch. In 1905, his mother sat in a Petersburg jail expecting a child. A gust of liberalism set her free in the autumn. In February of the next year, the boy was born. By that time I was already confined in prison. I was able to see my son for the first time only thirteen months later, when I escaped from Siberia.

His earliest impressions bore the breath of the first Russian revolution whose defeat drove us into Austria. The war, which drove us into Switzerland, hammered into the consciousness of the eight-year-old boy. The next big lesson for him was my deportation from France. On board ship he conversed, in sign language, about the revolution with a Catalan stoker. The revolution signified for him all possible boons, above all a return to Russia.

En route from America, near Halifax, the eleven-year-old Levik struck a British officer with his fist. He knew whom to hit; not the sailors who carried me off the ship, but the officer who issued the orders. In Canada, during my incarceration in the concentration camp, Leon learned how to conceal letters not read by the police and how to place them unobserved in the mailbox. In Petrograd he found himself immediately plunged into the atmosphere of Bolshevik-baiting. In the bourgeois school where he happened to be enrolled at the beginning, sons of liberals and Social Revolutionaries beat him up because he was Trotsky's son. Once he came to the Wood-Workers' Trade Union, where his mother worked, with his hands all bloody. He had had a political discussion in school with Kerensky's son.

Thus a future fighter took shape. For him, the revolution was not an abstraction. Oh no! It seeped into his very pores. Hence derived his serious attitude toward revolutionary duty beginning with the Red Saturdays, and tutoring of the backward ones. That is why he later joined so ardently in the struggle against the bureaucracy. . .

#### Stalin Is Responsible for His Death

Material difficulties and privations Leon bore lightly, jokingly, like a true proletarian: but of course they too left their mark. Infinitely more harrowing were the effects of subsequent moral tortures. The Moscow Trial of the Sixteen, the monstrous nature of the accusations, the nightmarish testimony of the defendants, among them Smirnov and Mrachkovsky, whom Leon so intimately knew and loved; the unexpected internment of his father and mother in Norway, the period of four months without any news; the theft of the archives, the mysterious removal of my wife and myself to Mexico; the second Moscow Trial with its even more Athens early in December.



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delirious accusations and confessions, the disappearance of his which fought the Nazis, are rebrother Sergei, accused of "poisoning workers"; the shooting of ferred to in British communiques countless people who had either been close friends or remained as the enemy . . . Day and night friends to the end; the persecutions and the attempts of the GPU | the man-hunts continue. The poin France, the murder of Reiss in Switzerland, the lies, the baseness, the perfidy, the frame-ups-no, "Stalinism" was for Leon not an abstract political concept but an endless series of moral blows and spiritual wounds.

Whether the Moscow masters resorted to chemistry, or whether companied by British units and everything they had previously done proved sufficient, the conclusion armed with British weapons, are remains one and the same: It was they who killed him. The day of already pushing forward into the his death they marked on the Thermidorian calendar as a major areas of Greece formerly held by celebration. .

Good-by, Leon, good-by, dear and incomparable friend. Your mother and I never thought, never expected, that destiny would STALINIST SELL-OUT impose on us this terrible task of writing your obituary. We lived in the firm conviction that long after we were gone you would be the continuer of our common cause. But we were not able to protect you. Good-by, Leon! We bequeath your irreproachable memory to the younger generation of the workers of the world. You will powers to hunt down the Greek from us the memory of our Leon, adopt him as your son-he is man for the EAM during the ne- ing Committee here to study the herits what THEY made. And we inherit the same working condiworthy of it—and let him henceforth participate invisibly in your gotiations, said he was pleased "manpower problem." But Hut- tions they had." battles, since destiny has denied him the happiness of participating with the agreement and com-

## **Vicious Lies Spread** bout Greek ELAS

Not since Hitler and Mussolini rose to power has world public opinion been inundated by such gross lies as have poured forth from the British propaganda machine around the Greek events. Churchill has not stopped at any falsification in order to cover up the crimes of the Allies in Greece and to smear the people who are fighting for their rights and freedom against the intervention and terror of the British and their agents.

In his propaganda campaign Churchill has used the same techniques perfected by the fascists and which he himself had previously employed in his rabid provocations and armed interventions against the Bolsheviks from 1917

The London Tribune for Jan. 9th nails some of these poisonous devices.

1. The British report of an alleged plot to blow up the conference attended by Churchill and Eden. This, comments the Tribune, was "a particularly crude imitation of the Reichstag Fire technique of the Nazis." They further point out that it would seem rather stupid of the EAM to blow up a conference attended by its own delegates. Neverthebroadcast throughout the world. American movie-goers were shown pictures of the discovery of high explosives bearing "German labels" which were fortunately discovered in the nick of time by British agents who had probably previ

ously planted them. 2. This was followed up by stories of E L A S atrocities Greece to the other since mid- ish: October. None of them had ever

There were plenty of atrocities in Greece. But they were committed on the orders of Churchill, Scobie and Plastiras. MORE FALSE REPORTS

3. The official agencies raised howl about the ill-treatment of Rizopastis, hails this sellout of hostages by the EAM. However, the Greek workers to their worst according to the Tribune, one of enemies and adds that the armthe most prominent of these host- istice "secures internal peace and ages, Madame Metaxas, wife of the former dictator of Greece, people's rights." How bitterly was presented with oranges by her cruel and ruthless jailers at about such shameless deceit! They the conclusion of her interrogation.

Then came the story that EAM had shot more than 100 trade union leaders. In answer to this the Tribune sarcastically observes: "As there were no trade unions, in our sense of the term, in Greece after 1936 - and few before that - it is difficult to see where EAM managed to find so many trade union leaders to shoot.'

#### MISLEADING BROADCASTS

5. To mislead British and American workers who were crying out against the Allied massacres and rallying in support against British prisoners of war of the embattled Greek workers, and of a supposed "reign of ter- the British Broadcasting Co. ror" all over Greece. In the spread reports that union delega-House of Commons Churchill de- | tions visited the British ambassaclared: "Nobody can estimate dor to assure him of their oppothe number of people killed or sition to EAM and their agreearrested before the revolt in ment with British policy. It was Athens actually began." In the soon disclosed that these so-call-N. Y. Post on Feb. 17, Leland ed "labor leaders" were either Stowe reports that he had talked completely unknown individuals with half a dozen British and or had been stooges for the Met-American correspondents who axas dictatorship who had now had traveled from one end of hired themselves out to the Brit-

6. Finally, during and after encountered anything remotely the suppression of the ELAS resembling such a "reign of ter- fighters, the British staged fake ror" - until Scobie's troops and demonstrations in Athens to Papandreou's police began shoot- make the world believe that the ing unarmed demonstrators in Greek people approved their murderous actions. These demon-

# **BOSSES LAUNCH ATTACK** ON BRIGGS UAW LOCAL

By Jeanette Lane

ing the past two weeks in the corporation-government offensive against the powerful union movement here. Foremost in the line of fire has been Briggs Local 212, outstanding militant local of

The employers' intensified at-

of the 5-day strike was wage-

cuts, the basic cause of the walk-

out and the previous long record

of Local 212 defensive actions

was the refusal of the corpora-

strike, as if according to a plan

was called into play in a vicious

Briggs workers, who have been

a spearhead in the rank and file

campaign to restore militant pol-

icies in the UAW, Joining in this

Advancing behind this propa

next step in its campaign to

smash the union — its intention

Morning, noon and night, the

bought press howled in lead ar-

against the Briggs militants, op-

enly inciting to mass firing of

the leading stewards and com-

mitteemen. The boss papers im-

periously demanded that the un-

ion's international officials inter-

vene and take "immediate action"

corporation plea was the failure

of the international officers to

Local 212 President Jess Fer-

the company was "incapable of

settling grievances" and called

a Mack plant meeting on Febru-

From the concerted and frenzi-

their planned offensive against

company provoked a strike, con-

then fired 14 committeemen and

union members, many of whom

have never been able to get back

Now, the deliberate failure of

to come to the defense of the

pany's contract violations, speed-

gives the green light to the com-

invites similar assaults on other

Briggs workers have not suc-

the entire international union

into the plant.

union locals.

the whole international union.

against this "rebellious local."

WANT MILITANTS FIRED

newspapers and radio.

ion militants.

### **Allies Foist Harsh 'Peace' Terms On Greek EAM-ELAS**

(Continued from page 1)

civil war. 'Ever since the "truce" Tribune. "Thousands of ELAS have been imprisoned and are beduring the occupation."

Even while the "peace" nego tiations were going on, five ELAS members were sentenced to death by a military firing squad and another received 10 years imprisonment. In a radio broadcast from Rome on Jan. 20, upon his return from Athens foreign correspondent Leland lice still cram the jail's with those

suspected of belonging to ELAS. According to a dispatch from Athens on Feb. 17, the Royalist and fascist National Guard, acthe ELAS forces, and are disarming the ELAS fighters.

EAM-ELAS bear direct responsibility for giving Churchill-Sco-Instead, Clark Hutchison, an international representative, issued bie-Plastiras these sweeping a press statement about corporworkers and peasants. George Body, Packard and Bohn Alumimented: "Our policy always has any mention of the Briggs corbeen to insure popular liberty poration, whose provocations and democratic evolution. For have been outstanding. His this we will continue to strug- statement appeared in the same gle." Naturally, Siantos did not issue of the paper in which the say how the masses, now being company announced its "investdisarmed in the face of their enemies, can struggle for their libings of 30 to 40 Briggs militants. erty against fully armed police, militia and Allied troops, at whose hands thousands have already been massacred. swered the back-to-work demand

are the Greek workers permitted to speak for "democracy." The day after the armistice was signed, Plastiras' police and militia attacked news vendors in Athens selling EAM's Free Greece newspaper which was discontinued during the civil war days. Many WLB be at the plant no later were injured, according to a Feb.

promises the restoration of the must the Greek masses feel know that such an armistice can bring only the "peace" of the prisons and the graveyards and a "restoration" not of their rights but of savage and bloody

dictatorship. The Stalinist paper brazenly boasts that this deal was made first bitter fruits of the "Big Three" conspiracy against the

strations, arranged by the Greek Chamber of Commerce and the ing at bargaining procedure, British Embassy, were made up n large measure of well-dressed and well-fed upper class Greeks, many of whom had collaborated with the Nazis. There were many Royalist and fascist mercenaries among them.

These demonstrators were no fired upon by the police or Scobie's troops. They had good reasons for cheering Churchill. Had he not put down the workers in order to protect the property, privileges and power of these

242 Broadway, San Diego, Cal. | ful UAW locals in Deroit.

DETROIT, Feb. 17.-New heights have been reached durthe CIO United Automobile Workers.

#### launched early last week when it up.' Local 212 members at the Briggs Mack plant went on strike, folother Briggs plants here and one at Evansville, Ind. Although the immediate issue hand.

imposed upon the Greek people on Jan. 15, "a full-blooded tertion to conduct any semblance ror is raging against all who are of collective bargaining. suspected or denounced for having aided ELAS during the civil war," reports the Jan. 19 London supporters and sympathizers ing held now by the self-same security police which hunted them on behalf of the Germans

The Stalinist leaders of the

Not even through their press than 10 A.M. Monday and act on 14 N. Y. Times report.

The Stalinist organ in Greece, management."

with the consent of Stalin in "the historic decision of the Crimea conference." Here is one of the European masses.

class enemies of the workers?

By V. Grey =

"But look," young Mike was saying, "a man's entitled to what he earns, isn't he?

"Sure, but you don't think Eugene Grace earned all his millions, do you kid?" asked Shorty from behind the orange he was peeling.

"Oh no," Mike said, and he turned a little red, because he was just a kid. Only eighteen. Just out of High School and waiting around for the draft to catch him. But he was twice as big as Shorty and stuck to his point. "But somebody earned it. His father tack against organized labor was and grandfather maybe. And they passed it on to him and he built

"So what?" Shorty threw a peeling at Pop, but missed. "Well, that's why you can't take it away from him. It wouldn't lowed by shut-downs at four be fair," Mike insisted.

"Somebody earned it all right," said Slim. "But it wasn't him." "Well, it wasn't me," Mike said with a generous wave of his

"It was your old man, then," Slim kept on. "It wasn't Grace's ld man, or his partner's, or any other big shots."

Mike thought this was silly. And he said so. "No 'tain't," said Slim. "Your old man and mine-and Shorty's here, and Pop's and all the working people earned it. Only they didn't pass it on to us. They had to turn it over to Grace and his pals. When

From the first moment of the we take things over, we'll just be taking what's rightly ours." "Oh, I see what you mean," Mike said, although he didn't excarefully prepared in advance, actly. "But that's their capital you'd be taking. The workers got every agency of Big Business paid wages for their labor. The investor had to take millions of dollars and put it into industry to give people those wages." Mike

propaganda barrage against the took economics in High School. And he sounded pretty sharp. "Just what is this capital you're talking about?" asked Slim. "It's money used as an instrument of production-didn't you know?" Mike quoted the best school book. And then Slim turned a

labor-hating drive were the WLB, little red because he hadn't ever got to High School and hadn't the corporation-controlled Detroit read all that stuff. "There's your instrument of production," Breezy piped up, as he showed his arm and flexed his muscle. Mike waved him down

corporation openly announced the didn't know a tenth as much as he. "The way I figure it," reasoned Slim "is this. A million dollars might be money that someone has in the bank. But if you were to Stowe declared: "The ELAS, to fire some 30 to 40 leading un- add up all the millions in banks and stocks and bonds it would be more money than there is anywhere. Could you change all that into

money at once, Mike?" "Of course not," chirruped Mike.

ganda bombardment, the Briggs derisively. Here was one subject, he thought, where these old timers

"Then all this capital must be nothing else but factories and ticles and editorials for reprisal mines and the things we work at. Right, Mike?"

Mike didn't say anything. And now Slim really got going. "Let's say Eugene Grace is worth a hundred million dollars. That's just the same as saying he owns a lot of blast furnaces, open hearths, coke ovens, rolling mills and such, that anybody'd be willing to pay a hundred million for-if they had it.

"Now you were saying," Slim went on "that you own what you work for, and you're entitled to it, didn't you? OK. Who worked An indirect response to this to build all those things? Eugene Grace or your old man and mine?" "Well, of course, they did in a way," said Mike, a little con-

fused by this strange departure from High School Economics. Then come to the defense of Local 212. he remembered. "But they got paid for it, didn't they?" "You might call it pay. I call it upkeep," Slim replied. "They got enough to keep them going, and to come back the next day

to work again, and to bring up kids like you and me to work for ation provocations in Murray Grace later on." "And what have the workers got," he continued, "after all that work is over? They got their old age or a grave. Eugene Grace in-

gagged Breezy.

"Say!" Shorty exclaimed, "Look at that strip mill across the way. They just built that ten years ago. Now the company's making big dough out of it. And where are the guys that built it? Half of them are in the army. Fifty lousy bucks a month"-he threw the igation" as a prelude to mass fir- orange peelings at the trash box in disgust.

"Yeah," Slim said after he thought a minute, "all their sweat and part of their lifetime is locked up in that building. And more razza, who is slated for early in- than that. Remember how a couple of the riggers got killed? Think duction into the U.S. Navy, an- the insurance paid their widows and orphans what they would have made the rest of their lives? Like hell it did." He stopped because of the WLB with the charge that he was beginning to burn.

Then he said, "That strip mill belongs to us working people. don't care what the present laws say. The working people paid ary 9. The meeting voted not to for it with their labor and their lives. And all that was ever paid return to work until the follow- to them was just enough to keep them going so they could build ing Monday, with the stipulation more mills and run them so Eugene Grace could suck the blood out that "at least 2 members of the of more of us than ever."

### our grievances against Briggs management." Protests Compel Reduction From the concerted and frenzied character of the attack on Local 212 it is obvious that the Of Court-Martial Sentence main and immediate target in

As public indignation mount- | present war and objected to beared in protest against the mon-The tactics employed by Briggs strous death penalty imposed a follow the pattern previously es- week ago on 27-year-old Private tablished in the Budd Wheel Henry P. Weber of Vancouver, strike. In the latter case, the Wash., his sentence has been progressively cut down. On Feb. ducted an "investigation" and 14 the Camp Roberts Military stewards and scores of militant death by hanging and changed Court revoked the sentence of it to life imprisonment at hard labor. When progressive and labor or

the UAW international officials ganizations continued to condemn this savage punishment of Weber Briggs workers against the com- for his Socialist views, and several senators asked about his ups, wage-cuts and nose-thumb- case, the military authorities were forced to retreat still further. The reviewing board changed the pany's union-busting plans and sentence from life imprisonment to 20 years. Finally the Judge-Advocate in Washington set the sentence at five years at hard labor.

In spite of their militancy, the ceeded in settling the issues that upon Weber is not only unduly provoked their defensive strike. harsh in view of the offense with Against the combined power of which he is charged, refusal to the corporations, government and drill, but has been imposed in treacherous UAW leadership, violation of the War Departthe Briggs workers by themselment's own regulations. These ves have been unable to halt the regulations instruct officers to company provocations. What is assign draftees like Weber, who required and what the Deroit auto object to bearing arms, to nonworkers must demand is the de- combatant work without punishfense of the Briggs workers by ing them.

Before his induction into the and the immediate mobilization army, Weber, a member of the of support from the other power- Socialist Labor Party, openly

ing arms to "kill his fellowmen." His subsequent requests for transfer to non-combatant duty were refused by his commanding officers. Instead, to make an example of this Socialist and pacifist objector to capitalist vars, the brass hats twice courtmartialed him and climaxed their persecution by sentencing him to

The Northern California Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union which has undertaken Weber's defense will seek to have the present sentence revoked and secure for Weber the rights of a conscientious objector. Their efforts deserve the support of every defender of democratic rights.



### Negro Struggle

By Charles Jackson

#### The Army Comes Through

Having been given the go-ahead signal by the "liberal" Commander-in-Chief, the Army and Navy Departments are now evidently engaged in an all-out race to determine which group of brass hats can best keep the Negroes in their official, second- tices." (N. Y. Times, June 3,

They have both agreed on a policy of "Keep the Negro down-and if he squawks about being down, kick him farther

The Navy recently came policy of dishing out the most did Roosevelt's War Department cover. While the Roosevelt-Mchazardous work to all-Negro make it known again that it does Nutt plan applied only to male groups. The Navy tried to force not intend to recognize the sug- workers over 17 years of age, the mediately after having seen 300 any Negro officers as to the offiof their buddies blown to smith-ereens.

cial anti-Negro policy.

The Negro soldiers in the bat-

the Army allowed the Navy to fact that they were designated ers in the 18-45 age group. outdo them in any field. That to pick-and-shovel duty regard- The capitulation of the union good old competitive spirit, you less of their qualifications, quite leaders to the "labor program" know, - the Army must come naturally did not relish the idea of the employers was prepared in through.

Islands have been convicted of They refused to leave their bar- a staff writer of the N. Y. Herald-"mutiny" by an army court-mar- racks to work. tial, sentenced to from 15 to 25 HELD FOR MUTINY years at hard labor and given dishonorable discharges.

SOLDIERS PROTEST executive secretary of the the 66th Article of War and giv- as a result of an agreement reach-NAACP, the court martial res- en 10 minutes to get their mess ed with organized farm, labor ulted from a no-work protest gear and go to work which they and industry representatives, the lodged by the soldiers when it finally did. They even complied N. Y. Herald-Tribune learned towas made known that their col- with the demand that they make night." ored officers were to all be re- up the lost time.

white officers. this battalion the same reaction- were subsequently sentenced to created War Mobilization and Reary policy that holds true for the from 15 to 25 years. as any Negro officer is transfer- lowed to come through there tatives of business, agriculture red or otherwise made absent a must have been other contribut- and labor. The labor representawhite officer replaces him. If ing conditions that made the War tives are William Green, AFL, such a rating that he is above authorities. section. This policy is carried case or even worse. It is time power Commission instead of the

perfectly legitimate protest and the Negro "in his place" in this tion and Reconversion, who with- the eyes of the union member- this issue. delivered it to the War Depart- so-called war for four freedoms. ment through perfectly legitimate means as provided for in the sailors, we say again: the Negro rules and regulations. They were careful to make their objections HEARD and SEEN in protest regular channels.

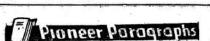
And what did such polite comit brazenly sentenced 50 Negro shots get for them? To the brass a labor draft called for," he said. sailors to from 8 to 15 years after hats such impudence deserved -"mutiny" was, in reality, merely moved from the post and replac- officials of the AFL and CIO is them to return to such work im- gestions or objections of even Kilgore-Wagner bill covers both

But let it never be said that talion, already resentful of the which applies only to male workof being bossed around by the a series of secret conferences or-Well, the Army didn't let us prejudiced white officers. Furth- ganized to work out a "comdown. It has just been revealed ermore, they naturally felt like promise" to the pending Maythat 73 members of a Negro la- showing some loyalty to their Bailey bill. In an exclusive disbor battalion who had been put former Negro officers who had patch from Washington, publishto work on Oahu in the Hawaian just received such a dirty deal, ed over a month ago on Jan. 11

According to Walter White, complied. The men were read war jobs, will be announced soon

placed with prejudiced Southern On the basis of these events It seems that there existed in charges a few days later and

known through nothing but the against this case or else there will be many more.



## TROTSKYISM OFFERS FIGHTING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH, WOMEN

be any place for careerism, the ones. They will remain, at least ulcer of the old Internationals, for the next period, as bystandin the Fourth International. Only ers. When a program of an orthose who wish to live for the ganization wears out, the generamovement, and not at the expense tion which carried it on its of the movement, will find access shoulders wears out with it. The to us. The revolutionary workers movement is revitalized by the should feel themselves to be the youth who are free of responmasters. The doors of our organ- sibility for the past. ization are wide open to them.

Of course, even among the workers who had at one time risen to the first ranks, there are



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The Fourth International pays particular attention to the young generation of the proletariat. All of its policies strive to inspire tensive lend-lease aid to the is Communism which both the youth with belief in its own strength and in the future. Only the fresh enthusiasm and aggressive spirit of the youth can guarantee the preliminary successes in the struggle; only these successes can return the best elements of the older generation to the road of revolution. Thus it was, thus it will be.

Opportunist organizations by their very nature concentrate their chief attention on the top layers of the working class and therefore ignore both the youth and the woman worker. The decay of capitalism, however, deals its heaviest blows to the woman as a wage-earner and as a housewife. The sections of the Fourth stitutions of the existing system of fascism and the present war, realization. Roosevelt, Churchill International should seek bases' of support among the most exploited lavers of the working class; consequently, among the women workers. Here they will find inexhaustible stores of devotion, selflessness and readiness to

Down with the bureaucracy and careerism! Open the road to the youth! Turn to the woman worker! These slogans are emblazoned on the banner of the Fourth In-

(From "The Founding Conference of the Fourth International," pp. 53-54. Published by Socialist Workers Party, 1939; 128 pp., 25 cents. Order from Pioneer Pub-self, Churchill and Stalin and lishers, 116 University Place, New animated all of their deliberations and decisions at Yalta. York 3, N. Y.)

# Union Leaders Combine With Employers To Push Vicious Substitute For May-Bailey Slavery Bill

tion. 'No wonder Mr. McNutt refused to ask for passage of a national service act,' he said. 'He does not need such a law if he can get away with present prac-

James L. McDevitt, President of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, also at that time denounced the Rooseveltthrough with a killer-diller when ment on the policy of the big scheme. It "had everything that That is, "everything" except a having convicted them on a and received — a slap in the legal cover. The Kilgore-Wagner phony "mutiny" charge. This face. They were immediately re- "substitute" endorsed by the top a protest against the reactionary ed by all white officers. Thus designed to provide this legal men and women in all age groups In this respect it is more sweeping than the May-Bailey bill

> Tribune reported: "The collapse of organized resistance to a

modified national service bill, with The colonel was forced to ask the condition, however, that the one of the transferred Negro of- military shall not have the final ficers to order them out. They say on the assignment of men to

SECRET AGREEMENT

The agreement, "was reached they were held on mutiny in secret White House meetings," under the "aegis of the recently conversion Advisory Board. The 92nd in Italy. That is, as soon Although these facts were al- Board is composed of representhere happens to be any Negro Department's sentences seem all Philip Murray, CIO and T. C. officer who has a higher rating the more vicious because addi- Cashen, Railroad Brotherhood. than the transferred officer, then tional parts of White's report The secret agreement provided the white officer is advanced to were consored by the Army that the administration of the proposed forced labor legislation this or any other Negro in this This is another Port Chicago be turned over to the War Manout regardless of the white offi- the Negro organizations were Selective Service which is under The Negro officers drew up a ods that are being used to keep Byrnes, Director of War Mobiliza- hind closed doors and hidden from There can be no compromise on

unbreakable friendship and com-

For the time being, however,

unanimity prevails among the

understand the main factors

needs of the Allies which induced

political rather than military in

character. Roosevelt, Churchill

and Stalin were primarily preoc-

cupied with the revolutionary

mass movements which are be-

ginning to erupt throughout Eur-

ope and which they anticipate

ernments of their own choosing zation.

and make peace among themsel-

ves while they combat the pos-

sessing classes and their sup-

It is this common fear of the

Hitler's collapse.

FEAR MASSES

Big Three." It is important to other country.

which have impelled these powers | many are not solely designed to

at this juncture of events to over- crush German militarism or to

ride their differences and agree eliminate Germany as an indus-

upon common policy. There is trial rival. They are primarily

first the military necessity of constructed to keep the German

completing the crushing of Ger- masses in chains in order to

man resistance and defeating prevent them from overthrowing

Japan. It was these military capitalism and establishing a

Churchill to conclude his 20-year | Hitler's Reich. In their eyes a

treaty with Stalin in 1941 and far greater danger than either

led Roosevelt to give such ex- Hitlerism or Junker militarism

But the principal motives be- designated by its proper contem-

will spread like wild-fire after frustrate their designs, they will

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Graveyard of Grievances



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Allies At Yalta Parley

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## **Unrest Mounting Inside Germany**

Isolated reports continue to trickle through the press censorship, revealing widespread unrest among the armed forces inside Germany. Sporadic soldiers' and sailors' revolts, hunger riots and peace demonstrations have occurred in Berlin and other cities. To cope with the growing insurgence of the war-wearied people, Himmler has intensified the Gestapo terror against the German masses.

Most significant of the reported revolts was that of the German naval personnel in the port of Bremen. Here began the mutiny of German sailors which preceded the end of World War I and precipitated the German revolution of 1918.

According to the N. Y. Times, "A German-language broadcast by the Soviet radio stated that sailors who had been 'dragged' from ships for army to the front. German Elite Guard troops were dispatched to Bremen, Moscow said, and their attempts to quell the revolt resulted in a battle, with a number of casualties on both sides."

REVOLT IN ARMY

ready exhibited in action their what the Real Score An earlier account on Feb. 9 hinted that revolt was rife in the German Army. "Berlin is swept by a new wave of panic," it said, "special Elite Guard detachments had been forced to shoot soldiers who tried to surrender." This was preceded by reports on Feb. 4 of mutiny among German occupation troops in Norway who "fired on their officers when ordered to the East ern Front."

Peace demonstrations among the civilian populace exhibit the same rebellious mood. An AP dispatch from London on Feb. 14 quoted a captured German soldier who said there were large scale peace demontrations in Leipzig. FOOD RIOTS

Food riots have usually been of Greek workers and peasforerunner of revolutionary acants in Athens - and January tion. A dispatch from Berlin in 6, British casualties were the N. Y. Times of Jan. 31 ad-Thus, SEVEN times as that city had rioted and overmany British soldiers and turned a truck-load of potatoes. sailors were killed, wounded Police fired on them, wounding or captured in the ONE month thirty-seven. Such incidents are they were fighting the "liberthe rule, according to George Axated" Greek people, as in the elssen, Times correspondent in TWO months they were fight-Sweden, who reported that "The ing the Nazis! task of maintaining some semblance of law and order and keepthat the war-weary tortured, countries at the close of the First tives which issue out of the secret ing up food supplies is said to starved, and desperate peoples World War by the capitalists and conference at Yalta. But the

be beyond the ability of the polwill turn in mighty wrath their Social-Democratic accom- counter - revolutionary conspiraice and the Nazi party." against all the authorities and in- plices paved the way for the rise cies hatched there are far from No revolutionary movement can succeed today that does not in an iron resolve to take their The definitive defeat of the com- and Stalin are now coming to base itself upon the organizadestinies into their own hands. ing revolutions in Europe by the grips with a force potentially far tions and self-action of the work-They are afraid that the insur- Anglo-American imperialists aid- more powerful than themselves. ing class. Moscow broadcasts say gent workers and peasants will ed by the Stalinists can only plow This is the revolutionary might such organizations are being cre drive out the capitalists and the ground for a new and far of the insurgent European massated within Hitler Germany. Relandlords and take possession of more ferocious reaction. This es impelled by the urge to hew porting new clashes and unrest the factories and fields. They would in turn inevitably culmin- their way out of the bloody capiin Berlin and other cities, the are afraid that the peoples will ate in another world war which talist chaos and create a new Soviet radio said on Feb. 12 that set up genuinely democratic gov- would be the graveyard of civili- Socialist society. "anti-Hitler peoples councils" and Already in Greece, Belgium, workers councils were being Italy and elsewhere the workers formed, and that these councils have displayed their determinaare "calling on workers and civil tion to resist their would-be enservants to strike."

> cipation. And these are only the Buy "The Militant" first actions in a struggle which IN MILWAUKEE will not end until the Socialist at the newsstand on the north-United States of Europe becomes west corner of Wisconsin Ave. on Third St.

# Diary Of A Steel Worker

By Theodore Kovalesky

The locker room is old and gray and dirty, and the sinks and owers and toilets are old and dirty too.

In the locker room, there is a great, fetid stink. In the winter time when the doors and windows are closed, it crawls up out of the toilets and spreads out over the floor and reaches up into the air, fouling it and thickening it so that when you breathe it you feel that it is unclean, and it is thick in your throat and sticky and clinging on your face.

In the summertime the doors are open and the windows too, but a great, fetid stink drips down from the sweat-soaked, dirt-covered clothing of the furnace and stockhouse men. It drips down and oozes over the floor and rises up again into the air, fouling and hickening it, so that when you first come into the locker room, you catch your breath and try not to let the foulness go down into your In the summer and in the win-

ter both, little brown-shelled roaches go scurrying along the walls and over the floor on long, fast legs, and sometimes when the labor gang eats lunch there, opening their paper bags and eating their sandwiches in the far end, away from the toilets, the cockroaches will go running up to the men, tryng to get at those paper bags of sandwiches and Polish sausage and cheap, dry store cake.

Sometimes when the men brush them away, they will go scurrying right back as though they were willing to fight the men over the contents of the paper bags, and

they don't stop until one of the men gets up swearing and crushes heavy workshoe down upon them, so that the brown shell goes 'pop" and they make a dirty little blob on the floor of the locker

And in the winter and in the summer both, there is a scrawny little man that stays in the locker room, an old little man with high Slavic cheekbones and scrubby gray hair and a Slavic face cut deep with a web of wrinkles, an old man named John.

They say that old John was once a big powerful man. They say that when he left the farmlands of his European home for the fabulous cities of "free America" he was a strong man with clear eyes and a proudly-held head.

#### Old John Is All Worked Out

But that was thirty-five years ago, and I never knew John then; but he's nothing like that now. He's worked out. His old body is warped and shrunken, and his old mind is a little silly. John will jabber at you for an hour straight if you let him, and you'll never know what he's trying to tell you.

The fellows say he "froze his brains" when he used to work out at the cinder dump in the cold winters. They say that's how he got silly, and some of them say that's why the company never fired him when he got old. But I don't believe that, because the company had to have a janitor; and why not give it to John as well as anyone else?

The company had to have a janitor to clean up the locker room so it wouldn't get too rotten with filth. They had to have somebody to mop up the big splashes of tobacco juice that spattered duty had barricaded themselves the floor. There had to be somebody to sweep up the clay and the in barracks and had refused to go iron ore that dusted the floor and piled up in the corners and jumped into the air in tiny whirlwinds as you walked by with your heavy, steel-capped shoes.

The company had to have somebody who could take a brush and scrub the porcelain urinals, someone who could take a mop and wash up the floor in front of the old toilets. There had to be somebody who would spend the day shifts and the dark, weary night shifts in the thick, brown stench of the locker room.

And if the company could get somebody who was a little bit silly, somebody who had "frozen his brains," then perhaps he would work out better than an ordinary man, who might think, "Here I've worked all my life for the company, I've sweated and steamed on the furnaces in the hottest weather. I've done all kinds of bull work, going home tired and falling asleep right after supper. Now I'm all worked out, all worn out. And all I get is a stinking locker room that ought to be torn down. All I get is a stinking brush to scrub out the toilets!"

And who knows? Maybe that's all the boss is planning to give

# 10 Years Ago In The Militant

mitted that famished women in SACRAMENTO-Norman Mini, one of the 18 Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union leaders on trial in the frame-up "Criminal Syndicalism" case initiated by California agricultural lords, took the stand. Mini courageously defended his Trotskyist ideas under a vitriolic examination by prosecutor McAlister.

attorney Albert Goldman to introduce socialist explanations of "evidence" introduced by McAlister while he gave full rein to the prosecution.

Eight demands granted by the relief bureau included the right to go to any physician for medical care; free transportation to and from relief jobs; no discrimination; publication of a list of all available surplus foods and their immediate distribution. Also immediate distribution of adequate clothing; direct relief to all those hired on work relief, until receipt of the first work check; no "payment in kind" on work relief, that is, no payment in commodities; no one to be cut from relief rolls

ASHINGTON-The Militant again warned American workers of impending war in the Pacific. "The preparations involve political changes as well as physical ones," said a feature article outlining Roosevelt's designs. "In Hawaii. . . it means a change to a governor completely under instruction of the U.S. Navy. The propaganda for tightening the military grip on the Philippines is already evident.

**FEBRUARY 23, 1935** 

Presiding Judge Lemmon overruled the attempts of defense

WAPAK, OHIO-Unemployed workers of Anglaize County on Febbruary 15 stormed the relief offices in Wapak, the county seat, with an impressive list of demands. One of the leading organizers of the demonstration was a mother of 5 children, whose militancy and courage was a measure of the wrath of mothers condemned by the relief system to see their families in want.

while still in need.



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- 7. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
- 9. The defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

#### Stalinists In Greece

Although the whole world knows of the infamous crimes of the Allies in Greece, the workers are not so familiar with the treacherous role played by the Stalinist leaders of the EAM-ELAS in these tragic events.

The movement headed by the Stalinists originated during the German occupation as a genuine movement of the insurgent workers and peasants. These masses wanted not only to drive out the Nazi invaders but to rid themselves once and for all of their own native capitalists, landlords, militarists and monarchists.

These political aims and social aspirations could have been achieved only through irreconcilable revolutionary struggle for the conquest of power by the workers and the establishment of a workers and peasants government.

But from the first the Stalinist leaders of EAM-ELAS strove to derail the promising movement of the masses from its proper revolutionary course by restricting it to purely national aims within the boundaries of capitalist rule and by subverting it into an appendage of Anglo-American imperial-

They told the rebellious people to place complete confidence in the benevolent intentions of the Allies. Over protests from the EAM-ELAS ranks, Stalinist representatives entered the British-backed monarchist Papandreou government-in-exile, which had imprisoned thousands of Greek soldiers and sailors sympathetic to EAM-ELAS.

When the Germans were driven from the country in October, reliable correspondents report that EAM-ELAS could easily have taken power since it constituted the sole organized force in Greece. Instead the Stalinist leadership prevented the armed workers from assuming power and advised them to welcome the Allied troops as liberators and the puppet Papandreou government as bearers of dem-

Systematically deceiving their followers, the Stalinists led them blindfolded into the bloody trap prepared by General Scobie for the massacre of the Athens demonstrators on December 3, which precipitated the civil war. During the subsequent fighting, forced upon the EAM-ELAS leaders by Churchill's provocations on one side and the workers' demand for self-defense on the other, the Stalinists deliberately refrained from organizing their forces for a struggle to the end and from raising the slogans needed to inspire and rally the masses for a definitive settlement with their enemies. On the contrary, they continued negotiations for compromise terms which ended in their present capi-

As a result of these treacherous policies, the worker and peasant supporters of EAM-ELAS have now been handed over to the British conquerors and their armed mercenaries. And, to add insult to injury, the Stalinist leaders impudently proclaim that democracy and freedom is assured for the Greek people.

The events in Greece constitute one of the most flagrant sellouts of the workers in recent years. But they will not have been entirely in vain if the advanced workers learn from them the necessity of rejecting the class collaborationist People's Front policy of the Stalinists and driving these cunning and criminal agents of their enemies out of labor's ranks.

#### End Of Isolationism

The Crimean conference marks the definitive collapse of American "isolationism." The most authoritative spokesmen for all sections of the capitalist class have acclaimed its decisions. The Yalta decisions explicitly commit the United States to permanent intervention in European and world affairs in order to promote and implement the war aims of Wall Street.

The leading figures in the Republican Party fell quickly into line with Roosevelt's policy. "Before 1,000 persons high in the leadership of the Republican Party," reports the N. Y. Times, "former President Herbert Hoover, long a spokesman for an important section of his party, gave an enthusiastic endorsement last night to the agreement reached by President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Winston Churchill at the Big-Three Conference in the Crimea." This was supplemented by similar expressions from Dewey and other highranking Republicans.

Thus all lines of demarcation between the Democratic and Republican leaders in foreign policy have been erased. The two capitalist parties stand united behind Wall Street's plans for world domination. Could there be more striking evidence of the essential identity of these political arms of Big Business?

### Betrayal Technique

The dispute over the enactment of a national service law has revealed a division in the ranks of the employers. One section of the employers supports the demand of the brass hats that the military caste be given direct control over labor. The other prefers that control be vested in a "civilian" agency, the War Manpower Commission. In principle, both sections support the drive to forge additional instruments of labor repression to shackle the unions and regiment the working class. What is involved in this family dispute is merely the question of method.

The National Association of Manufacturers has taken the lead in advancing the program of that section of the employers which prefers civilian controls. The NAM calls for tightening and extending the drastic job freeze decrees issued by Roosevelt. It calls for rigid enforcement of these decrees. It asks that the War Manpower Commission be given statutory authority to strengthen its power in the application of "legal" compulsion. To supplement this compulsion the NAM demands, "immediate application of the work-or-fight principle, within the present framework of the Selective Service authority and machinery."

Under the hypocritical guise of defending "voluntary" labor, the NAM presents its plan for perpetuating and extending the system of forced-labor-by-executive-decree which Roosevelt has been building up during the past three years. The program of this employers association has been embodied in the Kilgore-Wagner bill as a "substitute" for the brass-hat sponsored May-Bailey slave labor measure. The Kilgore-Wagner substitute has been endorsed by the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Philip Murray of the CIO, William Green of the AFL, and the Stalinist Teheran Political Association.

This unholy alliance between the anti-union employers associations and the union leaders reveals the true essence of the Hillman. Murray. Green "non partisan" political policy. The "non partisan" policy reduces itself to supporting one sec. tion of the employers against the other-at the expense of the workers. By keeping the working class politically atomized and subservient to the capitalist parties, the labor officials render the unions incapable of defending their interests in a period when all vital questions immediately assume the sharpest political character. The continuation of this policy will inevitably result in similar "compromise" surrenders of one position after another.

The workers can defend their intehests effectively only by making a decisive break with this policy of company unionism on the political field. It is up to the militants in the unions and in the shops to take the lead in arousing and organizing the ranks in the fight for the formation of an Independent Labor Party. A Labor Party based on the trade unions is the indispensable instrument for combating the drive of the administration and the bosses to enslave the American workers.

# ORKERS'

The columns are open to the opinions of the readers of The Militant. Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers, but keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed. - Editor.

#### The Weber Case

The enclosed clipping concerns ourt-martialed

We know that it was not solely for refusing to drill that he was sentenced to hang. Knowing that gave me a momentary shiver, being a grade A candidate for re induction, and having a fairly There Is More familiar knowledge of military court and prison methods. And that his first sentence was altered to life imprisonment is no cause for us to relax and compromise. I for one want to cry 'stink" until they can't stand it.

For a day or two it was first interest conversation in the yards here, even if it was back page copy in the paper. And the boys who may see the army haven't forgotten, particularly certain ones who have been shown that they share certain ideas with Private Weber for which he has been victimized.

Everest, Wash

#### **Fascist Activities**

Accounts have been reaching the papers lately on the increased fascist activity going on in some sections of the country. The 30,000 to 40,000 men who are being released by the armed services each month poses a new problem. And the ruling class is by no means sleeping on it.

"Fight for Free Enterprise, Inc.," a fascist-minded organization, has just opened up for business. Its leaders are no simpleminded, misled individuals seeking an honest way out, but people directly connected with big

of the San Antonio State Hospi-State Medical Assn. Quite a selection of leading citizens!

Its program, as is to be ex-

ex-servicemen into harmful chan- but it was still more disgusting nels. It publishes a tabloid news- to see Roosevelt and Churchill new "friends" and prepare t deal with them in proper fashion Mike Warren,

New York.

## Than One Hitler

Why are our American boys and young men drafted and shipped off like driven cattle to fight and die in the age-old hellhole of Europe? Some deceiver or ignoramus will become very indignant at such a question and will shout back the answer that our boys and young men are fighting and dying in Europe to crush vile Hitlerism which threatened to engulf the liberties of all mankind. That can not be for vile Hitlerism has cursed the world ever since the days of the ancient Babylonian empire and vile Hitlerism in the form of Churchillism and Stalinism will dictate a vile peace for Europe after this war, regardless of that disgusting hocuspocus pronounce ment of the Big Three at the Yalta conference regarding the Atlantic Charter to deceive the peoples of Europe and the United States and regardless of anything which the United States can NOW do to prevent it.

Adolf Hitler is not the only Hitler in the world today, British In San Antonio, Texas, the Hitlers have been Hitlerizing a very large part of the world for centuries and are determined to continue to do so as long as they possibly can. Three Hitlers in the persons of Roosevelt and Churchill and Stalin are very seriously threatening the liberties of all mankind today and, if their shrewdly concocted Yalta plan is The advisory board of the not brought to nought, a most F.F.E. is made up of big oil men, monstrous crime will be comcattle raisers, the superintendent mitted against humanity — a monstrous crime that will not tal, and a trustee of the Texas produce world peace even for our generation but will cry aloud for expiation.

It was disgusting to see the pected, is anti-labor and it uses sardonic smile of Stalin which he any and all issues racial or other- exhibited in one of his photowise, to direct the attention of the graphs at the Yalta conference;

paper and seeks time on many locking hands with Stalin, the big radio hookups. The labor Tartar tyrant, in a compact of Private Henry Weber, recently movement must keep tab of these fellowship for the commission of one of the most monstrous crimes of history and all in the hypocritical name of liberty and the self-determination of nations to deceive the suckers of the world The scene at Yalta reminded me of the time when British brigands locked hands with the Tartar oppressors of China to crush in rivers of blood the Taiping revolution during our Civil War. Just actions, not lying words, are what the enlightened and justiceloving part of humanity want and demand!

Hitler is not the only Hitler in the world that ought to be crushed. Adolf Hitler atrociously persecuted the Jews; but what did the Hitlers in other countries do to relieve the Jews? Australia refused to allow a Jewish refugee settlement in Australia. Britain closed the doors of Palestine to the Jewish refugees. Russia could have absorbed all the Jews of Europe with great benefit to the Russian people but Russia refused to lift a little finger to help herself by helping the helpless Jews.

Even the United States, let it be said in deep shame and repentance, did not open our doors to the outrageously persecuted children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who have done more for civilization than all the other peoples of the world combined. Talk about Adolf Hitler; he is not the only diabolical Hitler in the world today. Every nation in the world today has enough on its hands if only it will clean its own house. If all nations will only do that, they will have neither the time nor the inclination to be fighting one another. **Ernest Bradshaw** 

Chicago

#### For the Poor

Dear Editor:

A friend of mine told me about The Militant, the poor person's paper, but he did not know about the price or anything. I wonder if you would kindly send me a sample copy. Thank you.

Andy Molander Junction City, Wash.

Is Roosevelt perhaps going to the left in the sphere

In Athens Greek men, women and children who

Why does Roosevelt act in this fashion? Because

But this most costly of all wars, undertaken to conquer economic and political mastery of the entire world for American Big Business, forbids any more such concessions and forces the government to try to deprive labor of the gains won in the past years. That is why Roosevelt is compelled to crack down

By pointing out these facts, The Militant aims to the false. The most powerful of these fake "friends" tremely clever agent of Big Business.

# The Militant's Question-Box

For the service of our readers, we are starting in this issue a new feature, "The Question Box." The Militant invites its readers to submit for answer their questions on economic and political problems.

Editor:

Why do you keep smearing this administration when it is leaning as far to the "left" as it can and still maintain unity?

> L. J. Sims Los Angeles

(Editor's Answer) In order to ascertain the real character of Roosevelt's administration, let us first establish whether or not it is actually leaning to the "left", that is, to the working mass of the population, or whether it is leaning on the "right", that is, on the ruling big business class.

Far from leaning in the slightest degree to the left," Roosevelt is in fact driving deliberately and ruthlessly to the extreme right. We need go back no further than the brief period since the last elections to observe indisputable evidence of Roosevelt's increasingly reactionary aims and program. Indeed. these have been so clearly revealed as the aims and program of Wall Street that many of Roosevelt's liberal and labor supporters have begun to wail. Who won the elections?"

The first important act of the administration since last November 7 was to reinforce the wagefreeze through the decision of Roosevelt's compulsory arbitration War Labor Board in the steel wage case. The Board, basing its ruling squarely on Roosevelt's "Hold the line" policy, refused to grant any of the major wage demands of the steel workers or to recommend upward revision of the iLttle Steel Formula.

Roosevelt gave a further demonstration of his role as chief governmental representative of Big Business by turning over the State Department and leading government agencies to the direct representative's of the dominant financial interests.

Now he is acting as the spearhead in the drive to impose forced labor upon the American workers. He has come forth as the main spokesman for probably the most dictatorial anti-labor legislation that has ever been placed before Congress. These are but a continuation and intensification of

the policies he has pursued throughout the war and prior to the war. Roosevelt has steadily pressed for enforcement of complete compulsory arbitration to curb the independent action of the workers. He has imposed a rigid wage freeze in the face of steadily mounting prices and profits. He has ruthlessly employed the power of the government and its armed forces to break the defensive strike actions of the

#### Roosevelt's Policy in Foreign Affairs

of foreign affairs? Many misguided people are induced to believe so by the high-sounding promises in his speeches and pronouncements. But actions speak louder than words. The policies of Roosevelt and his Allies in the

"liberated" countries of Europe glaringly expose the real reactionary designs behind his deceitful phrases ment. In no case have the European peoples been freely permitted to establish their own governments, to hold democratic elections, to oust their hated native capitalist, landlord and militarist oppressors. Instead their "liberators" have imposed and propped up with their bayonets the most hated puppet

carried banners with slogans calling upon Roosevelt for help were shot down by lend-lease tanks supplied by Roosevelt. That is how they learned where Roosevelt stands-on the extreme right behind the King and the present dictatorial regime.

he is not a free and independent agent. He is the head of a capitalist government designed to protect the interests of American capitalism. He is also leader of the Democratic Party which is dominated by Wall Street. He cannot do otherwise than to carry out both at home and abroad the program of Big Business which controls both the government and the Democratic Party. It is true that in the past during the long-dead

'New Deal" era Roosevelt instituted some limited reforms which still help him retain his reputation as a "liberal." But these were granted not out of goodwill but because of practical necessity. These concessions were exacted by the mass pressure of the workers and intended to quiet them until Roosevelt and Big Business could detour around the rough spots on their road.

This brings us to the question of "unity". When spokesmen for the capitalists demand "national Franco-German chemical indus- unity", they mean "unity" only on their own terms reconstruction work. The docu- try, Francolor, which was taken and so long as it serves their class interests. They The General Plastiras who was ment apportioned these slave la- over by the French Ministry of want the workers to abandon any struggle for their flown from France by the British bor gangs as follows: 800,000 to Production. French banks who rights and submit to unlimited exploitation. This is to head the present Greek gov- Russia, 200,000 to the United had granted this concern almost like the "unity" of a horse and a rider, in which the capitalists maintain their present position on the backs of the workers.

This kind of unity that Roosevelt and his labor lieutenants are seeking to enforce will only bring sistance in their maneuvers from further disasters to the workers. The kind of unity the workers need is the unity of their own inderin Bevan disclosed in the House representative of the Italian So- The Financial News of London, pendent forces in struggle against the anti-labor of Commons, that Pastiras was cialist Party, Signor Buffoni, for example, warns the resist- offensive of the employers and their government agents like Roosevelt.

similar to that which he has now istice agreement which guaran- only if the governments adopt help the workers distinguish their true friends from "American is Roosevelt. When we remove the mask from his face, we are not, as our correspondent implies, "smearing" him. We are simply showing what Roose-General Thomas and the S.S. At first, when the wrath of the certained that a new regime can velt really is—an enemy of the workers and an ex-

# CALL COMPANY OF THE STATE OF TH tiations broke down when Plas- House of Savoy refrained from

#### Belgium

David Anderson is not very op- Russia in the winter of 1941. timistic about the future of Prement. In a cable from Brussels he commanded the Greek contin- proval of the monarchy, the monis a marked tendency to treat it Ukraine in the war of interven- plication. This was demonstratas a makeshift compromise good tion against the young Soviet for the next few months only. While the premier is saluted on all sides as the man of the moment, the rest of the Cabinet is Italy often dismissed as a 'Pierlot team, whitewashed and rejuven-

black market is flourishing and keeping the wealthy supplied with food. "The rich live well last week shout the geleping at the expense of the poor, and the well-to-do have no complaint, as the writer can testify, having eaten better in Belgian homes than in British."

In view of these conditions, it much confidence from the Bel- its decisions," states the Review. gian people.

#### Greece

ernment is an old hand at hiring States, 200,000 to Great Britain, himself out to the imperialists. 200,000 to Australia, 200,000 to occupation now refused all finan-Plastiras lived unmolested in South Africa, 200,000 to Brazil cial help. France throughout the Nazi oc- and the remainder to other cupation. At the height of the United Nations. German success in the summer reached with Churchill.

war France. These were the S.S. operation of this clause. leader Roland Nosek. But nego- people was at its height, the claim stability."

tiras' faith in the Germans was demanding strict obedience to The N. Y. Times correspondent shattered by their reverses in these rights underwritten by the Allies. But since Churchill's open intervention in Italian poli-

Premier Plastiras is no admirmier Van Acker's new govern- er of the Soviet Union. In 1919 tics and the Stalinist party's apon Feb. 17 he says that "there gents that invaded the Soviet archists insist upon its strict apgovernment.

More information has appeared in the press regarding the secret Italian armistice terms. While the mass of the people Senator H. Styles Bridges of are becoming hungrier, and food New Hampshire made public a rations are being reduced, the review of the terms in the Geneva International Law Review.

last week about the colonies.

Great Britain is to receive the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa and others of strategic importance. France will receive Elba and her frontier with Italy would be revised. Yugoslavia is easy to imagine how the mass- will get Istria and the cities of es greeted Permier Van Acker's Fiume and Zara and Greece will declaration that confidence is receive all the Italian islands in more important to a Belgian than the Aegean Sea. "The fate of a crust of bread. Any govern- the Italian colonies, Libya, Somment like his which dares not aliland and Eritrea shall be setattack the capitalist roots of the tled at the peace conference, and flung on the market their entire present crisis, will not command Italy shall reconcile herself with holding of shares with the aim

> The Badoglio government con- of the mines. sented to send 2,000,000 workers "to the conquering countries" for

Recently at an international

ed during the last Cabinet crisis, when the Lord Lieutenant of the Realm, Prince Umberto, who is acting as stand-in for King Victor Emmanuel, insisted on exercising his full sovereign rights.

#### France

Wherever in the "liberated" countries the governments, under pressure of the masses, have been obliged to take a few halfhearted measures against Big Business, the financial interests which constitute the real power under capitalism have banded together to sabotage them. The English Tribune for Jan. 12 cites two such examples from France "to which many more could be added from other liberated coun-

When the nationalization of the coal mines in northern France was announced, the banks of sabotaging the credit position on the working class so openly.

Even worse is the case of the unlimited credit under German

The European financiers are counting upon and receiving asof 1941, the Labour M. P. Aneu- Socialist conference in France, a British and American bankers. negotiating with the Germans to revealed that there exists an- ance movements that economic reach an agreement with them other secret clause in the arm- aid from abroad will be given tees certain rights to the House policies approved by the inter-He was in contact with two of Savoy. Buffoni claims that national bankers. "American agents of Otto Abetz, who was the Socialist Party quit the Bon-bankers and business men, for Hitler's undercover man in pre- omi government because of the example, will certainly withhold their support until they have as-