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- By The Editors

The fight of American labor for a decent wage standard is beginning to unfold on a national scale despite the preconceived notions of top labor officials, despite all superslick "strategies" of taking on the corporations "one at a time." The facts of life are proving more forceful and telling than all the prejudices of narrow-minded union

The General Motors Corporation put its cards on the table at the hearing before the Fact-Finding Board in Washington. It flung down the gauntlet of battle to the union. It announced, in effect, that the small clique of Wall Street's bankers and industrialists is now ready to do battle with labor in order to put labor "in its place." It has now become clear, even to the blind, that Big Business, gorged with war profits, has closed its ranks for a full scale assault on organized labor.

Labor thus faces a crucial battle, a battle that will determine for a long time to come the standard of living, and the place and role of the American worker. Those are the stakes of this fight.

Labor Can Win Only By Fighting

There can be no thought on the part of labor of retreating or of bluffing its way out of the battle. Labor can win only by fighting, only by a show of strength, only by proving to the Wall Street money changers, who determine the policies of the great corporations, that they simply cannot and will not get out of this major social crisis until they have concluded a wage settlement with the workers.

Labor has the strength to win this fight, if only IT USES ITS STRENGTH, and uses it courageously and with-

Already, on all sides the men and women that work in the shops, plants, mills, factories are demonstrating that they understand the situation and the stakes involved, that they understand that this fight is too big for the General Motors workers to battle out alone. Already the working men and women are showing their determination to join the struggle and to fight it out to the end.

The Mood Of Labor's Ranks

The AFL-CIO general strike at Stamford revealed the mood of American labor. It showed that the workers are more than ready to discard all artificial organizational barriers to effect labor's unity in action against the organized might of the employers. The strike of the Western Electric workers and their appeal to the nation's onequarter million telephone workers is another sure sign that the struggle is irresistibly moving toward a climax.

And last we have the case of the AFL Meat Cutters union, whose leaders have already announced that they will call out their packinghouse members alongside of the CIO Packinghouse Workers and furthermore give financial support to the latter. The unexampled solidarity of American labor is a fact. Because labor realizes its common stakes in the fight and because ALL the major unions, AFL, CIO and Independent, are engaged in the identical strug-

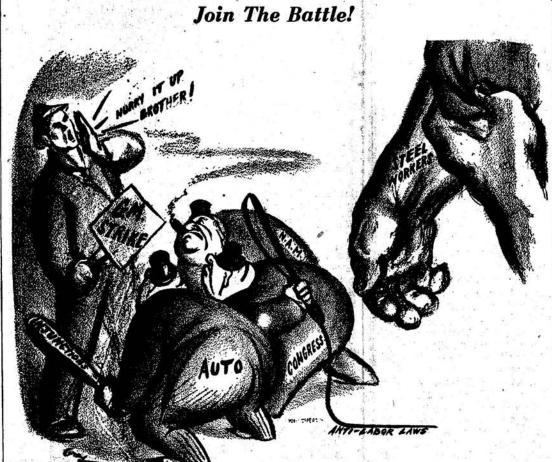
Steel Workers Can Point The Way

The CIO Electrical and Packinghouse Workers Unions have set January 15 and January 16 respectively as the dates when they will strike. The dates are significant. They follow immediately on the date set for the steel strike, January 14. These other union officials want to strike, Local 1330 has set up a follow the lead of the steel union, whose 800,000 workers broad strike committee which in the steel mills constitute the backbone of the whole

If the steel militants now exert their efforts, if the steel union now gives the proper lead, then labor's national wage fight will be brought to a grand and awe-inspiring

And in the end, the autocrats of great wealth, despite all their bluster, arrogance and threats, will be forced to bend the knee, just as they were brought to their knees in

The Upsurge Of Labor And Its Task Ahead IN CITY GENERAL STRIKE



Youngstown Steel Workers Gird For Gigantic National Strike

Steel Workers Urge

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 6.-

About 125 officers and stew-

ards of the Lackawanna lo-

cals of the CIO Steelworkers

met tonight in the Lackawan-

na advisory strike committee.

Concrete and detailed strike

plans were drawn up. Food,

picket, first aid, welfare and

publicity committees were set

up and began work at once.

leaders, unmoved by reports

of strike delay, etc., hailed

every constructive proposal

for carrying out the strike.

A resolution urging the Mur-

ray leadership to continue its

repudiation of the "Fact-

Finding" board and speed all

preparations for a strike on

January 14, met with uani-

mous approval.

This body of rank and file

No Strike Delay

By G. L. Weissman

(Special To The Militant)

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 5.—All-out preparations for the scheduled January 14 general strike in basic steelthe first since 1919—are getting under way here in the Mahoning Valley. The CIO Steelworkers locals are laying out the local strategy and tactics, making practical arrangements for strike headquarters, commissaries, picket details, publicity, etc.

In addition, the union's International Office is about to swing into action and has scheduled a valley - wide meeting of officers of the steel workers' locals this

Local 1330 of the Ohio Works (U. S. Steel) has been a leader and example for the other steel locals in this key area. First to make concrete plans for the will hold daily meetings during the shutdown. In addition, it has established a picket committee which plans to utilize the experience and discipline of the many veterans in the union, and which is organizing crack Flying Squadrons; a relief committee to aid needy strike families by preventing evictions, supplying food, Cantinued on Page 8)

IN THE NEWS

Scrounge Or Starve

was no malnutrition in the zone (American occupation zone in Germany) except among infants and old people . . . The latter AFL, Clo Unity problem is to a large extent psychological—a lost will to live. Food is available if they are willing to scrounge for it." (Frankfurt dispatch, N. Y. Post, Jan.

Atomic Ambition

"In the world's largest city last week, toward the middle of the 20th Century after Christ, five years after the Great Blitz, in the fifth month of the Atomic Age, an eight-year-old boy was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. Said London's child: 'Alive.'

(Time, Dec. 17, 1945)

Stalinist "Logic"

The Daily Worker, January 3, 1946, explains its position on American imperialist intervention in China: "But if China is a sovereign equal, then no American ambassador should be placed in the position of making decisions for her. If China can't take care of herself, then it's up to both the Soviet Union and the United States to step in."

All Comforts Of Home "First National's safe deposit department is very unusual, having a sound proof vault attractively paneled in primavara flexwood, with furnished conference rooms and coupon booths within, where customers may examine their valuables in complete comfort and privacy. Another popular addition is the two story storm proof constructed warehouse for the storage of commodities ranging from household furnishings to rare wines

Beach, Fla., in N. Y. Times, Jan.

20,000 Workers Mass In Town Square; Total Shut-down Shows Labor's Might

By Evelyn Atwood (Special To The Militant)

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 3-In an inspiring and dramatic demonstration of labor solidarity, the entire union movement here, both AFL and CIO, joined forces today to bring this industrial city of 65,000 population to a standstill in a city-wide strike.

At the height of the

- massed in the Plaza

A united working class thus

demonstrated its awe-inspiring

two-months' strike against the

labor-hating Yale & Towne

Manufacturing Company. They

EVERYTHING SHUT DOWN

During the strike demonstra-

trators. Firm and serious in tone.

the singing, shouting workers

nevertheless gave the town a

gay, holiday spirit. Their self-

confidence and militancy per-

began with some 12,000 workers.

their brass bands playing and

banners flying in the crisp, win-

try air, marching briskly in local

union brigades from five direc-

tions upon Town Hall, where

negotiations had been in prog-

pledged united labor support and

The strike and demonstration

vaded the atmosphere.

unions.

Western Electric Workers Defend Picket Lines

By Alan Braden (Special to The Militant)

KEARNY, N. J., Jan. 4-Some 17,400 Western Electric workers, members of the independent Western Electric before the Town Hall. Employees Association, an affiliate of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, power to aid the 3,000 embattled promptly at 11 a.m. yesterday, AFL Machinists in their bitter shut down 21 plants in the greater New York and Northern New Jersey area in a strike for a 30 per cent wage increase. protested against the strike-

This determined struggle of breaking use of state troops sent the WEEA workers opens a fight last week by Governor Baldwin which may lead to a nation-wide to help Yale & Towne President telephone strike. A national tie- W. Gibson Carey, Jr., the "Seup is being considered by the well Avery of Stamford." National Federation of Telephone Operators, whose affiliate, the Association of Communications Equipment Workers, is al- tion, practically everything was ready scheduled to strike tele- shut down tight. Transportation

a vicious strike-breaking plan. "Major W. F. Ashe said there At 9 this morning when managerial and supervisory employ-(Continued on Page 8)

Is Pledged In

By Robert L. Birchman ress since 10 a.m. Their placards (Special To The Militant)

CHICAGO, Jan. 5. - Two hundred thousand packinghouse workers throughout 25,000 in Chicago, will go on strike at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, January 16, the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America announced here this week. The union is demanding a 25 cents an hour accept an immediate 171/2 cents tion, backed by billions of increase and negotiate the balance at a later date. The highest offer from the companies so far has been 71/2 cents from Swift and Armour.

This will be the first nationwide strike in the industry and is primarily directed against Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy, known as the "Big Four," and also against Morrell. The strike will shut down 147 packing plants across the country, most of them located in Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha, Sioux City, New York City, Kansas City, Fort Worth and Los Angeles.

AFL PLEDGES AID The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, AFL, announced yesterday that its 90,000 members would be asked to join the CIO workers in strike. The officials of the AFL union and liquors. Furs, silverware, said that "the take-home pay lines. paintings, and tapestries may of those receiving minimum rates be stored in privately rented in the meat packing industry, vaults. During the gas shortage, which group is by far the maautomobile tires became an im- jority of all workers employed portant part of the warehouse on a weekly wage, would not exinventory . . ." (Advertisement | ceed \$25 per week, including the riving at a basic cost figure. of First National Bank, Palm 7½ cents increase which the large limited number of office and The Negro Struggle packers offered." This wage, the (Continued on Page 8)

strike demonstration vir- Yale & Towne workers for a 36 backed up the demands of the tually the entire work- per cent wage increase and the union shop.

ing class populace of the SCENE AT TOWN HALL city—some 20,000 people

This mighty one-day general strike, beginning

at 12 noon, was called by the Stamford Combined

Labor Organizations, representing some 30 local

In the city court room of the Town Hall, openly before the Stamford workers, the IAM-AFL officers, company and city officials were engaged in negotiations amidst a setting that has scarcely a parallel in the annals of American labor.

An alert audience of workers jammed the negotiations chamber to the doors and crowded about the outside. Stamford's mayor, Charles E. Moore, presided. Around the negotiating table sat eight union representatives and their counsel, Justin Y. Sturm, and six company representatives with their counsel, Weldon P. Monson.

Bitter class hostility marked the negotiations between the ready scheduled to strike tele-phone exchanges in 42 states on Even workers from movies, bars, moment they began at 10 s.m. The Western Electric trust bakeries and stores flocked to the Monson clumsily tried to sideinto operation town square to join the demon- track the business of the by delivering an hour's monotonous harangue upholding the Governor's action in sending state troops to maintain "law and order." He spluttered fearfully about the "ominous mass demonstration" soon to take place "outside these doors."

> COMPANY DENOUNCED When the spectators and union

> negotiators became visibly impatient with this runaround, the mayor sharply called Monson 🐿 order. "I know all about the

(Continued on Page 7)

Militant Detroit Pickets the country, including over Repulse Assault On Line

By Kay O'Brien (Special To The Militant)

DETROIT, Jan. 4 - In a rising tide of militancy reminiscent of 1937, General Motors strikers here have been showing their mettle on the picket lines in a series of comwage increase, but is willing to pany-provoked incidents. In each case the huge corpora-

dollars of war profits and re- | Wednesday morning, a number

Ford Local 400 And Flint CIO Denounce Plan Of Strike Fines See Page 2

lice force, has nevertheless proved no match for the determined and fighting pick-

The latest strike breaking tactic to be used has been to muster a large number of office workers and foremen at one plant at a time in what the company hoped would be a surprise move against the picket

This was tried at Detroit Transmission on Wednesday, January 2, in violation of an agreement, which the management had previously made with Veterans Problems the union local, to permit a supervisory employes to enter by Diary of Steelworker

inforced by a subservient po- of the salaried employes not covered by the agreement, arrived unexpectedly for work and attempted to enter the plant, in large groups. ATTACK PICKET LINE

The pickets, members of CIO

United Auto Workers Local 735, persuaded them to turn back. and many went home. However, a group of about 40, mostly men from the personnel department plus a few foremen, retired to a nearby beer garden, where they were joined by the plant personnel manager. Their courage (Continued on Page 2)

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"Militant" Bares \$6-Billion Ship Steal

- By Joseph Hansen -

What will undoubtedly go want publicity. down as one of the greatest single legislative steals to land explained the Act. Back in date in the history of the 1936, he said, "when conditions United States was slipped in Europe . . . threatened the through Congress just a few days before the Christmas adjournment.

The "Merchant Ship Sales Second World War. Act of 1945," as the steal is labelled, had already passed the House. It was kept in Senate Committee for months and then rushed through the Senate at record speed. The total discussion during the few days required for its passage did not amount Built on practically a cost-plus between the two houses.

This haste is quite understandable. Some \$10,000,000,000 (bil- to carry the entire world trade at while Wall Street dominates lions) in public funds was in- 1929 boom levels. volved and the Senators didn't. The Government intends to

Senator Radcliffe of Maryernment began expanding the fleet preparatory to plunging the country into the then looming

The productive capacity of American shipyards exceeded all expectations. Not counting fightalone now totals about 6,000 ships, nearly 58,000,000 tons. The ships are Government property.

War. But the two-thirds left still constitute the largest fleet ever constructed since the German, Japanese and Italian fleets have been sent to the bottom of the ocean or taken as reparations, and the other great maritime power, Great Britain, with its satellites such as Greece and the Scandinavian countries, suffered war losses. The U.S. is

maritime power. GETTING "RID" OF THEM

thus now the world's greatest

What to do with this colossal to more than six or eight hours. basis with public funds, they fleet? Operate it as a public ser-The act is now in conference cost the people a minimum of vice like the postal system? Place \$15,000,000,000 (billions). This it under the control or manageexpensive fleet is large enough ment of the trade unions? Not

lay up one-third of the ships clared Senator Radcliffe, "that as a reserve for the Third World | what we want to do is to get the United States Government directly and indirectly out of the ownership and operation of ships. The theory of the bill is that we should, in every way possible, foster private ownership and

"FIXING" THE COST

The number of ships is so great, however, that "our problem is, and is going to be," declared Radcliffe, "a big problem to get rid of these ships."

Congress, however, worked out an ingenious method of solving this problem. The fleet is to be sold to private owners—but at greatly reduced prices. First came the problem of ar-

Since the cost of building ships (Continued on Page 2)

How To Fight It junctions In GM Strike Discussed TRADE UNION NOTES By Detroit SVIP Organizer In Address Over Radio

December 30, over Detroit radio station WJLB by Arthur Burch, organizer of the Detroit Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

By Arthur Burch

In order for the workers to win their struggle against General Motors it is necessary for them not only to measure their own strength, but to evaluate the power of the forces arrayed against them. The wealth and might of America's largest corporation are but a miniature part of the scales weighted against labor. Even more influential are the departments of government that are at the beck and call of the greedy profiteers. As the battle unfolds the true nature of the state becomes ever more apparent.

No sooner had GM flung its challenge at labor and forced the workers out on strike than the legislative servants of the Sixty Families howled in unison from their Congressional rostrum for the further shackling of labor. President Trumanthen bared his role as Big Business administrator by attempting to corral the workers back into the plants while some fact-finding commission went through the pretense of an impartial in-

When this aid to the monopolists failed to undermine labor's will to fight and win, they then resorted to their old reliable ally, the courts, to break the strike by means of the injunction. Thus the three departments of government, executive. legislative, and judiciary, are lined up solidly behind the hosses

While labor has at least partially learned that * is necessary to combat the legislative and administrative arms of Big Business through its own pressure, and has applied this lesson in the GM strike, labor nevertheless retains its awe of the courts. Dressed in their feudal robes, these capitalist dispensers of injustice continue to befuddle many workers. Not that labor does not instinctively sense that the judiciary is part of the Big Business apparatus, but labor hasn't as yet fully learned how to fight against this subtle weapon. It still relies on its own smart labor lawyers to outwit the judicial shysters at their own tricky game, always with the same unhappy results.

Charles Evans Hughes, ex-Chief of the Supreme Court, correctly defined the Constitution and the law to be whatever the judges say. Through legal mumbo-jumbo the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution was converted from a dispensation of equality for all into a weapon of privilege for the corporations. And so, on through the years, the workers have continuously been cheated of their rights through such legal trickery.

How To Meet Challenge?

Unions were at one time held to be conspiracies and therefore illegal. This fraud was righted by the workers when through militant mass action they formed their unions nevertheless. When the profiteers were forced to recognize trade unionism, the judicial shysters then outlawed strikes. When the workers nonetheless insisted on using this indispensable weapon, then and only then, did strikes become legal. At a later stage the judicial tools of Big Business barred picketing. Picketing too became legal when the workers were determined to protect their democratic right to strike. So the pliant judges thought up the smart formula of limiting the number of pickets at the plant, stating that mass picketing was in

to their inalienable rights? By capitulating to pose a fascist dictatorship on the American this farcical interpretation of the law, as the United Automobile Workers leaders are now doing and advising? Or by following the militant traditions of the American labor movement which has made such strong strides forward in its heroic uphill fight against the ruthless profiteers?

The automobile workers have not forgotten the history of their own union, its militant tradition. its indomitable fighting spirit, its victory against overwhelming odds. In the days of the Union's first struggles in 1934, the capitalists obtained an injunction against mass picketing in order to crush the famous Toledo Auto-Lite strike. Thousands of workers and unemployed refused to surrender their hard-won rights and made a mockery of this fraudulent judicial weapon of the bosses. The Auto-Lite strike was won and the groundwork for the UAW-CIO was thus laid.

Again in Flint in 1937 the workers were faced with a court decree which ordered them out of the strike-bound plants. Back came the workers' answer clear and loud, forcing the black-robed puppets of Big Business to beat a hasty retreat. It was by such militant action that the auto workers saved their union and won higher working standards for themselves as well as for all American

Injunction Issue Today

In their efforts to break the present strike. the auto magnates resort to the old motto of "divide and conquer." They attempt to set off the office workers against the men on the production line. Although the office employes have the same grievances as the production workers and are beg-

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Postal Zone

General Motors strike situation delivered Sunday. less the millionaire bosses are once more running to the courts for an injunction against mass picketing in order to force the office workers back into

> Everyone knows that the function of the office workers, and this is even more true of foremen, is inconsequential with the production machinery at a standstill. Yet the labor-hating profiteers rely on this flimsy pretext to prevent mass picketing. They have in mind something else entirely - the use of thugs and gunmen as during the war shot sky high scabs in the very near future. This is the only hope that the parasitic owners of GM have of breaking the strike where the ranks of the men

Unfortunately the bosses are aided by the policy of capitulation of the UAW leadership. Instead of fighting against the injunction tooth and nail in the traditional militant spirit of the auto workers, the UAW officials break the solidarity of the strike by permitting the office workers into the plants, hoping to prevent the issuance of injunctions by the pliant judges. But their cowardly strategy is of no avail, for the auto magnates insist on using this strikebreaking weapon, and the judges are only too ready to comply.

Of course the capitalist press joins in the frenzied shout for injunctions against what they term "illegal" mass picketing. But this hysterical outcry on the part of the hired press is quite groundless. As everyone knows, this strike was called by the democratic decision of the auto workers. If they have the right to close the plants through strike action it follows that they also have the right to make their action effective.

Answer To Strikebreaking

The only way to prevent scabs from entering the plants is through mass picketing. That of course does not prevent the owners from operating their plants through their own labor power, but for this the parasitic owners have neither the inclination nor the know-how. Without making an equitable settlement with the workers they have only one means of operating the plantsthrough the use of scabs.

Of all the species of reptile, the scab is the most loathsome. No self-respecting man or woman would cross a picket line to replace a striking worker. The American people have long ago given their verdict on this vile method of breaking strikes and crushing unions. If the GM parasites still persist in this vicious scheme and try to legalize their banditry by means of injunctions obtained from servile judges, what decent person can have anything but contempt for this base

Under the false premise that injunctions are issued to prevent violence, they have in fact led to endless bloodshed and brutality against innocent workers defending their legal right to strike and picket. No amount of judicial juggling will prevent the workers from safeguarding their unions. Scabs have no more legal standing than they have moral standing. And whenever injuctions for the breaking of strikes were granted by the blackrobed partners of Big Business, the militant action of the workers protecting their inalienable rights has received the complete physical and moral support of the overwhelming majority of the American people.

Only a cowardly leadership can prevent the men from fighting for their rights. And unless they fight back during a strike they will find that the profiteers will not only use thugs to smash their union with the help of the legal process, but ous ship steal then perpetrated, as part of the 25 per cent down How will the workers meet this new challenge will at a later stage use these same thugs to impeople.

> The laws of Germany were sufficiently adapted to the interests of the German monopolists to permit Hitler to take power legally. We can be sure that American Big Business can juggle the tons if we failed to resist such an interpretation of the law? We may not be able to prevent judges from issuing illegal injunctions but we must never forget the traditional militant method of fighting them. Like the bosses and their agents in the White House and Congress, the judiciary must be combatted in the same militant manner.

> The Socialist Workers Party once more puts forth its program to end the clique rule of the monopolists. This small gang of bandits on the loose keeps in chains the vast majority of the American people. It can do so only through its control of the two capitalist parties, Republican and Democratic alike. It will continue to do so as long as labor supports either of these two parties.

Labor must break with company unionism on the political field and form its own independent party of labor. Only then will the officials elected ditional pickets from other GM by labor's votes carry out the wishes of the American people. Once elected to office, labor's representatives will end monopoly rule and set up a workers' and farmers' government. That is closed until noon, to forestall the only way to preserve a decent standard of living for the majority of people in this country. That is the only way to end depressions, unemployment, and imperialist wars. A workers' and farmers' government is the only safeguard against ging to be organized and refuse to pass through the approaching danger of American fascism.

\$6-Billion Ship Steal **Exposed By "Militant"**

(Continued from Page 1)

under practically a cost-plus system of profiteering, a much lower "pre-war" production cost figure is arbitrarily selected by the representatives of the shipping interests on the Maritime Commission. This naturally amounts to a tremendous discount.

But this discount is only the beginning. The "prewar" figure in turn is discounted 50 per cent! Sounds like a pretty good bargain for virtually brand new ships. Congress, however, was in a most generous mood. On top of the fantastic 50 per cent discount, the buyer takes another five per cent for each year the ship has been in operation!

SCRAPING THE BOTTOM

Since the Government has paid for the upkeep of these them are in excellent condition. But just in case the buyer and erty ships, however, is to be given A 24-carat, diamond-studded his representatives on the Maritime Commission agree they aren't in top-notch shape, the Act provides for still another discount - the cost of putting a ship in "condition." This naturshipyards.

The price is getting pretty low. It would seem possible for the shipping interests to relieve the Government of these modern ships at such give-a-way prices. The shipping trust, moreover, isn't exactly poor. It made staggering profits during the war, not to speak of the years of scandalous subsidies, out-right steals on hauling Government goods, and the high-smelling practice of buying ships from the Government for a song and then selling them back to the Government at incredibly high

But the bottom of the pork barrel isn't in sight yet. Still another discount is added - a juicy three per cent for each year the ship was operated dur-

Remembering how, following draw a line. The bottom price of payment, the Government will job for Wall Street.

these ships cannot be set below grant them a most generous al-42 per cent of the actual cost for lowance. In fact, the trade-in ships under charter, most of tankers and 35 per cent for allowance may be greater than freighters. The vast fleet of Lib- the down payment!

away for 311/2 per cent.

The \$10,000,000,000 (billions) knocked down for about three and a half billion dollars - a clear steal for the shipping interests of \$6,500,000,000 (billions)! This is more than three times the total cost of the Spanish-American war.

STILL MORE TO COME!

need to put on the line is 25 per cent of the sales price. The bal- | fleet now up for disposal. ance can then be paid off in 20 burden is all the lighter since

sented to the highest bidder worth of ships can thus be without any further rigamarole.

Senator Magnuson of Wash-

ington also tried to amend the Act. The Alaska shipping outfits, it seems, want a brand new fleet to replace their present ships. But they don't like the ultra-modern ships still There is still more to come, coming down the ways. They however. The shipping barons want the Government to build don't have to pay cash for these ships to exact specifications for bargain-counter ships. All they their needs and then turn them over on the same basis as the

Outside of White and Magnueasy yearly installments. This son, no one proposed any changes the Government with certain the Senate without a roll call operating costs of ships some- tors present turned over this times to the tune of 50 per cent. stupendous amount of wealth to the First World War, the public And on top of this, if the buy- the private shipping interests

Christmas gift like this out of This minimum line, it must be the public treasury ought to satadded, is pretty shaky, inasmuch isfy the greediest profit-hog. as the Act is written in the most But some of the shipping interobscure and tangled language of ests wanted still more. Senator any legislation greased through White of Maine, for instance, obally will not apply to the ships | Congress in years. The pro- jected because the trade-in alstill under construction in the ponents of the measure not only lowance for ships wasn't high admitted this, but pointed out enough! He also disliked the minthe ambiguous sections over imum sales price — he thought which the lawyers can haggle. the ships should just be pre-

GENEROUS CONGRESS

worth noting. The Act passed

By Bill Morgan

De Lorenzo Jailed

is paying the price for loyal and _ In the January, 1946, issue of courageous defense of the work- The International Teamster, Tokers' interests. Thomas De Lo- bin writes, "President Truman renzo, President of CIO United somewhat different in his meth-Automobile Workers Brewster ods of approach and action. We Aeronautical Local 365, Long Island, was incarcerated for 30 days in the New York City Fed- persuasive. But his own associeral House of Detention on Jan- ates in the Senate, members ed

During the war, De Lorenzo defended the strike actions of the Brewster workers. He was grilled by a House committee and upheld the right of labor to strike even in wartime. Thereafter he was subjected to a whole series of government attacks and persecution.

In an obvious move to "get" De Lorenzo, government snoopers dug up a charge that he had so far "misunderstood" Truman's falsified a civil service application by failing to state that he tion as to threaten: "We are no had once been arrested, though different from the laboring men acquitted, in a labor dispute, La- of Great Britain. When driven bor protest forced the judge to to desperation we too will turn give him a limited sentence. The to the left." Army grabbed him first. After his release from service, the relentless arm of capitalist "justice" last week seized De Lorenzo, threw him into jail.

Cincinnati Strike

Ten tool and die plants have been struck by over 1,000 members of local 729, International Association of Machinists, AFL, in Cincinnati, Ohio. To support outfit is the Lt. Governor himtheir demand for an hourly min- self, John Lee Smith, who adimum wage of \$1.85 and to pro- mitted having made a financial test the abolition of the tool and contribution. Smith writes for die room at the Victory Electric the "Free Enterprise", racket Products Company, the workers under his title of Lt. Governor, threw picket lines in front of the and has issued paid advertise. ten plants.

Picket lines were withdrawn after the first day when plants were closed up tight, but Ralph Memke, business agent of Local 729, said picketing would be renewed at once "if employers try to start a back-to-work movement." At several plants production workers walked out alongside the tool and die men.

The Nicer Things ...

in the New York Post, Cleveland ganized labor and incite union-News and other capitalist newspapers, recently interviewed Richard Frankensteen, a CIO ous Texas reactionary politician, United Auto Workers vice-presiing the war. Wear and tear, you qualifications subsidizes the vote. The handful of Sena- New York City hangout for bankdent, at the swanky 21 Club. a ers, idle millionaires and wellheeled social butterflies. Admission is by appointment only and was scandalized by the notori- ers want to trade in an old ship with the same speed with which the management selects its guests carefully according to income and "social" standing.

Earl Wilson, the saloon editor, reports that Frankensteen was Denounces Plan "relaxing from labor leading" at the bar and calling for "stingers" the bar and calling for "stingers" For Strike Fines Frankensteen explained his

presence: "I like the food . . . that's why I'm in the labor movement. I'm fighting so everybody can go to the 21 Club." He continued: "Today some industrialists are afraid of labor 29, the Ford Highland Park leaders; they think we have Local 400, CIO United Auto horns. A labor leader-just as any leader in any branch of Soon a truckload of police of pickets ran in the direction of American life - has a right to jecting the union-busting look forward to, and enjoy, the labor does . . .

Of course, like all labor fakers, the workers to attain the "nicer Department." things" - which don't include

With practically every labor Tobin, AFL Teamsters Czar and

print with an apology for his pel Another militant union leader in the White House.

cannot blame him. It is his nature to be mild and kind and his own party, are taking advantage of his decency, his honesty, and his kindness, and they are not supporting him or even the principles upon which the Democratic platform pledged itself."

Yes sir, it's a shame what they're saying about the decent, kind, mild presidential graduate of the Pendergast machine in Missouri. Why even doddering William Green, AFL President demand for anti-strike legisla-

'Free Enterprise"

The Texas State Industrial Union Council, CIO, has issued bulletin exposing the fascistlike organization known "Fight for Free Enterprise." which is spearheading the drive of the Texas employers against the growing CIO.

Behind this latest reactionary ments attacking organized labor.

The leaders of "Fight For Free Enterprise," says the CIO bulletin, are attempting to "shake down" business men and industrialists for funds. Even the "Better Business Bureau" of For Worth was impelled to issue warning to its members not to fall for this racket.

The "Fight for Free Enterprise" gang, under the guise of helping veterans, has been purchasing advertising space in an A saloon columnist appearing Abiline newspaper to slander orbusting activities.

It was W. Lee O'Daniel, notoriwho said, "No man in overalls is worth more than \$1.50 per day." The Texas employers are desperately trying to bust the thriving CIO, which is out to prove that O'Daniel is very wrong.

Ford Local 400

(Special to THE MILITANT) DETROIT, Jan. 1-At its regular membership meeting on Saturday, December Workers, went on record recompany security plan which has been offered the Ford Motor Company by top of-Frankensteen isn't waiting for ficials of the union's Ford

> After a stormy discussion which lasted for two hours, the 800 members present voted overwhelmingly against the proposal, adding an amendment that all other Ford locals be notified of their action. The plan, which proposes to

fine "wildcat" strikers, was presented to the membership by Carl Bolton, Local 400 delegate to the Ford National Negotiating Committee. In his report, Bolton urged the local to back the "company security" proposal as a means of curbing "unauthorized" strikes, claiming that he himself used to "organize" wildcat strikes purely to bolster his "personal prestige."

"PRESTIGE" SINKS

Bolton's "prestige" sank to the zero level at the meeting, as one member after another took the floor to oppose him. Hindmarsh, former president of Local 400, asked why the workers should give the company any security after the billions it had coined in profits during the war. "It's the workers who need a security plan." he said. Discussion was finally closed

for lack of speakers in favor of the company-security proposal Ford Highland Park is the first of the Ford locals to go on record opposing this plan. Twe weeks earlier, the Press Steel Unit of Ford Local 600 unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing it. From sentiment is the ranks of all Ford workers, 1 is expected that the opposition will spread rapidly to other units and locals.

Detroit General Motors Pickets sure that American Big Business can juggle the law in a similar manner through its control of the courts. And would we not be cowards and simpletons if we failed to resist such an interpretation (Continued from Page 1) cops' beatings blow for blow. | ceded them. They arrived just fortified with drinks at the com- After a series of such scuffles in time to hear the Local 262

reinforcements could be brought to the scene.

Local 735 immediately met the company's violation of its agreement with the union by terminating all passes. At a meeting of the Detroit city-wide strike committee held the same afternoon, it was decided to send adlocals with instructions to admit no one the following day. Nearby beer gardens and grocery stores were asked to remain any trouble.

thousand pickets, including reinforcements from Fleetwood Local 15, Diesel Local 163, Chevrolet Gear and Axle Local 235 in today." and Chevrolet Forge Local 262, manned the gates at Detroit Transmission. In spite of remonstrances from the police, picket captains approached the salthat it would be unwise to try second look at the mass of deto enter.

UNYIELDING LINE

Those foolish enough to avail themselves of police protection in an attempt to cross the lines, found themselves surrounded by hundreds of pickets, an impenetrable and unflinching mass of union men, who returned the

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pany's expense, this group of 40 during which no one entered the sound truck admonish the last returned and charged the gate plant, the salaried employes re- group of foremen: "You'd better in a body. They succeeded in tired across the street, and the go on home boys, because we're

section of the Detroit police ing at the corner, but they had nicer things in life . . . just as force, specially trained, and already disappeared. armed with riot guns, helmets, gas and other implements of the corporation failed at Cheywarfare, drew up across from the rolet Forge just as it had at fighting mood.

The general manager of the plant approached the gate stating that he was "going in and settle this business." Before he had the chance, you're not going

ANOTHER "SURPRISE" It was a tense moment, with

both pickets and "commandos" waiting for any move on the aried employes some distance part of the manager which would from the gates and explained start the battle. But after a termined pickets, the manager's bravado left him, and he retired. The union had won the day.

Today no further attempts were made to crash the lines and Detroit Transmission remained closed to all. Taking no chances, however, Local 735 had close to 400 pickets on hand with reinforcements from the same four locals represented on yesterday's line. Around eight o'clock, word passed through the line that help was needed at Chevrolet Forge, where the management was trying the same "surprise" tactics on the Local 262 line.

Two hundred pickets rushed in cars to the Chevrolet Forge plant a mile away, but news of their coming had evidently pre-

entering the plant before picket police sent for reinforcements. not going to let you in." Scores 'commandos," the most vicious the foremen who had been lurk-Thus the "surprise" tactic of

main gate. Facing them was a Detroit Transmission. Strikers massed army of pickets, in a are on the alert for any further consorting with rich bums, anymove from the company to break way. up the lines. This was indicated by Mike Lacey, president of Truman's Defender Chevrolet Gear and Axle Local 235, who reported that there had leader and active trade unionist could get halfway across the been no incidents at his plant, in the country protesting the street, he was met by a huge but that the lack of incidents pro-Big Business acts of Tru-On Thursday, January 3, a picket captain who told him; "If was "like the calm before the Tokin AWI Transporters Office and you didn't have brains enough storm, and the local is taking Democratic Party National Comno chances on reducing its lines." mittee member, to rush into

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"Fifteen thousand American soldiers and about the same number of British soldiers are sitting on the lid of a Communist revolution here today." Allen Raymond, writing from Trieste, Yugoslavia, made this his opening sentence in the first of a series of articles printed in the Paris edition of the Herald Tribune. "Only their presence,

according to most Allied observers," continues Raymond, inhabitants whom he and Amerprevents its explosion and ican professional policemen are balks forcible annexation of now engaged in training." this rich commercial city to cident: "When the Allies creatthe new federated Yugo-

Raymond describes Trieste under Mussolini: "For years the Slovene minority have been sub- the new police uniforms. The jected to all the rigors of un- dye did not work exactly as the restrained capitalism under Fas- Allies expected and the new unicist strong-arm methods. For forms are black. Consequently years they have been discriminschools in the Slovene tongue have been abolished in a vain they ring charges on the new effort to Italianise them."

"If ever any people had justification for Communist underground plotting and rebellion at the first possible opportunity," continues Raymond, "it was the to be an impartial trustee of Slovene population in this re- the region but . . . in reality is gion, and when the Nazi-Fascist protecting its status quo and collapse came these people were therefore its rule by Italians and

PEOPLE'S COURTS

"They had their tightly-disciplined organization. They had their armed Partisans. They had their people's courts to wipe out Fascist oppressors and their people's committee ready to take over Trieste from their masters and run it in the way they wanted to run it.

"In the few days when they were the top dogs they did a of revolution and of Yugoslavian good deal of murdering and kid- claims. Meanwhile, however, napping. They started to have a "they live on their fat . . . and real reign of terror for overlords, live very well. If the great world reminiscent of the Bolshevik Up- powers decide to hand their city rising of 1917." Through the over to the Yugoslavs, I am inscreen of Raymond's slanderous formed, a lot of people who have remarks, which are cut to pat- been accustomed to running tern for the capitalist press, it Trieste will be running for shelcan be clearly seen that the peo- ter in some other country, abanple of Trieste did rise in the doning everything they own and spirit of the October 1917 Russian revolution to put an end to capitalism with its horrors of best Allied estimate of the rise fascism and war.

the Allies did: "Then Lieutenant 1940 is 1,000 per cent. Butter, for General Sir Bernard C. Frey- instance, costs \$5 a pound. Mulberg and his tough New Zea- tiply the price of most things landers arrived at industrial one bought in 1940 around here Monfalcone, where the big Ital- by ten and you get the picture. ian luxury liners and battleships used to be constructed. They saw military rations and are actualwhat seemed anarchy and bloody ly feeding the entire population revolution and they stopped it 800 calories daily at a controlled cold . . . They disarmed what low price . . ." This is equivalent partisans they could. They mov- to about eight medium slices of ed in the Allied Military Gov- bread. The U.S. Department of ernment, which was partly Agriculture estimates that the high Mediterranean command 3,000 calories.

growing police force of native their ability."

Raymond reports an ironic ined the new force, they took surplus British battle-dress uniforms and dyed them what was supposed to be a dark green, for they remind the down-trodden ated against as aliens and their Slovenes of the Fascist blackshirts, and in their propaganda Allied black shirts which have taken the place of Mussolini's old

The Allied Military Government, says Raymond "is supposed by capitalistic society, against both of which the Slovenes are here in violent rebellion."

In his third and concluding article, Raymond declares, "This territory has always been run on capitalist principles, and capitalists here, although still moderately well heeled are pretty frightened."

SCARED CAPITALISTS

The capitalists are frightened

cannot carry with them." The food situation is bad. "The in the cost of living for Trieste Raymond next describes what citizens since war broke out in

"The Allies have brought in

Raymond concludes his arvision of Americans, with their ticle: "These UNRRA goods have the expense of the middle classes influenced by the Trotskyists, raw replacements, to help the become a political weapon bepolice in exasperating situations". cause when you have large In the second of the series, masses of hungry people, you can Raymond continues: "Once the buy the loyalties of many with Anglo-American Allies had put food." However apparently Wall down the Communist revolution Street will have to make a highin western Venezia Giulia, the er bid than 800 calories a day responsibility for governing the to buy the loyalties of these peoplace became temporarily theirs." ple, for Raymond declares in his Besides "gun-toting British final sentence: "It is one of the and American military police-men" the American head of civil that the Allies are feeding a affairs under the Allied Military great many people who are mak-Government "has a new and ing war on them to the best of

100,000 Workers Stage Paris Rally

(Special to THE MILITANT)

PARIS, France, Dec. 13 — Despite inadequate transportation, some 100,000 striking civil service workers demonstrated yesterday at the Velodrome d'Hiver against Pleven, Minister of Finance.

"We want our 1,000 francs!" @shouted the f demonstrators. the entry of his Ministry threat-"Down with Pleven!"

This demonstration is a highly the word. significant indication of the militant mood of the French workers. It is the first strike of the civil service employes in years. The last demonstration occurred February 12, 1934, when these workers protested against the rising danger of fascism. But not even that demonstration was comparable in size to the pres-

If the de Gaulle government threatens the strikers with dis- fact that a stenographer who ciplinary reprisals, declared Jean Neumeyer, head of the Fed- pay about \$60 for a simple pulleration des Fonctionnaires (Federation of Civil Service Employes), a general strike will be called. Such a strike will have the approval of the CGT (General Zederation of Labor).

"WILL NOT DISCUSS"

The day before the huge demnel under Malraux was posted at class.

ening a general strike if the General Federation of Labor gives

Unless the government meets the strikers' demand of a wage rise of 1,000 francs (\$20) a month, the general strike may well take place. The cost of living in France has risen from capitalists must buy new macheight to 12 times its 1938 levels. ines and this in turn can be done The wages of state employes only through super-exploitation meanwhile have risen only about of the proletariat. three times.

The difficulties faced by these workers can be judged from the only gets \$100 a month has to over sweater.

STRUGGLE SABOTAGED A porter making \$60 to \$100 a

month, has to keep his family in food and clothing on these miserable wages. But a suit of clothes costs from \$400 to \$600.

The civil service workers beonstration, Andre Malraux, de gan pressing for a wage rise last Gaulle's Minister of Information, summer. The Stalinists and Sodeclared that "the government cialists, however, sabotaged the will not discuss under the strik- struggle, since they are following ers' threat." The day after the the policy of supporting the gov-

Allied Troops Halt Indo-Chinese Continue Heroic Fight Uprising In Trieste Against French Imperialist Rulers (Fifteen thousand American soldiers and about the Against French Imperialist Rulers

Fighters For Freedom



Indonesian fighters for freedom from imperialist rule, many armed with sharpened bamboo poles and a few with rifles, massed at a youth meeting in Java.

Belgian Regime Bankrupt Official Figures Show

of, workers responded with a

tenacious and increasingly better

This series of small partial

strikes however was not long in

arousing the most advanced and

the most important strata of the

assimilated the lessons of the

lethargy and from the demora-

lization into which they had

fallen for three or four months.

and the transport workers have

Under the pressure of the

They involved the technicians

as well for the first time in the

history of the Belgian labor

They obtained satisfaction and

in a resolution of extreme impor-

tance placed the question of the

Sliding Scale of Wages and of

Workers' Control of Production

on the order of the day. Finally

a strike of the transport work-

ers now underway in Liege,

provided the occasion for this

organization to pose concretely

the question of nationalization

of the entire transport industry

and its direct administration by

the workers. Thus, we find our-

social struggles in Belgium.

BREAK THE COALITION

selves clearly on the eve of great

The "economic recovery" of

the country has been accom-

the working class. The reform-

Communist Party, Belgian Sec-

tion of the 4th International,

calls on the toiling masses,

whose economic struggles it sup-

ports and helps organize, to draw

from the situation. The collabo-

ration of the Socialist Party and

the Communist Party (Stalin-

ists) with the bourgeois parties

has plunged the working class

into misery. To find a way out

the workers' parties must break

The action of the masses in

struggling for the sliding scale

POLITICAL conclusions

movement.

Having admirably

organized resistance.

By E. Germain (Special to The Militant)

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 15 — The declaration of the Stalinist minister Lalmand, placing the real index of the cost of living around 400 or 450 while the government has manner, the workers will be able stabilized wages around the index 220, characterizes per-

fectly the social situation in 9 bankruptcy of the Stalinist backward. But even these layers and reformist policy of collaboration with the government and the perspectives of great social struggles now

The slow increase in production the last six months now proletariat. seems to have reached the limit of possible absorption by the home market. Compared with the other European countries, Belgium is in a favorable situation, because the war destruction the miners, the metal workers was less and because large reserves of paper money were ac- responded in their turn. They cumulated through the Congo's took the offensive audaciously, credit balance with the United clearly posing the most impor-American, and gradually the minimum requirements a day are Belgian franc after a fashion wages. through blocking credits — an which fell into its hands, the 24-hour strike. The demonstragovernment has succeeded in tion succeeded admirably. Then improving the food situation the metal workers began to move, and in giving a certain impetus raising old demands which had to production. But at the same remained unsolved for a year. time, the quantity of paper money in circulation has quadrupled, the credits in dollars are exhausted and the American loan will end in January. The increase in production has scarcely reached two-thirds of

the prewar production (in metallurgy scarcely one-third, but in the coal industry 85 per cent) yet it already exceeds the possibilities of consumption by the The stores are filled with products, goods are accumulated by the wholesalers, but the masses can buy nothing with

wages far below their real living needs. If the bourgeoisie wants to avoid a serious economic crisis, it must begin to export (Belgian exports today are only five percent of prewar ex-But in order to compete on plished solely at the expense of

the foreign market with American products at the lower price ist and Stalinist leaders recogmade possible by much more nize this now. It provides the modern technical methods, the present setting for the workers' bourgeoise must decrease the struggles. Thus does the bankcost of production. In order to ruptcy of the policy of governdo this immediately it must de- mental collaboration by the crease real wages. In the long workers' parties become evident! run, to accomplish this, the Our party, the Revolutionary

THE WORKERS' DEFENSE

The bourgeoisie has tried to open its economic offensive against the working class in two ways: first by increasing prices, and thus decreasing the real wages of the workers; then by decreasing nominal wages, or by refusing to put into effect the meager wage increases granted this coalition. three months ago by the govern-

The working class responded of wages, the establishment of immediately to this second man- the cost of living index by the euver. An almost uninterrupted unions, and workers' control of series of partial strikes took prices and production, must likeplace in small factories and in wise lead to driving the bourgeois large enterprises far from the ministers from the government principal centers of the coun- and to constituting a Socialisttry. As a matter of fact the Communist government. The demonstration, however, a plac- ernment and collaborating in its bosses dared launch their of pressure of the masses must ard signed by the whole person- drive to straitjacket the working fensive only in those areas force such a government to hold where they believed the workers immediate elections, and to stand

of the country for the realization of a vigorous socialist pro-Belgium, the complete were the weakest and most and thus find the road toward the Bolshevik party!

General Strike Near In Colombo Say Trotskyists

past struggles, roused from their Colombo, and the rumblings of another General Strike (the organ of the Bolshevik-Leninist ican stocks of food and textiles ion of Miners decided to call a 20 issue which tells about the strikes in Colombo.

> "The working class of Colominto the inevitable struggles of the postwar period with the an eight-hour working day: (b) for a legally guaranteed miniworkers based on a rate of 1.50 unskilled worker a day. All the current struggles center around these demands, and will find for which there have been two

Fight reports that "The pressure of the working class is comdemands set out above."

"The Bolshevik - Leninists," united front.'

before the entire working class does not act in a revolutionary to 3,000 men. to free themselves from the reformist and Stalinist influence.

"At the present moment nearly 2.000 workers are on strike in third for 1945) are making themselves insistently heard,"

March, and again in September."

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In Manila, Flay **U. S. Imperialism** By Mike Cort

hold markets and raw mater- strong." ials for the monopolies, is be-

third in two weeks. They march- sections of the Viet Minh. ed four abreast to the head-

According to the N. Y. Times, demonstration exploded spontaneously when the troops INTERNATIONAL LINK read in the Stars and Stripes a War Department announcement Pacific demobilization be cut from 800,000 to 300,000 monthly because of difficulties in obtaining replacements. A few soldiers started marching through the streets and were joined by hundreds of others as they passed canteens and military establishments. By the time they reached headquar-If such a government ters the procession had swelled

indicated that they clearly un- bers, Menefee says, so far they derstood the role intended for "are unable to control the nathem by American capitalism. In tionalist movement in the south. mimeographed manifestos they They have a precarious authorcharged that ". . . the State De- ity in Saigon and some other partment wants the Army to cities, but are without influence back up its imperialism" and in much of the countryside." "redeployment has been deliberately slowed down to force shape of a widespread refusal to ington is keeping American compulsory military training."

Petitions and letters were pre-

previous "BAD INFLUENCE"

And Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer rebo," declares Fight, "is moving ceived a five man delegation from the January 7 demonstrators with the warning that their actions would have a bad ingreatest militancy. Their main fluence on the people of the demands everywhere are for (a) Philippines. He might well have would have a "bad influence" on all colonial peoples who see that mum wage for all industrial American soldiers are reluctant to use bayonets to subjugate rupees (about 45 cents) for an them to their imperialist mas-

Col. Campbell was entirely correct when he saw a relationtheir climax in a General Strike, ship between the General Motors strike and the Manila demonrehearsals already this year, in strations. Both the workers and the soldiers are struggling against a common enemy -American monopoly capitalism pelling all petty-minded politi- which is now engaged in imcal sects and partisan Trade perialist adventures abroad and Union leaders . . . to unite to- a fight for low wages at home. gether on the basic working class The troops and the workers must universal support of the Anna- port it would have isolated Chinjoin hands in defense against mese people. Prior to the ar- ese Nationalist troops now pushe this common foe and the work- rival of the British in Saigon, it ing into Manchuria," says the states Fight, "are in the fore- ers must do all within their controlled virtually the entire Christian Science Monitor. front of the preparation of this power to see that the soldiers country. It functioned well are returned home at once.

New York

The struggle of Indo-Chinese fighters for freedom against the brutal attempt of French imperialism to re-Gl's Demonstrate store its despotic rule continues with undiminished vigor. Confirming previous reports in The Militant, Selden

Menefee states in the Janu-9 ary 3 Christian Science Monitor that a "news blackout wise continues in Indonesia. The . . has engulfed Indo-China British are spearheading the onin recent weeks."

The censorship is significant, American imperialism in the says Menefee, "because it means Orient is not running like a well that despite claims that the sitoiled machine—not at the mo- uation is 'calm' in Indo-China, uary 7. The Indonesian radio ment. For the ordinary soldier, this important link in the and fight and die to win and throughout Southeast Asia is

Seeping through the censorship comes news that "contact On January 7, three thousand is being maintained between the ground the homes of about 500 angry and jeering enlisted men northern nationalists and those natives in a southeastern Batavmarched through the heart of in the French-controlled south- ia suburb of Meester Cornelis. Manila for the second mass dem- ern zone," Menefee says. This This was done in retaliation for constration in two days and the contact is principally among the storming of a Netherlands

quarters of Lt. Gen. W. D. November 3 Militant which told ciated Press reported on Janu-Styer and submitted to him hot- of connections between the Jav- ary 3. ly worded protests against the anese and Indian nationalist. This atrocity was the sequel War Department's delay in re- movements, Menefee states that of one in Padang. Allied offiturning home high point vet- "the beginnings of regional re- cers "burned down more than lations are seen" in the fre- 200 houses," states the Associquent exchange of messages be- ated Press. This was in reprisal tween nationalist leaders.

maintain communications between Ho Chi Minh, head of the! Viet Minh and head of the Annamese Republic; Maj. Gen. mese Anti-Fascist People's Freeof the Javanese independence movement: and Jawaharlal Nehru, nationalist leader in India.

Nationalist forces dominate though French armor and in-Slogans shouted by the men fantry are present in large num-

A native boycott - "in the sell food and other goods to the French-is thought to be still efpared for Congressmen at home, fective," Menefee declares. "Untelling them that if they didn't derground newspapers," he consee that the GI's were returned tinues, "are being circulated in to the United States, the GI's in the Saigon area, urging Annaturn would see that the Con- mese not to cease resisting the gressmen were not returned to return of French colonial rule."

Viet Minh is the largest and The significance of these dem- most powerful of the nationalist onstrations was not lost on the groups in Indo China. Its leadreports the Ceylon Trotskyist military caste. Understanding er, Ho Chi Minh, is a former States. By "stabilizing" the tant question: that of prices and paper Fight. Fight is the official that political and economic is- Communist, according to Menesues were involved, it was Col. fee, who says that he was known J. C. Campbell who denounced as Nguyen Ai Quoc. This corthe Fourth International. We demonstration by shouting to Daniel Guerin in the November diers in the area occupied by the -and by buying all the Amer- the Congress of the United Un- have just received the November the men, "You men forget you're 24 Militant. Guerin stated that Marines have been disarmed and not working for General Motors." Quoc's book "The Process of repatriated, and the 50,000 Ma-French Colonization" is known rine troops are being used chiefly to all friends of the Indo-Chinese people.

Menefee says that Ho Chi Minh "was a member of the early Cantonese revolutionary group, and when Chiang Kaishek repudiated this group in 1927 Ho fled to Russia with added that the demonstrations Michael Borodin." This would indicate that Ho might at one time have been under the influence of Stalinism but his present politics cannot be verified.

As reported by Menefee the objective of Ho's government "is a democratic socialism," but Ho has said, Menefee continues, that "if necessary he would advocate adoption of some communist measures."

VIRTUAL CONTROL

An Army officer recently returned from Indo-China said, hands of unauthorized guerrilla according to Menefee, that the bands who have been attempt-Viet Minh League has "almost ing to sabotage the sea supply enough to keep the utilities running and the people working aid of American vessels and air and eating."

In their determination to prevent the return of hated French rule, the Annamese are scorchwere guarded," stated a January 6 Associated Press dispatch, "by twenty-six Japanese under British control. The incendiary attack was repulsed with casualties on both sides."

British and French are supplied with modern American weapons. They are aided by the Japanese. All the imperialist powers are determined to crush the independence movement in Indo-China. Despite this imperialistic combination the masses continue their valiant struggle. Their determination is expressed by huge slogans still covering the walls of public buildings in Hanoi — "Independence

The struggle for freedom likeands. "British artillery blasted Indonesian concentrations around Soerabaja," according to a United Press dispatch for Janthe man who is expected to sweat chain of nationalist movements hang on and promised that Soerurged nationalist fighters to abaja would soon be recaptured.

Netherlanders burned to the

civil police station by a large Bearing out a report in the crowd of Indonesians, the Asso-

for the reputed killing there several weeks ago of a British ma-Attempts are being made to jor and a woman Red Cross worker.

The unrecognized Indonesian Republic strongly protested the Allied atrocities at Padang. The Aung San, leader of the Bur- dispatch does not say whether the Indonesians were subjected dom League; Dr. Soekarno, head to wholesale bombardment as they were during the razing of Bekasi a few weeks ago.

Such atrocities, equalling in every respect the cold-blooded the interior of Indo-China. Al- destruction of Lidice and the the Nazis, are perpetrated by the British in Java without censure from the complacent Wall Street

Journalist lackeys of imperlalism are equally callous in their handling of news from China. in the press reveal that Washtroops in China solely to bolster the ruthless dictator Chiang Kai-

"BROADER" U. S. TASKS!

Maj. Gen. Keller Rockey, Commander of Marines in the mit recently that the mission of the United States Marines "has undergone considerable broadening during the past two months." according to a January 2 dispatch to the Christian Science Monitor

to guard Chinese railways and coal mines."

This admission comes after a long series of denials by Washington officials and Brass Hats. They asserted that Marines were in China for the sole purpose of "disarming the Japanese."

Another well-known fact that has likewise been kept quiet was admitted by General Rockey. He said that about "15,000 armed Japanese troops are being maintained by the Marines to help guard rail lines around Tientsin and to guard Japanese warehouses in the Tientsin-Peking

The railways guarded by the Marines are extremely important to dictator Chiang. "If this rail line were to fall into the

Chiang's troops are not only moving into Manchuria with the transport, but are also driving into Stalinist held Jehol from American held bases.

Marines have no taste for the ing the earth. British officials imperialist task assigned them claimed that between 5,000 and by Washington. Their "morale" 6,000 tons of rubber "were de- is low. They want to go home. stroyed New Year's night by Brass Hats hope to replace the Annamites who set fire to six of embittered men with fresh twenty-four sheds" at a dump troops. General Rockey says northeast of Saigon. "The sheds that 17,000, instead of the originally announced 10,000, replacements are on their way to China to relieve men stationed there.

This is additional proof, of course, that Washington has no intention of withdrawing troops from China in the foreseeable

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Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy.

-Leon Trotsky

Hail Stamford Labor!

The AFL and CIO workers of Stamford, Conn., have earned the commendation and gratitude of all American labor for the inspiring demonstration of class solidarity in their one-day city-wide general strike.

Never has the American labor movement stood more in need of the kind of unity in action so effectively shown by the Stamford workers.

Big Business and its government tools are engaged in a ferocious campaign to undermine and smash the unions. This campaign, gathering momentum with each day, is directed against every union in the land, irrespective of affiliation.

The workers, whether CIO or AFL, have a deep and urgent desire to join forces, to unite and beat back the ruthless common enemy of the whole American working class-American Big Business.

How true was the statement of AFL Machinists' Vice-President Samuel L. Newman to the gigantic Stamford strike demonstration: "Right here you will find members of the CIO and AFL who are brothers and sisters right in their own homes, who eat at the same tables. How can you part them-or separate labor?"

The example of Stamford has particular meaning for the titanic, bitter General Motors strike. This struggle, as everyone is aware, is spearheading the battle for living wages and security of all labor.

Yet, to date, not even the sister Internationals within the CIO have given the embattled GM auto workers effective fighting aid -aid that is really decisive—that will really win.

The beginning of the GM strike should have been a signal for action by the leading sections of the CIO. The CIO unions—the steel workers in particular-should have been mobilized on the picket lines without the undue delay that has marked the preparations for their own scheduled walkouts.

"An injury to one, is an injury to all," is a key slogan of labor. That is the slogan the Stamford workers upheld in action, and that is the slogan which the CIO workers must put into effect without delay by a timely spread of the strike struggles.

Important Evidence

How the Roosevelt Administration planned entry of the United States into the Second World War is clearly indicated in letters written in 1941 by Admiral Harold R. Stark, These letters were received by the Senate - House Committee investigating Pearl Harbor. Many of the letters when written were of such obviously damning character that Stark had advised the recipients to burn them.

As early as April 19, 1941, President Roosevelt told Stark to maneuver the Pacific fleet in such a way as "to keep the Japs guessing." When Stark asked the President where the fleet should go after a cruise to Australia, Roosevelt replied "anywhere" including North. This would give the "State Department a shock," since it would be on Japan's flank and the Japanese had an "unholy fear of bombing." These letters thus prove that long before Pearl Harbor, Roosevelt was attempting to force Japan into counter-maneuvers that would lead inevitably to war.

When Hitler attacked the Soviet Union, Admiral Stark urged immediate American entry into the war. In a letter dated July 31, 1941, addressed to Capt. Charles M. Cooke, Jr., Admiral Stark revealed:

"Within 48 hours after the Russian situation broke, I went to the President, with the secretary's approval, and stated that on the assumption that the country's decision is not to let England fall, we should immediately seize the psychological opportunity presented by the Russian-German clash and announce and start escorting immediately, and protecting the western Atlantic on a large scale; that such a declaration, followed by immediate action on our part would almost certainly involve us in the war, and that I considered every day of delay in our getting into the war as dangerous, and that much more delay might be fatal to Britain's survival." Roosevelt, it will be recalled, actually did follow a step by step policy of increasing belligerency on the

high seas. Stark reminded Roosevelt "that only a war

psychology could or would speed things up as they should be speeded up; that strive as we would it just isn't in the nature of things to get the results in peace that we would were we at war."

This letter likewise reveals the attitude of the Roosevelt Administration toward the Sov-

"We shall give aid to Russia. I hope she and Germany may break upon each other. Europe dominated by the Communists is no more an attractive picture, in fact less so, than a Europe dominated by the Nazis. Here's hoping that we have neither, but rather that they exhaust themselves."

The Stark letters are important evidence. On reading them, one cannot help but ask: Are there not war criminals in this country just as guilty as those now on trial at Nuremberg and Manila? Do not these letters prove that America's rulers deliberately plunged the country into war? Don't they prove that America's rulers wanted war not to safeguard lofty democratic ideals but simply to advance the imperialist aims of Wall Street?

Manila Trials

In Manila, officials of the American armed forces are judging selected officials of the Japanese armed forces for war crimes.

Many Japanese officers were undoubtedly guilty of war atrocities. They stand condemned in the opinion of working people everywhere, as do any Allied officers who committed atrocities.

But what about the power represented in the judges' seats? Is this power wholly impartial in passing the severest possible sentences upon the defeated opponents? Is this power unmoved by race prejudice? Or is it hoping to load onto a scapegoat the entire guilt for plunging the nations into the Second World War?

A bit of history casts a sardonic light on the objectivity of the "justice" at Manila. After the Spanish - American war, American imperialist troops "pacified" the Philippines. Horrible, shocking atrocities were committed against the Filipino fighters for independence.

But in the trials that were later held, the guilty officers were let off with sentences often no heavier than a reprimand!

In case after case, American officers who tortured victims were given mild fines. Wall Street saw to it that the Brass Hats who spearheaded its drive to suppress the Philippine freedom movement were saved from the sentences demanded by justice.

Now at the scene of these crimes of American imperialism, this same imperialism, posing as an impartial judge of the crimes of others, freely hands out the death sentence.

Justice at Manila, history shows, is strictly tempered to the needs of the imperialist con-

An Imperialist Treaty

Great Britain has just signed a treaty with Siam. The terms of this treaty are harsh and brutal. Far from carrying out the ideals held up in the Atlantic Charter as the alleged Anglo-American powers in the Second World War, this treaty does not breathe a word about "democracy," "freedom," or "independence."

The British imperialists have disclosed instead what some of their real aims were in this war. In the case of the small, weak country of Siam, these aims include such items as delivering to the British war profiteers one and a half million tons of rice free of charge. They include turning over to the British until September 1947 the entire surplus of Siam's rice crop at a price to be fixed by imperialistdominated boards.

On top of this, Siam must return to the British imperialists all areas taken back during the war. These areas were stolen by the British in 1909 from Siam. British banking and commercial concerns, etc., taken over during the war must be restored to their former British holders and permitted to resume exploitation of the Siamese people. Any damage must be compensated. Siamese currency seized by the British must be redeemed in sterling.

Debts to the British which could not be collected during the Japanese occupation must be paid up "with the addition of interest at an appropriate percentage."

And Siam must not dig a canal connecting the Indian Ocean and Southwest Pacific. Such a canal would shorten shipping lanes, but it would likewise decrease the importance of Singapore as a British naval base.

Moreover Siam must agree to regulate the export of her principal products, rice, tin, rubber and tea, in accordance with the decislons of the imperialist powers.

The sordid character of this treaty forced on Siam is all the more glaring in view of the heroic battle the Siamese people waged against Japanese imperialism during the years of occupation. The British were compelled to recognize in the treaty itself that they are "not unmindful of the services rendered by the resistance movement in Siam during the war with Japan."

United States imperialism bears equal responsibility with the British for this vicious treaty. The State Department in an official statement agreed to the terms. To Wall Street, Siam is simply a colonial area to be divided up as spoils of war among the victor powers.

Thus the treaty discloses once, again why the imperialists plunged into the Second World War. They participated in the frightful blood bath not to bring "Four Freedoms" to the world, but simply to maintain old colonial empires and to grab new colonies, markets and spheres of influence.



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which mouthed such patriotic able prerogatives of manage- phrases about "our boys in the inhuman hours, to "increase ment" is its knowledge that any foxholes," endanger their own real investigation of the books war for the sake of bloody proof the big corporations would ex- fits? Breitman lays bare the real

"The explanation for ously increased its wartime loot monopolies and corporations is "monopolistic industries and of So crude and extensive were motive. No employer keeps his to the national safety." these crimes, which cost the lives factory running unless there is The present demand of the of countless servicemen and profit to be made from it. This UAW workers to open the books milked the taxpayers of billions, is as true in wartime as in peace- of the corporations, will prove that some of them could not be time, with only one difference: a spur toward the broader decompletely concealed. George In wartime there is usually more mand for government owner-Breitman's "Wartime Crimes of profit to be made and the capi- ship and operation of industry Big Business" graphically de- talists, maddened by greed, under workers control. scribes these known criminal sweep aside all restraints and obpractices and offers a wealth stacles in the way of ever great-

WARTIME CRIMES OF BIG | of information that can well | er profits. Rare indeed is the BUSINESS, By George Breit- serve as a weapon to aid the case of an employer who has man. Pioneer Publishers, 1943; fight of militant trade unionists said: 'I have got enough.' The for the right to examine the tendency of the ruling class is always to go after more and

The author goes on to cite General Motors workers accom- sale of faulty ships that snap- facts, figures and statements de-

" . . . Standard Oil, du Pont, eral Motors and other big corporations formed cartels with their fellow monopolists in Germany, Britain, Japan, Italy, etc., for the purpose of restricting costs to get bigger profits. In- production, maintaining monopoly and raising prices." while Why did the corporations, they demanded that the workers production.

Breitman points out that the pose the full extent of the frauds reason for all Big Business CIO United Auto Workers drew up a series of proposals in June. the 1943 calling for government whereby Big Business tremend- policies and activities of the ownership after the war of always to be found in the profit industries strategically essential

Reviewed by

Congressmen At Work

Wall Street does not always require clarity of expression in the legislation passed by Congress. In fact to put over its deals and steals Wall Street sometimes prefers language that cannot be penetrated with a cold chisel and a sledge hammer. The "Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1945," for instance, should prove a joy and comfort to the corporation lawyers for years to come as they dig into the six and a half billion dollars in ships it turns over to the operators. Here is a typical clause:

"The dead-weight tonnage of vessels chartered under this subsection to any chartering nation shall not exceed such percentage of what the Senator from Caliof the tonnage under charter or fornia has said . . ." defense aid transfer on September 1, 1945, to the member nation which has suffered the largchartered hereunder to the charaid transfer to such nation on plicity." September 1, 1945."

Wall Street's Congressmen tangle of flypaper. Senator up my hands!" Knowland of California thought it "one of the most important Members of the Senate do not pieces of legislation which has actually write bills," Senator been before the Senate in the brief time I have been a Member ... and perhaps one of the most

"Working" for "Peace" "I am disappointed and I am peace of the world for genera- dull understanding." tions to come." (Rep. Robison Organization bill.)



important that will be before the Senate during this session of Congress."

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OBSCURITY TEST

Wall Street's political repreest merchant ship war losses, as sentatives proceeded to test the the tonnage of war losses of such | Act for obscurity. Saltonstall of chartering nation is to the said Massachusetts said he had "read war losses of such member na- the language" and did "not untion, except that the amount derstand it." The principal proponent of the bill, Radcliffe of tering nation may in any event | Maryland, agreed "with the Senbe equivalent to the tonnage of ator that the language does not vessels under charter or defense contain in it the element of sim-

Later when Radcliffe read a sample, Senator Byrd of Virginia were really fascinated by this dramatically declared: "I throw

Mentioning that "ordinarily Byrd characterized the ship sales act as "one of the most difficult, confusing, and vexing pieces of legislation that has ever been presented to the Senate."

Senator White of Maine, after grieved that less than 50 of probing a bit, admitted that our 425 members are on the floor "there has been no explanation when we are working on the very of it which was adequate to my

experience in the Senate, this collor or Cremo.

being the beginning of my second term, but I do not remember any bill presented to the Senate which is an example of worse drafting than the bill before us." LATIN AND LOGIC

Radcliffe was moved to quoting Latin: ". . . the suggestion was made, as I recall it, when a dictator was selected in Rome . . The language was videat ne quid respublica detrimenti copiat."

Senator White observed sourly: "I think the Senator's Latin is as poor as his logic."

Radcliffe, thinking of the billions of dollars of ships going to Wall Street, interpreted the Latin as meaning, "the dictator should see to it that the republic should suffer no harm."

Senator White was thrown right back to his early childhood by the language of the Act, and recited his grandfather's version of the old nursery prayer: "When I lay me down to sleep,

"I curl myself up in a heap; "If I should die before I wake, "It would puzzle the devil to pull me straight." Having survived all these rigid

tests, the bill was passed by the Senators. They didn't even bother to take a roll call vote over a measure that so obviously met Wall Street specifications.

Lucky Strike' Struck

Some 2,500 workers of American Tobacco Company plants in Philadelphia, Trenton, N. J., and Charleston, N. C., have been on strike since October 15, 1945. They are members of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers Union. They ask all union members not to reach for a Lucky . . . or a Pall Mall, Mela-Senator Green of Rhode Is- chrino, La Corona, Bock y Ca, of Kentucky, at opening of House land, likewise jumped on the Henry Clay, Casanas, Antoniq session to debate United Nations bandwagon: "I have had limited y Cleopatra, El Roi Tan, Chan-

PROBLEMS FACING **WAR VETERANS**

By CHARLES, CARSTEN-

The Real Defenders of Veterans' Seniority

With hundreds of thousands of veterans looking for jobs, the question of seniority rights is bound to come increasingly to the forefront. In all discussion about seniority, boss propagandists consistently avoid mentioning the fact that unions inaugurated the seniority system and that real seniority exists only where the workers are organized.

Furthermore, it was through the insistence of the unions that Congress wrote Section VIII of the Selective Service Act. It wasn't written so clearly and unambiguously as the unions had asked, but it offered some guarantee to men "who left a position other than temporary." These men were assured restoration to "a position of like seniority status and pay," if they applied within 90 days, and # they were "still qualified to perform the duties" of the position they had left.

The latter clause was clearly inserted as an out for employers. In recent months slightly disabled veterans have been refused their former jobs on the pretext that they are no longer "qualified" to perform the duties. Another concession to the bosses provides that a veteran need not be rehired if "the employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so."

The employers have gained still more from the fact that the administrator of the Act, General Hershey, director of Selective Service, has interpreted its provisions to the detriment of the unions.

A recent circular from Hershey's office gives the employer the privilege of deciding whether or not an employe was "temporary." And if a boss decides to re-employ a veteran he can do so, according to Hershey's interpretation, even if it means discharging a non-veteran with greater seniority. The unions have labeled this as "super-seniority" and are contesting it in the courts.

Hershey's interpretation makes it possible for employers to remove workers with many years of seniority, men who are often the most militant union members. Bosses hope to replace these men with veterans carefully screened as to their union senti-

The unions contend that veterans are entitled to 'the totality of job rights" they would have had if they had never been drafted. Therefore they refuse to agree that an employer can hire a veteran if it means laying off a non-veteran with greater seniority.

Contrary to capitalist propaganda the unions have done more for both union and non-union veterans than any other sector of society. Both the CIO and AFL have tried to make provisions for the great bulk of the veterans, the 80 per cent who have no "legal" rights to jobs.

They urge their member unions to bargain with the employers for the inclusion of clauses granting every veteran synthetic seniority for his time in the service, after he's been hired. The bosses are definitely opposed to this proposal.

The major auto companies proposed that no one hired since May 1, 1940, have any seniority whatsoever. The demagogue Ford, posing as the great benefactor of the veterans, wanted to lay off any worker in the plant to make room for a veteran. His motive is clear. He hopes to replace union militants with veterans selected for their anti-union

The three major veterans' organizations - the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans - officially support the policy of the bosses. They are in favor of Hershey's anti-labor interpretation of the Selective Service Act. They urge that seniority for time in the service be imputed for purposes of new employment.

These "solutions" are loaded with dynamite for the veterans and their allies—the organized workers. They are calculated to aid the bosses in weakening the unions. Without strong unions to defend the interests of all workers, the bosses would be able to drive the living standard of both veterans and nonveterans down to the level of tenant farmers in the

"Billionaires' Club" **Continues To Thrive**

-By Jeff Thorne-

Remember when Roosevelt promised that the Second World War, unlike the First, would create no new crop of millionaires? Not only millionaires have sprouted like mushrooms under the golden shower of World War II profits, but numerous new billion-

In December, 1941, just before Pearl Harbor, there were 32 billion-dollar concerns in the United States. Today there are 43. Heading the roster of this Billionaires' Club are the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the Bell Telephone System and the Chase National Bank. Each of these now possesses more than \$6-billions in assets.

The recent reports of the biggest banks demonstrate how the financial interests are piling up assets at top speed while millions of workers have been laid off and many millions more are being forced to strike for a living wage.

In the last three months of 1945 alone, the two largest banks in the United States, Chase National and National City Bank of New York, have added over \$2-billions to their assets. These banks are controlled by the Rockefeller and Morgan interests. In the last quarter of 1945, the assets of the Chase National Bank increased by the record-breaking amount of \$1,127,207,000. This makes Chase.

which has long been the world's largest bank, the first to pass the \$6-billions mark in assets. The National City Bank of New York set a new high by gaining \$964,686,135 in the past three months to reach total assets of \$5,434,372,000. With the City Bank Farmers Trust Company, wholly owned by National City, the latter's combined assets

total \$5.631.340.638. Twenty other New York banks reported year-end assets totaling over \$171/2-billions. With Chase and National City these 22 banks hold about \$29-billions or nearly one-twelfth of all American wealth. Their combined assets total 43 per cent of the assets of all the Federal Reserve Bank members.

These figures show that since the war began more and more of the wealth of the country has passed into the control of a handful of big banks dominated by Wall Street. Through these gigantic concentrations of wealth the bankers and big business men direct and dictate the operations of the chief sectors of American economy for their own enrich-

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

Soldier In Manila Describes Protests

The Militant of January 5 ust received a letter from one nuch more than the capitalist ress carried:

"This may be Christmas, but ou'd never know it here. That the foreign policy of Stalin. ng order was cancelled. Yeserday, or the day before, the felows in the 29th Replacement Depot marched on the headquarers and demanded that they be Stamford Boy ent out right away, instead of he low-point units that have een getting the ships.

"Well, as a result, they were on ships instead of those unts. which is OK. But mysterirusly, our ship was taken away! to the Colonel of the 21st Depot lours) anticipated trouble and et a time for general complaint ession tomorrow at 10 a. m. The bllows stole the march on him though, and marched to headjuarters this afternoon.

"There are only about 4,200 nen here (so I've heard) but it' boked like more than 5,000 this ifternoon. Anyway, the fellows lemanded an immediate statenent and he gave one, without aying anything. His main sayng was 'You aren't working for Beneral Motors, you're in the

"He did say that the ship had een suddenly taken away from the depot, and that there was 10 explanation given. Another thip (5,000 men) has been asigned to us, but it doesn't arrive n Manila harbor until tomornow or the next day.

"There was no real organiztion to the demonstration. Some the boy, 10 or 12 years old, very them. Then we all marched up highway with their banners and stopped all the traffic for quite

> A Reader New York, N. Y.

Philadelphia Incident **Shows Stalinists** Losing Influence

Perhaps it isn't the usual thing ettempt to distribute The Mili- scolding her dog for not eating tant-but the circumstances of its fancy steak while people go our recent failure do not reflect hungry. unfavorably upon us.

to the hands of Stalinist-influ- they?" enced workers, decided to distribute papers at a "Hands Off North China" mass meeting called by the Communist Party for December 20, at Town Hall, one of Philadelphia's largest Vs. Nationalism meeting places (seating approx-Imately 2000). For a week, the For Negro People Communist Party had sound Editor: trucks cruising throughout the city, advertising the meeting

When our comrades reached ment. but of the hall to threaten our preaching his fantastic salvation people, saying that the Amer- of the Negroes. ican working class had no use for traitors and the CP was pre- cialism, but from what Mr. pared to use violence on us. Howell writes, I think it sounds Puzzled at the absence of people practical, because I know there to whom we could offer The is little the Negro can do with-Militant, we withdrew. However, out some help. It is easy to see we sent several comrades into that the writer of this brilliant the hall to find out what had letter really has the interest of distribution. Often they ask for happened. The report we got his people at heart. I have read a number of papers to be left for GM Worker Writes back was amazing.

size of their membership and in- of encouragement for him to fluence, the Communist Party continue striving and at the could muster only 84 people to same time to say that Mr. Howfill the 2000 seats of Town Hall. ell and his party should get busy Of course, the chairman called and really work to bring Harlem the meeting off, using the ex- the truth. cuse of bad weather. The same If Mr. Howell has any spare weather, though, did not mater- time, I wish he would visit me ially affect the attendance at our for a talk, and perhaps I can

It has become apparent in to reach his people. Philadelphia, as elsewhere, that the "new face" of Foster leadership has not only failed to provide the CP an opportunity to From a Worker regain the confidence of the American workers which it had Of the "Old School" lost with its sellout support of Editor: the war and its support of the When our committeemen or no-strike pledge. It has also shop stewards saw a fellow-em-

class has no use for traitors. me, or any other brother in good Undoubtedly many workers in standing. But two days before sympathy with the struggles of our strike with GM, every bit of the colonial people saw the machinery, rough work and fintreachery of a Mass Meeting ished work - in fact the whole pentioned the protest demon- called to protest American inter- damn joint was oiled and greastration by American troops in vention in North China that ed from top to bottom, well pre-Manila, who were demanding completely ignored the struggles served for a long rest. hips to take them home. I have of the peoples of Java, India, and Thanks to our president, viceof the soldiers there, which tells by the treachery of a Party that stewards, in fact, the whole local plight of colonial people when grease monkeys, regardless of their struggles were of aid to their job classification.

> Robert Oliver Philadelphia

Learns Early

exploited people.

Today I was impressed by a simple incident, as I distributed Militants at the mass meeting of the Stamford general strike. This trivial incident made me realize how irresistible is the truth that our paper brings to all

While I was surrounded at one point by a pressing group of workers clamoring for The Militant. I felt something tugging at



the back of my pea coat. I turned around and saw a ragged litbellows made some big banners small for his age. He wore a and some others used big cans man's cap flopped on one side for drums, and they went up and of his head, a jacket that was down the rows of tents until much too big for him, and a little practically everyone was behind pair of well-worn jeans that ended above his ankles. Under the road to the headquarters. one arm he clutched a shoe-shine After it was all over, about 300 box, and with the other, he reachfellows went out on the main ed out to me, saying, "Please give me one, mister.'

> I took a moment to push a paper in his direction before the workers again surrounded me to take my bundle of Militants in record time.

Later, while I was standing a little apart from the attentive ed back to work,' so I came mass of workers listening to down." their union representatives speak. the little boy came back to me, picket line?" I queried. with the paper opened to Laura write about an unsuccessful Gray's cartoon of Mrs. Rich B.

There was real understand-The Philadelphia Branch of ing in the boy's eyes, as he look- by a large, impressive picket line. the Socialist Workers Party, de- ed up at me and said, "I bet rich termined to get The Militant in- people really act that way, don't

Pete Morgan

More On Socialism

I want to thank Victor Howell for the brilliant letter he wrote with slogans such as "Get your to the Negro Nationalists. I have the first time, women on the ed his superior officers to give increase—and more—by speed—articles and other documents GI home for Christmas. Send a read many of Mr. Howell's writpost card to Truman. Tell him ings but this one is the best I 10. They all accepted The Milito withdraw Marines from North have read and it proves he real-China," etc. Thousands of leaf- ly is aware of the ignorant it in their pockets—they read it lets were widely distributed, also. teaching of the Garvey move-

missed the crowd. The usual more about the return to Africa many gates, and numerous pick- he was sent thousands of miles Stalinist goons, however, came than I heard when Garvey was et lines, with a minimum of 15 away!

> I am not well informed on soa great deal of his writings and late-comers on the line.

Despite all the publicity, the have attempted to write a letter

weekly forum the next night. play a small part in his effort

M. T. R. New York, N. Y.

failed to halt the disintegration ploye working out of his job of the Communist Party itself. classification, he was told where the American working he got off, which was O.K. with

Indo-China. They were repelled president, committeemen and was only concerned with the union, the men turned out to be

> Now we are on the picket line and we must come to a halt in letting the bosses and white-collar help cross the picket line. Yes, we also have a committeeman to see that they are not molested. Boy, are we a bunch of sissies!

How about this ad in our pa-GM GETS TAX REBATES;

UAW-CIO STRIKERS WANT OUR UNEMPLOYMENT COM-

N. Arlington, N J

Requests Poem By Ralph Chaplin

Editor: I wonder if you would prin' the poem "Mourn Not the Dead." It is a favorite of mine and is worthy of being in a paper such as The Militant.

Charles Fox

GM Office Workers Show Respect For **Picket Lines**

I would like to relate a few incidents that happened this morning while we were distributing The Militant on the picket

ines in Detroit. We went to Detroit Transmission Division of GM first because this local was maintaining large picket lines and attempting to keep out the office and supervisory help. A number of Fleetwood workers had joined the picket line as volunteers.

Before I reached the main line, I saw a young girl, very noticeably one of the office help. I gave her a copy of The Militant. She said, "I knew I shouldn't have come to work today, but those ads in the newspaper said 'ordered and instruct-

"Trying to get through the

"Hell, no!" she said. "They'll never get me to go to work passing a picket line."

This was just an indication of the mood of many office workers when they were confronted where workers shouted slogans telling the office and supervisory help to stay out. I was given to understand that many of

One gets a wonderful feeling Editor: at seeing office workers who invite a group of five office trying to do. workers into the strike kitchen

to cross the picket line. tant and many didn't just put as they picketed.

(30 is usual) at each gate. We and the men know us. It's wonderful to hear them say:

"Where have you been all veek? You had better make The Militant a daily paper so we can get it more often."

These men are a very jolly bunch, and even help us with the

Rose Young Detroit, Mich.



Workers' Forum J. G. Wright Tells Inspiring Growth Of SWP Observed During Tour

By John G. Wright

On December 23, 1945, in the city of Pittsburgh I concluded a national tour, covering more than a score of cities in a period of approximately three and a half months. In the course of such a tour one naturally gathers a great many impressions. But from the outset, what struck me

most forcibly was the tre-9mendous vitality and the bership within the last 12 great and growing attractive months, with far greater perspecpower of American Trotskyism, the Socialist Workers Party.

with our movement, an indelible imprint is left on workers' not the exception. minds by the spirit of Trotskyists. In virtually every city I spirit. And this is indeed the hallmark of our movement. The spirit is the same everywhere, in branches both large and ground. Everywhere—the same the West Coast. enthusiasm, the same confidence. devotion, selflessness, serious-

ance, loyalty.

Trotskyism," Comrade Cannon reported that in the course of the May, 1934, strikes in Minneapolis the workers locally became convinced that "these Trotskyists mean business. When they undertake anything, they go through with it." I can vouch from my personal experience that this same sentiment is today being expressed by more and workers on a national

"Yes, you Trotskyists mean business!" I heard this on the the country to the other. Many of these workers had never atmeeting before, let alone a Trotskyist meeting. The spirit of our | day. movement and this conviction in the workers' minds concerning our seriousness invests the Socialist Workers Party with great moral authority.

STEADY INFLUX

It explains in large measure and even quadrupled our mem- throughout the country.

tives of growth still ahead.

The attractive power of our party finds its physical expression as well. Thus, centrally-lo-From their very first contact cated, well-kept and efficiently run headquarters are the rule,

The growth of our movement especially the leaps it is now takheard appreciative comments ing in many localities, has posfrom workers, singling out our ed the need of new and bigger headquarters. This problem of "growing pains," noted by Comrade Grace Carlson on her tour (which preceded mine by a cousmall, in areas where we have ple of months) has become acute deep roots as well as those in several places, particularly in where we are just breaking the Michigan-Ohio area and on

indefatigable perserver- is not at all hard to fix. It lies prestige and influence of this above all in the party's social In his "History of American composition, which is overwhelmingly proletarian as a whole, and Many of the outstanding white among workers is to "my paper," and colored worker-militants in and that paper invariably turns the country's basic industries are out to be-The Militant. It is already in our ranks. Many more playing a major role in the class are gravitating towards us and struggle generally and in the will join us in the near future. growth of our movement in par-It was my privilege to meet and | ticular; it is destined to play a discuss with several thousand of far greater one in the immediate

The secret of the attractiveness, growth and success of Lenin's Bolshevik Party in Russia lay in this, that it was a party lips of workers from one end of of workers. The same thing applies to the Socialist Workers Party which is continuing the tended a working-class political | policy and practice of Lenin and Trotsky in the United States to-

TROTSKYIST YOUTH

Parallel with the growing inthe gravitation of the youth toward Trotskyism. On the coast, especially in Los Angeles, we now have important and sizeable the steady influx of workers into | youth formations. We have a our ranks. In locality after lo- similar development in the cality we have doubled, trebled East, and promising beginnings

MOURN NOT THE DEAD By Ralph Chaplin Mourn not the dead that in the cool earth lie-

Dust unto dust-The calm, sweet earth that mothers all who die As all men must:

Mourn not your captive comrades who must dwell-Too strong to strive-Each in his steel-bound coffin of a cell,

But rather mourn the apathetic throng-The cowed and the meek-Who see the world's great anguish and its wrong And dare not speak!

Navy Gold Braid **Refuses Transfer** these workers are being laid off. To Old-Time Sailor

I am a constant subscriber of won't cross the line. As a matter The Militant. I am very much of fact, I saw a picket captain pleased with the work you are

My husband has served in the for coffee after they had refused U.S. Navy for nearly 27 years. picket line. There were at least him a transfer close to his home, At Chevrolet Gear and Axle, years in service, he can't get any whenever it is time for the mem-

record. Don't you think he action. should get a little consideration? A Reader

California

On District Five

Editor: I have some information I think you might be interested in. days of work are lost because of many in 1923. Of all the read-As you know, General Motors strikes. The capitalist press al- ing I had previously done on cancelled its agreement with the ways follows up with a big howl those events, nothing made so United Auto Workers. From a designed to intimidate union clear to me why the young Comunion standpoint, the agreement men and arouse the so-called munist party of Germany sufferwas lousy. A meeting was called by the GM department of the UAW for the Fifth District to be held December 29-30 at Indi- Union, in its December issue has "The type and printing, the pa-

The committeemen at Local 25, to is that someone higher up from the Big Business press.

cancelled the meeting to prevent these committeemen and local officers of District 5 from expressing their ideas on what should be written into the new What these committeemen can

needed than an increase in pay. As you know, without a good being shipped out to the Social-He has been going to sea all contract the corporation will ist Workers Party branches. This At this same plant I saw, for these years and now he has ask- chisel the workers out of the volume contains the manifestos, him a transfer close to his home, so that he can help raise his up and by eliminating the good written by Leon Trotsky in the period of the first three World children, who are not in good union men from the plants. Also Congresses of the Communist health. But with all these these committeemen know that International, 1919-1921. we distributed between 400 and consideration. Instead of being bership to vote, they will prob- felt by Marxist students to whom Town Hall, the vicinity, was described and we feared we had we feared when had we feared we had we feared we had we feared we had we feared when had we feared we had we feared we had we feared when had we feared we had we feared we had we feared when had we had we had we well as the feared when had we had we had we had we had wh the contract. These committee- The very thorough index, and My husband is very anxious to men are also hot about the func- the section of explanatory notes, have been here week after week finish 30 years of service, but he tioning of the umpire and the make the book especially valuis getting very disgusted over the fight they have to put up with able for students of this early way he is being given the run- the big shots in the UAW before period of the Communist Interaround. He has had a perfect a case can go to the umpire for national.

St. Louis

The Truth About Man-Days Lost

Every once in a while some boss-controlled "research" bureau issues a set of fancy figures showing how many man-"public" against unions.

Textile Labor, official publication of the CIO Textile Workers the physical aspects of the book: anapolis. Well, this meeting was another set of figures which ought to be posted on every union bulletin board. Textile Lawhich is the GM local in St. bor demonstrates in a graphic chart that 40,000,000 work days Louis, are plenty hot, because were lost in the single month of they had planned to get at this August, 1945 because of UNmeeting an agreement that EMPLOYMENT following V-J would have some teeth in it. Day, as contrasted to 1,350,000 Now they are trying to find out man-days lost due to labor diswho called off the meeting. The putes. The former figure only conclusion they have come aroused no horrendous clamor

now offered by our movement. My impression is that the Trotskyist youth is both aware and appreciative of this. And this is an additional reason why they are true party patriots. Among the noteworthy things about our party membership, both adult and youth, is that we are rooted not only in the basic industries but in the localities. We have many "home-

in the history of the labor move-

ment when it was possible for

young girls and boys to obtain

revolutionary training under such

favorable conditions as those

ported" radicals and "foreign" ideas in trying to combat the spread of Trotskyism. And now, a word about The The real source of our party's Militant. My experiences on the spirit and great attractive power tour brought sharply home the swiftly growing national workers' weekly. The workers are proud of The Militant, and justly so. especially in its leading cadres. The most common reference

GREAT CHANGES

At the conclusion of her tour in September 1945 Grace Carlson noted: "Great changes are taking place in the United States, particularly in the habits of thought of the American workers. They are losing faith in American capitalism."

My observations a brief few months later enable me to corroborate this conclusion. Larger flux of workers into our ranks is and larger sections of American workers are beginning to look with disfavor upon the regime of the Richest Sixty Families and their agents. The advanced elements are already in process of making the transition from a purely negative attitude toward capitalism to a positive standpoint in favor of socialism.

In this process the Socialist Workers Party is fulfilling the role of a polarizing agent. We are now absorbing by the scores workers without previous working - class political affiliation. These scores today are the harbingers of hundreds and thousands on the morrow.

Confidence in our future imbues the ranks, from the oldits turn, this confidence is the best guarantee of the victory of our cause - the cause of socialism — in the United States.

Pioneer Notes

The First Five Years of the see is that something more is Communist International (Vol. I) by Leon Trotsky, has been delivered to Pioneer and is now

This book will fill a need long

Those in New York who have received their copies are filled with enthusiasm. One friend said:

"I am especially enthusiastic about Trotsky's 1924 introduction to the Russian edition. In it he sums up the revolutionary events to that date, analyzing in particular the tragic defeat in Gered such a defeat.'

Another friend exclaimed over per, and the colorful jacket are excellent. From all appearances it is technically the most beautiful book Pioneer has ever pub-

The First Five Years of the Communist International, by Leon Trotsky, cloth, \$2.50; paper, \$1.50. Order from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.



The accurate reporting of day to day events in the current General Motors strike coupled with the excellent analysis of the policies of the United Automobile Workers' leaders is evidently meeting with the approval of workers who receive The Militant at plant gates. This is reflected in the following excerpts from letters we've received:

H. Spangler of Connecticut: "I am enclosing nine subscriptions. Five of these are from Bristol where a large GM plant workers are very enthusiastic about The Militant although town" members. It will not be so they have seen only two issues easy as was the case in the past of the paper. We expect to get for professional red-baiters to a large number of subscribers raise the hue and cry about "imamong these UAW workers."

Milt Alvin of Akron: "We have een distributing copies of The Militant at factory gates and the CIO Council. The cold weather makes it difficult to stand outbut the distributions we've had it at all. have been very successful. A good number of delegates at the CIO Council know The Milia tant, in addition to which several are subscribers."

Dorothy Lessing writes from Baltimore: "While I was at the UAW-GM headquarters here, the president of one of the locals commented on how clear our reporting of the strike was. He was anxious to see the next issue of The Militant, and asked if I had it with me. "The copy of The Militant

that goes to the union hall is well-thumbed, and no doubt thoroughly read. Most of the workers active in the strike have received copies of the paper every week since the strike started." The Socialist Workers Party

pranches are maintaining their high rate of new subscriptions as well as renewals, and appear to be vying with one another in order to be listed in this column. Among this week's top scorers

Los Angeles-8 six-month. New York-6 six-month. one-year, 1 6-month renewal. Buffalo-6 six-month

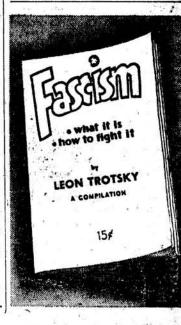
Pittsburgh—4 six-month, 1 one-year combination sub to The Militant and Fourth International.

San Francisco-1 six-month. 2 one-year, 1 one-year re-Youngstown—6 six-month.

The following subscriber, E. J. Carmona of New York who was introduced to The Militant in our spring subscription campaign, sent us the following letter is located. These striking GM which we quote verbatim: "I paid one lousy quarter eons ago. and I've been receiving The Militant ever since. Nobody calls to remind me, or anything. A paper can't run by itself.

"I like The Militant. I've learned quite a few things through reading it. When other papers do say anything, they sugar-coat it so well it really reads doors to distribute for very long, well even when they don't mean

"Please use the enclosed \$3. contribution. All right, you don't have to tell me: I know exactly how much a year's subscription is. After the holidays I'll send in my 1946 subscription. Send The: Militant to all who can read. I usually leave mine by accident in the library."



OUR PROGRAM:

1. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

A sliding scale of hours! Reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay!

A rising scale of wages! Increase wages to meet. the increased cost of living Government operation of all idle and government-

built plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages during the entire period of unemploy-

2. Independence of the trade unions from the government! No restriction on the right to strike!

Withdraw union representatives from the War Labor Board! 3. Organization of the war veterans by the

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Down with Jim Crow!

New York 3, New York

5. Working class political action! Establish the workers' and farmers' government! Build the independent labor party!

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No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year! 7. A working class answer to capitalist militarism!

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Memorial Meeting To Honor Carlo Tresca, Murdered Anti-Fascist Fighter For Labor

On January 11, 1943, Carlo Tresca, tireless fighter for the working class, was shot to death by unknown assassins on Fifth Avenue and 15th Street in New York. This week, friends of Tresca, meeting to honor his memory, will demand that the District Attorney's office end the

evasion and indifference which for three years have | shown no real interest in finding kept this case shrouded in for Tresca, as a militant leader official silence.

New disclosures about the mur- self the victim of frequent police der will feature the New York persecution. meeting at Cooper Union Hall on Thursday, January 10, at 5:15 p. m. According to Norman Thomas, Chairman of the Tresca Memorial Committee, recent criticism of District Attorney Hogan's office "has opened up fresh leads to information about strikes in Lawrence, Massachugroups and individuals whom Tresca counted as enemies."

Tresca, editor of the anti-fascist Il Martello, and famed for decades as an irreproachable and courageous leader of labor, had been under attack for years both from Stalinists and the native Italian fascist elements. His death was universally recognized as a political murder. Yet a known pro-fascist Assistant District Attorney Louis Pannucco. decorated by Mussolini - was first put in charge of the Italian end of the case!

Vigorous protests forced the removal of Pannucco from the investigation. But little else has been done. The FBI refused to enter the case. In three years of supposed inquiry, one of Tresea's closest friends has not even been asked to tell what he knows of Tresca's enemies!! "WITNESSES" RELEASED .

have been held in the case, both nocent, was fought by Carlo as "material witnesses." Car- throughout the country. mine Galente, ex-convict, was EXPOSED MOSCOW TRIALS said to have been seen two hours before the murder, entering a sedan which was abandoned nearby on the same night. After being held for months on high bail, Galente was returned to Sing Sing prison as a parole

The second "material witness" was Frank Nuccio, "small-time racketeer and petty bootlegger," taken into custody in September, 1943. According to the daily press. Nuccio was found by the police to have been the lessee or owner of the garage in which the "murder car" was kept. Nuccio was freed two months

Assistant District Attorney

York's police and the FBI have murderers are uncovered.

of the working class, was him-

POLITICAL EXILE

Tresca was a political exile from Italy. As one of the great figures of the Industrial Workers of the World, before the First World War, he led historic setts; in Paterson, New Jersey; in the Mesabi iron range of northern Minnesota. When, in 1923, Tresca was railroaded to Atlanta penitentiary on trumpèd-up charges - instigated by Mussolini's ambassador — it was his thirty-sixth arrest!!

Carlo was among the first to join the long struggle which finally freed Tom Mooney and Warren Billings. In the 1920's, he was instrumental in smashing a frame-up against two Italian workers who had been wrongfully accused of killing two fascists at a meeting in the Bronx. A few years later, he saved the life of Athos Terzani in another fascist-inspired frame-up. The de fense committee on which Tresca served not only freed the innocent man but proved that a fascist Khaki-Shirt officer was the real murderer. The frameup of Sacco and Vanzetti, their murder in the electric chair for Only two persons are known to a crime of which they were in-

leading fighters against the led the masses of Russia to victory in the 1917 revolution. Tresca was one of 10 members of the Dewey Commission of Inquiry which reported, after a year and a half of investigason Sedov were innocent of Sta- as a puppet of imperialism, lin's false charges.

administration, preparing for American imperialism. war, proceeded to railroad to prison the leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and Local 544-Eleazer Lipsky was assigned to CIO in Minneapolis, Tresca the case in October, 1944. In again sprang to the defense of January, 1945, forced into action persecuted revolutionists as vice- hy public indignation, he reopen- chairman of the Civil Rights De- chairman of the Civil Rights ed the case and began to call witnesses. But this investigation resses. But this investigation resses. But this investigation resses. too, bogged down. Lipsky was Tresca was battling against legal given other work to do; recently frame-ups and political murders. That is why the workers of It is not surprising that New America will not rest until his

The grand opening of the Mil-

The quarters at 424 E. Wells St.

were recently enlarged and im-

proved, so that more attractive

meetings and social affairs can

be held. Plans are being made to

make the SWP a social as well as

political center for friends and

readers of The Militant in Mil-

Local 248-UAW at Allis-Chal-

mers in 1941. Defending the

of defense for the American

At the University of Wiscon-

sin all student organizations

are the Socialist Workers Party,

the Socialist Party, the Progres-

sive Party, and other organiza-

The Socialist Workers Party

supply further information on

the Cotton case to anyone in-

terested. Visit or write to the

Militant Bookshop, 424 E. Wells

St., Room 215, Milwaukee 2,

out at Allis-Chalmers."

Wisconsin Workers Protest Firing of Pro-Labor Teacher

By Jack O'Connell

MILWAUKEE. Dec. 31 — Domination of the public school system by the employers and their direct agents on the school boards was brought sharply into focus again then all the weak peoples, inin the traditionally progressive state of Wisconsin, where J. R. Cotton, outspoken supporter of labor, was railroaded

off the faculty at Milwaukee September. Cotton's demand Milwaukee SWP for a thorough investigation Holds Celebration and impartial hearing of the facts behind his ouster is gaining increasing support in the student, labor, coop- January 12, with music, dancing, erative, and progressive entertainment and refreshments. movements in Wisconsin.

It is becoming increasingly clear that the advances made during the socialist and Farmer-Labor administrations in the state cannot be protected without the re-establishment of the political independence of the labor and progressive forces here through a national Labor Party. The hook-up of the labor and socialist politicians with the oldline parties is coming to nought union, he said: "The first line with one gain after another wiped off the books, and vicious anti-labor laws straight-jacketing the unions and workers'

Recognizing that Cotton's re- have formed a united-front Cotmoval is a direct attack upon the ton Committee for Academic labor movement, the Brother- Freedom. The Executive Board hood of Railway Trainmen and of the Midland Co-operative Local 1111, UE-CIO, have al- Wholesale representing the ready adopted protest resolu- Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa area tions and pledged support to is ranging full support and pub-Cotton. The entire CIO and licity behind the Cotton case, as UAW are expected to line up behind him. Cotton earned the undying wrath of the industrial- tions. ists when he supported the heavily bombarded 76-day strike of in Milwaukee will be glad to

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Honored Working Class Fighters



Carlo Tresca, valiant defender of labor's rights, is shown in the above picture, shaking hands with "Big Bill" Haywood (right) in 1912, when both were leaders in important strike

It was natural that Carlo Tresca should become one of the January "Fourth International" greatest frame-up in modern history: Stalin's Moscow Trials of the Old Bolsheviks who had Analyzes The Role Of Zionism

The terrible plight of the Jewish people in Europe, and the brutal shooting of Jews in Palestine by British imperialism, give special emphasis to "The Role of Zion- Gala New Year's ism" in the January issue of Fourth International. Writtion, that Leon Trotsky and his ing from Jerusalem, T. Cliff outlines the role of Zionism son Sedov were innocent of Star as a puppet of imperialism.

whether it be British imper- | pendent labor party to speak for In 1941, when the Roosevelt lialism, as in the past, or the interests of the workers.

> "Zionism occupies a special place in imperialist fortifications," says the writer, a Palestinian Trotskyist. "It plays a the Arab nation, and second as a passive servant behind which imperialism can hide and towards which it can direct the ire of the Arab masses."

Analyzing the root causes of the old and ever-recurring friction between Arabs and Jews in the Middle East, the author, who writes from first-hand experience as well as from an historical viewpoint, correctly concludes that 'if imperialism continues to rule over the world, then whatever the Jews do they are doomed. If the world revolutionary wave rises to the heights. cluding world Jewry, will be sav-

FATE OF ASSYRIANS

In a particularly gripping section, "The Fate of the Assyrians —a Precedent and a Warning,' the writer describes the betrayal waukee Socialist Workers Party of the Assyrians by the British imperialists during World War I. headquarters will be celebrated The British cold-bloodedly used the entire Assyrian people as living pawns in their plans for controlling the rich oil lands of Turkey and Iraq. In the end the Assyrians were decimated in a horrible slaughter.

> The January issue of Fourth International likewise features an extremely timely and pertifor labor of Wall Street's offengency of the need for an inde- Page 7.

In addition, the issue contains

an article on Indo-China, discussions on revolutionary policy in Europe by William F. Warde and Felix Morrow, a manifesto on Germany by the European in the December issue of the magazine. The month's editorial brilliarftly explains the world role of the Fourth International, the world party of the Socialist revolution founded by Leon Trotsky.

Los Angeles SWP **Moves to Larger Headquarters**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28-The Los Angeles Local of the Sociallist Workers Party announces this week that it has secured new. larger headquarters to meet the demands of the swift expansion of the party in recent months.

Four times as large as the preious headquarters, the main hall can seat almost 300 people. In addition there is room for several offices, a library, etc. A large, fully equipped kitchen will facilitate the holding of banquets and socials.

The rooms occupy the entire second floor at Lindley Hall, 106 Venice Boulevard.

Plans for the painting, decorating and altering of the new quarters are under way now and nent analysis of "Wall Street's the hall will be ready to open War Against Labor: The Mean- by January 15. A public meeting, ing of the GM Strike." The on Friday, January, 18, will be author, George Clarke, graph- the first in a series of four ically explains the significance forums on the current strike wave. Complete details on these sive against the American work- lectures can be found in the workers is not on the Rhine, but ing class, and points up the ur- Branch Activities column on

DETROIT

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Philadelphia SWP

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1-The new year, 1946, will be a memorable period in the history of the local branch of the Socialist is any indication.

In a spirit of great hilarity the arrival of the New Year. In function for the first time, the affair was a great success.

Among the highlights of the entertainment were "Gay Nineties" musical selections sung by comrades Kirby, Birch, and Miller. A surprise feature of the entertainment was a series of lively piano solos that set everybody to dancing. The unexpected pianist was a new friend who had come to deliver beer to the Hall, and impressed by the spirit of the affair, stayed on. By dawn he had become a subscriber to The Militant.

Reading Branch Celebration Held

By James White

READING, Pa., Dec. 30-Today the Reading branch of the Socialist Workers Party celebrated its achievements in the recent Militant subscription campaign, with one of its traditional indoor picnics. Rain and sickness interfered with the attendance, but not with the enthusiasm and spirit of comrades. friends of The Militant, and their families.

John Russo, local organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced the speakers. Comrade Justine Lang, national campaign director, gave a brief report of the national campaign. Short talks were also given by James White, local campaign director, and Clarence White, a

militant trade unionist. Climax of the affair was the presentation of two valuable books, given by the National Office of The Militant and the Reading SWP, to Comrade Clara Raymond, our leading sub-getter, who placed second nationally. Comrade Raymond related some of her experiences, making particular note of the manner in which The Militant was received in the homes of workers she

Koreans Demonstrate Against "Big 3" Rule

Japan surrendered.

mission.

early part of October decreed

that all political groups must re-

ceive permission from AMG be-

fore assembling—only the Demo-

cratic Party can secure that per-

The so-called Democratic

Party is supported by Korea's

four extremely wealthy families

-Kim. Ynchi. Pak and Han-

They form the core of the

had been owned by Japanese

Dr. Syngman Rhee, leader of

the extreme right-wing of

Korean politics, works with the

Democratic Party. He spent the

past 32 years in Washington and

was brought to Korea by the

American General Staff. On his

"where he received a briefing

says Gordon Walker, correspon-

dent in Korea for the Christian

the Allied Military Government

market." Japanese holdings will

per cent of the land. They con-

take two-thirds of the crops from

worker and peasant groups. Its

perpetuate this practice.

Through its puppet, Dr. Rhee,

Science Monitor.

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WEALTHY SUPPORTERS

By Charles Carsten

Angry Koreans demonstrated in the Streets of Seoul, litical activities. The Stalinists threw rocks at American troops, and tied up the city with appear to be playing a leading a four day general strike in violent protest against pro- role in the party. clamation by the Big Three of a trusteeship for Korea.

Posters cried out against the bandit decision of the Moscow conference. Nationalists called upon the Koreans to be prepared to shed their blood in the cause of free- and . . . it reflects only the interests of a small group of land-

Before dawn of the first day December 29, signs posted in the capital's streets called "for a general strike against the United States Military Government. the closing of the schools, the shutting down of the factories and the staging of widespread demonstrations," according to a N. Y. Times dispatch.

Between 20,000 and 30,000 Koreans demonstrated their hostility to the Big Three decision. Seoul was completely paralyzed by the general strike. Likewise a general strike shut down everything at Port Inchon a few miles away.

Showing their hatred for their which control Korea's land and new masters, Koreans tore down industry. American flags. Nationalist newspapers recalled pledges of Yangpan or upper class. They early independence made at the are using their "financial posi-Cairo Conference of the Big tion and close relationship with ans were angry and embittered of Korea's land and property by the callous breaking of this which until the end of the war

drive the demonstrators off the tin, N. Y. Post correspondent. streets. Later the puppet "nationalist" leaders "called off" the demonstration.

Koreans experienced the harshness of one "trusteeship." They want no more of it. They remember that Korea was placed under the trusteeship of Japan way he stopped off in Tokyo by the Portsmouth Conference of 1905. In this meeting of imperi- from Gen. Douglas MacArthur," alists, President Theodore Roosevelt helped Czarist Russia and Japan carve up Korea.

Koreans recall that five years later, on August 29, 1910 Japan established complete domination of the country. The Koreans still suffer from the poverty and oppression of that period.

ROBBERS' AGREEMENT

Wall Street brazenly cooperated with the former slavemaster of Korea. In 1905 President Theodore Roosevelt sent Secretary of War, William Howard Taft to Tokyo. He negotiated and signed a secret pact with the Mikado's Prime Minister in which it was agreed: (1) that the United States would not bother Japan in Korea; and (2) that Japan would make no demands for concessions in the Philippine Islands.

This agreement was approved Taft's presidential term the Japanese established complete control over Korea. Japan had and comradeship, 100 SWP Taft's signature on a document members and friends celebrated which said he would not protest this imperialist steal.

To the Koreans, the 1945 Mosthe opinion of all, including cow Conference decision had the many who were new readers of same rotten odor as the decision The Militant, attending an SWP of the 1905 Portsmouth Confer-

While the people of Korea demonstrated, more than half of Shanghai's 8,000 Koreans protested at a mass meeting against the Allied "trusteeship" of their homeland. They carried banners and shouted slogans denouncing the Big Three.

In letters to the Russian American and British consuls the Korean Association in Shanghai demanded "formation of a democratic government with confidence of the nation, for immediate freedom and complete independence of Korea. The demonstration in Korea

was so deep-rooted and widespread that the so-called "Provisional Government." which has been currying favor with the Allied Military Government, was forced to present formal demands to General Hodge. These demands prove that, contrary to official assertions, American troops intervened in the demon-The "provisional Government"

demanded that "American forces release Koreans arrested during the recent demonstration and that the Americans do not interfere with the demonstration."

Pressure exerted by the masse forced General Hodge to promise an investigation of the cases of those arrested and to assure the nationalists that those who "did not have police records" would be released. He also told the "Provisional Government" representative that he did not intend to break up the demonstrations by force of arms.

However, such statements of the Brass Hats cannot be taken at face value. The real role of the AMG in Korea is one of brazen intervention in the internal affairs of the country.

The policy of AMG, Wall Street's military arm in Korea. was described by Gordon Davis, staff writer for Stars and Stripes. in the November 26 issue. He

"1. That the Democratic Party officially favored by AMG, represents no more than a few hundred Koreans, many of them open collaborators with the Japs before the Americans arrived

The People's Republic demands outright confiscation and free distribution rather than sale of Japanese property. It advocates government ownership of the major industries. The party has a "tremendous appeal among the Korean masses who intend "2. That the head of Gen. Ar- to resist any exploitation by their nold's advisory council, Kim richer countrymen," says Robert Seung Soo, a Democrat, was a Martin.

notorious collaborator before In a dispatch on January 1. Martin reports that only the po-"3. That an order issued in the litically left organizations have been able to organize the people. "They were chiefly the People's" Republic - which Gen. Hodge outlawed . .

Last month in the town of Namwon "five People's Republication leaders were arrested on charges of interfering with the military government. Hundreds of Koreans demonstrated in front of the police station. When military police warnings to disperse were not heeded, the MPs opened fire on the unarmed crowd and three Koreans were killed," Martin reported. Thus Wall Street brings

the Four Freedoms to Korea! Three in December, 1943. Kore- AMG to purchase the 80 per cent lic did not support the demon-Leaders of the People's Repubstrations. Later on Jaunary 3. according to the Associated It took a heavy snowstorm to nationals," states Robert P. Mar- parade, they shouted support of the People's Republic. The leaders of the People's Republic and the Stalinists, says the dispatch, urged support of the Moscow decisions.

> According to Martin "high U. S. officers were quoted by Koreans as saying we 'should' support the Rightists because they are rich and cultured." Brass Hats openly violate freedom of speech. "Newspapers were closed because they were 'probably Communist,' " declares Martin.

CHIANG'S PUPPET

attempted to engineer a working coalition of the reactionary Other political tendencies political parties which would mentioned prominently in dis-"govern" the country under AMG patches from Korea are the Stacontrol. Rhee is so unpopular linists and followers of Dr. Kim with the Korean masses that he Koo. Kim Koo, chairman of the must be kept"under the protec- "Provisional Government", tion of an American Army ofheaded the exile government in ficer body guard," Walker says. China. He came to Korea from Nevertheless, he is reported to be Chungking where he spent the accumulating considerable sums latter part of his long exile under the wing of the Kuomintang. AMG announced that Japan- Dictator Chiang Kai-shek is inese possessions "will not be conterested in pushing Kim Koo to fiscated," said Gordon Davis, the front as Allied puppet head but will be sold by the Japanese "recognized" Korean

to "private buyers on the open government. The Stalinists are completely go to the wealthy Korean land- subservient to Moscow. Stalinowning and industrial class ist leadership in Korea did not rather than to the impoverished participate in or support the great anti-imperialist demon-When the Japanese ruled strations, although many rank

cent of the wealth and owned 70 did. In the United States the Stalstituted 3 per cent of the pop- inist Daily Worker of January ulation. The landless masses are 1, attacked the demonstration as viciously exploited. Landlords "violent outbursts" which "appear to have been provoked by the peasants in payment for extreme right-wingers of the soland rental. The Allies want to called Provisional Government " Thus the Stalinists once

In opposition to the AMG and again demonstrated their servlandlord-industrialist coalition is lility to the Kremlin and its treathe People's Republic party cherous betrayals of the working which is composed of left-wing people. But fighters for freedom

nucleus was formed from under- throughout the world hailed the ground anti-Japanese fighters, anti-imperialist demonstrations many of whom were imprisoned in Korea.

French Strikers



Group of French civil service workers in demonstration during strike of 100,000 government employes last month. (See story on Page 3).

THE REVOLUTION BETRAYED

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Truman's "State Of Union" Speech Is Futile Bid To Halt Labor Crisis

By Art Preis

Attempting to project a program to allay the deepening and spreading class struggle between American labor and Big Business, President Truman on January 3 addressed the country by radio on "The State of the Union."

The "state of the union," Trumanagement disputes."

Day — the tremendous conflict TALKING INTO VACUUM between American labor and capital.

TRUMAN'S "SOLUTION"

Truman proposed to alleviate this conflict by passage of a single piece of legislation, the to establish semi-compulsory ar- labor movemet. bitration government "fact-finding boards" and to prohibit the right to strike for a "30-day 'cooling-off' period."

ganized labor when it was first seen how the General Motors "solution" to the irrepressible board." class warfare provoked by the union-busting, wage-slashing offensive of America's war-profits and desires of Big Business, has bloated corporations.

ful to labor." For, he argued, more savage anti-labor laws. "there is no reason why a strike san "step in to obtain all the ment intervention it experienced the country.'

DANGER TO LABOR

In general, any law to restrict the right to strike would be an opening wedge for more drastic anti-labor legislation and in its very essence can be only dangerous to labor.

Under the particular circum-*labor's struggle. The present attempt to dampen the conflict approval. strikes are being called after with a proposal inacceptable to months of delay and stalling, as both class contenders, is a futile a last desperate resort of the one.

workers cannot strike before sever labor's powerful political they submit their demands to a support from the Democratic hand-picked government "fact- administration. finding" board, we have nothing less, than the establishment, the bitter class opponents witheven though in limited form, out sacrificing the basic interests of compulsory arbitration. More- of Big Business or granting genover, the American workers have uine gains to labor is utterly had a sufficient and bitter ex- utopian. He will soon have to perience with these red-tape make the choice: either to crack government boards.

But along with his attempt to the power of government comshow what a "good thing" his pulsion upon the striking work- ditions at the 38 cents an hour "fact-finding" plan is for labor, ers, as Wall Street demands, or he used to pay. Like Sewell Truman also claims, with far yield substantial concessions to Avery, he is acting as the spearmore truth, that "on the other the mighty insurgent labor head of a group of anti-labor hand there is nothing harmful movement.

man confessed, is not a happy to management in this proposal." one. "First among the obstacles" He explains carefully that "no to the universal security and detailed information obtained prosperity which the war gov- from the books of any company ernment promised for peace, said is to be revealed." This is sim-Truman, "have been labor- ply assurance to the corporations that the administration proposes

Thus, Truman dealt primarily to suppress any facts whose pubwith the decisive problem vexing lication might be injurious to American political life since V-J the interests of the profiteers.

> But even with this proposition, so favorable to the corporate interests. Truman has found him-

self talking into a vacuum.

For the reality of the situa-"fact-finding" bill initiated by tion is that America's powerhim on December 3 when he drunk ruling class, the clique made his strike-breaking "re-quest" for the GM workers to end their strike. In his speech, he again called for a federal law unconditional surrender of the

This was made patent by the arrogant action of General Motors in walking out of Truman's fact-finding hearings in the This proposition was met with GM strike — an action which bitter hostility and denunciation evoked only the feeble complaint by virtually all sections of or- from Truman that "you have propounded. But once more it Corporation has refused to cois advanced by Truman as his operate with this fact-finding

Moreover, Congress, which so completely reflects the interests pigeon-holed Truman's "fact-Truman, of course, claimed his finding" proposal, a matter of For its part, organized labor, cannot be postponed for thirty 15,000,000 strong, is no longer days" so that the government amenable to the type of governfacts and report its findings to during the war under the War Labor Board. Whatever the inclinations of the labor leaders may be, the union ranks are determined to fight for their rights tooth and nail with their most effective economic weaponstrike action.

TRUMAN'S CHOICES

In this situation of a remorse-

Truman's attempt to reconcile

Magnificent Labor Solidarity In Stamford



A small section of the mighty crowd of 20,000 demonstrators in the Town Square, Stamford, Conn., during the one-day joint

program to restrict the right to strike "contains nothing harmident. Congress is preparing far full to labor." For, he argued, more savage anti-labor laws. Stamford AFL, CIO Unions Join Forces In City General Strike

(Continued from Page 1) he shouted. Retorting to Mon-

& Towne! You have slan- etc. stances now prevailing, Tru-less Big Business union-busting dered me because I refused to man's measure would have a spe- offensive and a defiant, militant send police down there to crack tifically pernicious effect upon resistance by labor, Truman's skulls." The spectators roared

When the company was finalworkers to win their just de- Nevertheless, he is impelled to sented to Monson the main de- cheer!" The crowd eagerly re- "Oh, no. He won't. He'd be tarmands. The proposal to enforce this futile course, at this mo- mands of the union. "We have sponded. The big brass band led red and feathered by this s further 30-day delay would ment, by considerations of po- two issues to decide today," he by Local 102, AFL American Fed- crowd!" serve only to interpose another litical expediency. Fundamental- began. "One, the question of eration of Musicians, planted obstacle to strike action at the ly he represents the interests of wages. Two, the union's demand itself in the center of the AFL vice president, was the most timely and strategic Big Business. But he is fear- for a closed shop." He pointed crowd, and gave out lively mu- main speaker. "Why shouldn't ful of any decisive move against out that the union had been If, in addition to this, the labor which will irremediably negotiating without results, from last March to October, Monson muttered: "Let's leave out the open shop as a separate consideration."

"Oh, no, you won't," retorted Sturm. "That's why we are striking. This strike was voted by the workers, as their only means of self-preservation. Carey wants down with full ferocity and all an open shop. He's out to shove the men back to sweatshop conemployers here who think this is a good time to wreck the union. But we intend to have the kind of contract we want, and we intend to fight until we win."

Meanwhile Milton Enzer, \$14,-000-a-year publicity agent for the company, was passing out stacks of multigraphed company propaganda, filled with fake figures and bluntly demanding the return of the open shop. But as the morning wore on, the company representatives and their publicity agent found themselves increasingly isolated and on the defensive in the labor-dominated

MARCHERS ARRIVE

The negotiations were broken up shortly after noon by the noise of the demonstration outside. The company representatives quietly vanished during this recess. The union leaders went out to the top of the steps, to speak over the microphone to the sea of shining, expectant faces banked around the main entrance to the Town Hall.

In the vanguard of the march-

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Downtown:

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Speaker: Charles Carsten

Harlem:

"Eyewitness Account of the GM Strike"

Room 23

Speaker: Evelyn Atwood

right kind of law and order!" IAM International Representa- and "Stamford Merchants, We should be-"We have just beson's charges that he was being Yield Victory," they declaimed intimidated by the workers, he on their placards. "Stamford Is A Union Town, So Let's Keep "The only intimidation I have It," and "Stamford Is All-Out seen around here is from Yale for the Yale-Towne Workers,"

Joseph Ficarro, union negotiator, greeted the oncoming union | SPEAKING TO CROWD brigades over the microphone as ly forced to begin negotiations, Workers, CIO—the Atlas Powder 'speak to the people.' Now's his Sturm, the union attorney, pre- boys! Let's give them a big chance!" Some one else replied: sic at appropriate intervals.

MORE LOCAL UNIONS

More local unions marched up:

Local 1069, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Ladies' Garment Workers, AFL: Local 845, Journeymen Barbers' Brothers; Lodge 166 of the Norma Hoffman Bearings Corp.; Local 41, International Brotherhood trical Workers from the Schick tion. Razor plant; Local 102 of the ers, Local 552, Stamford Rolling a struggle like this!" Mills. Another placard read simply "Shipbuilders-CIO."

A group of girls from the Northam-Warren Cutex plant, carrying a hastily improvised plactheir solidarity. Viola Amoroso, 76 Summer St., shop steward in the plant, said: "We are proving our labor solidarity — we have sent checks to help them out!" Thomas Anthony Pompa, president of Local 41, I B of B-AFL, also called out: "It's the workers who count in Yale & Towne." The favorite song of the demonstrators was "Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here." They shouted: "You bet we're all here."

Placards from all these sister unions bore solidarity slogans: "Mr. Carey-Labor in Stamford Is United." "Throw Carey Out," "We Are With You, Workers of ers, still pouring in from all di- Yale & Towne." Some appealed rections, were the Yale & Towne to the small businessmen. "We

7:30 p.m.

workers with Richard L. Thurer, Who Toil Pay For Everything" all labor. Our slogan for today tive at their head. "We Will Not Lose, You Lose," At the top of the Town Hall steps stood a group of soldiers in uniform carrying placards of support. From Local 83 a group of some 10 veterans of World War II, including | new help." Atlas Powder workers, was led by a kilted piper.

Just before the speeches startthey appeared. "Here comes Lo- ed, someone remarked: "Monson cal 83, Mine, Mill & Smelter once promised to come out and

the two organizations, AFL and CIO, join together in a common cause?" he asked. "Only a few short months ago, it was the CIO that the employers oppos-AFL: Local 147, International ed. Today it is the AFL. Right here you will find members of the CIO and AFL who are broth-Union, AFL; Local 123, United ers and sisters right in their own Gas & Chemical Workers of homes, who eat at the same ta-America, CIO, from Freydburg bles. How can you part themor separate labor?'

Justin Y. Sturm told the massed workers: "Let me say that the of Bookbinders and Local 503, music I hear outside this build-International Typographical Un- ing today is far sweeter than the ion. AFL, both of the Conde Nast, music we had to listen to inside." press; Local 226, Gas & Elec- The crowd laughed its apprecia-

"The top leaders of the CIO CIO at the Baer Brothers plant; and AFL should look out here Local 23693, AFL, from Phillips today and see what it means to Chemical Co.; CIO Steelwork- have the toilers get together in

ADOPT RESOLUTION A resolution to Secretary of

Labor Schwellenbach in Washington, D. C., was read by Sturm, ard, came up and announced protesting the anti-labor actions of Yale & Towne. The crowd unanimously roared Someone contemptuously shouted: "The only 'No' is Carey'sand he isn't even here!"

Robert Schrank, president of the N. Y. Council of Machinists, said this was the first general strike since the 1934. San Francisco General Strike. "I am here with a delegation of shop stewards from New York City because your fight is the fight of all workers and we are here to support you. Like General Motors, Carey is trying to build up a case of 'illegal picketing.' The answer to the industrialists

is being given here today. "No sooner was the war over than Big Business took off its gloves to try to smash the strength of organized labor. But all over the country now there are preparations for strikes. The labor movement is coming off the defensive to meet the offensive of Big Business, which is out to smash our trade unions

SETTING AN EXAMPLE

"Here in Stamford you are setting an example before the entire nation. You are the Minute Men of today—because you are on the front line of the fight for

gun!' Yale & Towne workers need plenty of support. But out of this action, we will get new strength, new determination and

Other speakers included David Abrams, Local CIO head and Chairman of the Stamford Comoined Labor Organizations, and Joe Cronin, President of the New England CIO Council, who came in from Hartford. All the speakers were greeted with cheers, applause and songs. A fitting conclusion to the

demonstration was the distribuable copies were eagerly seized the present plan for universal by the workers. And over the local radio station, temporarily JIM CROW bodes no good for set up on the roof of the bus terminal in the center of the Negro workers. Why? Because of square, this event, too, was recorded over the air: "The work- these trainees would be put by ers' paper—The Militant—is now being distributed."

"Labor with a white skin where labor with a black skin is branded."

Gibson "Gives" Again

The eminent Mr. Truman K. Gibson is in the news once more. As we recall, this is the same gentleman who formerly held the fat job of civilian aide (Negro cover-up boy) to the Secretary of War. He was supposed to be looking out for the Negroes and seeing that they got the best of everything in their Uncle Samuel's Jim-Crow Army.

he executed what was his conposite, Mr. Gibson stated that present state of bondage. the colored troops fell back in mass in the face of enemy fire. The Negroes in the face of enemy fire. are overwhelmingly working peo-

opposed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and by every sen-Army Jim Crow.

Attempting to "explain" his support of such reactionary regimentation. Gibson states: It is saying No! When I say i believe in such a system (universal military training) I certainly do not state a belief in a Jim Crow plan of putting such a system into exlogically follow. They have been needlessly confused."

In all seriousness, how could Mr. Gibson even remotely expect such a set-up under the present Crow in the Army, the Navy and in the present Veterans' Administration, including hospital facilities. The Army brass hats and the reactionary congressmen who fashioned this enforced separatism then, are still in power now. Furthermore, Big Business, which is the real ruling force in this country today, is still in the saddle and is still as interested as ever in using the Negro as scapegoat.

Official Government separatism under the Jim Crow army He is now the undisputed Uncle training camps was the greatest Tom Cat who reigns supreme purveyor of prejudice that this country has seen in this generation. Yet Truman Gibson calls for an extension of this system when he knows full well that the authors of the present arrangement are still at the helm.

Furthermore, even a larger que is involv alysis of the facts will prove that military training EVEN IF NOT and must be opposed by the the reactionary use to which the U. S. Government whose pol- | 8 p.m. icles are dictated by Wall Street.

Big business wants and needs universal military training We remember that last year (which amounts to virtual prussianization) and a large standception of that job by publicly ing armed force mainly for two accusing the all-Negro 92nd in purposes: 1, to use against the Italy of having too much yellow rising labor movement as strikerunning down their backs. breakers; and 2. to send against Although the leading brass in the fighting colonial peoples in this theatre reported the op- an attempt to keep them in their

The Negroes in this country Now again, on the 27th of De- ple. The two-thirds of the cember, speaking before a con- earth's colonial slaves are largevention of the Kappa Alpha Psi ly members of the colored races. Fraternity in Columbus, Ohio, Thus from both angles the color-Gibson came out in support of ed people stand to LOSE by the universal military training - a adoption of compulsory military proposal which has been openly training here in capiltalist Amer-

Is such analysis of this question news to Truman K. Gibsible Negro in America who has son? Has he just thoughtlessly. experienced or has heard about overlooked this angle in his bubbling zeal for universal military training? The weather vane of events points the other direction.

Gibson, in coming out with this present stand, is only following out the same Uncle Tom tactics that have characterized his claim to fame. He is merely ecution. The two certainly don't playing up to the "big brass" and selling out the interests of his own race and of all working people, all over again.

In Italy instead of denouncing Army Jim Crow and resigning from his post, he denounced the administration to be anything Negro soldier in a slanderous atbut Jim Crow? We have Jim tack. His purpose then was to more firmly grab the coat-tails of the brass hats and rub their hair the "right" way. His motivation in this case can be no different. Knowing all the 'powers that be" are favoring compulsory training, he is jumping on their wagon. He is saying what he believes the "boss man" would want him to say.

Gibson has, we must admit, reestablished his legitimate claim to the grand championship of all Negro sell-out artists. over all Tom kittens.

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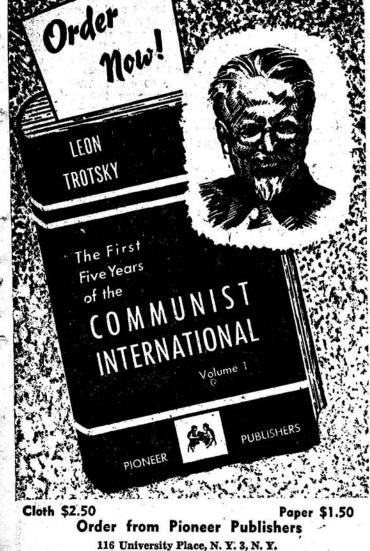
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Thursday.



Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

ame quietly, a little white dust that sifted out of a gray, blank sky and powdered the yard,



lightly covering the frozen ruts of brown-red mud around the rails and switches. It sifted quietly down into the empty cinder ladles and melted instantly when it touched their scalloped steel sides. It looked like very little, it seemed unim-

portant, this little scattering of light, powdery snow that whitened the ore-stained mud of the yards and melted in the ladles and on the furnace floors, but we cursed it with anger and gloom, for we knew it would come again and again and make life harder.

Afterwards it was not light and powdery, Great flakes tumbled and swirled out of the dark winter skies, and the dark winds screamed and hooted at us in the night. With the dawn there came more snow careening down at us from the north, out across the Great Lakes, whipping down on the ragged wind, cutting our faces with the sear and slash of bitter cold, numbing our fingers, dragging at our breath. At noon, it was still there. Heavily it sank from the sky in the deathlike lulls between gusts of wind. The sun was dead, and high noon was dull and sick. We cursed the snow as it fell, for we knew from other winters what it is to work in a steel plant when the snow lies thick and heavy upon the ground.

We searched our lockers for last year's rags of ore-reddened, clay-stained, coke-blackened, worn wool and cotton. We bought caps with ear-flaps. We wrapped ourselves with every old sweater, vest, jacket, every discarded coat, with whitish lining bulging from the torn armpits, that we could produce, and yet the sweat in our undershirts would thicken into a jelly of cold that clung to our bodies and wrapped us in a

tormenting covering of ice. We plodded through the snow to our jobs, stipping on the ice-hardened ruts, the uneven,

Notes Of A Seaman

gashed paths, plunging our heavy work shoes into wide puddles of brown water, wetting our socks, shivering . . . and cursing. The snow kept falling, sometimes dropping slowly, ponderously out of the gray winter sky, sometimes whirling horizontally through the cold air like a swirling, eddying haze that blocked our vision and muffled our hearing. Over at the side of the yard, we knew, was the trestle and near us the furnaces. But a looming blur, a rust-colored tower rising out of a battered shed and disappearing into the gray smoky haze was all that we could

At the end of our shift we plodded out of the drifts, setting our faces toward the whipping posed to the Ford Motor 37 sitdowns and the battle of wind, bending our heads in the gusts and blasts that tore at our throats, turning our steps past Auto Workers negotiators. the open hearths and mills toward the gate and home. We cursed the snow and the wind and the UAW locals representing some winter. Only one little Spaniard walking with 40,000 striking General Motors us did not seem angry with the fierce impotent anger that stirred us to curse the weather. "Ah." he said with a stoical shrug, "No weather good for the poor man."

We stopped for a moment in Emil's place. There it was warm and cheerful. Outside the feverish wind howled and moaned. Outside the snow drifted into new footprints, filling and covering them in a few moments. But there in view, official organ of the Great-Emil's place was a fat, black, old coal stove. Behind the brown, worn, wet bar were bottles cil, "to prominently and conof all shapes and colors shining at us, waiting for the clink of silver coins on the bar.

But that was just an oasis in the desert of campaign about the dangers and snow, a warming place in the winter day. Out- harmful effects to the labor side the waiting wind howled for us, and out we went toward home.

But home, too, is a warming place. Black months of angry, cold, furious, lonely, despairing winter wait beyond the door, outside the olution are to be released to the thick-frosted windows, and life will be hard press and radio and to be sent for the steelworker. So we curse the winter with to all locals of the Greater Flint sion continually drifts back to cold, impotent rage. We curse the snow and the wind and the job.

But then, after all, "No weather good for the GM STRIKE FRONT

By Art Sharon

The pirates who at one time preyed on merchant shipping exacted their tribute with cutless and cannon. They were pikers compared to their modern descendants, the capitalist shipowners who conduct their operations in a far smoother



"jolly roger" these modern pirates hoist the dollar sign, and under that flag succeed in draining millions in tribute from the public treasury in war and peace. Witness the present outrageous attempt of the infamous Dollar interests to regain con-

trol of the American President Lines. Few of the greedy and parasitical shipping fraternity have a more flagrant record of outright looting of the public treasury than the Dollar family. The American President Lines, known for years as the Dollar Line, was taken over by the government in 1938 because of the scandalous diversion of funds, owing to the government, into the personal pockets of Dollar. For over seven years its ships have been operated by the Maritime Commission. Somewhat rehabilitated the Line is being put up for sale.

But the pirate Dollar is not so easily defeated. Sailing savagely to the attack with a crew of high priced and equally greedy attorneys, this gang is now seeking by one lawsuit and another to regain control of property that was fraudalently obtained in the first place.

The old Dollar Line operated ships that it picked up for a song after the last war. These ships, through the connivance of the old U.S. Shipping Board, became the means of extracting juicy super profits. One of the Dollar enterprises was a firm known as the Pacific Lighterage Corporation. Although this firm had physical assets of only \$10,000, in a five year period, 1924-1929, it paid the Dollar family a cool million dollars in profit. Did piracy in the Carribean ever pay higher dividends than this?

The golden stream that poured into the coffers of Dollar and the other parasites of the maritime industry never found its way into the

pockets of the men who sailed the ships or worked the cargo. It is a common story among seamen that when old man Dollar was informed | continuation of the work started that the sailors were on strike for decent wages by some of the locals months and better conditions he cynically retorted, "Wages? All they need is a bottle of whiskey and a whore, that's all the wages they need!"

of merchant ships built with public money is pointed a committee to direct the glittering prize that has whetted the appetites of the parasitic ship operators. By all the ganizing the clerical help in laws of capitalist accounting these operators are Chevrolet. This past week sevirresponsible bankrupts. Every authoritative report on the maritime industry confirms this with hard facts about the financial manipulations and scandalous operations that resulted in the notoriously run down pre-war merchant marine. But so sacred are the laws of capitalist "free enterprise" that these freebooters are once again being allowed to get their hands on the merchant ships. And once again they are preparing to get their gravy through government subsidies.

Nothing in the pre-war record and certainly nothing in their war record gives the ship operators any claim to a legitimate place in the operation of merchant ships today. The organization of the War Shipping Administration during the war and its operation of the ships for the forthcoming announce- that the speedup clause is tied loaded, pickets stopped them at showed how little confidence even the capital- ment by Truman's fact-finding ist class and its state had in the ability of the private operators to serve the military needs of American imperialism. The private operators who acted as agents of the War Shipping Ad- mit anyone to sell them short Militant that the Press Steel determined by press representaministration took on no more responsible tasks in their demand for a 30 per Unit of Ford Local 600 had rethan routine bookkeeping. Their widely-advertised "know-how" came in only when the war profits melon had to be cut.

No, the existence of ship-operator pirates is an unnecessary luxury. The time has come for them to go. Only those who sail the ships have a legitimate right to run the maritime industry. Today more than ever the slogan of the Socialist Workers Party seamen points the way. "Stop the mismanagement of the ship-'owner' parasites! Let the men who man the ships control the industry!"

Flint C10 Council Calls On UAW Board To 'Wash Its Hands' Of Company Security

By Jerry Kirk (Special To The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 5.—The Greater Flint CIO Council, representing 50,000 organized workers, tonight at its meeting unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the

"company security" plan pro-® Company by the CIO United "Bulls Run." The morning after The council, which includes

workers, called on the UAW International Executive Board to "wash its hands" of any proposition to permit the firing or fining of union militants for socalled "unauthorized" strikes. In addition, the resolution in-

structed the Flint Weekly Re-

er Flint Industrial Union Counspicuously in its columns and editorials begin an educational movement that can ensue from adoption of company security clauses in union contracts and agreements." Copies of the res-CIO to be read to the memberships.

On the General Motors strike front, with the office and supervisory employes being permitted to enter the Flint GM plants, the four UAW locals involved have started a campaign to organize the office workers. This is a

Chevrolet local, which has been in the forefront of this The stakes are now high, A tremendous fleet organizing campaign, has apthe activity of the local in oreral handbills were distributed explaining the benefits of union organization.

The other locals, Fisher Body, Buick and AC Spark Plug, have taken up this issue and are inremove threat of office workers being used by the corporation management against the striking workers.

"FACT FINDING"

As the GM strike enters the seventh week the UAW memcent increase in wages.

who are the veterans of the they woke up at Ford's!"

Truman's address to the nation, they stated: "It was a fine speech but we can't see where he said anything that you could sink your teeth into, when all he needed to say was that we rate a 30 per cent wage increase. We didn't hear him say anything like that."

At the Buick Plant Forty gate the pickets commented on the speech in this way: "When you boil it all down he is trying to give us a Full Employment bill which isn't worth the paper it is written on and in return we are supposed to accept a factfinding committee. We still can't see where the fact-finding committees will do us any good." "COMPANY SECURITY"

That the pickets are anxiously awaiting the report of the Fact-Finding Committee is apparent by the way the discuswhat they may possibly suggest for a settlement. At all gates and almost without exception, the men are agreed that they will not accept any wage 'increase that has tied to it, corporation security clauses or production speedup clauses. The Plant Ten men of Chevrolet stated emphatically, "We have been on strike for over six weeks and we may as well stay out until we get what we want."

General Motors will have a difficult time trying to convince these union men to accept corporation security or speedup clauses. Almost all of them remember the speedup and they would much rather reject any wage increase than to return to A CRUDE HOAX slave - driving supervisors and have indicated any support for

constant discussions on the pick- Union officials decided to let bers here are watching carefully et lines are beginning to realize the cabs in, but once they were up in every way with corpora- the gate and Frank J. Fitzsimjected the Leonard proposal to a serious injury., This crude at-Their thoughts are best sum-med up by the comments of fine and fire union men, they violence immediately backfired the men at Chevrolet Plant four exclaimed: "Well, it's about time into the company's face.

On To The Picket Lines!



Western Electric workers in Kearny, N. J., pouring out of plant at strike deadline on January 3 to establish militant picket lines, as 21 plants of the big electrical trust in the New York-New Jersey area were shut down tight.

Western Electric Strikers Halt Attempt To Smash Picket Lines

men in a surprise move attemptthe big Kearny plant here.

Although heavily outnumbered, the battling pickets repulsed this attack, and only 14 comthrough the line. The union immediately planned for mass picketing tomorrow to thwart further company strike break-

Having initiated this violence speedups in the departments. against peaceful picket lines, None of the local union officials the company, a few hours later, resorted to a crude hoax. Five taxis were brought to the main stituting similar campaigns to this proposal. They are congate and the company demandsciously aware that a terrific ex- ed the right to drive them in to plosion would take place against pick up "injured" men and take this proposition and against them to the "hospital." The them if they dared to accept it. real injuries were sustained by The striking militants in their ged with brass knuckles,

tives, no company man suffered

Charles K. Pomeroy, Union Publicity Director told this reporter: "Evidently Western Electric is competing with Yale & Towne for national No. 1 strikebreakers' prize. But they won't be any more successful than their competitor in busting this

GOVERNMENT AIDS TRUST The government has already

twice come to the aid of the company. Yesterday, two hours telegram was received from Labor Secretary Schwellenbach requesting postponement of the strike. The telegram had been sent to the wrong address! The workers immediately felt that if Schwellenbach had not even bothered to get the correct unof the soldiers, "the train was ion address, he certainly is not interested in the clear merits of their just demands. Then, immediately after the

company had tried a direct packing industry. storming of the picket lines, the government attempted a flank attack. The union committee was requested to meet with Captain Charles Donnevan of the Navy Contract Termination Division, who presented a Navy proposal to let all workers engaged in removing government materiel and equipment return to work. Since over 1,000 workers are involved, this constitutes a clear Navy attempt to undermine the strike.

The union's Board agreed to permit authorized Navy personnel to enter the plant, but decisively rejected the request to permit entry to 956 workers.

VETS BACK STRIKE

After months of futile negotiations with the arrogant Western Electric trust, the workers know they are in for a long hard fight. Feeling ran high when the report came in that at the Passaic plant, Arthur Auerbach, a returned veteran on the picket line, was knocked .5 cents down by police, kicked, and had to be hospitalized.

The veterans are extremely active in the strike. A. C. Pesca-

tore, co-chairman of the WEEA rank-and-file is dramatically ees reported, over 1,000 company | Veterans Committee, told me: | conveyed by Tommy Krasnolut-"We've signed up over 2,000 of sky, who lost a leg above the ed to storm the main gate of the 2,300 returning vets into knee. He does his full share the union. Most of them are of picketing on the main gate at bitterly dissatisfied with their Kearny and was knocked down treatment by the company. We in this morning's fight. "I'm heard a lot of talk in the ser- going to be on the line every pany men managed to break vice about 'high wages' in in- day because it's fellows like me," dustry but the average vet is he said, glancing at his crutch, getting only 84 cents an hour "who know what the union for a 40 hour week. That's why means, how it fights for you, and the vets are 100 per cent behind the strike.

FIGHTING SPIRIT

The active role of the women employes was emphasized by Ludy Palladino, who came into the main union office to secure additional picket signs for the Clifton, N. J., strikers. "We're out 100 per cent in Clifton, as everywhere else," she said. "The girls are very active up there. Many left the plant and immediately hit the picket line and have signed up for regular picket duty."

The fighting spirit of the pany to a finish.

how you must fight for the un-

While the WEEA workers prepared a mass picket line to stop tomorrow's company attack, they were cheered by the news that phone operators in Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Va., staged a one-hour sympathy strike. Commenting on this action, President Fitzsimmons declared: "It looks like the beginning of a sympathy move throughout the telephone industry." With such support in the offing, the WEEA workers are determined to fight the com-

Unity Is Pledged

(Continued from Page 1) statement continued, is not suf- soared close to 50 per cent in ficient to "permit them and the last three years. But hourly their families to live in decency wage rates have been frozen and and comfort."

'We will not at such a critical ing. time permit a condition to arise This determination on the part . . where half the workers in of the workers was demonstrathope at present of the packers it was 24 to 1. offering us more than 71/2 cents

per hour, which is their bid for APPALLING WAGES

HAIL SOLIDARITY

stated, "We appreciate the fact other mass industry. that the Amalgamated Meat Cutters are willing to support us in the entire wage structure, start our fight for a living wage. It with 77½ cents an hour for men is only through the economic solidarity of the working people low as 46½ cents for women in that we can better our position."

barons of the packing industry, in profits from the sweat and northern plants.

| toil of the workers. Prices have the work week is now being re-"We cannot underestimate the duced to 40 hours and less, with terrific obligation that our in- overtime eliminated. The workternational union owes the men ers are determined to take miliand women in our industry," tant action to bring take-home continued the AFL statement. pay in line with the cost of liv-

the industry would be on strike ed by their overwhelming vote and the other half would con- for strike. The vote was 20 to tinue their employment, espe- 1 for strike throughout the councially when there evidently is no try, and in the Chicago district

According to the UPWA. the

The AFL union has called a packinghouse workers are among meeting of delegates for Janu- the lowest paid industrial workary 11 in Chicago to take final ers in America, with average action on the recommendation of hourly wage rates at 87 cents. their officials that they join the Two-thirds of these workers re-CIO walk-out. AFL support of ceive less than 87 cents an hour the strike will probably mean a and half of them receive less 100 per cent shut down of the than 80 cents. Wage levels in the packing industry are low compared to the high profits prevailing in the industry, as well Officials of the UPWA-CIO as compared to wages paid in

Common labor rates, basic to Georgia. Rates in the Big Four This strike will be the climax plants in the south are all below of more than two months of 65 cents an hour for men. The work load per job in the southmen who have coined millions ern plants is the same as in the

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YOUNGSTOWN STEEL WORKERS GIRD FOR BITTER INDUSTRY-WIDE STRIKE

(Continued from Page 1) coal, etc.; a commissary commit- for the coming big strike. tee to arrange round-the-clock Local 1462, at the Brier Hill role in the coming struggles. feeding of pickets; and a pub- plant of Youngstown Sheet and Evidence of the Mahoning ficity committee which will pub- Tube, a local with a very mili- Valley steel workers' determinalish a strike newspaper. A wo-

At the Ohio Works one is cal 1330 model. build a special and separate the local strike fund. fund for the purchase of food been enthusiastically greeted by strike plans well worked out and movement in this country. the union members as a proof of will present them to the mem-

Never Satisfied

In 1941 the average General this the corporation kept \$1.09 production 100 per cent. In ad- breaking the picket lines. as profit and paid only \$1.07 to dition to its other committees, a Today even this lion's share of tablished to track down and rethe product of labor does not fute those vicious anti-labor ru-

In 1946, because of vastly intechnological improvements, the average GM worker is expected more than in 1941. Although he will produce a total output WANT NO DELAY worker less than \$1 an hour. It is expected that these work- shall be no repetition of 1937, troop trains have made like

their local's practical planning ers, just out of uniform, will

will feed the pickets during the ing through picket lines. strike. Strike meetings will be held daily and leaflets explain-

play a leading and inspiring

tant tradition, last night also set tion to wrest that \$2-a-day inmen's auxiliary is being formed. up strike committees on the Lo- crease from the steel monarchs and of their solidarity with the struck by the number of work- Local 2163, also Sheet and GM strikers, was the resolution ed that only part of the time ers wearing saucer-sized buttons Tube, likewise laid similar strike passed unanimously by Local were lights available, and that which proclaim that the wearer plans last night, and voted that 1330. It was resolved to inform sanitation was bad due to unhas contributed a dollar to the all men assigned to maintenance the International Union that workable toilet conditions. Travlocal's Food Fund Campaign. work in the plant during the any postponement of the strike elling through Montana, the This campaign, inaugurated a strike would contribute 40 per call would be injurious to the cold was so intense that men week ago by Local 1330, is to cent of their take-home pay to entire labor movement and especially to the GM workers who The Executive Committee of up to now have been carrying for the strike kitchen. It has Republic Steel Local 2216 has the whole load for the labor listed men was the troop train

The corporations are indicatbership this coming Thursday. ing that they are preparing, in Republic Steel Local 1331, the event of a strike, to demand had no heat during the entire whose members well remember entry for large numbers of of- trip, causing the sailors aboard the bloody days of Girdlerism in fice workers, supervisors and to threaten mutiny. He reveal-Motors worker produced gross the 1937 Little Steel strike, has petty foremen. This would be wealth of \$2.16 every hour. Of made preparations to shut down the thin wedge for eventually

However, not only are the the worker as an hourly wage. Rumor Committee has been es- steel workers completely opposed to entry by any but skeleton maintenance crews, but the this is the worst I've ever had mors which the bosses spread office workers themselves at sev- to take. It doesn't make a very during a strike. Local 1331's eral plants, who are organized, In 1946, pecause or vastly in-creased labor productivity and will feed the pickets during the vigorously oppose the idea of go-

It is clear that the lines of a since we left Seattle. I've got a to produce about 50 per cent ing developments will be issued. great battle in the class war are cold and feel sick and tired of being drawn in this steel valley. the whole thing." The steel bosses and all their agworth more than \$3 an hour, GM A city-wide Veterans' Com- ents are getting ready, there is got the sniffles that there isn't wants to hog \$2 of this for its mittee has been set up by the no doubt. But the steel work- even an APC pill left." stockholders while paying the Mahoning Valley CIO Council, ers are determined that there

Veterans Shipped Like Cattle In Crowded, Unheated Cars By Winifred Nelson (Special to The Miltiant) ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 20-Wearing whiskers because

water on the troop trains they rode in was frozen and they could not shave, 765 naval enlisted men paused here en after the opening of the strike, route from Seattle to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station for discharge. They

protested bitterly against trips as "belonging to the gastravelling in unheated light era." These trains had coaches in freezing temperatures.

The troops, ex-combat sailors from the South Pacific, declarburned "canned heat" to keep

Backing up protests of the encommander, Lt. (jg) Robert Oates, who stated that the last three coaches of the 17-car train ed that one man was removed from the train suffering with

pneumonia and added, "The train was unfit for travel." Typical remarks of the discouraged sailors were: "I've been around a lot but

good welcome home." "There's been a cold wind whistling down this car ever

"So many of the guys have Servicemen arriving on other

complaints, describing their neither water, lights, heat nor beds during trips across the mountains. "At times," said one so cold that lavatories and water pipes froze." These veterans who have

taken part in some of the worst battles of the war are discouraged at finding this failure to give them even the most elementary accommodations for their "victorious" return home.

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