## Wall Street's Drive **Against Soviet Union**

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## **General Motors Continues Its Arrogant Stand**

BULLETIN

DETROIT, March 3-General Motors Corporation, in a typical arrogantly-worded letter, today rejected the proposal of the CIO United Auto Workers GM conference to arbitrate the remaining differences in the 103-day old strike.

Bu Grace Carlson

(Special to The Militant) DETROIT, March 2-Meeting on the 101st day of the General Motors strike-the longest strike in automotive history-250 delegates to the CIO United Auto Workers' GM conference voted here yesterday to stay on strike until the corporation showed a dispo-®

sition to meet the union's just demands.

The final action of the dele-The final action of the delegates, who concluded their two- Wounded Brother day conference this afternoon, was a proposal to the corporation, which has been deliberately In Ferguson Case stalling negotiations, to submit the remaining issues in dispute to arbitration.

Walter Reuther, UAW vicepresident and director of the union's GM department, opened the conference yesterday with a onehour report on the progress of Charles and Alfonso Ferguthe negotiations with GM since son who were murdered by a the last conference. In a fiery Jim-Crow Freeport, N. Y. cop speech which reflected the mili- on February 5, was completetancy of the delegates from 92 ly exonerated of all charges of strike-bound GM plants, Reuth- misconduct by an official Navy er maintained that the negotia- investigation committee. tions had revealed a conscious (Continued on Page 2)

## **Americans Cable Protest Against** 'La Verite' Ban

to the new French government by a group of prominent leaders of civil liberties for the control of the control class paper to be published in and frame-up. the underground fight against PROTESTS MOUNTING the Nazis in France.

The protest cable, addressed to Felix Gouin, the new President Mounting protests have already of France and Gaston Deferre, forced public officals in Long Minister of Information, was Island to indicate their willingsigned by Roger Baldwin, Chairman of Board of International League for Rights of Man and and Negro movements. Director of the American Civil Liberties Union; George Novack, Secretary of the Civil Rights Defense Committee, and Morris Milgram, Secretary of the Workers Defense League.

Editors signing the cable in-(Continued on Page 8)

porting demonstrations.

SHOW SOLIDARITY

**Navy Exonerates** 

By William S. Farrell (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, March 4-Joseph Ferguson, Ship's Cook 3/c, wounded brother of

The Navy statement, signed by Captain Sidney S. Bunting of the Lido Beach Naval Station, says: "The evidence now available clearly shows that Joseph A. Ferguson, finding himself in a very difficult position, conducted himself in a manner which in no way can be construed as mis-

This action by Navy officials NEW YORK, Feb. 26 — A clearly demonstrates that the posecond cable protesting the liceman, Joseph Romeika, is a suppressive acts against La murderer and that he deliber-Verite, organ of the French ately killed in cold blood. It also Trotskyists, was sent today proves that the civil authorities organizations and editors of Jury which whitewashed the labor and liberal papers. La cop's crimes stands branded as a Verite was the first working Jim-Crow supporter of murder

The Freeport Case is rapidly becoming a national issue. ness to "make concessions" in order to quiet the aroused labor

An informal meeting of representatives of several large and influential organizations was held this weekend to prepare a fight to win justice for the Ferguson family, to bring about the arrest and punishment of policeman (Continued on Page 6)

# PHILADELPHIA CIO PICKETS BATTLE POLICE TERRORISM

The Mighty Arm Of Solidarity



## State Troopers, Armed Lynch Mob Unleash Bloody Warfare Against Negro Community

On Nazi Model

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated on March 1 that "the action of the Tennessee State troopers in roping off the Negro section of Columbia, Tenn., and firing at will, was closer to the action of the Nazi storm troopers than any recent police action in this country, the South not By Evelyn Atwood

Tennessee's white ruling class unleashed savage armed warfare and wholesale atrocities on February 25 against the entire segregated Negro section of Columbia, Tennessee.

Some 500 state troops and hundreds of armed white hood-them down in cold blood. were shot and clubbed.

This orgy of Jim-Crow terror fense against the lynchers. was climaxed when two of 69 | The entire "Mink Side" Negro the prison by guards who shot

lums invaded the Negro com- Fourteen of these prisoners bemunity, ruthlessly poured gun- ing held at the mercy of lynch fire into dwellings and business mobs face the frameup charge places, ransacked homes and of "attempt to commit murder" drove the inhabitants into the because some of the threatened streets where they were searched Negro people had barricaded and barbarously beaten. Scores themselves in stores and homes prison to five years. Ondi was with a few firearms for self-de-

section of 3,000 inhabitants, in a Negroes dragged to Maury town of 12,000, is now under (Continued on Page 6)

## IN THE NEWS

'Crime' And Punishment to touch these holy profits. An Army Clemency Board, it was reported on February 26, reduced the court-martial sentence of Pfc. Alex Ondi, of Cleveland, from 75 years in convicted of refusing to obey a command to go out on patrol under direct fire at Luxembourg in January 1945, after he had County jail were lynched inside martial law, patrolled by troops previously gone on three such

> What About British Machine Guns?

"The combination unholy. The looting and burning blows at the unions. of streetcars and other property, insulting and injuring Europeans, is not nonviolence of (my) Congress type." - Mohandas K.

Too Big A Risk

The Sun Life Assurance Society, a British firm, announced on March 1 that its future life insurance policies will not pay if death is caused by atom bombs. "If only one atom bomb were to fall on London," the announcement explained, "we would have to pay out three-quarters of a policy holders."

Make Anybody Sick

Some 600 Paterson, N. J. school teachers voted to become ill one day during the week of February 24 after the Board of Tax Estimates not only rejected the teachers' demand for a \$400 bonus but eliminated from the and ferocity to the attack. city budget the already existing

## Cops Mercilessly Club Vets Who Help Defy Injunction

By Robert Oliver

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28—In defiance of a court injunction, mass picket lines of CIO workers, determined to defend their right to picket and peaceably assemble, have fought bitter pitched battles on two successive days against motorized and mounted police near the strike-bound General Electric plant here. Over 5,000 men and women

Truman Policy

**Paves Way For** 

**Big Price Rises** 

Although the Truman Ad-

ministration continues to

promise it will hold the line

its actions in the past week dem-

onstrates that this promise is

worthless. Far from holding

down prices, the Truman Admin-

istration is permitting them to

On February 26, for instance,

Chester Bowles authorized a

jump in the price of meat that

without benefit of black market

gouging will add one and a half

per cent to the already outrage-

us cost of meat in butcher shops

This price jump, it must be un-

derlined, is an additional benefit

granted the packing corporations

on top of the already enormous

subsidies paid them out of the

The phony excuse advanced by

the Truman administration in its

tions is that the 16-cent wage

increase won by the packing-

house workers on the picket line

necessitates this price increase.

raising prices at all, simply by

paying the increase out of their

enormous profits. But the Tru-

man administration decided not

An "Agricultural Department

ruary 28 press report, declared

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The packinghouse unions have

public treasury.

PHONY EXCUSE

soar at an unprecedented rate.

surrounded City Hall at noon today in an angry demonstration against police brutality.

The threat of a city-wide CTO strike was also voiced by unionists from all major industries. They are burning with indignation over the calculated terrorism which has been the city administration's answer to the GE strikers.

on prices, a whole series of INJUNCTION ISSUED

Police terror was instigated by the corporation and the local capitalist press, after General Electric early this week obtained an injunction against striking CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' Locals 109 and 111, limiting the number

> See Editorial "Change Of Mind" Page 4

of pickets to 10. Yesterday the sheriff's office launched its first

An army of 2,000 police on foot, horseback and motorcycle was commissioned under the "Riot Act of 1850," passed to secure brazen attempt to justify this This army with mounted police the capture of fugitive slaves. fresh concession to the corpora- in the forefront charged into a peaceful, unarmed picket line still many blocks from its destination, the GE plant.

As the police charged relentlessly against defenseless men ited facts and figures proving and women, some ran for refuge that the packers could have ab- to homes nearby. On motorsorbed this wage increase without cycles and horses, across sidewalks and lawns, the cops pursued them, swinging their sticks. and dismounting to break into homes to capture these modernday "fugitive slaves." Seven workers were arrested and carted spokesman," according to a Feb- off to the precinct police station.

Undaunted, the pickets who (Continued on Page 2)

## TIGHTEN THE RANKS

- By The Editors

The CIO Steelworkers' victory in the basic steel industry several weeks ago left the false and dangerous impression that Big Business was prepared to end its immediate resistance to settlement of the remaining big strikes.

It is clear that this impression was deliberately fostered by the government and press in order to induce a Hindus, Moslems, and others for mood of complacency among the workers and a relaxathe purpose of violent action is tion of their struggle, while the corporations aimed new

> Events of recent days clearly demonstrate that the impression that the fight is "almost over," that labor can relax its militant fight for even a moment, is perilous. At this stage of the strike wave it is necessary to sound the alarm to the labor movement: NO COMPLACENCY! NO RELAXATION! TIGHTEN THE RANKS FOR BITTER STRUGGLE!

> The facts are that, despite the return to work of some 400,000 workers in basic steel, there are nearly that number still out in the smaller steel fabricating mills. The smaller steel owners are deliberately refusing to settle in hopes of pressuring huge price increases similar to those Truman yielded to the big steel concerns.

There are nearly a million workers still on strike. Most million sterling (\$3,000,000) to of them, like the valiant General Motors workers, have been walking the picket lines for long weeks and even months. They have reached the stage of their struggles where they are facing severe hardship and must call upon their deepest reserves of courage and tenacity to hold on and fight it out

to a victorious end. This is the stage where Big Business, calculating on a relaxation of labor's vigilance and the wearing hardship of prolonged strikes, has turned with renewed arrogance

General Motors, the main battering ram of the Ameri-(Continued on Page 2)

## **New Revolts Carry On Fight** For Independence Of India

The revolutionary movement to free India from British rule is gathering momentum. The heroic strike of the offices and 10 police stations had Royal Indian Navy men in Bombay, February 17-26, touched off a whole series of sup-@-

marchers back into their bar- gun fire rose to 300. racks. At Jubbulpore, 550 miles

northeast of Bombay, 2,500 In- on the same day, student de- against the leaders of these widedian troops were reported to have monstrators stopped the auto-"revolted" on February 27. They mobile of the Punjab Governor. paraded through the streets, de- They removed the hated Union monstrating their sympathy with Jack and stoned the machine.

the strike of the Bombay seamen and protesting the British and Karachi, hundreds of sail- would be tried and the guilty court-martial sentence of a cap- ors in the Royal Indian Navy punished." tain in the Indian National staged a walkout. At Majherhat, near Calcutta, 500 RIN men ended a seven-day strike on February 25. At Karachi police Like the other demonstrators fired on huge crowds of demonthroughout India, these troops strators. Ten thousand workers conspicuously carried the flags struck in Trichinopoly . of the All-India Congress and

Two strikes "in sympathy with Moslem League side by side. By this proof of solidarity against Bombay mutineers" were still in the common foe they gave the lie progress at Bombay February 26. to British propaganda that im- In Madras on the same day a perialist rule must be maintained huge crowd of 10,000 stoned passover India to prevent Hindus and ing trains. The police, in accordance with British policy, opened ed their demonstration. It was Moslems from fighting each fire on the unarmed demonstra-

The British despots answered tors. Meanwhile in Bombay, a disthe demands of the Jubbulpore demonstrators in the same brutal patch passed by the British cenway they had answered the Bom- sor said that nine banks, more bay strikers. With bayonets and than 30 shops, 22 government But they warned that if anyone revolvers they tried to drive the grain and clothing shops, 10 pest-

strations there. The official estimate of deaths from British

The British colonial despots At Lahore, in northern India, are preparing savage reprisals spread demonstrations for freedom. Gen. Sir Claude Auckinleck, British Commander in Chief in India, announced over In Jamnagar, between Bombay the radio that "ringleaders . .

In Bombay the British removed 396 men from Royal Indian Navy ships and shore establishments. The 14 members of the Naval Strike Committee were ordered transferred to an undisclosed destination. British police prowled the streets of Bombay looking for "trouble makers."

The bourgeois heads of the All-India Congress Party had promised the Navy strikers there would be no reprisals if they endonly in the light of this promise and the overwhelming military force arrayed against them that the Naval Strike Committee ordered an end to the strike.

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## **SWP Protests Anti-Negro Atrocities In Tennessee**

Governor Jim McCord, Nashville, Tennessee We vigorously protest the outrageous wholesale atrocities and violations of civil rights committed by state troops and local police against the Negro citizens of Columbia, Tennessee.

All the facts clearly prove that the invasion by your troops of this Negro community was a calculated move to terrorize and repress the defenseless Negro citizens of Columbia who had been threatened by lynch mobs.

Eye-witness reports reveal that your troops blasted away at Negro dwellings and businesses with machine-guns and carbines, invaded and ransacked homes without search warrants, manhandled men, women and children and arrested at random scores of Negroes, many of whom are still being held in jail in violation of their constitutional rights. Two imprisoned Negroes were shot down in cold blood by

Together with other working-class political parties, unions and civil rights organizations, the Socialist Workers Party demands that you immediately end the reign of terror in Columbia, withdraw the state troops and release all the innocent victims who are being held illegally in prison.

We hold your administration directly responsible. James P. Cannon, National Secretary, Socialist Workers Party

# Stalinist Leaders Of CIO Transport Workers Union TRADE UNION Capitulate To Strikebreaking Threats Of O'Dwyer NOTES By Joseph Keller

By Art Sharon

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Feb. 27-The threat of a subway strike precipitated by the refusal of the Board of Transportation here to recognize the CIO Transport Workers Union as sole collective bargaining agency for the city's underpaid and overworked transit workers, came to an end yesterday. It collapsed with the capitulation of the Stalinist union leadership led by Michael Quill®

of the O'Dwyer Tammany Radio Corporation of America, to administration and the capitalist press.

Almost without exception the capitalist newspapers broke out in scare headlines and screaming editorials against Michael Quill who is also the American Labor Party city councilman from the Bronx when he announced the union's threat to strike. Demands were made for his impeachment and Mayor O'Dwyer was called upon to stand firm against the transit workers demands.

O'Dwyer in turn repeated his strikebreaking performance of the tugboat strike crisis. Adding to the hysteria and panic, he announced the creation of an emergency setup to operate the trains with scab crews. O'Dwyer made clear his determination to break the strike if it was called. This energetic strikebreaking is becoming O'Dwyer's routine answer to every strike of any proportion in New York City. This is the payoff from the Democratic candidate put into the mayor's seat with the support of the American Labor Party and

O'Dwyer called upon David Sar- ence.

the capitalists.

to the hysteria and pressure | noff, millionaire president of the act as an intermediary between the city and the national leaders of the CIO in an attempt to get national CIO intervention. MURRAY MAKES DEAL

Philip Murray responded by hastening in person to New York City and making a back-room deal with the Mayor that the strike would not come off and that the conditions of the transit workers would be put up to a board of "fact finders" who will "study the union's demands and the City's position."

The Stalinist leadership of the TWU quickly agreed to Murray's proposal as a means of getting out of their uncomfortable position. The strike was called off and the capitalist newspapers congratulated Mayor O'Dwyer on his victory.

Frightened by the opposition they aroused, the Stalinist leadership is now circulating as a special leaflet an editorial of the newspaper PM, which states that

nothing would stop the calling of folded up like a wet rag on the the strike should the city refuse main issue for which they threatto recognize the TWU. O'Dwyer ened to strike, sole collective barstood adamant on his refusal to gaining rights. The wage degive the union recognition as the mands are now at the mercy of a sole collective bargaining agency hand - picked committee over for the city's transit workers, which the workers have no influ-

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continue its resistance to the heroic GM strikers and at-

has been directly responsible for winning the wage increases

through outrageous price inflation, and are holding out

violence and legal intimidation are mounting steadily. In

Philadelphia and northern New Jersey the big electrical

The CIO workers have had to defend themselves in pitched

battles with the police for their unrestricted right to picket

and peaceably assemble. From one end of the country to the other come accounts of police terror and brutality

The only answer to these new attacks is united action

To the vicious and ruthless attempt of General Motors

to starve out the GM strikers—the fighters to whom all

labor owes an incalculable debt of gratitude—every worker.

every union, every progressive-minded organization must

And to the court orders and police terror, like those

invoked against the CIO Electrical Union strikers in Phila-

delphia, there can be but one decisive and effective reply:

THE UNITED MASS ACTION OF ALL LABOR.

answer with: ALL-OUT IMMEDIATE MATERIAL AID.

At the same time, direct attempts to smash strikes by

against the strikers with that end in view.

the way for strikebreakers.

strikers and their families.

by the entire labor movement.

Police Terror In Philadelphia



Leather-coated, pistol-packing Philadelphia cops were caught by the camera February 27 as they opened their brutal assault on the mass picket lines thrown around the General Electric plant by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO. A police reign of terror throughout the following two days resulted in many injured workers and a CIO threat to

-Courtesy of Philadelphia Evening Bulletin

## would have wrecked the union" and that they are "glad now to be off the hook." The strike threat can be called "the bluff that failed." Philadelphia Event CIO Pickets Defy the Stalinists. Michael Quill promised the that failed." The Stalinist TWU leaders Michael Quill promised the union that The Stalinist TWU leaders Injunction, Fight Police Terror

VETS ASSAULTED

clubs when he had tried to de-

carrying. "The cops called me

every conceivable name," he

said, "as they tried to force me

Richard Duane, had been wound-

They're taking it out on our vets

for being solid with the union.

Incensed workers gathering to

defend their banner-bearers

were overwhelmed by sheer force

of numbers. One of the most

severely beaten was Herbert Le-

our best union defenders."

later described the attack:

"WE'LL WIN"

to surrender the flag."

ous than the battlefield.

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sembled. They jammed the courtroom and thronged neighboring streets. They shouted and sang "Solidarity Forever" as their first day of battle closed.

ANOTHER PARADE Today another parade to the GE plant was scheduled to begin at a park. Police were on hand to bar the workers from the public property, and drive them into neighboring Delaware can plutocracy against organized labor, has determined to County. Over 3,000 workers assembled at the County Line, fac-

ing the army which had already

tempt to starve them out. Big Business has an especially malevolent hatred for the GM workers because they have shown its brutality The pickets set out on a march other victim of the police in the been the very backbone of the strike wave. Their struggle back to Philadelphia, taking streets far from the plant. Police in Ford and Chrysler and forcing the government to recomwatched suspiciously, blocking mend the new "pattern" of wage increases up to 181/2 cents a street which led to GE. With

ments and drag out the strikes. The robber price boosts Then began the second day's fend the American flag he was which the government has granted the steel moguls and assault, as 40 mounted police meat barons has whetted the insatiable appetites of all charged into the dense crowd of men and women, followed by nearly 50 motorcycle police and All of them are now clamoring for exorbitant price hundreds of club-swinging paincreases before they will accede to the just wage demands trolmen. Many workers, several of the workers. All of them are counting on a generous of them women, were trampled. capitalist government to safeguard their swollen profits tion. Scores required medical atten-Those who tried to aid their injured comrades were picked out by the cops for merciless beatings. And today, too,

### Philadelphia SWP trusts have secured injunctions against mass picketing. **Holds Gay Social**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23 against strikers and the use of court injunctions to open A capacity crowd attended the housewarming party tonight of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party at the spacious new headquarters, 1303-05 West Girard Avenue.

Most of those present were readers of The Militant, who came because of their keen ap-The mighty arm of labor solidarity alone can hold back them were a number of trade the hand of hunger which is reaching out for the GM unionists, including several workers from the UE locals now on strike in this area. A delegation came from Camden, where The Militant was introduced for the first time during the last subscription campaign.

had fought back valiantly, reas- private homes were raided in joining in protest against the search of "escaping slaves."

Special target for the storm-In answer to today's assault, troop attack was a group of un- over 5,000 workers in a huge ion veterans. CIO member Do- mass demonstration, circled City menic Di Perzio, carrying a large | Hall, tying up all traffic during American flag, fought to protect the busy lunch hour. There they himself as 60 mounted police heard union speakers denounce surged in, raining blows with riot Mayor Samuel, the sheriff, and sticks on his bare hands. Many the police. The cops, hastily of the blows aimed at Domenic withdrawn from the GE plant to were warded off by his buddy, Helder Rheinhold, an AFL mem- silence to derisive "Heil Hitlers"

member of Local 119, was an-January, after being wounded in both hands during European bat-

hour.

The Truman administration itself has given every workers finally turned up a cross. There were fresh wounds on ident Murray and the local Local 197, AFL Blacksmiths, the Chrysler workers would have the control of the control encouragement to corporations like General Motors, Gen- street nearly ten blocks from the them now, inflicted by police council's executive board "to meet delphia, if necessary."

### Capitalist Politics

Another veteran of Local 119. ed three times in three years of upon Secretary of Interior Ickes' combat in Europe. Duane called resignation after the Pauley scanthe GE picket line more dangerdal broke, Senator Andrews, Democrat of Florida, said: "I There was a reason for this think we can get along without special victimization of veterans, him. Honesty isn't the only atan old-time union man declared. tribute required of a public servant." (N. Y. Times, Feb. 14) because they are sore at them

"protect City Hall," listened in thundered by workers who, despite two days of bloody battle, William Hood, a veteran and fight for their rights.

Aroused delegates from many local unions demanded at a "Battle of 65th Street." He had been released from the army in Indian being wounded in local unions demanded at a Philadelphia CIO Council special Reading Union city-wide CIO strike be called. However, at the behest of council meet this attack, even to the extent of a general strike in Phila-

Commenting with "delight"

## **Ancient British** "Riot Act" Used In Jersey Strike

By Alan Kohlman (Special to The Militant)

BLOOMFIELD, N. J. March law, Sheriff William B. Butler yesterday dispersed 1,000 CIO United Electrical Union strikers from mass picketing at the Westinghouse plant here. ditional police from numerous tire railway system. towns in Essex County. He gave the pickets one hour to disperse.

they staged a demonstration in protest, while UE Local 410 ofćlubbings of UE strikers in Philadelphia, this police action in Jersey indicates a concerted and widespread plan to aid the bosses by utilizing police forces to back up previous injunctions. These court orders issued by compliant judges aim to deprive strikers of their right to picket and keep out strikebreakers.

For 46 days the UE strikers here have engaged in mass picketing to keep the Westinghouse plant closed. For the past two weeks such mass picketing has been in defiance of vicious injunctions issued by local Chancery Courts. As previously reported in The Militant, this mass picketing, ranging from several hundred to 3,500, has successfully defied the injunctions and prevented supervisors from entering the plant.

In previous clashes with management, goons and police, a number of pickets have been arrested while Local 410 officials are charged with contempt proceedings. But the union continued to defy the injuctions until yesterday's dispersal order.

It is expected that the coming week will see a renewed upsurge were determined to carry on the by the UE strikers and a defiant answer thrown back to the police.

## Hits Case Bill

and confer on ways and means to Reading, Pa., informing us of had been any prior full and free two important resolutions re- discussion of their real mean- union officials, in attempts to cently passed by the local. One ing. was a demand sent to the Sen- In a letter to Robert W. Con- ers when they seek to fight comate to vote down the anti-labor der, director of labor relations pany abuses. It is a flagrant at-Case Bill. The other pledged for Chrysler Corporation, Nor-Toledo and Peoria Railroad, that the International union diswhose armed strikebreakers approves of "violation and a-

# By Joseph Keller

Engineers and the Brotherhood railway unions, was running 98 per cent in favor of strike it was announced on March 1, with was announced on March 1, with dure will discontinue." ed. The final total is expected to be announced by March 6.

Unlike other railway unions, 2 - Utilizing a pre-Revolu- the trainmen and locomotive en- practiced by Chrysler during the tionary War "Riot Act." a gineers have correctly rejected carryover from old English arbitration of their basic wage shackled with the no-strike demands for a 25 per cent in- pledge is now slanderously lacrease and 45 improvements in the working rules. The 215,000 organized trainmen and 78,000 locomotive engineers could ef-Sheriff Butler had mobilized ad- fectively tie up virtually the en-

In addition to the pending railway walkout, the country's 1, may be putting their traditional "no contract, no work" new demands of the AFL United Mine Workers.

filed a 30-day strike notice with the NLRB.

will seek wage increases above the 16 to 181/2-cent "pattern" fixed by the administration in ion surrender its rights of free the packinghouse and steel speech and press is a most siniscases. The miners cracked the ter precedent for the whole labor Little Steel formula during the war-but it was not split wide tion abides by this agreement, open because the other unions failed to follow the miners' continue its anti-union propafighting example.

### Chrysler Contract

There has been a general hush - hush about the terms of the new Chrysler contract which leaders concluded in January.

This contract was concluded in an utterly bureaucratic fashion over the heads of the Chrysler workers. The reason for this profiteering, price hiking and high handed conduct can be gleaned from two letters sent by UAW officials to the Chrysler Corporation on January 26. The missible concessions made to the printed attacks on the corpora-We have received a letter from corporation—concessions which tion. Drop Forgers and Helpers, in rejected out-of-hand if there

support to the move to prosecute man Matthews, UAW-CIO Na-George P. McNear, head of the tional Chrysler Director, states murdered two strikers recently. buses by union representatives of We welcome such local union the bargaining procedure" which letters and information and will were "due to lack of understandbe glad to publicize other such ing and because of changing conditions during the war." He

New Big Strikes Loom

Balloting in the strike poll of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood

states further that "a large percentage of time has been spent by Union representatives on matters other than provided for of Railroad Trainmen, two key UAW will "assign a full-time in the agreement" and that the

Thus, the resistance of local unions to the continued prevocations and contract violations war when the workers were beled "abuses" by Matthews. He proposes to spend the union's money for an International representative, not to safeguard the workers from contract violations by the company, but to PRO-TECT THE COMPANY from the "abuse of the bargaining proce-All 1,000 strikers immediately militant coal miners, whose bi- dure" when local unions and marched to the City Hall where tuminous contract expires April grievance men seek to end company provocations!

Another vicious feature of the ficials conferred with the sheriff. policy into effect on that date Chrysler contract is revealed in Following upon the brutal police unless the operators meet the a letter from the International union office to Conder. This states that "the union and the UMW President John L. Lewis company disapprove and will dison March 2 informed the soft courage their members or repcoal operators of the union's de- resentatives from using or issuing sire to reopen wage negotiations statements in their official paon March 12. He simultaneously pers, handbills, newspapers or other literature which are inconsistent with amicable industrial It is reported that the miners relations between the parties."

This capitulation to the corporation's demand that the unmovement. Even if the corporawhich is very doubtful, it can ganda indirectly through a Perhaps the miners will crack thousand channels. It has the the new "Big Steal" formula be- daily press and radio, Big Busifore it hardens into a real wage ness political spokesmen from the city halls all the way up to Congress, "front" groups like the NAM and Chamber of Commerce.

This restriction is really aimed exclusively at silencing local unions and militant workers when the CIO United Auto Workers they seek to expose the corporation's anti-union practices, provocations and contract violations. It would forbid them the right to publicize corporation political activities. Moreover, the whole lying inference of the. "non-criticism" agreement is that the union in the past has been unjust and untruthful in its

This concession to the corporation will be used by the company, in collaboration with the tack on freedom of speech and press which can only further encourage the invasion of the democratic rights of the unions.

> Ask Your Shopmate To Subscribe to The Militant

## The company and the cops had expected the vets would serve as strikebreakers. Instead, they're Stand As Answer To UAW Delegates

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to undermine the union.

and promotions, vacation pay

Reuther blasted the corpora-

tional one cent an hour increase.

ment Fact-Finding Board's rec-

ommendation for 191/2 cents.

SCORES UE AGREEMENT

er coordination."

"It was just a peaceful parade position" lay back of its stubborn until the Gestapo set upon us. This will wake up the entire un- tant union security provisions ion movement to the need of from the contract, Reuther arunited action. We are going to gued. Besides the wage demands, ous leaders, Reuther announced junctions. We are in the fight a number of important questions that he would ask the coming were still in dispute after weeks until the victory." of union-corporation negotia-The company and police plans tions. Reuther listed mainte-

have failed. Their deliberate, ruthless terror has united the nance of membership, transfers veteran and non-veteran workers, the men and the women, and local union grievances. has mobilized wide support for the pickets. Housewives whose tion lie that the union's Top homes were invaded when they Negotiating Committee was aided the workers, are today holding out solely for the addi-

## **Dinner Opens New Toledo Quarters**

TOLEDO, Feb. 24-Scores of

win, a Westinghouse worker, who plan on the part of the company bor movement," Reuther charged. Pointing out that the UE Corporation hopes to place the ranks had been betrayed by union "in a helpless bargaining their leaders, he condemned the secret, underhanded deal which insistence on removing impor- had been made with GM. In order to rescue these work-

ers from their present treacher-CIO convention for UAW jurisdiction over the electrical workers in auto plants. Wild applause the discussion which followed delegate dared to defend the UE leadership.)

#### PROPOSES PROGRAM At the conclusion of his report,

But he lashed out at GM for for a program to be followed if crease in the face of the govern-Citing the problems which had just demands. They included: in the GM strike had been apbeen created for the GM nego-Murray to convene an emergenat a time strategy" might have Board; demonstrations in all er's statement that "This is not cities with GM locals; an appeal a leadership strike!" worked if there had been "propto the whole labor movement to give full support to the GM strikers.

But the separate agreement from Detroit entertained, follow- which the Stalinist-dominated support the position taken in the moralize the GM strikers. ing after-dinner speeches by CIO United Electrical Workers negotiations by Reuther and the three amateur comedians. Many Union signed last month with Top Bargaining Committee. Not the Corporation alone bears the the General Motors Corporation a single delegate favored the ac- responsibility for blocking a the desire to be notified of the was "an act of treachery un- ceptance of General Motors' strike settlement, Reuther pro-

unanimous.

ing, instead of making new ofleaders. Immediately after the ceedings. negotiations broke up, the GM officials called a hurried press conference. H. W. Anderson, of this proposal but the motion General Motors vice-president, charged that a strike settle- for it. greeted this announcement. (In ment was being impeded by "politics" within the UAW-CIO, No the report, not a single Stalinist settlement would be reached, he said, until after the UAW convention, which opens in Atlantic City on March 23.

Reuther made several proposals charges were taken up by pressure upon the General Mo-Reuther in his report to this af- tors Corporation—the program ternoon's Conference session. He which had been proposed by the corporation continues its ar- offered conclusive proof of the Reuther and adopted at the Frirogant opposition to the union's fact that every major decision day session. securing a two million dollar proved not only by the UAW ofloan for aid to the strikers; a ficers and the Top Negotiating call upon CIO President Philip Committee, but by the local unions as well. The delegates ency session of the CIO Executive thusiastically applauded Reuth-

Reuther predicted that GM would open up a wide-spread publicity offensive in an at-Delegate after delegate rose to tempt to split the UAW and de-

In order to demonstrate that paralled in the history of the la- terms. The vote to reject the posed the following counter-

Corporation's proposals was measure: that the Conference ask President Truman to ap-When the report of Friday's point an arbitrator to rule on the session of the delegates' con- remaining disputed points—the ference was delivered to GM by decision to be binding on both the union negotiators this morn- parties. If the Corporation agrees to this proposal, the union fers, the GM officials launched on its part agrees to return to a violent attack on the strike work during the arbitration pro-

> Doubt was expressed by several delegates as to the efficacy passed with 85 per cent voting

The possibility that the Corporation might turn down the arbitration proposal was also considered by the Conference. Should this occur, the Conference decided to put into effect This and other company an immediate program of mass

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members and friends enjoyed tiating committee by the "comthe housewarming held in the pany security" clauses in the new headquarters of the Toledo Ford and Chrysler contracts, Branch of the Socialist Workers Reuther contended that the "one Party at 213 Michigan Street. Delicious duck dinners, which the Toledo comrades had prepared, were consumed with great gusto by the celebrants. A string trio of our friends present expressed next social or meeting.

## Belgian Trotskyists Gain In Election

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 25-The Internationalist Com munist Party, Belgian Section of the Fourth International participated in the election campaign in the Charleroi district. Out of 200,000 votes, the Trotskyist candidates re-

terest in the election among the paign which we conducted in where we have no representa-Charleroi was the best organized tives. and the most fruitful of any we have yet engaged in.

The heart of our campaign was a financial drive. For the first time we tried to organize financial support for the campaign of our candidates. We set a goal of 25,000 francs (about \$575). We went way over this goal, hitting 35,000 francs in eight weeks,

## **Brass Hats Exile U.A.W. Militant** To Okinawa

Sgt. Emil Mazey, one of the leaders of the Philippine GI demonstrations, has been "exiled" by Army Brass Hats to Okinawa, the "Siberia" of the Pacific places to hear our program. No car operators, for instance, conarea, according to a protest filed in Washington by the CIO Vet- a meeting in Gilly as successful after the strike was organized. erans' Committee.

Mazev headed the GI Commit-

In civilian life, Mazey was president of the militant Briggs Local RICH EXPERIENCE 212, CIO United Auto Workers. At the 1943 convention of the resolution for the formation of

Mazey's transfer to Okinawa is one of numerous reprisals now sympathizers, and the increased exports, we shall at least be no being taken by Brass Hats against number of members—this con- worse off than in the years of the GIs who headed the January demonstrations.

ceived 1,100. This result, which is extraordinary for a however, very imperfectly reflects the progress of our war a whole year would not year would not war a whole year would not war a whole year would not war a whole year would not year would not war a whole year would not year woul The relatively small number of Even more remarkable is the fact total votes cast indicates the political stagnation and lack of incontributed to the fund. And we tical stagnation and lack of in- contributed to the fund. And we received contributions, some of masses. But the election cam- them quite large, from areas

#### SOUND TRUCK USED

Thanks to the success of the financial campaign we were able to really "electioneer" in the Charleroi area. For the first time in the history of our movement we utilized a sound truck which toured the entire region for | nificant gains for the workfour days. In every important ers. community and at every factory we were thus able, for the first time, to broadcast the voice of the Trotskyists. More than 100 speeches were made in the sound truck and more than 50,000 leaflets or newspapers distributed.

In addition to neighborhood tinued to operate it and stepped meetings, we organized a big up production. They increased meeting at Gilly. More than 600 people attended. All the party speakers received warm ovations from the audience, many of whom had come from distant other party was able to organize tinued to operate the street cars

The bourgeoisie prevented us and let the public ride free. tee which raised \$5,000 for ad- from speaking over the radio. Later they resumed taking fares, vertisements in U. S. newspapers The Stalinists succeeded in keepto publicize the plight of GIs ing us off the ballot in Brussels, held overseas who demand to be and in Charleroi they unleashed before turning over the balance sent home. The tactics of the a vicious campaign of slander Manila committee set a pattern against us. But neither the presfor GI demonstrations that sure, the calumny, nor the ter- cessfully used similar tactics. swept around the world in Jan- ror were able to stop the mili- They refused to recognize teletant Trotskyists.

This was the first election campaign for the greater part of auto workers he led the fight of our young comrades. They passthe progressives against the no- ed the test, emerging tempered, strike pledge and introduced a experienced, and above all, more closely linked to the masses.

> The heightened popularity of our ideas, the wider circle of our be balanced by an expansion of stitutes for us the balance sheet Great Depression." (The British

Japanese Workers Line Up For Food

Belgian Stalinists And "Socialists"

**Block Election Victory Of Workers** 



As inflation in Japan brings soaring prices, the workers today are striking for wage increases. The photo above, taken shortly after V-J Day, shows one of the long lines of workers in

## **Call Nation-Wide Strike** In Fight To Free Egypt

By Charles Carsten

A nation-wide general strike, called by the National but deducted their own wages at Committee of Students and Workers as a "day of mourn- pensation and reassurances for ing" for the 14 martyrs killed during the February 21 anti-British demonstrations, paris the site of a major British

Naval base.

February 21.

alyzed Egypt on March 4. The principal slogans shouted by demonstrating students and workers were "Down with England!" and "Evacuation or mier Ismail Sidky Pasha's de-Revolution!" Thus they continued to press their standing demand that the British get out of Egypt. They also insisted on Egyptian sovereignty over the Sudan area which is now ruled "If the national accounts can by the British jointly with the Egyptian government.

> In Alexandria, government police fired on demonstrators, serjously wounding 16. Alexandria rogant British imperialist over- hold important naval bases.

the future."

The Egyptian government's re-Government troops in full battle kit attempted to enforce Precree forbidding demonstrations. Strong cavalry patrols were staonstrations.'

tioned near the British Army's Kasr-el-Nil barracks to prevent attacks on the troops. This was the scene of the murder of Egyptians by British troops during the anti - British demonstrations of Following that outrage, British nominal self-rule, the British buildings were attacked by the control the economy, they staangered demonstrators. The ar- tion troops in the country, and

"punishment of the guilty, com-

ply has not been made public. Although Sidky Pasha claims to support demands for evacuation of British troops, on March 3 he appealed to the Egyptians to "remain quiet and refrain from dem-

However, the rebellious students and workers did not heed his appeal. As they have done repeatedly in the past, they voiced their desire to rid the country of the oppressive British overlords. While the nation has

Leon Lesoil The founder of the Belgian

By E. Germain

(Special to The Militant)

gois Liberal party now hold a majority of 20 seats. But in

the Senate the reactionary

bourgeois party, the Chris-

tian Social party, gained an

The provincial elections of

February 24 will complete the

composition of the Senate, but it

is extremely doubtful that the

Christian Social party will be

dislodged from its position. (The

Christian Social Party won 344

out of 696 Councilorships in the

February 24 elections. This is only

eight less than the combined

Councilorships won by the Social-

ist-Stalinist Liberal coalition.

How did it happen that the

most reactionary bourgeois party

was able to win such a victory

No other explanation is possible

than the following: The Belgian

masses, finding further radical-

ization blocked politically, have

lost interest in politics during the

past half year. This was clearly

evident throughout the whole

election campaign. There was

not the least sign of animation

MASSES DISILLUSIONED

terest among the working mass-

Communists." It arose from the

'liberals" and "technicians," did

not pose before the voters any

question capable of arousing the

interest of the workers. It came

parison with 1939.

**Carry On Fight** 

would be called .

ON THE MARCH

and shoot back."

papers.

(Continued from Page 1)

turn against the British com-

mand." This army, created by

the British during the war as a

bulwark for their despotic colo-

nial rule, numbers some 2,000,-

000 men. Men demobilized from

this army, continues the Herald

Tribune, "will not stand unarmed

before British machine guns and

let themselves be beaten with

the bamboo poles of the Indian

police. They will hide their arms

For decades the British de-

tion by following the futile tac-

tics of "peaceful disobedience."

Gandhi's tactics have time and

further rioting and widespread

absolute majority.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 22-The legislative elections on February 17 led to a paradox in its results. In the House of Representatives, the government coalition of the Socialist Party, Communist (Stalinist) Party, and the bour-

> Trotskyist movement, Leon Lesoil, arrested by the Nazis on June 22, 1941 for anti-fascist activities, died in Neuengamme Concentration Camp May 6. 1942. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Fourth International.

they would have obtained a large absolute majority even at the present time. But it is more than certain that if the elections had taken place six months ago, as the Trotskyists demanded, the reaction would have received a

The fact is that from the end of the monarchical crisis the es? It came from the deceptions Trotskyists ceaselessly warned practised by their leaders—The the masses that the postpone-"Socialists," and above all, The men of the elections, together with the hesitations and evasions fact that these parties, linked of the reformists and Stalinists their collaboration in the on the question of the monargovernment with the bourgeois chy, would prepare a victory forthe Christian Social party. This party mobilized all its forces in defense of Leopold III.

### TROTSKYIST WARNING

from the fact that the masses But if the reformist and Stalinfor the past year, and above all ist chiefs from the beginning of during the monarchical crisis, the monarchical crisis had put discovered that their "leaders" the King on trial, if they had engage in genuine struggle with published their incriminating dossier on Leopold III, if they the bourgeoisie on any issue had demonstrated before the entire country the true role of the This was clearly expressed in monarchy, the Christian Social the votes of the workers. Alparty would have been incapable though immediately following the of making electoral capital on

was well on the way to rolling up The Reformists and Stalinists a crushing majority of workers, want to maintain their coalition now it could not obtain more with the bourgeoisie. They do not than 24 seats out of 202, most of want to "diminish the prestige these due to petty bourgeois votes. of the monarchy and The Socialist party, which a year Royal House." It is their fear and a half ago was in full disof the people which prevents integration, obtained 69 seats, them from agitating on the questhat is, has even gained in comtion of the monarchy as the interests of the workers necessitate. There is no doubt that if the Thus they prepared the electoral

linist) parties had entered the On the basis of the present election with a clear program and with the will of jointly forming a government, excluding all bourgeois parties from power, were "victimized" a new strike No police violence, however, no matter how savage, can repress reformists don't want to enter the rising mass movement for the government if the Stalinists India's independence. The Indian revolution is on the march. the other hand there exists This is recognized even by commentators of the capitalist The February 26 N. Y. Herald

provoking splits, if not grave crises. In this political crisis the working class nevertheless hes lost nothing of its militancy. Sporadic strikes broke out among the miners the day after the elections. In the bourgeois milieu and in their press one feels very well the fear of the capitalists at the possible violent reaction of the masses. That is why the bourgeoisie is doing everything it can to set up a governpended on misleaders of the In- ment of "national unity" to which dian people to stave off revolu- the reformist and Stalinist lead-

British violence. Gandhi's influ- remains therefore more timely ence is now rapidly weakening. than ever. At the same time the "Even in the All-India National correctness of our demana, Congress, which used to be at Abolition of the Reactionary Sen-Gandhi's beck and call," con- ate, which we were the only ones tinues the Herald-Tribune cor- to advance before the election, respondent, "the younger mem- was quickly confirmed by events. bers now demand a military re- The Trotskyists now say to the bellion against the British as the workers, There is no reason for only means of forcing the rulers your being demoralized. It is not you who were beaten in the During the Second World War election, but the false politics the fruit of rebellion was surely of your leaders. Your struggle ripening." And, concludes the must be continued in the field "all events indicate proper to it, the field of class action. There you will be victori-

## I Saw Them Die In Calcutta's Streets

**MilitantAction** 

In the five months since

the surrender of Japan some

200 strikes have occurred.

None of them have been as

strikes in the same period in

the United States, but they

have nevertheless won sig-

Most of the strikes brought the

At the Tokyo Shibaure Elec-

tric Company the strikers barred

the management from entering.

The strikers adopted some very

effective techniques. The street

They simply stopped taking fares

the rate demanded by the union

of the proceeds to the company

The telephone operators suc-

phone calls put through by the

Communications Ministry. At

the same time they made all

public telephone calls free of

charge. They won their de-

The Good Old Days

Economist, Dec. 22, 1945.)

They took over the plant, con-

their wages five times.

EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUES

workers wage gains as high as

500 per cent.

(Editorial Note: The following article is a condensed version of an eyewitness account of the 1943-44 famine in India. Estimated deaths were near 3,000,000. Another British-sponsored famine how threatens the lives of 10,000,000. The author is dier, John Frederick Muehl. The complete article is printed in the January 1946 "Asia and the Americas." It was distributed by the India League of America.)

No one will ever really know how many died in the Bengal famine. Calcutta was the center, but it was certainly not the entirety. All over the province rice was dear and life was cheap. There was never a count, seldom even an estimate of the numbers that were burned in the city alone.

For the dogs of Calcutta this was not a famine but a time of feasting. They roamed the streets bloated and glassy-eyed, picking at human flesh and carrying human bones. They fell upon the bodies most freshly dead, attacking them as soon as resistance ceased. Occasionally a family sat crowded together, guarding its own and beating off the scavengers. More than once I saw a dog fighting with a hysterical woman for possession of a husband's body.

### Streets Glutted With Dead

Though the dead were burned in great rotten heaps, the fires could never consume them fast enough. Though the air of the city was white and acrid, the streets were glutted with the dead and the dying, sprawled indiscriminately and overlapping, together on the street and in the gutter. But there was seldom a death on Chowringhee Road, for when a beggar appeared weak or dangerously emaciated, he was driven back into the native sections, to die out of sight among

That evening as I walked from the Grand Hotel, the worst of the misery was blotted out by the Boat Club . . . While most of the men were for trespassing, but the crow was food and food darkness. But as my boot treads echoed on the quiet walk, I could hear a continual stirring about where the women were talking. Seizing the con- looked to her audience for encouragement or disme. An occasional hand would grasp at my passing leg; a voice would whisper, "Sahib! Sahib!" When I approached the entrance to Firpo's Restaurant, I was caught up sharply in horror and the women about conditions in the city, and, in the child between hunger and fear was goaded disgust. There in the doorway lay two nude bodies, still glistening with sweat in the semicircle of light. I tried to avoid them as I mounted the step, but a young captain who was following close behind me was more considerate. Excusing himself from the girl he was escorting, he rolled them out into the darkness and entered after me, continuing his conversation . . .

The human mind can adjust to almost anything; I learned that by rote in my undergraduate years. But I never realized the significance of that axiom till the day in Calcutta when I found myself eating a candy-bar, disinterestedly watching a woman die . . . The tell-tale marks of chronic famine are plainly seen throughout Bengal. The beggars and untouchables have been stunted and withered, and half the population seems crippled or diseased. But the well-fed sahib killing each other or dying of horrible Asiastic pears the worst mark of all in his brutalized outlook and his bitter inhumanity. The cost of the famine, like the cost of our war, has been even greater than the lives that are lost. There is

Typical Street Scene In India



Even this picture falls far short of conveying the actual conditions of starvation, filth and misery into which British imperialism has plunged the Indian people.

evacuating bodies from the streets of Calcutta . . . by fluttering and hopping across the grass.

But instead I spent the day at the Calcutta out on the lagoons, I retired to a sitting room was life. Alternately hesitating and pursuing, she versation when the opportunity presented itself, I directed it toward the subject of most immediate interest to me, the famine. I questioned more tactfully I thought, about their own opinions. But I advanced too far and a charter member of the circle exploded in my face. "Look here, trouble already. On the streets we're clawed at beseiged. My garbage cans have been rifled twice episode. within the week, and just last Monday the Club discovered that nearly half its ducks had been stolen right off the lagoons. You are apparently a stranger, so we can forgive you for not realizing it, but this subject is a very tiresome and unwelcome one to us all."

The others nodded their calm approval and the speaker continued in a quieter, more friendly tone. "These Indians have been having their famines since the beginning of time. If they're not dying of malnutrition or starvation, why they're diseases. There have always been too many of them anyway. A few millions less would be no loss, least of all to you and me."

If I had not understood at that moment how something that happens to all who live through they felt. I would shortly have learned. About quivered with life. it which leaves a stamp on the body or mind. an hour after lunch there was an outbreak of Surely this is one of the costs of imperialism, this laughter which seemed to emanate from the group cart and was spread on the ground in parallel pat- cause it saves our damned valuable shipping subtle contamination that enters the blood stream. that was seated outside on the lawn. When the terns. The coolies arose from mats where they space."

I learned next morning that the railroads were merriment continued for several minutes, I went crowded and that I could not leave Calcutta for outside to discover the cause. On the grass near tragic limitations of a single bag of rice among at least a week. But at breakfast I met a young the lagoon, an emaciated little Indian girl was lieutenant who suggested that I spend some chasing a crow with a broken wing. She had ap- front of the basha, the dead were being counted time with him, promising that it would be "well parently hit the bird with a well aimed rock, but in a yard to the rear. spent, if a bit unpleasant." He was working, at had failed to kill it immediately. Though the the moment, with the Government of Bengal, crow could not fly, it had managed to escape A Man-Made Famine

The girl was aware that she might be punished approval. Though signs of both were evident, they were bewilderingly contradictory and deliberately meant to torment and confuse. The struggle withto the utmost and laughed at uproariously. But the show ended prematurely with the capture of the crow and its subsequent killing by a twist of young man! This famine is causing us enough the neck. This last brought a groan from the women in the audience, who found it offensive and jabbered to, and in our homes we're virtually and an ill-fitting conclusion for so humorous an

I arose the next morning hours before dawn, driving to the burning yards in Crawford's staff car. When I approached the gate it was still very dark, and though I could not see, I smelled the horror within. The air was choking with dust and smoke, smelling of kerosene and burning Calcutta to Nagpur, was equally candid in his flesh ...

hundreds of feet in every direction. From boundary to boundary, it was crammed with flesh, most of it too entirely decomposed ever to be denominated human bodies. Enormous rats dragged bony remains that as often as not fell apart at the touch. Snakes and dung-beetles crawled back and forth, fighting with each other and tearing at loose members. Though the bodies were dead, they

slept and began loading bodies on top of the logs. The process was repeated again and again, till the alternating layers stood shoulder high. Then kerosene was poured liberally over the pile, precipitating a nauseating and unbelievable exodus of the insects and vermin which infested the of the piles, and the coolies moved on to other

A dispatch rider went out ahead of our trucks to determine the sections that most needed evacuation, and to report what streets would afford the "best pickings." When he returned he carried, in addition to that information, a sheaf of complaints from prominent citizens whose yards and driveways had not been cleared. In Calcutta, the surest sign of influence is property free from the remains of the dead. Among the complaints was one from a Christian mission, promising court action if its grounds were not cleared. The one which interested me most, however, read: "I have lived in Calcutta through several famines when the bodies were removed with commendable expedition. The inefficiency of the present To Free India administration taxes my faith in the existing instrumentalities."

As we drove up before a Famine Relief Station, a bag of rice was being distributed to the lucky few who stood nearest the shelter. The queue pushed forward, those at the head anxious to get their share before the supply was exhausted. But the majority of the line moved slowly and skeptically, obviously aware of the thousands of people. While the living were fed in

That evening, when Crawford introduced me o his Major, I asked about the Famine Relief Stations, I was anxious to know just what they were doing and how many lives they were able to save. My questions were direct and his answers were frank. "You can't stop a famine with a few bags of rice, you know. And you can't save a great many lives with what little there is. But the Stations serve a double purpose; otherwise they'd hardly be worth maintaining. Just the chance of a handful of rice will attract those who are close to collapse, and even if we're unable to feed them, it makes the bodies much easier to collect."

Accepted long ago as a member of the Raj, since I had been serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps in Burma, I was not surprised by this frankness. I was much too close for the patent explanations, and had come to be considered "one of the family." A Lieutenant Colonel in a Rifles regiment, with whom I traveled from discussion, and was particularly bitter with ref-The grisly plot, seen by daylight, extended for erence to the cause of the famine. "It's not just the result of a drought, you know. In part, it's a man-made famine."

At this last I sat bolt upright in my seat, for I had suspected as much but had feared to believe it. "The British Army has encouraged and subsidized the local black market so that it can buy its food rather than ship it in. It's more expensive to pay profiteers' prices, but it's not hard to outbid the natives of Calcutta. It's costly A load of logs was brought in in a bullock and it's brutal, but we continue to do it be-

#### in any of the large parties. Their meetings did not arouse any enthusiasm. The most complete calm reigned. The debates among the different parties were not even sharp. One had the impression of watching a comedy in which the roles were assigned in crushing defeat. Whence arose this lack of in-

'liberation" the Stalinist party the question of the monarchy.

Socialist and Communist (Stavictory of the reaction.

parliament it is extremely difficult for the different parties to find a solution to the governmental crisis. The coalition which has governed up to now is in danger of not obtaining a majority in the Senate. A "government of national unity," that is a coalition, widened to the Christian Social party, runs up against two difficulties. On the one hand the Christian Social party does not want the Stalinists in the government, but the do not likewise participate. On powerful opposition in the Belgian Socialist party as well as in the Communist Party against any collaboration with the Christian Social party. If the leaders act Tribune, for instance, fears that against the wishes of the rank and file militants, they risk the "huge Indian Army . . . may

> ers will be tied even more tightly than in the past.

The Trotskyist slogan, "No again only paved the way for coalition with the bourgeoisie,"

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

-Leon Trotsky

## Keep Up The Fight

In the midst of the steel strike, Philip Murray, President of the CIO and of the United Steelworkers Union, correctly condemned the federal government for helping to finance strikebreaking and union-busting through colossal tax rebates insuring Big Business against any profit loss.

He demanded the repeal of these tax steals which guarantee up to \$20 billions to the laborhating industrialists.

Murray and other top union officials also pointed out that hundreds of thousands of striking workers were being denied any unemployment compensation benefits.

Since the steel strike has been settled, however, Murray and his close associates have suddenly quieted down on these vital questions.

But the need for action on these and similar political issues is more urgent today than ever. Every worker now on the picket lines at General Motors, Westinghouse, General Electric and hundreds of other strike-bound plants knows that the success of their struggle is directly affected by the continued payment of colossal tax rebates to the companies while strikers are forced to go without unemployment compensation.

The arrogant General Motors bosses can afford to keep their plants shut only because the U.S. Treasury can provide up to \$160,000,-000 to GM in 1946 tax refunds. They can continue to resist the just demands of the workers because they calculate on starving them out and demoralizing their ranks by hunger.

Moreover, hundreds of thousands of additional workers face the prospect of being forced into strike action in the coming months. They certainly cannot afford to drop the fight against the union-busting tax laws and for unemployment benefits to strikers, as Murray is evidently ready to do.

The entire labor movement must be mobilized in a united, consistent and aggressive drive to force the repeal or amendment of the vicious Federal tax steal and to redouble their mass pressure upon those state administrations which refuse compensation to striking workers.

### **Imperialist Censors**

Although Allied propagandists proclaimed that the Second World War was fought, among other reasons, for freedom of the press, the Allied powers still maintain an iron censorship over the colonial areas embracing the majority of mankind.

In India the British have lowered the censorship curtain on their butchery of the great masses of people seeking an end to imperialist oppression.

In Indonesia, the British and Dutch imperialists permit only dispatches favorable to them to leak through the censorship.

And in Indo-China, the French despots are so fearful of publicity that they permit nothing whatever to leak out. Yet from Hanoi, which the French have not yet occupied, an occasional item gets into the press telling of horrible massacres by the French of entire villages in Indo-China. Behind the news blackout the French Generals are waging a murderous full-scale war against the heroic Indo-Chinese people who seek independence.

They are repeating a policy employed by Wall Street. For example, when MacArthur disarmed the partisan fighters of the Philippines and arrested their leaders, censorship covered his reactionary acts like a protective smokescreen.

The imperialist powers maintain censorship over the colonial lands because they fear public opinion at home. They are afraid that if the full facts were known, such indignation would sweep the working class, as to make impossible their savage campaign of suppression of the colonial peoples.

The Australian longshoremen picketed ships bound with arms for imperialist troops in Java. By hiding the facts, the imperialists hope to prevent such actions of solidarity from being repeated on a big scale in other sources of war supplies such as England and America.

The struggle of the colonial peoples for freedom ties in directly with the workers' struggie at home against the big corporations. Tre-

mendous holdings in colonial lands are one of the sources of profits that strengthen and make arrogant these same corporations.

It is therefore the duty of American workers to rally to the support of the colonial peoples' fight for freedom. Demand an end to the censorship! Demand the immediate withdrawal of all American troops from foreign soil. Let the colonial peoples freely choose their own form of government!

### Freedom From Fear?

Hundreds of thousands of Negro boys, drafted into American imperialism's armies were told they were fighting for the "Four Freedoms," including "freedom from fear." The kind of "freedom" they really won was sketched in blood last week in the town of Columbia,

There, wholesale atrocities were committed against an entire Negro community by state storm-troops. Homes were searched and ransacked by "law officers" without warrant. Men, women and children were hauled from their dwellings and beaten up. Machine gun bullets ripped through their doors and windows. Many were wounded. Scores were arrested and held without charges or on frame-up charges. Two were murdered by prison guards.

The Columbia atrocity is no isolated incident. It wasn't committed by an "unruly mob." It is but the latest example of official Jim Crow in action. It was perpetrated by armed forces of the State.

We are witnessing a whole wave of these murderous outrages against the Negro people committed by the armed minions of capitalist "law and order." In Freeport, N. Y. a cop drunk with race-hate killed two Negro brothers and wounded a third. An Alabama police chief dragged a dying Negro veteran into a police car after he had been shot by a street car conductor for moving a Jim Crow sign; the police chief completed the execution.

These crimes are not only condoned and whitewashed by government agencies, but inspired by them and perpetrated by their instruments. The guiding center of these outrages is in Washington, D. C.

The Federal government itself protects and fosters the whole system of Jim Crow.

In the Big Business-dominated Congress, the most reactionary forces are having a Devil's Holiday against the Negro people and organized labor. Their lynching of the FEPC bill was a call to action for flesh-and-blood lynchings, just as the rabid drive against labor has emboldened the corporation offensive against the

The Big Business ruling class is out to break up the unity of the working class with race hatred, and to terrorize and crush any section of the people who, like the Negroes, are fighting back against oppression.

"Freedom From Fear"? Not for the Negro people in capitalist-ruled America. And not for the whole working class so long as the ruling class Jim-Crow system can get away with such atrocities as Columbia, Tennessee.

### Change Of Mind

A very interesting incident occurred in Philadelphia February 27 Iollowing the assault on the picket line at the General Electric plant. The brutal clubbing of the strikers aroused unionists throughout the city to whitehot anger.

"In the afternoon," reports the press, "forty women members of the Food, Tobacco, Agriculture and Allied Workers Union of America, CIO, marched into City Hall and changed their registration from Republican to Democratic because the police broke up the picket line at the General Electric plant. The women said that the patrolmen were nothing more than 'storm troopers'."

These women unionists were completely correct in interpreting the police assault as a political act—but they drew the wrong political conclusions.

In New York, for instance, "storm troopers" in the same kind of police uniforms as the Philadelphia strikebreakers have assaulted picket lines. Like the Philadelphia cossacks they were on horseback. Like the Philadelphia agents of the bosses they carried clubs. But unlike the Philadelphia cops, they stormed the picket lines on orders of Mayor O'Dwyer's Democratic administration.

Now what should angry New York trade unionists in the Democratic Party do to follow the example of the Philadelphia CIO women? Change their registration to the Republican Party?

It is clear as daylight that both the Republican and the Democratic Parties are political organizations of the bosses. Representatives of both parties defend the interests of the capitalists. Both parties attack the labor movement. Both parties when in office order their cops to club down strikers.

And that is not strange, since the same big capitalists finance and control both parties. Big Business operates those two parties to trap unwary workers. Big Business does not at all mind when workers switch from the Republican Party to the Democratic Party. In fact it operates two parties with that purpose in mind—to keep the workers voting for one or the other of the political tools of Big

Business. The correct political step for the forty Philadelphia women unionists would have been to reject both parties.

The only political force that can make the bosses retreat is a Labor Party. With a Labor Party in power, such brutal assaults of police storm troopers could not take place with impunity, for the men in office and in control of the City administration would be labor's own representatives.

When union supporters of the boss parties change their minds politically, the correct conclusion to draw is: BUILD A LABOR

"Those strikers think they've got us with our backs to the wall—but they'll see that we're not so soft!"

MANIFESTO OF THE FOURTH, they were after World War I.

Today, as the fiery slogan: "Long Live the Revolution!" sweeps over India, this Manifesto of the Pourth Internation- workers in alliance with the peasal is even more important than antry, could the Indian masses when it was first issued almost throw the imperialist plunderfour years ago. For in the test ers, together with their native of living events since 1942, the agents, off their backs. correctness of the perspectives, this Manifesto has been fully established.

Four years ago the Manifesto stated what is once more so clearly revealed, that "British imperialism will never agree to national independence of India." It explained: "British imperialism is fighting this war in order to control of India permanently would be losing the war." In facts and figures the Manifesto demonstrates how the "pillage of India is the backbone of Brit-

cupied with their Axis imperialist rivals, they were anxious to keep the Indian masses quiet and subdued. They were thus forced to make vague and deceitful promises that some day - after the war-India would be granted independence. The British were aided in this deceit by the weak-kneed and perfidious policies of Gandhi and the native bourgeois leaders of the Indian National Congress.

### TERRIBLE PROSPECTS

But now that World War II is over, as the Manifesto predicted,

created famine, in which ten mil- gress or the Stalinists.' lions may die. As this Manifesto pointed out, only in the revolutionary struggles of the

The Manifesto also exposes the policy and program set forth in role of American imperialism, which would consent to the end of British political control of Inby the equally imperialist penetration of dollar-imperialism." In dealing with the treacher-

ous role of Stalinism which to-

day, as then, maneuvers to curb and to betray the revolutionary maintain its empire. To lose struggles of the Indian masses for freedom, the Manifesto declares: "Do not for one moment trust your fate to the Stalinist bureaucracy ... The workers of India must understand that there ish imperialism. Without it Brit- is a basic distinction between the 1917, the breaking of the weakish capitalism would be doorned." Soviet Union and Stalin. Within sh capitalism would be doorned." Soviet Union and Stalin. Within the British were ocBut while the British were ocregime has wiped out the Soviet

will come to the aid of the Indian democracy of the days of Lenin and Trotsky and does not permit any voice to the masses. Stalin's conception of the defense of the Soviet Union is bureaucratic, in- being re-affirmed today in the terested in preserving his own current colossal revolutionary reactionary rule, and without a struggles of the Indian peoples trace of internationalism. Stalin | the Manifesto concludes: "Workwould in no way encourage a revers and Peasants of India! Be olution in India, for such a revo- assured that on all the continents lution would inspire the masses of the world the sections of the of the Soviet Union to come for- Fourth International are defendward with their own demands ing your struggle, exposing the against Stalin."

disguised enemies of the Indian your side." the Indian masses are no closer peoples, the Manifesto calls upto this promised freedom than on the masses to rely only upon

the international working class INTERNATIONAL, To the In fact, the Indian peoples not for its allies, and to build their Workers and Peasants of India, only face even more savage re- own vanguard party, "a party Pioneer Publishers, 1942, 20 pressions, but the immediate which is really their own, indepp., 5 cents.

prospect of a terrible British- pendent of control by the Con-

"There is such a party in India today!" the manifesto declares. "It is the Bolshevik - Leninist Party, the Indian section of the Fourth International. It is a party built on the firm foundations of the teachings of Marx, Lenin and Trotsky. It is a party which knows how to connect India's great struggle with the struggle of the workers and opdia "only in order to replace it pressed peoples of the whole

### GLORIOUS ROLE

In a ringing call to revolutionary action, the Manifesto declares: "Proletarians of India! It is within your power to assume today the glorious role that the workers of backward Czarist Russia achieved in 1917 . . . As Russia was the weakest link in the imperialist chain in 1917, so India is today! . . . Just as in will come to the aid of the India revolution against the imperialists."

Finally, in a pledge which is lies of the imperialists and rally-After exposing all the open and ing the workers and peasants to

Larissa Reed

## Reviewed by

## Congressmen At Work

If any housewife's got troubles let her write Representative Fulton of Pennsylvania. Fulton is one member of Wall Street's Congress who is all for the down-trodden kitchen slave. On January 24 he began an allout fight for the rights of one of the most oppressed, persecuted and bedevilled housewives in the country-none other than the wife of the President of the United States!

"Mr. Chairman," declared this champion of woman's rights, "I have added an extra item of salary to someone who has long been neglected. That is the wife of the President of the United States, who runs not a house, not just the White House, but an institution."

To prove he meant business and was not simply spouting hot air as so many of his fellow Congressmen are accustomed to do, Fulton introduced an amendment to the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill. This amendment would provide "to the wife of the President a salary of \$10,000 per year as services for maintaining the White House establishment, not to be expended as the President may determine."

### NO INSULT INTENDED

about the President not as a deman but simply out of long ex- top of all her other hardships husband wouldn't cast a covetous tary servitude in the United eye at his wife's pocket book with States of America. She serves her pulling down a cool \$10,000 completely without pay, com- posal."



a year out of the public treasury

Exercising all his oratorical wife suffered when her husband hit the jackpot and moved into stance has previously received a salary of \$4,500 per year as the wife of a Senator. She had been the secretary of the President when he was in the Senate. She has now been promoted to the wife of the President of the United States, and has been demoted by \$4,500 per year."

To make matters still worse, this exploited housewife's hours of labor have been considerably lengthened: "As the wife of the

pletely without expenses, could not resign from the position if she wanted to.'

### WHITE HOUSE SLAVERY In eloquent terms, this defen-

der of burdened-down housewives described how Mrs. Truman works her fingers to the bone: "She has to travel to conventions of many lodges. She has to receive women from all parts of the country. She has to hold press conferences either directly or through her assistants. Those are duties that must be recognized. powers, Fulton dwelt on the ter- In addition to that, she has the rific wage slash the President's duty of supervising the expending of all the money for the maintenance of the household in the White House: "This particu- the White House. She supervises lar person in this particular inpurchases. She has secretaries who work for her and who are paid, but she herself is paid not one red cent by the people of the United States.

All Fulton's brilliant oloquence went in vain, however, Representative Hendricks of Florida got him on a point of order "that it is an appropriation not

authorized by law." So Fulton had to sit down without being able to accomplish Fulton added that last phrase President she has greatly added a thing to rectify this shameful responsibilities. She is known as case of exploitation he had unliberate insult to Harry S. Tru- the First Lady of the land." On covered in the White House. But next time he might do betterperience and observation. What "she is the only case of involun- if he can get the law on his side. Even Hendricks had to admit "there is some merit to the pro-

## PROBLEMS FACING **WAR VETERANS**

By CHARLES CARSTEN-

### What's Happened To Postwar Promises?

Not so long ago big-business propagandists were painting rosy preview pictures of the post-war world. Remember Roosevelt's promise of "Freedom From Want"? His assurance that there would be no more unemployment, no more economic insecurity? His guarantees of "Freedom From Fear"?

Other Wall Street spokesmen repeated and elaborated on this theme until a few months ago. But they have soft-peddled the talk about "equal opportunities" in the "new and better post-war world" now that the time for the pay-off is here.

There is good reason for this soft-peddling. Take a look at the record of the "pay-off" less than six months after the end of military hostilities.

### Equal Opportunity?

A group of taxi-cab drivers, all veterans of World War II, went to Washington, D. C., in February to protest the refusal of the Chicago officials to permit them to operate their own cabs.

Congress refused to hear their story. They were not allowed to parade their taxi cavalcade up the White House drive. Most of the men are broke. But Washington police

issued a warning against their picking up passengers in the District of Columbia, where there is an acute cab shortage. The Federal Government is passing the buck.

Washington officials told the men it would do no good to protest at the capitol. They were advised to go back to Chicago and present their case to the very City Council which has granted a monopoly to the wealthy Yellow and Checker cab companies.

These veterans, like countless others in the country accorded similar treatment, are bitterly disillusioned.

### Freedom From Fear?

Four Negro brothers were celebrating a reunion on February 5, in Freeport, Long Island. Three of them were veterans of World War II, two of them still in uniform. They were refused service in the bus terminal tea room. Pfc. Charles Ferguson, one of the brothers, protested the discrimination and they left the tea room.

When they returned to the bus terminal some time later, intending to take a bus home, they were accosted by Patrolman Romeika of the Freeport City Police. Gun in hand he arrested the brothers.

While they were awaiting a patrol wagon, with their backs to a wall and their hands in the air. Policeman Romeika kicked one of the men in the groin. Pfc. Charles protested.

Policeman Romeika replied by shooting Charles through the head. He then shot again killing Alonzo Ferguson and wounding Joseph, a ship's cook in the U. S. Navy. Richard, a 3rd Army combat veteran with two bronze stars, was jailed. A few hours later he was tried without benefit of counsel and sentenced on a charge of "disorderly conduct." The judge gave him the maximum of 100 days in jail.

The policeman who committed the murders is

This is the reward the Ferguson brothers received for their sacrifices in the war for a "free world": one jailed, one wounded, two killed - by a "law and order" officer in America.

Resentment is mounting among World War II yeterans as a result of incidents such as these, which thoroughly expose the glib promises made by Wall Street propagandists as nothing but a vicious hoax.

## **Rich Interests Fight Veterans' Housing Bill**

From one end of the country to the other, veterans are desperately searching for houses or apartments for themselves and their families. But the same capitalist government which voted scores of billions of dollars to equip them for slaughter and transport them to the battle-zones refuses to appropriate money enough to build housing for these millions of returning servicemen.

Under tremendous pressure from the vets, Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt drafted a veterans emergency housing program, calling-on paper-for 2,700,000 homes by the end of 1947. But the same reactionary forces that lynched the FEPC and rushed through anti-labor legislation have ganged up in the House of Representatives against the Veterans' Housing Bill. Last week Democrats and Republicans combined to vote the essential points of this housing program at the behest of a powerful Big Business lobby lavishly provided with funds.

Spearheading this lobby is the Producers' Council, Inc., which represents Big Business firms like Johns-Manville and other manufacturers of building materials. They have raised a \$5-million slush fund to kill or cripple the housing legislation.

The building lobby, like all the other corporate interests, is out to abolish all price controls. In this case it seeks to eliminate the proposal that the housing expediter spend \$600-million as subsidies or incentive payments to expand the building material industry. This would tend to undermine their monopolist grip on housing materials.

Joining in the fight against the housing bill is the no less influential National Association of Real Estate Boards, representing the big banking, insurance and propertied interests. This group is leading the campaign against any check on speculation in real estate or curbing of rents.

The third section of this building lobby consists of the money-lenders belonging to the National Savings and Loan Association and the U.S. Savings and Loan Association. These usurious outfits are fighting not only price controls but any liberalization of government mortgage insurance, a vital part of the veterans' housing program.

The CIO Housing Committee, the AMVETS, and the American Veterans' Committee have been pressing for the passage of the Housing Bill. But the old-line veterans' organizations—the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars-have been silently sabotaging it.

According to present indications, the veterans' emergency housing program seems slated for defeat since the Truman administration is giving only token support to the measure.

### READ "FOURTH INTERNATIONAL"

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## WORKERS' TORUM

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

### Says Trotskyists Are **Genuine Marxists**

In the latest Militant, I read with great interest the article by the editors entitled: "Red-Baiting, Slander - Stalinist Style." In that article was quoted a vicious attack upon the SWP by the March 1 People's World. West Coast Stalinist paper. It refers to your Los Angeles mayoralty platform.

When I read this, I understood that I owe you a very profound apology indeed. I see now that you did call for an end to the murder of the workers of Europe, while said murder was going on. This clears up in my er of the Assembly." mind the very last doubt regarding your devotion to the international working class.

what I believed to be your silence concerning the slaughter of German non-combatant work- fact in this week's issue of The ers and peasants. I know now Militant, for the benefit of those head unmercifully against it. that you were not silent, and I veterans who possibly overlooked Their answer to his pitiful sobs fully realize the courage you it, as it was buried on Page 10 possessed to write such state- of the N. Y. Times. Just think 1945! Some of my friends who of veterans who are not aware of agree with me in this matter, are also greatly impressed.

be possible to obtain a copy of Thanks so much. that mayoralty platform, that we may show it to others, to convince them that one party, at least, dared to raise its voice against the greatest horror the world had yet known . . . to raise | For Boarding Bus its voice here in the USA, the great Wall Street bastion; to raise its voice, not only AFTER the war, but DURING it. We will gladly pay for this copy, if we may have one, and if you will let us know how much it is.

Best of wishes to you now and always . . . I realize now you are the only Marxist party worthy

> Belle Montague Cambridge, Mass.

## To Jobless Veterans

I read with interest an article in the N. Y. Times, dated February 22 from Albany. It stated: "Governor Dewey signed the Pillion-Burney bill today authorizing unemployment insurance benefits to veterans out of work because of a strike. It was stated that actual payments under the new law would begin the week starting March 4.

"On that date also veterans who have been on seven weeks through strikes may make application for benefits of \$20 a week, to begin then. The duration of benefits is limited Editor: to the sum to which they would justment allowance. The fact one of the culminations of de- government from which the polithat these Federal allowances are cades of boss rule in Nassau ticos pluck their plunder. cut off where a veteran is out of County, Long Island. There have work because of a strike led to been others as atrocious. And the introduction of the Pillion-Burney bill upon the recommen-

### Concentration of Wealth

There are only half as many as ruthless and despotic as the banks in the U. S. as in 1920, but | Pendergast or Vare machines in they have three times as many their palmiest days. assets.

### PINE

(On December 26, 1945, at Pineville, Kentucky, 28 miners were killed in a mine explosion.) Like the massacred victims of Butcher Hans Frank The miners of Pine were sentenced to die In a maelstrom of murder, shut off from the sky While the hangmen lamented, (Yes, crocodiles cry!) . . . There were tears to be sure, but they flowed from their own

Only workers could grieve, feeling deep, lasting pain At the slaughter of innocents ruthlessly slain That their blood might propitiate the Great God of Gain . . But we shall not forget, and we shall not forgive We shall pass on its memory in letters of flame As a day of injustice, a symbol of shame

Until We-as the jury, apportion the blame. **Eddie Dumaine** 

dation of Oswald D. Heck, Speak- just want to go to Toledo" .

cannot get UE insurance in Jer- me stand in the bus." ..., were sey state. Why doesn't Governor Frankly, I couldn't understand | Edge follow the footsteps of Governor Dewey in New York?

I wish you would publish this ments into your platform in of the good you will do for plenty it. They sure deserve a break. As you will note this goes into They are wondering, would it effect March 4th-MONDAY.

World War Veteran New York

## Police Beat Negro

In another vicious Jim Crow attack, Detroit police on February 24 again showed their ruthlessness as agents of the "democratic" capitalist system.

Boarding a Toledo bus, an elderly Negro man was refused passage on the ground that he had "cut the line." The driver, after the usual Jim Crow insults, attempted to bar his entrance onto the already crowded bus. When the man succeeded in forc-On Unemployment Pay ing his way onto the coach in newal to The Militant, along with secure a day-to-day livelihood. called two policemen who promptly proceeded to pummel sistance cause. It is very hard and buggy. So it is necessary and push him from the bus.

During the struggle such hum- now. Thank you ble queries as "Why are you treating me like this?" . . . "I

The brutual Jim-Crow murder

cians who now exploit them.

"I was a gentleman, not hurt-It sure is unfortunate that they ing anybody"..."Please just let heard.

> As the Negro vainly attempted to resist the police, they pulled him along the sidewalk to a metal post where they beat his were taunts and jibes and kicks. They then marched him, already weak and totally beaten to a private automobile for the customary "Ride."

The passengers, in a hurry to be on their way, made a few slight protests. "He wasn't bothering anyone-Let him ride," etc. However, the police interjection seemed to quell any real protests they might have made. Such vicious Jim Crowism, repeated endlessly throughout the country, reveal more sharply every day, the rising tide of the reactionary role that the agents of the government play.

Florence Hayes Detroit, Mich.

### For a Larger Old-Age Pension

I am 82 years old, and always did stand for the truth. Therefore, I am sending my rethe presence of local Greyhound a few more subscribers, written The chances for obtaining perauthorities, the station manager on the back of the renewal card, sonal security has gone the way

Corruption Grips Nassau County,



Has it been a hard winter for you? It hasn't been for Lillian Elke of Chicago, or her dog "All-American Captain Beanie," who wear matching mink coats, in the very best style. Beanie's fur coat, fastened with corded silk buttons, cost a mere \$250. He owns eight pieces of clothing, including a raincoat with a hood, to keep him comfortable in any weather. While you're shivering on a picket line, think of Beanie!

## Reader Condemns Doles, Wants Full Production

Nineteen people out of twenty, only enough money to secure for themselves and their dependents the essential things of life. In other words, they want security.

In the golden cays of free enterprise when land was free and everybody had an opportunity to "go into business," it was possible for an individual to accumulate security. But, at present, many upon the whims of ruthless cor-Please take up the old age as- of the wooden plow and the horse for us to live on our allowance now to obtain social security.

President Roosevelt inaugu-E. E. Hague rated a social security plan and New Castle, Pa. President Truman and many

others are demanding that his plan should be enlarged. This is n being questioned, will declare an appropriate time to discard hat they have no desire to be- wishful thinking and emotional come millionaires. They want approaches to the subject and analyze the plain facts.

All of the present social security plans anticipate mass unemployment on such a large scale that local authorities will be unable to cope with it and only the national government can meet and cope with it.

Politicians and the big indusenough to assure his personal trialists are constantly assuring us that they want to create genmillions of people are dependent eral prosperity. But that is impossible so long as there are porations for an opportunity to large numbers of unemployed workers subsisting on security doles that are just above the starvation level.

The fact that all of these plans anticipate a vast number of unemployed workers on a starvation dole is sufficient reason for their condemnation. These plans, in effect, prohibit the worker from buying the things that he needs today, in the hope that he may buy them next year or sometime in the distant future - if he should live until then. But they do not make any provision for producing those things. That is light of the British Empire." left to the whims of the powerful corporations which own the

Our production facilities are now so developed that it is posvices and good things of life that even Boss Sprague! Someone the things they need as it would all of the air they need when

> There is enough air to meet provide the things of life that the people need. So why should people be prevented from buying the things they need under a security program or any other

Instead of preparing for mass unemployment under the guise of social security, why not prepare for full employment with wages that will enable the worker to buy the things he produces?

That method will create general and permanent prosperity. Frank Simpson San Diego, Calif.

A little experience I had at the Unemployment Compensation office should be of interest to other Militant readers, in

After being unemployed for six weeks, and futilely seeking a job that would pay better than the \$20 a week unemployment compensation that I collect, I sought out one of the job placement interviewers at the U.C.C. He was a sympathetic fellow and told me that he had no job listed for which he thought I would

qualify. "You see," he said, "the only openings we have are calls for veterans to work as learners. The employers only pay them 50 or by V. Grey. 60 cents an hour, while the government subsidizes them for \$90 a month. I can send you on such a job, but the government won't pay any subsidy for you. Do you think you could AFFORD to

take such a job?"

## Pioneer **Notes**

Three letters this week from branches of the Socialist Workers Party all tell of successes in selling A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow and The Struggle for Negro Equality. These two American. pamphlets are in great demand, not only from the SWP branches, but also from individuals who

Baltimore writes: "We have done fairly well in selling Jackson's pamphlet on the street. We sold 81 copies on two Saturday evenings on Dolphin and Pennsylvania Streets in the heart of Northwest Baltimore. We are sure that before the month is out we will have sold the 120 copies we have on hand and will be wanting more copies."

And from Detroit we hear: Sunday, February 24, we had a meeting at which Grace Carlson spoke on 'The Myth of Race Superiority.' The speech was very good and we had a very full hall. The literature we sold was The Struggle for Negro Equality and A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow." Chicago sent in this enthu-

an FEPC rally at the Coliseum here. We distributed 1,000 Militants and could have used 500 more if we had had them We also sold 100 copies each of The Struggle for Negro Equality and A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow all we had with us. All this was done in a period of one hour. The only competition we had was from a small group of Socialist Party members, who passed out some insipid announcements and tried hard not to look too impressed at the number of

Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow, by Charles Jackson, second edition, 10c.

selling."

The Struggle for Negro Equality. by Albert Parker and John Saunders, third edition, 10c. Order from Pioneer Publish ers, 116 University Place, Nev. York 3, N. Y.

## Youth Group **Activities**

NEW YORK - Tne Trotskyist Youth Group, 116 University Place, holds its weekly forum every Friday at 8 p. m. Dancing and refreshments after every meeting. Send name and address for weekly announcement.. Friday, Mar. 8, 8 p.m. "Twi-

Harlem: Every Monday, 8 p.m.,

class on "Fundamentals of Socialism." Dick Guerrero, instructor, 103 W. 110 St., R. 23.

PHILADELPHIA-Youth Forums held every Saturday, 8 p. m. 1303-05 W. Girard Ave., 2nd

LOS ANGELES - Write to SWP headquarters, 145 S. Broadway, for information on Youth Group activities.

Watch this column for further details on youth activities.

ome time that the present government policy toward GIs was aimed at using them to lower prevailing wages in industry, this brought it closer to home for

Who benefits from this policy? The veteran? No! After one year, he will find himself still working for 60 cents per hour, minus the subsidy.

Philadelphia

### Reader Approves Praise for S.W.P. On the letter by D. M. from

Detroit, in his suggestion of the writers not to dress up the articles too much and not to propagandize the "join our movement because we are so wonderful," I personally disagree. It is through this way of writ-

ing and always urging, that we will get more members to our party. I'm for it! We need more people to help us in all this unending work. I would like more articles such

as V. Grey wrote back in the November 24 issue, to explain why it is so important for people who understand and see the need for our program to join us and help continue the struggle for a better world. If it's possible, would you please

reprint that wonderful article

Detroit

### Workers' Debts Grow

Federal Housing Authority have



Trotskyists as they are with have sold them very easily.

Last week this column reported ed by La Verite (Truth), publication of the French Trotskyists. letters to Governor Dewey.' An examination of the Janu-

ary issues of De Rode October (Red October), organ of the Netherland Trotskvists, reveals that they are having a subscription drive for 1.000 new readers.

The campaign director in his report calls particular attention to the work of Bets de Roode of Dordrecht, who for a long time was forced to work underground because she was Jewish. Nevertheless, despite the handicap of working underground and illegally, she managed to sell 200 papers weekly. Her courage is commended by the director who urges that her example be emulated.

Here are a few from this week's mail: siastic report: "Ten of us covered T. Andrean of Rochester: "Will

you please renew my subscription to The Militant for I like it very much, and I enjoy reading the paper. I am sending \$1.00 in advance.

a true picture of labor conditions and facts. W. E. Clarke of Arkansas: "I

am sending a renewal of my subscription to The Militant together with those of two other friends. Please keep my paper coming as I enjoy every issue." comrades we had present and E. E. Hague of Pennsylvania: the amount of literature we were 'I am sending in my own re-

> newal, in addition to 4 subscriptions for my friends." Kitty Jordan, N. Y. Trotskyist Youth Group Member, writes: On what seemed the coldest day this winter, two other youth group members. Edith Burns and Rose Brandt, and I went up to Harlem to distribute leaflets and

test Meeting. We also carried with us copies of The Militant featuring the story on the case.

sell tickets for the Ferguson Pro-

Subscription drives appear to | dition to 25 tickets. Had we had be as popular with European more papers and tickets we could

"One Negro worker said to me: 'It's really wonderful that a subscription campaign initiat- you people are really acting on this case, and not just sending

"And still another worker said: 'Actions sure speak louder than words. This is what I like to see, a real protest."

Robert Oliver of Philadelphia sent us this comment on the Lancaster strike: "Though this is only a small strike involving only a few hundred workers, the situation is so rotten that I think many of the strikers and other workers in Lancaster will sain a new insight after reading The

"The few copies of our paper we had with us today were wery well received. As one worker said: 'You .... are fighters at Comments from our subscribers | right!' We intend to sell are always an inspiration to us. scriptions to these workers and also send a small bundle to the union local."

February can be listed as another banner month for The Militant. Over 590 workers bad their first introduction to the paper, n addition to our having obtain-M. Glaser of Minneapolis: ed many renewals and combine-Just a few words to tell you how tion subscriptions to The Min-I like The Militant. It gives you tant and the Fourth International. Below is a detailed statistical report:

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From the semi-industrial South Shore of Long Island, where the there will be more, unless Nas- Boss rules the local setups under guise of ever-shifting, sauites awaken and sweep out the the filthy, money-pandering politi- evanescent "non-partisan" parties, to the Gold Coast of the North Shore, where maids and Nassau County is in the grip footmen and butlers solemnly of a powerful political octopus goosestep into drawing rooms to elect Lords of the Manors as mayors of tax-evading incorpo-Nassau County consists of three

rated estates, the Sprague monarchy grips tensely. J. Russel Sprague (one "l." please), is Boss of the whole county. He rules completely, unopposed, omnipotent. Not a plum falls without his regal nod. Research into the records of the Board of Supervisors for the last 15 years shows but one "Nay" vote. That poor wretch, though he apologized through two meet-

ings, paid for his single dissent with his political life. Boss Sprague wields the scepter he inherited from his uncle, the late Boss Doughty, with a heavy hand and great striking power. He has added to its luster. He now controls two political parties in Nassau County, the Democratic as well as the Republican. The County Democratic leader, holder of a wellpaid job as Commissioner of Jurors, never makes more than a shadow of a campaign. The

two and three-to-one Sprague majorities pile up monotonously. Freeport, scene of the wanton killing of the Ferguson boys which the Sprague district attorney whitewashed last week, has a section known as Bennington Park. Freeporters don't even pass through this place, if they can avoid it. Except Freeport's segregated Negroes. They must live there. They live in hovels, sleep in shifts. Live in unimaginable squalor, in shacks with broken doors, stuffed windows, primitive or no toilet facilities, freezing in winter, insect and disease breeding in summer. Hempstead and Rockville Cen-

sections as bad. Freeport now has the chance, mainly at state expense, and by

tre, both in the county, have

towns and two cities, embrac- | a simple act of the Village Board, ing more than 50 villages in an to replace these slums with new, Negro citizens. But no! The ma-

groes, of course! So the Village Board has decreed that the proposal must machination will undoubtedly result in its defeat.

And then these well-fed, warmly-housed "fat-cat" officeholders went forth to pay lip-service to "Brotherhood Week" in the pretext? discontinuing all assistance to

People," the "free" capitalist press? Its vocal cords well stuffed with money, it speaks when

Sprague policies, and supports him in vital ones. The other is the direct mouthplece of Sprague. It is backed ing interests, and published by Sprague. Its editor is an importhas advocated the rope for Negroes. He mumbles that suspectsight, to save the state the trou-Some of these bloodstained magprint have caused violent pro-

How could you?

Scene Of Ferguson Murder Case means of production. be entitled under Federal read- of the Ferguson Brothers is only intricate, interlocking system of modern apartment units for its sible to produce all of the serchine has lost face. Negroes have the people need. Thus, it is just dared to protest the murder of as illogical, unnecessary, unecotwo boys. The chief of police has nomical, and unstatesmanlike to been criticized, the village board, prevent people from buying all

> must suffer. Who? Why the Ne- be to prevent them from using there is enough for all. be placed on the ballot in the all human needs and we have March election, where political the materials and man-power to

controlled press! Next day they emphasized their brotherhood by Child Care Centres for working mothers in the village. Where is the "Voice of the

told to, says what its masters There are two dailies in Nas- USES Forces au County. One is owned by the Veterans Into Guggenheim millions, and published by the Crown Princess of Low Pay Jobs Joseph Patterson, owner of the Editor: New York City Daily News. It makes faint, feeble yips at minor

by powerful utility and contractone of the behind-the-scenes wirepullers who manipulate ed Kentucky Colonel, suh, who has all of the Bourbonisms. He openly espouses lynching, and on two occasions in his editorials ed thieves should be shot on ble of a trial and incarceration. nolia blossoms he has wafted into test, but you'd never know it if you lived in Nassau County.

Freeport, L. I.

## WALL STREET THREATENS ANOTHER WAR Radio Speaker

## Spokesmen Of Big Business Launch Attack On U.S.S.R.

By Joseph Hansen

like it has been seen since 1939 when the Allied nations." propaganda machine, in defense of Baron Mannerheim's "poor 'ttle Finland," opened all stops against the USSR.

Here are a few items that illustrate the rabid and dangerous character of this campaign.

Dr. Harold E. Lasswel, well-known political expert of Big Business, declared in a book released January 19 that in shaping foreign policy from be the grave of civilization." now on all "moves will be considered in relation to the strength of Russia and America in a pos-

Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president of Johns Hopkins University and official adviser to the State Department, said February 23 that "The Division into two worlds was never more sharp than now . . . Stalin's speech of February 10 . . . means preparation for possible war."

Speaking of the need to "clear the air" in connection with the Soviet Union, the February 25 N. Y. Times, conservative organ of American Big Business, made a thinly-veiled editorial threat: "It has been said that the Germans embarked on the first World War because they doubted Britsh participation, and on the second because they doubted American participation. Such doubts should not tempt aggressors in the future."

The N. Y. Daily News, expressing the viewpoint of the prewar "isolationists," is demanding that Washington retain the military bases built on Iceland during World War II because of the strategic character of that island as a stepping stone in a possible war with the Soviet Union.

### "Get Tough" Attitude

On February 27, Senator Vandenburg, authoritative spokesman of the Republican Party on foreign policy and U.S. delegate to the UNO. demanded a "get tough" attitude toward the USSR.

On February 28, Secretary of State Byrnes. speaking for the Democratic Party and the Truman Administration, followed up Vandenburg's threats with a bristling statement that Washington "intends to defend the Charter" of the UNO. "We do not want to stumble and stagger into situations where no power intends war, but no confusion. Workers the world over, to cite but power will be able to avert war."

And on March 1, the Navy Department charged the Soviet Union with a "hostile act," namely, firing at an American plane in distant Manchuria.

The immediate objective of this propaganda barrage is to intensify the diplomatic pressure against the Soviet Union. Anglo-American imperialism wishes to confine the sphere of influence of the Soviet Union to the narrowest possible area, to wall it off and to prevent it from any further expansion.

The Kremlin bureaucracy on the other hand, fears the spectre of a Third World War. Having long ago given up the defense of the Soviet Union by the revolutionary methods practised by Lenin and Trotsky, it seeks to entrench itself in all the border lands of the USSR, regardless of the will or welfare of the peoples there.

This immediate conflict in foreign policies gave rise to the sharp diplomatic exchanges in the opening sessions of the United Nations Organization. But these diplomatic and propaganda outbursts also issue from the fundamental antagonism in economic structures between world within the organization. The most oppressed and imperialism and the USSR. These will inevitably terrorized victims of the Kremlin bureaucracy are lead to another world-wide explosion if social the Soviet masses. The battle against Stalinism on does not intervene in time.

### What Is Next?

While this diplomatic war of nerves goes on American Big Business continues its drive for universal military conscription and a gigantic military machine. The atom bomb factories continue to pour out atom bombs at the reported rate of 500 a year. The Brass Hats continue preparations for grandiose and colossally expensive "tests" of newer and more frightful atomic explosives. In the Pacific and the Atlantic Washington tightens its grip on the countless military bases constructed during World War II.

All the propaganda about the Second World War being a holy crusade to bring peace has thus turned out to be a tissue of lies. The Allied powers have now split into sharply antagonistic camps. Within a few months after V-J Day, Anglo-American imperialism is girding for the Third World War.

All Stalin's promises that the Second World War would bring security to the first workers' state in history have likewise turned out to be the labor movement. The struggle for socialism

introduction by

CHARLES JACKSON

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American imperialism is raising a tremendous annihilation from atomic bombs wielded by the hue and cry against the Soviet Union. Nothing very Allies whom Stalin praised as "peace-loving

Tragic confirmation is in this way being given to Leon Trotsky's warning in 1940 that unless socialism is established, "The third imperialist war would be waged not by national states and not by empires of the old type but by whole continents . . . National uprisings and pacifications would culminate in a new world war, which would

What position should the workers take toward these ominous preparations for World War III?

First, they must oppose the mad drive of Anglo-American imperialism toward the atomic annihilation of mankind. All the rabid propaganda against the Soviet Union is obvious diplomatic preparation to throw the blame for the new holocaust on the prospective foe. It is the same technique followed by both Hitler and the Allied powers at the onset of the Second World War.

Secondly, the workers must oppose Stalinism booth and nail as the most perfidious force in the labor movement. The record has proved a thousand times over that Stalinism is incapable f anything but the most treacherous betrayals of the world working class.

In its brutal moves in Iran, Manchuria, and Eastern Europe, the Kremlin bureaucracy has once again violated all the principles of Bolshevism. It has replaced Lenin's firm adherence to the principle of self-determination of peoples (including the right of secession from the Soviet Union) with cynical seizures of territories at the point of the bayonet. This crime has further alienated the sympathies of the oppressed masses of the world and set back the struggle for world

Thirdly, in case of war the Soviet Union must be defended from imperialist attack. This necessity is not so easily seen, as many workers tend to identify the rapacious and oppressive Stalinist bureaucracy with the Soviet Union. From a correct estimate of the crimes of Stalinism, they make by analogy an incorrect appraisal of the Soviet Union. The Kremlin's ruthless, totalitarian policy has contributed immeasurably to this one instance, feel the same revulsion over the reactionary role of the Red Army under Stakin in Iran, Manchuria and Eastern Europe that they feel over the role of the imperialist armies in Indonesia, India, China, the Philippines, etc. Stalin's crimes furnish grist to the mill of the imperialist propagandists.

### Defend Soviet Union

But the Soviet Union still remains a mighty conquest of the working class despite its Stalinist degeneration. Its continued existence weakens barbarous, war-breeding world capitalism. The Soviet Union can be compared to a powerful trade union which has fallen into the hands of racketeering bueraucrats. Class-conscious workers fight the bureaucracy up and down the line in such a union, but against an attempt of the bosses to crush the union they are its most militant defenders.

It must be added that those who suffer most from such a bureaucracy are the rank and file is at the same time a battle in the cause of the Soviet people, who yearn to throw these bureau-

crats off their backs. Fourthly, capitalism has now reached such an heels, police, state troopers, and advanced stage of decay it is no longer capable of anything but plunging the world from one terrible slaughter to the next. If the imperialist war-mongers are permitted to continue their present course, mankind faces obliteration from the atomic bomb and the even worse instruments of death now being prepared in the laboratories of unbridled militarism.

capitalism must give way to the socialist society. Only socialism offers a way out of the suicidal impasse to which capitalism has brought humanity. Only socialism can open the road to the planned society of peace, plenty and the brother-

The present war-mongering propaganda of American imperialism is another grim warning to the working class that time grows short. The fight against Wall Street and perfidious Stalinism has become the key poiltical question facing lies. The great cities of the Soviet Union now face must be carried forward with the utmost energy!

### Jim Crow Atrocity In Tennessee



This wounded Negro, being frisked by the cop who felled him, was only one of many casualties in a night of Jim Crow terror in Columbia, Tenn. Negro homes were machine-gunned and 101 Negroes arrested.

## **Bloody Terror Reigns** In Negro Community

(Continued from Page 1)

Lynn Bomar, head of the State

ricaded themselves. Not a build-

ing in the two-block Negro sec-

tion remained intact. The arm-

erything they could, even empty-

"To war veterans," stated a

age boys from nearby commun-

in this criminal assault upon a

Bomar described the murder-

ous assault a "success." He

threw a cordon of highway pa-

for "outside agitators," with po-

ing cash registers.

carrying bayoneted rifles. An militiamen commanded by Genall-white Grand Jury, now in eral Jacob M. Dickinson thundersession, is preparing to consider ed in, preceded by armored scout immediate indictment of 69 Negro cars, and opened fire with macitizens. Their "justice" will un- chine guns upon the defenseless doubtedly follow the evil tradi- Negro community. tions of this notorious Jim-Crow region which gave birth in 1867 to Highway Patrol, led the troops the Ku Klux Klan, and has a in a dawn "surprise" raid, after long history of anti-Negro vio- a long night of terror, searching lence and lynchings.

### BLOODY INVASION

The bloody invasion last week began after Gladys Stephenson, a Negro woman returned a radio to William Fleming, a white repairman, because it failed to work after she had paid for its repair. During the discussion, the repairman assaulted Mrs. Stephenson. Her son, James, a navy LIKE NAZI TERROR veteran, who was standing outside, sprang to her defense. In UP report, "the scene was reand told to leave town.

Immediately local white hood- European villages in the heyday lums and riff-raff armed them- of their ferocious power. selves, formed a lynch mob and moved in to attack the whole Negro community. Hard on their ities, boasted of their "victory"

## Stalinist AYD **Expels Students** nbridled militarism. To avert the catastrophe of a Third World War For Trotskyism

A visit to the picket lines at is not the time to discuss, we

tant, and those who already have AYD to reinstate the expelled Trotskyism.

#### Although no official statement has been made by the conference. it has been indicated that a broad national committee representing the entire labor movement, various minority organizations and many veterans' posts will be established to conduct a public investigation of the Free-

port Case.

### WIDOW TELLS FEAR

Meanwhile the Freeport police department is attempting to terrorize the Negro population of Freeport. Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, widow of Pfc. Charles Ferguson, told this reporter, "I never saw so many cops in Freeport hefore. They stand around in twos and threes in all the stores-especially in the theatres in the his conviction that the Stalinevenings.'

In Ferguson Case

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Joseph Romeika, and the remov

for covering up Romeika's act.

al of public officials responsible

Included in this meeting were

of Colored People, the national

cannot sleep nights because of is precisely the truth about The worry and fear, is the mother of Militant and our differences Street financiers a war debt of three small children. She won- with the Stalinists Party that \$279 billions, almost the entire ders what kind of world they will they fear." live in when they grow up if jusmurderer, Joseph Romeika, on the street the other day in Free-

"I was downtown to do some shopping and there he was. He turned his head away when he every Negro building and indissaw me. Yes, he was in unicriminately firing into homes form." In uniform, still carrywhere Negro families had baring a gun. . . .

"It's hard for us colored people ed gangsters looted the little and wages in Freeport. "That's Negro stores, carrying away evwhy Charles re-enlisted for another year in the Army. He couldn't find a job to support all of us. The colored people in Freeport and Roosevelt, L. I., wash dishes in the restaurants and the women do domestic work the scuffle, the store window was miniscent of American troops and take in laundry. In the war broken. The Stephensons were going through a captured town they worked, some of them, in arrested, then released on bail in Europe." It was comparable to the aircraft plants but so many Nazi stormtroopers overrunning have been laid off lately."

> Mrs. Ferguson said that although all the protest meetings hard on her, she understood the necessity of the fight to win "It's so hard to hear all about it over and over again defenseless Negro community. I come home at night, I can't me the Ku Klux had a meeting in Freeport the other night. That worries me, too, because of the children and what they will have to grow up to see.'

## **Portland Youth Hear Talk On**

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21-

Myra Tanner Weiss, organizping telephone wires to halt any assistance or support to the as- er of the Los Angeles branch of the Socialist Workers Local authorities are trying to Party, spoke last night on the Fontana, Cal., vigilante fire case to an audience of fifty students on the campus of Reed College here.

ing the facts of the tragedy in which a Negro family was burned to death after viligante threats, pointed out the responsibility of youth in the fight for minority rights. The solidarity of Negro and white high school students in Los Angeles, in their strike against the Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith meeting which had been authorized by the Board of Education, is one example of how youth can fight vigilantes and

She analyzed the causes of race prejudice and showed that it is an integral part of the capitalist system, and that only a socialist society can create equality is virtually imprisoned by the of all races. She pointed out that the Socialist Workers Party took In New York, Walter White, the lead in the fight to expose secretary of the National As- the Fontana murders, and showsociation for the Advancement ed the vital need for a workingof Colored People, has tele- class revolutionary party, both in graphed Attorney General Tom the day-to-day struggles of the

There was a lively discussion and a number of the students raise, this labor-hating concern buddies to subscribe too, be- discussion, and arrange a series rights of Negroes against state expressed interest in the Socialist "Boy, you get news in of public debates on the differ- violation of those rights." He Workers Party and a desire to terms of a new contract. This is there you don't get in the other ences between Stalinism and has also appealed to Governor know more about its program

## Navy Exonerates Refutes Slander Wounded Brother Against Militant

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Feb. 24-Workers of the Shenango and Mahoning Valleys in this western Pennsylvania-eastern Ohio area today heard a radio broadcast completely re-

League, the Anti - Defamation Party, G. L. Weissman, SWP or- equal to trade union wages dur-Committee of the CIO, the CIO ganizer exposed the Stalinist lies ing the entire period of unem-Community Services Committee, that The Militant is "anti-labor" ployment; and for the organizathe New Jersey CIO Veterans and "anti-CIO." In addition to tion of the veterans by the trade Committee, the Lawyers Guild, answering the Stalinist slanders, unions. He presented the dethe Jewish Labor Comittee, the Weissman outlined the working- mand of The Militant and So-Federal Council of Churches, and class program of The Militant cialist Workers Party for full minutes over WPIC, Sharon, Pa., other oppressed minorities. He the same station over which the pointed to the Trotskyist platoriginal Stalinist attack had form for the building of an inbeen carried.

to ban The Militant from the tical arena. picket lines here. When this heavily industrialized area. PROPOSES DEBATE

is serious in his charges against per cent support to the CIO." The Militant, he will accept this offer to let the workers hear both sides, and judge." Comrade Weissman, however, expressed ists would refuse, stating "they Mrs. Ferguson, who says she will ignore the challenge, for it

Nailing the Stalinist lie that of the United States. Who else

futing an attack on The the program of the Trotskyists Militant made last week by for a rising scale of wages to representatives of the National the local organizer of the meet rising living costs; for gov-Association for the Advancement Communist (Stalinist) Party. ernment operation of idle plants Speaking for the Youngstown under control of the workers; office of the CIO, the Urban branch of the Socialist Workers for unemployment compensation and the SWP. He spoke for 15 equality for the Negro people and dependent labor party to fight The local Stalinists first tried for the working class on the poli-

> Scoring the Stalinist charges failed, they went on the air in that The Militant is "anti-CIO." an attempt to counteract the fav- Comrade Weissman said: "This orable reception The Militant has is a 100 per cent lie. We have met among the strikers of this supported the CIO since its birth. We hailed the formation of the CIO as the most progressive Comrade Weissman challenged event in this country since the Stalinist organizer Onda to a Civil War. In the recent strikes public debate, declaring: "If he and current strikes, we give 100

Who Won Whose War American workers, who fought Wall Street's war to control the world, and who produced recordbreaking quantities of munitions for that war, now owe the Wall \$300 billions of national wealth

tice is not secured for her hus-band's murderer. She saw the Comrade Weissman explained the income to pay off that debt? Myra Weiss Continues Tour

## On Fontana Vigilante Case

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25 - Speaking to three meetto find work out here," she said ings in the San Francisco area, Myra Tanner Weiss, Los when I enquired about conditions | Angeles organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, continued her West Coast tour 9 on the Fontana Vigilante Weiss in carrying the story to all

Case

Central Labor Council. Comrade Weiss reviewed the sequence of fire that wiped out the family of O'Day Short, a Negro resident of Fontana. Cal., two weeks after he received vigilante threats.

"If this tragic incident passes without any reaction from labor and minority groups, the vigilantes will become emboldened,' said Comrade Weiss. "More incidents will follow. Next we will so many times—and then, when begin to see the vigilantes move not only against minority groups sleep at all. And someone told but also against labor. The Fontana case must be viewed as a danger signal for the whole labor

REQUEST INVESTIGATION

The speech received warm approval from the audience. Many members pledged themselves to nelp build a defense organization to oppose vigilante terror. A motion to California Attorney General Robert Kenny to make an investigation into the fire and the threats, is now being considered by the Labor Council.

On Sunday, February 24, in San Francisco, Comrade Weiss mended the work of Comrade of the state.

centers of the west coast. The On Friday evening, February congregation passed a resolution 22, she addressed the Santa Cruz demanding that Attorney Gencongregation passed a resolution eral Kenny investigate the case. \$15.12 was collected to aid in events leading to the mysterious continuing Comrade Weiss' tour.

STALINIST ROLE The shameful role of the Stalinists was once again shown at a meeting in the Star Bethel church, Oakland, where Com-

rade Weiss was scheduled to speak. This meeting, held under the auspices of the campaign to establish a state FEPC. featured Stalinist "front" hacks such as Albert Dekker. The program was arranged so that Comrade Weiss was to speak last. After stalling on preceding points on the agenda, the chairman finally announced that "there would be no time" to hear the last speaker, thus denying the audience the opportunity of hearing even a 10-minute review

This incident is a continuation of the Stalinist tactics from the inception of the Fontana case. They are fearful of putting Kenny on the spot since they hope to support him in the coming election campaign for governor. Should Kenny be spoke to the congregations of the forced to open an investigation Macedonia Baptist Church and of the case he might lose the to the Providence Baptist Church. | support of the Big Business-con-Reverend Banks, pastor of the trolled "Associated Farmers" and Providence Baptist Church, com- the vigilante-dominated sections

### PORTLAND, ORE. Public Meeting

C. M. Hesser

Socialist Workers Party Organizer will speak on

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FRIDAY, March 15, 8 p.m. 134 S. W. Washington, 3d Floor Auspices: Socialist Workers Party

PHILADELPHIA

## William F. Warde

Associate Editor of The Militant and Fourth International

"India's Fight for Freedom"

FRIDAY, March 8, 8 p.m.

Militant Labor Forum 1303 W. Girard Ave.

## 14,000 TIMKEN WORKERS HOLD FIRM DESPITE COMPANY'S UNION-BUSTING

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

CANTON, O., Mar. 1—Fourteen thousand CIO Steel corporation, which also terminated its contract and is trying Union strikers are keeping Timken Roller Bearing Company's six Ohio plants shut down until the company signs

a satisfactory contract. The strike enters its fortieth day with no signs of weakening on the steel workers' picket The company which acted very

> hourly pay increase. The union's slogan, however, is: "No Contract, No Work." Last December, as a result of two years' negotiation, the company agreed on terms of a new contract. A final draft was prepared. At about this time, Timken got word of industry's concerted drive to smash the union movement. On December 17 the company refused to sign the new

contract which on December 9 it

had termed acceptable. When

Timken workers struck with the

rest of the CIO Steel workers

January 21, the company an-

strike, has already been compel-

nounced it was terminating the Order From then existing contract. PIONEER PUBLISHERS Forced to yield the 181/2-cent 116 University Place is now trying to chisel on the cause: New York 3, N. Y. patterned on the strategy of GM papers."

to erase some of the auto workers' past gains. In a public statement, I. W.

tough at the beginning of the led to announce an 181/2-cent

December 9.

Abel, District 27 director of the steelworkers, explained: "The only three minutes for their made in the past nine years. If tions. the union should agree to go back run the risk of giving up seniorprotection against unfair dis-

contract must embody those points which had been termed disagreement, within the AYD. acceptable by the company on

Timken left no doubt in the must act," and "We do not dismind of this reporter as to the cuss with fascists." workers' high morale. Pickets

(Stalinist) Party. In a 15-minute tirade, a mem-

The expelled youth were given Timken Company is asking the defense, before a new barrage of union to start from scratch and six Stalinist speakers rose to straightened out." But the Negive up all the gains we have drown out their brief presenta-

In their reply, the two stuto the conditions of 1937, before dents pointed out that they opthe plant was organized, it would pose capitalist plans to conscript mean that the employes would youth; support the colonial struggles for emancipation; deity rights, vacations with pay, mand the return of all American troops: actively support strikes charge, holiday pay, night shift today as they did during the differential pay, and any method war; and that they favor the for the settlement of grievances." | building of an independent labor The union insists that the new party. They called for democratic discussion on points of Howling in fury, the Stalinist

NEW YORK, Feb. 28-The

ber of the AYD State Committee hurled fantastic accusations the muddled mind of a Stalinist imperialist war into "imperial-

speakers could only reply, "This

#### "We've just had some training in attacking enemy villages." one of them said venomously. "Guess we showed them a few things about mopping-up operations." This youth was being trained in bestiality not in Nazi Germany in 1939, but here in Tennessee in 1946.

American Youth for Democracy. Stalinist - dominated student organization, on February 12 expelled two students charged with holding Trotsky- tion, isolating it as a "danger ist ideas. Thus the AYD, which area." calls itself an "all-inclusive progressive" group, is proved to be only a front for the Communist lice admitting that they are tap-

saulted Negro community. of "Trotsky-fascism" at the two hush up reports of this crime. youths, even calling the Trot- Newspapermen are "encouragskyists imperialists "because they ed" to leave town. Statements had not supported the war." Only have been issued that the Columbia-incident is" all over." Over hack could convert opposition to a loud speaker mounted in the Negro section. Bomar brazenly declared to the victimized residents: "Everything is all right. Let me see you smile. Come on,

> groes in this Jim-Crow town have nothing to smile about. Today two men lie murdered by prison guards. Fourteen men who defended their lives as best they could with old flintlocks, squirrel rifles and souvenir weapons captured by Negro veterans who fought overseas in the "War for the Four Freedoms." are charged with "attempt to

smile. We're going to get things

The Trotskyist Youth Group Clark in Washington, asking workers and the political moveare enthusiastic about The Mili- of New York has called upon the that the Department of Justice ment for a socialist society. "act promptly and vigorously to taken subscriptions urge their members, open its floor to free safeguard the constitutional

McCord of Tennessee.

white authorities.

#### trolmen, equipped with full wartime gear - including machine **Fontana Case** guns, bayonets and helmetsaround the occupied Negro sec-By Joyce Hesser A witch-hunt has been started (Special to The Militant)

Comrade Weiss, after present-

fascists, the speaker said. murder." The whole community

## Truman Signs Phony Bill On Jobs As Unemployment Rapidly Mounts

By Ruth Johnson

All the capitalist politicians' promises about "Sixty Million Jobs" dwindled into nothing on February 20 when President Truman signed the Employment Act of 1946. The adoption of this completely emasculated version of the

original "Full Employment" mum Employment"—caused ed." scarcely a ripple in the capitalist press. The only jobs actually guaranteed by the bill are contained in its provisions for three \$15,000-a-year experts who will serve as economic ad-

While Congress and the Adtheir sham debate on this measure, the captalist government and kept press instituted a conspiracy of silence and misrepresentation on the real extent of unemployment already gripping this country.

#### FIGURES FALSIFIED

issued by the Department of Labor, which admit over three million unemployed and anticipate six million jobless by June 30. ure in Congress? Simply because But even these figures are a falsification of the true situation. contained a statement of prin-They are based exclusively on the number applying for unem- government had responsibility to ployment compensation and re-Employment Service. The government's figures arbitrarily ex- majority of Congress strenuously clude millions of working women and youth, laid off since V-J Day, who are told to return to their homes and schools and are not officially recognized as "unem-

of the ravages of unemployment and substituted for it was the are the figures on jobless veter- subtitle, "Maximum Employans. General Omar N. Bradley, ment, Production and Purchashead of the Veterans' Adminis- ing Power.' tration, on February 20, the day shortly and many of these will crises.

Bill-now changed to "Maxi- join the ranks of the unemploy-

What does the "Maximum Em-

#### ployed? ONE PROVISION

All this measure requires is that the President shall annually submit to Congress a message citministration were engaged in ing the level of employment, and proposing a program to "provide full employment opportunities." What that program shall be is not specified, except that the government which ran up a \$300billion war debt is not permitted to engage in "deficit spending" to ease the plight of the unemployed. Congress, of course, is The newspapers buried the not required to accept any promost recent government figures, posals brought before it by the President.

Why then the long and bitter debate over this worthless measthe original version of the bill ciples which implied that the the American people for providgistering with the United States ing the means to guarantee full employment. The overwhelming objected to the very conception of full employment, let alone any promises to work for its achieve-

On this account the disputed phrase "Full Employment" was A truly significant indication dropped from the title of the bill

The liberals and labor leadthe bill was signed, stated: "We ers who were making such a are concerned over the fact that clamor about "Sixty Million estimates based on the latest peep about the adoption of this census survey show about 1,000,- "free enterprise" bill. It offers 000 veterans unemployed. In ad- not a single measure either to work, will enter the labor market recurrent capitalist economic

Association of Manufacturers

**Capitol March** 

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 24-A

well-attended rally to de-

March on Washington Move-

The meeting held at the local

Lincoln High School Auditorium

was marked by a fine spirit. A

resolution was passed unani-

mously charging the Democratic

and Republican parties with

complete failure to fulfill their

promises to the Negro people and

paying only lip-service to democ-

electing only those people who

Randolph drew tremendous

applause when he pointed out the

U.S. policy that claims to teach

democracy to the Japanese yet

protection to racial minorities at

mean what they say.

pendent labor party.

## **Union Heads Flay Case Bill** As Revival Of 'Blacklists'

The Case Bill, to establish an "anti-labor Gestapo" and Federal blacklists to make lifetime outlaws of pickets and wage-freezing formula. etrike supporters, may come to a vote in the United States Senate within a week, rushed through by the same labor- tional War Labor Board serves to rest" the whole question of the WLB order to bargain with new with Leon Despres. assailed haters who framed the 3 Smith-Connally Act.

Manufacturers and the Chamber ber of Commerce of the U. S., Stabilization Board has been ton Rand case, the WLB deciar-workers struck in 1944. So flaof some of the main features of of the bill, nevertheless, urged stalling the settlement of griev- tee existing standards of living the bill, while labor leaders, at its passage "as a suitable vehicle" ances, whittling down the work- throughout the war. Roosevelt Pearl Harbor to be "authorized" hearings before the Senate La- to "aid in solving some of our ers' demands and freezing advised workers to take in their by the CIO. All American labor bor Committee, exposed it as labor-management difficulties." "slavery," "government by injunction" and an invitation to corporation violence.

### COMPANY PROVOCATEURS

Lee Pressman, CIO legal counsel called the Case Bill a "new of the Case Bill. drive for a Federal anti-labor Gestapo . . . reminiscent of the fascist corporate state." He declared the bill tells a worker: FEPC Meeting fascist corporate state." He de-

"If you are engaged in a picket line scuffle . . . which does not Hears Plan For conform to drawing-room standards of conduct, you are for the rest of your life deprived of your right to vote in a labor board election . . . you are outside the law . . . on a blacklist, you have no redress. A more perfect union-busting provision could scarcely be devised."

Wally Hopkins, general counsel for the AFL United Mine. Workers, declared the bill would reduce workers to "wandering nomads," deprived of all working rights, with loss of pay and of any protection by the Wagner Labor Relations Act. He said it would be simple to outlaw workers for the acts of corporation provocateurs who might be used to start trouble on picket lines

just to get workers victimized. William Green, AFL president, termed the bill a violation of the Thirteenth Amendment forbidding slavery. He called it "a flat and permanent prohibition of the right to strike in usual and ordinary circumstances" and a return to "government by injunc-

### REVIVES BLACKLIST

"The hateful blacklist is revived," Green declared, "and this time it would have formal support of the Federal Government." He pointed out that "violence by the employer is nowhere men-

tioned or punished." In sharp contrast, Otto Sey-

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ing that the question of establishing a petitions. The California Legislature restate FEPC be submitted to the people by cently killed an FEPC bill, thus necessitatin which the Socialist Workers Party workers.

These workers in Watts, California, are is participating, is now being conducted waiting in line to sign petitions demand- to obtain 300,000 signatures on the FEPC regular ballot. A state-wide campaign, ing petition action on the part of the

## WLB Record Shows Why Labor Should Get Off The New Board

man Lloyd Garrison publicly

MILITANCY WON

Little Steel formula.

and WLB orders at will.

LONG RIGAMAROLE

While the top union leaders sharply criticize Tru- strikes. The original grievances man's new "wage-price stabilization" policy as an attempt were thus often subordinated to

are sitting on the very Wage | demanded in steel was whittled Stabilization Board established to enforce the government's policy.

The union leaders are thus continuing, in effect, the role cost of living had already risen they played in bolstering up the 30 per cent. Instead of the closwas the late unlamented Na- watered-down substitute, maintional War Labor Board which tenance of membership. When imposed the wartime Little Steel the WLB was dissolved, chair-

The whole history of the Na- boasted that the WLB had "put Ward & Co. never did accept as an object lesson for labor. It the closed shop. ferth of Muskegon, Mich., labor is well to review that history The National Association of relations chairman of the Cham- now, since the new Wage Steel decision, in the Reming-Stabilization Board has been ton Rand case, the WLB declarwhile objecting to some features instrument for curbing labor. Little Steel formula to guaran- grant was the Ward case that

At the same time the National The National War Labor Board was quietly buried on December 31, 1945, after it had completely published full-page advertiseexposed its pro-corporation ments in more than 600 newspapers, calling on Congress to character and stood thoroughly discredited in the eyes of labor. adopt the most vicious provisions eral wage increase to the West- stalling. ern Union workers and cut in half a wage award recommended by the New York regional

### NWLB HISTORY

In its four wartime years the Thus, the greatest gains of all NWLB had helped freeze wage were won by the coal miners, rates at 15 per cent above 1941 who never fell for Roosevelt's while prices soared at least 50 per cent. It had broken hundreds of strikes. It had stalled strike and never kowtowed to mand passage of the Fair 20,000 major grievances of 14,- the WLB. In hard-fought Employment Practices Bill 000,000 workers and came to be strikes in 1943 and 1945, the today enthusiastically greet- known as the "Graveyard of miners won a total of \$2.87 a day ed A. Philip Randolph's an- Grievances." It was discarded increases and finally cracked the nouncement of definite plans only when rising labor milfor a March on Washington, itancy and strike action ran Randolph is president of the roughshod over its authority and AFL Pullman Porters and of the it was incapable any longer of tent of dictating union constitufulfilling its wage-freezing, abor-shackling function.

During the very negotiations to set up the WLB, a Militant headline on December 20, 1941, warned "New Board Planned to Curb Labor." Another headline on January 10, 1942, declared, "Unions Face Runaround From WLB," and a week later, "New Board Stacked Against Labor" and so on for four years. racy. The resolution called for

The top union officials, however, accepted and even acclaimed the WLB. Its loudest champions were the Stalinists.

## hypocritical contradiction of a STALLING BECOMES ART

Right after the WLB was established, the CIO national exto demand "substantial wage in- were binding only on the work-Though Randelph stated that creases" and the closed shop in ers. the major capitalist political par- future contracts. But the bosses ties had failed miserably in their answered all demands, "Take it weeks, months, sometimes even Wage Stabilization Board whose

promises, that for him it was a to the WLB." Tweedledum-Tweedledee choice. he nevertheless, failed to draw the board the wage demands of the case during a strike. Workthe obvious and logical conclu- steel and General Motors work- ers usually returned to work to demand that the union leadsion—the need to build an indeers. After eight months of quickly, "pending WLB action." stalling, the \$1 a day increase Corporations then fired mili- tely.

tants on charges of causing

Any prompt action the WLB to 44 cents, and the Little Steel ever took was against workers. formula was established in July, Corporations violated WLB rul-1942. This froze pay increases (except high salaries) at a maxlabor the WLB could summon imum of 15 per cent, while the new Board's predecessor. This ed shop, the WLB instituted a self were utilized to break strikes and penalize militant workers. BOSSES IMMUNE

## A few days after the Little ployes of America. After being stalled for a year, the Ward

In the entire four years, GM ists, who scabbed on and reviled workers received only a 4-cent the Ward workers as "unpatriotic" for defending their rights. raise and Ford workers not one Immediately Roosevelt orderpenny. The second CIO Steelworkers demand, for a 17 cents ed Ward stores "seized" by the

an hour raise and "guaranteed army. This action broke the Its last act, one hour before its annual wages," was completely strike. Meanwhile the WLB dissolution, was to deny a gen- denied after two years of WLB order was ignored and the stores operated at a rising and guaranteed profit to the corporation. Only when the Ward The few gains made by labor workers brought Avery to his during the war were won only knees in a second strike last by militant action, always November, was anything gained against or in spite of the WLB. for the workers. But this came after the WLB, was practically dead from disgrace. Avery finally granted general raises and "equality of sacrifice" fraud. agreed to bargain further innever gave away their right to creases.

> The final WLB report December 31, 1945, listed the following among its achievements: "Basic wage rates were held within narrow limits" (while prices rose 45 per cent). About The WLB even meddled in in-415,000 uncontested wage adternal union affairs to the exjustment applications were "processed," involving 26,300,000 emtions. It penalized unions and ployes. In another 65,000 cases individual workers for striking the WLB denied wage raises and allowed corporations to fire granted without its prior apunion militants right and left. proval, and 4,289 employers who Corporations, however, were gave such raises, were referred permitted to violate contracts to the Bureau of Internal Revenue for tax penalties. No penalties were provided for employers WLB rigamarole was clearly failing to raise even the most designed for indefinite stalling. substandard pay.

It required: (1) "exhaustion" of A NEW FRAUD labor-management bargaining; So bitter did the workers' re-(2) rehashing with the United sentment against the pro-em-States Conciliation Service; (3) ployer WLB become, that the incertification to the WLB; (4) sistent demand arose for the mediation by a WLB regional union leaders to "Get Off the "fact-finding" panel with no WLB!" Early in 1945 the CIO power (except to break strikes); United Auto Workers called on (5) "voluntary" arbitration bethe CIO to break with the WLB fore an "impartial" umpire; (6) -although the UAW leaders refuses to provide elementary ecutive board on January 26, final arbitration by the full never took that step themselves. 1942, called on all CIO unions WLB, whose decisions, in effect, But the union leaders clung to the WLB to the very end.

Now they are acting as a "la-Each of these six steps took bor front" for Truman's new years. If the workers struck, the basic function is no different Soon the CIO referred to board always refused to consider than that of Roosevelt's WLB. It is up to the union ranks now ers get off the WSB immedia-

## **Jim-Crow Rink Denied Injunction Against Pickets**

By Robert L. Birchman

community organizations united to protest Jim Crow. Among the organizations supporting the fight are the Chicago CIO Council; the National Associacial Equality; Labor's Council for Community Action; Socialist Workers Party; United Transport Service Employes, CIO: Socialist Party; Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination, and many CIO local

retary of the Chicago CIO Council, testified that picketing on been peaceful. He stated that the CIO actively supports the fight to end Jim Crow at White City because it is CIO policy to fight racial discrimination ev-

ings with impunity, but against would be admitted to the "skatthe highest authorities of the out. A large number of "memdays after "club"-manager Robert Michell had been arrested for violation of the Illinois Civil Sewell L. Avery's Montgomery Rights law.

the CIO United Retail, Whole- the "club" as a subterfuge whose only reason for existence is to exercise discrimination against Negroes.

cured for the arrest of Michell thereby race preservation. this was the first strike after for violation of the Civil Rights law will be held before a jury teristics within one species of that group of doubly oppressed in the Criminal Court Building, animal do not denote superiority humans—the Negro toilers.

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Feb. 26-Superor Court Judge Donald S.

'CLUB" EXPOSED Gerald Bullock, chairman of the Committee of Race Equality evolution, different tribes of men which initiated the White City picketing, exposed the "membership card" trick by which Jim Crow is maintained. On December 21, he was informed by Fox that "membership" books were closed, and no further members ing club" until others dropped land. The army, navy draft bers," however, were later adboards and the President him- mitted. The "club" was not even chartered until January 9, four

M. J. Myer, co-defense attor-

## We often hear heated discussions among Negro "intellectuals" as to whether the use of the term "Negro" is

has no right to relief in a court proper,

resentatives of over 15 labor and

Michael Mann, Executive Sec-

Hearings on the warrants se-

# proper or not. Some contend that the word means black

slavery. McKinley last Monday denied on the meaning of someone low as his fellow man even if he the request of Howard Fox, or base or innately inferior. lives on the opposite side of the owner of White City Roller This, of course, is but a reflec- globe. He can mate with him and Rinks for an injunction to stop tion of the job the capitalist bear offspring; he is born his picketing protests against the controlled society has done in potential equal and he will be his ink's Jim-Crow policy. McKin- an effort to pound into the equal, given equal opportunity ley ruled that the rink bars Ne- heads of the white workers the for development. groes, in violation of the Illinois myth of white supremacy. Some Civil Rights law, and therefore say "Afro-American" is more communism and tribal habits,

For nine weeks the White City name? It is the origin, the pres- kind of society wherein there is rink has been picketed by rep-ent relationship and the future a ruling class and an exploited portant.

#### WHAT "NEGRO" MEANS In America the word Negro

tion for the Advancement of means practically any race or ban League; Committee of Ra- white. It means a group of people singled out by the schools, the churches and the so-called law on a basis of dark skin color. In some states a Negro is defined as anyone who "has a drop of colored blood in his veins." In reality, of course, every living orless it would contain no hemonights when he was present, had globin, without which human life could not exist. Incidentally holders. the color of blood of all races is identical and scientifically indistinguishable.

Why, then, do people look difthe outside? Through perhaps dozens of millions of years of were subjected to different conditions of nature, such as burning rays of sun or snow-covered mountains. As a result of this process, different tribes were forced to change in appearance in order to exist.

animal from the tree toad to death. the mebra in accommodation to its

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded."

Origin and Significance of "Race"

The NEGRO

and should therefore not be used because there are very few pure blacks in America today, as a result of the fact that the Southern plantation owners practiced social equality to such a great degree during the time of chattel or inferiority. Man, regardless of Some say the word has taken race, is the same kind of animal

Since the decline of primeval however, we have seen the ad-But after all, what's in a vent of class society; that is, the role of any group of people in class of people. Since then the our society that is really im- destiny of men has depended not so much on their ability to protect themselves from the forces of nature, but on the basic factor of economics and their Colored People; the Chicago Ur- mixture of races that is not relationship to the means of production of the things that are of use to themselves and to

> others. During this time we have seen both rich and poor within the same race; and increased migration has led to the condition where now in many lands one person has colored blood in his may find members of every race veins, for if his blood were col- of the earth. History records the existence of black slaveholders as well as black slaves; white slaves as well as white slave-

> Even today under a higher form of slavery-wage slaverythere are a few Negro capitalists. They are, however, insigniferent, one from the other, on ficant compared to the mass of Negro workers and farmers.

> > From a strictly scientific point of view, then, the potential qualities of all races of men are equal. Furthermore there is in America today no pure-blooded Negro or black race, nor no pure Caucasian or white race.

It so happens, however, that under the capitalist system it is Those in the Scandinavian necessary for the rulers to try to peninsula, for example, became keep the workers divided and to tow - headed" blondes, while set up a super-oppressed group those in the tropical regions be- of dark-skinned workers to be came frizzy haired and dark kicked around when the white skinned so that they would be workers are resentful about their better protected against the dan- own economic insecurity. And gerous ultra-violet rays of the unfortunately for us it is the sun. This is but another orderly factor of social forces rather process of natural selection than scientific truth, which conwhich has tended to modify the trols our pursuit of happiness external appearance of every and, in many cases, even life and

Therefore, call us what you particular environment for the wish, the very hypocrisy of the purpose of self protection and rotten economic system must force all the workers to recog-These varying racial charac- nize and struggle relentlessly for

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sion and Open House, at Mili-

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ery Friday at 423 Springfield

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readers invited.

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Office and bookshop open every day.

ing Room, Seely Bldg., 5905 Penn Ave., corner Penn. Ave. & Beatty St., E. Liberty. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 6:30 to 9:30. Suncays at 7:30: Round Table Discussion on "News of the Week in The Militant."

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School of Social Science, 225 N. Phelps St., open to public Tuesday and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5; also 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday through

Thursday.

## Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

There's a little note in No. 10 of the "Lackawanna Striker," strike bulletin of the Bethlehem Lackawanna Steel Locals, which means a great deal. Under the



general heading, "On The Lines," is the following "Here is spirit! Three women, Mrs. Alma Rayford, Mrs. Ruth Wright, and Mrs. Pernell Martin walked on our picket line

for over four hours and in freezing weather, while their husbands went home for a little badly-needed sleep."

All sorts of things go into the winning of a strike . . . and not the least of these is the support and cooperation of the working-class wife who is willing to sacrifice that the union may win. The great Steel Strike showed a whole

In spite of the fact that the "Lackawanna Striker" was a little paper started up during the strike and concerned with the hundreds of matters that come up during a strike who was scabbing, who was helping the union, what pickets were most faithful, what funny incidents occurred, etc., it is refreshing to see that national politics were not ignored, but on the contrary, closely followed and analyzed.

Issue No. 20 is headlined "CASE ANTI-LABOR BILL." After a brief outline of the provisions of the bill, the "Striker" demonstrates, using the example of the Bethlehem strike, the disastrous effects of the bill upon the labor movement. "Let's take a look at what Case and his buddles are preparing for us," says the

"Suppose we're all set to strike for a decent wage, and (just like this time) the company is starting to pack the plant with food and scabs. We tell this new-born WLB (the factfinding board) we're going to walk out. Then we wait five days. Then we wait thirty more days. Meanwhile ten thousand scabs and six boatloads of food are brought into the plant.

"At the same time, Bethlehem drags us into court, because they say we violated the contract. Long before the court action is finished, our thirty day stalling period ends, and the boys go out on strike . . . if the company has not already locked us out to make room for the

"So the boys hit the bricks, and ten minutes later they find that we have no bargaining rights any more, since we have picketed 'forcefully' and organized a boycott against the com-

"Then, with the strike broken, we try to go. back into the plant . . . without a union . . and they won't take us back."

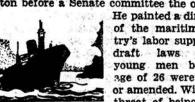
And here is where the "Lackawanna Striker" hits the nail on the head. Instead of making the usual plea for union members to write their congressmen, the "Striker" called for the formation of a LABOR PARTY! "If we get rid of these big-shot politicians and send our OWN men to Congress," it states, "we won't have people like Case bringing up bills like this one."

Frequently in the different issues there appears the heading, "On the lines." In Number 23 under this head is a tribute to the "anonymous picket," which I particularly liked: "Occasionally we hear of some outstanding action and get the chance to mention the names of certain pickets, captains, or officers. But this strike is being won by all of us. The anonymous picket who spends long, dark hours out in the freezing cold is the most important man in this strike. We'll probably never know the name of each man who has watched our gates and fences, but we wish to say to him now, 'Thank you, Brother. Your faithful service on the line is smashing the giant Bethlehem Company to its knees. The power of the Union rests in YOU and men like you'."

## Notes Of A Seaman

By Art Sharon

A certain Mr. Bishop, spokesman for the War Shipping Administration, had his say in Washington before a Senate committee the other day. He painted a dire picture



of the maritime industry's labor supply if the draft laws affecting young men below the age of 26 were removed or amended. Without the threat of being drafted. he said, thousands of young seamen would leave

the industry. I don't know Mr. Bishop. I have never seen his picture in the newspapers. But I'm willing to bet my next payoff against one box of mouldy ship-biscuits that this gent, like the rest of his colleagues in the War Shipping Administration, is very well fixed, especially since the war.

He is undoubtedly well-fed, lives in a comfortable home with all modern conveniences, enjoys numerous vacations and, furthermore, receives a handsome compensation for his heroic toil in the offices of the WSA.

When Mr. Bishop spoke his piece in Washington there wasn't a single person at the Senate hearing who spoke up for the thousands of young seamen scattered over the oceans in every corner of the earth. Mr. Bishop spoke before sympathetic capitalist politicians only too eager to respond to the "plight" of the "poor" shipowners as against the needs of the thousands of young seamen now forced to continue sailing by

the compulsion of the draft laws. The draft board pressure is only the latest pressure to be used. Between wars the normal "surplus under capitalism forces many young men locked out of industry to go to sea.

Actually, few seafarers really desire the life of a seaman. Most of them dream and talk of leaving the sea. Few succeed in breaking away and becoming stabilized ashore. The longer they remain seamen the more difficult it is for them ever to come ashore. Then one day comes the realization that they are going to sail until they are too old to end up anywhere except in Sailors'

Snug Harbor, the seamen's poor-house, Some, their hopes shattered, seek escape in the bottle. You can meet these broken men in every waterfront gin mill and they will speak about "that chicken ranch in Petaluma, Cali-

fornia" they were going to buy, or the little bar in Hoboken "I could have had if I had married McClosky's widow." They always swear that this is their "last trip." But you're sure to meet them at the Union hall shipping out again.

But once in a while one of them figures it all out and can't see the percentage for himself any place. Then he does what an oiler shipmate of mine did a few years ago on a trip to the islands.

He had really tried to make a homelife for himself ashore but couldn't beat the system. Forced to take long trips to make enough to keep a wife and home, he returned after one eight-month trip to find her gone. On the ship going to the islands shortly afterwards he told his story over and over again until the gang stopped ribbing him because he took it so much

On the fifth day out after he had finished standing his watch he came into the messroom where we were playing cards and called out: "So long, boys!" Being preoccupied with our cards we hardly looked up. One of the gang made a crack about the oiler going nuts and we all silently agreed.

About ten minutes later we heard some shouting outside and the sound of a crew member real labor program. The SWP | The ALP vote of 13,500 was running hard down the deck. We rushed out to meet the messman who told us that the oiler had just jumped over the side, suit-case in hand. We stood there a little shocked, looking into the murky dusk, trying to locate the oiler. We could make out a dark object floating, but it was only his suitcase.

The occupation of a seaman by its very nature forbids normal, stable family life which most seamen, like everyone else, desire. The shipowners, however, provide nothing to compensate for this unnatural type of life.

If seamen were paid sufficiently to maintain families, and if the industry were rationally organized to permit the maritime workers to spend regular periods ashore, this problem could be largely resolved.

But the capitalist shipowners don't want to spend a dime or forego a nickel of their swollen profits to make ship life attractive and acceptable to workers. They therefore seek measures, like continuation of the draft laws, to coerce the seamen to continue in the industry.

### Three Growing Boys By Grace Carlson

Recently, the Woman's Home Companion asked several thousands of its readers the question: "Now that the war has been over for some months, do you feel that we are on the road to permanent peace?" Eighty-two per cent answered. "No."

Although I do not believe that she was approached by the Woman's Home Companion investigator, I know one Detroit woman, who thinks the same way. She is sure that the United States will go to war again—and she is terrified at the thought!

I don't even know her name. Ours was just a grocery store acquaintanceship. I met her one busy Saturday afternoon, after I had rescued her little boy from the grocery store window, where he was about to be snowed under by the piles of apples and oranges with which he had been playing. The mother thanked me gratefully and then turned to the four-year-old with that mixture of pride and irritation, which is characteristic of the parents of small children.

But her "Donald, you're a bad boy," didn't bother Donald at all. He started for the window again, thinking that he would give the apples and oranges another try.

"I know that I spoil him," she said to me apologetically when we were outside, "and I should know better too because I've brought up three other boys." I was almost speechless with admiration for a woman, who could cope with the problem of four "Donalds."

While I was trying to find words to express my admiration, she spoke again, and this time, there was a little catch in her voice. "Since Gordon died, I haven't been able to bring myself to punish Donald. When he was little, Gordon looked just like Donald does now—the same blue eyes and red hair, even the same dimple in his chin." She pulled Donald's curly head against her side in a gesture of affection - and sorrow.

I murmured a few words of sympathy, but the mother scarcely listened. She wanted to talk about her dead boy. The words came pouring

out as if they had been damned up for a long time. "Gordon was just 18. That's why it's so hard to believe that he's dead. It's almost a year now since we had the telegram from the War Department that he had been killed in action in Germany, but I still can't believe that he's really dead — that he'll never come home

Her voice broke then and we walked along in silence for a little while. When she spoke again, there was a note of anger in her voice. "It isn't right for them to take a young boy like Gordon and give him only 17 weeks of training and then send him out to be shot. He just didn't have a

All this came in a rush of anger. She paused a moment to catch her breath and then said in a meditative tone, "And I always took such good care of my boys. We never had much money, but they always went to a good baby doctor and had all their shots. Yes, you can save your boy from whooping cough but not from war!" She shook her head back and forth in a kind of hopeless anger, "It's terrible, it's

I agreed with her that it was terrible and completely unjust! This seemed to give her the courage to go on. "And there's another war coming. I'm half crazy worrying about it - when it will come and whether they'll take my other boys, Robert is 14 and Peter is 16, so if the war comes in five or ten years, they're sure to go. And, if the war holds off for fifteen years, they'd take all three - even the little one even my baby!"

We had reached her home by then and were standing on the sidewalk outside talking. Donald was restless and wanted to go inside, so it was impossible to prolong the conversation. But I did say a few things about our fight against war and our hope for a socialist world of peace and brotherhood. I wanted to comfort her a little — to give her some hope for the future. Otherwise, this world is a pretty terrifying place for the mother of three growing boys!

## Huge Labor Demonstration In Houston Halts Strikebreaking Attempts By City Officials

Cheering Houston Strike Victory!



Thousands of CIO and AFL workers cheer the announcement that their huge demonstration has forced the Houston, Texas, City Manager to recognize and deal with the striking County Employes, AFL. It was the attempt by the city management to break the city employe's union which brought this magnificent support from all organized labor. Addressing

## Why ALP Nominee Lost Election In New York East Side District

In the special Congressional election held on the East this party has already obtained Side of New York City on February 19, Arthur G. Klein, in this overwhelming working the Democratic Party candidate was the victor over the class district. American Labor Party candidate, Johannes Steel.

The vote was Klein (Dem.) 17,366; Steel (ALP) 13,505; pointed out that the ALP was Shea (Rep.) 4359.

New York Local, gave critical direction of labor's independent support to the ALP candidate, political action, should be supdespite the fact that he was not ported by the workers of New from labor's ranks and had no York.

sponsored by the bulk of CIO unions in New York City, and every The Socialist Workers Party, step, no matter how timid, in the

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## **Truman Policies Paving Way** For Big Jump In Living Cost where these voters are stirred by the necessity to elect him (Steel). Only 40 per cent of the

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that the "OPA was passing along | per cent. But Eccles thinks that to the public all of the wage in- Truman's policy might lift living crease ordered in the meat industry and the packers were not being asked to absorb any of it."

Thus the new price increases, authorized by the Truman Administration, permit the packing corporations to pyramid their profits higher than ever.

GRAIN PRICES LIFTED

On March 2 the Truman Administration likewise ordered price boosts in six major grains. This means further staggering increases in the cost to consumers of all grain products such as cereals, bread, flour, etc.

But this is not all. In one of the basic materials in most manufacturing processes—steel—the Truman Administration has given the big steel corporations an unheard of leap in price, \$5 a

ton! This means a stiff jump in prices of nearly all products capitalists are imposing on the for there are very few that do country. That is why the unions not require steel. Even milk car- must insist on a rising scale of tons, it is interesting to note, re-

Truman's surrender to the de- of wages should be included in mands of Big Business for sky- all union contracts. If this prorocketing prices means another vision were in effect, then wages tremendous jump in the cost of

Truman's lieutenants admit shoots up, then wages automatthis. Chester Bowles, head of ically go up a proportionate the Office of Economic Stabili- amount. zation, John W. Snyder, Director of Reconversion, and Mar- in his contention that the cost inspired victory! riner Eccles, Chairman of the of living will skyrocket ten per Federal Reserve Board are re- cent, then all workers with union ported to differ on the exact contracts containing a clause Snyder "hope" that the cost of automatically get a ten per cent living won't go up more than five wage increase.

indicative of the large support EXTENSIVE CAMPAIGN

The ALP campaign was colorful and extensive and the CIO unionists were circularized by many CIO unions.

But how explain the fact that the ALP could not win in this unions, the unity of AFL and slum - ridden neighborhood of CIO workers throughout the

The answer to this question was magnificent. was unwittingly given by the Daily Worker of February 18, a of CIO Steelworkers Local 2083, La Verite now faces the threat day before the election, which now on strike against the Reed of complete suppression. stated: "the political pitch has Roller Bit Company, carrying not been raised to the point his own picket sign, shouted speech and free press, we wish eligible 80,000 voters went to the polls on February 19.

Why weren't the other 60 per cent of the workers of the East costs ten per cent in the months | Side "stirred"? | Because Steel had no program with which to inspire them. Steel declared: "I'll fight for the Roosevelt-Truunderestimating the prospective man-Wallace program." (Daily Worker-Jan. 30.) This "properiod will eat into the wage gram" has less and less meaning gains made by workers on the to workers nowadays. The slopicket lines and leave them at gans of "four freedoms" and "sixty million jobs" have been exposed as empty phrasemongering in the light of recent developments on the international and national scene.

PROGRAM NEEDED

sham. Instead of combatting higher prices, the Administration To be really effective and win is directly engaged in lifting them today, and rally real support from for the exclusive benefit of Big the workers, the ALP must have a program of jobs for all under The workers can only depend workers' control of industry and government operation of idle on their own forces in the fight plants. Also, the ALP must deagainst the inflation which the mand a wide scale low-cost housing program to be carried out regardless of the banks and real wages as their main safeguard estate magnates. Both of these demands have special signifiagainst inflation. A rising scale cance on New York's congested East Side.

If the people of the East Side had felt a real living stake in the cost of living. If this index the program of the ALP, Tammany would have been decisively

The fighting program advocated by The Militant could have Klein, the Democratic Party

nominee, asked to be re-elected to "carry out Roosevelt's proamount of the jump. Bowles and providing for a rising scale would gram." Steel, the "liberal democrat," as he called himself, said, "Klein is a good man with a good voting record in Congress." Steel did not distinguish himself from Klein except to claim that he would be more "aggressive" in Congress than Klein had been. It is necessary to have an aggressive program, and neither Steel nor the Stalinist leadership had such a program in this election.

URGENT TASK

of the ALP in New York City have before them the urgent task of steering the course of the ALP action on the political field. This means first of all a fighting lafor the 1946 elections.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 26-A magnificent demonstration of ten to twenty thousand workers, both AFL and CIO. this morning forced city officials to back down on their strikebreaking threats and agree to deal with representa-

tives of 700 city employes,? members of AFL City-County zen's Council, succeeded in pass-Employes Union, on strike for the past six days.

of negotiations between the City County Union and City Manager Edy (subsequently succeeded by Acting City Manager cil refused. Nagle) for wage increases needed to bring up the incomes of South, a precedent-smashing city employes to meet the sky- event. Although gaining little rocketing cost of living. The City in their immediate demands, the Managers brazenly backed down mere presence of large bodies of on their promises to grant in- both CIO and AFL members at creased wages "if an increase in the demonstration lifted the the tax rate is granted by the workers' morale to a high peak. voters." The tax bill was passed They learned the great lesson but the promises were not ful-

covered" that it was "not ob- ernment agents. ligated" to deal with union representatives "except as individuals." An indignant rank and file forced the union leadership Americans Cable to call the 700 man strike which began February 20.

CALLED "REBELLION"

Immediately the Mayor, the City Manager and City Council raised the slogan: "You Can't Strike Against the Government." Mayor Otis Massey called upon Farrell Dobbs, The Militant; E. Texas' reactionary Governor R. Frank, Fourth International; Coke Stevenson to supply Texas Liston Oak, New Leader; Dwight Ranger units, battalions of the Macdonald, Politics; Max State Guard and other armed Shachtman, New International: forces to "protect" the city. In Albert Gates, Labor Action. Austin, Governor Stevenson immediately promised "anything you need" while fascist-minded Lieutenant Governor John Lee Smith announced: "This is nothng more nor less than rebellion!" He demanded legislation to "deal with strikes."

City Councilman Clyde Fitzgerald, a member of CIO Oil- lication and circulation to La workers Local 227, conducted a Verite, central organ of the Parti single-handed struggle against Communiste the rest of the City Council. Rejection of his modest proposals was the signal for calling the as an anti-fascist paper publish-

SPLENDID UNITY

was conciliatory and the CIO leadership tried to dodge the issue by passing the buck to local trade unionists and poor people? strike and in the demonstration

William Mann, shop steward

member of the South Side Citi- La Verite.

ing a resolution through a mass meeting of that organization the night before the demonstration. This action climaxed months demanding that the City Council negotiate with the strikers and threatening initiation of a recall referendum if the Coun-

Houston has witnessed, for the that labor unity in action is absolutely essential in struggles In fact, the City Council "dis- against the bosses and their gov-

## **Protests Against 'La Verite' Ban**

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The full text of the cable fol-

On January 18, 1946, the undersigned cabled Charles de Gaulle, then President of France, and Andre Malraux, Minister of Information, urging their government to grant freedom of pub-Internationaliste (Trotskyist.)

In view of La Verite's record ed in the underground against the Nazis, and the participation Although the AFL leadership of the PCI as a legal party in the French elections, we could not understand why this paper was being denied the rights of expression and circulation.

We have since been informed on good authority that no favorable action has been taken on this matter and that instead.

On behalf of the rights of free immediately grant full freedom J. C. Fikes, CIO oilworker and of publication and circulation to

## SWP HOLDS FERGUSON MEETING DESPITE HAGUE INTIMIDATION

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 1.—The Jersey City Branch of the Socialist Workers Party held its first open mass meeting here to protest the murder of Charles and Alfonso Ferguson, the wounding of Joseph Ferguson and the jailing of Richard Ferguson in the

## **Western Electric Strikers Await Phone Tie-Up Aid**

Association members continued News, a Negro weekly paper. mass picketing with the expectation that their national organiza- COPS AT DOOR tion, the National Federation of nation-wide strike.

graph trust.

Seventeen NFTW affiliates embracing 150,000 workers in 33 the remaining 100,000 members SWP, announced that resolutions of the NFTW will respect the picket lines.

Thus, for the second time within seven weeks. the phone workers are scheduled to tie up national phone communication. This time, in addition to backing up the WEEA strikers, the NFTW will seek a \$10 per week "across The members and supporters the board" increase, a 40-hour week with a minimum of 65 cents Ferguson brothers and the acper hour.

toward real independent labor the AT&T broke up without movement, the NAACP, veterans bor program and a consistent set | turn to work in the event of gov- | similar resolution | was then of independent labor candidates ernment seizure of the phone in- passed unanimously by the Jer-

Freeport case. The Democratic Hague machine—the political machine headed by Mayor Frank ("I am the law") Hague-attempted to prevent the owner of the hall from allowing the SWP to meet there. 'Mysterious" telephone calls told SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT advertised speakers to "lay off." KEARNY, N. J., March 2- Nevertheless, a record crowd In the ninth week of their turned out to hear Louise Simpbitter strike against Western son, Trotskyist candidate in the Electric, the Independent 1945 New York elections, and Electric, the Independent Western Electric Employes lisher of the New Jersey Herald

Police stationed at the door Telephone Workers, will soon tried to prevent the meeting but, come to their aid with another since the rent had been paid in advance, they had to admit the Meeting in Memphis, Tenn. last workers who rallied to the meetweek-end, national leaders of ing. The owner then turned off the NFTW mapped plans for a the heat and the audience was nation-wide strike, scheduled for forced to sit through the meet-March 7, against the giant ing in a bitterly cold hall. The American Telephone and Tele- SWP was notified that it could no longer meet in the hall as it had been doing every week.

The chairman, Allan Kohlman, states will strike directly, while Newark Branch Organizer of the on the Freeport case have been passed by Local 16 of the CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers and by Local 160 of the AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. both of Hudson County, New Jersey. These union resolutions condemned the murder of the tions of the Freeport city offi-Yesterdays' negotiations with cials, and called upon the labor agreement. The NFTW has not and other organizations to take yet specified whether it would re- action on the Freeport case. A

sey City meeting.