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WALL STREET THREATENS NEW WAR

\$15,000 'Militant' Fund Campaign Starts Mar. 15

By Evelyn Atwood

Appealing to its scores of thousands of enthusiastic readers to help maintain it as the best and fastest growing portance of this history-making labor paper in America, The Militant in this issue announces struggle, now over 100 days old. the launching of its campaign to raise a fund of \$15,000. This fund is to help extend The Militant's circulation and spread its revolutionary so-

For 'Crime' Of Being In ClO

By Charles Carsten

tion of the Stars and Stripes, armed forces.

and Cpl. Barnard Rubin, a col-

umnist on the paper, were or-

dered transferred to Okinawa.

Labor-hating big brass con-

sidered them "disloyal" because

they were members of the CIO

before entering the service. Cpl.

Rubin once wrote for the organ

of the CIO Mine. Mill and Smel-

was the result of "a negative re-

machine gunner in Luzon my

loyalty was unquestioned."

ter Workers Union.

"LOYALTY CHECK"

port on a loyalty check."

cialist message among the of men and women on picket lines workers of the United States. from coast to coast have wel-The nation-wide \$15,000 Mili-

tant Fund campaign will continue for three months, beginning March 15 and concluding on June 15. All contributors are requested to send their donations to the Militant Publishing Association, 116 University Place, New York 3, New York.

Explaining the importance of this campaign, Farrell Dobbs, Managing Editor of The Militant, called upon all readers of the paper to do their bit toward reaching the \$15,000 goal by sending in their personal contributions and soliciting contributions from their friends and shopmates. The Militant counts upon receiving such support from its worker readers, said Comrade Dobbs, because they realize the vital role The Militant has played in their struggles against Big Business for a living wage and decent working con-

"Thousands upon thousands the General Motors strike, Com-

comed our paper because it spoke for them, fought with them, and gave them guidance in their battles against the corporations,' Dobbs declared.

PAPER OF PICKET LINES

"During the recent strike struggles. The Militant was distributed to tens of thousands of workbecame acquainted with it for the first time Thousand Lawrence Prices On Food. ers on the picket lines, where they the first time. Thousands have regularly in their homes. In fact, The Militant has become known as the 'Paper of the Picket Lines.'

"In Flint, Youngstown, Detroit, Buffalo, Los Angeles, Pittswere out fighting the bosses, there you will find Militant supporters and subscribers. The Militant readers were in the very forefront of labor's fight for a

From the very beginning of

PROTEST IGNORED

has emphasized the critical im-The Militant pointed out that the GM workers have been the spearhead of labor's greatest struggle and the target of all the reactionary forces of American capital. The Militant has called upon the entire labor movement to give all-out aid to the embattled GM workers.

The slogans initiated and ad-(Continued on Page 6)

Washington Hikes

The Truman administration's claim that it would hold the price line was furburgh, wherever the workers ther exposed as fraudulent last week when huge price concessions were made to clothing manufacturers, big builders and real estate interests. These price rises followed close ipon the increases granted to the meat packing corporations

Thus the cost of the three main tems in a worker's budget, food, **Generals Purge Army Editors** clothing and housing, are being boosted by the administration to appease the voracious demands of the profiteers.

Two men have been removed from the staff of Stars and cent to the 'already outrageous Stripes for the "crime" of having belonged to a CIO trade cost of meat, the Office of Price union before induction. This is the brass hat answer to the Administration handed a boned to General MacArthur against timated that this price increase Sgt. Kenneth L. Pettus, man- the despotic order transferring to the textile barons would total aging editor of the Pacific edi- the men to the "Siberia" of the \$250,000,000 and result in con-In their letter to MacArthur

NO SUITS FOR VETS

they labeled the transfers as the "culmination of a long series of attempts by the Army hierarchy to muzzle this paper." The indignant newsmen added, "we re- that the cotton manufacturers gard the transfer to Okinawa a sort of 'exile to the salt mines'." The staff concluded its protest saying: "We believe the transfer

the well-to-do. Col. John F. Davis, General is linked to the statement signed MacArthur's information and by staff members January 9 in education officer, said the order which we charged open and implied pressure had been put on us 'to delete, distort and play ing, effective April 15. Thous-Both of the men have long down news to preserve the per- ands of returning servicemen records of service in combat. sonal and professional interests have been unable to buy civilian GM's ARROGANT REPLY Cpl. Rubin, who holds two bat- of the Army hierarchy'." (Re- suits because the clothing mantle stars, declared: "When I was ported in the January 26 Mili- ufacturers have deliberately

MacArthur approved the order from the market awaiting this This offer had been authorized (Continued on Page 3)

subscribed in order to receive it. Clothes, Housing

on February 26.

On March 8, ten days after Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles added one and a half per siderably higher prices for men's and boys' shirts, shorts, and pajamas, women's and girls' dresses and work clothing.

Even with these price increases, there is still no guarantee campaign for a national program will provide enough clothing for the statement was "an appeal workers, since it is still more profitable for manufacturers to American citizens who believe in

Two days after this price hike on cotton goods, the OPA "revised" upward the prices on men's and boys' tailored clothhoarded thousands of these gar-Despite the protests, General ments. They have withfield them the remaining issues in dispute.

Preparing For World War III



Auto Locals Start Drive To Elect Reuther As Next UAW President

By Grace Carlson (Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, Mar. 9—The General Motors strike has been turned into a lockout! A formal charge that the billion dollar GM Corporation is engaged in a lockout to force an

ending of the 109-day walkout was filed here March 7
lier in the Conference, the delefor more democracy in the members of the Pacific edition crease in prices to the cotton with the National Labor Reof the Stars and Stripes protest- textile manufacturers. OPA es- lations Board by the CIO poration's "final" offer because United Auto Workers.

> GM Corporation was made in a Finding Board for a 191/2 cents requesting a billion dollar Amerstatement issued on the preced- an hour wage increase and reining day by UAW officers, R. J. statement of the old contract. Thomas, President; George Addes, Secretary - Treasurer; and Walter Reuther, Vice-president. An opening gun in the UAW's of mass pressure against GM, to all organized labor and all make high-priced garments for justice to come quickly and generously to the aid of the GM

> > The union action followed a rapid series of moves and counter-moves, charges and counter-charges, which marked the 15th Jailed Negroes week of the GM strike.

On March 3, GM flatly reject-

ed the UAW's offer to arbitrate by the 250 UAW delegates at the

gates had turned down the Corit failed to meet the standards The same charge against the set up by the President's Fact-

In the Corporation's arrogant rejection of the union's proposal, reference was made to "the novel received no acknowledgment of economic and social theories the request, while U. S. officials, which your union advanced at the beginning of this dispute." The GM strikers, with Reuther as their spokesman, had raised The State Department explained the demand that they be allowed (Continued on Page 2)

Release Of 101 **Won By Protests**

Nation-wide protest by by state troops on February 25 upon the entire segregated Negro section of Columbia, Tennessee have borne fruit. The last 13 of 101 Negroes arrested and held incommunicado, were of the membership, nevertheless put up in the Sheriff's office by reached heights of efficiency in the National Association for the keeping a complete record of all Advancement of Colored Peo-

comings, goings, activities and ple and by local Negro citizens. Two of the arrested victims, William Gordon and James W. Johnson, were lynched inside not a democracy but a repub-Maury County jail, shot down lic." (United Press, Feb. 13) in cold blood by the guards. Instead of being taken to the nearby City Hospital, the wounded men were driven to a segregated hospital in Nashville, 43 miles away. Both men died before they

could reach the hospital.

The frenzy of lynch hysteria and armed invasion unloosed by Tennessee's white ruling class followed an altercation on Feb- principle of the separation of ruary 25 between a Negro woman, Gladys Stephenson and a Quill, who is also head of the white radio repairman, William CIO Transport Workers, conced-Fleming. When Fleming assault- ing "I have seldom disagreed with 1945, thereby giving each worker ing of the membership's funds. ed Mrs. Stephenson, her son my colleagues, Davis and Cac-James, a navy veteran, sprang chione," voted for the resolution. Treasurer M. Hedley Stone "de- to her defense. The mother and Commented the Stalinist Daily manded that everyone keep fin- son were arrested, and immedi- Worker, March 6: "The need ancial accounts accurately," the ately white lynch gangs began for a little digging into Ameri-When it was reported that the shown in the City Council's de-

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'Lost"—On Purpose The U. S. State Department

searching files of its Foreign Economic Administration "found" a ican loan. For six months, since last August, the Soviet government had inquired why it had including Truman, denied an "application" had been made. the document had been "lost." . . .

Might Give Him Radical Ideas

"Berlin, Mar. 4 - Marshall Zhukov, chief of the Soviet Military Administration in Germany, has been unable to see the movie of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath,' (about the dust-bowl labor, Negro and civil rights Okies during the depression), organizations against the because a U. S. general thought savage Jim-Crow atrocities it showed too much of the seamy and bloody warfare unleashed side of American life." (Chicago Daily News, March 4)

Subversive Word

. . . .

The House Un-American Acreleased March 8 upon payment tivities Committee went into a gressman assailed the committee's counsel, Ernie Adamson, for his letter campaign to numerous organizations in which Adamson "insisted that this country was

Quill Flunks History

The Communist (Stalinist) Party fraction in New York's City Council split on the question of a council resolution congratulating newly-selected Catholic Cardinal Spellman. Cacchione and Davis cast the sole votes against the resolution on the Church and State. Michael J. can history was very strikingly

Steps Up Diplomatic Attacks In Drive Against The USSR

By Joseph Hansen

Wall Street and the British imperialists are beginning public preparations for the Third World War. This is the underlying meaning of the tremendous hue and cry they have raised against the Soviet Union. This war - mongering campaign reached its highest point to date with the March 5 speech of Winston Churchill at Fulton, Missouri.

SWP Protests

Of Trotskyists

NEW YORK, Mar. 9-The

Militant this week received a

cable from Paris reporting a

police raid on a public meet-

ing of the Internationalist Com-

munist Party (Trotskyist) and

audience who were held incom-

suppress the Trotskyist paper La

Verite. Distributors of the pa-

per have been beaten up by Stal-

inist hooligans and arrested.

occurred March 4.

Churchill savagely attacked the Soviet Union and Communism. He denounced the USSR as a threat to world peace and he called for immediate military measures along the following

(1.) Washington and London to monopolize the atomic bomb.
(2.) "National armaments" to be maintained at full wartime strength.

the wholesale arrest of 32 of the (3.) An Anglo-American milmunicado for 24 hours. The raid itary alliance to include stand-ardization of weapons, military training, and joint use of naval This police attack on the and air bases throughout the French Trotskyists follows a sysworld. tematic Stalinist campaign to

UNITE AGAINST USSR

These war-like proposals came from the principal political representative of the reactionary The Socialist Workers Party British Tories. The choice of of the United States, through Churchill as spokesman was a James P. Cannon, SWP National deliberate device to indicate the Secretary, has cabled a protest class solidarity of the British against the victimization of the capitalists with Wall Street's French Trotskyists to French drive against the Soviet Union.

Minister of Interior Letroquer. Churchill became the symbol The cable calls the raid and arof world imperialism's antagonrests an "cutrageous violation of ism against socialism following democratic rights of assembly." the First World War. Churchthe First World War. Church-"United States labor public ill was the guiding spirit in the opinion will be aroused against intervention of 14 capitalist nathese anti - democratic actions, tions against the Soviet Union We demand immediate uncon- after the Bolshevik revolution. ditional release of all arrested His venomous hatred of Leon and an end to interference with Trotsky for successfully organ-PCI (International Communist izing the Red Army defense of Party) meetings and publica- the workers' state has long been tions. Please inform us of the action of your government on

President Truman made a con-

CIO RUBBER WORKERS WIN **OUTSTANDING VICTORY**

By Joseph Andrews (Special to The Militant)

AKRON, O., Mar. 8-The CIO United Rubber Workers of America are celebrating a clean-cut victory over the "Big Four" rubber corporations which provides for an 181/2cent hourly wage increase with absolutely no strings at-

With a nation - wide strike vote behind them and thorough general wage increase but preparations made in all locals for a coast-to-coast strike, the URWA negotiating committee brought the representatives of Goodyear, Firestone, Goodrich and U. S. Rubber Corporations to heel two days before the March 4 strike deadline.

step in several ways:

1. This marks the first achievement of nation-wide bargaining with the "Big Four" collectively. The agreement provides for continued negotiations NO 'COMPANY SECURITY'

2. Unlike the settlements at Ford, Chrysler and Kaiser-Frazier, etc., there are no "company security" or punitive anti-strike provisions whatsoever in the agreement. 3. The agreement provides

protection of the wage increase which specifically permits reopany time should economic conditions warrant.

4. There was no governmental participation or interference in the negotiations.

5. Twelve cents per hour of the general wage increase was Indian Uprising ... made retroactive to November 1, between \$75 and \$100 back pay. This averages four cents on the hour over a year's time.

6. Sizable adjustments for low-paid workers were provided to reduce inequities. Unlike the Steel settlement, these adjustments do not come out of the Notes of A Seaman

added to it.

7. Double time for Sundays and six designated holidays was won.

In total, the wage gains, hecluding adjustments and retroactive pay, amount to an average of over 24 cents an hour for The settlement is an historic the rubber workers covered in the "Big Four" agreement.

MODEL NEGOTIATIONS The negotiations were a model

which all international unions would do well to follow. The on a "Big Four" basis next year. negotiating committee was made up of International officers of the union plus a strategy committee composed of representatives of the local unions. Representing the unions were L. S. Buckmaster, International president; H. R. Lloyd, International vice-president; George R. Bass, president of Akron Goodrich Local No. 5; I. H. Watson, presiagainst inflation by a clause dent of Akron Firestone Local No. 7; C. V. Wheeler, president ening of the wage question at of Akron Goodyear Local No. 2; (Continued on Page 2)

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— By Art Sharon – (Special to The Militant)

leaders of the Stalinist-dominated CIO National Maritime Union, first reported in the December 8, 1945, Militant, was brought to a more acute stage when NMU President Joseph Curran demanded the re-

signation of four top Stalin- been instructed to examine the ist officials, Vice-presidents leaders. Frederick (Blackie) Meyers and Howard McKenzie, National Secretary Ferdinand Smith and New York Port Agent Joseph

Curran's demand and his attack on the Stalinist machine for its ruthless, undemocratic praclices were made at a closed NMU ruary 18. His speech was made munition to smear the labor bring on charges."

gating committee, which had a "great victory." He further the union's positions and de-

Militant on January 19 had preoutcome of the "investigation."

RUTHLESS MACHINE

Curran admitted that "the membership meeting last Feb- union is in the hands of a machine . . . a machine that is gopublic by the reactionary New ing to tell you how you are go-York World-Telegram in a series ing to work or else . . . The maof three articles last week. The chine tells you who is a phony trimes of the Stalinists in this in the union, the machine tells is in other cases have provided you who to elect, who to fire.

He related the beginnings of Curran's partial revelations to the rift within the leadership to the membership about the scan- the time of the War Labor Board falous conduct of the Stalinist decision in 1944 which gave nothelique came in his dissent ing to the membership but which against the report of an invest- the Stalinist machine halled as was so incapable of protecting brains out." They started a

chine's policy was systematically slandered, discredited and hounded out of union office.

CHARACTER ASSASSINS Those who disagreed, said

causes of the conflict among the Curran, "found themselves, one by one, picked out; then, charac-The NMU president the single ter assassinated and, one by one, the membership. dissenter on the committee, call- made to either leave the union ed its report a "whitewash." The or, if they desired to continue the fight and stay in the union to dicted that such would be the fight for the membership, placed in a position where they were called all kinds of names."

policy of wartime collaboration with the shipowners, the NMU lost one position after another. Curran revealed, for instance, that the irresponsibility and incompetence of Vice-presidents McKenzie and Meyers cost the the anti-labor press with am- The machine tells you who to union the key collective bargaining election in the Standard Oil tanker fleet "by the biggest majority a company ever got in

the history of the union." KEPT "FBI" FILES

The Stalinist machine, which

disclosed that anyone who dis- fending the economic interests NEW YORK, Mar. 16—The conflict among the top agreed with the Stalinist ma- of the membership, nevertheless of \$46,000 bail. The cash was huddle recently when a Conassociations of union members for the purpose of strengthening the machine's domination over

> Thus, Curran reported, New York Port Agent Joseph Stack. who is also a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, "keeps a regular FBI set of cards in the As a result of the Stalinist Port Registration Office and he LIKE NAZI STORM TROOPS gets more information for more things from the members than in any other port in the union. What use is it for? I don't know. There are 12 to 14 women taking records."

> > The Stalinist machine resisted any accounting of its squander-Curran stated that when NMU machine "wanted to beat his to gather.

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A NEW YORK SUBWAY WORKER'S STORY

Stalinist Misrule In Transit Union

(Last week "The Militant" reported the settlement accepted by the Stalinist leadership of the CIO Transport Workers Union in New York City. They wilted under the strikebreaking pressure of the O'Dwyer administration and the intervention of CIO President Philip Murray and called off their threatened strike with no assured gains. The following account, written by a TWU member, describes the background of the New York transit situation and conditions inside the TWU under Stalinist domination.)

By William Charles

We CIO transport workers on the subways know that the conditions of the employes of the New York City Transsit system and the equipment with which we work is about a quarter of a century be-

junk heap.

worse daily. The counterfeit strike threat by Transport Workers

Union President Michael Quill was a complete fiasco. The workers "went back" before they went out." Quill and CIO President Philip Murray gave up everything and gained nothing. The workers in the City Trans-

sit system were not prepared for the so-called "strike." The issues were not discussed at the shops or section meetings of the membership. The question of sole collective bargaining rights for the TWU-CIO first came to the attention of the workers in such rags as the Daily News, Daily Mirror, Journal-American, N. Y. Times, and other croaking frogs INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS

For years we have suffered intolerable conditions. The Stalinist TWU leadership was opposed to any real fight. Throughout the war we were forced to submit to ever-increasing work. due to the overcrowding of the transportation system and shortage of workers, while our wages were frozen. We did not even get the raises permitted under the Little Steel formula. Now the capitulation of Quill means we must continue under the same rotten conditions.

The workers slave six days a week almost without exception We do not get time and a half for the sixth day of work, nor extra pay for Saturday, Sunday or night work. The 40-hour work week is not recognized. Railroaders are forced to work around the heavy snow, we may leave the job only with the express permission of the boss and then only for eight hours out of 24.

When the strike threat was announced, vacations and days off were cancelled. We were warned in blazing placards that if we dared strike we would lose our tobs.

PAY FOR PENSION

Workers get 12 sick-days pay a year if they are out due to illness. But this is not paid until 30 to 90 days later! Several dollars a week are deducted from our pay envelopes, for our muchtouted pension plan.

Schedules of work are changed according to the riding-public's habits. A school may close, a factory may cut down on its help, an evening bingo game may be discontinued or Coney Island may commence its season. "Presto," there is a new schedule of work interspersed with waiting "swings" of one to four hours. The worker is not paid for this time, but must wait until the line is busy enough for him to return to work.

The brakes do not always work on the cars, and the equipment is falling apart. Any accident expression. is usually blamed on the worker, according to the rule book which is a relic of the 19th century. We are then subject to dismissal. Often trainmen and operators. especially those who operate surface transportation must be traffic directors, cashiers, conductors and motormen, all in

We workers were told that the

hind the times, and getting question "why?" We are left to assume it is our civic duty to be modest in our demands while the big banks, former owners and stockholders reap fabulous payments from the city for a decrepit

> There is no doubt that if even half the transit workers were to go on strike, including the key department of repairs, powerhouses, motormen, operators of surface cars and buses, no power on earth could move the lines The ex-motormen, cops and scabs gathered in preparation for the threatened strike would have required days to restore any semblance of service.

STALINIST MISRULE

But the Stalinist leaders of the TWU run it bureaucratically from the sewers of Wall Street. from the top. They discourage rank and file participation and by their whole policy have weakened the union and left the members unprepared for any serious fight.

The Stalinist-led TWU maintains sumptuous headquarters at 554 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn and at 153 W. 64th St., in Manhattan. These are literally crawling with functionaries, office staffs and various dignitaries who are not even on a speaking relationship with the men on the job, and are rarely if ever seen on job locations.

On joining the union, the worker does not receive a copy

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of the union constitution, or even clock. In an emergency, such as a simple letter of welcome. He is held in contempt by the leaders. During his membership. which may last for years, the Stalinist officials do not even bother to send him any mater- siderably modified. The origiial of interest about the labor nal proposals would have permitmovement.

to educate new members in trade | ized" strikes. union problems, what a trade WALL STREET PRAISE union is, what the duties of a union member are-with one expelled "automatically."

Although occasional leaflets are distributed and there are bulletins which may be picked up around the shop, workers rushing to or from work rarely read them. Sometimes their own families do not know the men are union members, and consequently do not sympathize with the labor movement generally.

Meeting attendance is very poor. Scarcely one member in five ever attends a section or shop meeting. The union is furand nationalistic elements who are played against each other by the Stalinist leadership who thus manage to keep themselves in power and suppress democratic

The Stalinist Party-Quill policy in the TWU is shown in its true light on the question of representation of Negro workers. Among the many TWU functionaries, not one organizer is a Negro, although over 20 per cent the coming CIO United Auto of the members are Negroes.

Mail This Coupon With 50c For A 6-Month Subscription To

should any member express dif-Transit system is losing money. is told if he doesn't like what the | will put up a strong battle to bar But the union never bothers to Stalinist bureaucrats are doing any such clauses in UAW concheck this claim or answer the he can quit.

To Avenge Murdered Pickets



Peoria, Illinois, workers stand in line to sign petitions demanding criminal prosecution of TP&W Railway President George McNear, whose thugs shot down two unarmed strike pickets on Feb. 6. The petitions, already bearing 10,000 signatures, also call for permanent government operation of the line. Local 105 of the CIO United Farm Equipment Workers is distributing the petitions.

The Ford Contract--A Danger Signal

When the Ford Motor Company spends big dough in national advertising to "sell" a union contract, when the Wall Street Journal and other mouthpieces of Big Business give the same contract lavish

tains for the workers.

comes binding, the Ford Motor Company is running big newspaper ads on "What The New Ford Contract Means To Us . . . And To You." What the contract means specifically to Ford -lies in its "company security"

Because of the bristling resistance from the Ford and other auto workers to the original Ford proposals and the CIO United Auto Workers leaders' even worse counter-proposals, the "company security" provisions of the final contract are conted the company to fine or fire Not a single pamphlet is issued union militants for "unauthor-

But the final contract signed exception. He is told to pay his by the UAW Ford leaders has dues regularly and on time or be a "company security" clause sufficient to inspire the praise of Wall Street and the cooperation of the Ford Company in helping the union leaders "sell" the contract to the Ford workers.

Right after the contract was signed—though not yet ratified by the membership—a company statement interpreted the "company security" provisions to "The union has undermean: taken to control its membership and prevent illegal work stoppages, and penalties may be imposed by the company on those ther hampered by strong clerical who fail to co-operate . . . Any employe found guilty of instigatemploye found guilty of instigating, fomenting or actively supporting or giving leadership to illegal work stoppages is to be Conproduce at a basis of established Won By Protests tinued failure of an employe to standards will be cause for discipline, including discharge, unless failure is due to causes beyond his control."

One of the key issues before Workers convention on March 23 It goes without saying that in Atlantic City will be "company security" clauses. It is cerferences with the leadership, he tain that the militant delegates

praise, it's not because of benefits the contract contains for the workers. Can Lure Women of the Ford Workers, who must ratify the contract before it be-

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT WILMINGTON, Cal., March 4 -An offer of hard-to-get nylon stockings proved insufficient to al to the larger interests of their get 200 women past a picket line international union as a whole. -and all the other corporations of 20 at the J. C. Penney store here last week.

Showing up at the store in response to an ad in the papers The results give the lie to the offering nylons and scare cotton goods, almost every one of them refrained from going in after hearing a short talk by a member of the union's auxiliary explaining the purpose of the strike.

The store continues to refuse to renew its contract with the aims. CIO Retail Clerks Union.

CIO Rubber Workers Win Outstanding Wage Victory

L. S. Wilson, president of Los, tire rubber wage campaign in Angeles U. S. Rubber Local; and the U. S. Rubber chain. This G. L. Patterson, URWA legal chain has no plant in Akron,

The negotiating committee at postponing the strike deadline They refused, all the way through, to agree to any nostrike pledge, speed-up plan or other concessions in exchange for the wage increase.

The agreement has still to be ratified by the 40 local unions involved. There is no question but that the rubber agreement will have great effect in checking the Big Business campaign to force "company security" provisions upon the unions. It has proved that it is not necessary to trade off some of the unions' most fundamental rights in order to get an increase in wages.

With this victory under its belt the URWA is in the strongest position in all its history. There will be hardly a rubber worker anywhere who will not want to take his place in the achieved this great advance.

STALINISTS REPUDIATED

The victory is a resounding repudiation of Stalinist charges that the Akron leadership of the Goodrich, Firestone, and Goodyear locals were irresponsible. On the contrary, this leadership played a leading role in securing the "Big Four" agreement and observed a thoroughgoing discipline throughout the entire procedure.

Unlike the traitorous Stalinist leaders of the CIO United Electrical Workers who stabbed the General Motors auto strikers in the back by making a sneak rical division workers, the Akron rubber leadership, who are repeatedly denounced by the Stalinists as Trotskyists, were consistently and irreproachably loy-They did not at any time seek to play off their local interests against those of the whole union. Stalinist slander machine.

The real facts are that the Stalinists high in URWA circles insisted from the beginning up- picket line that same day. on a "one corporation at a time" strategy, solely because such a divisive policy suited their narrow and irresponsible political

They sought to center the en- as the 11 were fired.

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want the decisive Akron locals company's terms. to carry the ball, and therefore sought to divert the fight away from the key city. That is the kind of thinking typical of such Stalinist leaders as URWA organizer N. H. Eagle.

SOUND PRINCIPLES WIN

Fortunately for the rubber workers, L. S. Buckmaster, international president, was prevailed upon by the militant Akron union leadership to repudiate the Stalinist machinations the controlling interest. and support the "Big Four" or-

The provisions of this agreevinced by facts that great gains can be made by stubbornly stickranks of the union which ing to sound union principles and depending solely on the independent power of the organized

Union Strikes Against Firing Of Negro Workers

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT LOS ANGELES, March 4 - In a fine demonstration of working-class solidarity, members of CIO Furniture Workers Local settlement for 30,000 GM elect- 576 went out on strike here this week at the California Bedding Co., when the boss fired 11 Negroes for joining the union.

The union, which was organiz-

ing the shop, had already signed up a majority of the workers, but only the Negroes were discharged. The other members of the union immediately walked out in protest against this act of discrimination, setting up a The only other Negro work-

joined the union, signed a card

TRADE UNION NOTES

Have You Contributed

cant strike struggle in American Worker hatchet-man. labor history—the heroic General

known as the "Merchants of Coughlin." Death," issued its annual report showing an admitted 1945 net profit of \$77,500,000. Of this, the report discloses, \$28,030,086 represents income on General Motors stock "after taxes and applicable expenses." The du-Ponts control almost a fourth of GM common stock and have The valuation of du Pont

holdings in GM is \$254,000,000which means that the du Ponts ment should be made known to last year got a return on their the broadest possible sections of investment of 11 per cent. This the labor movement so that is a phenomenal rate of profit workers everywhere may be con- even if we discount the inflation of stock values.

All this wealth was squeezed out of the GM workers by parasite stockholders who actually didn't invest one tenth of the value of their present claimed GM holdings in the corporation.

Will these billionaire parasites now force the GM workers to acept onerous terms of settlement through the weapon of starvation? The answer is up to the entire labor movement.

A National Committee to Aid Families of GM Strikers has been formed, with headquar-ters at 212 E. 49th Street, New York 17, N. Y. Speed funds to aid the GM strikers NOW!

A Stab-In-The-Back To The GM Strike

Anyone really concerned with treachery. the welfare of the General Motors strikers could only praise such a demonstration of labor solidarity as the contribution of \$500,000 to the GM strike fund by the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union. This column last week hailed this magnificent contribution by the ILGWU. The Daily Worker, organ of

the Communist (Stalinist) Party, instead of warmly greeting the ILG aid to the GM strike, used it as an occasion to launch er in the plant, who had not a slanderous attack on ILGWU President David Dubinsky and and joined the picket line as soon GM strike. This attack, pub-Walter Reuther, leader of the lished March 1, attempted to be- contribution of \$25,000.

little and discredit the contribu-To Aid The GM Strike? tion of the AFL garment work-The bitterest and most signifi- written by George Morris, Daily

The chief intent of the article the world's rubber center, and is Motors strike—is being prolong- is to smear Reuther, who has the only chain where the Stalin- ed by the corporation in hopes opposed the Stalinists in the never at any time even hinted ists have even a semblance of of starving out the strikers and UAW, by linking him through genuine influence. They did not forcing them to accede to the the ILG contribution to Dubinsky, who in turn is linked by a Last week, E. I. du Pont de fantastic slander to none other Nemours and Co., the billionaire than the "anti-Semitic radio munitions and chemical trust priest Fascist Father Charles

Morris' article shows how blinded the Stalinists are by factional frenzy. Every assistance to the GM strike is viewed by them only as aiding the position and prestige of Reuther, against whom they are conducting an hysterical campaign of vilification. The Stalinist leaders would rather see the GM strike weakened and undermined than have an opponent of theirs in the labor movement get credit for any contribution to labor's interests.

We hold no brief for Dubinsky's or Reuther's politics and union policies. But the Stalinists descend to the lowest depths of unprincipled factionalism when they throw mud at the splendid contribution of the ILGWU members to the GM strike. This could only operate to discourage similar contributions from other organizations and is a stab-in-the-back to the GM strike.

And this comes on top of the sneaky, back-room settlement made by Stalinist leaders of the CIO United Electrical Union in the recent strike of 30,000 UE workers in GM's Electrical Division. The exceptional maliciousness of the attack on the ILGWU's aid to the GM strike is no doubt inspired in part by the Stalinists' desire to divert attention from their own

Labor Solidarity

An example of the labor solidarity being inspired by the GM strike is the action of the New York Branch of the AFL Seafarers International Union in voting \$1,000 to aid the GM strikers and pledging an additional \$100 weekly for the duration of the strike. The latter pledge was made "retroactive" to February 1.

Not only labor organizations. but other progressive-minded groups are rallying behind the GM strike. Last week the National Farmers Union pledged a

the company?" the March 5 power and in their contempt for | morale of Flint's 40,000 GM strik-

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March 4:

to examine the company's books | company proposals the Tuil and to determine whether GM was profits without raising prices.

Attempting to drive a wedge between the GM strikers and the union leadership, the Corporation statement hinted that unsettlement and that the differences between the union and the company were slight. The open charge was made that Conference delegates had not given the

(Continued from Page 1) Negro citizens were preparing to defend themselves from the murderous mobs. 500 state troops, police and hundreds of vigilantes invaded the Negro community. Like Nazi with machine guns and carbines. ransacked homes without search warrants, shot and beat up men. women and children, and dragged 101 Negro citizens off to Maury County jail. Scores were wounded by bullets and clubs.

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, charged on March 1 that the Jim-Crow atrocities were "closer to the ac- addition to the wage increase. tion of the German storm troop- These included elimination of ers than any recent police action speedup and piece-work systems in this country, the South not in 15 plants; correction of health excepted." He declared that the and safety hazards in 41 plants; "wanton double murder" of the two Negroes in jail was a "further example of lawlessness on the part of Tennessee law enforcement officers" and that "no Negro in that area has the semblance of constitutional rights.'

Among the organizations which vigorously protested the Jim Crow outrage last week to Governor McCord of Tennessee was the Socialist Workers Party, through its National Secretary, James P. Cannon. The National Federation for Constitutional they could still retain the op-Liberties reported that many portunity for further gain by recivic, religious and educational,

detailed consideration and disable to pay wage increases out of cussion they deserved." The 1,000 word GM statement concluded with a proposal that the NLRB "conduct a secret vote among our employes to determine whether they wish to return to ion politics was delaying a strike work under an agreement embodying our latest offers."

UNION COUNTER-PROPOSAL Picking up the company challenge, the union made the following counter - proposal on

"We accept your proposition that a secret vote among the membership in GM plants be conducted by the NLRB ... provided that the question is put

work and ending the current dispute on the basis of the Corporation's offer of 181/2 cents an hour increase and its latest proposals on basic contract matters, or

"Do you favor returning to work on the basis of the corporaat Negro dwellings and stores offer and its latest proposals on understanding that all issues still in dispute shall be submitted to arbitration by the President of the United States?"

Replying to Corporation charge that the differences between the union and company positions were slight, the UAW statement listed the questions in dispute in equal pay for equal work for women in 15 plants; general questions for all GM plants on promotions and transfers; maintenance of membership; vacation

AGAIN GM SAYS "NO"

General Motors' answer to the | since V-J Day. UAW vote plan was a swift and unequivocal "NO!" "Who would not vote to accept the increased ership have put up the strongest ferring to an arbitrator all addigroups are joining in the de- tional union demands which a result of the UAW's fight . . . mand for Federal intermition, have not been fully granted by

angrily asked. UAW-GM negotiating sessions

continue in Detroit under James Dewey, special Federal mediator, respectable size the outrageous but they are almost at a stale- profits they had anticipated by mate. In a recent press conference, GM Vice-president Harry W. Anderson was quoted as predicting that the strike would not be settled until after the UAW convention which opens in Atlantic City on March 23. Concern of the UAW's top officers over their union jobs would prevent an immediate strike settlement, according to Anderson.

GM ATTACKS REUTHER

UAW members know that this Corporation attack is directed against Walter Reuther, whose progressive leadership of the GM strike has aroused the fierce "Do you favor returning to hatred of the GM officials. The union's Top Negotiating Committee exposed GM's lies in a blast against the Corporation on March 6.

"The General Motors strike is being unnecessarily prolonged because the General Motors storm troopers they blasted away tion's 181/2 cents wage increase Corporation is trying to interfere in the internal affairs of the tricts in all parts of the country basic contract matters with the UAW-CIO. Such interference is part of the Corporation's longrange program of fighting the economic policies advanced by the union of increasing wages without increasing prices," the Committee's statement opens. Other sections of the statement

> "General Motors doesn't want the strike to be settled until after the UAW-CIO convention, March 23-31.

GM's MOTIVES

"General Motors wants to use the strike as a political weapon to influence convention decisions and to turn the union membership against its leadership in order to defeat the higher purchasing power policies which the union has so effectively advanced Fleece Workers

"The Corporation recognizes that the UAW-CIO and its leadknow that the price line has been held as well as it has largely as "In their greed for profits and 500,000.

ing which threatens to reduce to plundering the huge consumer demand built up during the war years . . . "Delegates to the UAW con-

vention will appraise the actions of its officers and their policies during this period without regard to the wishes or activities of the General Motors Corporation. If the General Motors strike is still in effect at that time, the delegates will know where to put the blame. They will condemn, as we do now, the shabby ethics and morals of a Corporation that tries to play politics in the union of its employes."

DEFENSE OF REUTHER

Considerable importance is being attached to the Top Negotiating Committee's spirited defense of the strike leadershipin actuality, a defense of Reuther. The nine members of this Committee represent UAW Disand are in close touch with the rank-and-file GM strikers.

From another source comes further proof that the majority of GM workers have faith in the UAW strike leaders. Edwin Lahey of the Detroit Free Press, writing from Flint, where he had talked to a large number of GM strikers, says in a March 9 article, "Whether you like it or not, it appears that the GM executives who hoped that a long strike would destroy Walter Reuther have outsmarted themselves in this fight." He admits that the

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., the same "Dynasty of wages and other favorable pro- fight of any group in the nation Death" that controls General posals made by the company if to maintain purchasing power Motors Corporation, took \$1,150 and hold the price line. They net profits from every one of its 67,400 employes in 1945. Profits not suffer will make their ultiafter taxes in 1945 were \$77,-

Corporation letter to the union the national welfare, the people ers is still very high and that who control General Motors abthey have faith in their union hor any kind of economic thinkand in its strike leaders.

REUTHER FOR PRESIDENT A group of 17 GM local union presidents in the Michigan area have called a "Reuther for President Committee" meeting for Sunday, March 17, in Pontiac. Their action follows the lead of Detroit's Chrysler Local 490, which on March 8 announced that it is "drafting" Walter Reuther for the UAW presidency. William Jenkins, Local 490 President, said, "Reuther has demonstrated his able leadership not only in the General Motors strike but also on countless other occasions."

TRUMAN'S POLICY

Meantime, President Truman continues his do-nothing policy toward the 175,000 GM strikers. who have now gone through the longest strike in auto history. Despite the fact that the union accepted his Fact - Finding Board's proposals while GM arrogantly turned them down, Truman has not lifted a finger to bring the Corporation to terms.

The Fact-Finding Board's proposal of 191/2 cents represented a chiseling down of the UAW's just demand for a 30 per cent increase. The 191/2 cent increaseapproximately 17 per cent - is even considerably lower than the recommendation of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

In a report issued a few months ago, economists of this government agency demonstrated that industry would be able to raise wages 24 per cent after taxes without raising prices. But no government official or agency has taken any effective action toward giving the GM workers even a part of their just demand.

In the UAW's March 8 appeal for aid to the GM strikers, the road to victory for the GM strike was pointed out—the path of working - class solidarity. "The morale of the GM workers is high and their determination is great. The moral and financial support they will receive from others so that their wives and children do mate victory certain. They will not surrender!"

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troops of the French im- to run just as far as French perialist army at Hanoi has arms reach, and that position is again brought into headline prominence the heroic struggle of the Indo-Chinese people for independence. The purpose of these troops is deadly clear. The French colonial despots hope they will prove sufficient -with their American-supplied equipment—to drown in blood the aspirations of the Indo-Chinese for freedom.

The landing followed a March 1 agreement between the French imperialists and the Chiang Kai-shek government to withdraw 100,000 Chinese troops who have been occupying northern Indo-China. So long as these Chinese armies remained, the Viet Namh government administered the affairs of this important part of the country.

Concomitant with the deal with Chiang Kai-shek, the French despots reported that Ho Chi Minh, president of the Viet Namh Republic, had agreed to permit the landing of French troops without opposition in return for "recognition" of the This deal specified that the Viet Namh Republic must remain within the "French Union" and under "French control." Previously Ho Chi Minh, like the rest of the Indo-Chinese nationalists, had demanded unconditional independence.

FALSE PROMISES

The French are obviously following the traditional stratagem of colonial despots faced by an uprising. They are willing to promise a great deal-with loopholes in order to facilitate the advance of their troops. Deception has always gone hand in hand with brute force. That is Demands End To why "according to informed opinions in Paris," reports a CP Bribe Taking March 8 wireless dispatch to the N. Y. Times, "little tranquillity could be expected in spite of ac-

Charming India-British Style

The February 22 London Herald Tribune reports that General Lockhart was "ordered to quell the Indian Navy Mutiny" in

Bombay "as rapidly as possible." masses with their lathis (bam- isting party of the proletariat. boo staves)," continues the paper, "in a bid to restore order. But ject the 2,500 pesos (about \$500) when this failed they were forc- which the President of Mexico

man of peace, whose charming from other politicians who help manner will get him anywhere." us . . .

How Imperialist Rulers

How British imperialism censors and perverts news

from colonial lands where the people are struggling for in-

gave an eyewitness account of Herald: "Today's rioting began

British brutality in Cairo Feb- when a mob of 4,000 saw one of

ruary 21: "The crowd was thickly its members accidentally knock-

packed in the street from curb ed down by a British Army lor-

dependence can be judged from two items:

Eileen Boyle of Duluth, Minn.,

to curb, and as it neared the ry.

first corner beyond the square,

three British Army trucks came

against the crowds. As they ap-

proached the edge of the crowd

they increased the speed of their

vehicles and drove through the

crowd. Bodies literally flew as

they were struck and I counted

The Egyptian police on Feb-

ruary 24 reported their invest-

igation of this murder: "British

Army trucks . . . hurtled straight

the February 22 London Daily shots."

almost 60 miles an hour . . ."

"PROCESSED" VERSION

six prostrate forms."

The landing of 20,000 cords. France's position is likely

still most difficult." Whether the French will succeed in reimposing their hated Spanish Unions regime on Indo-China thus remains to be seen. In a recent Ask Help To End series of articles, Gordon Walker, Chief Far Eastern Correspondent of the Christian Scien-re Monitor declared that "From ce Monitor, declared that "From a purely military standpoint it is questionable whether the

French ever will be able to assume uncontested control again." Even with tanks and artillery "it is extremely doubtful whether down the independence movement as a whole."

Walker reported that the Viet Minh (the principal political grouping in Indo-China) is backed by 8,000,000 followers and has a well-organized army of 50,000 troops who seized the arms of the Japanese. In his opinion the French at best could only seize the coastal cities and hold them

But if the French do not sucbrutality. In his February 25 dispatch Walker declared: "Wellsubstantiated reports from of-Indo-China has been marked by all the accoutrements of an 18century colonial 'purge.'

"Tanks and other implements affected bear the 'made in the United States' label."

Mexican Stalinist

The Mexico City daily paper Excelsior of February 4 printed document of the Communist (Stalinist) Party which calls for a shift to the left. The author, Carlos Sanches Cardenas, demanded the following prerequisite:

"I believe that the Party which we have at present will not succeed in developing within the labor movement so long as it does not apply a correct inde "Police charged the howling pendent policy as the only ex-

"For this, it is necessary to reed to open fire with revolvers." gives us each month, the sub-The Herald Trubune then sidies from the Jews in the Na-General Lockhart "is a tional Bank and the subsidies

The other item is the report of

agery in the same demonstration.

'two Britons had opened fire

on the demonstrators from a bal-

threw them into the streets."

French Arms Move Indian Independence Revolt Spreads Against Indo-China Despite Gun Fire Of British Rulers

The Joint Committee of the Union General de Trabadajores and the Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo (pre-Franco Spanish trade they ever will be able to put union federations now in exile) have issued an appeal from Paris to the workers of other lands to help the Spanish working class get rid of the fascist Franco regime.

"The Spanish dictator," declares the appeal, "spiritual offspring of Hitler and Mussolini, continues his ruthless attack on the workers. The prisons and concentration camps are filled with our brothers. The inhuman ceed it will not be from lack of treatment of the prisoners is as barbarous as that of the Nazi extermination camps . . .

"The tranquility mentioned in ficial foreign observers show Franco's communiques does not that the struggle in southern exist," continues the declaration. "Still less the democracy of brutal massacres of natives and which he boasts. The reality is the opposite. The firing squads operate ceaselessly to maintain the new regime. Frame-up trials used in the policing of districts eliminate the flower of the producing class. The misery is fearful. Unemployment has mounted hitherto unknown proportions. The industrial paralysis is almost total. Agricultural production suffers from an uninterrupted decline due to the pillage practiced by the totalitarian state in behalf of the plutocrats. The life of thousands of men is in danger."

The Joint Committee asks the workers of the world to "employ all means in their power to build up sufficient pressure to precipitate the collapse of the Spanish dictatorship." The appeal cites the example of the Tunis longshoremen, who refused to load cargo routed for fascist Spain.

The declaration ends with the slogan: "Long live the international solidarity of the workers!

British Censors Relax, OK Letter After 3 Years

In 1942 a group of Indian in the United States asking for some books.

From the markings which cover both sides of the little envel-**Process News Reports** ope, and from the time it took to reach its destination - over three and a half years! - it can be seen how the bureaucratic machinery of the British Empire was put into motion to suppress

The letter reads:

"Dear Sirs: For the benefit of the Indian workers, numbering a few thousands, who are for the first time brought into industry, we are attempting to build a another instance of British savlibrary. It will be used for train-The United Press declared that ing and translation into Hindusthani and other important Indian languages. Will you please cony. The Egyptians rushed the send us all your past publications house, seized the couple and any bound volumes which will be of use. Thanking you." "POST EARLY"

They were "killed instantly." The letter was air-mailed. Its Here is what this incident looked like in the Herald Tribune postmark reads: "Birmingham, after being processed by the December 17, 1942, 2 p.m." It into a crowd of demonstrators at censors: "Some of the mob then went through the Christmas moved up Soliman Pasha-street season mail hopper and was smashing shop windows. A crowd marked: "Post Early for Christstormed a flat from which a mas."

Here is how it was reported in woman was said to have fired But the hawk-eyed British censors caught this dangerous little letter in time and the bureaucrats acted promptly. A streamer pasted over the censor's opening declaims: "OPENED BY EXAMINER 824". Next, in red, on both sides, the word "CON-DEMNED" was imprinted.

> Finally, in red, another legend reads: "HELD BY BRITISH CENSOR; RELEASED JANUARY 1946," with a smaller "Released" in blue on the back.

The letter checkered with all these markings was finally received three and half years later in the United States on February 8, 1946.

Who says freedom of speech is restricted in the British Empire? The letter was released, wasn't

\$55,000 Per Casualty

were busy producing \$56 bilporations and banks.

Heroic Fighters Against British Imperialism



Indian seamen who mutinied against the Royal Indian Navy because of long years of discrimination and exploitation by their British rulers drive through the streets of Bombay at the height of the recent anti-British demonstrations. Civilians joined the seamen in denouncing their oppressors. The imperialist armed forces retaliated by killing 228.

Fighters For Free Egypt Cry 'Down With England'

Twenty Egyptians were killed and 351 injured during two days of anti-British demonstrations in Alexandria. dispersed than new gatherings Crowds, shouting "Down with Bevin!" and "Down with England!" continued into the second day the strikes and parades begun March 4 to®

by the British troops on Feb- the upper floors of the hotel. ruary 21.

A nation-wide general strike called by the National Council of Students and Workers para-Alexandria people began gathering in the streets. Police tried to disperse them with clubs. As

the Atlantic Hotel which is octroops. Some of the demonstrahoisted at the hotel. Policemen brutally clubbed the crowd in futile attempts to disperse it. Then they opened fire on the unarmed demonstrators. The crowd

As they were leaving, someone shouted that the British had and troops. They were no sooner

mourn the martyrs murdered fired on the demonstrators from Braving police fire, the crowd returned, attacked the hotel and set it afire.

The infuriated people barred a fire brigade arriving to extinlyzed all Egypt on March 4. In guish the blaze. The police continued to fire on the crowd and forced it to retreat again. But on leaving the Atlantic Hotel the one gathering was broken up demonstrators set fire to neighanother formed in a nearby boring buildings and a gasoline service station.

On reaching a British military cupied by British officers and torches. The British troops replied by firing on the crowd, tors attempted to seize the flag killing many. In the clash which followed two British soldiers were killed and two were injured.

> police firing into the crowd. The gathering was dispersed. Throughout the day forming groups were fired on by police

While these demonstrations were occurring in Alexandria, a general strike tied up the rest of Egypt. Stores, theaters and night clubs were closed. Transport and newspapers were shut down. In an attempt to prevent pa-

rades in Cairo, reinforced police and troops arrested 800 persons on orders of Premier Ismail Sidky

In many places throughout Egypt the protest strikes continued on March 5.

ish property, the reactionary Premier flew to Alexandria. kiosk, the angry Egyptians again | When he tried to drive through workers in England sent a letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer Publishers | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer | In mid-morning a huge crowd letter to Pioneer | In mid-morning a huge crowd They set the kiosk afire with his car. He was forced to return to the Governor's building.

The British threatened that any "recurrence of attacks on British property or citizens would force Britain to take stern meas-The Egyptian army joined the

Just as in India and Indonesia, Britain's answer to the fighters for freedom in Egypt is brutal repression and savage machine-

India's battle for independence from imperialist Britain is widening. In the past week a whole series of fresh demonstrations swept the seething sub-continent. And as the British despots frantically rushed troops from one outbreak to another, American soldiers held in India found themselves being moved step? by step in a most ominous

olutionary vortex. In the greatest demonstration New Delhi, India's capital, has seen since 1942, 20,000 Indians thronged through the streets, protesting the Governmentsponsored "victory week" celebration over the results of World War II. United States troops were ordered to join the hated British in the parade. As a result, a jeep was halted and an American of-

fashion deeper into the rev-

dier was stoned. Police fired into the dense crowd, killing at least five, and wounding 13. On the following day, March 8, the British moved 'strong" reinforcements into the tense city.

ficer manhandled. Another sol-

AMERICAN TROOPS

Calling attention to the 18 casualties among American GIs during the recent demonstrations in Calcutta, the India League of America wrote to Secretary of War Patterson on January 7 asking the War Department's intentions. "We understand that in anticipation of . . . trouble, the American soldiers stationed in Assam . . . have been given rifles and rounds of live ammunition for drill and target We also understand that there are between 60 to 80,-000 American soldiers still in

admitted that at least 55,000 strike leaders have been arrested. troops were still in India on January 1. GIs in India shortly

has now begun. The Govern-ment of India officially confirm-were raided by demonstrators ed this fact March 3 when police fired on a crowd of starving people seeking food at a rationing office in Southern India. "Famine faces 100,000,000," declared the conservative Foreign Policy Bulletin February 22.

FONTANA DEPUTY SHERIFF RESIGNS

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT LOS ANGELES, March 1 -Deputy Sheriff Joe Glines, who warned O'Day H. Short that he was "out of bounds" in the "white" section of Fontana, Calif., two weeks before a mysterious fire destroyed the Short family, has finally re-

Announcement of his resignation was made immediately following a hearing in the sheriff's office on the Fontana vigilante case, conducted February 13, by a representative of the State Attorney General.

The deputy sheriff quit to go into private business. Sheriff Emmett Shay claimed, and not because of public demands that he resign.

rule is forcing them onto the path of revolution. In Bombay Province 45,000 primary school teachers are out on strike. They demand a wage increase from the present 15 to 20 rupees a month to 30 rupees (\$10). STRIKES SOLID

In Jubbulpore big strikes remain solid. The British generals are considering "courts martial" to discourage other strikes." re-In reply, the War Department ports the press. Jubbulpore

At Ranchi 15 demonstrators were killed March 5. On the thereafter joined the world-wide same day one person was reportdemonstrations to speed up de- ed slain when police fired on a mobilization and get back home. crowd of 4,000 gathered at a The long-predicted famine food supply center in Cheyyar. protesting against a sales tax imposed by the British. Four were killed in Madras on March when a crowd sought food.

The burning hatred of the people for British rule is indicated by the fact that crowds as huge The terrible misery wracking as 200,000 flock to hear orators the Indian people under British demand freedom for India.

Prices Hiked On Food, Disturbed by damage to Brit- Clothing And Housing

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expected go - ahead signal to | mensely inflated prices if they are obliged to buy homes for boost their prices. Simultaneously with this themselves and their families cracking of the price ceilings in food and clothing, an all-out

drive was initiated by the big real estate interests to break the ceilings on housing. Through their powerful lobbies in Washington, these real estate interests have already pressured the Big - Business dominated Congress into yielding to their de-KILL HOUSING SUBSIDY

Last week a coalition of Republicans and Democrats in the

House combined to kill the provision in a Federal housing bill which would grant \$600,000,000 subsidy to hold down price in- at the mercy of speculators and creases on low cost homes. This subsidy, intended to promote the rapid building of 2,700,000 new homes by the end of 1947, would benefit homeless veterans and their families as well as the subsidized manufacturers. By this action the House left

the door open to unlimited price by the monopolist construction interests. The House also voted ceilings on sales of existing homes and building lots. This paves the way for ever higher rentals on existing houses and means that workers and veter-

TRUMAN AIDS INFLATION Mariner Eccles, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, has predicted that these and other price increases in prospect will result in a 10 per cent rise in the cost of living. These actions show that, far from combatting higher prices, Truman's administration is deliberately engaged in aiding Big Business in its drive to amass greater profits. These price hikes threaten to quickly devour the wage gains that workers have won through bitter struggle on the picket lines and to place the workers still more

profiteers.

In the battle against mounting inflation, the workers can rely only upon the independent action of their own unions. A clause in union contracts providing for the ropening of wage negotiations in case of increase iving costs, such as the CIO increases on building materials United Rubber Workers have just won, is a progressive step toward safeguarding the workers against down a proposal to impose price inflation. A rising scale of wages, pegged to the cost of living, is the best way for the workers to combat this method of assault upon their living standards by ans will be forced to pay im- Big Business and its government.

For 'Crime' Of Being in CIO

GENERAL DECIDES

where else . . . '

break up Stars and Stripes. I

ment to "non-sensitive duty."

assigned "sensitive" duty at any ten by soldiers to The Stars and time in the Army. He revealed Stripes. that last January the War Decheck" of all personnel in the Stripes. The order was obviously issued during the time of the world-wide GI protests against the slowdown in demobilization.

SEVEN RESIGN

Arthur's dictatorial action, sev- He intended, he declared, to exen members of the editorial staff ercise his "right" to see that on the Pacific edition of the nothing "subversive" was print-Stars and Stripes asked to be ed. transferred off the paper.

treatment to which a man can power in the case of The Stars try, half under Russian rule, be subjected," his transfer would and Stripes. serve "the interests of the peo- A Marine summed up the in- sion."

forces when he wrote of the North China Marine as follows: It "has been made into a military house organ . . . We think News censorship by the big we can demand freedom of the press. Someone told us that the Marine Corps is still a part of commanding general in the the United States, and the Unit-Col. E. J. Dwan, MacArthur's Mediterranean theatre, admitted ed States is still a democracy. Is this true?

To prevent the slightest leak General Lee recently screwed of requiring approval by the Col. Dwan asserted that neith- Rome area commander before ian life."

Koreans in New York City

commemorating the 27th anniversary of the Korean "Declaration of Independence" in 1919, received the following keynote message from Col. Ben C. Limb, Chairman of the Korean Commission in Washington: "(This Anniversary) is another milehalf under American supervi-

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For every American casualty

of World War II, Wall Street cash registers rang up another \$55,000 blood profits. Over a million American workers fell on wrote the officer in charge stat- Since, "some fellow has to de- it should be, a day of joy, for foreign battlefields, while their families and friends back home lions of net profits for the cor-

Generals Purge News Staff dignation of men in the armed

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removing the men. However, dis- ple who are attempting to consatisfaction among the ranks trol Pacific Stars and Stripesapparently forced him to take and seem to be succeeding." more moderate action. The men were transferred to Yokohama brass is not restricted to Tokyo. instead of Okinawa for reassign- Lieut. Gen. John C. H. Lee, U. S.

inspector general, investigated The Stars and Stripes "is not a the charges and in support of his free newspaper." chief's high-handed ruling stated: "It is evidenced that each in the tight censorship on news has held membership in the na- not approved by the high brass, tion-wide Communist party and has at times flavored his public the lid down tighter than ever writings with Communistic before. He instituted the policy

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On the heels of General Mac- say on what could be printed.

Sgt. Henry L. Moore, one of sion, the General said that no

The N. Y. Times, Wall Street's authoritative spokesman, wholeheartedly approved muzzling of Army newspapers. A March 8 Times editorial stated. "We do not see . . . how the enlisted men who are its staff can expect, or should have, the same freedom of expression that would be allowed them in civil-

With callous cynicism the Times thus publicly acknowledges that the policy of the War Arrogantly flaunting his pow-Department is in complete harer General Lee told staff memmony with that of Big Business. bers and other newsmen: "I can

can order all these men some-"Independence" Day

In the tradition of Prussian military autocrats. General Lee proclaimed that he had the final As a precedent for his decithe seven, in requesting transfer newspaper prints all the news, stone of sorrow instead of what ing that after two years "of the cide what is to be printed," he Korea is neither free nor indemost undemocratic, inconsistent intends to retain such censoring pendent. It is an occupied coun-

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

-Leon Trotsky

"Third Party" Or A Real Labor Party?

More and more workers are becoming disgusted and disillusioned with Democratic and Republican parties of Big Business. They are looking forward to the creation of an independent labor party based upon the trade unions which can effectively fight against the forces of capitalist reaction.

This growing revulsion against the capitalist parties is forcing some misleaders of the working people to pay lip-service to the demand for independent labor political action while actually working to keep the masses shackled to the capitalist political machines and their policies,

The leaders of the Communist (Stalinist) Party are in the forefront of those who are offering the workers "substitutes" for a genuine labor party. For years the Stalinists have been giving servile support to the Democratic administration. In New York and elsewhere they have made the most unprincipled deals with both Democratic and Republican political servants of Big Business. Now they are beginning to talk about the need for a "third

At the same time the Stalinists ferociously attack the movement for an independent labor party. Their chief target is the Trotskyists who are the most consistent champions of the Labor Party. For example, in the February 1946 Political Affairs, Stalinist theoretical organ, Max Weiss attacks the "Trotskyites" for "fighting for a 'labor party', that is, a party of labor alone!"

The Stalinists call for a "Third Party." They hope to divert and discredit the movement for a Labor Party. Instead of basing any new party on the trade unions, they want to place it under the control of bankrupt capitalist politicians like Henry Wallace and careerists and adventurers like Johannes Steel. The Stalinists want merely a third party pressure-grouping to use for bargaining with the two major parties.

The organized American workers have shown their tremendous power in the recent great strike struggles. They have demonstrated that they can win the leadership of all the oppressed and exploited. The 14,000,000 organized workers together with their families and friends constitute the overwhelming majority of the people. They are fully capable of creating a labor party which can not only speak for the workers in Congress but end the rule of Wall Street and put labor in power.

The capitalist rulers of America are terrified at this prospect. That is why the Stalinists, who oppose and sabotage the Labor Party movement in favor of a "third party" hodge-podge, are playing the game of Big Business.

Ship Steal

The capitalist press, in buried and tiny items, reported on March 8 that President Truman had signed the "Ship Sales" Bill, cynically described by the Associated Press as "spelling out the method of disposing of an estimated 17 billion dollars worth of surplus war-built merchant ships."

What the bill really "spells out" the January 12 Militant revealed in an exclusive expose. This is a monumental swindle of not less than six billion dollars by the rapacious ship operators.

The bill provides that the 55-million ton government-built merchant fleet shall be "disposed of" to private shipping combines and speculators at prices ranging down to 311/2 per cent of "prewar domestic cost."

The bill was written by the operators themselves. It provides that their agents on the Maritime Commission shall determine what any ship is worth in terms of "prewar costs." This means that hundreds of ships built at public expense are to be handed over virtually as a gift to the profit-hungry ship owners.

The language of the bill is so complex and obscure that it can be interpreted any way the ship operators and their government agents desire. Three members of the Maritime Commission, which will handle the "disposal," recently resigned after it was discovered that the commission records contained a "slight error" of more than five billion dollars—to the advantage of the operators.

This brazen grand-scale ship robbery writ-

ten into law and signed by Truman, has been almost completely concealed by Congress and the Big Business press. The bill was quietly slicked through Congress just before last Christmas and truly reflected the Christmas spirit felt by the capitalist legislators toward the shipping pirates.

Compared to this ship steal, the much-publicized Pauley oil scandal is just small-town boarding house intrigue. In the instance of the "Ship Sales" Bill, however, the ship lobby and their government agents have succeeded in carrying through their piratical scheme without public disclosure.

Once again, by their domination of the government, the Big Business interests have made a "legal" grab of a huge slice of the public wealth. Such robbery could never be perpetrated under the Trotskyist program for government operation under workers' control, of government-built and idle plants and equip-

Food Is A Weapon

As a result of the devastation wrought by World War II, millions of men, women and children throughout the world are dying of starvation and disease.

The capitalist rulers of the United States and the other big powers are taking advantage of this appalling misery for their own reactionary ends. They are using the threat of withholding food and medicine to bludgeon the people into accepting governments favorable to the Allies. They use relief to fortify dictatorial and reactionary capitalist regimes.

Imperialism is thus using hunger as a weapon against the European workers and colonial peoples, just as employers use hunger against striking workers in this country.

Herbert Lehman, director of the UNRRA, hopes to repeat the performance of Herbert Hoover, head of the American Relief Administration, which played the same role after the first World War. Now Hoover himself has been named honorary chairman of the Famine Emergency Committee.

From 1919 to 1922 the ARA served as a vicious instrument in the hands of the Allies. The masses were hungry, cold and sick. The ARA withheld food from famished but rebellious peoples while shipping vast quantities of supplies to the bloody regimes of "Butcher" Mannerheim in Finland, Pilsudski in Poland and the Horthy dictatorship in Hungary.

Allied food and supplies were especially used to aid the counter-revolutionary forces attacking the Soviet Union, while the beleaguered workers' state was blockaded.

Today in Greece, UNRRA hands over food and clothing to the puppet government there which sells it on the black market at fabulous prices. Thus the famished, disease-ridden people of Europe are again being lashed into acceptance of dictatorial governments by the sharp pangs of hunger. It is an elementary obligation of the American working people to demonstrate their solidarity with the starving workers of other lands. The American labor and farmer organizations should undertake the collection of supplies to be rushed abroad immediately.

But we must make sure it goes to the working masses and not to their enemies. Consequently American labor must insist that control over the administration and distribution of all supplies, including those sent by the government, be placed exclusively in the hands of the workers' organizations in the faminestricken areas.

Rubber Union's Victory

The CIO United Rubber Workers of America has won what is unquestionally the outstanding contract settlement of any major union in this period. Its terms are reported on the first page of this issue of The Militant.

This contract not only provides the greatest single wage gain secured for the workers of any big industry—a total of 24 cents an hour. But this wage increase was obtained without making a single concession to the union-weakening demands of the corporations.

There were no "company security" clauses smuggled into the contract to permit the corporations to victimize union militants and undermine the locals.

Moreover, the contract was so written as to permit the union to reopen the wage fight at any time in order to resist the inflation aimed at robbing the workers of their wage gains.

And be it noted, this contract was negotiated without any interference or "assistance" from capitalist government agencies.

How was this accomplished?

The heart of the rubber union is the big Akron locals with a long record of militant struggle. Throughout the war, the Akron unionists stubbornly resisted the provocations of the corporations.

In the spring and summer of 1945, while the war was in progress, the Akron rubber plants witnessed a series of militant strikes, climaxed by the Goodyear walkout which led to a government plant "seizure."

The local Akron union leaders are experienced and tested trade union militants who have earned the trust of the workers because of their fighting qualities. Three of these local leaders were on the top negotiating com-

The rubber corporations—and there are none tougher or more arrogant-knew that the rubber workers were prepared for a battle and meant business. Many a fighting picket line has taught the rubber barons to respect the power of the union. And they knew what to expect if the rubber workers, inspired by the great strike struggles of this period, hit the picket lines.

Because the rubber workers depended solely on the independent power of the union, because they not only talked fight but meant fight, they secured an outstanding and inspiring triumph.



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diers "has not yet been told in which followed Armistice Day af- he fails to point out that this ter the last war. Many of the basic disease has its source in the SICK AND WOUNDED VICTIMS 350,000 courts - martial cases class divisions and oppression Wilson states that many sick which took place then "involved within capitalist society itself. soldiers are among those brutally incredibly stupid charges and in- The "Injustice of Military Jusmistreated, as well as soldiers conceivably cruel punishments." just out of hospitals, soldiers He gives typical examples of such of the whole system of class just-

neurotic conditions. Soldiers are the victimized soldiers saw com-

of the worst AEF chain gangs court," states the author of this A dishonorable discharge was set up on November 11, 1918.

> After the last war, just as now, sadistic officers responsible for and even rewarded by the army and the highest governmental CAPITALIST CLASS JUSTICE

Wilson demands a series of reforms of the army and its military law. He calls for democratization of West Point and education for soldiers regarding military law in the form of a popular booklet. He wants privates to serve in courts-martial cases now decided by the big brass. He TWO STANDARDS OF JUSTICE suggests a public investigation of in World War II, in which radio vite veterans and GIs to come before investigators with their grievances.

armed forces. Although Wilson Wilson points out the lessons does state that "such abuses are ice" is in reality an integral part ice under capitalist rule.

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PROBLEMS FACING **WAR VETERANS**

-By CHARLES CARSTEN-

What Happened to 'Full Employment?'

During the long, monotonous years in the armed forces, men dreamed about how they would like to live on their return to civilian life. They thought about their wives, homes and children, about steak dinners, movies, baseball games and automobile trips to the country on week-ends.

For many veterans, realization of their dreams must seem more distant and less likely now than it did when they were fighting in Africa, Europe or the Far East.

More than a million veterans are drawing the \$20 a week "readjustment" allowance. They are unemployed. Prospects for the future are not very bright. By spring, officials estimate 6,000,000 ex-GIs will be unemployed.

What has the government done to provide jobs for these men who only yesterday were "promised" economic security?

The so-called "Full Employment Bill," a mere gesture in the direction of solving the problem, was vicjously opposed and cut to pieces by Congressmen. Wall Street's agents in Washington even insisted on changing the name to "The Employment Act of 1946" so that no one would get the impression that jobs for all were in any sense intended by Congress. In its final emasculated form, the "Employment Act" satisfied the bitterest opponents of the original bill. They said that "there is nothing in the (amended) bill with which anyone could disagree." It is absolutely meaningless.

Some veterans get jobs, jobs that offer neither conomic security nor a living wage. Three or four million veterans, who had no prior claim to jobs, are working for scandalously low wages. Pay rates below 65 cents an hour are common.

What has Congress done? Congress has delayed consideration of a bill which would make 65 cents an hour the minimum wage. Evyn this starvation pay is considered too high for workers by these reactionary servants of Wall Street.

Only the Unions Fight for GIs

Only the trade unions have fought in the interest of the ex-GIs. During the few months since the war ended, union after union has struck for decent-wages. It is not only the present union members who stand to gain by the wage increases they are winning. GIs will return to better paid jobs because the unions are fighting to raise the wages of

The CIO demands enactment by Congress of a

minimum wage law. And it goes further than that in its fight for the veterans, The CIO is demanding that the government loan

money directly to veterans who wish to buy a farm or open a small business.

The CIO is pressing Congress to raise unemployment compensation for veterans to \$25 a week with \$5 additional for each dependent up to three. It urges payment of unemployment compensation for ex-GIs who are on strike.

The CIO is demanding government aid for veterans who wish to return to high school. It insists on elimination of the 25-year age limit on educational benefits. It calls for the raising of government subsidies to student veterans up to \$90 a month plus \$25 a month for each dependent up to three.

To solve the housing needs of workers and veterans, the CIO is fighting for slum-clearance and greatly-expanded, low-cost housing financed by the state and federal government.

These are only a few examples illustrating the concern the unions have for the welfare of veterans. Despite all the deficiencies in the present policies and program of the unions, which we have pointed out in this column, organized labor has shown itself to be the only real force fighting in the interest of the veterans.

Insurance Bribe Case Lobbyist Heads RFC

- By Jeff Thorne -

The oil scandal that broke with Truman's nomination of oil lobbyist Edwin Pauley for Navy Undersecretary revealed no exceptional or accidental aspect of capitalist politics. It uncovered a typical example of the whole pattern of American machine politics under the Democratic and Republican parties of Wall Street. Most "Pauley incidents," however, are successfully hushed up.

That such "incidents" may crop up more frequently under Truman can be expected, because he is a thorough-going Democratic machine politician and a graduate of the notorious Pendergast school of graft in Missouri.

One of Truman's first acts as President was to fire Maurice Milligan, the U.S. District Attorney, who in 1939 had jailed Truman's old pal, Boss Tom Pendergast of Kansas City, for bribery. Also Truman accomplished a political pay-off that he had unsuccessfully attempted several times as Senator and as vice-president. He got a \$6,200-a-year State Department job for a Pendergast nephew.

And right while the Pauley case was so hot, another job for a Pendergast-tainted appointment was quietly approved by the Senate. George Allen, vicepresident of an insurance company that bribed Pendergast, was confirmed as Director of the Government's Reconstruction Finance Corporation. At the same time, he was allowed to continue numerous Big Business positions. Drew Pearson, Washington columnist, reviewed Allen's link with the Pendergast insurance bribe case.

Missouri's fire insurance companies had offered Pendergast \$750,000 to help them hang onto \$9.676. 000 excess rates they had been forced to impound during court proceedings. The money really belonged, of course, to policy holders, but by a compromise in the case the companies were allowed to

Fourteen companies had paid Pendergast \$330,000 when a Government probe stopped the game. During the probe, in 1938, one of the largest companies made George Allen vice-president. This charming lobbyist admitted he knows nothing about insurance but he does "know how to get into the Executive Mansion at almost any time of day or night" since be was a former WPA administrator with White House "connections."

When the same fire insurance companies were under federal indictment for violating the Anti-Trust Act, the House rushed through a bill to exempt them from the Act's provisions. The Justice Department compromised the case. Nice lobbying-and the best recommendation Allen could have had for his new job so far as Truman and the Senate were concerned

Congressmen At Work

If there's one thing Wall Street's Congressmen pride themselves on, it's their ability to run the country. They maintain that the organized workers could never handle government affairs right and they laugh real loud whenever anyone suggests trying out socialism to see if it wouldn't pull the nation out of the mess into which capitalism has brought it. But even these experts are not immune to a slight error now and then. Thus Senator Aiken of Vermont pointed out a minor discrepancy the year 1943:

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Street: "Ours is a very fallible world, a fallible President, a other day in the books of the was not accusing anybody of any- fallible court, and we have fall-Maritime Commission for the thing, Aiken made clear what he ible citizens. There are even fallthought of the three Admirals in ible Senators and fallible news-"Do Members of the Senate charge of these funds who re- papers. The world was cast in still think that the juggling of cently hastily made up their the mold and in the circumaccounts to the tune of \$5,822, minds to get off the Maritime stance of fallibility. But I know a73,498,50 (that's billions). Commission: "The three ad- of no serious mistake having is a matter to be dealt with light- mirals left. I do not believe the been made by the men to whom I fact that they were admirals have referred, namely, Admiral To really make Congress pay had anything to do with this Land and Admiral Vickery. I

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WORKERS' FORUM

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.

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"Fascism-What Is it?" as well

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Indian Famine Took

The February 23 issue of The

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head "Famine in India Threat-

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The Toledo Auto-Lite Strike:

REPORT OF A PARTICIPANT

The Workers' Answer to the Depression

FRIDAY, March 22, 8 p.m.

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10 Million Lives

Good skidding, Sasha.

Auto Worker Exposes Boss Scheme to Divide **Negroes and Whites** Editor:

I am a reader of The Militant. I belong to CIO Auto Workers' Local 25, St. Louis, Missouri. We are striking for better working conditions. I would like to see a write-up on the St. Louis plants of Chevrolet and Fisher Body.

The Negroes here are denied the rights to have a committeeman at Chevrolet and Fisher Body, both in the same Local 25. We think that a Negro understands his people better than anyone else. He will also stick his neck out further for his people than anyone else will.

At Chevrolet there are two departments that Negroes can work in. At Fisher Body there is only one department for Negroes. We are interested in more equal opportunities for Negroes, since we are trying to get better living conditions for all workers.

Management tells the white man that the Negro wants his job. And when the Negro goes to management to try to get a better job, management tells him that the white man does not want to work with him, and that that the Bengal famine of 1943he is "afraid to put you two together" because there would be misunderstanding." should be exposed. There will then be a better understanding between white and black, and more unity.

St. Louis

Bureaucrat 'Forgets' Socialist Principles Editor:

Charles Zimmerman, manager of Local 22. ILGWU (New York), spoke here at the Labor Educa- by students' organizations, and tional Center, February 17, on estimating the extent of the star-"My Ten Weeks Trip to Europe." vation. By far the greater part

The audience, a sprinkling of of the deaths occurred in Benpetty-bourgeois and labor bu- gal, so that the official governreaucrats, together with a number of serious workers still lulled lion deaths does not belong in by the sing-song of unprincipled our paper. labor soothsayers, heard Zimmerman speak of his experiences as statistics on the question, bea delegate from the Jewish La- cause in India itself it is one of bor Committe in the war-torn the most disputed points, or countries of Europe.

Zimmerman talked in a monotonous fashion. Only toward Stalinists, tended to accept govthe close did he display any feeling. He dwelt fleetingly on the proximation of them. I found horrors that Nazism let loose on that I could gauge a man's genhumanity as a whole, and the eral political orientation by ask-He spent considerable time in describing the postwar conditions that would confront those who were released from the concentration camps or survived the Nazi ter- Brass Hat Hypocrisy ror. He praised the Scandinavian countries for their humanitarianism and only mildly criticized the Allied countries for their selfish attitude in keeping the doors closed to emigres.

In the same breath, while he was describing the spread of For More Negro Soldiers." Big anti-Semitism over Europe, he added that he had met with the Prime Minister of Poland who had promised him that laws against anti-Semitism would be enacted there soon!

It is amazing to learn that Mr. Zimmerman would take the word of a political opportunist that dom-demanding Negroes in Fonhe would or could ban anti-Sem- tana, California, or Long Island, itism - because Zimmerman New York, but I seriously doubt should know full well the eco- if we'll see a wild rush by Nenomic basis for racial prejudice. gro youth to the recruiting of-And in any case, how could he fices. To add insult to injury, the take as good coin the word of a Brass-Board (with a wink topuppet politician?

The same Zimmerman, known doubt!) makes clear that presyears ago as "Sasha," who led ent War Department policies will the left opposition in the ILGWU, after passing through the Communist-Stalinist tribe, through the Lovestone movement, and by whites"—JIM CROW in plain trading in principles wound up in a soft chair at the round table of labor bureaucrats, now has degenerated still further. He is engaged in peddling the promises of equally degenerated European politicians among the Jewish

Sasha has forgotten the lessons of Socialism that racial and

religious prejudices and discrim- Strikes Equalize ination are tools in the hands of capitalism to keep workers All Workers

separated and in conflict with Editor: each other, so that Big Business

In the February 23 issue of can remain in power. Forgotten The Militant appeared a conare the high-ringing slogans that tinued article entitled "Diary of Sasha used to hurl from the podium. Sasha feels very comforta Steel Worker," by T. Kovaleable in his present "respectasky. In this supposed letter to a bility." Like the others who used fellow steel worker, comments to decry against the real socialare made about how workers were ism of the Trotskyists-like Gitsupposed to be sleepy and slow low, Budenz, and Browder-he has slipped into the ranks of bein the past, and how these same trayers, as an apologist for capworkers are now awake to challenge and resist the present conditions in which the workers However, my evening was not have found themselves. lost, because Comrade Newell and

Workers have the same faults, virtues and desires as other hu-Party pamphlet and Trotsky's man beings, and during the war they were all lulled to sleep by assurance of high earnings that vere possible on war jobs. They bragged about them, and spent freely. To be sure a few did wake up occasionally at a union meeting to present a personal grievance, which they expected to be adjusted or corrected by other union members. In other words, the union was used as a means of personal advancement to a few instead of a benefit to the many who also paid dues.

However, when the war came to an end, all workers were faced shevik-Leninist Party of India is six million; this figure can equalized all workers.

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Anna Sager,

Freeport's Jim-Crow Ghetto--A Scene Of Squalor And Filth

Few people except the Negroes forced to live there know 44 took a million and a half with reduced earnings because how terrible living conditions are of shorter hours, and the need in Bennington Park, the Jim for striking in order to increase Crow ghetto of Freeport, Long The official government figure their earnings to meet increased Island. The murder of the Ferfor all of India is, I believe, one living costs. It is these strikes guson brothers has turned a light that have compelled all wokers on Freeport's vicious anti-Negro police. to stick together and to be loyal policies; but the day-by-day to each other for a common pur- atrocity of forcing people to live pose. It is strikes that have in filth and squalor, still hasn't been told.

> There are 1,300 Negroes living ority were always certain of their in Bennington Park-243 famil- Editor: jobs, with no thought to those ies, with some 400 children. Only who had to be laid off because 39 of the families are home ownthey had worked the shortest ers. The other 204 families rent time. But during a strike they all houses — if you can call them have taken vacations of equal that. Most of the homes are miserable, broken-down fire-A comparison or study of the traps. There is hardly such a after affects of previous wars, thing as a bath tub or an inwill reveal whether or not human side toilet. In one place, investibeings are supposed to make gators found six outside toilets blood money out of war, and less than 100 feet from a wellwhether it is possible for this the well from which residents money to be of permanent bene- still have to pump their drink-

small businesses. Labor leaders cheap, either! The average ren- A vast majority of our workers have all learned how difficult it tal is \$10 a room. Families are One three- and II. crowded together. story frame building, for Toledo, Ohio instance, houses six families, a

total of 27 persons, and yields \$110 a month to its owner.

Not only are Negro familic forced to live in filthy, rundov. ghettos, but, like the Fergus: brothers, they are always in dar ger of outrages and assaults an even murder by the Jim Crov Freeport, L. 1.

Challenges Red Cross To Aid GM Workers

The Red Cross claims it is eady to help victims of all disasters quickly and efficiently. I wonder if this will have any application to the GM workers who have been on strike 102 days at this writing (March 2)?

Kindly take note, Chairman Charles J. Fagg! The GM militant workers who number about 225,000 had from four to forty hours' pay, at an average of \$1 an hour, deducted from their pay envelope each year for the Red Cross during our four war years. are veterans of World Wars I

Richard McCoy, N. Arlington, N. J.

Veteran Calls For Mass Protests Against Atom Bomb 'Experiment

This Spring somewhere in the Call For Negro Gls This is really one for the out a so-called "laboratory test" books: "4-General Board Asks deal! After Jim Crowing thoudollars, if not their lives, and may destroy the present civilizasands of Negro soldiers in the tion. This is nothing but a fien-"democratic" army during the dish scheme of Washington and war, the Brass cordially invites Negro youth to step right up and

They may be murdering free-It shows very plainly to what concessions. It is admitted the leading atomic research scientists of the world ward Bilbo and Rankin, no scientist said that the underexplosions could cause a tidal The present policies-"separate facilities for Negroes and say nothing of the smaller is-

Georgian. And this is the paylands of the Pacific! off, a clincher in first-rate hy-Even in the government's ranks pocrisy: the concluding statethere is fear and uncertainty. ment of the Board says that the The US Air Force published a policy it recommends is "consisstatement saying that the Air tent with the democratic ideals Force is not interested in stagupon which the nation and its ing a test to see what atomic representative Army are based." bombs can do against surface Sam Taylor ships. The Air Force states that NEXT STEP-USSR? Madison, Wisc. battleships and smaller craft can be sunk and destroyed easily enough by ordinary bombs, and that atomic bombs should be reserved for industrial targets. I George Grant, Cleveland SWP Organizer

> killing two birds with one stone. HALT WAR-MONGERS

their test on some Chinese city

that is controlled by Red troops,

I am a veteran of this war and saw it all the way through. I've had enough war for one lifetime at least. I want to call on all veterans to get together on a common program to stop this war-mongering. One way is to flood Washington with letters letting them know how you feel about this insane experiment with a weapon that could easily destroy the world. Put this subject on the floor at your veterans' meetings and have your

organization protest directly to President Truman. Although he Pacific at a place called Bikini is just a speaker for Wall Street. Lagoon, the Navy and Air Force enough pressure will force him of the United States will carry to act. Bring it up at your trade union meetings and have them which will cost the people of this protest formally. Enough prescountry hundreds of millions of sure on this question may save the world.

The atomic bomb is a threat to the world that we cannot ignore. I am surprised that the Wall Street to aid their imperial- public hasn't done something ist program by terrorizing other about it already. The public seems to be so afraid of this thing we know so little about, that extent this government will go they are willing to leave its fat in order to gain capitalist in the hands of people who "know a little more." Well, no one knows much more

about it than the general public. that neither they nor anyone As for hoping the UNO will do else know what this folly will something about your safety—the bring to humanity. One leading UNO is far in the lead in the war-mongering field, and with water concussions of these atomic this weapon at its disposal would be twice as dangerous. Nothingwave that may destroy all coastal can ever come out of the UNO cities throughout the world, to but more wars and imperialist expansion, more oppression for the workers of the world. The UNO was set up to aid the capitalists and to repress the workers' revolutions throughout the world. And in its hands, the atomic bomb will be used to smash the fight for independence of the colonial countries.

If this test in the Pacific is allowed to go through, and it doesn't destroy the world, the next step will be a test on Russia, probably also under the laam surprised they don't make bel of "laboratory test." Last night a radio commentator (speaking unofficially for the government) gave a list of bases

> TACOMA Public Meeting "Prosperity or Depression?"

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from which we could fly a load of atomic bombs to Russia, drop the bombs and return non-stop flight. But, he added, the US and England would probably have difficulty just at this time leading their troops back into war because we have just finished a war.

He also said we have nothing to fear from Russia because we have the atomic bomb and Russia doesn't. At every turn this weapon is a menace to the peace of the world. If these war-mon- It is impossible to gauge the imgers are allowed to continue along pact on the workers' receptive with Russia, and possibly destruction of the entire world.

workers' state and they are Betty Grable and John Payne deathly afraid of a workers' state and bearing the moral, "with because its very existence encourages all workers to fight for a workers' world. The capitalists would much rather destroy the world with atomic bombs than have the workers take control. And if we don't take things into our own hands, they WILL

Let's get together on a program to curb these labor-hating war-mongers before it is too late. Let's stop the Pacific bomb experiment, and all other destructive developments of atomic energy. Develop it for a better way of life, not for war.

J. Eager. New York City

Pioneer Notes

Almost every mail brings u letters from our friends abroad. letters which bring the awful destruction of the war very close. They write especially of the destruction of their libraries-collections of Marxist literature which, in many cases, took a lifetime to collect.

One friend from Holland "There is a great inter- play and sell The Militant. est for good socialist literature in Holland. There is real reading-hunger."

Another friend from Amsterdam wrote requesting us to send him The Revolution Betrayed, The First Five Years of the Communist International, The History of American Trotskyism and Negroes in the Post War World. He writes: "I am very interested in obtaining these works. We have no other opportunity of purchasing revolutionary literature.'

And from Melbourne, Australia, we have this letter: "At present L. Trotsky's works are not available for purchase in Australia and Rosa Luxemburg's are not even obtainable in the libraries. I am extremely anxious to obtain copies of the books of hese Marxists, particularly those to inquire if you are still pubshing them."

And from London, immediately upon the receipt of a large order of the two new books, Revo-Five Years of the Communist International we hear: "It was a Militant weekly. day of great excitement to see to many books of the Old Man. Needless to say we shall have no difficulty in selling them to our members (The Revolutionary Communist Party) but there is still a great market outside the membership of the party."

The Revolution Betrayed, by Leon Trotsky, clothbound \$2; paperbound \$1.

The First Five Years of the Communist International, by Leon Trotsky, clothbound \$2.50: paperbound \$1.50.

Order from Pioneer Publishers, 16 University Place, New York

Youth Group **Activities**

NEW YORK — The 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..

Harlem: Every Monday, 8 pim., 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.

Movie Reviews

By Marxists Needed

Today, whether we like it or not, the American worker receives his political education (or, more properly, miseducation) neither from the prostitute press, nor from Marxian polemics, but rather in double feature doses at the neighborhood theater. At least once a week he escapes his cramped three-room proletarian world and loses himself in the lush glitter and tinsel of bour-

geois Hollywood. It is the ideally

contrived escape for the fatigued

mind and body.

Any newspaperman knows the yalue of visual propaganda. The newspaper as an agitational weapon is hard-pressed to keep apace of the movies in this area. hese lines it means certain war mind of a few hundred feet of chauvinistic newsreel; a laborbaiting (but oh, so subtly) March The capitalists feel they must of Time, or a stew of idealistic destroy Russia because it is a garbage in technicolor-starring

> Given these premises, The Militant should take under advisement the pros and cons of carrying a movie column. It is a sorry state of affairs when a worker must depend on Stalinist hacks for so-called Marxian analyses of the most potent ideological weapon in the hands of the bourgeoisie today.

hard work comes success.

Bronx, N. Y.

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Subscribe To

tant have mounted steadily in tant. the past few months. An examination of the featured box Where To Buy The Militant" reveals that practically every large city in the country has a number of newsstands that dis-

In addition, reports from our literature agents testify to The of the fact that the former is a Militant's growing popularity and daily. The sales of The Militant increased sales.

Ruth Laurie of Newark writes: 'The Militant has been placed on a number of newsstands in Newark. In one particular working class and business area it has gotten very good newsstand display, and many people have inquired about it and bought copies. Three of these people became regular customers of The Militant, and in the course of the sub campaign these three readers secured subs to the paper through the store owner. They had never come across the paper before seeing it on this newsstand

"Others have bought the paper now and then, and also copies of Trotsky. Hence I am writing of Fourth International, which were placed on display for the first time. It's interesting to note that in years past this store sold three or more copies of the Daily Worker every day, and now lution Betrayed and The First sells but one a day. The stand however sells three copies of The

"It's a good idea to get The Militant on as many neighborhood newsstands as possible, as well as those downtown and in bookstores that carry periodicals and papers. Today innumer able union offices welcome The Militant and we mustn't forget to get our paper in the reading centers, the barber shops and the libraries, too."

I. London of Cleveland sends the prize note of the week: "During a recent Pressmen's Strike in Cleveland, lasting about 5 weeks. we began placing The Militant on newsstands and in drugstores. We were hampered for a time by the lack of an automobile, but nevertheless got the ball rolling and by the end of the strike had the paper placed in 13 spots.

Newsstand sales of The Mili- | we sold 800 copies of The Mili-

"A goodly number of these stands will continue to sell The Militant and sell increasingly large numbers, too.

"We checked one newsstand that also handled the Daily Worker and found that The Militant sold almost as many, in spite were 350 copies, whereas -the Daily Worker, including Sunday were 400."

Dorothy Lessing of Baltimore writes: "We have put The Militant on five newsstands: three in the center of the city, two on East Baltimore Street. The paper is going well on both stands in the latter area particularly. We distributed about 150 copies of The Militant in the neighborhood of these stands, advertising the fact that it could be bought in the neighborhood. We had also concentrated on an area not far from these stands during the sub campaign, The section is a working-class one, and in addition these stands display the paper very well. Any or all of these factors may account for the success of sales there."

Libby Jones of Buffalo sent us this interesting item: "One of the Bethlehem strikers told a comrade: 'I can always tell on the picket-line and at the union meetings which are the guys who read The Militant. They're the best guys'."

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party are vying with one another for representation in the statistics section of this column. Some of the leading

Local New York-62 six-month and 26 one-year renewals in addition to 28 six-month and 7 one-year new subscriptions. Pittsburgh-11 six-month and

one-year new subscription. Connecticut — 26 six 10nth new subscriptions—many of these were sold to striking workers. Minneapolis-8 six-month and one-year renewals.

Philadelphia - 10 six-month and 3 one-year renewals in addition to 4 six-month and 1 one-The last four days of the strike year new subscription.

OUR PROGRAM:

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

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

A rising scale of wages! Increase wages to meet the increased cost of living! Government operation of all idle and governmentbuilt plants under workers' control!

Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages during the entire period of unemploy-

2. Independence of the trade unions from the government!

No restriction on the right to strike!

3. Organization of the war veterans by the trade unions!

4. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

Down with Jim Crow!

5. Build an independent labor party!

6. Tax the rich, not the poor!

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

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions! Trade union wages for all workers in the armed

8. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

9. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

Join the Socialist Workers Party!

116 University Place New York 3, New York I would like:

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

☐ To join the Socialist Workers Party.

☐ To obtain further information about your or-

☐ To attend meetings and forums of the Socialist Workers Party in my city.

SWP Branches Greet "Militant" Fund Drive With Enthusiasm, Campaign Director Reports

By Justine Lang Campaign Director

With this week's issue of The Militant we are opening the campaign to raise \$15,000 needed to maintain our 8page paper and extend its circulation.

The great role The Militant 3 of thousands of new readers.

ers Party are mobilizing behind our quota. this campaign and in every case have accepted quotas, their part | a very low paying job and a famin making this goal a reality. In | ily with two children to support, fact, Local New York voluntarily pledged \$5, and indicated that raised its quota from \$3,000 to he would try to contribute anoth-\$3,500 in an action unanimously er \$5 before the campaign was approved by the Local's Convention held last week.

to raise our local quota," said getting contributions from sym-Comrade Thomas, organizer of Local New York, "in order to lists etc. come to the aid of those comrades in other centers who have and have drawn no pay."

MANY IDEAS

An indication of the serious and selg-sacrificing attitude in the \$15,000 fund drive is expressed in this note from Comrade Florence Bronze, organizer of the Harlem Branch of Local New

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played during the recent strike workers. Our comrades are the struggles, and the warm response | most oppressed and exploited secreceived from the workers, make tion of the working class, but it imperative for us to reach tens | feel very keenly the responsibility of this obligation, and will do Branches of the Socialist Work- everything possible to go over

"One of our comrades who has concluded.

"Many ideas were presented We consider it our obligation such as running socials, dances, pathizers, taking out collection

"We will act on many of these ideas and are confident we will been on strike for many weeks meet our portion of Local New York's quota."

From Minneapolis we received the following note: "We have set up a committee of three members to direct collection of this fund. We are confident we can fulfill our quota."

YOUTH PLEDGE

An indication of the youth sentiment of the Militant fund drive tablished only since October, and is revealed in this letter from Grace Wayne, Campaign Director of the Trotskyist Youth Group in New York: "Our group has accepted its quota of \$50 and results are already forthcoming. We understand the need for funds is great and want to do everything possible to help.

operate to the fullest extent of our capacity. We are confident we can surpass our goal."

Militant fund collection lists are being sent to all SWP branches. We plan to circulate these lists among Militant readers and subscribers, shopmates and friends and have them help us in a tangible way to successfully complete our fund drive. Readers and friends who wish to help us may obtain these lists by writing to Business Manager, 116 University Place, New York 3.

Next week's scoreboard will list the sums received from various sections. The deadline for acknowledgment in the column of the succeeding week will be Thursday. Money received after Thursday's deadline will be credited to the following week's to-

quotas, there is no doubt but that our \$15,000 Fund Drive will be realized. Full steam ahead!



"We pledge ourselves to this cause and will undertake to co-'Most Worthwhile,' Offers Aid

A short time ago, we received a subscription from a small Ohio community. Interested in learning how The Militant had reached this new reader, we asked where he the manner of one imparting a had received it. His warm and friendly reply proves anew that workers instantly recognize The Militant as their own

"I found it (The Militant) at the Willys Overland Motors plant in Toledo . . . I am an active member of the United Auto Workers CIO, Local 12, of Toledo.

"I trust this letter will explain . . . how your organization has succeeded in the distribution of this most worthwhile undertaking.

"If I can be of any further help to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time." (signed) C. W.

ceptances of the SWP branch keep The Militant going into homes and factories by con- brains out to get a raise and atrocities against the Negro tributing to our \$15,000 fund. We know C. W. will aid us. finally getting the raise, only community in Columbia, Ten-Will you? Use the coupon below.

Letters From The Strike Fronts Testify To "Militant's" Picket--Line Popularity so good.

The Militant has played an important part in the cur- times they take an additional | NEWARK rent great strike struggles of American workers. From coast | copy for a friend. We have learnto coast it has been received by the strikers as their own ed that many discussions go on

paper. Our \$15,000 fund will occuld subscribe. Among the steel workers who had joined the hands of workers like workers who had joined the workers leave their copies for workers on the second shift." distributors:

YOUNGSTOWN

On the steel strike lines at Youngstown Sheet & Tube: "The Militant was known by

PITTSBURGH

other workers."

In the steel and coal centers: "A worker who had become acquainted with our paper during to see the workers line up to the recent distributions ap- get their copy of the paper of scribers in one day—that's the proached me and asked if he the socialist revolution. Some-tune today!"

fund campaign:

these, described by Militant lines, there were many men who are Militant subscribers."

NEW YORK

At a meeting of UAW in Manhattan Center: "One worker said: 'Of course

many workers who had heard of The Militant is our paper. I read it through their friends. Many it every week. He urged every is being recognized by many came to get a few extra copies for worker entering the meeting hall to get a copy of the paper."

TOLEDO

l enclose \$..... toward your work.

On the GM picket lines: "What a wonderful sight it is

I Want To Help!

isn't enough just to read The Militant myself. I want to help the

paper grow, help it keep telling the truth to more and more

thousands of workers. Here's my contribution to your \$15,000

I want a contribution-list to circulate among my friends and

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fellow-workers, so they can help The Militant.

I like The Militant because it tells the truth. But I know it

in the plants around the ar-

FLINT

On the GM picket lines: "The extensive distribution of The Militant is accepted eagerly would reach other workers by picketers and is serving to influence their political thinking in class terms. The Militant workers as the labor paper of the strike-so much so that in one day alone 40 new subscribers to the paper were obtained. We are rebuked for publishing it only once a week. Forty new sub-

At a UAW meeting, Essex House:

"We just could not distribute The Militant fast enough! Shouts of 'five more here,' 'three more here,' 'some over here' greeted us from all sides. One GM worker from Linden asked that a number of copies be sent to his and get away with it? union headquarters so that it

BALTIMORE

At a UAW-GM headquarters: porting of the strike was. Most have received The Militant every is well thumbed."

At a CIO Council meeting: "A large number of delegates at the CIO Council know The Militant. Several are subscrib-

MILWAUKEE

On the steel workers' picket

"A steel worker now on strike asked for subscription cards so he could sell subs to his fellow-

LANCASTER, PA.

At the transit strike: One worker said: 'You sure are fighters, all right!' We intend to sell subscriptions to workers here and send a small bundle to the union local."

Higher Profits Mean Less Employment

Two-thirds of all automobiles are owned by people with less than \$3,000 a year income. Higher profits to the millionaires means less mass purchasing power, a smaller market for cars, and increased unemployment.

Longshoremen In San Pedro Learn **About 'Militant'**

SAN PEDRO, Calif. - For

long time.

as usual and everything was going along in a quiet sort of way. The men took the paper, and since the doors of the hall hadn't yet opened, they stood around reading their Militants. Soon four young Negroes come along, and I offered them the paper. One of them took it—the other three refused. I didn't urge them to accept it, for I knew that once they found out that it was a good paper, they too would gladly

Then I walked over to two white men and offered them the paper. One took it the other did not. As I turned away, I heard the man who had refused the paper say to his companion, 'Ah, don't read that paper. It's anti-labor and anti-union."

I turned back. "Why do you say that?" I ask-

"Listen, did you ever read the paper," he wanted to know. I assured him I had been reading The Militant for almost two

"Well, do you know the people behind the paper?"

"Do you know that they are Communists?" This was said in

"Well, of course. The Militant s a socialist paper. We make no bones about the fact that it supports the program of the Social-

that if we didn't like the way this country was being run, there were boats leaving for Europe every day.

GATHER TO LISTEN

to gather around us to see what the outcome of this little debate

"Tell me" I said, "Do you be- cago, the Freeport-Ferguson lieve in fighting and beating your murder case, and the to have the prices raised too? Is nessee. that what you like? Do you think it's such a wonderful thing for boys to risk their lives, or be stuck in prison camps, to come home and be beaten up by cops on picket lines?"

He agreed that that was not

a democracy this is and see what are killed by vigilantes - and the trial is whitewashed and hushed up? Is it a democracy when a white cop can shoot and kill a negro soldier and sailor

if distributing this paper will hatreds and divisions." help, then I'll distribute it."

I started to walk away, but "The President of one local I hadn't gone two feet when commented on how clear our re- some of the longshoremen approached me, solemnly asked for of the workers active in the strike | The Militant and offered me money for the paper. The three week since the strike started. A young negroes who had refused copy that goes to the union hall it before, looked at one another, and then one said "Say, let's see what kind of a paper that is." They took the paper.

There isn't anyone who has 18 of us Trotskyists were railroaded to prison. really read our paper who can say it is not for labor 100 per cent.

CHICAGO

Movie Party See the Soviet Film

Saturday, March 30 **Buckingham Hall** 59 E. Van Buren 9 p.m.

By Ray Burn

over a year now, I've been helping to distribute The Militant at the Longshore union meetings in Wilmington. Last night something happened which I'll remember for a

I was distributing the paper

ed. "If this paper was anti-labor, I would be the last one to distribute it. This paper is FOR

I told him I did.

for a rising scale of wages to meet rising prices. It has been ist Workers Party." To this he said nothing except

By this time various men began

"Ask the Negroes what kind of they have to say. Is it democracy when a Negro family's house is burned to the ground and they

"You can have that kind of a democracy," I said. "But I'll fight for something better. And effective answer to nationalist

"Youth of Maxim"

Support 'The Militant'



To All Readers Of The Militant:

What Is The Truth Worth To You?

You have been reading The Militant. You know that we tell the

truth about labor's struggles for a decent living. We expose the

brazen union-busting drives of the bosses. We reveal all the tricks

and maneuvers put over by the Democratic and Republican polit-

We Need Your Help

Our subscription rates are low because we want every worker to

be able to read The Militant every week. We know that some

cannot afford to pay more. But to all of you who can, we appeal

We do not accept advertisements or any other kind of subsidy

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Mail It Today

Send us your spare pennies and dimes—and dollars, if you can.

No contribution is too small or too large. Every cent you send us

will be used to improve the news-coverage and increase the ef-

fectiveness of The Militant, in the interests of all the working

people. Mail us today whatever it's worth to you, to get the truth.

Campaign Starts Mar. 15

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now for extra help.

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of labor's struggles into print!

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Dobbs, have become rallying

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Militant was the first to demand

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The Militant is an uncompro-

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the Fontana, California, vigi-

lante outrage, the Jim-Crow

"GET THE BOYS HOME"

from foreign soil.

American troops be returned

One of the invaluable services

performed by The Militant,

Dobbs remarked, was the news

it gave American workers about

the struggles of their fellow-

workers in the rest of the world.

Through its correspondents in

other countries, The Militant has

been able to give first-hand ac-

counts of important strikes and

"This is part of our duty as a

revolutionary socialist paper,

which sees in the solidarity of

the world working class the only

ONLY PROGRAM OF HOPE

Dobbs stated that the capi-

talist administration attempted

to suppress The Militant during

World War II because it exposed

the capitalist lies about the char-

acter of the war. "The Militant

told the workers this was not

a war for 'Four Freedoms,' but a

war for profits. For saying that

which is now becoming obvious,

"But the workers and their

families who are now tormented

by the horrible prospects of

atomic annihilation in a Third

World War will find their only

hope in the revolutionary social-

Dobbs explained why The Mil-

itant needs \$15,000. He pointed

out that The Militant is not self-

sustaining through its subscrip-

tions alone, which are priced low

in order to fit a workers' budget.

ist program of The Militant."

demonstrations abroad.

an independent labor party.

It's written by and for workers like you.

The Editors

NOT to help the bosses like him!

Unlike the capitalist press, this White City Skating Rink in Chi- working class paper does not expect or receive expensive advertising from the large corporations. It must therefore rely for financial support upon the workers for whom it fights.

SPREAD THE MESSAGE "But we are not content with The Militant was the first to

raise the demand that the GIs our present circle of readers,' be brought back, home and all said Dobbs. "We are determined to reach tens of thousands of fund." additional workers who are un-

ery Militant reader to send a these activities in The Militant.

contribution for our \$15,000

All branches of the Socialist doubtedly looking for a paper like Workers Party have accepted ours. They are dissatisfied with quotas to raise their share of the the present capitalist system but \$15,000 fund for The Militant. they do not as yet know how to Collection lists will be provided fight its evils and build a new by the Business Manager for cirand better world for themselves culation in shops and neighborand their families. The revolu- hoods. Many local branches of tionary socialist message of The the SWP are planning to hold Militant will bring them light social affairs to raise funds for this drive. Readers are asked to "That is why we call upon ev- watch for announcements of

Minneapolis Stalinists Attack Distributors of 'The Militant'

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

MINNEAPOLIS, March 5 — The Stalinists have extended their sluggings and newspaper-tearing tactics to Minneapolis in three successive attacks on Militant dis-

at the CIO hall, where eight dis- rorize the distributors. tributors of The Militant were suddenly pounced upon by 25 or 30 Stalinists. The Stalinists tore up the Mili-

streets. When the distributors resisted, they were slugged and kyri seized the Militants she was beaten, one quite severely.

Among the identified attack- FEAR PAPER'S SUCCESS ers were John O. Kylyri and S. K.

distributed at a union meeting. at home." The Stalinists were successful in In several issues of Minnesots tearing up a number of papers Labor, Stalinist controlled state but the intervention of CIO CIO paper, the Trotskyists have United Auto Workers' members been attacked editorially. These thwarted the Stalinist attempts slanderous attacks on the Trotto injure the distributors.

The third attack occurred the stop the growing influence of following Thursday, February 28, The Militant, so the Stalinists et a small distribution at the CIO are resorting to strong-arm tachall, when six burly Stalinists ties to attempt to stop the disconverged on three women and tributions.

The first of these attacks oc- | two men. Again the slugging taccurred at a Stalinist-Lenin Mem- tics were used in an attempt to orial meeting a few weeks ago destroy the Militants and ter-

One of the men comrades was severely beaten about the face, knocked to the sidewalk and kicked in the stomach, and fants and threw them around the woman comrade sustained shoulder injury when John Ky-

The Militant has been dis-Davis, Editor and Manager of tributed at the CIO hall the past Minnesota Labor, official CIO several years with growing fenewspaper, and both well-known vorable reception. Because of the success of the paper's subscrip-The second attack occurred a tion drives, it is a common scweek or so later at the CIO hall currence for CIO members to where The Militant was being remark that "I get The Militant

skyists and The Militant did not

NEW YORK FORUM INDIA'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

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Only 'Militant' Warned "There Is No Peace!"

When the news first broke on August 12 that Japan was surrendering, all the spokesmen and supporters of Wall Street staged wild celebrations over their victory. A general feeling of relief swept through the masses at the end of the night-marish slaughter. When Truman officially confirmed the surrender on August 14, millions of

people who had listened to. that the war was being drenched capitalist criminals and fought for lasting peace and democracy undoubtedly hop- is now more than a fight to end ed the promised new era would now dawn.

But The Militant did not participate in Wall Street's orgy. entire front page to one single Is No Peace!"

When The Militant appeared on the newsstands, it created a sensation. What's the matter SWP Opposes with those people! thought many with those people! thought many press. Don't they know V-J Day readers of the lying capitalist will be proclaimed any time now? TOLD THE TRUTH

The Militant, however, was simply continuing the policy it SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT has followed from the beginning -to tell the truth no matter what the consequences. Not to support illusions or to indulge in (Trotskyist) here today urgwishful thinking, but to make a ed defeat of the Stanger sober and scientific estimate of election bill which would rethe world situation as a guide to the working class.

Long before the Second World War began, The Militant warned it would be an imperialist war than the March 20 deadline for that could not possibly bring lasting peace. Throughout the war, The Militant continued to TO BLOCK UNIONS repeat this warning. And betruths, The Militant was persecuted. The Roosevelt regime took away its second mailing class rights for a year. Its editor together with 17 other leading members of the Socialist Workers Party was railroaded to prison. But The Militant stuck to its guns, knowing that in the long run, the truth will win out. THERE IS NO PEACE'

In the light of Marxist analysis, The Militant soberly assessed the world situation of party machines, especially at capitalism on the surrender of this time, to block the unions Japan. The conclusion was in- and working class organizations escapable. Great imperialist armies would remain after the war. Colonial uprisings would occur on an unheard of scale. Workers' revolutions would break out. Wall Street would continue to prepare for an all-out assault on need of the labor movement, to the Soviet Union. "There Is No back up their economic strike

pointed out the terrible danger This undemocratic and restricof a Third World War: "Only tive bill of the boss parties indikind From Atomic Destruction In dependent labor candidates who

Another Imperialist War."

Wall Street's propaganda from the hands of the bloodtake their destiny in their own hands. The fight for socialism poverty and inequality, to abolish the exploitation of man by man. Today the fight for socialism is a fight to prevent the an-Instead The Militant devoted its nihilation of the human race. Mankind must now exterminate article on a single theme: "There | the capitalist system-or be exterminated!"

In New Jersey

NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 5-The Socialist Workers Party quire independent candidates for the New Jersey general election in November to file nominating petitions no later the primaries.

Through its Newark Organcause it told these and other izer. Alan Kohlman, the SWP declared:

> "This bill, which is now pending before the State Legislature after having been secretly introduced through suspension of the rules, would give independent candidates only two weeks to draft, print and collect signatures for their nominating petitions.

> "It would thus operate exclusively in the interests of the Republican and Democratic from running independent labor candidates on platforms in the interests of all Jersey working

"At this time the paramount action, is an independent labor The Militant went further. It party based on the trade unions. Man- cates their desperate fear of inwould challenge the reactionary And The Militant again drew Republican state administration the irrefutable conclusion: "The and the equally reactionary workers must wrench the power Democratic Hague machine."

Lenin, Trotsky Always Warned **Capitalist System Breeds War**

The great Marxist leaders have warned the working class, many times that capitalism in its decline inevitably plunges from one devastating imperialist war to another.

Shortly before his death in 1895, Frederick Engels, co-founder with Marx of the revolutionary Socialist movement, foresaw World War I and told the working class once more that only socialism could bring lasting peace.

At the beginning of the war foreseen by Engels, the Russian Marxist, Lenin wrote (November 1, 1914): "Imperialism has placed the fate of European culture at stake. After this war, if a series of successful revolutions do not occur, more wars will follow—the fairy tale of a 'war to end all wars' is a hollow and pernicious fairy tale."

In May 1940, during the opening stages of the Second World War predicted by Lenin, another oustanding Marxist, Leon Trotsky called attention to Lenin's warning: "Workers, call this prediction to mind! The present war-the second imperialist waris not an accident; it does not result from the will of this or that dictator. It was predicted long ago."

Trotsky's Warning

Trotsky furthermore warned that if socialism is not established in the meantime: "The third imperialist war would be waged not by national states and not by empires of the old type but by whole continents . . ."

Answering the argument that one victorious power such as the United States might "unify the entire world in a totalitarian vise," that is, police the world for an indefinite time, Trotsky pre-

"But even if such a hypothesis should be realized, which is highly doubtful, military 'unification' would have no greater stability than the Versailles treaty. National uprisings and pacifications would culminate in a new world war, which would be the the Moscow bureaucracy, put it Daily Worker, December 26, grave of civilization. Not our subjective wishes but the objective reality speaks for it, that the only way out for humanity is the world socialist revolution. The alternative to it is the relapse into barbarism.'

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We Alone Told The Truth!

LEON TROTSKY MEMORIAL ISSUE

THE MILITANT

THERE IS NO PEACE!

Only World Socialism Can Save Mankind From Atomic Destruction In Another Imperialist War

Workers Of America! You Must Take Power Into Your Own Hands!

MANIFESTO National Committee

Socialist Workers Party

Workers, Farmers -- Toilers of America! of the stomic bomb and its use, with frightful effect

are the storic some and its use, with irigatian excess against the people of Japan.

The din of battle has caused. Mankind now must contemplate the destruction and the ruin, the pain and the fearthwalk which the war has caused. People in every land site celebratin the end of the carnage, not so much with joy as with a seas of relief that it has come to an end. They do not and cannot be seen to be compared to the compared to the carnage and th

with dread for the future.

Revulsion and Anxiety

The atomic bombing of the Justice cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with a combined population of 600,000 men, women and children, has sent a wave of revulsion and anxiety throughout the world, especially among the toiling populations who are the principal yielims of war. It is universally realized that mankind has been saved from total annihilation in World War II only because the atomic bomb was invented to Justice There is also the conviction, amounting to certainty, that another world war yill mean the doom of the human race.

Hatred of imperialist war, and fear of what the future holds, is driving the workers to revolutionary political conclusions. The imperialist rulers, who alone have profited from the war, see to present this at all costs. They want to side-track the workers from the struggle to end the capitalist system and establish socialism, which is the only sure guarantee that another war will be impossible.

This is a reproduction of the famous front page headlines and cartoons published by The Militant when Japan surrendered. While Wall Street celebrated. The Militant told the workers the truth, that



No Time to Lose!

the only real victors in the Second World War were the imperialists. Wall Street's demonstrative preparations today for another war prove the correctness of The Militant's warning.

Wall Street Steps Up Anti-Soviet Drive, Threatens New World War

his agreement with Churchill's call for military measures against the Soviet Union. Truman travelled a thousand miles to attend the gathering. He let it be known he had read the speech in advance, and he introduced Churchill.

TRUMAN APPROVES

the Far East.

series of incidents. The spy- all means to crush it. scare manufactured in Canada

USSR, and so on.

"get tough" propaganda is to put foe as an "aggressor," etc. That speech as "my wartime comrade, growing challenge and peril to would be guaranteed." Marshal Stalin." Anglo-Amer- Christian civilization." That is Truman's stamp of approval ican imperialism is seeking to why he uttered such ominous on Churchill's speech is analo- build a steel curtain around the words as "this is certainly not gous to the "made in the United Soviet Union to prevent it from the liberated Europe we fought States" label on the tanks and any further expansion no matter to build up: Nor is it one which any danger of a Third World airplanes used by British, Dutch if "wartime comrade" Stalin contains the essentials of perand French imperialist troops heads the USSR and no matter manent peace." against the colonial peoples in what valuable services he has rendered capitalism. For the months after V-J Day, the prof-The whole anti-Soviet cam- imperialists look at the economic iteers are laying their calculapaign is obviously a calculated system in the Soviet Union as a tions for another world - wide one. Churchill's war-mongering deadly threat to world capital- slaughter. All the promises about speech merely climaxes a whole ism. They are prepared to use winning "Four Freedoms," se-

was one item. The speeches of intensified anti - Soviet cam- liberate lies designed for no oth-Vandenberg and Byrnes against paign, consequently, is to prethe Soviet Union (reported in pare the masses psychologically masses into fighting and dying last week's Militant) were part for a Third World War-a war for capitalism in the Second of the plan. To this can be add- of world imperialism against the World War. ed the feroclous press campaign USSR. The imperialists and In the face of this unbridled

expensive atom bomb tests in peace to mankind. Now to get an extreme disadvantage. the Pacific, the war "games" in ready for another slaughter, they Throughout the war, Stalin asfor the war they plan on the Union that nothing need be The immediate purpose of this prospective foe, to picture that feared from the "democratic"

Thus within a short six curing democracy, establishing The long range purpose of the lasting peace, are revealed as de-

er purpose but to delude the

How Stalinism Has Betrayed The Struggle For Socialism

The Stalinists long ago gave up the struggle for world 9socialism. In place of fighting for socialism or the inter- group of capitalist powers. ests of the workers, all the Communist (Stalinist) parties in countries outside the .

the current foreign policy of the Kremlin bureaucrats.

But that has not prevented the Stalinists from shouting at the top of their lungs that all their twists and turns are justified in order to protect the Soviet Union and guarantee lasting peace.

From 1935 to 1939, for instance, they proclaimed that a coalition between the capitalists and workers in the "democratic" countries was the only way to prevent war and an imperialist attack on the USSR. This meant that the American, English and French workers were

this way: "Now the toiling masses in a

STRENGTHEN FASCISM

with an enormous strengthening But these traitors to the working the object of a ferocious diploof world fascism and helped pave class fear to rely on the revolu- matic and propaganda assault the way for World War II. Then, tionary movements of the mass- from Anglo-American imperialon the eve of the war in August es. They depend instead on ism. And the air is filled with 1939 Stalin made a pact with agreements with one or another talk about a Third World War.

instruments in furthering was hailed by the Stalinists as to his capitalist allies how thora move toward peace even oughly he had given up any though it completely reversed Prayda declared: "The pact is

en good-neighborly relations between the USSR and Germany, but also to serve the cause of the universal strengthening of iness. They went up and down peace." And dictator Stalin enthusi-

astically toasted the pact with Hitler in the following words: "The friendship of the peoples of Germany and the Soviet Unsupposed to give up their own ion, cemented in blood, has all stable." 1939.)

are faced with the necessity of Europe and his subsequent asmaking a definite choice, and of sault on the Soviet Union. It making it today, not between would seem that the Stalinists proletarian dictatorship and would finally draw the correct struction of the Hitlerite rebourgeois democracy, but be- conclusion after these experitween bourgeois democracy and ences and confess that the great Marxists were right—only a successful struggle for the overthrow of capitalism and the creation of the Second World War have This perfidious policy paid off of socialism can assure peace. been signed, the Soviet Union is

on the bandwagon of Anglo-USSR have become slavish Hitler. Naturally, this switch American imperialism. To prove thought of fighting for socialeverything they had said for ism, Stalin dissolved the Third International which had been organized originally by Lenin an instrument of pease which is and Trotsky to further world socalled upon not only to strength- cialism. In this country the Stalinists took the no - strike pledge and became the most loud-mouthed agents of Big Busthe world telling the oppressed

everywhere that the war of Wall

Street was a holy war

So, in 1941, they again jumped

Here is how Stalin himself characterized Wall Street's war aims: "Abolition of racial exclusiveness; equality of nations class interests and fight for those grounds to be prolonged and and integrity of their territories; (Stalin's message to liberation of enslaved nations ilsky, a leading spokesman of Von Ribbentrop, printed in the and restoration of their sovereign rights; the right of every nation to arrange its affairs as This pact smoothed the road it wishes; economic aid to the number of capitalist countries for Hitler's military victories in nations that have suffered and their material welfare: restoration of democratic liberties: de-

> None of these promises have been fulfilled. Even before any peace treaties

America Will Not Escape

inist machine backed up Wall hilt and denied the p mongers.

spicuous effort to demonstrate preparations for the colossally Second World War would bring Soviet Union, the Kremlin is at

Street's war propaganda to the War from the "peace - loving" powers. In this way Stalin delo - American imperialism and barrage of the capitalist war-

(Continued from Page 1) against the Soviet Union, the their agents told the masses the popagandistic assault on the and in addition they also beat the Arctic in the direction of the must begin to place the blame sured the people of the Soviet. These already suffering victims were placed under the exorbitant bond of \$3,500. Their friends capitalist powers. He told the raised this the next day, thus diplomatic pressure on the man is the sinister objective in workers of the world that with demonstrating their solidarity Churchill still hailed in his Churchill's insinuations about "a the defeat of the Axis, peace against such ruthless terrorism

> ceived and disarmed the world Stevenson and her son. The four Next week we hope to discuss working class, strengthened Ang- local police, however, evidently some of the social and economic payed the way for the present dispersed the crowd and then which made this area so suited themselves proceeded into for the work of the Southern "Mink Slide." the Negro ghetto. fascists.

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

Terror In Tennessee As more and more facts are brought to light concernng the bloody terror in Columbia, Tenn., it becomes plain that this anti-Negro pogrom was deliberately instigated

by fascist-minded whites and carried out mainly by They obviously entered with all their stooges in the local and the belligerent arrogance that a state police forces.

The spark that ignited the fire, according to the daily press of Big Business, came when a Negro youth knocked a white radio repairman through the ever, by the simple means of the invading cops with shotguns omitting some of the cogent facts.

Over a month ago Mrs. Gladys Stevenson, 37, had placed her radio in the Castner-Knott Electrical Shop in downtown Columbia for minor repairs. She had been unable to regain the set, however, because the proprietors had insisted on doing additional work to it. She returned with her son, James C. Stevenson Jr., 19, veteran of World War II, who had served three years overseas with the U. S. Navy. They told the proprietor to return their radio and they would take it elsewhere to be repaired. They were told it would cost \$13.75 to get it back. In the meantime the repairmen had informed Mrs. Stevenson's white employer by telephone that the radio had been sold.

The Negro veteran (object of super-prejudice by the southern whites at present) left the second floor of the store with his mother. They were followed by the two radio men. On reaching the street, one of the men, William Fleming, 28, struck the Stevenson boy, who thereupon simply returned a better blow which knocked Fleming through

his own store window. POLICE JUMP IN Other men from the store and across the street then proceeded to beat up Stevenson. Police were called. They joined the while attempting to escape." others in beating the veteran and kicked his mother. Both Negroes but none of the white attackers were carried to jail.

at the hands of the so-called The whole international Stal- protectors of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." According to the Pittsburgh formed to go into the Negro section of town and lynch Mrs.

couple of '38's would give to cowardly bigots.

The Negro citizens, rememberin, the atrocious lynching in Columbia 15 years ago and the plate glass window of his own near lynching last year, had shop. These papers lied, how- been forewarned. They fired on and drove them, injured, from the area. This was the tip-off for carrying out the Anti-Negro

pogrom in full force. First 500 and later 1,000 state troopers from nearby cities and even from the neighboring state of Georgia were called in. They proceeded with machine guns and other artillery to surround, invade and shoot up the little community of 3,300 oppressed colored people. Each and every house was entered and searched without a warrant, in open violation of the Constitution. Negroes were intimidated, terrorized, and clubbed into unconsciousness They were stood against the wall and their pockets rifled. The homes and offices of Negro businessmen were looted of all valuables. The American Gestapo was in the saddle!

LYNCHED IN JAIL

Over a hundred were thrown into jail. Then, not content that the pogrom was adequate, the police proceeded to shoot to death two innocent Negroes in the cells of the jail. Of course the Jim Crow assassins came up with the cover that the dead colored boys had been "trying to obtain some of the confiscated pistols". This lie was even more corny than the usual: "shot

At the present time feeling still runs high. There is no guarantee that there will not be more terrorized, clubbed and murdered victims of the Tennes-

see Storm Troopers. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has sent Walter White to Columbia to arrange for legal defense of those remaining in iail, some of whom are held on the charge of assault with intent

to commit murder. Contributions should be sent investigation reveals that a mob to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Inc., 20 W. 40th St., New

York 18. N. Y. itching for that special privilege, conditions in Columbia, Tenn.

Socialist Workers Party **Branch Activities**

AKBON - Visit The Militant | KANSAS CITY - SWP Branch Club, 405-6 Everett Bldg., 39 East Market St., open daily except Sunday, 2 to 4 p. m.; also Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 to 9:30. Current events discussion Wednesday evenings. Fridays at 7:30, class on 'Forward March of

American Labor.' March 22, 8 p.m., "Toledo Auto-Lite Strike," by George Grant. Afternoon sessions on same

series of lectures every Friday by Milton Genecin. ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM -Open meeting every Friday, 8 p.m., at Militant Labor Forum, S. E. corner Front and Hamilton Streets, Allentown.

Public Forums—First Sunday

each month, 2:15 p.m. BOSTON-Office at 30 Stuart St. Open Mondays and Saturdays from noon until 5 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. BUFFALO - Every Saturday night, Current Events Discussion and Open House, at Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd

CHICAGO - Visit SWP, 160 N. Wells, R. 317. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday. Tel. Dearborn 7562. Classes every Wednesday,

SOUTH SIDE: 354 W. 68rd St. Meetings every Thursday evening. INDIANA HARBOR: 1813 Broadway. Meetings every

7:30 and 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday evening. CLEVELAND - Militant Forum every Sunday, 8:30 p.m. at Peck's Hall 1446 E. 82nd St. DETROIT-Forums on topical questions every Sunday, 3 p.m. at 6108 Linwood. Office open daily 10 to 6. Phone Tyler meets Saturday, 8 p.m. Rm. 203, Studio Bldg., 418 E. 9th St., for study and discussion.

LOS ANGELES - Visit SWP

headquarters, 145 S. Broadway,

San Pedro, 1008 S. Pacific,

Room 214. MILWAUKEE - Visit the Milwaukee branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 424 E. Wells St., any evening from 7:30.

MINNEAPOLIS—Visit the Labor Book Store, 10 South 4th St. open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Forum every Sunday, 3:30. NEWARK-Branch meeting ev-

Ave., at 8:30. Reading room and office open Mondays-Thursdays, 4 to 10 p.m. Militant Readers' Discussion

ery Friday at 423 Springfield

Group meets every Sunday, 7:30 p.m. EW YORK - CENTRAL, 116 University Place, GR. 5-8149. Sat., 4:30 p.m., rehearsal of Trotskyist chorus. Militant

readers, invited. BRONX: 1084 Prospect Ave. 1st floor.

BROOKLYN: 635 Fulton St

Open 1 to 9. Phone ST. 3-7433. HARLEM: 103 W. 110th St. room 23. Phone MO. 2-1866. Office open Monday through Thursday, 1 to 4:30; Fridays and Sundays, 7:30-10:30 p.m. PHILADELPHIA - SWP Headquarters, 1303-05 W. Girard Ave., 2nd floor. Open forums every Friday, 8 p.m., on cur-

rent topics. Classes on "State and Revolution," every Sunday, 7 p.m. Office and bookshop open

every day. PITTSBURGH-Militant Reading 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." PORTLAND, Ore. - Visit the SWP headquarters, 134 S. W. Washington, 3rd Floor. Tel ATwater 3992. Open 1 to 4 p.m., daily except Sunday, and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday.

Fridays, 8 p.m., Open House

and Round Table Discussions. SAN FRANCISCO - Visit the San Francisco School of Social Science, 305 Grant Ave., corner of Grant and Sutter, 4th floor; open from 12 noon to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Friday night study groups: Introduction to Trotskyism, 7:30 p.m.

EAST BAY BRANCH-P. O. Box 1618, Oakland, Calif. Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, I.O.O.F. Hall, 410 Eleventh St.,

Mar. 27, "The New Wave of Race Hate and How to Fight SEATTLE-Visit our Headquar-

ters, 19191/2 Second Ave. ST. LOUIS-Visit our headquarters, 1023 N. Grand Blvd., Rm. 312, open Monday through Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

TOLEDO-Forums every Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., 213 Michigan St. Open evenings, 7-9. YOUNGSTOWN - Youngstown 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

from 8 to 10 p.m.

Thursday.

Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

We were sitting on a bench in the locker room swapping stories about the strike, when Larry



McGinnis walked up to us. "Why the hell don't you. guys quit shooting the bull and get out there and earn your dough?" he

asked grinning. "The strike's over now.' "Listen to that laborfaker," snorted Pete Rossi. "He's been a company

since his brother got on the police Larry scowled reflectively. "That brother of

mine never was no good."

Jimmy said, "That's no way to talk. Mike's an officer of the law! You've got to respect

Larry answered that appropriately. Then he said, "That lousy brother of mine—he scabbed it in '37, and by God if they sent him out to bust up a picket line, he'd be the first to pull

The day was pretty slow, and as I worked I was thinking about Larry and Mike, and about cops in general.

There'd have to be cops, I mused, as long as there were rich and poor. Just as long as one man lived in a palace and another lived in a shack with a leaky roof; just as long as one man had everything and another man saw his wife and kids in need, there'd be cops.

They'd be hired by the rich man's govern-

ment to protect the rich man's wealth from the poor man.

Then I got to thinking—just what is a cop? He's not a rich man. He's just a guy making a living like a working man. If he loses his job he'll go hungry. But, on the other hand, cops are generally the enemies of the working man.

Guys like Mike McGinnis, who scabbed it back in '37, make particularly good cops. They hate being workers and worship "upper class" people. They believe whole-heartedly in the capitalist system and hate the unions, which they consider "communist". Give them a gun and a club, and send them out against a picket line, and they go to work on the boys, full of righteous

Labor history is filled with records of police brutality all the way from Haymarket (and before) to the Philadelphia picket line attacks. I thought of that dusty field on May 30, 1937, when ten of us died from police bullets, and God knows how many more fell, hurt by police clubs.

But-there wasn't much sense wasting time thinking a lot about it-because the answer was right there, and it was the answer to a lot more. than just cops.

Under socialism we wouldn't have them except maybe to help little school children across the street. With everybody making a good living, no rich and no poor, with no depressions or layoffs and no insecurity, we wouldn't need cops and prisons. There'd be nobody's property they'd have to protect.

So I quit thinking about the cops and concentrated on a couple of grievances we were going to take up later in the day.

Notes Of A Seaman

By Art Sharon

It seems just too much of a coincidence that every time the union longshoremen begin to put on the heat for a little more wages the ship operators shortly after start a hue and a cry over the great losses they sustain through 'pilferage."

Last week in New York City much fuss was kicked up by gentlemen-parasites who control shipping, over what they call

a "scandalous increase in pilferage." They charged that the Port of New York ranks with that of Manila, P. I., in the rate of pilferage. And by "pure coincidence" the comparison with Manila is made just after the longshoremen in Manila have concluded a magnificent strike which won a 50 per cent increase in wages.

You will recall that the longshoremen in New York Port recently secured a pay increase of 25 cents an hour after a wide-spread rank and file strike of AFL International Longshoremen's Association members threatened a complete paraivsis of New York's waterfront.

The apoplectic outburst on "pilferage" from the cut-throat shipping interests here in the Port of New York reminds me very much of a similar outburst on the part of their fellowparasites in the Port of San Francisco some years back after the longshoremen there had forced higher wages and better conditions through their successful strike.

In the latter case, the Frisco ship operators even went so far as to put on a public exhibit of "evidence" of "pilferage" they claimed they had gathered over a long period. It was a pitiful exhibition of empty pineapple juice cans. empty beer bottles, some broken cartons of shaving soap, etc. A few longshoremen went up to look over the "evidence" and were singular-

succeeded in evoking a lot of laughter. The New York ship operators are working themselves into a sweat about "pilferage" aboard their ships because they were defeated in their recent attempts to limit the longshoremen's wage increase to a measly ten cents an hour. The ship moguls are now trying to harass and intimidate the longshoremen with this sudden wholesale slander campaign about alleged "pil-

What strikes me about this campaign at this time is its coincidence with an increased spirit of union militancy on the waterfront. And I am equally struck by the brazen character of this campaign launched by a small band of shipping parasites who during the war and right now are pilfering millions from the public treas-

I know and so does everyone else who has closely followed the shady trail of this band of parasites, that they, of course, conduct their operations "strictly legal." Still, not a week goes by but that some aspect of their cornercutting "pay-triotic" activities is uncovered.

Their kind of pilferage is covered up with documents designed by clever corporation attorneys to "stand up" in the courts and "prove" that Mr. Shipowner has proceeded according to all the shipowner-written laws governing the inter-relations of these capitalist thieves. They set a few rules because occasionally one of the shipowners might act in too conspicuously crooked a fashion and thus hurt the prestige and practices of his fellow gangsters.

We know the real pilferage is being done by the profiteer ship operators. What they are beefing about is not that an occasional can of beer is lifted by a thirsty longshoreman. The "pilferage" these crooks moan about is the cut they must take in their huge profits when they are forced to pay higher wages to the man on the

ly unimpressed. As a matter of fact it only dock and in the hold. Workers Quit Stalinists By Paul Abbott

Support of Wall Street during the Second Imperialist World War has resulted not only in a tremendous drop in the membership and influence of the American Communist (Stalinist) Party, but also in a major shift in its class composition. Workers no longer constitute the bulk of the party. They have been replaced by petty bourgeois elements.

This fact, long apparent to competent political observers, has now been officially confirmed by John Williamson in his report to the Stalinist National Committee published in the February 24 Sunday Worker.

"The first registration reports," he admits, ... reveal another serious decline in the industrial composition of the Party. For instance, in New York the percentage of industrial workers has declined from 34 per cent to 29 per cent. This means that 71 per cent of the Party in New York City consists of white collar workers, professionals and housewives. Michigan, which always had the highest industrial composition, has also declined from 66 per cent to 58 per cent. California which, like Philadelphia and New York agreed to fight to reach a 50 per cent industrial composition this year, also declined from 41 to 38 per cent."

How serious the situation is in the eyes of the Stalinist bureaucrats can be judged from Williamson's admissions concerning one of the key sections of a key industry: "In the case of General Motors, for example, out of approximately 120,000 workers in some of the main plants only 122 are Party members."

Williamson is likewise worried over the losses in the steel industry: "We are very weak. There are many big mills—some of the biggest in the country—in which we have no Party

members at all, or a handful who are not yet even organized in a shop club. I have in mind such places as the Irwin Works, Aliquippa, Johnstown, Y. S. & T. in Youngstown, the Otis Steel Co. and the American Steel and Wire in Cleveland, as well as Weirton Steel."

Who is replacing the Stalinists as the dominant political tendency among these strategic sections of the working class? Williamson suggests the answer in the following illuminating

"Another dramatic example is the city of Toledo, where a most serious situation exists. Toledo is an industrial city with a great tradition of labor struggles. If there ever was a CIO town, it was Toledo . . . Toledo is also a center of Trotskyite concentration, so much so that that the mass of Negro, Mexionly recently - and, after procrastinating too can, Jewish, Filippino, Japanese long-we expelled the Party chairman, who was a Trotskyite inside our own ranks . .

"What is the situation today in Toledo as regards our Party influence among the workers? solely through such legislative Out of 252 Party members there are only 24 auto workers and in some of the major plants there are no Party members at all."

Even in Brooklyn, one of the strongholds of the Stalinists, Williamson points out that the 8,000 members have their base in "primarily Jewish-American communities, combining workers and non-workers." In other areas that are 'almost 'exclusively and distinctly proletarian" the Party has "only 201 members."

These damaging admissions reveal how the Stalinists are paying for their ride on Wall Street's bandwagon during the war. They betrayed the working class, and the proletarian elements drew the only possible conclusion: they left the Stalinist Party by the thousands.

Strike Threat Ends Meat Barons' Chiseling

By Leigh Ray (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Mar. 6 - Swift & Company, largest of the five meat packing plants involved in the recent national strike, failed this week in its attempt to weaken the union by chiseling on the wage gains wrested from the cor- case, to deduct the difference

Although full price "relief" for and the 16 cents. the 16-cent wage increase has been handed to the packing bar-Company tried to cheat the workgive some workers as little as a of some picked workers hoping from all Swift locals, to call out ning to recognize that only a lathree-cent raise, by claiming thus to persuade them not to join all workers of the Swift chain. that workers already receiving the UPWA.

between the existing over-rates

Union was organizing the in-

"over rates" or "preferential" Last week foremen of Swift & received that Swift & Company than the employers, could seri-

over-rates, and were informed

the international UPWA executive board. Lewis J. Clarke, International President, immediately wired the Secretary of Ag-These over-rates were first in- riculture in Washington, nomstituted by the company in an inally in charge of the seized ons by the government, Swift & effort to thwart the union. When plants. Clarke announced that he ers. The company planned to dustry, the packers raised wages Committee with representatives for the FEPC are already begin-

rates were not entitled to the full Company were instructed to turn | would comply with the order and | ously undertake to carry out such 16 cents. Swift proposed in each in names of all those receiving make the 16-cent raise general, a law.

that the amount of the over- that would interfere with the rate would be deducted from the policy of employers to discrim-

Local union officers informed the CIO Packinghouse Workers was at once calling a meeting of ing class now in power will not the National Strike Strategy be very effective. Many fighters

Within 24 hours, word had been resenting the workers rather

For Freedom From Police Clubs!



"Freedom From Police Clubs" is one of the demands made by these striking veterans as they march on the Philadelphia City Hall after police brutally assaulted CIO Electrical Workers picket lines. Demonstrating on March 3, these veterans demanded that Mayor Bernard Samuel aid their fight for unemployment compensation while on strike, decent homes to live in and adequate educational and hospital facilities.

New York Local Of SWP Holds Inspiring Two-Day Convention

raise \$6,000 in this fund drive.

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In his Organizer's Report, C.

Thomas pointed out significant

SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES

NEW YORK, March 3 — The Sixth Convention of the

New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party, attended by 62 delegates from five New York branches, opened yesterday afternoon at 1169
York. Supplementing this action, cluded at midnight tonight the convention requested the incoming City Committee to favor-

in an inspiring demonstra- ably consider the proposal to tion of party growth, strength and solidarity. The convention \$3,500 of this projected sum hall was jammed with visiting comrades from New Jersey as Militant fund and the \$2,500 well as New York. Among the important actions

approved by the City Convention | York Local. was the motion to accept New York's quota on the \$15,000 Militant Fund campaign, of which \$3,500 has been assigned to New

Los Angeles SWP **Aids Campaign For State FEPC**

By J. Blake (Special to The Militant).

LOS ANGELES, March 1 following the lynching of report, Thomas dealt with the fair employment practices bills by Democrats and Republicans in the recently concluded special session of sive neighborhood work was prothe California state legislature, jected for the coming period. a broad movement has developed

circulated throughout the state in the attempt to secure the 300,- lyn, Bronx, Harlem and Chelsea. nationale. 000 signatures of registered voters necessary to place the FEPC measure on the ballot.

The Socialist Workers Party here supports the movement for a fair employment practices law. We do so for the same reason and other minorities do. We have no illusions that job discrimination will be eliminated action.

The Socialist Workers Party urges all workers to register and sign petitions for a fair employment practices measure, and to vote for it in November, because lished in the Stalinist Daily such a statute would provide a toe-hold in the broader fight against discrimination.

The FEPC movement here, stimulated by the wide-spread layoffs in aircraft and shipbuilding industries, represents the legislative phase of the fight of minorities to hold on to gains made during the war in securing industrial jobs formerly barred to them entirely.

OVER BOSS PARTIES Unable to find reliable

friends" in the Democratic and Republican parties to pass a law inate against workers because of race, creed, or color, they are attempting to go over the heads of the capitalist politicians by taking the matter directly to the voters by placing it on the ballot. It is obvious to all, however,

that even if the measure becomes law, enforcement of it by the representatives of the employbor party and a government repbranches.

Telephone Workers Force AT&T To Yield;

would be turned over to The Subsequent reporters traced the achievements of the New balance devoted to the expan-York Local over the past year and a half, and projected even more ambitious plans for future work. Organizers of each branch as well as organizers of Newark and Jersey City, presented a rounded picture of SWP activiadvances in practically all fields ties and growth.

of party activity. These activities included Militant subscription campaigns, election campaigns, veterans' work, work among the Negroes and oppressed minorities and fund-raising Comrade Thomas pointed out the role of the New York Local in the current strike wave and the importance of The Militant during this period. In a special proletarian orientation and com petition. York Local and outlined plans

for future expansion in this field. The City Convention opened He also stated that more extenwith an inspiring survey of the national and international scene by Farrell Dobbs, and closed with The establishment of four a warm salutation by James P. to place such a measure on the branches on firm foundations, Cannon, both speaking on behalf ballot in the November election. in addition to Central Branch, of the SWP National Commit-Initiative petitions are being was noted by Comrade Thomas. tee. The Convention adjourned These were established in Brook- with the singing of the Inter-

grown, he said, that Brooklyn has already taken larger headquarters and Harlem is preparng also to get new and larger headquarters. Future plans include the establishment of several more new neighborhood INSPIRING REPORTS

Reports were presented on the Freeport-Ferguson case in which New York Local has been active; on veterans' work, by the Secretary of the Local New York Veterans' Committee, and on the plans and perspectives of educational work in New York by the City Educational Director. An inspiring report given by the Secretary of the Trotskyist Youth Group, emphasized its

MARITIME UNION HEAD BARES STALINIST MACHINE MISRULE

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"deadly campaign" of character, munist Party, quoted verbatim assassination against Stone and a statement on the NMU crisis tried to "crucify" him, said Cur-

Curran, however, continues to conceal the fact that the practices he attacks flow from the policies of the Communist (Stalinist) Party with which he himself has collaborated for the past ten years. In a statement pub-Worker, March 8. Curran is quoted as saying that this is a "simple union disagreement" with Meyers, McKenzie, Smith and Stack and has nothing to do with "political affiliation in general or membership in the Communist Party in particular."

But this pretence fools no one on the waterfront. It is generally known that the policies pursued by the top NMU leaders are dictated by the Stalinist Party.

The World Telegram, which appears to have a pipe-line into the very top circles of the Com-

NEW YORK Youth Rally Against Lynch Law The Ferguson Brothers! FRIDAY, MAR. 15 HARLEM SWP

103 W. 110 St. Room 23

Auspices: Trotskyist Youth Group by William Z. Foster, head of the party, made at a National Committee meeting on February 5. Foster stated: "We have a very dangerous situation in the

NMU. We have done our best to try to adjust the situation and have been unable to accomplish it. The principal reason is our own comrades in the NMU. They are not carrying out the party line or we would have a different situation in the NMU." Foster, obviously referring to

those who opposed the ruling clique in the NMU, threatened: There has been a little surgery in the NMU but apparently not enough. If these comrades continue in defying the party line we will have to do: some more But the ferment and opposition

to the Stalinists resulting from Curran's disclosures, as well as previous revelations made by the resigned National Director Ralph Rogers (reported in The Militant. December 8, 1945) has forced draw Meyers as a candidate for reelection in the NMU. The Sta- with 272 fabricating companies linists hope by this "concession" to quiet the NMU membership rate of 35 a day. Protest The Murder Of and hush up any further scan-

> The Daily Worker, March 8, published prominently a statement by Meyers "explaining" his cidental delay in payment of his ered the entire steel industry union dues." Not a line has been and was accepted by the basic printed in the Daily Worker steel corporations for their fababout Curran's sensational and ricating subsidiaries.

Western Electric Strike Ends In Victory By Alan Kohlman (Special to The Militant)

KEARNY, N. J., Mar. 9-With pickets poised for action in 33 states, the National Federation of Telephone Workers at Thursday dawn forced a major union victory exactly two minutes before the scheduled deadline of a threatened nation-wide communications

After last-minute stalling, the American Telephone and Telegraph trust also yielded to the terms of the militant strikers in its Western Electric subsidiary, which has one of its main plants

tem workers which includes a nation's telephone workers in 17.6 per cent wage increase. The support of the WEEA demands. increases range from \$5 to \$8 a week, including starting rates. and are expected to set the pattern for the whole telephone industry.

The powerful and arrogant AT&T, world's greatest communications monopoly, finally capitulated before the perspective of a second paralyzing blow at the very nerve center of per cent wage increase, retro-American Big Business, A threeday sympathy stoppage in support of the Western Electric strikers last January threw the been forced to agree there would American capitalists into a pan-

BACK WEEA FIGHT

Bell phone workers, the NFTW and in 20 other North Jersey anyone seeking to withdraw and New York plants of Western Electric. The NFTW leaders made it clear that final calling off of the national phone strike was contingent on a satisfactory settlement of WEEA demands for the 17,400 Western Electric workers who had battled courageously on the picket lines since January 3.

After the NFTW settlement was reached in Washington simmons' report with shouts of early Thursday morning, WEEA enthusiasm and jubilation. After officials aided by J. J. Moran, NFTW vice-president and president of the affiliated Federation of Long Lines Telephone Workers, went into negotiations with Western Electric officials of further consolidating union in New York. The company tried to foist a to new gains.

company security clause with a one year no-strike provision and elimination of maintenance of membership upon the WEEA as. the price of a wage increase. WEEA President Frank Fitzsimmons and other union officials flatly rejected the company's demands and warned that if a full Meeting all night Wednesday satisfactory settlement were not in Washington with federal of- reached by 8 p.m. Friday, they ficials and AT&T heads, the would call for a continuation of NFTW leaders finally secured a the Western Electric strike and settlement for 150,000 Bell Sys- for the NFTW to pull out the

> WESTERN ELECTRIC YIELDS Under this heavy pressure and after a final 10-hour session, the company officials capitulated. Fitzsimmons was able to rush to a meeting in Jersey City, of 5,-000 WEEA members and report a real union victory.

The strikers won a flat 18.2 active to the last week of November, 1945, six weeks before the strike. The company had be no victimization of strikers, no loss of vacation pay because of participation in the strike, and no company security clause. In settling the demands of the | Maintenance of membership was retained, with the union makdid not forget the bitter nine- ing the sole partial concession week strike of the Western Elec- that the contract would provide tric Employees Association here | for a 15-day "escape clause" for

> from union membership. However, after the solid vicory of this hard-fought strike, all WEEA members were agreed that the union is in a very favorable position to launch a drive for 100 per cent union membership and then demand a closed shop in the next negotiations.

The Jersey City membership meeting last night hailed Fitztheir well-earned victory on the 65th day of strike, the Western Electric workers left the meeting determined to return to work Monday morning with the aim strength and pressing forward

Truman Pulls Double-Cross On 300,000 Steel Strikers

several hundred steel-fabricating mill owners refusing to end the still-continuing strike of nearly 300,000 CIO steel workers.

Truman twice stated that the fabricating plant bosses, who backing down on a commitment to the steel union. The return against signing contracts for an ers has relieved the pressure on 181/2 cent wage increase already granted in basic steel, did not have to accept the wage "pattern" of the big companies.

outrageous price increases ended the strike of some 400,000 work- Attack 'Militant' ers. But another 300,000 workers have been forced to continue Distributors their walkout because the steel fabricators are attempting to

wangle additional price increases

The contracts reached with

before settling. porations would bring the fab-He quickly ended the basic steel strikes before full assurances of hundred papers. settlement with the fabricating companies.

wage recommendations for the expose throughout the country. fabricating industry was delaying settlement of remaining steel strikes, which have been in progress since January 21. Murray described Truman's support of the fabricating interests as "a workers. serious disservice to industrial peace.'

TRUMAN'S DOUBLE-CROSS Prior to Truman's original steel wage recommendations of the Communist Party to with- the government, said Murray, the union had reached agreement

> Truman followed Murray's statement with a public reaffirmation of the position the

The CIO Steelworkers point ical opponents of the rights of failure to run for reelection on out that the government's 18%- free speech and press through "technical" grounds -- "an ac- cent wage recommendation cov- violence. The SWP is taking

have been trying to hold out to work of the basic steel workthe government, which is now taking advantage of that fact to help the fabricators resist an 18½-cent wage concession.

basic steel after Truman yielded Stalinist Goons

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 -Eight workers, including wo-It is apparent that CIO Steel- men, distributing The Miliworkers President Murray was tant this afternoon at a Ununder the impression that a set- ion Square open-air rally of tlement with the basic steel cor- the Communist (Stalinist) Party were attacked by an organized ricating bosses to heel as well. Stalinist goon squad, but succeeded in distributing several

The meeting was called to protest the Freeport Jim-Crow mur-Murray, on March 7, charged der of the Ferguson Brothers that Truman's reneging on the which The Militant has helped

At the direction of a known party functionary, a number of Stalinist hoodlums attempted to assault the distributors who included young women and Negro

The distributors were leaving the Square when the goon squad attacked. They vigorously defended themselves and forced the statement, on March 5, exclud- goons to fall back. The fray ing the fabricators from the was broken up by the intervention of police.

The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party has takand was settling strikes at the en cognizance of this manifestation of increasing hooligan attacks on Militant distributors and the Stalinist attempts to de-President had taken on March 5. prive their working-class politthe necessary measures to protect Militant distributors from any further interference and