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Issues Before UAW Delegates At Convention At Convention AFTER 113-DAY STRUGGLE

- By The Editors -

During the week of March 23 the eyes of American labor will be focused on the Atlantic City convention of the CIO United Automobile workers, America's biggest and most dynamic union. Past UAW conventions have established milestones in the progress of the American labor movement. The forthcoming convention will prove no less momentous.

This convention meets against the background of America's greatest strike wave and of the significant wage victory which the auto workers have won in common with other large sectors of the CIO. The leading and decisive role in that victory has been played by the General Motors

A Host Of Problems

It would be good if the UAW convention delegates could confine themselves to a celebration of the gains just won. But the auto workers, like the rest of labor, are already beset by a host of unresolved and new problems.

The strike wave revealed great strength in the CIO ranks generally and the UAW in particular. American labor has never before displayed on such a national scale its capacity for militant struggle.

But the strike wave also brought into sharp relief significant weaknesses and defects of union policies and leadership. Now new Big Business threats are menacing labor. These weaknesses will have to be remedied, the new threats will have to be countered, if the auto workers are to retain their gains and achieve greater advances.

This UAW convention will have the duty to analyze and judge, soberly and conscientiously, the weaknesses revealed by the strike wave. It will have to elaborate a program of action which will effectively promote the interests of the auto workers in the crucial period ahead.

Although the auto workers and the CIO have made significant gains, they have not achieved the gains which could and should have been won, given the real strength of organized industrial labor.

The Strike Strategy

It will suffice to demonstrate this by pointing out the most glaring weaknesses during the strike wave, and particularly those shown in the UAW's wage fight.

To begin with, there was the "one-at-a-time" strategy projected by the UAW and CIO leaders and their lack of any unified strategy. Each followed its own course without consideration for the needs of the other, while the corporations pursued a calculated and concerted offensive against the unions. Although the CIO leaders were forced eventually and reluctantly to spread the strikes, this wa done in a timely or concerted manner. That is the chief reason why General Motors was able to drag out the strike

The "one-at-a-time" strategy enabled the corporations to pit one union, or section of a union, against another. Wage settlements were made by some unions which under-(Continued on Page 2)

American Seamen Defy Order To Scab On Filipino Strike

By Art Sharon (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, March 10-Delayed letters and clippings iet Union. from Manila, P. I., have arrived here telling the hitherto censored story of the unsuccessful attempt last month of Army brass hats in the Philippines to force American merchant seamen on 40 ships in Manila harbor to scab on striking Filipino longshoremen.

Two thousand merchant seamen belonging to the CIO operating with the army in the National Maritime Union, field 'are subject to the Articles Firemen's Union, CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards, and other smaller unions, refused to be used as scabs by the army in its attempt to break the strike.

A clipping from the Manila Evening Standard, February 7, reports that, "The strike situation is expected to see a sensational development today due to circular issued yesterday by Col. Cecil H. Davidson, AFWES-PAC (Army Forces Western Pacific) director of port operations, to all masters of ships in port directing them to have winch pperators available from among their crew to assist the army in discharging and loading

"Col. Davidson reminded ship nasters that merchant seamen

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AFL Seafarers International of War and any refusal to obey the lawful order, the subject re-Union, Independent Marine fusing such order can and will be punished under the Articles of War.'

The direct order from the la-

By Evelyn Atwood

to complete its quota.

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order to maintain its colossal **Gets Good**

out by William Warde, Militant corporations produce and distri-Associate Editor, in comment- bute the films shown to millions

paign for a \$15,000 Militant ing on the importance of the present fund drive. Sustaining Fund got off to The Militant, he emphasized. a flying start on March 15 with more than \$800 already concountry, depends for its operattributed, reported Justine Lang, ing income entirely on the finan-Campaign Director. Rochester, cial support of those sympathetic New York, was the first branch to the cause of labor. Most pubof the Socialist Workers Party lications in this country are directly or indirectly supported by the employer and business interests they serve. But The Militant neither solicits nor accepts adgrowing labor paper, The Mili-

vertising from business firms. COMBATS WALL ST.

thousands of enthusiastic readers to help maintain the paper One of the most vital functions by sending in their personal conof The Militant is counter-acttributions to the \$15,000 Sustain- ing the lying propaganda of Big the key industrial centers, a of being present at a meeting Business, Warde stated. "We controls all the principal means control all the vital instruments presumably abolished with the

broadcasting chains monopolize unlike most newspapers in this the radio system from coast to coast. Virtually all their programs are bought and paid for by santly spread their poisonous capitalist propaganda over the

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establishment of universal peace-

sentatives of Big Business are

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Regardless of the outcome of

the present stage of the crisis,

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with forces driving headlong to-

Stalin's speech in reply to the

war-mongering campaign of the

imperialists made no mention of

peace" he had promised would

"the safeguards" of "enduring

What happened to the coali-

ward World War III.

follow World War II.

air waves. "These same monopolist forces," said Warde, "have ac- Commissariat of the Fourth Disquired a virtual stranglehold trict. over the press. Ninety per cent of the communities in the United States have only one news- what to do next with a group paper, bound to Big Business. In of people who were "guilty" only handful of rich and powerful called by a political party. The

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of people every day. Three giant | militants, friends, sympathizers | ments of libel with the elements business interests which inces- Spain.

Like a band of dangerous gangsters, this group was forced to march between a double file of police with drawn pistols to the

Upon arrival at the Commissariat, however, nobody knew must remember that Wall Street newspaper magnates completely regime of arbitrary arrests was

Votes To Accept Agreement SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT DETROIT, Mar. 16-After battling without

GM Delegates Conference

let-up for 113 days on the picket lines, the heroic 175,000 General Motors strikers on March 13 finally forced the multi-billion dollar corporation to

Ford Council Opposes Several Contract Clauses

By Roy Weston (Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, Mar. 15 - The National Ford Council of the CIO United Auto Workers at its three-day meeting here this week to discuss ratification of the proposed Ford Motor-UAW contract, referred certain objectionable clauses back to the union's national negotiating committee. But the leaders were successful in shovng through approval of the dangerous "company security" clause which has evoked widespread disapproval among UAW

The council, on the opening day of the conference, March 11, rejected by a , vote of 507 to 296 the production-standards (speed-up) clause of the contract and then unanimously instructed the national negotiation committee to renegotiate this and ther non-approved clauses.

Joseph Eccles, president of the Council, had sought a second able to hold out solidly for more roll-call vote on the production than 16 weeks and have emerged clause, stating that it meant a 'showdown" for acceptance or rejection of the entire contract. Herbert Hindmarsh, of Highland Park Local 400, then moved the resolution providing referral of any rejected clauses to the national committee for possible renegotiation. The contract will then be submitted to the Ford workers nationally for a final vote on ratification.

Richard T. Leonard, UAW (Continued on Page 2)

The GM auto workers. who have spearheaded the whole wage fight of American labor and for 16 weeks have borne the brunt of Big Business's savage resistance, early Thursday morning wrenched from the arrogant GM corporation an agreement which includes an 181/2-cent an hour wage increase, plus correction of wage inequalities in local plants and other concessions. At the same time, the corporation was forced to retreat from its demand for "company security."

Admittedly the wage gains which the GM workers have secured fall short of what they justly demanded and which their great battle should have won. That is in no way due to the manner in which the GM workers fought, but rather to the weaknesses in strategy of the top UAW and CIO leaders.

SIGNIFICANT GAINS The agreement both with respect to wages and the other concessions must be viewed as a significant even though partial vic-

> Especially heartening is the fact that the GM workers were from this gruelling combat with their ranks intact, united and full of fight.

> This was reflected here yesterday by the 200 local CIO United Auto Workers delegates at the GM Delegates Conference, meeting to consider the terms of the contract recommended by the UAW leaders.

> The delegates voted by a great majority to recommend to the (Continued on Page 2)

Hurls Reactionary Barrage At Soviet Union

By Charles Carsten

The drive of Anglo-American imperialism to prepare public that he said would emerge after opinion for the Third World War continues unabated. Last week the crushing of the Axis? It is spokesmen for the Anglo-American imperialists made several ad- being replaced by a bloc against ditional significant moves. Tom Connally, chairman of the im- the Soviet Union. portant Senate Foreign Relations Committee, converted his report

on the recent General Assembly 9of the United Nations Organiza- military machine, the War Detion into an attack on the Soviet

Winston Churchill repeated time military training. Reprehis denunciation of the Kremlin and again offered "the powerful and faithful friendship" of the British Empire to Wall Street in its offensive against the Sov-

General Marshall, one of the leading spokesmen for the American military caste, returning is taking place. The first steps from China, stated in his first are being taken for a decisive public utterance that the situ- showdown with the USSR. The ation in Manchuria is "extremely critical."

Under cover of this furious war-mongering campaign, Wall Street agents are attempting to ram a series of reactionary measures through Congress. They are pressing for military control of atomic energy, assuring continuous mass production of the bor-hating brass hats was to no atom bomb for prospective use avail. The seamen stood solid in against the Soviet Union. In Stalin made no reference to

Wall Street Continues Drive For New War;

the United Nations Organization. Heroes' "Reward" The Stalinists spread the illuspartment is demanding an ex- ion that the UNO would be the "bulwark of peace." But it is clear that the United Nations Organization is nothing but an instrument of Anglo-American imperialism and a cover for its anti-Soviet campaign.

Stalin warned Churchill about the consequences of a Third World War and menaced the imperialist powers with the 'growing power" of the Com-(Continued on Page 3)

Paris Trotskyist world has no sooner emerged **Meeting Raided** astating conflict in a generation **By Gouin Police**

PARIS, March 10-On Tuesday, March 6 at 11 a.m., in the down on a visit by Jolliot-Curie, Tenth District here, 60 police Madame Curie's son, another pistols, mobilized to arrest 28 participants in a conference called by the Parti Communiste Internationaliste (Trotskyist) to discuss the international situa- Beastly Manners

Among those present were PCI and journalists from various of rudeness and lack of tact." countries, including the United (Stalin's reply to Churchill's States, France, Belgium, Eng- Missouri speech.) land, Holland, Ireland, Switzerland, Greece and refugees from

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On March 13 the Veterans Ad-

ministration in Washington reported that unemployment among returned veterans is nearing 1,-500,000. In the week ending March 2, GI unemployment compensation, \$20 a week each, was paid to 1,433,173 veterans.

Labor Got Stuck

William H. Davis, former head of the War Labor Board and an author of the Little Steel formula, stated in an interview on March 7 that the WLB had been like a cactus and "anyone who tried to lean on us got stuck."

Splitting the Atomists "Army brass hats are blocking the return here of Dr. Nils Bohr,

Danish Nobel Prize winner and SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT father of modern atomic science. agents and several inspectors, atomic scientist, holding it bad armed with machine guns and policy for American scientists to talk to foreign ones." (Drew Pearson in N. Y. Daily Mirror,

"This part of Mr. Churchill's

speech is a mixture of the ele-

Good Neighbor' Policy Gen. George Marshall, who is being spoken of as next Secretary of State to replace Byrnes, during the early days of World War II proposed a directive for the immediate seizure by U. S. and Ecuador. He drafted a subpartment, later issued under Roosevelt's name, for the retention of permanent peacetime military bases in the two South American countries - whether they agreed or not.

Salute To GM Strikers!

Hats off to the valiant General Motors strikers!

In the longest and bitterest labor struggle in American history, after 113 days of hardship and battle, the GM workers have once again brought to its knees the most powerful industrial corporation in the world. For courageous endurance, for unshakable unity, for

inspiring loyalty to the cause of those who toil, the record of the GM workers in this strike stands unsurpassed in the annals of American labor. The men and women who fought out this historic

battle to its triumphant conclusion were actuated not alone The Army also turned thumbs by their own interests. They knew they were the advance guard, the shock troops, of all American labor. They knew they were spearheading the wage fight of

the whole labor movement and that they would have to take the brunt of the savage resistance of American Big Business. Not for a moment did they falter. They held their

ground in defiance of all the pressure and calumny that Big Business and its agents hurled at them. They drew their belts tighter week after week — and grimly held on. By their example, they inspired millions of other in-

dustrial workers to hit the picket lines and to wrest for themselves the greatest single wage gains ever attained by the American workers.

It became the special objective of the anti-labor corporate interests to break the GM strike, or to force the strikers back to work on onerous terms. The American plutocracy wanted to "make an example" of the GM strikers, humble them, take revenge upon them because their battle had cleared the way for wage concessions throughout industry.

But Big Business failed. It had to beat a retreat. Genarmed forces of bases in Brazil eral Motors, which had flung one arrogant demand after another at the strikers, which had poured millions into sequent order to the State De- its drive to undermine the strike, had to come to terms.

Let every worker who will receive the benefits of substantial wage boosts ranging up to 18½ cents an hour give tribute to those most responsible — the heroic GM workers.

They saw their duty and they did not fail. Thanks to them American labor today stands a whole head taller.

Issues At UAW Convention

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cut the wage demands of another. Concessions were made to the employers in certain cases which strengthened the hand of employers in other negotiations. Thus, the "oneat-a-time" strategy divided the workers, not the cor-

Another grave weakness was shown when the CIO leaders-including the UAW top officials-capitulated to Truman's "fact-finding" procedure. When Truman first threatened to impose this latest method for whittling down wage demands and paving the way for compulsory arbitration, his proposal was roundly denounced by all the UAW and CIO leaders. Yet these same leaders quickly bowed before Truman's dictates. They sanctioned the "fact-finding" boards by appearing before them and surrendered in advance nearly 50 per cent of their wage demands on the basis of the arbitrarily-fixed recommendations of these socalled "fact-finding" boards.

"Company Security" A Danger

Another extremely dangerous weakness was disclosed, notably in the Ford negotiations, with the concession to the corporation demands for so-called "company security." This is a device of the corporations designed to weaken the unions in preparation for a renewed union-busting offensive. "Company security" clauses aim to victimize union militants and intimidate and demoralize the union

Finally, the CIO and UAW leaders failed to make a clean-cut break with the Big Business-dominated Truman administration. When Truman first announced his demand for anti-strike and semi-compulsory arbitration legislation, CIO President Philip Murray and others blasted Truman and threatened to break their ties with the administration. But though Truman has proved himself over and over again to be the eager servant of Big Business, Murray and the other CIO leaders are still trying to maintain their ties with the Truman administration. This makes impossible any effective fight against the government's anti-labor

The UAW delegates will remember that at the last convention, in September, 1944, they were also confronted by grave issues, the no-strike pledge, the War Labor Board's pro-corporation policies, the wage freeze in the midst of and capable of the top leaders of the UAW and CIO. soaring prices.

That convention saw the emergence of a grouping of militants, known as the Rank and File Caucus, which mobilized a good third of the convention against the whole UAW top leadership, Thomas, Reuther, Addes and Frankensteen, in a fight for a return to a program of union militancy and independence.

That caucus warned that the no-strike policy was permitting the employers to strengthen themselves at the expense of the workers. They warned that the unions would find themselves at the end of the war confronting a heightened employers' offensive at the moment when cutbacks and reduced wages would put the unions in a far less favorable position to resist.

the views and policies advanced in 1944 by the militants who the GM strikers instead of the General Motors Corporation. formed the Rank and File Caucus, and have refuted the He weakened under government pressure and participated arguments of the UAW leaders who tried to rivet tighter in Truman's "fact-finding" procedure. Nor should Reuther's the shackles of the no-strike pledge.

less crucial than those of 1944. This time, however, it is strike policy, and took the lead in selling the fraudulent clear that most of the advanced militants, who in 1944 "equality of sacrifice" program to the union. opposed Reuther along with the rest of the top UAW leaders, preparing to back him for-the UAW presidency and are associating themselves with his caucus.

Reuther has reestablished his reputation as a progressive the workers is a sound program.

As GM Strikers Win



General Motors auto workers celebrate in Detroit, as their 13-day strike ends, with an 181/2-cent on hour increase and other concessions including vacation bonuses and equalization of some wage rates.

union leader in the eyes of most UAW militants. He has advocated advanced and progressive demands, such as Open the books of the corporation!" and "wage increases without price increases." He demonstrated firmness and aggressiveness in the GM negotiations. He respected the democratic sentiments of the union ranks by placing every proposal before the representative GM delegates conference.

Reuther's Role

To this extent, the UAW militants are correct in supporting Reuther as a more progressive candidate for the top UAW office than R. J. Thomas.

But this support for Reuther can have a really progressive character only if the UAW delegates at the same time have their eyes completely open to Reuther's considerable shortcomings. They must be clearly aware of Reuther's weaknesses and false ideas.

For instance, the entire UAW Executive Board-and that includes Reuther, voted endorsement of the original and worst "company security" proposal made by the UAW representatives in the Ford negotiations. He was the author Events have completely confirmed the correctness of of the "one-at-a-time" strategy which helped to isolate wartime policy be forgotten. He gave full support to the This year's convention is confronted with problems no imperialist slaughter, helped put over and enforce the no-

As a result of his role in the General Motors strike, in guaranteeing that the union will serve the interests of

In the past the UAW has suffered from incompetency to outright betrayal on the part of more than one leader. These have ranged from Homer Martin to the latest discredited faker, Richard T. Frankensteen. In spite of such leaders, the UAW advanced because it was built on a program of militancy, union democracy and solidarity.

A Program Essential

To make the victory of the Reuther caucus a victory for the whole rank and file and not merely for an individual or small clique, the UAW militants must establish a program which will correct the deep-going flaws disclosed in the recent strike struggles.

Such a program, for instance, would outlaw any concession to corporation demands for "company security," such as in the Ford contract, which gives the employers a dangerous weapon against the unions. The Chrysler contract follows the Ford model. Other corporations are certain to take advantage of the Ford and Chrysler precedents.

The fact that the GM workers were able to wrest the best wage concession in the auto industry without yielding to the corporation's arrogant demands for "company security" is sufficient evidence that the unions do not have to accept such union-weakening terms as the price for wage the corporation which originally increases. This convention is in a position to put an end to proposed a wage cut in the form the menace of "company security" by prohibiting "company security" clauses in any form.

During the war the UAW leaders whined and complained about the WLB, and even proposed that the CIO withdraw its representatives from the WLB. But the UAW leaders continued to hang onto the Board until the last dog was dead. We are beginning to see a repetition of that poncy in connection with the "fact-finding" boards, which are designed. like all such capitalist government bodies, to cheat the workers out of their full and just demands and to lay the basis for compulsory arbitration.

So long as the unions place dependence either directly or indirectly, on government agencies like the "fact-finding" boards, the workers will be victimized, their demands will be whittled down and their grievances buried in red tape. Any sound union program must call for complete independence from any and all government agencies and a stern mandate to the union leaders to dissociate themselves in every way from such agencies. The workers can make In general, he has revealed himself as the most resolute gains, as the present strike wave has shown, only insofar as they rely upon their own strength and independent

> The corporations, forced to yield wage concessions, are trying to nullify these wage increases by a deliberately contrived price inflation. The Truman administration has an article called "A Market for not only conceded outrageous price increases to the profiteers, but has tied virtually all wage increases to price rises.

> It is therefore obvious that fixed wage increases provide only temporary gains because of inflation. This inflation is the "type of degeneration one can be combatted effectively by fighting for clauses in meets these days" among "cerunion contracts providing for a rising scale of wages automatically adjusted to price rises.

For Labor Party Action

Where the whole labor movement has shown itself least able to fight effectively is on the political field. In the examine more closely the three course of the strike wave, the unions have found themselves impotent against the political machinations of Big Business, which controls the government. Thus, the corporate interests snatch back by political means what the unions have won on the picket lines.

The labor leaders have been able, at best, only to To ensure the progress of the union, therefore, it is sufficient merely to select the most able individuals sufficient merely to select the most able individuals. not sufficient merely to select the most able individuals threatens to impose anti-labor laws, tramples underfoot available for office. The first and indispensable requisite any even faintly progressive measures. Not a genuine voice from the ranks of labor has been raised inside Washington's legislative halls against tax laws which provide billions in tax rebates to the corporations and other generous financial aids to corporation strikebreaking.

Company unionism in politics is a deadly snare for individual chiefly responsible of the meeting by supporting a labor. An end must be made to the alliance of labor with for the notorious "company se- vote of confidence in Leonard, the political parties and politicians controlled by the very curity" clause, on the final day corporate interests whom the workers are fighting on the of the meeting stated that repicket lines.

The need for labor political action is thoroughly recognized by the UAW ranks. But that recognition must be translated into effective action.

The UAW convention could perform no greater service tion to the membership on April sition to the worst sections of for all the working people of America as well as the auto 1. Current plans are to have the the proposed contract while actworkers than to start the ball rolling for a labor party and voting take place at the separate ually running interference for for the running of labor candidates in the 1946 Congression-

A call by this UAW convention for the CIO to immediately convoke a national conference for the launching of February 26, both union and a labor party, would evoke enthusiastic approval from that the contract was continmillions of workers, returned veterans, the Negro people gent upon its being accepted in and all other sections of the population who seek to fight its entirety by the Ford workagainst the predatory rule of Big Business.

the UAW and the entire labor movement.

The danger exists, however, that the decisive question of program may be sidetracked or buried if the UAW convention is permitted to degenerate into nothing but a drag-out factional fight for posts.

In this connection, the 1944 convention provides a splendid precedent for the UAW delegates in Atlantic City to follow. The 1944 delegates refused to discuss the question production clause, which would of leadership until the main questions of policy, especially the no-strike pledge were thrashed out in a four-day debate. to establish, maintain and en-

If that precedent is followed at the present convention, we can confidently expect that the delegates will perfect a program that will mark a major advance for the whole labor movement as well as the auto workers.

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militants.

Capitalist Press And Sour Grapes

GM strike victory is the attempt of the anti-labor press to "explain" away the gains of the GM workers and to minimize the significance of their well-earned triumph.

Typically, the N. Y. Times. than it was at the old rate during the war.' True enough, the GM work-

ers didn't get their full and justified demands. But they came a long way from the demands of of a 45-hour week at straight time, elimination of union security and seniority provisions, and demanded union-busting company security."

By their magnificent and unrielding fight the GM workers paved the way for the biggest single wage increase for American labor in its history, frustrated Wall Street's union-busting offensive, placed an obstacle before the all-out price inflation slated by the auto barons. and forced the mighty General Motors, spearhead of the openshop offensive, to beat a retreat.

Well, one can hardly blame the capitalist press for exhibiting an aggravated case of

Judases In Search Of a Market

George Morris, hatchetman of the Stalinist Daily Worker, wrote Judases," in which he bemoaned some "disquieting signs" and "a serious danger within the CIO."

Said danger, explains Morris, tain" union leaders who recently have gone over to the bosses' camp as highly paid "personnel" managers," "labor relations ad-

It is illuminating, however, to examples cited by Morris. Each -as Morris carefully refrains from stating—went to the Stalinist "finishing school."

ing" at Edward Cheyfitz, former head of the CIO Die Caster Union. Cheyfitz has lined up a One interesting sidelight of the \$15,000-a-year job as "advisor" to Eric Johnson, U. S. Chambes of Commerce president. Cheyfits will be recalled as the lad whe started out as a Young Communist (Stalinist) League member in Toledo, was sent expense-free to the Soviet Union for a couple of March 14, carefully pointed out years, returned to a cushy job that "It was apparent that the with the Doehler Die Company." wage incerase of 181/2 cents an He took over the lead of the hour and other concessions fell union, worked his way up to short of the original demand for local CIO recording secretary almost twice as much." It gloated and finally became a key Stalbecause the "net take-home pay inist trade union functionary. on a 40-hour week will be less His specialty for many years was baiting "Trotskyites" and sending goon squads against union

> When in Ohio, Morris "was told" of "a regional head of another union who suddenly quit" to become "personnel director for the company." Morris "forgets" to mention this individual's name, but we will fog his mem-

It was Victor DeCavitch, international vice-president of the CIO United Electrical Workers, and long a leading and notorious Stalinist in the CIO.

The case which most turns Morris' delicate stomach is that of UAW Vice-President Richard T. Frankensteen. After a career in New York and Miami night clubs, Frankensteen recently announced he was contemplating accepting one of the "fine opportunities" being offered him by Big Business firms.

Although Frankensteen was never a Stalinist, he and the Stalinists maintained a reactionary bloc for years in the UAW. Together they sought to put over "incentive pay," expel militants, and conducted a super-jingo wartime policy. He is a Stalinist "correspondence school," grad-

These graduates of the Stalinist school of betrayal have merely followed the examples of their teachers, like Earl Browder, 16 years the head of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, and Louis Budenz, former editor of the Daily Worker.

Morris himself acts like an accomplice who tries to cover himself up by appearing as the most "zealous" hunter of his fellow criminals.

Yes, indeed! The labor movement is well-advised to look out for Judases-especially Stalinist Morris is "nauseated to vomit- Judases-in search of a market.

Contract Revisions

(Continued from Page 1) curity" clause and then went National Ford Director and the down the line on the third day gardless of the recommendation of the Council and the outcome of efforts to renegotiate the Stalinists have played a devious disputed clauses, the contract and treacherous role of registerwill be submitted for ratifica- ing for-the-record a mild oppo-

Ford union unit meetings. MAY RE-OPEN FIGHT

In the negotiations concluded ers. Thus renegotiation of the A program along these lines is the crying necessity for disputed clauses could lead to re-opening of the entire con-

> Although the National Ford Council lacks formal power to reject or accept the contract, its decisions are expected to affect the vote of the membership. In addition to disapproving the

give the company full authority force production standards, the Council also referred back for renegotiation the promotion clause, which cites merit, ability and past performance as primary factors for advancement, regardless of seniority.

STALINISTS "WILT" The Stalinists played an

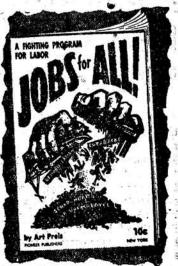
especially demagogic role paying the way for the leaders to put over the "company security" clause. On the first day they put on a show of support for the opposition to the rejected clauses. But their "militancy" vanished on the second day when the key issue, "company security", was discussed. This clause provides for "disciplinary" lay-offs and other penalties, including discharge, against workers charged by the company with participating in "slowdowns" or "unauthorized" strikes.

The Stalinists, who have a considerable influence in the Council, offered only the feeblest opposition to the "company se-

who spearheaded the drive for "company security."

From the early stages of the months-long negotiations the Leonard and the other top UAW officials who have been trying to put over "company security."

There is a considerable opinion among Ford Rouge Plant workers that the membership of Local 600, largest in the UAW. will vote against ratifying the 'company security" contract.



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General Motors Strikers Force **Arrogant Corporation To Terms** (Continued from Page 1)

local membership acceptance of strongholds of unionism-wantprocurable under the circum- but were overruled by the mastances. But they voted unanimously to call for the full support of the UAW International ting complete approval for the without price increases and called auto industry. to those GM locals which may decide to remain on strike until International backing, where the profits by demanding union actheir local grievances, a major plant managements refuse to cess to the company books. issue, are satisfactorily settled.

Membership meetings of the 80 GM locals will be held today and tomorrow to vote on ratification of the national contract. No locals are authorized to re- HIGH PLANE turn to work until a majority of the locals have voted acceptance of the settlement terms.

There was not full accord struggle in American history. among the delegates on approv-

continuance of local strikes, with for the exposure of company settle the important local grievances. Most locals, however, are the fight of the GM workers expected to approve the new contract and return to work

The settlement of the GM strike will mark the conclusion of the most significant labor

al of the contract. Some dele- ter and prolonged of any major gates, chiefly from the Flint area strike a key American union has increase of 30 per cent for which one of the most militant ever waged, but it was conducted they had fought and to which

jority.

Not only was it the most bit-

vious struggle of its type.

The GM workers, as UAW leader Walter Reuther pointed out to the delegates, advanced They did succeed in get the conception of wage increases

> Reuther also pointed out that blunted the Big Business postwar offensive against labor. He gave playing a principal part in to incite the veterans against the unions.

HIGHEST INCREASE

Admitting that the GM workers had not won the full wage

Reuther asserted that the 181/2 cents across-the-board increase, the contract as the best terms | ed to nold out for better terms, Vice President and GM strike with the equalization provisions, improved vacation pay and other concessions gave the GM workers the highest increase in the Reuther correctly pointed out

that the GM workers got less than they sought due to the settlements of 181/2 cents or less which the steel, electrical and radio and other CIO union leaders had accepted. This put the credit to the GM strikers for GM workers in a disadvantageous bargaining position. Reuthwarting the corporation plans ther passed over in silence, however, his own false one-at-atime strategy, as well as his cooperation with Truman's "Fact-Finding" board, which not only whittled the UAW demands from 30 per cent down to 171/2 per cent, but fixed a precedent for the setting up of their "fact-

finding" boards. "Without our struggle," Reuther correctly stated, "the wage pattern might have been 131/2cent on hour increases." Reuther particularly lashed out at the treachery of the Stalinist leaders of the CIO United Electrical Workers who refused for many weeks to call out the 30,000 UE members in GM's Electrical Divison and then made a sneaky separate settlement below what the GM auto strikers were ask-

The lessons of this strike have been imbedded deeply in the consciousness of the GM and other auto workers. The workers have emerged from the struggle more tempered, more aware of the great issues confronting labor. We may be sure that they will not rest on their gains, but, building on the experience of their latest, magnificent battle, will continue to stand in the forefront of the new struggles

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section of the Fourth International, the Trotskyists are valiantly fighting to lead the Greek proletariat on the road to the socialist revolution.

Three of the most important leaders of the Greek Trotskyists were murdered during the Nazi occupation by Hitler's Gestapo and Mussolini's Oyra. Among them was Pantelis Pouliopoulos, 45 year old revolutionist, one of the founders of the Greek Communist Party and founder of the Trotskyist movement in Greece.

On top of the staggering blows delivered to the party by the fascists and Nazis, the Stalinistcontrolled EAM and ELAS murdered more than a hundred leaders and members of the Greek Trotskyist party when British troops moved against the Greek people in December 1945 and January 1946.

and ELAS consider the Greek Trotskyists as their main enemies and slaughtered them with cold-blooded savagery.

From one of the papers published by the Greek Trotskyists we learned the names of more of the leading members of the Greek Trotskyists who were murdered by the Stalinists. The

partial list of martyrs follows: LIST OF MARTYRS Demosthenes Voursoukes - A working class leader with an excellent 18 year record of activity in the revolutionary movement. He was exiled and imprisoned many times. In 1942 he escaped from dictator Metaxas' dreaded concentration ists. "Acronaphlia" camp, where he had been held for four years. He was a member of the Central Committee of

the Greek Trotskyist party and



VOURSOUKES helped edit the papers Bolshevi-

kos and Labor Front. He was murdered by the Stalinists in the ELAS for his anti-war activity:

Stauros Venouchis-Lost his eye-sight in the first World War. In the years before the Metaxas dictatorship he was General Secretary of the General Confederaerans. As a member of the revolutionary movement since 1922 he led many demonstrations against imperialist war and for benefits to the disabled war veterans. Murdered by the Stalin-

ing class revolutionist with an incomparable record. He began losses the Greek Trotskyists are his revolutionary activity when moving forward. They publish also the masses in the rest of the he was in high school in 1930. two newspapers: the Workers world. After four years of imprisonment | Struggle, a regular weekly; and by the Metaxas regime, he escap- Labor Front, issued less fre- in aids the Wall Street and Brited. He was a member of the Cen- quently. In addition they pub- ish imperialists in their efforts attacked a British convoy near tral Committee of the Greek lish a monthly magazine, Fourth to prepare public opinion for Buitenzorg, killing seven British Trotskyist party. He was mur- International.



Stergios Stergiou-A tobacco

worker and proletarian artist. As a participant in the revolutionary movement, he was most popular of all militants among the proletariat of Salonika. Murdered by the Stalinists.

Georgios Doxas-A house painter and one of the most active leaders of the proletarian movement. Murdered by the Stalin-

Panagiotes Tsigeli—A bakery worker, chairman of his local trade union in Athens for a year. He was arrested by the Metaxas dictatorship and held in jail for

five years. Murdered by the Stal-Spyros Pilitsis-A young peasant who came to the ranks of the Greek Trotskyists from EAM

and ELAS. His former Stalinist comrades in ELAS murdered him. Mitsos Meliades - A railroad worker. He began his activity in the revolutionary movement in For War Upon 1928 and had an excellent record

of militancy which won him distinction in the workers struggle. Murdered by the Stalinists. Kosmas Charifonides A member of the Central Committee of the Greek Trotskyist party. He was active in the revolution-

ary movement for 20 years. Mur-

dered by the Stalinists. Thimios Adramidedes - A hospital worker. He was exiled to an Island by the Metaxas dictatorship. Murdered by the Stalinists. Dimitros Tatsis — A metal

death by the Stalinists. Trotskyist party a short time before he was murdered by the

Spyros Stefanou - A bakery worker with 17 years of revolutionary activity. He was one of he is repeating the same threat. tion of the Disabled War Vet- the leaders of his local trade

tug-boat worker. He was active and strategic concessions in Irin the revolutionary movement an, China and Turkey, his utter of Pireaus. He became a work- disregard for the welfare and Nikos Aravantinos—A work- Murdered by the Stalinists.

British Shoot Down Malayan

Workers Striking For Food

Greek Trotskyists Slain By Stalinists Another War Will Doom Civilization, Pespite serious losses among the leadership of the Greek Analysis Of World War II Reveals Ction of the Fourth International, the Trotskyists are

Paris Trotskyist Meeting Raided By Gouin Police

(Continued from Page 1) signing of the decree which end-

ed martial law.

After much hesitation, the decision was made to transfer the 28 to the police prefecture where officials of the Second Criminal Bureau we a placed in charge of the case. But these functionaries, likewise, did not know what to do with this "case." Very quickly all the departments became embarrassed by the stupidity of these arbitrary arrests.

But they had to do something. So they put everybody through another "interrogation." Each in his own language, the group vigorously protested against these police measures.

Finally at one o'clock in the morning, seven French militants and sympathizers of the PCI were released.

"NEVER ARRESTED" "I do not say to you that you

are free, gentlemen," declared an inspector, "because you were never placed under arrest." They know how to be very

subtle, these French police! Most of those who had "never been placed under arrest". were released the next day. Two Spaniards were held. These comrades are threatened with deportation to Franco's Spain.

The Parti Communiste Internationaliste has called a public meeting on March 12 to protest against these undemocratic actions by the Bouin government which are leading France back to the road of Vichy.

Wall St. Drives Soviet Union (Continued from Page 1)

munist Parties. Some papers to the revolutionary policy carried out by the Communist International during the time of Lenin and Trotsky.

worker. He was active in the break of the last war. In 1938 bayonets. when England moved toward the The onika from 1929 on. Arrested formation of a Four Power bloc Dutch forces spurred Indonesian (Britain, France, Germany and Nationalists into new and determany times by the capitalist police, he was finally tortured to Italy) directed against the USSR mined attacks upon the British and faced with the collapse of occupationists in western Java. John Gramenos — A hospital his policy of "collective security," It served also to intensify the worker who joined the Greek Stalin likewise threatened the conflict between the native popuworld bourgeoisie with "world lation and imperialist troops in revolution" (the notorious "Iv- other islands of the Netheranov letter"). Today, threat- land Indies. ened with the consolidation of a Two-Power bloc (Britain-U. S.)

Stalin's policy of plunder, viounion. Murdered by the Stalin- lence and military occupation of the states bordering the USSR. Theophilos Dimitriades - A his demands for military bases ing class revolutionist in 1927. wishes of the people in these countries, serves to alienate, not In spite of these staggering only the people of the countries bordering the Soviet Union, but

Thus by his entire policy Stal-

Italian Police Shoot Down Jobless Workers

Twelve workers were killed, 50 injured and almost 2,000 arrested by Italian police and militia when starving, unemployed workers demonstrated in Andria, Italy. Heavy tanks pa-

Dutch Troops Pour Into Java; New Battles Flare

The profound economic

crisis in Italy is becoming

worse under the Alcide Gas-

peri Government. The starv-

ed masses are beginning to

turn toward direct action in an

attempt to find a way out of the

A pitched battle between the

Italian Carabinieri (police) and

tors in the southern Italian city

of Andria began on March 5 and

lasted for three days. At least

12 people were killed, many were

The demonstrations occurred in

an agricultural center of 60,000

population. Unemployed work-

ers and veterans were arrayed

against Premier Alcide Gasperi's

Three weeks before the police

began shooting down the dem-

onstrators, according to the

December 11 Christian Science

Monitor, farm workers "forcibly

rounded up 57 landowners and

forced them to agree to employ

at least an additional thousand

Despite their promises to rem-

edy the situation, the land-

when the landowners met in the

'local police station" at Andria,

prutal civilian police.

men on their lands."

wounded and 2,000 arrtsted.

capitalist impasse.

By Mike Cort

The Indonesian people's long and bitter struggle for punitive force. independence flared into renewed violence this past week The British have been trying with the sudden landing of 2,400 fresh Dutch troops in to smuggle Dutch occupation Batavia on March 9. These landings, and the counter- troops into Java under the transattacks by the natives, oc-9attacks by the natives, ocon March 13 with the arrival merely replacing evacuating Britof the Dutch destroyer Peit Hein. ish troops. The British implied NEW WEAPONS

Indonesian Nationalists were Fighting continues, however, that all British troops were beto open negotiations over the along the east coast of the island ing pulled out of the Netherfuture status of the Nether- near the Gulf of Bone. land Indies. The Dutch Governor-General

van Mook had previously countered the Indonesian Nationalist demand for complete and imhave interpreted this as a return mediate independence with an offer of dominion status under continued Dutch rule. It is now clear that the Dutch are employing these negotiations as a Nothing could be further from smoke-screen behind which they the truth. Stalin is simply re- hope to land overwhelming peating the impotent maneuver military strength and thus ultithat he employed before the out- mately decide the issue with

EMPTY PROMISES

Governor General van Mook and his British allies hoped that 20,000 unemployed demonstratheir gaudy and empty promises would lull the Indonesians into inactivity while the Dutch garrisoned their islands with overwhelming military strength. But it seems that Dutch military reinforcements have only served to further inflame the struggle and steel the Indonesians in their determination for complete independence. Three days after the Dutch

landings in Batavia, a strong force of Indonesian Nationalists soldiers and wounding 25. About 300 natives planted land mines in the road, threw up road blocks and surrounded a column of British supply trucks accompanied by tank escort. Later in the day a second convoy en route to Bandung, Java's 'summer capital, were ambushed by the Nationalist troops. British imperialists, reacting with their

was answered by 200,000 workers Porridge being not as substantial right for the government to use is underscored by the widespread response to the general strike call But the question of "right" in January. Among the 200,000 ers and sisters often sob softly never enters into the British im- strikers were not only dockwork-It was the desperation of stary- when they see other children perialist mind. This strike was ers, but also public employees,

patching to that area a large

parent excuse that they were Spasmodic flare-ups also con- 28 the British Commander-in- turn affected the conduct of tinue on the island of Sumatra chief in India revealed that on- military operations. In 1939 the where the British have reimpos- ly Indian Moslem troops were British Major General F. N. Maed a curfew in the Padang area being withdrawn. This move son MacFarlane declared, "There after their occupation troops was dictated by the fact that in- is one great worry shared by were ambushed by native war- creasing numbers of Indian both the British and German riors. The Indonesian Repub- troops were joining the Indolican flag was also hoisted in nesian fighters for indepen- haunts us is the fear that one Galela on northern Halmahera dence, and the British no longisland, and the Dutch are dis- er considered them "reliable."

ALCIDE GASPERI

fall and they overpowered the

police and Carabinieri and seized

their barracks. Reinforcements

Three days of "military opera-

fore the government was able to

regain possession of the town.

to the town by the workers.

capitalism with its recurrent imperialist wars? This begins a series of articles on the arsenal of death-dealing weapons concentrated in the hands of the imperialist warmakers who in their lust for world domination now threaten the total destruction of By Eugene Varlin

American imperialism has demonstrated that it will stop at nothing in its drive to dominate the world. Less than eight months after the end of the war, open preparations for the Third World War are in full swing. The diplomatic and propaganda buzz-bombs came into use, the offensive of Anglo-American United States completed experi-

destructive war in history. It Japanese village. An incendiary was a total war that spared was perfected that could not be neither soldier nor civilian. It extinguished by any known firewas a scientific war whose na- fighting equipment. "The scatture was determined by the tered fragments of this bomb." weapons of destruction created by modern technology. And like make a veritable torch out World War I, it was an imperialist war fought for colo-metal." nies, markets, and world domin-

imperialism against the Sov-

iet Union has begun.

What will World War III be like? To answer this question, t is first necessary to examine the enormous increase in the destructive power of the military weapons created during the Second World War.

by employing all the destructive weapons developed toward the close of the First World War. plus improvements and inventions made between the two wars. In 1918, the tank was first coming into use. The tank blitzkrieg of Poland opened the Second World War in 1939. In 1918, the primary function of military aircraft was the observation of enemy movements or reconnaissance. Large scale bombing even of military objectives was unknown in World War I. It was symbolic that the bombing of the civilian population of Warsaw opened the Second World War in 1939.

The war speeded up the development of new military weaplands Indies. But on February ons and these new weapons in command. The nightmare that of our planes may drop the first bomb that kills a civilian." What a far cry from those days of Italian Farm Workers Stage six years ago to these! When the German Luftwaffe

bombed England in 1940, Roose-Huge Demonstration At Apulia velt denounced the bombing of civilians as an inhuman crime. Two years later, American bombers were wreaking even greater and more indiscriminate havoc on German cities. Roosevelt claimed that these bombings were limited to industrial targets. In the imperialist code that meant slaughter of civilan an, hardly affected by the First workers had become morally acceptable.

What limited the imperialist owers was not moral scruples but the nature and quantity of weapons at their disposal. In the last year of the war, air weapons came into use which made it impossible to speak of "pinpoint" bombings of war industries. The "moral" distinction between strategic industrial and non-industrial targets disappeared. Total annihilation of the enemy population became a "legitimate" objective. Why? Because, claimed the propagandists, it "would help end the The German buzz-bomb, ra-

dio-piloted and rocket-propelled, was greeted with indignation by the outraged defenders coming from Bari to aid the be- of morality in the camp of sieged police were barred entry American and British imperialism. The pilotless buzz-bomb did not distinguish between tions" plus trickery by the Sta- military and non-military objectives, they said. What really Hiroshima and Nagasaki have offended them, of course, was that the German militarists had The Third World War, M * gotten the jump on them in

ments with incendiary bombs in These bombs had been World War II was the most tested on a full-size replica of a wrote the N. Y. Times, "would any material it struck, wood These incendiary bombs were

used to devastate the workingclass districts of Germany and Japan in the last months of the war. When I was in Germany, I saw the town of Wurzburg which, two months earlier, had been bombed by these incendiaries for only 20 minutes. One-The Second World War began fourth of Wurzburg's prewar population of 102,000 was burnt alive. I saw charred skeletons removed from ruins and dumped into mass graves in the city Drew Middleton wrote in the

N. Y. Times on June 22, 1945, that 400,000 of the inhabitants of Hamburg were killed by bombings. He stated that "thousands were baked alive in shelters as apartment houses and tenements fell burning about them." "Apartment houses and tenements"-these were the new "military objectives" of the American war lords. GLOBAL WAR

World War I was confined primarily to Europe. World War II was a global war. 'Only the American continents did not become battlefields. World War II was fought in Europe, Asia and Africa. But casualties were not confined to these far-flung battlefields. Any place within range of modern air power became a target. And the range, speed. number and bomb-load of aircraft increased tremendously in the course of the war. The war began with 200-mile sorties into Poland by the German Luftwaffe. When it ended, American Superfortresses were making a 3,000 mile round trip to World War II was far more

destructive than world war 1 On the European front alone there were 60,000,000 military casualties as compared with 37,-000,000 in the First World War. In addition, civilian casualties numbered tens of millions. Jap-World War, suffered almost 6.-000,000 casualties in the Second World War. There were 260,000 American casualties in World War I: over 1,070,000 in World War II.

During the war, the rate of destruction was enormously accelerated. Germany began the war with the most advanced military techniques known up to that time. Nevertheless, all her bombings of England throughout the six years of war killed "no more than" 60,585 civilians. On March 10, 1945, 300 Superfortresses dropped 2,300 tons of incendiaries on Tokyo, murdering almost 100.000 Japanese people. The two atom bombs dropped by two planes on Hiroshime and Nagasaki are officially admitted to have killed more than 600,000 people. General Arnold of the Army

Air Forces has stated: weapons of today are the museum pieces of tomorrow." The atom bombs which wiped out already become museum piece comes, will be an atomic war-(To Be Continued)

British imperialism, its bloody hands already busy put-9about 200 unemployed veterans ting down colonial revolts in the Middle and Far East, has events of the December strike in usual bloodthirsty violence, dis-Giuseppe di Vittorio, Combegan demonstrating outside, derocket warfare. Research in and atomic war can mean the now turned its troops to imprisoning and murdering the the following manner: "As we patched strong tank detachmunist General Secretary of the manding jobs. The police disrocket bombs was soon under way complete destruction of civilia-Confederation of Labor, went to Malayan people who dared to-demonstrate for freedom and strikers were marching in order- ments and Thunderbolt planes to persed them. in the United States. ation. Andria from Rome, according to food. Two strike-demonstrations by the Malayans, one in ly fashion to the Padang, some the scene of the action. Despite But in the afternoon the dem-However, in 1943, long before the Christian Science Monitor. 300 policemen made a baton the formidable British armour December 1945 and the sec-9onstrators returned with 2.000 "to try and bring conditions back sympathizers. The police again to normalcy." ond on January 29, 1946, were | tanks and automatic rifles of the charge. I received a few knocks employed, the natives continue brutally suppressed by the British troops. A leaflet written on the head but when the melee to hold their siege of the convoys

and injured many score. The December strike was called.

by the starving Malayans to force their imperialist masters to reduce the cost of rice. The British immediately swept down on working class leaders in both the Malay States and Singapore and imprisoned 14 of them. It was to

ing men which sent the unarmed gorging the delicious food . . ." quelled in the same savage fa- domestic servants and even smell Malayan workers against the This same worker describes shion as the subsequent one in shopkeepers.

and it took several days before as rice, we are always hungry force to quell us?" British guns were able to break and I often notice that my broth-

British after their guns had by a public works department was over about ten of my fellow as of this writing. killed at least two workers employee at the time of the gen- workers were lying unconscious FIGHTING CONTINUES eral strike furnishes vivid testi- on the ground, blood oozing from mony of the plight of the people. their heads. I helped to carry tive troops at Menado, North This leaflet has just been re- them to the General Labour Celebes, is reported by the Dutch ceived by The Militant from Union. Later I came to learn to have been finally suppressed "I earn one dollar a day," the strikers to the water's edge. wrote this worker who has a No news has since been heard January 1946. At this writing comparatively good job. "As the of at least five of the strikers, there is no indication that any

that the police had tried to force black market price of rice is one It was because we wanted to let of the working class leaders have force the release of these lead- dollar and 40 cents a katty, we the government know of our in- been released from prison. ers that the January 29 general can only afford to have two meals tolerable living conditions that But more strikes will come, as strike was called. This strike call of porridge instead of rice a day. we were on strike and sq is it the British well know. This fact

attempted to break up the gathering. The enraged workers and the demonstrations took place, veterans disarmed the police and is one of the poorest sections of forced them to retreat to the Italy. Living conditions are Carabinieri Barracks. worse and employment more Ranks of the demonstrators widespread than in any other

swelled to about 20,000 by night- part of the country.

NEW YORK FORUM "VETERAN'S EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF INDONESIAN REVOLT

owners stalled. On March 5, linist leaders were required be-

Sunday, March 24 Speaker:

H. BERMAN

Veteran Just Returned from Indonesia 116 University Place

The province of Apulia, where the demonstrations took place. Trotskyists In Norway **Survive Nazi Invasion**

We have just received the first news since the outbreak of World War II from the Norwegian Trotskyists. During the war, our Norwegian comrades inform us, the organization, which had been small until 1940, grew

rapidly. After the German in-9 vasion, the Trotskyists took are allowed free expression of five illegal weekly papers. monthly magazine.

active members of both labor May 1st. parties in which they are endeavof the Fourth International. These labor parties are so con-

an active part in the anti- their views. The Trotskyists, Nazi struggle. They issued therefore, plan to publish a The first Our comrades in Norway are number is scheduled to appear

The Norwegien Trotskyists oring to popularize the program write that they are anxious to get all the copies of The Militant and Fourth International which stituted that various tendencies appeared during the war.

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

-Leon Trotsky

CIO Political Action

At its meeting in Washington on March 15 the CIO executive board voted to raise a \$6,000,000 fund to finance its 1946 political action program through contributions of at least \$1 from each of its members.

The CIO members who are being asked to subsidize this program have every right to raise some searching questions about it.

First, is their money again to be used to elect. another anti-labor administration? The CIO-PAC spent a few million dollars in 1944 to help elect the present administration. In return Truman has encouraged the Congressional labor-haters by proposing legislation to restrict strikes through "fact-finding" boards. He has resorted to direct strikebreaking through government plant seizures. He whittled down to a minimum the unions' wage-demands. He granted huge price increases to the profiteering monopolists.

Then, what about Congress? Didn't the CIO-PAC in 1944 hail the election of this pack of labor-baiters as a "victory" for labor? What has this "progressive" Congress done for labor? It would be impossible to cite a single measure it has passed for labor's benefit. Congress has knifed proposals for higher unemployment compensation, for the FEPC, for large-scale housing, and is now blocking minimum wage degislation. But this same Democratic-Republican gang has favored the most vicious antistrike legislation, passed union-crippling tax rebates, abolished excess profits taxes, and conceded to Big Business on every other important issue before it.

Even in the face of these undeniable facts. Murray and Hillman evidently intend to continue along the same disastrous course of subservience to the Truman administration and dependence upon the henchmen of the two capitalist parties. The board resolution on political action goes so far as to boast that the recent wage victories "were made possible by CIO's political strength, combined with its economic strength and strike action!"

The truth is that these wage gains were won exclusively because of the economic strength and powerful strike action of the CIO workers. And these gains would have been much greater if labor hadn't been shackled to the Democratic and Republican parties of Wall Street and if it had a political instrument of its own.

Asked to explain how his political policies helped win wage-increases, Murray replied: "A lot of members of the Democratic and Republican parties and people in public office threw a lot of weight behind the CIO."

This will certainly be news to most CIO workers. For months they have watched "the Democratic and Republican parties and people in public office throw a lot of weight" AGAINST the CIO while they were out on the picket lines battling the corporations.

That is why the militants want a decisive change in CIO political policy. They are calling for a complete break with the Democratic-Republican political machinery of the capitalist class, a genuine labor program, and a party of their own to fight for that program.

The only effective political action program for the CIO in the 1946 elections can be summarized in a single slogan: BUILD A LABOR

Stalin's Policy

The Kremlin bureaucracy has reacted in a typically devious way to the anti-Soviet war drive of Anglo-American imperialism. This drive, rooted in the profound contradiction between planned economy in the USSR and the rotting capitalist system encircling it, has obviously been inspired, planned and organized by Wall Street.

Truman, White House representative of Big Business, was present at Fulton, Missouri, when Churchill delivered his speech in the calculated series of diplomatic and propagandistic maneuvers against the Soviet Union. In fact Truman introduced Churchill, and the entire press made plain that Truman had read Churchill's speech in advance and approved its bristling

threat of war. But Stalin in his March 13 answer to the Truman-sponsored campaign did not even mention Trumants note! Stalin confined himself

to polemics against Churchill and Britain.

Eugene Tarle, Moscow historian assigned to answer the propagandistic barrage of Anglo-American imperialism, likewise did not mention Truman. Instead, he talked in a misleading manner about the "traditional friendly character" of "Russian-American relations." Certainly this has not been the attitude of the plutocrats of Wall Street and their government which has from the first shown bitter hostility to the USSR—even sending an imperialist army to Russia after the First World War in an attempt to crush the young workers' state.

Pravda, which publishes nothing unapproved by the Kremlin, tried to make out in a March 11 editorial that Churchill acted on his own and that he failed to gain support anywhere in America. The nearest Pravda came to Washington was a reference to Vandenberg as Churchill's friend. But Senator Vandenberg has played a minor role in the war campaign unleashed by Wall Street against the Soviet Union. As authoritative spokesman of the Republican Party on foreign policy, Vandenberg merely indicated that the Republicans endorsed the war threats whipped up by the Democratic Administration.

Stalin is pursuing this policy of silence in regard to Truman and Wall Street solely to indicate his readiness to make a new treacherous deal. By throwing all the blame for the anti-Soviet attack on Churchill, he makes clear to Wall Street and Truman that he is still available. In return for concessions, Stalin can again offer Wall Street the political services of his agents abroad.

The American Stalinists are carrying out this perfidious political line with an adaptation for American conditions. This adaptation is to accuse Truman of "departing" from Roosevelt's war policies. The American Stalinists call for a return to "Big Three Unity." They thereby indicate their willingness to again peddle Wall Street's wares to the American workers in the event Stalin gains the concessions he wants and announces that "Big Three Unity" has again been resumed.

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Boosting Prices

The all-out offensive of the big industrialists, in collusion with the Truman administration, to fleece the consumers and rob the workers of wage gains won through bitter struggle on the picket lines, was extended last week to include price boosts on new automobiles.

The Office of Price Administration has revealed that after March 11 buyers of new cars will be forced to agree to make extra retroactive payments on cars manufactured by Chrysler, Ford and Hudson, in line with the price hike to be authorized by the OPA. These companies manufacture cars in the lowerpriced-brackets-Ford, Plymouth, Dodge, De Soto, etc.—most patronized by the workers.

The OPA admits that this price boost, estimated at up to 3 per cent higher than present ceiling prices, will add at least \$45 on a \$1,500 model. The pretext for granting this bonus to the auto barons is the wage increases won by the auto and other industrial workers in their recent bitter struggles.

Donald Montgomery, Consumer Counsel of the CIO United Auto Workers, blasted at OPA's projected concessions to the auto magnates. "Of all industries, the auto industry is least entitled to price increases." The auto industry is not only well-heeled with enormous post-war tax rebates, but has accumulated more than enough war profits to cover the wage increases.

Montgomery further pointed out that the new price concession means "not a bulge in the price line but an explosion." This assault upon the whole price structure and the workers' standard of living was further emphasized by Chester Bowles, Chief of the Office of Economic Stabilization, who admitted that upward adjustments will follow for many metal consumer products, because of the \$5 per ton price increase for steel.

The OPA has also announced that "undoubtedly there will have to be price increases" all along the line. The big dairy corporations and petroleum monopolists are applying terrific pressure on OPA to hike prices on these staple products.

Price ceilings on the three main items in a worker's budget-food, clothing and housinghave already been cracked to appease the extortionate demands of the greedy meat-packers, clothing and textile manufacturers, construction and real estate interests.

It thus becomes increasingly clearer that Truman's promises to hold the price line are a fraud. The conspiracy of Big Business and its government agents to cheat the workers of their hard-won gains through price boosts is already well under way. Now more than ever, the workers must combat this inflationary attack upon their standard of living by demanding a rising scale of wages pegged to the



"I really don't see why people eat bread anyway—it's terribly fattening!"

& Co., 184 pp, \$1.50.

Political Economy, by Karl Marx, dividends to 200, 400, 900 and third and more horrible world was undertaken in order to more per cent." more compactly "set forth the

other laws of capitalism developed by Marx almost 100 years ago, med a lot of heavy cream." Trotsky draws most heavily upin the world.

ica comes closest to that type of | famously!" capitalism," Trotsky explains.

omy," writes Trotsky. In pre- Deal . . . when the number of the tions of a new regime. senting present day examples of unemployed decreased at best the operation of this and the from 20 millions to 10 millions ship in the means of production . . . the monopolists again skim- is the first prerequisite to plan-

on the history and statistics of stract concept 'monopolistic cap- of human relations, first on a the United States which today ital' is filled in for us with flesh national and eventually on a is the dominant capitalist power and blood. What it means is world scale." that a handful of families bound "The economic teaching of by ties of kinship and common future for genuine Marxism in Marx has acquired peculiar via- interest into an exclusive capi- the United States. With the bility and pointedness for the talist oligerchy, dispose of the dawn of a new epoch of an in-United States, Although Capital economic and political fortunes dependent class movement of rests on international material of a great nation. One must per- the proletariat, he predicted that . . . the capitalism grown on the force admit that the Marxist law in the sphere of theory, America virgin, unhistorical soil of Amer- of concentration has worked out would speedily catch up with

Tracing the development of shortly before the Second World of the advanced American U. S, monopoly capitalism, War broke out, Trotsky pointed workers," he wrote. "To them Trotsky shows in facts and fig- out that the lust of the giant this abridged exposition of the ures how, since "the beginning monopolists for more plunder first volume will become only an of the present century, when 2 and profits and greater exploita- initial step towards the complete per cent of the population al- tion of the masses, would inevi- Marx." ready owned more than half the tably lead to more wars for new entire wealth of the country," redivisions of the globe. All this

THE LIVING THOUGHTS OF | the concentration of wealth in | he said, is "part and parcel of KARL MARX, with Introduct the hands of a few took giant the policy of imperialistic capitaltion by Leon Trotsky, 1939, leaps in succeeding decades. Dur- ism . . . Such is the actual rea-Published by Longmans, Green ing the First World War, "when son today for rearmaments, dipthe nations were bleeding to lomatic convulsions and war In his introduction, Trotsky death . . . the most powerful alignments," Trotsky's propheexplains that this book, which is companies of the U.S. increased tic words are no less applicable an abridgement of the first vol- their assets two, three, four and to the diplomatic convulsions ume of Capital: A Critique of more times and swelled their which today point the road to a

By 1929, writes Trotsky, "the In his conclusion, Trotsky unfundamentals of Marx's eco- same two per cent owned three- derscored the essence of the revnomic teaching in Marx's own fifths of the national wealth." olutionary message which Marx words . . . no one has yet been Even during the great economic was the first to bring the world able to expound the labor theory crisis of 1929-1933 "monopolistic working class. "Partial reforms of value better than Marx him- establishments had no need to and patchwork will do no good. appeal to public charity; on the Historical development has come This law of labor value, one of contrary, they rose higher than to one of those decisive stages Marx's most important discov- ever above the general decline of when only the direct interveneries and which is fully expound- national economy." Again, "dur- tion of the masses is able to ed in his Capital, "is indeed the ling the rickety industrial revival sweep away the reactionary obbasic regulator of capitalist econ- on the yeast-cakes of the New structions and lay the founda-"Abolition of private owner-

ned economy, i.e., the introduc-Thus, says Trotsky, "the ab- tion of reason into the sphere

Trotsky foresaw the greatest Europe and even outdistance it.

Writing this introduction "Marx will become the mentor

Reviewed by Larissa Reed

Congressmen At Work

ed outlook, you've got to take into account some of the good things Wall Street's Congress does. Like the proposal to provide \$100,000,000 (only millions) for hot school lunches.

To make sure it would pass, those Congressmen with the interests of America's children at heart first cut the proposal to \$65,000,000. They then phrased it so that in a few years the States will have to put up \$4 for every \$1 of Federal money. That means the poor areas a slight flaw compared with the help it gives the rich areas.

On top of this, the children have to pay for the lunches unless an investigation determines they are unable to. Then they get it for cost, or in some instances even free of charge - if the school authorities OK the hardship case and the children do a little kitchen work in return.

plowing them under or diverting "them to welfare uses and to relief purposes . . . and so we have an echo 10 years from the the Melody Lingers On."

been brought to the floor of this dren during the most forma- in the worst of men.



lunches. But naturally that's only the public-school system of America."

> Curtis of Nebraska snarled sarand have the Federal Govern- nation be properly fed." ment fix everybody's teeth?"

Wadsworth of New York, one comes the subject."

into . . . The Song Is Ended, But cannot conceive of any greater it is our children." harm the Congress of the United

tive period of their lives to rely upon their Government to feed them is to destroy their instinct of self-preservation . . . Heaven protect the minds of our little ones against the awful corruption which measures such as the one Congress is now considering would visit upon them."

But the defenders of America's children, who by coincidence are also interested in disposing of agricultural surpluses, came back with powerful arguments. Harless of Arizona pointed to World War III: "It is no won't be able to provide hot House. It is designed to wreck secret since our Selective Service System was established in 1940 that certain districts in this country contributed in a large castically: "It is well known that | measure undernourished draftees no food alone will build a strong who could not be used in our body unless it is properly onew- war program. It is essential for ed. May we not also include a the national defense of our counprogram here of State medicine try that all of the youth of this

Doyle of California uncorked a haymaker that landed below of the leading advocates of uni- the belt. He noted that the op-Such a radical measure took versal compulsory military train- ponents of the measure had vota terrific beating of course before | ing under the vicious Army caste | ed for "millions and millions of it got through the House of Rep- system, pointed to the danger of dollars for the purpose of proresentatives. Dirksen of Illinois "statism" in the hot lunch bill: | tecting live stock, or finding out pointed out that school lunches "Step by step central govern- the best feeds for their cattle began about 10 years ago as part ment, no matter what country or their pork in their various of the New Deal drive to get we are talking about, becomes States. Why, then, can they oprid of farm surpluses either by more and more powerful, it be- pose placing the physical welfare comes finally the master of the of our Nation's children ahead individual and the citizen be- of their own cattle or their own farms and cattle ranges? . . . Smith of Ohio thought of the Gentlemen, the real wealth of time this program was entered crippling psychological effect: "I our Nation is not our cattle-

These blows got the \$65,000,-Taber of New York likewise States could do to the mind of 000 hot lunches bill through the arose in all his majesty: "Mr. the youth of our America than House. As the old saying goes, Chairman, this is one of the most to pass this bill which provides look hard enough and you can aldangerous bills that has ever school lunches . . . To teach chil- ways find a streak of good even

PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN-

Brass Hats Press for Conscription

Under cover of the war-mongering campaign launched against the Soviet Union by American and British imperialists, Wall Street's agents in Washington are pushing with redoubled vigor every kind of reactionary measure. High on the list is legislation designed to perpetuate the conscript military system in this country.

Top Brass of the Army and Air Force and Secretary of War Patterson testified before a closed session of the House Military Affairs Committee. Only a brief official statement of the proceedings of this session was made public on March 13. They pressed for continuation of the Selective Service draft law which is due to expire May 15.

They based their demand for maintenance of an Army of more than a million men until July 1947 on the usual propaganda about the "tasks of occupation," "troops for the United Nations Organization," and "national defense."

The most revealing part of the statement, however, was the emphasis on "the overriding requirement to present a strong military posture in a world which is still unsettled."

High Brass and other agents of Big Business want to maintain the most powerful Army in the world. If they have their way, they will force the country into a fantastic military preparedness race.

Patterned After the Prussian Model

Extension of the draft law is only the first step in lacing more millions of American youth into the strait-jacket of militarism, patterned after the Prussian model. If the draft law is extended for another year, they will demand that it be extended again when it expires. Or they will hypocritically point with "horror" to the expanding armies of other countries, shout that the "national defense" of the country is threatened and demand a more sweeping, more stringent draft law.

Continuation of the draft law and compulsory military bills before Congress are part of a larger pattern, a pattern of imperialist war and destruction -not a pattern of peace.

Before the dead of World War II have been counted, the High Brass and Washington officials are preparing for World War III. In the name of "peace" and "national defense" they are pressing with all their might for a tremendous Army and Navy.

These are the terms war-makers always use, whether they be Wall Street imperialists or Nazi imperialists. They always try to sell the people on the fallacious idea that war preparation is done in the interest of "peace" and "national defense."

But the vast preparations for war, now being carried out by Wall Street's government, are not for defense. They are for aggression, for merciless attack on any power that thwarts the march of American Big Business toward world domination.

GIs made known their hatred for the Army and compulsory military training in the world-wide demonstrations against the slow-down in demobilization. The majority of veterans who have voiced their opinions, have likewise expressed their desires for peace and have flatly rejected compulsory military training.

Workers Want No More War

Veterans of World War II have seen enough of war. They want no more of it. And they don't want their sons, brothers and friends dragooned again into the armed forces under the pretext of "national defense."

What should the attitude of the workers be toward military training? Workers can in no case entrust the training of themselves or their sons to the Brass Hats who indoctrinate them against the labor movement and are only too glad to use the armed might of the country in furthering the reactionary aims of Big Business.

Veterans who know from bitter experience the gigantic cost in human suffering, life and destruction caused by imperialist war, should support the demand that military training of workers, financed by the government, should be placed under union control. This is the only working class answer to capitalist militarism!

Wall Street Bankers Milk Railroad Systems

The representatives of the railroad workers, one of the poorest paid sections of American labor, are now engaged in negotiating long-overdue wage increases with the railroad corporations. These railroad managements are actually servants of the big Wall Street financiers who control the rail corporations and milk them for their own exclusive benefit.

This fact, long-known to those familiar with the inner workings of Big Business, has just been confirmed by no less an authority than Robert R. Young. chairman of the board of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad and its vast holding company, Alleghany Corporation. Young and his banking crowd are currently involved in a bitter battle for control of key Eastern railroads against the financial firms which have long dominated them.

In testimony before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee on February 28, Young blurted out that J. P. Morgan & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., have been milking the main American railroads and the public through "collusive" fixing of rates, watered securities, forced bankrupticies and rigged re-

"For three generations," Young complained, "Morgan and Kuhn, Loeb have dictated the policies of the American railroads without a dollar of permanent ownership therein."

Young especially attacked the Morgan-Kuhn Lock "racket" arising from their monopoly over the sale of railroad securities, a racket he is anxious to muscle in on. These banking houses "control the issuers of securities (railroads, industrials and utilities) and the large buyers of securities . . . and advise one sell at 95 and the other to buy at 100. The bond issue might be \$100,000,000 and the bankers' spread \$5,000,000. The only equipment needed was a telephone."

"Through a spider web of interlocking relationships," said Young, the individual railroads establish "patterns of uniform action." All railroads except the Young-controlled C. & O. lines, for example, have fought against competitive bidding on security issues in obedience to the Morgan monopolists. They also ganged together to delay action in the Pullman case "so that the Pullman monopoly might enjoy two more years of high traffic earnings on its obsolete equipment."

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.

Activities of the **Philadelphia** Police

This is a picture of Philadelphia police in action.

Having had dinner and ready Editor: to pay my bill at a restaurant at Broad and Girard, I noticed a police red car, a scramble, and reality—a slavery more fiendish of the people standing on the More misery, more suffering, corner. When I left the restau- more agony, yes, more humilia-It was all about and I was told by a sailor that a young Negro ever resulted from the chattel boy was shining his shoes when slavery of eighty years ago. the cops drove up and grabbed the boy. They threw his shoe-

drove away.

Democrats can only offer you diseases. FEPC bill.

rights.

Philadelphia.

A Subscriber Lauds "The Militant"

I am a subscriber to The Militant. I feel that it is my duty to subscribe and pay for the paper. I have been with the Socialist

Party over 35 years. I spent 7 years with the Communist Party. It looks to me like there are practical men down there running The Militant and Fourth

International, It was surprising how they could build up as strong a machine as the Communist Party. torts? It was built up in 1929 and 1939 during the crisis. But since the 30's they have been losing all the wealth is let spoil or deliberately time and they are looked down destroyed, generally at governupon by almost everybody in the

Wayne LaGrange

Wants Pamphlet On Socialism Editor:

How about an inexpensive tract (not a booklet), setting forth

> **TACOMA** Public Meeting "Prosperity or Depression?"

TUESDAY, MAR. 28 Odd Fellows Temple 528 Sixth Ave.

Slow Starvation For Workers

Wage slavery today is not a lots of excitement on the part than was chattel slavery in 1850. rant I asked a bystander what tion and degradation result from our present wage slavery than

Chattel slaves never went hungry, their masters never denied shine box in the police car and them the privilege of working today millions of wage slaves are It's a shame that Philadelphia hungry or objects of humiliating is such a peaceful city that in charity. Millions of wage slaves order to have some activity, the are denied the right to work and cops can only find strikers to beat many, many thousands of them up and to chase and arrest kids. starve to death each year.

Workers pounding the streets Due only to the wage slave looking for jobs, take notice: This system, tens of thousands of is the Republican regime. Elec- them, or their dependents, owing tions are coming up. The Repub- to improper food or insufficient licans have held this city in nourishment, are made susceptheir grasp for 56 years. The tible to attack by all kinds of

more of the same treatment. We | Malnutrition from which many know this by the Bilbos and the millions of children and adults Rankins who have killed the suffer today, is a nice polite name

candidate and put through the unemployment and its trends? Independent Labor Party which Given to the unemployed now will fight for labor and labor's and verified in the course of events, it would add to socialist

If you don't already have one (if you do, please rush me a copy) here is an amateurish suggestion: Illuminate the pamphlet with some of Gray's cartoons. Here are some questions you can

remain unemployed if our nonwar industrial plants were fully manned at the 8 hour day?

2. What per cent of the wealth thus produced would the American people be permitted to consume at the rate "Business" is

capitalist system invariably ex-

the following: (a) How it is that ment expense.

its rock-crushing, leaf-raking, Raymond, Montana was mainly a subsidy, allowing public funds to care for the workers that industry couldn't are to be apportioned according employ, enabling them to consume part of the surplus that industry couldn't dispose of.

disposed of to foreign markets financed by U. S. government

tory or adequate!

Everett, Wyoming

YOUNGSTOWN "Will The U.S. Fight The Soviet Union?"

Grace Carlson SUNDAY, MARCH 31

MILITANT LABOR FORUM 225 N. Phelps St.

> PITTSBURGH Dr. Grace Carlson

Feature writer for The Militant

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 12 Noon 'UNO-New Name, Old Game

Center Ave. YMCA Auspices: Centre Ave. YMCA Luncheon Forum Comm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 8 p. m.

'Workers Need Labor Party'

United Steelworkers Local 1843 Hall

4829 Second Avenue, Hazelwood Auspices: Socialist Workers Party, Pittsburgh Branch

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 8 p. m. 'Rising Tide Of Colonial Revolt'

Militant Readers' Club

Auspices: Socialist Wokers Party, Pittsburgh Branch

Under Wage-Slave System for slow starvation. And when

death comes the notice says: mere expression, but is an actual Died of this, that or the other disease, when it could more truthfully have been said: They died from slow starvation in a world of plenty as a result of a fiendish wage slave system that denies to millions the right to work except they get permission from their exploiters who wax fat and wealthy from their mis-

Now is the time to get a labor briefly some socialist theories on

1. How many workers would

now hi-jacking us?

3. What of this "surplus" the

Your answers should touch on

(b) How the old WPA with

(c) How, when this surplus is equally important to the happiloans, it adds directly to the already stupendous mortgage that 'Free Enterprise" holds over the

American working man. (d) How none of these expedients are permanent, satisfac-

Then climax with the main features of a socialist solution: Public ownership and democratic operation of industry, etc. Melvon C. Bennett

Chicago Workers Picket Banquet For G.L.K. Smith

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT CHICAGO, March 8-A \$3.00per-plate banquet for the notorious fascist, Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, at the Hotel Morrison in the heart of Chicago's Loop, was protested against Monday evening, March 4, by a picket line and of approximately 150 people.

The picket line was composed of representatives of the Socialist Workers Party, the American Youth for Democracy, The American Veterans Committee, the Committee of Racial Equality, a left-Zionist organization, the American Veterans of World War II, a group of West Side high school youth and the Workers

Youthful adherents of the Stalinist-dominated American against the continuation of the Youth for Democracy were present for a very short period, but people, and be it further their leaders forced them to break members objected strenuously some time, watching the pickets enviously, before being compelled to leave the scene.

STALINIST ROLE

No attempt was made by the Stalinists to publicize the event or to-involve the labor movement, some sections of which they control.

The SWP distributed a leaflet entitled "How to Fight Fascist Smith," which pointed out that the huge and powerful antifascist campaigns in Los Angeles were possible only because of the mass character lent to the demonstrations by the active support of the CIO Council and the wide publicity, which resulted in the formation of a united conference that unified and coordinated all participating organizations. The leaflet called for a Chicago Anti-Fascist Council to be initiated by the local CIO Council.



Wall Street's "Peace" Plan

woman's Contribution To Society Wolf they have created. J. H. Bard, Bell, Calif. Woman's Contribution To Society Wolf they have created. J. H. Bard, Bell, Calif. Solidarity With U. S. Strikers

Angers, Maine & Loire, France

to know that in the struggle

which they are carrying on

against the capitalist oppressors,

extending and showing their full

The second resolution is on the

colonial peoples. I have seen

and have observed that you have

the same position as we have on

My French comrades would be

his second resolution and if The

clate your sending them copies

In my name and in the name

fruitful results and that we will

With fraternal regards,

pers to the CIO in Washington,

M. Cidone

sympathy and solidarity.

colonial oppression.

sooner.

Every American man and wo-

man should at all times have the

right to work, and when they

work, they, not someone else,

ery and labor.

To Society

Editor:

The assumption made by Anna Dear Comrades: Hurstwood that a woman won't demand or need any special consideration just because she is a voman is an attitude that anpears to be unjust, if analyzed. ago and I apologize for not hav-Socialism is a big thing, and it

is improbable that it can progress to its ultimate goal until it recognizes that woman does need special consideration, because the discharging of her duty to the race is of a trying nature. In prehistoric days it is likely

that feminity with a mind, began revolt against the travail of gestation, parturition and lactation. Especially when the glaciers that crept down from the north brought icy winds and a scarcity several issues of The Militant of food to dawn woman and her child. They revolted against the tyranny of nature, and until the fact of paternity was established, it may be that society was matriarchal.

In order to escape nature, woman had to escape man, but she didn't, and society became patriarchal because of the sex

But men have established a wonderful economic system. The tyranny of men over women led to tyranny over women and her sons. Hence there can be no peace until women as well as each other on trade union activher sons are liberated, so to ities. speak, by recognizing that duties to age, sex and abilities. In the the contribution of each is

ness and well being of the race. Lillian M. Hostetter.

Resolution On Seattle, Washington Colonial Struggles

The Federated Union of Supervisors, Technicians and Construction Workers of Public Works of Maine-et-Loire, convened in General Assembly in the Hall of Labor at Angers on December 19, 1945, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The attack upon (and especially in Indo-China) follows purely imperialist and capitalist aims with methods strangely resembling those of the fascist and Hitlerite oppressors,

WHEREAS: The war in Indo-China while being waged directly against the workers of Indo-China is at the same time a heavy burden on the economy of this country and sharpens the distressed conditions of French workers, and

WHEREAS: The Indo-Chinese workers in France, far away from home, are kept in a condition of emi-slavery, therefore be it RESOLVED: That we protest

RESOLVED: That we applaud ranks and disperse. The AYD the refusal of the dockworkers in Australia and the workers of to leaving and stood around for South Africa and New Zealand to give support to the wars

February, 1946 against the colonial peoples in the Far East and in Indonesia I am enclosing two resolutions and that we see in the action of which were adopted by the trade these workers an example for union of which I am secretary. French trade-unionists, and be They were passed two months it further

RESOLVED: That the Local ing been able to send them to you Union Council of Angers make contact immediately with the Indo-Chinese workers stationed I believe, however, that it is good for our American brothers in this city to assure them of the complete solidarity of the French workers, and be it finally

RESOLVED: That the Local the French trade unionists are Union Council supervise the conditions under which the Indo-Chinese workers are employed in the various industries and ascertain whether they enjoy the full protection of the law.

Resolution On **Labor Unity**

The Federated Union of Suhappy if you could comment on pervisors, Technicians and Con-Militant does so, would apprestruction Workers of Public Works of Maine-et-Loire, convened in General Assembly in the Hall of Labor at Angers on December 19, 1945, passed the of all my comrades in the trade union, I hope that the contacts following resolution: thus established between French

RESOLVED: That we recogand American workers will have nize the struggle of the trade unions in England, the United be able to keep in touch with States and throughout the world, as well as the strikes with which these struggles are backed up, as constituting on the international arena an example of the P.S. I will be happy if you struggle against renascent fascism and against capitalist oppression, and be it further

RESOLVED: That we unanimously send the English strikers (and particularly the dock workers and, 90,000 construction workers who demonstrated in Hyde Park) and also the American strikers, an expression of sympathy and solidarity with them in their strike struggles for higher wages and better living, conditions, and be it further.

RESOLVED: That we declare ourselves in solidarity with the unemployed of the American CIO the peoples of colonial countries on a program of public works financed through confiscation of the war profits of the big capitalists and also demand that the principle of such confiscations be included among the demands of the workers of the whole world, and be it further

RESOLVED. That we denounce government legislation, especially in the United States which attempts to make strikes illegal, and be it finally.

RESOLVED: That we remain more than ever convinced of the necessity of an effective coordination of the trade unions on a world scale, between all the workers of all countries for the triumph of their common goal and the defeat of their common enemies. attack upon the Indo-Chinese

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Vincent R. Dunne

One of the 18 prisoners in the Famous Minneapolis Labor Case Will speak on

The Minneapolis Truck Drivers' Strikes; REPORT OF A PARTICIPANT FRIDAY, March 29, 8 p.m.

The Militant Club

405-6 Everett Bldg - 39 E. Market St.

Pioneer Notes

With each reminder recently considerable increase in the sales | Militant. of Pioneer pamphlets and books Militant readers.

In many instances readers the paper.

Nebraska. It is evident from the selections this reader makes that large Bethlehem Steel Plant is, his appetite for revolutionary lit- we distributed 200 copies of the erature on the American scene paper to the men as they were has been whetted by his reading of the paper. He asked for American Workers Need a Labor Party, Trade Union Problems, Wartime Crimes of Big Business. Socialism on Trial and Defense Policy in the Minneapolis Trial.

Another reader finds two categories of special interest. He asked for the three Negro pamphlets-A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow, The Struggle for Negro Equality, and Negroes in the Post-War World. In addition his list includes The Russian Revolution, The Memorial Address "To the Memory of the Old Man," The Assassination of Leon Trotsky, and Why Did They "Con-

These are typical examples of the many orders which have come in thanks to the mailing. We have also received several orders from individuals of late which include advertisements clipped from the Militant.

Order all pamphlets listed from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York, 3, N. Y.

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

BUFFALO - Militant Youth Club meets every Sunday, 7 p.m. Discussion, music, dramatics. Refreshments served. Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor. PHILADELPHIA-Youth For-

1303-05 W. Girard Ave., 2nd LOS ANGELES - Write to SWP headquarters, 145 S. Broadway, for information on

ums held every Saturday, 8 p. m.

Youth Group activities. Watch this column for further details on youth activities.

BROOKLYN Mass Meeting Protest The Murder Of The Ferguson Brothers!

SUNDAY, MAR. 31 PARAGON HALL 6 Brooklyn Ave.

Our comrades and friends are main gates took the paper to always on the alert with new read when they were relieved. which to increase the circulation of The Militant.

One very effective method has been devised by the San Francisco branch of the Socialist Workers Party, which other branches may find useful.

Anne Alexander of San Francisco writes: "I am enclosing a number of subscriptions. Some of these were a result of the method we have been using in our distributions. We glue a dodger' on each paper scheduled for distribution at a union meeting which reads as follows: "'SUBSCRIBE TO THE MILI-

TANT. "The war is over. The bosses

ffer starvation wages for few and oreadlines for many. The Militant, a fighting workers' paper, offers the only realistic program to fight unemployment and the cosses' union-busting campaign.

"'HAVE THE MILITANT MAILED TO YOUR HOME EV-ERY WEEK. Do it now! Mail this coupon with 50 cents in coin or stamps to-' Branch's name and address is then listed. Subscriber's name and address is then listed.

"We have been receiving at least one new subscription each week as a result of these 'dodgers.' "

Dorothy Lessing of Baltimore sent this interesting report: "At ers when the CIO organized the the Westinghouse picket line, one worker whose father had helped mailed to Militant subscribers build one of the first unions in notifying them that their sub- Baltimore, took extra copies of scriptions were up for renewal the paper to make sure that his went a copy of the new Pioneer friends who were on the aftercatalog. This has resulted in a noon picket shift would get The "When we returned this week. the men at the union office were

anxious to see the report of their have sent in money for our popu- strike in the paper. At the Rustlar pamphlets at the same time less Iron and Steel plant one that they have re-subscribed to worker commented on the front page cartoon illustrating solidar-Today we got one such order ity of soldiers and strikers. 'More rom a Militant reader in Omaha, solidarity, that's what we need. "At Sparrows Point, where the

coming to get their last pay

check. The picketers at one of the

ideas, methods and plans with Two of the relief picketers engaged the distributor in a long discussion on the program of the Socialist Workers Party." C. Dicken of St. Paul, one of

our enthusiastic readers, sent us a subscription for a friend with this note: "Please hurry this subscription. I am sending this in for a friend and he is anxious to get The Militant."

George Weissman of Youngstown writes: "A few of us went up to Canton where the steelworkers of Timken Roller Bearing are still on strike. We had been there two weeks previously and had sold a number of subs. This time some of the pickets recognized us and greeted us very cordially.

"Some of those who had subscribed two weeks ago praised The Militant to their buddies and urged them to subscribe which they did. The results were excellent — 15 subs sold in about two hours. And of that two hours. maybe 10 minutes was spent talking about subscribing. The other hour and fifty minutes we talked about the strike, the need for Labor Party, Europe, India,

"One of the pickets who had subscribed two weeks previously is an old-timer in the labor movement. He was one of the first to sign up Timken workcompany. A reader of the old Appeal to Reason, he is a great admirer of Gene Debs whom he often heard speak - Canton, you'll recall, is where Debs made the socialist anti-war speech in 1917 for which he went to prison. "Other pickets who have re-

ceived two issues of The Militant through the mail commented on different stories and always fa-

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POSTAL ZONE STATE

Campaign Director Reports Enthusiastic Response Red-Baiters Fair To Appeal For \$15,000 "Militant" Sustaining Fund At Flint Local

By Justine Lang Campaign Director

With the Militant Fund Drive for \$15,000 barely under way, close to \$800 has already been sent in to give our campaign an inspiring start.

Workers Party "jumped the pitching side by side with them gun" and began to send in on the picket lines. part of their quota.

be especially commended for their initiative in swinging into prompt action on the campaign and ral-Connecticut, Milwaukee, New York and Los Angeles.

We are very confident that by challenges flying. next week's scoreboard many more branches will be listed as having begun to pay on their respective quotas.

of \$50, thereby fulfilling its quota. hes goal. The following note accompanied the \$50 check:

Mehing of The Militant the most to use the balance of \$7.50 as engaged and that he would ad- Fund Campaign." How many of

We're quite proud of the feeling expressed by this Rochester comrade. There's no doubt but is officially launched, it's up to that similar sentiments will be all our friends to give more expressed by many other comrades and friends.

The spirit of socialist competition among individual comrades him "Ring the Bell!" and branches has always marked our campaigns. Therefore we would like to put forward the Cleveland Clo following suggestion. We would like to see some competition and challenges made on the Militant Pickets Meeting Collection Lists.

es of the Socialist Workers Par- SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT ty, and will also be sent to all readers who write in and re- Some 200 CIO unionists and quest them. These lists should be veterans tonight picketed a circulated among Militant read- meeting at the Public Audiers, subscribers, shopmates and torium of the innocentfriends who we feel will want to sounding but fascist-inspired help us in a concrete way by "United Mothers." giving to our paper.

Seattle SWP **Supports Davis**

SEATTLE, Wash., March 13-A public meeting held by the Socialist Workers Party today gave support to Rev. F. Benjamin Davis, independent Negro candidate for Seattle City Council.

Dan Roberts, Seattle SWP organizer, called upon labor to support Davis in "class solidarity with the Negro minority in its fight against the common enemy, Big Business." The candidacy of Davis represents a break with the Democratic and Republican parties, said Roberts, and is therefore a step toward independent political action of the working class. It also indicates that the Negro people are organizing politically to fight the mounting wave of anti-Negro terror and violence.

While supporting him on these grounds, the SWP spokesman emphasized that Davis' program is not a militant one. It fails to call for struggle against the enemies of the Negro people, and does not ask the labor movement

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fellow-workers, so they can help The Militant.

The official launching of the campaign was set for March 15. However, a few days prior to this date, a number

Our aim in this competition is to emphasize the filled collection The following branches are to lists rather than the amount of money collected. In other words, we want these lists circulated as widely as possible, and no conlying their forces for a head tribution is too small for us to start—Rochester, Baltimore, San accept. We hope to hear from Francisco Akron, Minneapolis, Flint, Detroit, Youngstown, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and other cities on this suggestion. Let's get the

Not only have the branches solidily supported the undertaking of quotas, but readers of The Militant who have read about the Rochester not only heads the \$15,000 campaign drive have alscoreboard this first week, but ready begun to send us their conhas sent in its entire pledge tributions. In the category marked "General" are listed contribu-This is the first branch to reach tions from sympathizers, contacts, Militant readers, etc.

A reader in Newcastle, Pa., "At our last meeting we had sent us this note: "Am enclosing no sooner read the communica- \$10; I would like a combination tion when our Comrade Davis D. subscription to The Militant and told us, 'he considered the pub- Fourth International. I'd like you important work in which we are my contribution to the Militant vance the total amount himself'." our other readers will follow the above example?

Now that our \$15,000 campaign strength to that worker symbolized in the drawing. Each dollar boosts the weight higher. Help

As explained last week, these Of Fascist Group

CLEVELAND, March. 5 -

Fearing a mass demonstration During the period of the recent against himself, the fascist Rev. strikes, thousands of workers re- Gerald L. K. Smith sent his lieuceived copies of The Militant on tenant George Vose, national the picket lines, at union meet- secretary of the so-called Chrisings, at plant gates, etc. We feel tian Veterans of America, to adthat if these workers are ap- dress the "United Mothers." proached via the collection list Vose raved against Jews, refube most anxious to help gees, labor, communists, etc., but support the only paper that was praised Spanish Dictator Franco before an audience of 400 middle-aged dupes.

> Smith is using such organizations as the "United Mothers" "Christian Veterans" as front organizations to build a following for himself and his fascist movement.

> Under cover of a "free speech" barrage, these organizations are securing the aid of the city administration and capitalist press in opening the way for Smith's fascist organization campaign.

> The night before the demonstration a special meeting of the Cleveland CIO Council after a long debate, had adopted a resolution presented by the CIO Veterans Committee to organize a mass picket line at the "United Mothers" meeting. The Stalinistdominated CIO Council leaders, however, made no serious efforts to mobilize a really mass demon-

> > CHICAGO Movie Party See the Soviet Film "Youth of Maxim"

Saturday, March 30 Buckingham Hall 59 E. Van Buren

I Want To Help!

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

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

it depends entirely upon workers like myself for support. That

is why I want to do my part in contributing to The Militant's

\$15,000 13,000 10,000 9,000 8,000. 7,000 6,000 2000 .000 March 14-\$782.50

Why Youth Should Support "Militant" Fund Campaign

By Laura Falk

Those of us who are going to high school today aren't fooling ourselves. We aren't looking at this world through cose-colored glasses like so many of our parents did.

But sometimes when no-9and dream about a world at givilized? peace. We long for a world where the young generation where we will not have to fight to develop our creative ability. ing our fight—the workers all Where we will not be imprisoned in endless monotonous work.

will be able to get married and days-113 days without pay in have children. We want a world the middle of winter! Our workof learning, working, and time er-allies are strong and willing for recreation. That is what we to fight to the last man. consider a real future.

And all this is what Marx have another ally—we have truth called Socialism. This is what organized the revolutionary mass-

But we are not permitted to the slogan of "democracy." dream long because there are But the worker's fight is hon-

body is looking, we sit back world ever be able to become

not be cynical. Let's fight for our world. We can make our is welcome and appreciated, dreams a living reality. There are other people who are fightover the world. For they, too, want security and the right to Where we will be sure of a live. That is why the GM striklecent standard of living and ers stayed out on the lines for 113

In the fight for socialism we

certain future. Will there be war? over the world. That is what Atomic war? Will we even have The Militant is trying to do . . . a chance to live? Will there be spread working class truth to the

> pocket books of the workers. And now The Militant needs funds.

The Trotskyist Youth Group realizes its common stake with the workers of the world and has solidarized itself with them in their common fight for a better calling upon all you students and handsome; we workers only exist. young workers who have not yet ing The Militant with your con-

Flint, Mich. Socialist Workers Party Meeting EVERY SUNDAY YWCA First Street And Harrison

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Baltimore	25	10	40	
San Francisco	1,000	300	30	4
Akron	300	60	20	
Minneapolis	500	75	15	
Connecticut		13	13	
Milwaukee	100	10	10	
New York City	3,500	189	5	
Los Angeles	2,000	55	2	
Allentown-Bethlehem	75	. 0	0	
Bayonne	75	. 0	0.	
Boston	400	, 0	0	
Buffalo	500	. 0	. 0	
Chicago	1,500	. 0	0	35
Cincinnati	25	0	. 0	
Cleveland	250	. 0	0	
Detroit	1,250	. 0	0	
Flint	100	0	0	
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TOTAL\$15	5,000	\$782.50	6%	

"Militant" Fund **Gets Good Start**

(Continued from Page 1)

for creating public opinion." Warde further stated that in impartiality in the conflicts bethe past few months the working tween big capital and organized class has seen how this corrupt labor. The Militant always press grinds out lies against stands with the working people labor, distorts and suppresses in their just struggles for a betnews and caters to the profiteers ter world. It aims to teach the and the parasites.

United States," said Warde. "To they desire and deserve." be sure, the ruling plutocrats enjoy freedom of expression for their views in the press, radio and movies. But the great majority of the working people, the men and women who produce the wealth of the nation, lack a press of their own."

"That is why thousands upon thousands of workers have joyfully welcomed The Militant," Warde pointed out. "At last they he concluded. have found an alternative and an antidote to the boss press. They tant Sustaining Fund campaign have found a bold and uncom- will continue for three months. promising champion of their in- It began March 15 and will conterests in the Militant, a paper that speaks for them and fights are asked to send their donawith them against Big Business

"The Militant does not pro- New York, 3, New York,

fess any false and hypocritical throughout the state. American workers that only "Thus there is very little real through the road to socialism freedom of the press in capitalist | can they create the kind of world

FOR LABOR ALONE

Warde stated that there is a widening circle of devoted readers and supporters of The Militant in almost all the industrial centers of the country. "We are asking them to aid us in getting the funds we need to carry on our work. We are confident that they will not fail us,"

The nation-wide \$15,000 Miliclude on June 15. Contributors tions to The Militant Publishing Association, 116 University Place,

Steel Worker Sends First Contribution To Fund

The Militant:

I am a steel worker, and the following letter expresses my firm beliefs concerning our present social system. Are we civilized?

The word "civilized" is defined in Webster's dictionary as follows: To reclaim from a savage state, instruct in the arts and refinements of civilized life. It means culture and refinement.

How many of us can afford under the present system on our side. The capitalists, to to have our children or ourselves instructed in refinements. Lenin and Trotsky aroused and keep up their rotten system have arts, culture? Our children do not get a fair chance to lied to us every day . . . they have study the arts they would like, or the ones they would fooled us into two wars under naturally be adapted to perform in making a living. Refinements are kept to a bare minimum.

We receive only wages to eat, pay rent, and some are such terribly dark questions fac- est and they do not need to lie. fortunate enough to own a home which probably took a ing us as we look into the un- They must spread their truth all half a lifetime to pay off. Quite a few of us workers own cars which are in the low price range, and others own cars which have been discarded by the so-called upper jobs for us? Will we earn enough? American people. The Militant class because they are no longer a "refined" car to them. What about fascism? Will the is the dauntless opponent of all Culture is hoarded by the rich. We do not get a fair chance capitalists and their outlived sys- for training our intellectual faculties.

Civilization has been standing still for over a thousand So the work of The Militant | years because the better things in life are only for the rich can only be supported by the under the present long-worn-out social system. Under the present system it is still survival of the fittest, because we still fight for existence, and this unadvanced method of living will continue so long as capitalism prevails. Capitalism is a closed door to an advanced, civilized world.

Socialism is the only possible way for us to receive the advantages of culture, arts, and refinements, and also life. That is why we of the Trot- security, which are the essentials of an advanced form skyist Youth Group are going of civilization. The capitalists are just as cunning, and out full force to help The Mill- just as vicious, and have the same killer instinct, as the tant get its \$15,000. And we are animals in pre-historic times. They live high, wide and

The answer to all this is to form a new social system joined the struggle, to start fight- where we will be inclined to be friendly in intercourse and ing for our future NOW by help- conversation, a system where we will all be affable and companionable; where hatred, viciousness, greed and lust for power will disappear. We must reconstruct our present form of society to a state of equality. We must have socialization of industry, and community of property, and freedom from discrimination because of race, creed or color. We, the human race, cannot honestly claim to be civilized until we have attained socialism. And then we will be working for what could be really called "good will toward man."

I enclose \$1 to be put towards the Militant fund.

George Lengel

Red-Baiters Fail At Flint Local

By Jerry Kirk (Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Mar. 14—A group of red-baiters who had launched a divisive red-scare in the midst of the General Motors strike here were overwhelmingly repudiated by the membership of AC Spark 3

Plug Local 651, CIO United | press to divide the strikers with Auto Workers, in the recent red-baiting. local union elections.

The United Rank and File Caucus, which opposed the redbaiters, won 26 of 28 positions for the AC Local's executive ALL DEFEATED board and delegates to the forthcoming UAW convention.

Readers of The Militant will five members of AC local attempted to whip up a red scare against militant members and leaders of both the local and the Greater Flint CIO Council, "Trotskyites." Their efforts were originally inspired by the Stalinists and led to an attempt by the company and the Flint boss

Arkansas Group

Calls For Aid To

Indicted Strikers

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March

7-As the date set for the

mill strikers approaches, the

like "Christian - American"

Association is attempting to

sway public opinion against

labor through costly news-

paper ads and meetings

The five strikers, members o

the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agri-

cultural Workers Union, were in-

dicted under the anti-labor Ar-

kansas "Anti-Violence" Act 193,

although no evidence existed of

The only violence which oc-

curred during the strike was the

murder of William Campbell, a

striker, by Otha Williams, a

strike - breaker. Williams con-

fessed to the slaying, but he was

Feed Mills, where FTA is also

on strike, and John L. Daggett,

Arkansas politician and corpo-

ration lawyer and labor-baiter,

are spearheading the labor-hat-

ers' drive to save Act 193 to fur-

The defense of the five in-

Regional Director of Arkansas

Send contributions to commit-

Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

released under bond.

ther persecute labor.

defense.

'violence.'

Leaders of important Fline UAW locals and of the CIO Council denounced the red-bait-

All five of the red-baiters wno ran for office in AC local were decisively defeated by the Rank recall that during the GM strike and File caucus which was led by Robert Carter, Edna McNamara, Harry Graham and Pete Shumacher.

Although the red-baiters were unquestionably defeated, the with a hue-and-cry against the Rank and File caucus lost the presidency by a narrow margin of eight votes.

> The very nature of the campaign and the elections, watched very closely by progressive unionists of Flint, indicate that the workers are increasingly aware that red-baiting is a company device and such tactics are proving of less and less influence in union elections. This was brought out sharply at AC.

Flint unionists, who played a leading role in the GM strike. are watching for publication of the contract. On the basis of trial of five Negro cotton oil present reports, most feel that a real victory has been won. Howemployer-sponsored, fascist- ever, none of the local managements of GM plants here has attempted to settle local demands. This morning Buick Local 599 held a parade of 500 workers around the plant protesting the local management's refusal to

Fight Against Jim-Crow Rink Won In Chicago

CHICAGO, March 9 - Victory in the fight against Jim Crow at the White City Roller Rink was announced today after rink- 2 Guy Cameron, of Cameron owner Howard M. Fox signed an agreement to admit all skaters regardless of race or color. This victory was won by a two-month campaign by the Joint Council to Abolish Discrimination.

The Agreement will take efdicted unionists is being con- fect April \$0, 1946. The six-week ducted by the Southern Cotton delay was granted to allow Fox Oil Company Strikers Defense to fill agreements with group Committee under the chairman- which had previously reserved ship of William Henderson, Sub- certain nights for private use. Further fights against Jim State CIO. The trial is scheduled Crow will be carried on by the to begin March 18. Defense Com- same militant mass actions and

mittee spokesmen say they are legal struggles utilized against preparing to bring the case to the White City, the Joint Council to highest court, if necessary, to Abolish Discrimination declared. secure justice for the innocent This council includes the Comworkers. They are appealing for mittee on Racial Equality, many funds to help finance the legal labor groups, the Socialist Workers Party and other working class political organizations, tee headquarters at 119 Glover church groups, student and youth organizations.

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What Karl Marx's Teachings Mean For The American Working Class

By Larissa Reed

Sixty-three years have passed since Karl Marx, founder of the revolutionary Communist movement, leader and teacher of the world working class, died in exile at London on March 14, 1883. Marx was undoubtedly the most titanic figure in all modern history. Since his death the movement of scientific socialism

he created has spread from country to country, until it and had to be overthrown. Alhas penetrated the most lished that capitalism was replanet.

fought to liberate themselves from endless agonies and harsh exploitation of capitalist rule, ed and enlightened by Marx's

Karl Marx was born in Trier, 1840's, as an editor and writer be produced a series of works in which he set forth the social, ery of Marx is most fully execonomic and political views pounded in his monumental basis of his scientific socialism. On the eve of the Revolution of Marx elucidated the real rela-1848, he wrote, together with his tions between capital and labor life-long friend and intimate col- and demonstrated how the exfesto. Ninety-eight years after ed out that the wage workers It was written, the Communist must sell their labor power to Manifesto still serves as an ir- the capitalist owners of the replaceable guide to action upon means of production in order to the most burning questions of live and provide for their famthe working class struggle for liles.

emancipation. After the defeat of the 1848 revolution in Germany, Marx was banished first to Paris and then to London, where he and his family lived as impoverished exiles until the end of his days.

EPOCHAL CONTRIBUTIONS Of all the epoch-making discoveries that Marx contributed to the treasury of science, two are of outstanding importance. .The first is his materialist inclasses for the possession of

wealth and power. Far from being a permanent so- its own grave-digger, the modin the evolution of mankind. It constantly diminishing number systems which, after raising the the mass of misery, oppression, level of productive forces to new slavery, degradation, exploitaheights, outlived their usefulness tion. But with this too grows

backward sections of the tarding the further rapid development of the productive forces Wherever working people have and that social conditions were ripening for its destruction.

He explained that with the advent of the world-wide division there the most advanced sections of labor, modern science, techof the masses have been inspir- nique and large-scale industry, there was no longer any need or justification for the social divisions into rulers and ruled, ex-Germany in 1818. During the ploiters and exploited perpetuated by capitalism.

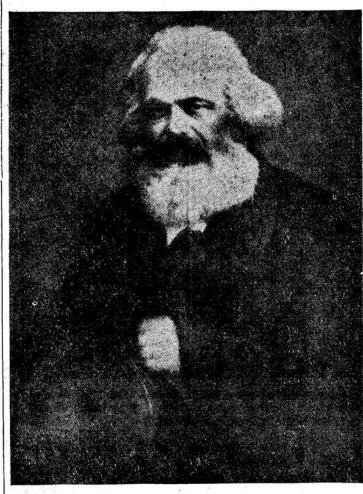
The second important discovwhich subsequently formed the work Capital, upon which he labored for almost 30 years. There laborator, Frederick Engels, the ploitation of the worker by the world-famous Communist Mani- capitalist takes place. He point-

SOURCE OF CAPITAL

The capitalist employer thereupon sets the laborer to work. In the process of production, the worker always produces more a class always increasing in of labor, in 1864 to mobilize the a labor government would have value than he is paid in the form | numbers, disciplined, united, or- | working class for the practical | a real interest in bringing the of wages. This unpaid labor ganized by the very mechanism realization of this goal. The Bol- vigilantes to justice," she said. constitutes surplus value, which is the source of all the enormous riches acquired by the capitalist exploiters.

The class struggle in capitalist society today revolves around the terpretation of history. Marx struggle for this surplus prodfound the key to the movement uct. Under the rule of monopof history in the development of oly capitalism, which is the highthe productive forces at man's est and final form of capitalist disposal, the division of society development, this surplus value Into antagonistic classes and the becomes increasingly concentratsubsequent struggles between the ed in the hands of a small minority of parasitic monopolists.

But what capitalism creates Marx showed that capitalism, above all, explained Marx, was



KARL MARX

of capitalist production itself." This process leads to the so-

forces and actively intervene in the workers and peasants in ovthis revolution about. Marx's lishing the first workers' state in theory of scientific socialism was history. designed to make the present-day working class aware of these historical responsibility of the and the creation of a new socialis one link in the chain of social of the magnates of capital, grows ist society based upon collectivized property and a planned

shevik Party under Lenin and

the only political tendency in the needs. He pointed out both the United States which bases itself was of incendiary origin. solidly upon the same principles working class and its ability to of revolutionary Marxism which win its emancipation. This great guided the Russian Revolution. power, which will pave the way a solution to the great social and ror and fascism."

cial system, is only a single stage ern proletariat. "Along with the for the abolition of capitalism political problems confronting them today, will find in the teachings of Marx the scientific Tri-County Bulletin, Negro week- wage demands were drafted and insight needed in their struggle

Marx founded the First Inter- for a new and better world.

SWP Speaker Flays Fontana Case Secrecy

LOS ANGELES, March 11 - In the final meeting of her West Coast tour against vigilante terror, held here in the Masonic Hall, Sunday night, Myra Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, blasted away at the secrecy behind which the authorities have sought to shroud the Jim 9 Crow murders of the Short family in Fontana, Califor- Revere Workers

Firm In Strike

union wage-demands.

Not even the foremen are en-

recognition of their own union,

production workers refused to go

through their picket line. The

foremen's 39-day strike was won.

Explaining the need for immed-

have cost workers as much as

Representatives of workers

several international unions.

s, elimination of over-

of Price Administration.

This entire Negro family was burned to death a short while in Chicago Hold after receiving threats from vigi-

Comrade Weiss called upon the labor movement to continue and SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT to extend its defense system so as to prevent any similar atrocities in the future. "The attack on minorities by the vigilantes self," she said. "Therefore la- Copper and Brass Company, is bor's defense of the minorities | 100 per cent solid. Workers walkis self-defense."

KENNY'S INACTION

She showed that the inaction pany's flat refusal to bargain on on the case by Attorney General Kenny, is due to his reluctance to give up the support of vigilante elements and their backers in the coming elections, just was won in advance, for when as Roosevelt never made a break the foremen recently struck for with the reactionary poll-tax the revolt of the working class, national, a political organization Democrats of the South. "Only

Local 477 is determined that its fight too will triumph. Lorenzo Bowdoin, President of Trotsky in the Russian Revolu- the Los Angeles NAACP, stated fate wage increases, Local 477 cialist revolution. But the work- tion of October 1917 carried out in his speech that his organizashowed that reduction of hours ers must organize their own the Marxist program in leading tion was one hundred per cent and down-grading since V-J Day behind the work of publicizing political life in order to bring erthrowing capitalism and estab- the Fontana case and bringing 33 cents per hour, with workers the murderers to justice. A report formerly receiving \$1.16 now getfrom the arson expert hired by ting only 83 cents. The union The Socialist Workers Party is the NAACP shows beyond a demands that substantial raises shadow of a doubt that the fire be given without increasing

A telegram from Mr. Gach, editor of the Jewish Voice, stated JOINT MEETING his "heartiest support in the aim can be accomplished only Those American workers who in struggle to build a united front from eight of the nine Revere they become more interested in through the conquest of political increasing numbers are seeking against all forms of vigilante ter- production divisions, including fighting each other than they

A message to the meeting from held a joint meeting in Cleve-J. Robert Smith, editor of the land February 16. Uniform er of both-the company. ly published in San Bernardino a letter sent to Revere calling (near Fontana), reported that for negotiations on a companythe Central Council there was wide basis. Revere has arrogantstill waiting to hear the results ly rejected the proposals. of the Attorney General's in-

of the killer of the Ferguson niques and full utilization of the whites in the factories. Brothers and calling for a broad machinery will thoroughly cominvestigation with a view to increases without the extortion Negro who is his job competitor. bringing those responsible for the of price "relief" from the Office It is the Negro who is undercut-Freeport outrage to justice.

2.—Protesting the delay of the California State Attorney General's office in providing a conclusive report on the investigation of the Fontana vigilante

case. 3.—Demanding a stay of execution and a fair trial for Dewey Adamson, Los Angeles Negro, convicted by an all white jury of the murder of a white woman on purely circumstantial evidence and without adequate de-

4.-Pledging its redoubled support in the campaign to place the FEPC on the ballot in California.

Over \$200 was contributed to aid the work of the Socialist Workers Party, under whose auspices the meeting was held, and more than 100 copies of "Vigilante Terror in Fontana," the pamphlet published by the Los Angeles Local of the SWP, were

NEW YORK, March 9 - A capacity crowd of comrades, friends and neighbors participated tonight in a gala housewarming party at the new Bronx Branch of the Socialist Workers

Many neighborhood readers of The Militant came up to visit port and Allied Workers Local whelming majorities, proving the governor, the Board of Pardons our attractively decorated headin their honesty, their ability fused to grant the imprisoned pate in festivities which in-

> We hope to have many more failed to be elected to the ex- NLRB, demanding that the driv- of our Bronx neighbors join us

> AFL, and refused to grant elec-544. He entered into a joint con- cal hearings all summer, during tions. Stassen obviously inspired

> complished facts, from which his decision. He certified the CIO, or of the labor movement?

The NEGRO

"Labor with a white skin

Who Won In Tennessee?

As we pointed out last week, the recent Columbia. Tennessee "race riot" turns out on examination of all the facts, to be an anti-Negro pogrom carried out largly by the so-called peace officers of that section wherein the Negro populace prepared and tried—mostly in vain—to defend themselves against the 9-

A study of the events as they truly occurred, however, is still not enough to fully understand the significance of this type of violent persecution. For such a task, all of the underlying economic and social factors present in the case must be evaluated in terms of their relation to the happenings at the time of the terror.

Contrary to the condition in many of the rural settlements, CHICAGO, Mar. 18-The week-old strike of CIO Unit- the majority (34) of Columbia's 12,000 population is white. But ed Auto Workers Local 477, in Columbia instead of being emis only a preparatory step to at- called after months of fruit- ployed only as cooks, yardmen tacks on the labor movement it- less negotiations with Revere or ditchdiggers, the Negro workers have succeeded in obtaining many unskilled and semiskilled jobs in the factories. In ed out to a man at 12:30 p. m. chemical manufacturing plants, in canneries and in clothing facon March 11, after the comtories one will find many Negroes employed in other than menial capacity. In the chemical works Negroes are reported to be dotering the plant. Their solidarity ing the same work as whites in the same departments.

But here is the catch. In each case the company has established a wage differential whereby a Negro is not an advantage but a Negro worker is paid one third disadvantage to the just economworker doing the same job. This is the accepted practice of the racial prejudice and terrorism bosses. When a Negro is lucky enough to get off the cotton or further benefit the wealthy rulfactory in Columbia, he auto- real job of the white workers matically expects to be paid less is to organize themselves together performing the same task.

versa. It drives a wedge between the two races to the extent that are in uniting in a common fight bloodied, and their homes looted for concessions from the exploit-

Every time the whites (who are themselves underpaid) present a grievance or make wage demands they are confronted with the fact | Negroes who work for less. But that the Negroes are doing the all the while the bosses, who are To company pleas of "poverty," very same work at much less Local 477 replies: "Open The pay. They are also reminded Books!" The union cites fig. that there are many other Negro ures to prove that downgrading workers who would be glad to eave their \$3 to \$4 a v 1.—Protesting the whitewash time, improved production tech- as domestics and take the jobs of

Thus to a shortsighted raw and committee to launch a public pensate the company for wage backward white worker it is the ting him in the sale of labor. It

onslaughts of the fascist ter- is the Negro who is preventing him from making more decent wages and buying that extra loaf of bread for the table or that extra pair of shoes for his kid.

Out of this situation has grown an even more bitter prejudice than is ordinarily indoctrinated into the people of the South under the institutions of today's capitalistic society. Jim Crow is the standard policy in every field. The Negroes are only allowed to live in the restricted ghettos of the town. When purchasing articles or obtaining service in the "white" part of town they must be openly subservient and Uncle Tomish if they want to leave there in the same condition in which they arrived.

All who know the facts firsthand will agree that in the unorganized South the white workers who think their main enemy is the Negro are themselves more extremely exploited by the industrialists and the landowners than in the North where Negroes and whites get more nearly the same wage for the same work.

Thus it should be plain to all that the super exploitation of the to one half less than a white ic struggle of the white worker. It should be plain that intercan serve in the end only to tobacco farm and get work in a ers. It should be plain that the than the white worker who is with the Negro and demand equal pay for both so that there This practice (as it had been will be working class solidarity calculated to do) breeds further against the enemy of both. prejudice among the whites Negroes were arrested, beaten against the Negroes and vice and murdered in cold blood in Columbia during the "riot." But among the losers were the white workers themselves.

The heads of the blacks were by the Tennessee Gestapo. Some prejudiced white workers with loose shingles on their own shacks may feel that they have obtained "revenge" against the the only victors, are sitting back laughing at both.

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Slave Law." STASSEN 'SLAVE LAW'

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grounds of the candidates it

endorses. In the case of Stas-

sen the heads of the Michi-

norant of the facts or cyni-

The kind of president Stassen

would make may be fairly judged

from his record as Governor of

Stassen's chief claim to fame

cally indifferent.

Minnesota.

Under this law the governor appoints a labor conciliator for is required to give ten days' written notice to the conciliator of intention to strike. If the strike is vested with a "public interest" -and this clause is broadly interpreted—the governor appoints a commission of three to investigate the dispute and file a report within 30 days, during which

In addition, the bill defines a long list of unfair labor practices for unions and employers. 544. of the many clauses directed "Slave Law" to accomplish this and their uncompromising de- Postal either a pardon or parole. cluded dancing, games, group against unions, the governor can travesty of justice. Bear in mind, crack down with the full force of as you read this sordid tale, that

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Stassen is now a "liberal." It would be well for the chooses to flaunt the law, the CIO-PAC to investigate a lit- unions must seek redress through the courts and bear the huge expense of protracted, and usually fruitless, litigation. Finally, the employer is empowered to obtain injunctions from anti-labor gan PAC must be either ig- judges.

By Roger Kent

This is the law which Stassen claims has brought "industrial harmony" to Minnesota. The Minnesota CIO workers know from bitter personal experience

workers.

is the Minnesota Labor Relations In 1941, the CIO United Elec-Act, which he drafted and pushtrical and Radio Workers was spiracy which then began to uned through the Minnesota Legisattempting to organize the fold under Stassen's direct guidlature in 1939. This law is a Minneapolis-Honeywell Regula- ance. model of strikebreaking legislation. The workers of Minnesota tor Co. The company provoked to the conciliator. Stassen inthat counsel for the union tera four-year term. Every union minated the hearings. The commission subsequently "found" what it had intended to find bitration. from the start; i.e., no discrimination by the company against.

any employee for union activity. SORDID TALE But even the vicious provisions of this bill did not suffice for Stassen when he set out to deal direct opposition to President time the union may not strike. the CIO its worst blow - the Tobin. Each year, these leaders 544-CIO, and others, for "em-

the law. But if an employer this is the same Stassen who car-

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Leaders 'Forgot' About Stassen The recent endorsement of Harold Stassen for the Re-Michigan CIO-PAC. publican Presidential ticket in 1948 by the Michigan CIO

Some Facts The Michigan PAC

Political Action Committee must come as a surprise to many Drivers Union, Local 544-AFL, thwart Tobin's sell-out. people. The truck drivers of Minneapolis, who were denied opened negotiations with the their democratic right to join the CIO in 1941 by this trucking bosses of Minneapolis. membership meeting, the leadsame Mr. Stassen, will be particularly shocked to learn that The current contracts were due ers of Local 544 urged the driv-Law," the union filed strike no- stricken.

tices with the state labor conciliator. just how this "harmony" is though they differed not a whit hearted co-operation of the achieved at the expense of the from previous notices which had Minneapolis police. been accepted without question. That was the first step in a con-

. Daniel J. Tobin, president of of labor" placed the Department correctly dubbed it "The Stassen a strike and the dispute went the AFL Teamsters Internation of Justice at Tobin's disposal. As tional, had long been irked by a result, eighteen persons, memthe opposition of Local 544's bers of Local 544-CIO, and of leaders to Tobin's antiquated the Socialist Workers Party, were and appointed a commission so leaders to Tobin's antiquated prejudiced against the union craft-union ideas, to his support railroaded to prison under the Bronx SWP Has: of Roosevelt's war-mongering, Smith "Gag" Act solely because

> V. R. Dunne, Farrell Dobbs, Karl Skoglund and other memwere elected to office by over-

votion to the workers' interests. Tobin, aided by disgruntled elements in the union who had state labor conciliator and the ecutive board, proceeded to ap- ers themselves be allowed to in our next social planned for point a receiver — a dictator — choose which union they wished April. over the union and to unseat the to represent them. duly-elected officers of Local spiracy with Stassen and the which hundreds of drivers testi- this decision. Minneapolis bosses to sign con- fied, in spite of the terror, that In the face of these facts, does tracts behind the backs of the they wanted to vote to join the anyone have the gall to assert

ried off the endorsement of the there could be no appeal, to members of Local 544. The lead-In the spring of 1941, General ers of the union took steps to

On June 9th, in a regular to expire on June 1st. . The ers to leave the AFL and affiliate union's leaders, backed solidly with the CIO. There were 4,000 by the drivers, demanded improv- drivers present. Almost to a man, ed contracts and a substantial they voted to adopt the proposal. wage increase to meet the rising |Soon afterward, other Teamsters cost of living. Abiding by the locals throughout the area folterms of the Stassen "Slave lowed suit. Tobin was panic-

He immediately dispatched about 300 goons to Minneapolis fense. After holding these notices for to loose a reign of terror upon almost ten days, the conciliator, the CIO drivers and herd them Alfred Blair, notified the union back into the AFL. In this purthat these notices were improper, suit, they enjoyed the whole-

FRAMEUP AGAINST 18

Tobin also appealed to his fellow-Democrat, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and this "great friend and to his attempts to saddle the of their revolutionary socialist teamsters with compulsory ar- convictions — a frameup which became internationally famous as the "Minneapolis Labor Case."

In attempting to seize possesbers of the Socialist Workers sion of the offices, equipment Party had led the union to vic- and records of Local 544-CIO, tory in the great strikes of 1934 Tobin also secured frameup inby militant mass action and in dictments against Kelly Postal, Secretary-Treasurer of Local bezzlement." While Stassen was confidence that the workers had of which he was a member, refiled petitions both with the ment.

After holding a series of farcidrivers and present them as ac- CIO, the conciliator handed down that Stassen is a friend of the

Housewarming

Party, 1034 Prospect Avenue.

The leaders of Local 544-CIO singing and amateur entertain-

Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

It was sort of funny when we came back to work. We walked up onto the furnaces as if we owned them and took our time about getting



The bosses eyed us, but we either ignored them or else just grinned back at them insolently, something like a bunch of kids that had got the upper hand. And they didn't try to do anything about it, either, because they knew

we were "feeling our oats" after having won the greatest strike in American history.

But all that wore off, and once again we got down to the dirty, sweaty business of making iron and steel for the company.

A couple of tlays ago, as we were sitting down on a bench after cast, Tom said: "You know. I been wondering just what we did win out there on the picket lines. The cost of living is jumping, and before that 181/2 cent part of the contract runs out, we're going to be left way be-

"Sure, Tom," I answered. "And not only that, but old Ellsworth's started to rampage again. He was lousy as ever when we went in on Pete's

Tom's eyes asked the question and I an-

"Look, we won the strike. We won the bigest raise any plant has been forced to give in he country's history. And more than that, we nipped the company's union-busting plans in the bud.

"Remember how we all agreed before the strike that we weren't just fighting the wage dispute? We said we were battling for the very preservation of the union-and we were. Where would the union be if we'd lost that strike?

"So don't get the idea that winning the 181/2 cents doesn't mean very much, since prices are going to eat it up. Prices are coming up, and we'll be holding the bag, but they'd have gone up anyhow! They went up when our wages were frozen, didn't they?"

"Hell," Tom snorted. "Seems like we're licked every way! Strike and we lose. Don't strike and we lose a whole lot quicker!"

"There's an answer to it, Tom, but not the way things are now. The capitalist system's all worn out. It's like old Number Three furnace. That got so bad they never could fix it up any more. They had to tear it down so they could build a new one that will work. We've got to tear down this economic system and build a new one that will work so we'll all have a decent living. That new system will be Socialism."

I'd gotten a little off the track in my enthusiasm, so I added: "No strike will solve our problems, as long as we have capitalism, Tom. We strike because we've got to keep things from getting too bad. It'll take the Great Strike - The Revolution - to solve our problems."

"Well, all right!" Tom grinned. "Let's go!" "Take it easy, brother," I grinned back. "You'll know when it's time. I guarantee that."

Notes Of A Seaman By Art Sharon

According to an ancient legend, there was a shoet ship that haunted the oceans of the world and never came to port. With full sails and no



man to be seen on her decks she would come into sight once in a while, evoking terror and wonder in the mariners who saw

> The Flying Dutchman. she was called. Every man who spoke of her did so with solemn voice. For

each had his theory as to the reason for her

What could be more tragic to a sailor's mind than to be doomed to sail forever and never make port? That is why the legend of the Flying Dutchman expressed the terrifying fear that such a fate would hold for the men who go to sea.

But that was in the dim past. Today sailors work on modern ships, equipped with radar and other modern navigational devices. Thanks to efficient mechanical refrigeration, they eat in messrooms the same dinner they would be having ashore and are in constant contact with the world ashore through radio. They are a very hard headed lot and look upon the story of the Flying Dutchman as a curious superstition.

However, the seamen of 1945 and 1946 are Dutchmen." Unlike the Flying Dutchman" of Dutchmans." Unlike the "Flying Dutchman" of the fable, which never saw port, these modern ships I'm going to tell you about are sometimes anchored for months in little lagoons of south Pacific islands, but finally do get home. And although the "Flying Dutchman," according to the ancient story, had no crew, these ships

are very much alive with men. But these ships and the "Flying Dutchman" have one thing in common. They both are doomed to sail aimlessly about.

These modern ships which compose a considerable fleet could be called the fleet of "lost ships." They are scattered for the most part over the entire Pacific Ocean. Some of them have been out nearly a year, others not quite that

Worker veterans are returning home to the

worst housing crisis in the nation's history.

Throughout the country veterans are desperate-

seeking any kind of shelter for themselves

Under pressure from the banks and real estate

interests, the Truman administration has failed

take any effective measures to alleviate the

The extent of the housing shortage was indi-

eated by Edmond B. Butler, Chairman of the

New York City Housing Authority, who report-

ed that while dwelling construction has been

at a virtual standstill, the population of the

country has increased by eight millions since

three million workers are living doubled up with

families and friends and seven million workers'

families are living in sub-standard dwellings,

A conservative estimate of the need for new

housing could be placed at ten million dwelling

units. New York City alone needs 785,000 new

dwellings, according to the admission of Mayor

for the housing crisis are designed to meet even

a quarter of the real need. The Wagner-El-

lender-Taft bill before the U.S. Senate does

nothing but create a gift of \$500 million for the

The Patman Bill, sponsored by Wilson Wyatt,

None of these proposed government solutions

1940. Some two million veterans are homeless.

and their families.

Butler admitted.

Ten Million Needed

veterans' housing plight.

Vets Housing Crisis

long. Every week one of them is finally allowed

to come back to port. Last week the S.S. Edwin Markham sailed into San Francisco, a "Flying Dutchman" that got off comparatively light. She sailed aimlessly about for only six months. Her crew was justly indignant at their experience. They spoke bitterly of their trip which carried them from one part of the Pacific to another.

They began their trip from San Francisco on August 26th after they knew definitely the war was over. But that made little difference to the powers that be. Plans which had been drawn up some months previous called for the S.S. Edwin Markham to sail with a complete load of war materials. And is there anything so irritating to swivel-chair planners as to have something interfere with paper plans?

So, despite the fact that the war was over, the Markham sailed with a full cargo of camouflage netting, camouflage paint, land mine markers, tank trailers and other combat material.

With a cargo that no longer had any immediate use, she sailed to one port and then to another. Each time she would pull into a port, authorities would order her out again. At Okinawa she and twenty-five other ships of the "lost fleet" were ordered from one side to the other. Speaking of that episode, the captain said, "we understood this was for the purpose of hoodwinking a Congressional Committee into thinking we had just arrived."

The Edwin Markham was finally allowed to dump its cargo after months of wandering about. She then proceeded to Manila where she took on "officers' club furniture, expensive sedans for generals" and other officers' luxury items.

I suppose the running cost of the legendary Flying Dutchman was paid by Davey Jones. But the running costs of these modern Flying Dutchmen are added to the already huge hurden of debt that the lately concluded slaughter has bequeathed to the working people. And of course the lucky ship-"owner" who was the agent of the War Shipping Administration and operator of the Markham did very well for himself since he was paid by the day for every day that the Markham wandered about.

Rescue workers removing the bodies of miners killed in the Havaco Coal Mine disaster at Welch, West Virginia, on January 17. A frightful explosion caused by the mine owners' criminal neglect of safety measures killed 13 coal miners and injured 38.

Murder For Profits

Flint Chevrolet Local Asks UAW To Launch Labor Party Drive

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

FLINT, Mich., March 14—At a regular membership meeting of Chevrolet Local 659 UAW-CIO this week a resolution was passed without a dissenting vote, calling for two parties are puppets of the the establishment of a National Labor Party. The resolution was addressed to the?

the United Automobile Work-

WHEREAS: The labor move-

forthcoming convention of ment, organized 15 million strong on the economic field, has no organization of its own on the political fie', and

the harbor answered the appeal.

ed to the strikers and agreed fin-

ally to pay a 50 per cent increase

in wages and to grant some other

The army officials capitulat-

WHEREAS: Support of the

ORDER TO SCAB STRIKE

(Continued from Page 1)

their opposition to the strike- | single man amongst the two breaking order. Six seamen were thousand merchant seamen in arrested by the army and charged with refusal to obey a "lawful order under the Articles of War.'

The arrests and arrogant provocations by the military brass demands. But the longshoremen drew a stormy reaction from the refused to go back to work until merchant seamen in the harbor. all other unions in Manila that Seamen's Strike and Symnathy Committee was organized and support got an increase too. When funds were immediately collect- this was done they returned to ed for the defense of the arrested work victorious, thanks in no men and also to aid the strikers. small measure to the splendid The military brass had counted demonstration of international on the arrests to intimidate the labor solidarity of the American seamen, but it had the opposite merchant seamen. By John Fredericks

Telling the brass, "you know what you can do with your order." the two thousand merchant | the Philippines were finally reseamen stood solidly together, all leased after appeals to Washrival affiliations forgotten. This ington were made by the AFL had an extremely heartening ef- Sailors Union of the Pacific in fect upon the Filipino strikers. San Francisco. GIS PROTEST ORDER

It also heartened the GIs who were forced to scab, but who actually did very little work in a kind of passive demonstration of sympathy for the strike. The GIs in turn organized a Soldiers Committee for Democratic

Army officers, despairing of forcing the seamen to man the winches and scab on the strikers, changed their approach and appealed for "volunteers." Not a

SWP Pushes **FEPC Petition** In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 12 - The Socialist Workers Party today issued a call to all members and sympathizers to redouble their efforts the petition to place an FEPC measure on the ballot in the coming California State elec-

The party has scheduled three full mobilizations of all branches in the Los Angeles area for the last week of the campaign which ends on March 25. This is in response to a report from the CIO hat the campaign is lagging dangerously behind.

Despite the weakness of the measure as drawn up, it will act against Jim Crow. This is recognized by the capitalist politicians the bill in the State Legislature. monopolies, and

policy have resulted in labor being without a single representative of its own in a Congress of close to 500 members, a Congress which can wipe out by a single act all of labor's economic gains and victories, and

WHEREAS: The overwhelmng electoral victory of the Labor Party in England proves conclusively that labor can organize on the political field as it has in the economic field, more than that, that it must organize politically if it wishes to guarantee its existence, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the UAW-CIO spearhead a gigantic drive for labor's own political party in the same decisive manner in which it led the drive to maintain the standard of living of the American workers, and be it furhad come out in sympathy and

RESOLVED: That the UAW-CIO issue a call for a National Conference of all labor unions. CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods, and Independents for the The six merchant seamen that national Labor Party, and be it cluded a deal with Chiang Kaiwere about to be railroaded to an army concentration camp in

> RESOLVED: That the Chevrolet Local 659 UAW-CIO submit this resolution to the Twelfth Convention of the UAW-CIO.

> Democratic and Republican Parties constitutes company unionism politically, inasmuch as the

UMW Negotiators Indict Coal Operators

For Million Casualties In Mine Disasters

WHEREAS: The fruits of this

ed with the blood" of the mine workers, was the charge which the AFL United Mine Workers hurled at the soft coal operators at the opening @ of new contract negotiations bituminous industry indulge in

on March 12 in Washington. The "murder for profit" of tens of thousands of miners which The Militant recently exposed in connection with the horrible mine disasters, at Pineville, Kentucky, and Welsh, West Virginia, was the chief theme of the union spokesmen during the first three days of negotiations. A major demand of the miners is for adequate safety measures and inspection in the mines and a union fund from the operators' profits to provide decent medical care, compensation and welfare for miners and their families.

Miners' charges against the operators were summarized by UMW President John L. Lewis. who stated that the gross "mismanagement, cupidity, stupidity and wanton neglect" of the mine owners has resulted during the past 14 years in the mine-deaths of 28,000 and injury for more than a million mine workers. "Do you know of any war in which the losses were as great as those in the mining industry?" Lewis asked.

Lewis further charged that the mine operators responsible for this mass slaughter do not

tors for abandoning their redered mine workers and cited the mines?" case of the Rineville Kentucky disaster, which left a total of 96 destitute widows and orphans. One important mine operator, he said, cynically discharged his tee at the negotiations rose to responsibility with a \$5 donation. "I would like to take that this indictment of the coal ownfive-dollar bill and cram it down his throat," Lewis stated.

In his 75-minute summary, Lewis further charged: "We acagement and stockholders of the cluded.

systematic and widespread financial exploitation of the families of the dead and practice commercial extortion upon the yet living victims of its industrial violence.

"We accuse by the record that the industry extorts annually from the pay envelope of the mine workers \$60,000,000 for pseudo, hypothetical and substandard medical service, hospitalization and insurance of an actual value of less than onethird of the aforesaid \$60,000,000. "We demand abatement of this slaughter.

"We demand cessation of the accompanying extortion."

As the list of deadly facts presented by local union representatives piled up, Charles O'Neill. representative of the coal operators, cynically referred to the long indictment as a "filibuster". He objected to "endless repetition" on conditions about which the associated operators "cannot, do anything" because these, he claimed are "local matters."

Lewis replied to an operators' threat to leave the conference: "You dare not leave the record unanswered. If you could muster even "bury its dead nor bind up up the courage to leave you will the shattered bones and mangled be back. Whom would you get flesh of its victims in any ade- to operate the mines? Who quate, humane or modern sense." | would patronize your company He denounced the mine opera- stores and your company doctors? What corpses would you sponsibility even toward the practice on? Surely you know helpless dependents of the mur- nobody else would enter your

> The squirming operators stayed put.

In response to Lewis' request. the 200-member miners' committheir feet as one in support of ers. "It is my opinion for what it . is worth that the mine workers don't want to work for you gentlemen any more unless you remcuse by the record that the man- edy these conditions," Lewis con-

Deal With Chiang Wins French Foothold In North Indo-China

By combining duplicity with armed force French imperialists have apparently been able to gain a foothold in northern Indo-China. The Viet Namh Republic, backed by the overwhelming majority of the Annamites, had kept the French armies confined to the southern part of the country.

was tacitly supported by 100,000 Chinese troops. The French tried to persuade the completely dominate the coun-Chinese government to withdraw try. its Armies from north Indo-China and "cease protecting" the Viet Namh government. On purpose of establishing a broad February 28, the French conshek whereby the French government agreed to "end their extraterritorial rights in China" in exchange for "withdrawal of Chinese troops from northern Indo-China."

> The calculating French colonial despots then promised Ho Chih Minh president of the Viet Namh Republic, "recognition" of Republic provided Viet Namh would remain within the "French Union" and under "French control," and permit the landing of French troops in northern Indo-China.

> This is the same cynical stratagem that the Dutch imperialists are attempting on the Javanese. In exchange for "recognition" as a "republic" within the empire, the imperialists demand the "right" to land armed forces.

Freeport Case **Protested By Buffalo CIO**

Council recently passed a resolution protesting the murderous attack upon four Negro brothers in Freeport, L. I., which resulted in the death of two of the Ferguson boys, the wounding of a third and the railroading to jail of the fourth. Among local unions and other organizations taking similar action are United Steelworkers Local 2601-CIO and the Ebenezer Baptist Church, both in Lackawanna.

In the north the Republic Once a base is established more troops will be brought in until the treacherous imperialists have a military force large enough to

> Despite Chiang Kai-shek and the heads of the Viet Namh government. the French imperialists were not at all assured of the "welcome" they would receive from the Annamite population.

Vice-Admiral Philippe-Marie Auboyneau, charged with executing the French landing in northern Indo-China, according to a March 11 dispatch to the Christian Science Monitor, boasted that the French had assembled "the most powerful naval concentration she ever stationed at one single point in her empire since the war started."

"We shall need all these warships," admitted the Admiral "to reestablish our sovereignts in Chinese occupied norther Indo-China . . .

"Although the French and Chinese governments appear is agreement in regard to their respective positions in this country," he confessed, "it is obvious that our reoccupation of northern Indo-China might be hampered by 'local incidents'." Likelihood of such armed clash-

es was confirmed by the wellinformed Christian Science Monitor correspondent, who reported: "Highest ranking French administrators and militari leaders at Saigon recently be came convinced that the entry of their forces into northern Indo-China never could be ac complished against joint opposition by Chinese and Annamites.

Therefore it was necessary for the French "to split" the union between the Chinese occupation authorities and the Viet Naml government at Hanoi. In spite of former declaration

that Viet Namh would not per mit the landing of Frencl The Buffalo Branch of the troops, president of the Repub lic, Ho Chi Minh said the Frencl protest meeting on March 9, at- forces would be welcomed. The tended by many steel and auto agreement with the French, h workers. A resolution, unani- declared, would be "submitted mously adopted, called for the for approval by the Annamit formation of a broad committee people through a referendum. The first French forces have other progressive organizations landed at Haiphong. But, th to make an investigation of the Christian Science Monitor cor respondent reports, "there stil remains the possibility of a

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Socialist Workers Party held a of labor, Negro, veteran, and Ferguson case in order to secure the punishment of those re-

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was drafted originally to provide \$600,000,000 as subsidies for building material manufacturers and provide only 2,700,000 homes. Yet even this incorrectly-conceived, inadequate bill was decimated in Congress. In its present form it is a bare skeleton, stripped of its provisions for subsidies, regulation of ceiling prices on existing homes, and authority to investigate gouging practices for the building industry. The revised bill does little more than insure contractors and mortgagers against financial loss and provide a doubtful system for the allocation of building

State and local authorities have proposed as their solution, old barracks and Quonset huts Rights to Protest Forced Scabbuilt on swampy, undesirable sites.

In New York City, veterans are feeling so strongly about the situation that they are talking about a "March on Washington" and even threatening to occupy unused "townhouses' vacated by the rich during their winter vacations. Hundreds of these townhouses and penthouses have remained unoccupied while their pleasure seeking owners were idling in Florida.

Every effort to solve the housing crisis has met powerful opposition from The Producers' Council (building materials suppliers) and the National Association of Real Estate Boards, under the direction of Herbert U. Nelson. The profiteers and rent-gougers demand the end of all controls over materials and construction prices and rents. .

At present prices, few workers or veterans can afford to build houses or buy or rent them. The outrageous minimum rentals of \$60 to \$100 per month proposed by private industry for new dwelling units are beyond the means of those in obtaining signatures for in most desperate need of housing.

For Full-Scale Program

The government must immediately undertake tions. a full-scale building program to provide ten million new dwelling units at low rentals within the reach of every worker and veteran.

The costs of this program should not be passed along to the worker in the form of increased taxation but rather should be borne by taxation of the war profiteers, who have grown bloated out of the misery of the workers. The capitalist government plunged into debt

for \$300-billion to finance the bloody destruction of war. It mobilized the whole of Amer- as a toehold in the struggle ican industry to produce at incredible speed, mountains of means for imperialist war. Labor and the veterans should demand that no less Democratic and Republican legbe done-and quickly-to ensure decent hous- islators in combining to defeat ing for the American people.

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