World Famine And Amèrican Labor

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General Motors

On Local Issues

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,

tional contract agreement

production workers are being

kept from a return to work by

the still-arrogant corporation.

The company has refused to re-

open operations in any of its

main on strike because local

as yet to settle important local

UAW Vice President Walter

Reuther, leader of the GM strike,

reported on the status of the set-

tlement here tonight before a

meeting of the "Reuther for

day began its 10th National Con-

vention. He told the approving

800 delegates at the meeting,

was defended by Reuther. He

said that this policy is getting

real results. In most instances

the corporation has already been

forced to make major concessions

and settle some of the oldest and

Among the plants where the

company has been forced to

yield on key local issues are

Ternstedt and Cadillac in De-

troit and Fisher Body in Pon-

tiac. At the Fisher plant the union

secured equal pay for women,

which netted them as much as

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worst local grievances.

GETTING RESULTS

Still Tied Up

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

UAW DELEGATES FACE KEY ISSUES

Administration **Urges Congress To Extend Draft**

Taking advantage of the war fever it has been provoking, the administration last week bore down hard on Congress to continue the draft indefinitely. The present Selective Service Act is scheduled to expire on May 15. Presi-

The "continuance" was indicated

To buttress their demand, Sec-

Hershey, Director of Selective

Service, went the whole hog, sug-

gesting to Congress "extension

period." This is a fancy way of

The American Legion prompt-

conditions of the

HERSHEY'S FORMULA

dent Truman has been de-9manding its extension as the session of the House Military Affirst major legislative step in fairs Committee that "a contin-Wall Street's renewed mili- uance of Selective Service" is tary preparations for world of 1,070,000 as of July 1, 1947.

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In view of the forthcoming to be something like six months. elections and the tremendous popular opposition to further retary of State Byrnes told the forced military service after V-J same House committee a story Day, Congress was inclined to which was kept "secret as to delet the Conscription Act die. tail," but which was character-Through its current anti-Soviet ized by committee members as campaign the administration has "confirmation of what the world sought, among other things, to situation is, as the press has told

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reverse this trend and keep the saying permanent establishment youth of the nation at the mercy of the draft. of the Brass Hats.

inite" extension of the draft now Growing bolder and more arrogant as the war-mongering replaces the campaign for peacemounts, the Brass Hats are al- time universal military training ready well along the road to se- which, begun even before the war curing a prolonged conscription was over, proved so unpopular system which further Prussian- that its highly-placed sponsors have temporarily shelved it. izes the American people.

Within a single week they moved from asking Congress for ly joined Hershey in sponsoring short-term extension of the this move, justifying it by "the draft period to what amounts to unsettled permanent conscription.

Patterson, General Eisenhower recent opposition in Congress to tions were found for them.

Committee by a vote of 10-1.

authority to appeal to President

Truman against any decision of

"liaison" formula the military

can "check every phone call,

the hiring of all personnel" on

atomic projects. Even more im-

icy, it is well-nigh certain that

its appeals to the President

The military clique has ob-

vious special interests of its own

in insisting on military control

of atomic energy. It would ele-

of policy-making scarcely ever

before reached in history by any

had caused these casualties.

would not be rejected.

military clique.

STIFLE SCIENCE

Control Of Atomic Energy

gave a Military Liaison Board the medical world at large.

By Felix Morrow

Wounded Veterans Put In Ship's Hold

Forty-four Hawaiian war veterans of Japanese ancestry, all wounded while fighting in the U.S. Army in Europe, were forced to travel to Hawaii in the hold of the transport President Hayes while civilians occupied the staterooms and cabins, according to Associated Press, March 9.

Nine of the veterans had lost arms or legs. One was paralyzed from the waist

All the men were assigned to the hold at the beginning of the trip, said one of the veterans. "But when we kicked up a fuss the captain put all amputees in the sick bay."

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of the draft for an indefinite Hershey's formula for "indeftheir families.

Over 100 veterans, members of the American Veterans Committee, invaded the offices of the Board, while the others contin-ued picketing. They declared they would bed down for the night in the spacious offices unless im-On March 13 Secretary of War With all this heat upon it the mediate sleeping accommoda-

He Maketh Glad

the Stars and Stripes high in

news." (A letter from Nuernberg

"A general quite obviously

squad tent. But neither should he

ficer in the Philippines was ac-

cused of doing by the demobiliza-

tion demonstrators last Janu-

"The unanimity of all the final

votes taken on steps here tells

the story as clearly as it can be

told. Imagine a conference of na-

tions reaching decisions unani-

mously - honestly and truly un-

animously . . . Yet every vote

here was 'unanimous' . . . The

other countries tried to put over

as many of their demands as

possible - and then, for diplo-

matic and financial reasons, fell

(March 18 N. Y. Post report on

Except For India, Egypt,

Malaya, Palestine, Etc.

"Thus, walking forward to-

quest, subjugation, or material

ference at Savannah, Ga.)

Wall St.

Brass Hats Scheme To Keep Continued control of atomic energy by the military clique was endorsed last week by the Senate Atomic Energy of the Metropolitan Fair Rent Ostensibly the vote merely would not become available to

a Civilian Control Board. But itary veto of a scheduled reading in rents. of a paper by a scientist, on the Declaring that they were sick ponent, warned that under the effect of slow neutrons on the and tired of fake promises and in the current New Yorker.). human body, to a scientific run-arounds, the veterans threatmeeting at Atlantic City. Ironi- ened to seize empty mansions on 15 Servants Enough?

Veterans Picket Realty Board In New York City Six days later, Major General

NEW YORK March 22. -

Over 400 indignant veterans of World War II, including many wives, marched upon the offices of the Real Estate Board of New York, 12 E. 42 St. at 4:30 p.m. today. They carried placards denouncing the big real estate interests and their powerful lobbies in Washington and demanding immediate action to provide housing for veterans and

In written and verbal denunciations, the veterans charged the The Nazi Heart Board with conspiring through "We ourselves have only one sian troops in their country. their lobbies in Washington to daily newspaper to read, Stars defeat price controls on housing and Stripes, which gave us the and rents as well as the provision in the Patman bill which startling headline 'Unite to Stop aimed to grant government sub- Russians, Churchill Warns' . . . sidies to relieve the housing In Nuernberg, all we know is crisis. They demanded that Ar- what we see and hear. In court, thur D. Koppell, vice-chairman we saw the German lawyers hold Committee, a building owners' group, explain his action. Before their hands so that Goering and the House Banking and Cur- their other clients in the prisonrency Committee Koppell had ers' box could burst into smiling The other incident was a mil- called for a 15 per cent increase animation at the glorious good

every memorandum written and cally enough, it turned out that Fifth Avenue and to march on

portant, once it is conceded that the military have a voice on pol-On Fourth Internationalists

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PARIS, Mar. 13 - More than 1,000 Paris workers re- ary." (N. Y. Times editorial, sponded to the call of the Parti Communiste International- March 20.) vate the brass hats to a position iste. French Section of the Fourth International, at a meeting held here tonight, to protest the latest police reprisals | Unanimous For against this party and too-

demand complete legaliza- General Secretary of the PCI; tion of La Verite, its official Marcel Beaufrere, outstanding organ. The extent to which it would organ.

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dominate science was indicated by two incidents last week. On Salle des Horticulteurs in the March 11, addressing the As-Rue Grenelle to listen to French sociation of Cancer Research of Indo-Chinese and British speakwhich he is president, Capt. ers denounce the undemocratic Shields Warren, chief medical actions of the Gouin Governofficer of the Naval Technical ment and its police. A particular Mission to Japan, regretfully target of the orators was the stated. "For security reasons the precipitate police raid March 5 type and quantity of atomic on the PCI meeting in the Faubomb radiation cannot be dis- berg St. Martin. At this gathering, party officials, together with In plain English, he could not militants from several European tell his fellow-scientists, to countries, discussed international whom he was describing the developments in the presence of deaths and injuries resulting invited journalists, among them from radiation of the atomic several from the United States.

kind and how much radiation Although all the participants in the meeting had been freed, Capt. Warren also stated that the orators protested against "vital biological data essential to their 24-hour detention at police close in the gaps in our knowl- beadquarters and against the reedge" of the effects of such radi- pressive raid upon a meeting of

bombs dropped on Japan, what PROTEST REPRESSION

ation would be secured in the a legal working class party. Bikini test of atom bombs on Among the speakers acclaimed

the Buchenwald concentration An overflow crowd filled the camp by the Gestapo for his heroic work in organizing Trotskyist cells in Hitler's Wehrmacht, and Jock Haston, General Secretary of the Revolutionary Communist Party, British Section of the Fourth Interna-

Pierre Frank, well-known in line with the U. S. viewpoint." French Trotskyist leader who recently returned from England, the International Monetary Conwhere he had been interned during the war, and who now faces trial here on old charges of antiwar activity, also addressed the meeting. Representatives of the Spanish Section of the Fourth International and of the Indogether, with no aims of con-Chinese Trotskyists were also among the speakers.

profit, or advancement of the Resolutions of protest to be sordid interests, marching forsent to the government were ward together, we may render adopted unanimously. The asat this juncture services to husembled workers contributed with manity which never before has and file and their leadership and CIO Steelworkers Machinist Lo- the hall calling for the floor and great generosity to the PCI election fund. The meeting conclud- do," (Speech of Winston Chur- ists to accept the terms of the lie by former news releases warships. But he made plain by the meeting with tremendous ed with a vigorous rendition of chill at Columbia University bosses. that this "vital biological data" applause were Favre-Bleibtreu, the "Internationale."

"It's Your Turn Now"



Wall Street Wields Iranian Issue To Promote Anti-Soviet War Drive

By Charles Carsten

In the latest move in Wall Street's campaign to prepare public opinion for World War III, the Iranian government, under pressure from the Anglo-American 17 weeks, that "we are ready to imperialists, last week called for UNO-Security Council in-

tervention against the Soviet Union in the dispute over the continued presence of Rus-

Iran's protest was no sooner placed with the Secretary of the Security Council than Wall Street's spokesmen began clamoring for immediate action. Edward R. Stettinius, U. S. dele-

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gate to the Council, demanded placing Iran's formal complaint at the head of the Council's agenda. President Truman reected the Kremlin's plea for (Continued on Page 8)

WALL STREET

WAR-MONGER

George H. Earle, former Democratic Governor of Pennsylvania and ex-Minister to Bulgaria, is uninhibited by diplomatic considerations and therefore able openly to express the views now circulating in Washington and Wall Street.

Upon his arrival in Boston from Turkey on March 23 this millionaire bellowed that Russia should be given an ultimatum to "get back to her own territory and, if they refused I would use the atomic bomb on them while we have it and before they get it."

Uphold Democratic Unionism In First Two Sharp Debates

(Staff Reporter, The Militant)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Mar. 24.—Hot from the battlefronts of the greatest labor upsurge in American history, some 2,000 delegates of the mighty CIO United Automobile Workers have been meeting here at the Civic Auditorium since

yesterday in their scheduled week-long 10th National Convention. Dispensing with the usual prac-

ice at most union conventions, including the CIO, of wasting the delegates' time with numerous wind-bag guest speakers and elaborate ceremonies, the convention got down to business Mar. 23.—Despite the na- quickly yesterday afternoon. Before the first recess it had acted reached a week ago between on a number of important resothe CIO United Automobile lutions, including the plan for Workers and General Motors a big "Organize the Unorganized" campaign. Corporation, the 175,000 GM

KEY ISSUES

However, many of the key issues that developed out of the great strike wave, which was spearheaded by the General Moplants while 12 local unions re- tors workers, have not yet hit the convention floor. These inplant managements have refused clude such questions as "company security," government "fact-finding" boards and the launching of an independent la-

Much of the interest and atention of the delegates is being centered on the struggle for President" caucus at the Civic the presidency of the union, be-Auditorium, where the UAW totween Walter Reuther, UAW vice-president and GM strike leader, and UAW President R. J. Thomas. This issue will come many of them GM workers who to a head Wednesday, when the have been out now more than election of officers is scheduled. stay out until the other 12 plants

This afternoon saw the first real outbursts of debate and controversy on vital questions.

The delegates vociferously and The decision of the GM Dele- overwhelmingly voted down the gates' Conference last week in Detroit to permit local unions to stitution Committee to amend remain on strike until local grievthe UAW constitution to proances are satisfactorily settled (Continued on Page 2)

Big Business Speeds Assault On Price Control

By Evelyn Atwood

Spearheaded by the National Association of Manufacturers which embraces 15,000 of the nation's biggest industrialists, profit - mad Big Business last week launched an assault of unprecedented ferocity upon the living standards of the American people.

In testimony before the House Banking and Currency Committee which is considering a year's extension of the Office of Price Administration, prominent representatives of the big corporations threatened that they would continue to keep consumers' goods off the market unless Congress agreed to lift all restrictions on prices by abolishing its price control agency. Robert Ross Wason, president

of the NAM, after cynically claiming that "freer" prices would "benefit" 140,000,000 people, was forced to admit under questioning that the manufacturers would profit by the rise in prices.

In reality, the abolition of the OPA would remove the last flimsy obstacle to a whirlwind of soaring prices which would bring super profits to the corporations and speculators at the expense of the nation's consumng masses. Flanking the NAM'S drive to

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San Francisco Machinists End could not properly carry out his duties if he were billeted in a **Bitter Four-Month Strike** live in a ten room house with thirty servants, as one high of-

By J. Marshall

(Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 18 - Members of both Independent Machinists Lodge 68 and East Bay Machinists Local of it. 1304-CIO, voted yesterday in full membership meetings to accept an 18 per cent wage increase and return to work this morning. This ends a 🖭

150 machine shops in the Bay The main feature of the ma-

chinists strike has been the magnificent solidarity between leaders and members of the local unions and their unity in action. Lodge 68, which was forced to secede from the International Association of Machinists, had to conduct its struggle not only against the bosses but also against the reactionary leadership of the International.

The rank and file revolt of the 17.000 machinists against the sell-out efforts of the top IAM bureaucrats has been raging for ary, Harvey Brown, IAM Inter- refused from the start to sanc-Francisco. He ignored the rank any country had the honor to attempted to compel the machin-

four-month old strike which | demand the machinists accept work. Local machinist leaders Ed

> out of their hands. On February 22, without consulting local leaders. Brown called a mass meeting of the lodge for February 25 at the Civic Auditorium. In a release to the press, Brown claimed that the men and urge them to accept it of the boss press were present

by secret ballot. which showed the International originally had refused strike

sanction because the local had ignored the 30-day "cooling-off" period and struck in defiance The bosses and city officials

gave all possible cooperation to Brown in his efforts to bust the strike. This was shown in the way Brown obtained use of the ruary 25 mass meeting. The auand persuaded the Red Cross, in the interest of "civic unity," to turn the hall over to him. Some 6.000 machinists con-

verged on the Civic Auditorium at 10 a.m., February 25. Hundreds of cops armed with riot "explain" the bosses' offer to the to "keep order." Representatives to report the "peace" move.

Brown stepped to the "mike," banged the gavel and called the meeting to order. From that "cooperation" with local bosses the IAM executive Council frown- point on he had little to say and city officials, moved into San ed upon Lodge 68's policy of co- Pandemonium broke loose, with operation with a "dual" union, indignant machinists throughout cal 1304. His claim was given the demanding the hall be cleared of non-machinists.

Brown, after minutes of futile (Continued on Page 2)

closed down all shipyards and the bosses' offer and return to Civic Auditorium for his Feb-Dillon and Harry Hook informed ditorium had been previously

him that these terms were not reserved by the Red Cross. But acceptable to the rank and file. Mayor Roger D. ("Teargas") Unable to bully the leadership, Lapham, of strikebreaking fame Brown tried to take negotiations in the '30s, interceded for Brown purpose of the meeting was to sticks swarmed through the hall

To cover his treacherous role, CHALLENGES BROWN the past month. During Febru- in view of the fact that he had national President, working in tion the strike, Brown claimed

UAW Delegates Face Key Issues TRADE UNIO Pagainst the Stalinists, Reuther in his speech avoided red-balting. NOTES

of annually.

The convention also referred back to the Constitution Committee a proposal to establish a Constitution Committee brought Fair Practices and Anti-Discrim- forward the question of providing ination Department after dele- representation for the Negro gates insisted the proposal be members, who constitute a sizable strengthened to include provi- and very active portion of the sions for greater representation union, on the top bodies of the for the Negro members in the UAW. This proposal has repeattop councils of the union.

STORM OF BOOS

As in previous conventions, the proposal to extend the terms of to secure a demonstration by the the top officers beyond one year union of its earnest desire to show was immediately greeted with a the world it takes its no-discrimatrong expressions of disap-Shouts of "sit down" met the spokesman of the Constitution Committee, Ben Garrison of Ford Highland Park Local 400, when he tried to sell the convention the top leadership's unpopular proposal-which none of the latter had the guts to openly and personally advocate.

After the chairman, Thomas, pleaded to "give the speaker a chance," Garrison made a demogogic plea for the longer term in order to "limit politics" and because, he claimed, "if we permit continuation of internal politics we are not going to have a union." Shelton Tappes of Ford Local 600, another member of the committee, who has been known as a close follower of Stalinist policies, also spoke for two-year terms in order to "eliminate politics from the union."

Although the floor was flooded with the upraised hands of delegates, principally those who opposed the proposal. Thomas managed to give the floor mainly to those who favored the proposal. This brought loud and strident

VOICE OF RANKS

in a position to eliminate them as son, of Local 208. quickly as possible."

made from the floor. The prop- had at previous conventions inosition was then voted down al- troduced this proposal. Their most unanimously to the accom- purpose has always been demapaniment of a great outburst of gogically to exploit the sentiapplause and cheers. This ac- ments of the Negro delegates in tion reflected the mistrust of the a factional maneuver against auto militants, steeped in the tra- Reuther. They did this in 1943 dition of union democracy, of when Reuther opposed their speed

officers every two years instead top leaders to entrench themselves in a bureaucratic position over the union ranks.

> The very next proposal of the of boos and other ination policy seriously,

out its proposal for the estab-

A proposal was made from the floor by Nat Ganley, Local 155, that an additional amendment be added to provide for the election of a Negro to the International Executive Board. This idea was supported by several representative Negro delegates, as well as several white members.

EXAMPLES CITED

representation proposal giving the stock argument that officers should be elected strictly on the basis of "qualifications" and that sition on this question and his if you start with guaranteeing Negroes representation, then "every other group" will want Erwin Baur, Detroit Budd Loto gain key offices because of more than what the Constitu- their agents are aiming at the Daily Worker and tried, without rents of discrimination.

Examples of this discrimina-One delegate, from Local 365, tion, as well as the failure of two caucuses, neither of which ation of the unorganized in line 000 which the ILG made to aid who clearly voiced the true senti- both factions of the top leader- has nominated a Negro candi- with the big campaign being ments of the ranks, pointed out ship to seriously implement the date, must combine to elect a mapped by the CIO. that "if the officers do a good fine anti-discrimination resolujob they will be elected again tions passed at previous convenwithout politicking. But if they tions, were cited by several Negro don't do their job we want to be delegates, including Hodges Ma-

The call for the vote was soon men were Ganley and Hodges,

"Pioneer" Display Attracts **UAW Convention Delegates**

been added to the famous Boardwalk fronting the ocean here. That is the Pioneer Publishers Book Stall which is offering a splendid display of labor and socialist literature President R. J. Thomas yester- Reuther, whom he tried by imat 2227 Boardwalk, just a few doors from the huge Civic Auditorium where the CIO

is holding its convention. The display will continue throughout the week of the convention. Many TIAW delegates and visi-

tors are stopping before the attractive display front of the store, looking over the many fine pamphlets and books and purchasing literature. A mailing service to their homes is provided. A big sign, red on white across

the entire store front announces: "Pioneer Publishers-Books and Pamphlets of Interest to the Labor Movement." Signs greet strolling UAW members from GM strike and an analysis of the the Lodge 68 strike committee. either direction: "Welcome UAW-CIO Delegates." Other large signs tributed before the Convention manding to know by what auannounce: "We take subscrip- Hall to the UAW delegates. The thority the meeting had been tions for The Militant and Fourth International."

During lunch recess of the convention, and in the evenings and told the distributors about when the display is brilliantly having become acquainted with brought a wave of catcalls and lighted up, many UAW delegates it on the picket lines in Detroit, can be seen looking over the Flint and elsewhere.

edly been supported by most Negro delegates. They wish to protect the interests of the especially oppressed Negro workers, and

The debate arose after the Constitution Committee reported lishment of a Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department to be headed by the International

Opposition was voiced to the

The Stalinists, whose spokes-

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Mar. 24.—Something new has members proper representation. was factional, as was revealed rally, which attracted about 800

Workers Party and Pioneer Publishers for providing this display.

SCORES OF GREETINGS

Today, several thousand Militants containing articles on the nize Harry Scher, chairman of UAW convention issues were dis- Scher raised a point of order dereception was very friendly. Many called. on accepting the paper expressed their appreciation of The Militant

United Auto Workers Union pamphlets and other literature. Scores of delegates who have become acquainted with The Militant back home on the picket lines stop to give a friendly greeting to the display attendants and to purchase literature. Almost the only unfriendly comment San Francisco Machinists comes from a few Stalinist elecomes from a few Stalinist elements, who nevertheless cannot conceal their surprise and envy at the enterprise of the Socialist



up "incentive pay" plan. This maneuver was made possible because of Reuther's incorrect pocatering to certain Jim Crow elements in his caucus.

special provisions. This argu- cal delegate, summed up the isment evaded the significant fac- sue most clearly when he stated: tor that it is only the Negroes "It is quite obvious from observwho lack, even in the democratic ing the action of the Negro dele-UAW, full and equal opportunity gates that they want to have still remaining, underlying cur- tional Committee proposes. This workers. His one positive point, naming him, to smear Reuther. question can be solved here only Negro to the top committee, or we must adopt an article to the constitution which will provide a post for a Negro representa-

REAL SITUATION

minority of delegates.

to bring back a proposal with "more 'teeth" and greater assurances of a sin- ber 1944. cere desire to give the Negro convention was delivered by handed and concealed attack on

day afternoon. His remarks created scarcely spoke in broad generalities about dent David Dubinsky to swing union presidency. the problems facing the workers, the UAW into the AFL. briefly outlining the numerous

Constitution as authority and

ruled Scher out of order. This

moved that DeMattei, Lodge 68

"TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF G.M...."

Defying surrender, impervious to shock Embattled, heroic, you stood like a rock. A fortress of Labor unshakably strong,

Protecting the weak from cruel injury and wrong With one mighty voice raised in thunderous acclaim, We hail your great victory, proclaiming its fame; Each heart filled with pride in the triumph you've won-We hurl forth the challenge, "We've only begun!"

Eddie Dumaine

which no one could possibly con- He sought to throw suspicion on the down the union demandsin one of two ways. Either the test, was his plea for the organiz- the splendid contribution of \$86,-

THOMAS SKIRTS ISSUES He skirted all the key issues, however, such as "company security" and government boards. Although he attacked Truman as weak and spineless" and assert-This statement brought out ed "we must strengthen our pointo the open the real situation. litical action," he wound up by Neither the Thomas-Addes group proposing the same old banknor the Reuther group has nom- rupt policy of tying labor to the inated and fought to elect some political parties of Big Business. of the unquestionably qualified simply pleading that "we must Negro members. In this respect demand that both major politiboth groups are catering to the cal parties in this country have more backward and prejudiced more progressive candidates." The present reactionary Congress The convention voted to refer is made up of many of those the committee's recommendation "progressive" capitalist candi- REUTHER RALLY back to the committee for further dates whose election was hailed

The "keynote" speech of the when Thomas made an under- delegates. plication to link to a "plot" alripple in the convention. He Ladies Garment Workers' Presi-

progressive victory" in Novem-

Thomas took a slanderous at-

with members of the IAM Ex-

ecutive Council and again ruled

Ed Dillon, militant Lodge 68

"mike" and moved the meeting

day at 10 a.m., when they were

scheduled to conduct a regular

meeting. He, too, quoted the con-

tion. Brown ruled Dillon out of

At this point, when feeling

cured the "mike" and called for a

vote on Dillon's motion. It was

carried by an overwhelming ova-

tion. The machinists then stamp-

ed from the hall and, with the

exception of a few stragglers,

cleared it in a few minutes. Out-

side the air was filled with re-

marks against Brown such as

One thing that especially aid-

ed the machinists in opposing

this high-handed move of Brown

and his Executive Council was

that the floor "mikes" through-

out the hall were "hot." Offi-

cials were at a loss to understand

this, as orders had been given to

kill all "mikes" except that used

"strikebreaker," "scab herder,"

and "fink."

by Brown.

End Bitter 4-Month Strike

Scher out of order.

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Brown quoted the Grand Lodge be adjourned until the next Sun-

stamping of feet. Scher then stitution in support of his mo-

the GM strike. Thomas referred back to the time in 1939 when Dubinsky is reported to have aided Homer Martin with \$25,000 when Martin tried to split the UAW into the AFL. He said he 'was worried about the situation" and by innuendo tried to cast doubts on Reuther's CIO many AFL unions, contributed to the General Labor Committee to Aid the GM Strikers, which was supported by both AFL and CIO leaders including CIO President Philip Murray.

Thomas' speech was met by only a brief flurry of polite applause and widespread boos.

is quite apparent, of most of the more militant and progressive The real intent of the speech held a "Reuther for President"

Reuther, at this rally, spoke generally in defense of his leadership of the GM strike, which legedly being engineered by AFL is the main reason for the support he is now receiving for the

Although there is a tendency among a section, of his followattacks which the employers and tack directly from the Stalinist ers to resort to red-baiting

strike on less favorable terms, last month. etc. Reuther went back to the wartime period of "wild-cat"

He sharply assailed the under-

handed secret deal of the Stalin-

ist leaders of the CIO United

Electrical Workers who violated

an agreement with the UAW

and settled the strike of 30,000

Thomas for his conduct dur-

ing the GM strike, such as

Reuther admitted that the reers. He also admitted that the panies. huge pile-up of local grievances

REUTHER'S OWN PAST to enforce it. Reuther avoided up. discussion of many of the main issues growing out of the GM Pittsburgh that "as soon as the union, but who were forced to strike, such as the now-clearly "one-at-a-time" strategy which he authorized and which

pated, although he had previ- no. . . . Now we certainly are strategy was in fact the policy ously denounced the "fact-find- left holding the bag, or you might of the entire UAW leadership, ing" procedure as aimed to whit- say, holding empty bellies." which it did.

clause, a positive achievement of committee, are making agree-Board, with his participation, tract. "Some of the nut and bolt GM's Electrical Division which approved unanimously the orig- factories started signing up for inal and worst proposal for "com- 181/2 cents, but without the 91/4 pany security" offered by the cents back pay." loyalty because the ILG, like UAW leaders to Ford Motor Company.

the question of program. Be- they consider Murray's failure cause the meeting was conductmembers of the Reuther caucus who desired to, did not have the ment was secured. opportunity to make proposals on program. But, aware that this question was foremost in the Reuther has the support, it minds of a number of those pres- About the GM Strike ent, Reutner concluded by saying However, his program was refrom the program of Thomasfor action on such vital questions as "company security" and "fact-finding" boards and Wage Stabilization Board.

On the question of labor politproposes "an aggressive program of political action to elect candidates pledged to this program within the existing party structure." This means to back capitalist vote-catchers of the Democratic or Republican machines who give cheap pre-election promises to "support labor's pro-

The need for a real political instrument of labor, a labor party, is recognized in a number of resolutions submitted by important locals to the convention. But Reuther does not propose any concrete steps whereby the UAW might advance the formation of a labor party now. He merely asks labor to "join hands with farmers, professionals, small business and other functional groups' to "build the base" for what he vaguely describes as a "new progessive party."

It remains to be seen whether the convention will have the opportunity to come to grips with the major questions or whether, as has happened in previous conventions, the delegates will be sidetracked into preoccupation with a narrower factional strugle around posts.

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By Joseph Keller

Small Steel Locals Still Out On Strike

UE members in GM Electrical Division for less than the GM strike in fabricating plants in and CIO leaders, have to resort auto workers were demanding. Pittsburgh, northern Jersey and to a piece of real fakery. Thus Reuther correctly attacked other areas, The Militant has George Morris, the Daily Workreceived reports that they have er's leading hatchet-man and been forced to continue their labor "expert," writes that "Reuwalkouts for many weeks after ther jumped the gun with the Thomas' proposition to reopen GM parts plants during the the CIO steel workers' leaders GM strike with a 'one-at-a-time' strike, his attempts to settle the settled the strikes in basic steel theory in defiance of the CIO's

cured a settlement for the 400,- quick show-down.' strikes before V-J Day and ac- 000 workers in basic steel and cused Thomas of not having "the sent them back, but secured no "strategy" is Morris talking guts to take a stand" in support real assurances of settlement on of the Kelsey-Hayes and other the same terms for nearly 350,-000 other strikers in the smaller fabricating plants. It didn't help sponsibility for so-called un- the latter workers any when Truauthorized strikes lay with the man declared that the 181/2 cents leadership for its failure to de- an hour increase in basic steel fend the interests of the work- did not apply to the smaller com-

Thus, there are hundreds of whose settlement has prolonged the smaller and weaker steel lothe GM strike came during the cals which have had to pull their period of the no-strike pledge. belts tighter and tighter and continue their strikes. The March 18 CIO News reports that up to Reuther, however, failed to re- the week of that issue there were call his own support of the no- still 426 plants employing 160,strike pledge and how he helped 000 workers which had not signed

One steel striker writes us from strike vote was taken last fall, we raised the following questions to the International: We're all the entire UAW Board voted to going out together, will we all go wave would have taken on such back together? Or will the big scope and power if it had not He also neglected to explain companies sign up and leave us been for the initiative and inhis capitulation on the issue of stranded? Murray's representa- spiration provided by the GM Truman's "fact-finding" boards, tives threw a lot of words around strikers. in whose proceedings he partici- on this to avoid saying yes or

The same worker informs us that in an effort to sign up the He referred pointedly to the hold-out firms, Murray's district CIO leadership. fact that the GM contract con- directors, contrary to the instructained no "company security" tions of the union's wage policy the GM strike. But he did not ments for less than the full terms mention the fact that the UAW of the U.S. Steel "master" con-

It is clear that there is a great deal of indignation among the Comes Home to Roost Reuther in his talk avoided remaining steel strikers at what to sufficiently consider their inat the time the basic steel agree-

Some Stalinist Fakery

From the first moment of the inghouse strike. he would "discuss the question GM strike, The Militant pointed of program at another meeting." out the incorrectness of the "one- temptuously offered a 91/2 cent at-a-time" strategy authored by raise, according to the UE leadleased in a convention paper is- UAW Vice President Walter ers. Its proposal, which "shocksued by his group following the Reuther. The Militant pointed ed" the UE leaders, was contained meeting. Except for language and out the need to combat the con- in a lengthy 25-page document. phraseology, it scarcely differs certed offensive of Big Business Of particular interest is the by a planned extension of the fact that Westinghouse attempts Addes. It contains no proposals CIO strikes and a unified CIO to justify its miserly wage offer strategy.

most crucial problems, Reuther ist Daily Worker is running big workers' throats.

articles attacking Reuther.

But the Stalinists, in order to attack Reuther and still cling to From steel workers still on the coat-tails of the other UAW strategy of concentrating its ma-Apparently, Philip Murray se- jor strikes for an all-at-once

This is sheer fraud. What CIO about? When was it determined? Who determined it? How was it supposed to operate?

The plain truth is that the CIO unions had no unified strategy. It was the GM strike which first forced the Truman administration to recommend a 191/2 cent increase. Only after this did the other unions, steel, packinghouse, UE, go out on strikeand they settled for less than 191/2 cents.

In fact, Murray once called off the scheduled steel strike without consultation of his own membership. He certainly did not consult the CIO packinghouse workers who were scheduled to go out, like the GM strikers, on their own.

Reuther's "one - at - a - time" who voted for it and supported it. It was also the strategy, if one can call it such, of the whole

What the Stalinists have to answer for is the conduct of the CIO Electrical Workers leaders in making a back-room settlement for 30,000 UE members in undercut the demands of the GM auto workers.

"Incentive Pay"

The Stalinists who complain about Reuther "prolonging the GM strike" are having a tough ed solely as a "hurrah" rally, terests and to fight for them time with Westinghouse Electric, which refuses to grant an 181/2 cent settlement to its 75,000 striking workers despite such a settlement in General Electric. The Stalinists dominate the UE-CIO which is conducting the West-

on the ground that its "incentive The Communist (Stalinist) pay" system permits its workers the withdrawal of union support Party, whose members in the to make more than in other secfrom government wage-freezing UAW are very discredited, has tions of the industry. This is the and wage-fixing bodies like the seized upon the "one-at-a-time" notorious speed-up plan which strategy as a club to belabor the Stalinists themselves bally-Reuther, who is an anti-Stalinist hooed during the war, and which and therefore an opponent of they put into effect wherever ical action, the key to labor's the CP in the unions. The Stalin- they could shove it down the

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NEW MOVE FAILS After this meeting, Lodge 68 Brown and the Executive Coun-

Brown, having thus failed in effort to shove the meeting President, take the chair in place his first effort, tried next to along, was compelled to recog- of Brown. Brown then huddled break the rank and file solidarity by mailing out secret ballots to 68's membership, asking them to vote in favor of the bosses' offer. This move, also made over the business agent, then grabbed the heads of the lodge officials, received practically no response.

Brown once again ordered the machinists to accept the bosses' offer and return to work. He also set a date for a "trial" of the leadership of 68, where he filed charges calling for suspension and revocation of the local charwas running high, De Mattei se- ter.

of Lodge 68 answered this threat

independent union voted to return to work this morning and conduct a fight to retain their jurisdiction over jobs. They have announced that they will ask for an NLRB election to prove that moved their regular scheduled the men want to be represented meeting up a day and invited by the militant local leadership

Shortly after this move failed, On March 10, the membership

by seceding from the IAM and setting up their own independent union. Brown immediately obtained a court order enabling him to take over the offices and records of the Lodge. In large ads in the daily newspapers he began to appeal to the machinists to "remain loyal" to the international and to go back to work this morning. He also announced that he would begin a "loyalty check" of all machinists on the jobs.

Under these circumstances, the rather than by Brown and his cil to be present. They refused. IAM Executive Council.

No City Safe From New Air Weapons This is the second of a series of articles on the death-dealing appons in the hands of the imperialist war-mongers who in their

weapons in the hands of the imperialist war-mongers who in their lust for world-domination, threaten the destruction of modern civilization. The first article, published last week, showed how the destructive powers of warfare multiplied from the beginning of World War I to the end of World War II.

By Eugene Varlin

If World War III comes, there isn't a spot on this planet that will be safe from aerial attack. Ocean barriers, no matter how wide, are no longer a guarantee of security against bombing. This fact was dramatically demonstrated

Army Air Force made a non-body . . . stop flight from Japan to Chicago in B-29's.

"I believe we could fly from the devised. States to Europe in a B-29 right

very long. In his bienniel report they reached their target. to the War Department on October 9, 1945, General Marshall greater bombers capable of operand speeds faster than sound and carrying bomb loads of more than 100,000 pounds, already is a certainty. These aircraft will have a fare is the United States. Howsufficient range to attack any spot on the earth and return

to a friendly base.' If piloted aircraft capable of making round-trip bombing missions anywhere on earth are already "a certainty," then pilotless rocket bombs able to make a one-way trip to any point on the globe are doubly certain. Rocket bombs, known as V-2's, were used by Germany in her air war against England. Their effectiveness was limited because they could not carry so heavy a bomb load as airplanes and they were not sufficiently accurate.

ROCKETS PLUS A-BOMBS

These limitations have already been overcome. The first handicap of the rocket bomb has been overcome by the use of atomic ever, every major power is racenergy. Despite its enormous de- ing to build up an air-force of structive power, the atom bomb is extremely light in weight, far bombs. No scientist believes that lighter than the bomb load of either the V-T fuse or the atom

its flight nearest the target. New off the map. electronic devices, based on the same principles as the V-T fuse, "With the continued development | sheviki. . . . are capable of guiding rockets of weapons and techniques now to their targets.

instruments which guide them hours."

generals of the United States | selves toward a man who enters, in reaction to the heat of his

At the close of the war, Germany was building ramps from On October 2, 1945, in an ad- which to launch V-2's against dress to the Wings Club at the the United States. The V-2 rock-Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, General et bombs travel 2,000 miles an Le May, one of the three generals hour. No effective means of dewho made the flight, declared: fense against them has yet been

General Arnold, former Comnow, drop an atomic bomb and manding General of the Army return safely. And, of course, if Air Forces, proposed as a counsomebody in Europe had a B-29 ter-measure the launching of 3,or a better plane, they could do | 000 mile an hour robot atom bombs from space ships operat-The B-29 will not be the last ing outside the earth's atmosword in long-range bombers for phere to blow them up before

In any case, such weapons could never be completely effecstated: "Development of even tive. And only one or two rocket atom bombs penetrating the deating at stratospheric altitudes fense proposed by General Arnold could wipe out a city.

Today, the country best equipped to wage offensive aerial war-



long-range bombers and rocket bomb will remain an American Secondly, highly accurate pi- monopoly for more than five lotless bombing is now possible, years. Every major power will During World War II the V-T strive to manufacture a suffibomb fuse was developed. This cient quantity of aircraft and plodes the bomb at the point in of its potential military enemies

General Marshall has said. known to us, the cities of New October, General Marshall said: cago or San Francisco may be "We can direct rockets to targets subject to annihilation from othby electronic devices and new er continents in a matter of

accurately to sources of heat, If World War III comes, whatof a large room they aim them- become enormous graveyards.

Imperialists Use Food As Weapon

To Aid Reaction After World War I, the food relief policy of the United

States government was based, not on any desire to help the starving European masses, but on the determination of American imperialism to crush the rising tide of working In requesting a \$100,000,000,

appropriation from Congress on February 24, 1919, President Wilson declared: "Food relief is now the key to the whole European situation and to the solution of peace. Bolshevism is steadily advancing westward. . . . It cannot be stopped by force, but it can be stopped by food . . .

Congress was convinced by the President's arguments. American Relief Administration, headed by Herbert Hoover, was established to carry out this pol-

aken power. A stringent blockade of the Soviet Union was enstarving Hungary when the Hungarian workers established their own government in 1919.

Hoover's director for southeast Europe, T. C. C. Gregory, refused the requests for supplies made by the Bolshevik food administrator of Hungary. At the same time he promised the counter-revolutionary forces to supply Hungary with food and coal once the workers' government was overthrown.

The same methods were used had taken power in November, 1918. When Finland was under workers' rule, the masses were ever, once the workers' government was defeated by General Mannerheim with the aid of German troops. Hoover authorized the shipment of food to Finland. In December 1918, the War

Trade Board declared that the fuse, an electronic device, ex- atom bombs to wipe any or all United States government was prepared to extend material

Units of Hoover's American against the use of food for reactionary political aims. Relief Administration accomp-

light and magnetism. Drawn by ever country is attacked will re- States serves the same reactiontheir own fuses, such new rockets taliate by launching its robot ary ends today. In 1944-1945 will streak unerringly to the rockets. This war of robots can UNRRA agents withheld food heart of big factories, attracted only result in mutual annihila- from the areas held by the Greek

The Heritage Of Imperialist War-Starvation



In the photograph above, children of France hunt through garbage pails for scraps of food Here is a small part of the misery and hunger rayaging all of Europe and the Orient today.

The American Relief Administration withheld food from all areas in which the workers had ade of the Soviet Union was enforced from 1917 to 1921. The Allies imposed a blockade on starving Hungary when the Hungary wh

AID TO THE STARVING

By The Editors -

In the wake of the appalling devastation wrought by World War II, famine and disease are killing millions of people throughout the world, and menacing millions more.

The imperialist bandits plan to ruthlessly exploit this misery of the masses for their own reactionary ends. There against the Finnish workers who is ample evidence that food is again being used as a weapon against the working people of Europe and Asia.

The imperialists hope today to repeat their performance of 1919-1922 when Herbert Hoover directed the American starved by a tight blockade. How- Relief Administration. Under his direction ARA forced millions of European workers to accept counter-revolution-

ary governments simply to survive. The appointment of Hoover as honorary chairman of the Famine Relief Committee indicates that food will once Yugoslavia, and Greece. Italy is again be used to impose brutal dictatorships upon the also a "blighted country" accord- declared that conditions in his prevent absolute starvation workers and peasants of Europe.

Early in the Second World War, the International Transport Workers' Federation correctly warned that food Administration and is now griphelp to all parts of Russia which | would be used for reactionary purposes after World War II. succeed in driving out the Bol- In its May-June 1942 bulletin the Transport Workers declared that only the labor movement could guarantee

American workers have a deep fraternal interest in anied the advance of the counter- aiding the starving masses of other countries. American revolutionary White Armies and labor and farmer organizations must undertake collection millions of them to live in the withdrew whenever these armies of food and medical supplies to rush abroad immediately. open and thus boosted terrific-

But collection of food and supplies in the United States ally the rate of lung disease. The food policy of the United and their distribution in foreign countries cannot be en- UNRRA statistics reveal that trusted to capitalist-dominated agencies.

It is necessary to make certain that relief supplies go rose 300 per cent during the first to the workers and farmers and not to their enemies. This by the heat of the furnaces. They tion. And what were once the workers and shipped food to the can only be guaranteed if control over the supplies remains are so sensitive that in the space great centers of civilization will areas held by the monarchist in the hands of labor and farmer organizations, from their collection to their distribution in foreign lands.

War, then famine and pestilence—and then war capitalist system. Now that millions are faced with capitalism's greatest famine and disease epidemic.

There is not a single country in Europe, whether victor or vanquished, whose people are not dying from hunger or being twisted and stunted by the ravages of disease.

from starvation runs through Poland, eastern Czechoslovakia, ing to officials of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation age in the world."

Entire generations of Europe's children will never know a nearthy and normal adulthood deaths caused by tuberculosis six months of 1945. Infant mortality showed a rise of 80 per cent over the 1940 figures.

Europe's ancient plagues typhoid fever, malaria, dysentery and typhus - are again-raging through the middle east. Venereal diseases have risen steadily and particularly virulent forms have developed. Syphilis, gonorrhea, cancer and all the other by-products of war and famine, are now rife throughout Europe. The general disease index has jumped 500 per cent since 1940.

Though wonderful strides have been made by medical science in the creation of new life-giving drugs, such as the various sulfas and penicillin, newspapermen report that few sufferers have received the benefit of such discoveries.

Mrs. Cecilia Davidson, welfare worker of New York City, spent eight months in France working among liberated children. She reported to UNRRA that they " . . are dwarfed from years of malnutrition. Physically they look half their ages with faces that are tired and old. One little girl carried in what we thought, was a baby about seventeen months old. His little arms and legs had not developed and he was Groot, the general secretary of their opportunist purposes), like tiny in size. You can imagine how eerie it was to have this baby turn around and talk to us like an old man. He was over five years of age and he could not walk."

> Despite the fact that starvation stalks Europe, UNRRA officals announced this week that Europe's food rations will be even further cut in the near future. U. S. Assistant Secretary of State William Clayton told the UNRRA meeting in Atlantic grain, fats and foodstuffs" pro-Fraternally, vided they are purchased on the

By Mike Cort

Millions of Chinese farmers, located on the country's richest rice lands, are today slowly starving to death. 10.000.000 people in Hunan Province rely for sustenance on grass and a native clay which they refer to as "kwanyin" (Goddess of Mercy). This appalling news was reported this week by Dr. Ting-fu F. Tsi-

ang, Chinese delegate to the

Atlantic City meeting of the

United Nations Relief and

Rehabilitation Administra-

After years of sacrifice in the

war against the Japanese im-

perialists, the Chinese people

find that peace brings them the

gift of starvation. And if they

had any illusion that succor in

their final extremity would be

forthcoming from their Anglo-

American "allies," this illusion is

now dispelled. For official

UNRRA figures reveal that con-

templated relief for China's

starving millions amounts to

\$1.25 per capita—hardly suffi-

cient to displace clay as a diet

All of China has been allocated

47,800 tons of relief grain for

1946, according to Dr. Tsiang.

But Hong Kong, the British

crown colony, has been allocated

23,000 tons, nearly half the a-

NO AID AT HOME

Nor can the Chinese people

look to their own government for

aid. Chiang Kai-shek's corrupt

money for military purposes than

it has earmarked for food for the

Dr. Tsiang gave a vivid de-

These conditions mean that

less business."

mount for the whole of China.

INDIAN PEOPLE WILL DIE LIKE FLIES

Over 100,000,000 people in India will be affected by the developing famine there, said Khwaja Sir Navimmuddin, former Prime Minister of Bengal, in New York on March 12. If help is not immediately forthcoming, "people will die in the streets like flies," he predicted.

Imperialists Plan Starvation For Japanese People

Although World War II is supposedly ended, the Anglo-American victors have decreed that after May 1 millions of Japanese peasants will be left to die. This time they will not be victims of atomic bombs but victims of a plan for regime is today spending more slow starvation.

Maj. W. H. Leonard, chief of the agriculture division of Allied Headquarters' natural resources scription of the plight of his peo- section in Tokyo, warned on again. That is humanity's ple to the Atlantic City meet- March 10 that by the end of the pattern of life under the ing. He said, "The people are month Japan would be "virtually eating grass. The farmers and without food." Nine days later, capitalism's greatest and most peasants now have marked up N. Y. Times correspondent Burbloody war has ended, Europe's the grass into lots. This lot be- ton Crane wired from Tokyo longs to my family, that lot to that the Combined Food Board your family. They also eat a kind was still "determined" to grant of clay which is a greyish, taste- Japan 600,000 tons of food, which is half of the minimum figure sent to Washington by Maj. Leonard's department.

in Hunan province alone, accord-"Headquarters officials are aring to a March 22 dispatch from ranging to have the too scanty Chungking to the N. Y. Times, stocks sent to Sapporo, Sendai, 4,000,000 Chinese will die of star- Tokyo, Yokohama, Negoya, Ky-Europe's "Black Belt" of death vation unless adequate relief is oto, Osaka and other areas where American troops are stationed," wrote Crane on March A representative from Hupeh 19, "the idea apparently being to province were far worse than where food riots are likely to disthose reported in Hunan. In turb Americans, and to let the Japanese elsewhere starve quietped by the "worst wheat short- Hupeh, he said, there is only dirt ly, bothering only their own au-

OUR MARTYRS

Under the heading: "Killed in the Struggle for Communism," the March 9 La Verite, organ of the Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French section of the Fourth International, publishes the following tribute to four of the heroic German Trotskyist leaders murdered in the Nazi concentration camps:

The long list of militants of the Fourth International who have fallen victims of the bloody Hitler dictatorship is not yet closed.

After recently honoring Marcel Hic, General Secretary of our French Section and L. Lesoil, leader of our Belgian Section, both martyrs of the Fourth International, we salute today the memory of four of the most outstanding fighters of our German Section, about whose murder in Nazi prisons we have

WEINER SCHOLEM, leader of the German Communist Party until 1923 and editor-in-chief of the paper. Red Flag in Berlin, member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International at Moscow. He joined the Trotskyist movement at an early age. After Hitler seized power, he was sent successively to the concentration camps of Sichtenburg, Esterwegen, Dachau, and finally to Buchenwald, where he was assassinated in 1940 by a shot from the revolver of an S.S. officer.

WALTER . . . (whose full name we withhold, since his family is living in the Russian zone) was a functionary of the German Communist Party for many years beore joining the Fourth International together with Scholem. He was arrested in 1933, and after 11 years of suffering in Nazi concentration camps, he was mortally wounded on August 24, 1944, during an aerial bombardment.

EDWARD KOLISCHER, a delegate of the (German) Soldier's Councils in 1918, who soon thereafter placed his military talent at the disposal of the Bolshevik Red Army. He was assigned to Leon Trotsky's General Staff. After the expulsion of Trotsky, Comrade Kolischer was retained on the top General Staff of the Red Army and at the same time represented the Austrian Communist Party on the Executive Committee of the Communist International. He finally joined the Communist Left Opposition led by Leon Trotsky and took part in the underground struggle against the Schuschnigg dictatorship. Arrested in 1938, he was deported to Buchenwald and then Auschwitz. He was murdered there in 1942, at the age of 49, by a series of blows dealt by a prison guard.

FRITZ REUTER, a baker by trade and one of the oldest German Bolshevik-Leninists, was imprisoned in Buchenwald, then in Dachau, where tuberculosis quickly carried him away.

Comrades, the example of your lives as militant fighters and as working class prisoners, the example of your sacrifices will not be in vain. Your heroic struggle will serve as a striking refutation of the capitalist lie that would have us believe in the solidarity of the German people with Hitler.

Dutch Worker's Letter To "M

(We recently received the following interesting letter to the literal and the figurative sense on the congress of the Dutch nor an air force of such imporreaders of The Militant from a Dutch revolutionist.) Dear Friends:

I know The Militant is a genuine workers' paper, and rather than give you an extensive report about the developments of our organiza-9 tion, I prefer to write you fight, as we showed in the past some glimpses of the life of months. And we are sure that the the workers in Holland. Holland is not a very impor- too."

tant country. To tell you the But we do not forget that you, ing than the great mass. too, must toil for your daily bread, just as we have to do. We always knew that your

country is a nicer one than ours. But we know that you cannot their stamp on the labor moveenjoy its beauty, as you must ment in Holland for many years. pass your days in a mill, a work- Even the revolutionary sections shop, the mines and the docks, of the Dutch workers suffered just as we do. We know that you from sectarian, petty-bourgeois live in the big towns, which are tendencies. They possessed their prisons of stones heaped upon own "revolutionary" trade unstones. We know that we can find lons, had too little interest you in the worst, darkest, most in the workers' problems outjust as it would be easy for you revolution was a thing you need to discover in which parts of Rot- not fight for irreconcilably and terdam, Amsterdam, etc., the with all your energy. Dutch workers are living.

do you complain about pettyby the tens of thousands. We can | welfare" were destroyed, in the | mittee of Trade Unions—EVC) | a considerable army nor a navy

Dutch workers know how to fight And you are right! But you

truth, you often hear curses about should not forget that the Dutch name of the bourgeoisie. They its bad climate, its petty-bour- bourgeoisie did not exploit only are all afraid, to lose their divigeois conditions, its smallness us. It lived also upon the misery and sectarianism. We are envi- of the people of Indonesia, and ous of you American workers, thanks to that, was able to aswho live in a nice big country, sure a rather big part of the which is the heart of the world. workers a better standard of liv-

LABOR ARISTOCRACY

And this labor aristocracy, as we used to call them, printed unhealthy parts of these cities, side of Holland, and thought the

The war was a very dirty and But, you might ask me: "Why vile thing. We damn it and warn bourgeois conditions in Holland? for the interests of the imperial-As you tell us yourself, the Dutch ist oppressors, "democratic" or workers are the same as we, otherwise. But nevertheless, its

of the word.

The people of Indonesia broke their chains and are fighting now against the parasitic Dutch colonial oppressors. "I get fear around my heart," said the Dutch "socialist" Prime Minister Schermerhôrn, in connection with the courageous fight of the Indonesian masses. He spoke in the dends, their enormous profits, their privileged position.

The sympathy of the Dutch workers, on the other hand, is entirely on the side of the Indonesians. The war put an end to the patience of our brothers in the colonies. It destroyed at the same time a good deal of the reformist illusions of the Dutch laborers. And that is a good

thing! Holland may not be a very important country. But the fight of the Indonesian masses made t an important one! For the Dutch proletarian parties showed the working class of the whole world what they have to expect from their parties if "their" imperialism is in a crisis. And then must say to you that our party, our class, right in the workshops self-sufficiency of Holland. The leader Koenen (at the same time promises made to Indonesia, Hol- Socialist Workers Party!

the Stalinist paper "De Waarheid" of January 10, 1946:

"It is of no use for the communists (Stalinists) in the EVC to hide their faces because they think to serve thus the unity in the trade unions. On the contrary, when doing so they render the Eenheidsvakcentrale a very bad service, as Trotskyist elements try to make themselves master of the movement, make an eager use of it. IT IS THOSE ESPECIALLY, THE SO-CALLED REVOLUTIONAIRE COMMUN-ISTISCHE PARTIJ, WHO TRY TO PULL THE WORKERS OF THE EVC OVER TO A MASS LEARN FROM US! STRIKE 'IN THE INTEREST OF INDONESIA."

Yes, we do so, and it is our duty! The Stalinist leaders warn the CPN wrote in The Waarheid on October 9, 1945:

STALINIST BETRAYAL

"The unity and the cooperation with Holland create the only conditions for the freedom, and nothing to help our colored the political and economic development of the Indonesian peohe Revolutionary Communist ple. 7e, communists, withdrew Party of the Fourth Interna- in 1937 our former slogan 'Free tional, is the only one in Holland Indonesia From Holland Now! which fights for the entire free- as the Japanese menace made dom of Indonesia. Perhaps you necessary the unity of Holland Fourth International are real where you can find us together dikes around "the little isle of secretary of the United Com- land is weak, it does not possess

Communist Party, reported in tance that it could make its influence felt to others. All depends on a courageous and wise statemanship." This is the language of the

bourgeoisie which is too weak to smash the Indonesian revolution and now says: "We must make concessions, else we lose Indonesia." I am sure the Stalinist leaders in America use other words in relation to Indonesia, Why not? If their bourgeoisie is in danger they can always change their terminology. They learned to change for many many years . . .

You will believe that if the

Stalinist leaders speak thus, the Social-Democrats do it in the same way. And the other groups, against us, as THEY don't want the centrists (those who use a to fight for Indonesia. Paul de revolutionary language to hide "de Vlam" and the ultra-left like "Spartacus," have "principled" objections against our slogan: "Free Indonesia From Holland Now!" and do nothing, brothers against the imperialists. I repeat: We and we only are fighting for the total independence of Indonesia.

American workers, learn from this! Only the parties of the think! "It is far from here and and Indonesia. This we main- fighting parties against the op- City this week that after Janwe cannot check on his words. tain. Therefore in the interest pressors. In America, the Stal- uary 1 the United States will and for heaven's sake we are no good side was that all over the He is a party patriot and maybe of the safety of the bond between inists, Social-Democrats, "ultra-cease participation in organized sectarians and petty bourgeois! world the workers and exploited he boasts about his party." But Holland and Indonesia, we act left" bawlers and centrists will relief. He generously offered to We learned the importance of colonial peoples are awakening I tell you the truth. And I shall with so much force and firm- betray you too at the decisive make available to Europe's starvdiscipline, of united struggle of now. And it made an end to the cite the words of the Stalinist ness for the execution of the moment. Your place is in the ing millions a "fair share of

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

-Leon Trotsky

Time For Action

The question of labor political action is one of the most important problems confronting the CIO United Automobile Workers at their

At the very moment they are meeting in Atlantic City, Congress is busy in Washington wrecking price controls, knifing minimum wage legislation, and threatening to pass more stringent anti-strike laws. This is the Congress elected in 1944 with the aid of the CIO-PAC and which Murray and Hillman hailed as a "victory for labor." In their battle with the corporations during the past few months, the workers have found out how subservient the present administration and Congress are to Big Business.

Will American labor remain shackled to the Democratic and Republican political machines of Wall Street? Or will the UAW take the lead in politics, as it has on the industrial battleground, and decisively break with company unionism in politics by championing the cause of an independent labor party?

The UAW delegates will have to make that decision themselves, for it is clear that their present leaders oppose this progressive proposal. Although Thomas and Addes criticize Truman and complain about the Gongressional anti-labor drive, they obviously intend to pursue the same disastrous course which has rendered labor politically defenceless before the onslaught of the corporations and their Democratic-Republican agents in Washington. Reuther is skating all around the issue.

The need for genuine labor political action is recognized by the UAW militants. A number of key locals have introduced resolutions to the convention urging the formation of a

This is the time to pass from talk to action. The eyes of all American labor are centered upon the UAW convention. If the delegates there would call upon the CIO to convoke immediately a national conference for the launching of a labor party and for the running of labor candidates in the 1946 Congressional elections, this action would arouse a mighty response from the rest of organized labor.

Army Reform

Insistent demands for democratic reform of the Army were voiced by tens of thousands of GIs during their world-wide demonstrations protesting the slowdown in demobilization. The high point in soldier criticism of the Army's caste system came in the mass meeting at the Trocadero in Paris on January 13.

There, more than 500 soldiers elected a "GI Liberation Committee" and approved a list of demands which included abolition of officer messes, clubs and other special privileges for the Brass Hats.

The "GI Liberation Committee's" program contained many key demands which had been expressed by GIs throughout the Army.

If the War Department were seriously interested in reforming the Army it would have paid close attention to the program advocated by the Trocadero meeting and chosen men elected to GI committees during the demonstrations to form a board of investigation.

Instead of this the War Department has exiled such GI spokesmen to Okinawa, the Siberia of the armed forces, and taken other harsh measures of reprisal against them.

In place of a representative committee chosen from the ranks, Secretary of War Patterson has appointed a handpicked board composed of four former officers and two former enlisted men. This board will study relations between officers and men in the Army and "determine what changes, if any, should be made" in Army practices.

At the very same time that the War Department makes this gesture toward reform of the caste system, actions by high ranking Brass Hats show just how far they intend to go in making any real changes in the Army

set-up. Lieut.-Gen. John C. H. Lee, commander in the Mediterranean theatre, imposed a rigid censorship which extended even to soldiers' letters to the Mediterranean edition of Stars and Stripes. Censorship of Army newspapers

in other parts of the world has been intensified. Furthermore in recent months Brass Hats have imposed a more autocratic discipline on soldiers. Privileges for officers have increased

since V-J Day. In view of these actions by the high command, it is clear that the board set up by the War Department is delegated to whitewash the Army's caste system. The board will lay down a smokescreen to cover continuation of officer privileges.

Only a committee composed of men chosen from among the GI leaders of the protest demonstrations will really represent the soldiers. Only such a committee could expose the vicious caste system and formulate a plan for Army reform satisfactory to the GIs. Only such a committee could command confidence and respect from the veterans and labor movement.

Role Of UNO

As the United Nations Organization meets on March 25 in New York City, the whole apparatus of capitalist propaganda is again engaged in depicting this association of bandits as an "instrument of peace and international collaboration" that will bring "world prosperity" and prevent the outbreak of a Third World

There is no limit to the falsehoods employed by Wall Street propagandists to sell the UNO to the public. But events of the past few months have begun to lay bare the real character of the organization.

Instead of promoting peace, it can now be seen that UNO is one of the principal instruments wielded by Anglo-American imperialism in its campaign to prepare public opinion for World War III.

Instead of a "free association of peaceloving nations" UNO is simply the facade behind which a diplomatic bloc is being formed for war against the Soviet Union. In this respect it is performing the same function as the old League of Nations.

Whoever covers up this infamous role of the UNO thereby renders aid to the warmongers. But this is precisely the role Stalin assumes today.

In an interview with an Associated Press correspondent on March 22, Stalin cynically painted up the UNO as "a valuable instrument of preservation of peace and international security," and declared that he attributes "great importance" to the United Nations Organization.

By these pronouncements Stalin is aiding the imperialists in deceiving the people into thinking that UNO can halt the march toward war. Stalin is diverting attention from the fact that UNO is a forum for whipping up public sentiment against the USSR.

Stalin hopes thereby to make another deal with the imperialist powers. By this policy he is paving the way for World War III just as he helped pave the way for the outbreak of World War II.

The United Nations Organization is completely under the domination of the Wall Street and London brigands. It can no more guarantee peace or protect the Soviet Union from assault by world imperialism than could the old League of Nations.

Strikebreaker O'Dwyer

Buried in the columns of the March 20 N. Y. Times was a belated admission by Herbert L. Pfaff, area manager of the Solid Fuels Administration, which serves to expose the strikebreaking conspiracy against the tugboat men conducted last month by President Truman and Tammany Mayor O'Dwyer on behalf of the tugboat operators.

Here is the tell-tale declaration. "Loss of local receipts of coal during the tugboat strike last month was much less than had been reported at the time by some sources, Mr. Pfaff declared. He said that increased rail shipments and trucking from Jersey City had been responsible for the delivery to this city of 90 per cent of its normal supply of anthracite during the strike. The other 10 per cent was made up by increased shipments within five days after the strike ended."

. The people of New York well remember how O'Dwyer attempted to arouse a lynch spirit against the 3,000 striking tugboat men by picturing the city as on the verge of "starvation" and "freezing to death" because the tugs were not operating.

In response to his strikebreaking appeal, Truman stepped in, "seized" the boats, and ordered the men back to work. This move failed because the strikers refused to return without any settlement of their demands.

In desperation O'Dwyer then tried to smash the strikers' resistance by shutting down the entire city on the ground that coal supplies were in danger of being completely choked off Now Pfaff's statement proves, as The Militant insisted at the time, that O'Dwyer's edict was nothing but an out-and-out strikebreaking action designed to panic the people and turn the heat on the tugboat men.

This was obvious even at that time, when public protest forced O'Dwyer to revoke his order the day after it was issued. There were no dire effects except for the operators who had to agree to arbitration with the tugboat

In these anti-labor moves O'Dwyer naturally received eager cooperation from the big business press, the monied interests and laborbalters. They understood that this Democratic politician was acting on their behalf.

All these developments underscore the crime committed against the workers by those labor leaders who were responsible for putting this servant of the bosses in City Hall. Foremost among them are the heads of the Communist (Stalinist) Party and the Stalinist-dominated American Labor Party who opposed the running of an independent labor candidate for Mayor and urged the workers to support O'Dwyer as the "labor-progressive coalition" candidate.

As a result of this sordid Tammany-Stalinist deal, the New York City workers have been saddled for the next four years with a Mayor who in his first three months of office has claim to the title of "America's No. 1 Strike-



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"The cause of the Commune is the cause of the social revoluthe complete political and ecoers. It is the cause of the proletariat of the whole world. And in this sense it is immortal."

LESSONS TO LEARN

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THE PARIS COMMUNE, By V. I. | universal suffrage and served at | ize its tasks and the methods of unions and cooperative societies.

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FOUGHT FOR ALL

"The memory of the fighters of the Commune," Lenin continued, "is not only honored by the Many actions of the Commune workers of France but by the tcher Revolution of 1917, gave careful study to the history of showed its revolutionary workthe Commune, and again and abolished a standing army, re- for any local or narrow national placing it by the arming of the aim, but for the freedom of toilpeople; it abolished the system ing humanity, of all the downof fines by which workers had trodden and oppressed. As the tion," he wrote; "the cause of been penalized by the bosses; it foremost fighter for social reabolished night work in bakeries. volution, the Commune has symnomic emancipation of the toil- It issued a decree turning over pathy wherever there is a proto the control of the workers all letariat struggling and suffering. "The picture of its life and

death, the sight of a workers' The Commune, however, prov- government which seized the "The thunder of the cannon

growth of revolutionary Socialist "On the other hand there was propaganda. This is why the

Ruth Johnson

Congressmen At Work

Robert Ramspeck recently spoke feelingly of the oppressive working conditions suffered by Wall Street's Congressmen. He ought to know. He was in the House of Representatives 19 years, three of them as Democratic whip. Finally he could stand it no longer and last January 1 he resigned "because of the low pay."

A. Congressman only gets \$10,000 a year, plus an odd \$3,-000 for expenses. With pay so miserably low, it's common practice is to put a near relative on the pay roll. This brings in another \$4,500 or so, but it's still Retirement system which apwoefully inadequate. As Ramspeck said, "At least half-and in on the same, terms-they were -of the salary is expended for press and denounced by many things incident to holding the citizens." job. For the usual living expenses he has little left."

tribulations of a Congressman: derpaid. They have no security.



ago, that they participate in the plies to your letter carrier-and This is only a typical instance.

If the Congressmen hadn't been Ramspeck painted a touching denounced for trying to get a picture of the hardships and lifetime extension of wages after being kicked out of office, they "They are overworked and un- would have been denounced for scmething else: "It is always open When they proposed, four years season on Congress. Just let one

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of the 531 men who compose that body do a foolish act, and like the hounds after the fox, many people seem to take pleasure in baying at the Congress." Ramspeck is one sly fox who finally gave the public the slip. He took a plushy job as Vice President of the Air Transport Association of America. But he still remembers the tough time he had in office with the public baying at his heels: "Unless you have served in the Congress you cannot understand the terrific pressure to which the members

Ramspeck is now making so

are subjected.'

much money he can afford to do a little social service work many cases a larger proportion held up to public ridicule by the for his former fellow Congressmen. He recommended to the American Management Association, where he was explaining these things, that they "encourage Congress to increase its pay." Ramspeck even backed up such a radical idea as an old-age pension-naturally a pension confined to Congressmen only and not extended to the millions of aged poor people. And on top of this he asked that "each member of the Congress should have an able, well paid assistant"no strings attached on naming the "assistant."

That sounds like a fighting minimum program any Congressman would want to back. Unless, of course, chances look good to pay off in the immediate future with a fat job like Ramspeck's in return for legislative services

PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN-

Packing Union Forms Vet Committee Since we aim to give publicity in The Militant to the formation, activity and plans of union veterans' committees, we welcome reports from our readers containing such information. The latest report to come to our attention is contained in the March

8 Packinghouse Worker, official publication of the

United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO. The Veterans' Committee of the UPWA District 3 Conference, held recently, submitted a report which was published in the Packinghouse Worker and should be of interest to worker veterans and union militants.

The objective of the UPWA Veterans' Committee, states the report, is to assist veterans in solving their varied problems and "to mobilize in an organized fashion the strength and influence of the veteran behind progressive and constructive legislation."

The Committee urges the local unions to "also recognize the extra problems confronting their members who are war veterans" and take steps to implement the general program of the UPWA Veterans Committee.

The majority of the local unions in District 3, continues the report, have established active and functioning local veterans' committées that "are proving to be of real value to the veteran and to the

"The need of such local veterans' committees is so great and their work so important" that the conference committee recommends that the international office take the necessary steps to make the establishment of local committees mandatory.

Step In Right Direction

The Committee points out that the veteran is "a unionist, who, because of his military service, has accumulated problems other than those generally encountered by the non-vet."

A proper approach to their problems must be made if the full participation of the veterans in union work is to be obtained. To achieve this, the Committee suggests "an exchange of ideas and experiences between the veterans' committees of the various local committees."

Generally speaking, the UPWA Veterans' Committee report discloses a good step in the right direction. It shows a genuine concern for the special needs of the veterans, points out some of their most pressing problems and calls for the initial move in organizing the veterans, that is, formation of veteran committees in the local unions.

However, the UPWA Veterans' Committee does not point the way beyond the usual type of small local veterans' committees. It gives no indication of the next step toward organization of the worker-veterans on a broader scale.

Such broadening of union veteran committees was accomplished in some places during the recent nation-wide strike wave. The most significant development occurred in Detroit during the General Motors strike. There the United Auto Workers organized a city-wide mass committee composed of UAW-GM veterans, which proved of great value in blocking the corporation's attempts to use veterans against

The Buffalo Industrial Union Council recently called for formation of an area-wide, mass veterans' committee. This organization was projected to embrace not only CIO union veterans, but also other veterans sympathetic to the labor movement.

Through such a veterans' organization the political strength of the veterans can be most effectively mobilized. It will make the "exchange of ideas and experiences" possible on a wide scale. Such a veteran's organization will block all attempts to isolate the veterans from the rest of the union movement and will be a powerful labor ally.

CIO Demands Action On Tennessee Terror

Among the resolutions passed by the CIO Executive Board, which met in Washington, D. C., March 15 and 16, was a condemnation of the recent Jim Crow police terror and brutality unleashed against an entire Negro community in Columbia, Tennessee. The resolution declares:

"It appears quite clear that the Negro community of that city was forced by threats of an impending lynch mob to take action within their own residences and business for self protection.

"Nevertheless, the State Police authorities embarked upon a course of conduct, resulting in the destruction and devastation of the physical property of the Negro community and followed these activities with mass arrests in complete violation of basic principles of civil rights of Americans.

"This activity reached its high point in the killing of two of the arrested Negroes in the jail house by the police officers themselves."

Pointing out that such terroristic acts against Negroes and other minority groups are also directed against the whole labor movement, the resolution states:

"It is extremely important, therefore, that the Attorney General of the U.S. rise to the very special responsibility imposed on him by these developments and undertake vigorous prosecution of public officials who engage in violations of the Federal Rights Act.'

Pledging the support of the entire CIO, the resclution further declares:

"Our own organization and all others alive to the need for carrying on an active defense of civil rights should make every effort by messages, public meetings and mutual cooperation to make their voices heard by those public officials who have been involved in these incidents or who may be tempted to follow the examples set in these incidents.

"We pledge our every effort to assure proper defense for the persons involved in these arrests and for the rights of the victims of police action.'

As a result of the nation-wide protest by labor, Negro and civil rights organizations against the savage Jim Crow atrocities and bloody warfare unleashed on this segregated community, the 101 Nogroes arrested and held incommunicado were released on March 8 upon payment of \$46,000 bail. Legal measures for their defense are being prepared by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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Did you ever brave as a steel mill slave The heat from a furnace door,

That takes from your soul such a hellish toll That you wish to live no more?

Have you bent your back in the coal mines black

Where de. th plays a winning hand, With gas as his trump and you as his chump Your life to spare or demand?

On a railroad train in the sleet and rain Where lives are cheap as dirt,

Have you slipped and fell toward the Jaws of Hell And escaped to live unhurt?

If you have, then speak for the low and weak Who strike for the cause of right. And in accents strong try to right the wrong

Imposed by the force of might.

Tell of those whose hire is to stab and mire The truth in the daily sheets Of the bawdy press in the foul caress Of the earth's exalted cheats.

For the poison pen in the hands of "men" Who for gold their honor sell, Is a sneaking dart in the worker's heart From the fangs of capital.

In no other way can the masters slay The rights of the working man, For the trusting mind is so often blind To the guilt of press and pen.

So the steel mill man and the mining clan And the trades of all allies, Should in hate unite and the "free" press

smite. Till it tells the truth or dies.

Soldier Describes Misery in Germany

Editor: The German workers are suffering great hardships. In Marburg, where I spent 12 days, and which is a typical small German town, all the shops were empty, mostly closed. Beer is nothing but be bought on the black market, Freedoms which the imperialist centive and initiative to go for-

500 reichsmark) for one carton and the problems of peace it has of cigarettes. Cameras, good ones, left, they are naturally begincome as high as \$2,000. And that's ning to wonder and ask questions not a typing mistake—it's two about the capitalist system. thousand dollars!

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A Soldier

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This would give some factual strength to the present column, to bolster Wall Street's conquests. whose aim seems to be ridiculing Congress in a very lax manner. Don't get me wrong. I think covery as well as past and future The Mirant is a swell paper; discoveries and inventions would but I also think there is room not be suppressed so that the for improvement.

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Socialism And Initiative Which Capitalism Now Stifles

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by Harry Frankel

By Karl Kautsky

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A Reader

Southern Negro Tells Of Terror

I was sorry to read about the cold-blooded murder of the Ferguson boys. It is so sad. I wish I could be there at those mass meetings to help fight such dirty acts. And to think it happened

in New York . I am a Negro in the deep south, and there is no Socialist Workers Party branch here at allonly me alone in my home town. ness atomic energy, to answer his These southerners stop the Negroes from taking the Pittsburgh I suggest that The Militant be to point out. I explained to him | Courier, so I would advise you to discontinue some of my mail. And please seal my paper. If they put the enslaved peoples of Europe me in jail I would not have a and the USSR from Hitler Gerthe paper more compact, easier scientists of the world today fear chance; they will lynch me at A Subscriber

Brooklyn, Youth

Early in March, in the Benson-

Berman, a 17 year old Jewish ties throughout the world. boy, and two of his friends were walking down the street mindyoung, anti-Semitic hoodlums. gang threw stones and cried, "Get the dirty Jew bas" tards!"

Berman and his two friends decided to get out of the way as soon as possible. However, since the gang was out for blood the Jewish boys weren't able to move critical list for two days. ,

Both the Police Department and the principal at the school that Berman attends, have attempted to whitewash the incident by saying that both the mother and son believe that the stabbing was accidental.

I believe that this attack and whitewash must be recognized as an example of the "justice" working for those with fascist inclinations. It must be fought accordingly. We must be more militant in

our fight against the fascist elements that continue to commit these crimes against minority

P. Carlton Trotskyist Youth Group

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WORKERS' FORUM Says Ex-Communist Party Member

STALIN

porary and always unstable coali-

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tary defeat of another imperial-

The Stalinist Secretariat says

that "Carrying out the Yalta-

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perialist penetration in Europe

The Second Imperialist War

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attack on the Soviet Union by

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I am one of a number of former members of the Com- third World War which may anmunist Party, who, disillusioned by Stalin's twists and turns, recently joined the Trotskyist movement. Every passing day

proves anew that the Trot-®skyists were right. Under Foster as under Browder, the Communist Party has departed from Marxism.

Nevertheless, the Stalinists are doing everything in their power to try to persuade their declining membership and circle of sympathizers that with the expulsion of Browder, the Communist Party has returned to the principles of Marx and Lenin. This is a complete fraud.

The Stalinists are trying to convince their followers that Browder's "revisionism" was his own deformed brain-child. They want to cover up the truth that Stalin, not Browder, was the author of the policies for which Browder is "eviled, and that as long as Stalin lays down the line, there will be new betrayals of

WHAT STALIN SAID

When Hitler attacked the Soviet Union, it was Stalin who looked for new imperialist allies, instead of turning to the working class of the world for aid. Stalin declared, in his speech on the 24th Anniversary of the October Revolution (Nov. 6, 1941):

"To cover up their reactionary blackguard essence, the Hitlerwalks of life have been bitterly mankind. In the socialist world ites are branding the Anglocolored water. Everything could disillusioned about the Four man would truly be given the in- American internal regime as a plutocratic regime. But in England and the United States there are elementary democratic liber-Reading, Pa. ties, there are trade unions of workers and employes, there are labor parties, there is a parliament, whereas the Hitler regime has abolished all these institutions in Germany.'

Thus Stalin painted Anglo-American imperialism as "progressive," and Browder dutifully repeated his words. Stalin said more: "If to this is added the fact that recently the United States decided to grant a billion dollar loan to the Soviet Union. it can be confidently said that the coalition of the United States. Great Britain and the USSR is a real thing which is growing and which will continue to grow . . . Unlike Hitler Germany, the Soviet Union and its allies are waging a war for the liberation of many. Therefore, all honest people must support the armies of the USSR, Great Britain, and the Mississippi other allies, as armies of libera-

KEY TO REVISIONISM

tion.'

The key to Browderism, then, which took place not only in hurst section of Brooklyn, Irwin America, but in Communist Par-

British and American capitalism, as soon as victory over Gering their own business. They man imperialism was certain, By telegrams of protest to Presiwere attacked by a gang of turned their diplomatic guns against the Soviet Union. And of the same American imperialwith the growing friction between sim which is organizing the war the USSR and its "allies," Stalin drive! changed his tactics.

He gave the signal to the Communist Parties outside the USSR, to criticize the same capitalists whom he had previously called peace-loving, progressive fast enough. The result: Irwin and democratic. He is not "re-Berman was stabbed—his right verting to Marxism," not calling ruinous policy. He told the Comlung was punctured and it was for international socialism, but necessary for him to be hospital- only using the Communist Par- viet Union to support Anglozed for a week. He was on the ties to pressure Anglo-American American imperialism without imperialism into halting preparations for war against the Soviet

Stalin now declares, to explain this new tactic, that "the capitalist system of world economy conceals elements (my emphasis-MB) of crisis and war, that the development of world capitalism does not follow a steady and even course, but proceeds through orises and catastrophes." this new pronouncement, Stalin needed whipping-boys to take the blame for his previous line, and different spokesmen to applaud the new one.

FOSTER ECHOES STALIN

In the United States, Browder, the public defender of the old line, was kicked out for having said what Stalin said in 1941-1945. And Foster is chosen to echo Stalin in 1946, by threatening Anglo-American imperialism.

What kind of a Marxist is Foster? We have a good example of his thinking — and the thinking of other leading Stalinists today - in a recent statement by the National Secretariat of the Communist Party.

The day after Churchill beat the war-drums in Fulton, Missouri, the Daily Worker (March 6, 1946) ran the Party statement under a headline: "DE-FEAT ANGLO-U.S. IMPERIAL-IST WAR DRIVE - RESTORE BIG 3 UNITY TO PRESERVE

WORLD PEACE." What a far cry from the precise and careful analyses made by Marx and Lenin! How can "Big 3 Unity" be "restored" when in fact it never existed? When two of the three are imperialist nanihilate the human race!

Has Stalin changed his method? Has he urged the Communist Parties now to fight for socialism, and bring working class aid to the Soviet Union? Far from it! He and Foster, who like Browder before him only echoes Stalin, want to use the workers again as pawns in the same futile game of power poli-

WHY I LEFT THE CP No party which deserts the

fight for socialism is a Marxist party. No party that deserts the fight for socialism, can truly fight for the defense of the Soviet Union as a workers' state. nist Party and joined the Socialin America today which has a program for achieving socialism. I urge other Communist Party members to contrast that protions instigating the very same gram with Stalin's and Foster's. war-drive that Stalin futilely If you are revolutionary socialtries to halt? How can anyone ists, you must join the Trotspeak of "Big 3 Unity to Preserve skyist movement. World Peace," when that tem-

MURRAY BURNS New York City

Pioneer Notes

agreements implemented the crushing of the Italian revolu-Party branches this week indition, the British government's cate a diversification of literaatrocities in Greece and India, ture sales which is very good. the continuation of Yankee im-From H. Baker of Seattle we have this letter:

and Latin America, the setting "From January 1 to February up of the UNO which is only a 27 we sold \$29.65 worth of literatool of Anglo-American imperialture from the stand in our office and by distributions. We sold The Stalinist statement calls six copies each of The Revoluthe Churchill plan a scheme to tion Betrayed and The First Five "bolster the rotten British im- Years of the Communist Interperial system on the one hand, national. Four copies of the to crush democracy in Europe, pamphlet A Practical Program on the other. It is above all a to Kill Jim Crow were sold at our scheme to save the capitalist distribution at the time of the system as it heads into deeper Stalinist rally for F. B. Davis, crises, contradictions, and antago- an independent Negro candinisms." True-but what do Stalin | date."

A letter from Akron also indiand these self-styled Marxists propose to do about it? "Re-es- cates a step-up in the work of tablish Big 3 Unity, the key to literature distribution. They

"We have met with some success in selling literature recent-Foster himself, speaking at the ly. Last week a veteran friend Lenin memorial rally in Madison of one of our members bought Square Garden, January 15, 1946, J P. Cannon's History of Ameriadmitted the Stalinist reasons can Trotskyism, and Socialism on for reconstituting the Commun- Trial. In visiting Militant subist Party: "Only with such a scribers for renewals, we have party can the people check (my sold quite a few assorted pamphemphasis—MB) American imper- lets. Two of us visited a sympaialism and be sure that the Unit- thizer and sold her the only four lies in the words and deeds of ed States will follow a policy of pamphlets we had with us. Yes-Stalin himself. Stalinism was the source of the "revisionism" laboration of the Big 3 powers visited a Stalinist sympathizer who works in the plant with him and she bought the six pamph-How does Foster propose to lets that we had with us."

Jack Miller from Philadelphia check the onrush of American imperialism's drive toward war? sends us an interesting report, part of which reads: dent Truman, the representative

"It is our impression that a great many workers, incensed by the shameless role which the captalist parties are playing in defense of company interests in proved the futility of Stalin's strikes, are seriously thinking about organizing a labor party. Reflecting this attitude, 25 copies of the pamphlet American Workers Need a Labor Party were sold at a recent meeting called by the local Strike Strategy Committee of the United Electrical Workers to protest the police terror and violence in the General Electric strike."

Order these pamphlets and books from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

Youth Group **Activities** NEW YORK - The Trotskyist Youth Group meets at 116 Uni-

ersity Place. Send name and ddress for information. Sunday forums at 4 p.m. Harlem: Every Monday,

p.m., class on "Fundamentals of Socialism," Dick Guerrero, instructor, 103 W. 110 St., R. 23. Bronx: Youth class on "What Is Socialism" begins Thursday, April 4, 8 p.m., at 1034 Prospect

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

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

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

> Watch this column for further details on youth activities.



As reported on other occasions, one of the most popular features in The Militant is Comrade Charles Jackson's column, "The Negro Struggle."

One of the Florida Negro papers, The Tampa Bulletin, has this past month. These included the columns entitled: "Support either." The Strikers," "Why We Must Battle Anti-Semitism," and "Mr. Rockefeller and His Negro Col-

Herb Cappy, organizer of the newly formed Tacoma Branch, sent us this interesting item: "We placed The Militant on two That is why I left the Commu- newsstands — the first time in the history of this city. We gave ist Workers Party, the only party each stand 5 copies, and inside of a couple of days both stands were completely sold out. Therefore, be sure to increase our bundle order this week."

Libby Jones of Buffalo writes:

"Am enclosing a batch of new subscriptions. One of the oneyear subs was sold on Saturday evening to a man who was sitting on the steps of our headquarters when we came to open up. He had read our leaflet and The Militant when we had a distribution at the Foster meeting of the Communist (Stalinist) Party several weeks before. The leaflet was the one explaining the Stalinist change of line. Letters from Socialist Workers He was so impressed with The and although they haven't col-Militant that at his very first opportunity he felt he had to they feel they can spend 50 cents come up to the headquarters and meet us and get a subscription.'

> Many of the branches have sent in reports on their renewal activity.

Max Geldman of Philadelphia sent us their plan of work, which other branches of the Socialist Workers Party might find very hepful in organizing their own renewal work; "We have divided the branch into pairs, assigning 10 call-backs to each pair per week, as a start. The comrades are free to arrange their own time, but must report back each week on all assignments.

"In addition to obtaining renewals the comrades are prepared to get new subscriptions, interest Militant readers in the Fourth International, sell our

for potential party recruits.

"There is every indication that the branch will throw itself into the renewal campaign with the same energy that was shown in the last sub drive. While we are reprinted three of his columns going to stress one year renewals. we won't scorn fifty-centers

> Fred Martin of Milwaukee sent us the results of their renewal campaign: "We wound up our renewal work having obtained over 40 per cent renewals. We found many of our readers were good working class people employed in varied industries. In addition, there were many veterans, a number of students and entire families and households who read and like The Militant."

> One of our enthusiastic subscribers in Paterson sent us the following note: "I am enclosing \$1 for which please send a six month subscription to two of my friends who I am sure would enjoy reading your paper, The Militant, as well as I do."

We hope many of our subscribers follow the above example.

George Weissman of Youngstown writes: "Enclosed are five more subs from strikers at Timken in Canton, Ohio. The boys feel that the company is licked. lected any pay for some time, for a six-month sub for something as worthwhile as The Militant. You would be tickled pink to see how well known The Militant is among these pickets."

Lackawanna, N.Y.

"A Fighting Program For American Workers" Speakers

Bill Gray, Buffalo SWP organizer

Wednesday, April 3 CROATION HALL

Simon Ave. 7:30 p.m. Admission free

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MILITANT' FUND GOES UP TO \$1,617 IN WEEK

Reach Ten Percent \$15,000 Of \$15,000 Goal

By Justine Lang **Campaign Director**

At the close of the first week of the Militant Sustaining fund drive, a total of \$1,616.94 has been sent in to give our campaign a bang-up start, with 10 per cent of our \$15,000 goal achieved. Of this nearly half was sent in even before the campaign

by a number of Socialist intend to distribute and fill the Workers Party branches that "jumped the gun."

special mention must be made of our close sympathizers." the achievement of the San Francisco branch. San Francisco has the fifth highest quota attention of the branches and to meet, \$1,000. At the end of Militant readers, the necessity of the first week of the campaign raising a minimum of \$1,000 a It has sent in \$445, attaining thereby 45 per cent of its quota.

Duncan Conway, director of the Local New York campaign quota should be and aim to meet fund committee, announced this week that at a meeting attended by all branch directors, detailed ms were mapped out for the ally.

\$6,500 for The Militant, but an sound off! additional sum not yet estabhished, which will be used for Local New York expansion purposes. We hope that a total of \$5,000 will be raised for these combined purposes."

Comrade Conway informed us that special stress will be laid on circulation of collection Mets. Plans are now under way to organize several city-wide socials. In addition to this, there will be branch socials and house parties at which funds will be raised for the Militant fund cam-

A former member of the Socialist Labor Party pledged \$75 to the Militant campaign. This sympathizer declared that unlike academic interest in the problems facing the workers, the Socialist Workers Party and its organ, The Militant, are actively engaged in fighting for the interests of the working class. For that reason I am proud to help sustain this important revolutionary socialist paper.'

YOUTH OVER-SUBSCRIBES

Grace Wayne of the New York Trotskyist Youth Group writes: "In a letter sent last week, I stated that the New York Trotskyist Youth Group hoped to surpass their \$50 quota as soon as possible, as we realized the ment. money was badly needed.

"At our recent membership

our power to help make this a Negro terror."

officially opened March 15, most successful campaign and we collection lists very rapidly." From Toledo, Louise Hunter

writes: "Please send us 50 more In addition to Rochester, which | Militant collection lists. We inhas already completed its quota, tend to distribute them among In aiming for our total goal by

June 15, we want to call to the week. In order to do this, we recommend that each branch determine what its own weekly that amount consistently. This in turn will guarantee the reaching of \$1,000 per week nation-

We are putting a weight of "The New York Militant fund \$1616.94 on the scale this week. sampaign", he said, "will be a Let's all rally behind the worker joint campaign to raise not only swinging the hammer and really

Bronx Meeting Protests Murder Of Fergusons

BRONX, N. Y., Mar. 24.-Despite inclement weather, over 100 Negro and white workers attended a meeting at Elks Hall, held under the auspices of the Bronx Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, to protest the Jim Crow murder of two Negro veterans, Charles and Alfonso Ferguson, the SLP which "has merely an shot down by a Freeport cop on February 5.

Comrade Louise Simpson related the story of the Ferguson murder. Reverend Hawkins and John N. Griggs, Jr., representing neighborhood Bronx groups, supported the action of the meeting in condemning the vicious Jim Crow policies of the administraresenting the Trotskyist Youth white, joining to fight vicious discrimination in the schools, in job opportunities and in govern-

David Weiss, a veteran stated: "The Ives-Quinn law against dismeeting the Militant campaign crimination has not been apfund was greeted with wonderful plied by the State Commission enthusiasm, both by comrades against Discrimination in this and sympathizers. We have al- case. What we must press for is ready received \$130 in pledges. a public investigation. Only the Our comrades and friends realize united action of all sections of 7,000 votes. Thus at least 20,000 what The Militant means to the labor movement, the veterthem, what it's fighting for, and ans, Negro and other minority Of these, the overwhelming prowhy it must continue fighting. organizations can effectively put portion were undoubtedly cast We want to do everything in a stop to the spreading anti-

A Southern Reader Tells How She Subscribed To 'Militant'

Editor:

I received your letter. You wanted to know how I came to learn of your paper. I will gladly tell you.

You see, I love to read. A friend of mine borrowed a book from me, and when she returned it to me she had the book wrapped up in your paper. I saw the headlines the candidacy of Davis. of the paper and I put it away.

When I got time that night I looked over my paper. I got the address and sent you my subscription. My friend the independent candidate of the had told me about this paper, but I had always let it slip Negro people, the SWP stated: my mind when I was at her home.

I know I am going to like my paper, for she likes it of course. We poor people here in the South don't get such papers as you in the North. Sincerely yours,

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fellow-workers, so they can help The Militant.

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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



tion. Comrade Gloria Wall, rep- NEGRO CANDIDATE IN SEATTLE Group, spoke of the necessity for vouth and adults. black and RECEIVES IMPRESSIVE VOTE

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 15 — The Seattle Negro community struck a strong blow against racial discrimination Thirteenth Avenue Presbyat the polls last Tuesday, March 12 when they rolled up 27,000 votes for F. Benjamin®

candidate for City Council.

Although Davis was not elect
of organized labor in the city port, L. I.

Chairma ed, the vote cast was an impressive show of strength.

There are 16,000 Negroes in white votes were cast for Davis. by white workers mobilized in support of the independent candidate of the Negro community by the CIO Council and other union bodies, the Seattle branch of the Socialist Workers Party, and the Stalinists.

The strong showing in support of F. Benjamin Davis could have. been converted into full victory and election if he had received united support from the entire labor movement here. As the SWP explained before the elections, it was the elementary duty of all organized labor to support

In a letter to all Seattle union bodies, calling on them to back Big Business and its political agents, the Democrats and the Republicans, are the common enemy of both organized labor and the Negro people.

"COMMON CAUSE WITH THE NEGRO MINORITY Mississippi. AGAINST THE COMMON EN-

Davis, independent Negro EMY! This should be the slogan the Ferguson brothers in Free-

But most of the top union officials — once more betraying the best interests of organized labor - lined up the labor moveeither behind the Democrat Meyers or the Republican Devin, the two candidates for mayor, instead of uniting the ranks of labor behind the independent Negro candidate.

Davis in turn made little atempt to mobilize labor support in back of his candidacy. Had he centered his campaign on winning over the labor movement by raising the issue of class solidarity between white and Negro workers, he would have been able to win many more while workers' votes.

Thousands Fired As Packers Plot To Raise Prices

By Leigh Ray (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Mar. 22 -Thousands of workers were laid off last week and working hours for many others slashed to a minimum, as the nation's biggest packing plants here joined the National Association of Manufacturers' attack on price controls.

This action follows by only two cent hourly wage increase won by the CIO United Packinghouse Workers. Local unions of the UPWA are calling noon mass meetings to protest the lay-offs, and the reduction of working hours from 48 and 54 to as low as the minimum guaranteed work-week of 36 hours. They are also demanding retention of price-controls on food,

clothing and rent. The union is exposing the packers' lie that "black market operators get all the livestock." To kill and prepare all the animals processed by even a single one of the "Big Four" plants in a single week, every block in every town and city of the country would have to employ black market butchers. The profithungry meat barons are simply spreading this lie in an attempt to force removal of all price-

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San Francisco	1000	445	45
Baltimore	25	10	40
Newark	300	65	21
Akron	300	60	20 .
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Minneapolis	500	. 75	15
Philadelphia	500	70	14
Connecticut	100	13	13
Milwaukee	100	10	10
Flint	100	20	5
Detroit	1250	50	3
Los Angeles	2000	55	2
Allentown-Bethlehem	75	0	0
Bayonne	75	0	0
Boston	400	0	. 0
Buffalo	500	0 .	0
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Cincinnati	25	0	0
Cleveland	250	0	0
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Toledo	200	0	0
Youngstown	400	. 0	0
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TOTAL	15,000	1,616.94	10

Youth Crowd Harlem Meeting **To Protest Ferguson Murders**

NEW YORK, Mar. 15-A capacity crowd of young workers and students, Negro and white, tonight met at the Harlem might call them all "poor," because they didn't have good headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party to protest clothing or regular meals—not to mention limousines and the wanton murder of Charles and Alfonso Ferguson in Freeport, L. I.

All seats were filled and many policeman Romeika, who has oung people were standing, as Sandy Robertson, organizer of the Trotskyist Youth Group. opened the meeting. He teld how he two Negro brothers had been slain, a third wounded, and the ourth railroaded to prison by

Newark Meeting Hits Murder Of **Ferguson Boys**

By Bob Blaine

NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 17-Over 130 Negro and white workers assembled at the terian Church here today to protest the Jim Crow murder of

Chairman Louise Simpson, Socialist Workers Party candidate in the New York 1945 Councilmanic elections, pointed out that the meeting was called to protest all the manifestations of anti-Negro terror now sweeping the country. She called for a broad committee to bring the murderer of the Fergusons, Patrolman Romeika, to justice.

Lou Horowitz, New Jersey CIO Executive Board member, pledged CIO support. "As long as discrimination exists in any form,' said Horowitz, "the fight of the CIO is a losing one."

Troy Jones, a Negro unionist, urged unity of Negro and white workers to bring an end to Jim Crow. He warned against placing any confidence in capitalist poli-"No man can be secure while

any man is insecure," said Reverend H. Beecher Jackson, in the fight against Jim Crow. The Negroes must organize, he pointed out.

Workers Party, Newark organ- tant readers are invited. Discusizer Alan Kohlman exposed as sion groups and informal gathfraudulent the claims that the erings will also be held regularly. Second World War was a "war for democracy." Military Jim Crow, sanctioned by the govern- readers interested in the program ment, has intensified discrimination. Workers of all races must urged to secure information by organize mass action, said Comweeks the payment of the 16- rade Kohlman, to strike back Socialist Workers Party, P. O. against Jim Crow terror.

been whitewashed by an allwhite jury. Robertson then explained what action has already been taken by the Socialist Workers Party to publicize and protest the murders and frame-

Dick Guerrero, 17-year-old worker, emphasized youth's stake in the Ferguson case. He cited the bitter discrimination faced by Negro and Jewish youth in schools and on the job.

Tamar Fish, President of Club organization, spoke of the campaign which they had conducted in the Ferguson case. Club Equality sent a delegation to Albany to protest to Governor Dewey: wrote letters and telegrams to the New York State Legislature. But no official action resulted. "Now we know that Dewey and the state government will do nothing," she said. "We cannot trust them. The workers, Negro be relied on to take action."

The last speaker, Gloria Wall, declared "I speak not only as a representative of the Trotskyist Youth Group, but as a Negro "Join us," she concluded, "in

the struggle for a society of free men, a society of plenty, a socialist society." The hall resounded with applause.

A collection of \$14.54 was taken system. and a resolution unanimously passed condemning the Ferguson murders and calling for a pubic investigation committee formed by labor, Negro and progressive organizations.

Tacoma SWP **Branch Formed**

whose church the meeting was ence of The Militant and the Soheld. He condemned the "Uncle cialist Workers Party in the in-Toms" who attempted to divert dustrial Northwest, has come in the formation of a new SWP branch in Tacoma. Washington. The branch plans a series of pub-Speaking for the Socialist lic meetings to which all Mili-

Until a permanent headquarters can be secured, Militant and activities of the party are addressing letters or cards to the Box 1079, Tacoma, Washington

SHOP TALKS

By V. Grey

Why We Should Study Marxism

The economics of Karl Marx is a science. Marxian economics is in fact the only scientific study of capitalism. It is the only complete and correct explanation of how the bosses make their profits.

But no working man or woman should think just because it is a science that he can't hope to learn it. The worker can learn the most important elements of this science a thousand times easier than his educated

This is so first because Marxism is an honest study of the system we live by. Second because it is a revolutionary study, and third, because it is a study of the everyday things that working people know more about than anybody else: the factory, where they spend all their working hours; the machinery, which they become almost a part of; and the products which they, and only they, produce.

Marx proves that capitalism is doomed-sentenced by its own laws. He shows how capitalism is different from other systems in the past. And the working poor today are entirely different from, even though they are the descendants of the ancient slaves. They have the possibility of running the world to benefit the majority. The ancient slaves, for all their rebellions, never had that

Many people remark, and most people believe, that We've always had capitalism." But this is not so. Capitalism had a beginning and it's going to have an ending. Again these same people say, "Well, even before capitalism, there were always rich and poor. Doesn't the Bible say, 'The poor ye have always with you'?"

No. The "poor" did not always exist. There is no record of class society beyond 6,000 years ago. In other words we workers have a background of oppression only about 300 generations long. A good bit longer than the snooty family trees of the capitalist aristocrats, to be ure, but very short indeed compared to the age of man.

Our remoter ancestors lived hundreds of thousands of years without being divided into rich and poor. We servants. But they were also all equally "rich" because none called another "boss."

Our ancestors in Europe, Asia and Africa lived at one time or another very much like the American Indian lived a few generations ago. Many African tribes still preserve the remains of this kind of life, where the European and American capitalists have not battered it away.

Equality Under Primitive Communism

In this form of society there was an equality and spirit of fellow feeling that disappeared as humanity progressed to the stage of producing more goods, and it became possible for one man to get a little more at the expense of many others.

For the primitive communism (you could call it that) Equality, an interracial youth of early man was based on scarcity. People were compelled to help each other to live. When they advanced to a higher stage, they paid for the advance with social inequality.

Now after 6,000 years of accumulation and newer systems of production, we have built enough factories and developed enough technique for everybody to have everything he needs and more. But again we will be compelled to work together, not only in operating the factories, and building them, as we do now—but in running them ourselves, if we want to enjoy the full benefits of factory production.

Capitalism was the highest stage of man up to couple of generations ago. With its factory system of production it accomplished miracles that put the seven wonders of the world to shame. Under its sway people were educated and the working slaves got a little elbow room to look around in.

In a very short period, there has been more material progress than in all the other stages of history. Railroads, automobiles, airplanes, telegraph, wireless, radio. Capitalism has developed much faster than any previous

But it has also worn itself out faster. It is running down like an old machine. Bigger and bigger wars, deeper and deeper depressions, are its chief product in this period of running down.

The next stage in history is socialism. This is a system which eliminates depressions and wars because it operates the factories in a different way than capitalism. It operates them directly for the benefit of the people. It produces for use and not for profit.

To be real socialists we should understand why capitalism is dying, and why socialism will inevitably be born. And to begin at the beginning let us see where capitalism came from. Let us see how we got where we are.

Next week: "How The Factories Were Born."

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

Grace Carlson SUNDAY, MARCH 31

MILITANT LABOR FORUM 225 N. Phelps St.

8 p. m.

Read:

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Myra Tanner Weiss Organizer, Los Angeles SWP

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BROOKLYN

Ferguson Case Protest Meeting SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 8 p.m.

Wm. S. Farrell, 'Militant' reporter in Ferguson Case Maude B. Richardson, Four Freedoms Committee

Fred Turner, President, Brooklyn NAACP Gloria Wall, Harlem Trotskyist Youth Leader

PARAGON HALL

Auspices, Brooklyn Branch of Socialist Workers Party

6 Brooklyn Ave. (Corner Fulton St.)

Why War Department Seeks Easing Of Terrorism Against The Nisei

(Special to The Militant) LOS ANGELES, March 8-In a revealing letter mailed December 21, 1945, Lt. Col. Wallace H. Moore of the Los Angeles War Relocation Authority pleaded with various business organizations to show mercy to the terrorized Japanese-Americans who have lately returned to the West

Coast from wartime imprisonment in government con- the Orient, and the necessity for centration camps.

At the beginning of the war, however, this same War Relocation Authority was strangely silent concerning the welfare of the persecuted Japanese-Ameri-

For several years the white big alien Japanese parentage . . . landowners and farmers on the These men have been declared ed Farmers, had desired to be rid of their successful Japanese Douglas MacArthur. farming competitors. The war with Japan gave them their

Always responsive to the interests of its masters, the press here immediately opened a barrage of anti-Japanese-American propaganda. Portraying the Nisei as spies planted here by Japan to sabotage the war effort, it Cemanded their prompt removal from the coast.

Not a word was raised then by the War Department in defense of the Nisei.

LOOKED AWAY

War Department herded the Nisel into foul concentration camps. Moreover, when the banker friends of the Associated Farmers then began to foreclose on the Japanese farms, whose imprisoned owners could not continue payments, the War Department conveniently looked the other way.

At the end of the war, when the Nisei began returning to the coast, they were greeted with anonymous threats to stay away - or else. Several of their homes were shot into, and other houses burned to the ground by "unidentified" individuals.

Moore's document tells why the War Department has now suddenly decided to scold these anonymous vigilantes for their terrorization of this helpless minority.

CYNICAL REASON

"Specifically, I aim to point tween the Army's successful per- the future.

non-discriminatory treatment of returning loyal evacuees of Japanese ancestry," begins Moore.

"It can be revealed now that one of our most potent weapons in the Pacific is a force of between four and five thousand Nisei - American soldiers of

coast. organized in the Associat- 'indispensable under combat conditions in the Pacific' by General

"But here's the point that needs stressing: These same Nisei soldiers in the Pacific are indispensable now, in the occupation of enemy territories, as they were secretly in the long, victorious, island-hopping march from New Guinea to Toyko,

"Our Pacific armies of occupation are dependent to an enormous and rather unique degree upon the continued high patriotism and performance of our Japanese-American soldiers. Destroy the Nisei's effectiveness, and you destroy the language In fact, the accommodating bridge between our Army and the eighty million people in Japan . . . No Caucasian counterintelligence operative can dis-

guise himself as an Oriental. "Concerning the Pacific, those are the facts.

"They make it clear why, here on the home front, the War Department now sets forth inforlem out, and reaching decisions American soldier's family or along the line of enlightened friends, create disturbing newsself-interest. (I don't mean the paper stories, radio broadcasts dollars-and-cents angle, obvious to men of business concerned overseas Nisei. with inevitable expansion of trade to embrace the two-thirds of the world's raw materials, and the three-fourths of the world's people in countries bordering on

Having established this ticklish point, the writer proceeds to REFUTES SLANDER disclose the real reason why "community leaders" here must

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Reproduction of the cover illustration on the pamphlet "Vigilante Terror in Fontana," just issued by the Los Angeles branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

coast are "parents, relatives and | most decorated unit in this war and letters from home" for the

still drafting the sons and husbands of resettling evacuee families for language and intelligence training at Fort Snelling," and sending them "immediately on graduation, to the Orient."

try to refrain from hounding the futes the vicious wartime propa- convincingly established, at least out the direct relationship be- Japanese-Americans so much in ganda depicting the Japanese- biologically, that a wolf in sheep's formance of current duties in These Nisei returning to the nasty barbarians. "The Army's and still eats the sheep.

friends of our overseas Nisei," is an all-Japanese-American and . . . "home front hoodium- regimental combat team, and it mation which will assist commu- ism . . . and other manifestations | did its most heroic fighting when nity leaders in thinking the prob- of prejudice against a Japanese- West Coast terrorism was at its height." Further, "I can tell you offi-

cially there has not been one single traitor among the more than 20.000 Nisei serving in our Moreover, "Selective Service is armed forces around the world." Although the War Department, Although the War Department, for imperialist purposes, is beseeching West Coast capitalists to please stop burning Nisel homes if they want to dominate the Orient, the Japanese-Americans will obtain no enduring as-In his cynical appeal to Big sistance from the War Depart-Business, Moore incidentally re- ment. For it has long since been Americans as spies, traitors and clothing is nevertheless a wolf,

Brass Hats Scheme To Keep Control Of Atomic Energy

(Continued from Page 1)

pects of atomic energy and to Chicago, and most of the atomic sells. prevent "leaks" to other con- scientists, testify to the futility This is the first complete exever, that neither one of these of the atomic bomb. goals is reached by military con-

Urey, said what should be the result, more and more opposifinal word on the effects of mili- tion to military control. Last ing the atomic bomb, Urey made record against it. the devastating reply: "He didn't

ring to the compartmentaliza- does it propose? tion whereby scientists working compartmentalization, to prevent such people as Alan Nunn May, British physicist now arrested for giving atomic information to the Russians, from on the "United Nations," which learning all aspects of the bomb. However, Gen. Groves himself

Big Business Speeds Assault

(Continued from Page 1) smash all remaining price controls is an army of powerful lobbyists, well-heeled with millions of dollars. They have been rushed into Washington by the corporate interests to insure the defeat of any legislation which might curb the greedy industrialists, and to aid in the hatchet job on the OPA.

Among these lobbyists are

smothered any government pro- extinction. gram for emergency large-scale

to shell out \$5,000,000 to prevent measures designed to relieve the housing crisis for the workers, veterans and their families.

The big industrialists' voracious appetite for profits has not been appeased by the huge subsidies already granted by the administration to the meat. clothing and textile, construction and real estate interests. The magnates who monopolize the production of these basic commodities are determined to smash every obstacle to their uncontrol-

So brazen is this assault upon the living standards of the consuming public that Stabilization It was revealed that at 10 of last week forced to blast out at the 12 plants still on strike, the these "irresponsible, reckless, chief unsettled local grievance greedy organizations" which are is the "incentive pay" piece-work pressuring Congress to "elimisystem which the Stalinists had nate or wreck the only controls foisted on some locals under their between our people and inflation. control during the war. A no- We are on the eve of a crisis torious example of this is the which cannot be exaggerated,"

ing to get rid of the "incentive wage gains won by many workpay" system the Stalinist Local ers through bitter struggles on 45 leaders had shoved down their the picket lines, the majority of wage earners are already beset by intense anxiety arising from tolerable local grievances had the constantly mounting cost of been piled up during the war living. According to the conserwhen the workers were shackled vative Bureau of Labor Statistby the no-strike policy. Reuther ics, it takes a minimum of \$40 failed to recall the fact that he, a week today for the average along with the entire union leadwith nothing left over for savership, had supported the no-strike pledge and helped enforce when there was still full employment and overtime pay, However, he defended the pres- three out of five wage earners ent policy of full support by the earned less than \$33.70 a week.

other price-boosting devices.

a summary of that paper had al- admitted, in a letter read on the South Broadway, Room 201) ready been published in the Senate floor March 19, that the and was written by the fightmeeting program - a perfect physicist had managed to learn ing organizer of this local, commentary on the futility of a great deal about the construc- Myra Tanner Weiss. The intrying to suppress such data. tion of the bomb. Others in a troduction is by Mrs. Carrie Ostensible justification of mil- position to know, such as Walter Stokes Morrison, sister of Mrs. tary control is to speed develop- Lippman, Chancellor Robert M. Short. The pamphlet is worth ment of militarily-important as- Hutchins of the University of many times the dime for which it

So the main justifications for military control are untenable. One of the most authoritative Indeed there is a growing Fontana, California. These citiatomic scientists, Harold C. awareness of this fact and, as a zens of "the land of the free and

tary control. Asked by a Senate week's denunciation of it as committee how much Maj. Gen. "military fascism" by Secretary Leslie Groves, head of the pro- of Commerce Wallace expressed ject, had contributed to advanc- this fact. The CIO is strongly on

The CIO News of March 18 retard it more than 18 months." storms against military control. Urey was particularly refer- Very good. But what alternative

The civilian board it proposes on one aspect were not permit- would provide "full public inforted to learn what other scientists mation in the U. S. immediately were achieving on another sub- on all aspects of atomic energy, division of the project. This subject to the retention of mil-Gen. itary secrets . . . " This is simply Groves has boasted, enabled him another version of military control all over again.

For the rest the CIO program for atomic energy would depend would "outlaw the use of atomic energy for military purposes, and all production of atomic bombs." This is pacifist clap-

A civilian board under President Truman is no solution of the menace of the atom bomb. For the CIO to limit itself to demanding a civilian board as against a military board is, in reality, simply to line up with one capitalist faction as against another capitalist faction. The CIO's proposal does not contain one ounce of independent labor

atom bomb? That is the key this way: question of our epoch.

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

Spotlight On Fontana

One of the most revealing and challenging pamphlets to come off the press in the last few weeks is entitled 'Vigilante Terror in Fontana." It is published by the

Los Angeles Branch of the

trols. It is already clear, how- of attempts to guard the secrets pose of the tragic story of the murder of O'Day H. Short, his young wife and their two beautiburned to death as the result of an explosion and fire of mysterinew home on December 16, 1945. developments."

After buying a lot in Fontana, 50 miles from Los Angeles, and building a house there. Short brought his family out there to live. Comrade Weiss explains in the pamphlet how Short was soon visited by two deputy sheriffs who told him that he was "out of bounds" and that to avoid "disagreeableness" he should move his family to the other side of Baseline, which is a segregated Negro area.

Subsequently, J. Sutherland. the real estate broker who sold the lot to Short, visited the latter and delivered the following threat:

"Short, the vigilante committee had a meeting on your case last night. They are a tough bunch to deal with. If I were you, I'd get my family off this

property at once." DEATH FOLLOWS THREATS

Short asked Sutherland if this threat meant violence if he did not comply. Sutherland answered "Yes." It was about two weeks later that the home of O'Day Short was burned to the ground. The type of protection that is

given to a worker as compared with a member of the upper crust exploiting class is clearly What class shall control the brought out by Myra Weiss in

"What might one expect the authorities to do when a man energy into the savior of man- and his family are threatened agents from the National Retail kind instead of its executioner with violent and illegal action? Dry Goods Association and big is to take it away from the war- We might answer this question food monopolies such as Gen- makers—the defenders of privi- by imagining what would haperal Foods and Standard Brands. lege against the working people. pen if Henry J. Kaiser, owner of dlord lobbyists are demand- The CIO's answer should be the steel mill in Fontana were ing a flat 15 per cent increase the immediate launching of an threatened. First, all the daily papers would publicize the Only when Labor is the gov- threat, thus making perpetration on Washington is a combined ernmental leader of the nation of the crime hazardous and dif-Bethlehem, Connecticut, Mil- lobby of big builders, real-estate and the world-only then will ficult. The two deputy sheriffs waukee, Pittsburg, Reading, St. men and lumber and materials atomic energy serve humanity who delivered the threat would Louis, San Diego and Tacoma interests which has virtually instead of threatening it with be removed from office. Suther- 8 p.m. land would be arrested as a party

Socialist Workers Party (145 to a criminal conspiracy and made to reveal the identity of his fellow-conspirators. The steel magnate would be furnished guards at government expense and probably before the day was over he would be safe, with all the conspirators behind bars.

"But Short was not Kaiser. He didn't make millions out of the blood, agony and tears of the second world war. He was just an obscure member of the persecuted Negro minority. So the capitalist press was silent. The ful children by vigilante gangs in deputy sheriffs continued in office. Sutherland was not disturbzens of "the land of the free and ed. The vigilantes could proceed the home of the brave" were with their plans unhindered. The only aid Short was given, if we can call it that, was the advice ous origin which consumed their by the FBI to report any further

"Vigilante Terror in Fontaria" outlines the tasks to be accomplished as threefold:

1. MASS PRESSURE TO FORCE ACTION BY THE AU-THORITIES.

2. A BROAD LABOR COM-MITTEE TO CONDUCT ITS OWN INVESTIGATION IN OR-DER TO PREVENT A WHITE-

3. DEFENSE ORGANIZ-ATION TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER VIGILANTE VIO-

All in all, this is one of the most heartrending cases of persecution of the Negro minority in the whole recent string of such events. It has been criminally hushed up by the capitalist press and even by so-called working class organizations which claim to be in the forefront of the fight for Negro rights. The coroner's jury backed by the other officers of capitalist "law and order" have listed it officially as an "accident."

The organizer and the entire Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Workers Party are to be highly commended for the fight they have put up in this case both to expose the vigiliante gangs in that section and to mobilize the labor movement behind a concerted action to drive these fascist thugs back into their

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Buffalo, Newark, Philadelphia, have a quota of 10. Allentown-

other officially, on the basis of reaching 100 per cent in the shortest time. How about it?

have quotas of five each.

We would like to see cities with

the same quota challenge each

On Local Issues

Newell is Philadelphia's cam- 15 cents an hour more in addi-"merit" wage-spread (which gave BRAZEN ASSAULT some workers as much as 20 cents Minneapolis and San Fran- more an hour for the same work cisco each have a quota of 25. as others) has been eliminated, with all getting the top rates.

Fisher Body plant in Cleveland he said. where the workers are now fight- As a matter of fact, despite

Reuther admitted that the inership, had supported the no-

International Union for the local HIDDEN INCREASES GM strikes and assailed UAW President R. J. Thomas and other mates fail to take into account UAW top officials who wanted the higher and illegal prices to end the strike without settling charged by the black market, the local grievances. In many the thousands of overcharges instances these are of extreme achieved by the upgrading of importance to the workers and lower-priced merchandise, a major issue in their bitter through shortweighting, and

powerful gangs ever to descend

housing. This lobby is reported ready

Moreover, these official esti-



ple kept coming.

and along the endless lines of people were young men in uniform carrying pistols strapped to their

Near and on the fifteenth, the lines of peo-In the morning they were there. At noon, others replaced them. In the

long afternoons there were still others standlng, waiting patiently and fearfully, moving slowly like a long caterpillar, a part at a time. toward the desks and the stern little officials behind them. In our line we inched slowly forward, and

an old man behind me, weary of the silent monotony, began to talk to me. "You got to pay something?" he asked me. "The way I figure it," I answered, "I have

"You got dependents?"

"My wife. The boy's grown up and in the

"Me, I got to pay, I guess," the old man said ruefully. "They no take out enough money where I work so I got to pay now."

We moved forward another few inches toward the desk and the thin man behind it, who looked like a crabby arithmetic teacher.

The old man added in a rather bewildered tone, "I no got money to pay," and his eyes asked the question, what will they do to me. what do they do to old men who don't have money to pay taxes?

"You earn much last year?" I asked. "Oh, no. About \$1900. My boy, Dominic, he earn lots more than that.'

"Maybe Dominic will lend you some money to pay your tax."

"Oh, no. Dominic, he'sa married. Got two babies. Dominic got to pay the doctor, no got

"Let's go, buddy," said one of the uniformed men. "You're holding up the line."

I moved up a foot or two, the old man trailing after me, and the rest of the line dragging up into place. "They taka too much money," the old man muttered at the back of my head. "Ah, they taka too much money!"

I was very close to the desk now, and I could

"Why," he inquired in an offensive tenor, "haven't you got it? It seems to me that you made quite enough last year to have saved enough money to pay your obligations to the Administration government." Only, he didn't say "government": he said, "Government," with a capital G.

got a wife and three little kids. It costs money got a wife and three little kids. It costs money to live nowadays. I didn't make hardly enough to get by as it was." His big brown bands were to get by as it was." His big, brown hands were rolled into fists, and his voice was strained. It was easy to see that he would have liked to strangle the tax collector, and that he was restraining himself with effort.

"I can't help how many wives and kids you have," the official said irritably. "Take this slip to Room 303. Next."

The Negro hesitated a moment, glaring, then snatched the slip and stalked away. The young man in uniform eyed him narrowly, his hands on his hips, just a few inches from where the gun hung.

The woman ahead of me was at the desk now, speaking in a low, apologetic wne. "What? sional proposal to seek abandon-What?" the official barked. "I can't hear you. ment of universal military train-You'll have to speak louder!"

The woman reddened and began all over again But the Congressional proponents her flow of broken English, even more indistinct- threw this pacifist proposition

"Give me that!" He snatched her form. "You owe the Government \$21.19. Have you got it?" Once more the abashed stream of words. The woman hung her head and broke off suddenly,

twisting a soiled handkerchief. "Here," his tone was flat with disgust and "Take this slip to Room 303." She began to speak, but he interrupted her curtly, "I don't know, I don't know. Take it to Room

He took my form and the bills that had been so painstakingly saved for a better occasion

"Well," he smiled up at me, "it's a relief to have somebody with sense enough to prepare." His tone was confidential, and so was his smile. "Those foreigners. Work all year, and when it's time to pay their taxes, they haven't a cent for them.'

I didn't smile back. It was good to get out into the air once again.

Notes Of A Seaman By Art Sharon She was an old "rust bucket" that made about

eight knots with a fair wind and tide. Her gear was held together mostly by baling wire and rope yarns. And, to complete the picture, we had a skipper who had only recently

taken to deep water after thirty years in the Florida Yet, despite the very poor

conditions we had to put up with, the ship was quite "happy." This was made possible by a har-

monious crew of white and colored seamen. We hit a number of very small ports in the Carribean. None of them offered much in the way of recreation aside from a few gin mills. And it was quickly apparent in the first port we hit that the color line of the great United States was something incomprehensible to the people in these ports.

And if there was a bit of hesitation at first among some members of the crew to go ashore together with colored members of the crew, the very atmosphere soon overcame that.

The good will and warm hospitality of the natives to white and colored crew members alike had a beneficent effect upon the crew in turn. Every port provided an occasion for a party.

This lasted until we came to Panama, site of the Panama Canal, owned by the United States Government. And here in the midst of an entire hemisphere where the color line was unknown, stood a little lily-white oasis of madein-America Jim Crow.

Just as the British colonial administrators in the heart of their imperial empire maintain the ritual and taboos of upper class John Bull, so here in a small sector of Wall Street's Empire was preserved the sacred principle of "white sipremacy.

It came to us with a sudden shock. We had

docked at the army docks in the Canal Zone and most of us were rushing ashore to spend the are arming to the teeth-against anti-Soviet propaganda that has evening in Panama's famed night clubs. I was each other and against the peo- deluged the country in recent with my drinking partner, a colored seaman.

On the way out of the Canal Zone we came pation from imperialism and opto the American Commissary. Needing a haircut pression. I suggested going in. We entered the large airconditioned building that offered various services to the Canal Zone employes.

I was slightly puzzled by a sign over the Street militarism which will not entrance that read "Gold only!" I thought to leave them helpless and untrained myself that this was an unusual condition of in a militarized world. payment.

Once inside I immediately became aware of and The Militant advocate: something out of place. For a few minutes I Military training of workers, American-donated arms and with couldn't rid myself of the uncomfortable feeling financed by the government, but Washington's sanction, that something was wrong. Suddenly it came to under control of the trade shooting down Indonesian fightme. Here in a country where the whites are a unions! minority were several hundred exclusively white men and women sipping iced drinks.

I had almost forgetten the existence of Jim would be trained in the use of ish troops with Washington's other world-famous United States products.

It remained for the barber who refused to organizations. Military instructioned in Iceland for over five Middle East, Authoritative Wall cut my partner's hair to explain the workings tors could easily be chosen from years show no intention of withof a very intricate Yankee system. Every estab- labor's own ranks which now drawing from that strategic small lishment in the Zone, he informed us with include millions of ex-GIs and country. something like haughty condescension, had signs skilled officers. indicating who was permitted entrance. The designation "Gold" was for the white man, and would serve to bar the use of a throughout the world. Both of "Silver" was for the black man.

But not for every black man. It wouldn't do ers against the unions. It would of people in the most brutal ento discriminate against the upper class Pana- also enable labor to thwart Wall slavement. manians who were dark themselves. So "Silver" Street's drive to drag America was the exclusive label reserved for the black into a Third Imperialist World ington and London over the fate worker and no other.

Thus in the heart of Central America, Yankee Jim Crow showed its ruling class purpose and class dividing line even more clearly than in the United States.

Must 17 Million

or perhaps days, to live . . . now she is irrational, can no longer tell me of her tortures and there

and tried to help, he wrote, always gave him the same answer: "I am very sorry, just try to make her comfortable." For the dread disease of cancer, which ranks second as the cause of all deaths, and from which twice as many Americans died as were killed on the World War II battlefields, remains a still unsolved medical enigma.

"My wife is no longer a part of this world," writes this agonized husband. "But there are thousands of wives, husbands, fathers, mothers, sons and daughters who may be the next victims of this scourge. I, also, was most complacent until cancer hit my happy home, but no man, rich or poor, white or black, knows when cancer

the public must be aroused . . . For the 17,000,000 Americans alive today that are destined to die of cancer there must be an answer."

There is an answer! But for S. L. J. and "the seventeen million Americans alive today that are destined to die of cancer," it is a shocking

who, since the discovery of atomic energy, have clamped down their Army-imposed secrecy on medical research. They have deliberately barricaded the progress of science along recent

Despite the conspiracy of the Army High Command to conceal their crime from the public, it was revealed by Albert Deutsch in the March 19 PM that the Army tops have dictatorially shut off free use of the new development "Carbon 14"—the most hopeful avenue of cancer

Carbon 14 was discovered in 1940 at the Radiations Laboratory of the University of California by two young bio-chemists, Drs. Martin Makin and Samuel Rubin. This element permits science through "tracers" to find out what happens to living cells under different

Hundreds of laboratories in universities and other medical research centers throughout the country have been clamoring for Carbon 14 as an invaluable aid to help them solve the cure for cancer and other diseases. But the military autocrats decreed otherwise. The High Brass has thereby placed its own arbitrary sentence of death upon these seventeen million victims-to-come.

"Give our great doctors and scientists the

most horribly destructive military purposes.

If the scientists are to obtain the means to find the cure for cancer, they must first be freed from the monstrous prison which these militaristic barbarians are erecting around them.

Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky The room was large and gleamed with polyshed stonework, modern columns, polished stonework, sining floors. There were desks in the room, scattered here and the polished stonework and around them the polished stonework and smooth, shining floors. There were desks in the room, scattered here and the polished stonework and around them the polished stonework and around them the polished stonework and smooth, shining floors. There were desks in the room, scattered here and the polished stonework and around them the polished stonework and around them the polished stonework and smooth shining floors. There were desks in the room scattered here and the polished stonework and smooth shining floors. There were desks in the room, scattered here and the polished stonework and smooth shining floors. There were desks in the room scattered here and the polished stonework and smooth shining floors. There were desks in the folished stonework and smooth shining floors. The room and scattered here and the polished stonework and scattered here and shining floors. The room and scattered here and sc

nent": he said, "Government," with a capital G. The Negro's eyes glinted down at him. "I Urges Congress

(Continued from Page 1) extension of the draft seems t have melted away. Senator Elber D. Thomas, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. told the press on March 19: "I wouldn't be surprised to see the Senate committee favoring a year's extension."

Until recently pacifist opponents of draft extension were pinning their hopes on a Congresing by all 'the "United Nations." overboard last week.

The voice of organized labor has yet to be heard in this critical situation. The top AFL and CIO leaders are lying low, taking no position while a Congressional majority for draft extension is rapidly being crystallized.

The representatives of labor should be registering vigorous protest against extension of the draft and denouncing the aid to militarism given by Wall Street's Congress. Here is one more urgent reason for the immediate launching of a Labor Party.

But labor cannot limit its fight against capitalist conscription solely to the fact that the Brass Hats are conspiring to foist Prussian militarism on America.

On the other side is the stark reality that the conquest of Germany and Japan has brought neither peace nor disarmament to the world. Six months after to focus attention on the Iranian V-J Day the victorious powers issue and thereby augment the ples struggling for their emanci- weeks.

workers in America need a pro- power using force to gain its obgram of struggle against Wall jectives. The Socialist Workers Party

This means that instead of I had been away from the States so long that by Brass Hats, young workers orous protest of the people, Brit- might. supervision of the workers' own of Greece. The U. S. forces sta-

conscripted army as strikebreak- these imperialists hold millions

Wall Street's Men



Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., ex-President of the U. S. Steel Corporation and permanent U. S. delegate to the United Nations Organization, shown above at the San Francisco Conference which set up the UNO. The man to whom Stettinius is listening so attentively is Nelson Rockefeller of the Standard

Iranian Issue Utilized In Anti-Soviet Drive

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meeting until April 10, pending the outcome of negotiations with the Iranian government.

These actions accompanied by a noisy fanfare in the capitalist press, were obviously calculated peoples.

The Anglo-American imperialists are trying to give the impres-

However, the Wall Street and London brigands are coming to the meeting of the Security Council with equally bloody hands. British troops, using ers for freedom.

British and American troops defended the Mediterranean being drafted into an army run remain in Egypt despite the vig- route to India with all-out armed garding Sgt. Lindsey's attitude

Both Britain and the United British in such a war. Labor's own military program States have troops stationed

Thus, the "concern" of Wash-

postponement of the Council the most cynical hypocrisy. Neither of them has any more regard than the Kremlin for the independence of small nations and the welfare of oppressed

The imperialists of Wall Street and London are concerned, first and foremost, in welding together a bloc of nations in their diplomatic offensive against the Soviet Union. They are determined to prevent the Soviet Union from Under these conditions the sion that the Kremlin is the only extending and consolidating its influence in surrounding coun-

EMPIRE ROUTE INVOLVED

Secondly, the British consider the extension of Russian influence in the Middle East a threat to the commercial and naval lines of communication that bind together the British Empire. Ever since construction of the Suez Canal, the British have

against any nation threatclear that the United States' armed forces will join with the

Thirdly, the Middle Eastern countries, and particularly Iran and Iraq, have vast stores of natural wealth, principally oil. owerful American and British companies control and exploit these tremendous resources. The of the Iranian people is clearly U.S. High Command considers these oil supplies indispensable for its domination of the world.

Russia is attempting to get oil concessions from Iran, and Wall Street corporations are furiously resisting encroachment on what they consider their private reserve. These gangsters are urging a "get tough with Russia" policy. They are determined to defend at all costs, even to the projecting of an Anglo-American war against Russia, their plundering and control of the Middle

These are the main reasons why British and American imperialists are raising such a hue and cry about the continued presence of Russian troops in Iran. By bringing the issue before the Security Council, under the pretext that Russian moves in Iran are threatening world "peace," they hope to place moral responsibility for World War III on the very country they themselves expect to attack.

The overwhelming majority of the members of the United Nations Organization are under the thumb of American or British imperialism. They are being primed for the forthcoming hearing of the charges against the Kremlin through which the Security Council can then point an accusing finger at the Soviet Union as the principal "aggressor" against world peace.

Through such maneuvers Anglo-American imperialists aim to whip the anti-Russian hysteria to new heights.

feeling against the USSR.

exposes the hand-picked "board of inquiry" recently appointed by the War Department to investigate officer-privileges. The letter is typical of servicemen's reactions to the military caste system.

After months of heated protests from enlisted men of both the army and Navy against the notorious "caste system," the army "Brass" is making an all-out attempt to

stop unfavorable publicity toward their age-old "Prus- toward the army's infamous rasian" military caste system once and for all.

The board of inquiry set up by top army officials to investigate the long-standing complaints of thousands of GIs, is an artful attempt to whitewash the whole rotten situation in the eyes of the public.

To realize this, one has but to look at the background of the six members of the committee. The army loudly boasts that all, excepting General Doolittle, are ex-GIs. It has been long recognized by all enlisted men that in most cases it takes more than just military ability to advance from the ranks to a commission. battlefield commissions except-

APPLE POLISHERS

The most hated man in the army or navy is the one who "lords it over" or threatens his subordinates merely to create a favorable impression in the eyes of his superior officers. He becomes known as an "apple-polisher" in a surprisingly short

The army boasts of Sgt. Jake

Lindsey, 100th infantryman to win the Congressional Medal of Honor, who was appointed to this board. It is also known that Congressional Medal of Honor winners are given free trips to various localities in behalf of war bond drives, and in some instances are presented before Congress and other Washington bigshots to create an air of patriotism. Home town papers cash in heavily on such publicity. Such coddling is above and beyond any treatment accorded the nondecorated men. In effect, they automatically assume officers' privileges. Certainly such soft not to criticize a system he unjust. Neither could Lindsey afford to jeopardize his posi-

tion with the Veterans' Administration by making critical observations of a much publicized Lindsey hails from Mississippi,

Certainly there is no question re-

(Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., March 19 - All GM locals here have overwhelmingly accepted the new contract negotiated between the CIO United Automobile Workers and General Motors

GM Fisher Body Workers Vote To Extend Strike

(Special to The Militant)

fight against the corporation.

cial discrimination policy. Unbiased judgment on his part would be impossible. That "Big Business" is defi-

nitely on the side of the army big shots is clearly evidenced by the following quotation from an Association Press dispatch to the Toledo Blade. "GIs were promised a chance today to sound off on what they think is wrong with the army's officer system. But when they sound off it had better be good, for five of the six members of the inquiry board hearing their complaints will be ex-GIs - and ex-GIs have surprising sales resistance."

CAREFULLY SELECTED

Secretary of War Patterson and his Brass Hat cohorts were careful to select a board of inquiry that had every reason to be sympathetic in their attitude towards the "aristocratic tradition" of the armed forces.

The remaining members of the board are in just as far-removed positions to give accurate criticism. They may be compared to a group of stool-pigeons, appointed by the boss, arbitrating

a labor dispute. No one is protesting the idea of such an inquiry. Soldiers and sailors have long and loudly clamored for investigation of the unfair barriers between officers and enlisted men, such barriers extending even into off-duty hours.

But until a committee is formed from the anonymous ranks of the GIs, the men who bore the brunt of the battle with no fancy medals or promotions as a reward, the men who were accorded no favors or privileges. then, and only then, will such a committee accomplish its true treatment could induce Lindsey purpose. That is, abolishing the most out-dated and undemocratic knows is demoralizing and system imposed upon the American youth.

The army big-wigs with their board of inquiry aren't going to fool the average GI. Who then, is it attempting to fool? YOU. the public - the workers and their sons who will be drafted breeding place of Jim Crowism. to form the army.

Harold Josephs

I had almost forgetten the existence of Jim would be trained in the use of ish troops with Washington's agreement, keep an oppressive expect it along with Ford cars, Coca Cola, and ing working hours, under direct pro-monarchist regime in control a war against any nation threat-**Contract With Reservations**

By Jerry Kirk

By D. Lands

CLEVELAND, March 21 -While ratifying the national agreement by an overwhelming majority, the workers of meeting that they are solidly be-20 to 1 to continue their 121-day | We want the elimination of the strike until their demands for reprimand system, reinstatement elimination of the company's of workers fired during the war piece-work system have been for union activity, elimination of

ducted by the Fisher Body Lo- mands." cal 45 of the CIO United Auto tinuance of strike action until to support their brothers on The Fisher Body workers are CHEVROLET RETURNS

determined never again to be subjected to the inhuman speedup, brow-beating and rate-cutting which are among the out- local had asked the memberstanding features of the damnable piece-work system. Their the basis of the local demands. morale is wonderful and they are

situation is that Stalinists, prin- of a Labor Party. cipal pushers for "incentive-pay" Stalin's brutal policy of arm- piece-work in the auto plants against Iran, his absolute disre- to repair their damaged reputahands of the imperialists in their | treacherous role of the Stalinists diplomatic efforts to isolate the in helping to fasten the com-

However, while accepting the national contract by a 40 to 1 margin, the members of Buick local 599 voted 2,767 to 1,510 to continue the strike until local demands were settled. This demonstration of the fighting power and stamina of the GM workers was expressed at the largest mass meeting in the history of the Buick local. Over 9,000 of the 15,000 members attended

Art Case, acting chairman of the Buick Bargaining Committee, informed this reporter that "the membership showed in this General Motors' huge Fisher hind us. We have a dozen de-Body plant here voted more than mands that have to be settled. piece-work in the foundry. These In a separate secret ballot con- are the most important de-

At the Buick membership meet-Workers on the question of re- ing the local leadership came in turning to work, 941 favored con- unitedly with the proposal to continue the strike until agreement piece-work is abolished. Only had been reached. This has been 44 voted to go back. Day work backed up by the largest picket members voted overwhelmingly lines around the 15 gates of the Buick plant since the beginning of the strike.

> Chevrolet local 659 voted to return to work despite the fact that some of the leaders of the ship to continue the strike on Both Chevrolet and Buick Lo-

confident that they can win this cals here submitted resolutions to the UAW convention in sup-One interesting aspect of the port of the immediate formation The GM workers are returning

to work with renewed confidence ed aggression and violence during the war, are now trying in their power which was tested time and again during the 118 gard for the independence of tions by opposing it. But the day strike. Hundreds of new this small nation plays into the militants have not forgotten the leaders rose up from the ranks and thousands of workers participated in union activities for Soviet Union and incite public pany-sponsored speed-up on the first time. This is a good omen for the future.

"Six months ago my wife was apparently one of the healthiest and happiest women in our community," wrote S. L. J. from Altoona, Pa., on March 15 to the N. Y. Times. Then the terrible scourge of incurable cancer invaded his home. "I took her to one of the largest hospitals, where they cut part of her body away I watched her go blind. She has now a few hours,

is nothing left for me but to await her death." The dozens of doctors who examined his wife

may strike next. "The cure for cancer is no more inconceivable than the discovery of the cure for other dreaded diseases," continues S. L. J. "Our nation has spent over two billion dollars to discover the atomic bomb . . . We can conquer cancer, but

answer. A murderous answer. The murderers are the brutish Army Caste By Larissa Reed

sensational new paths of discovery leading toward the cure of cancer and many other still unconquered human diseases.

research yet developed.

conditions in the human body.

means to study . . . " pleads S. L. J. But Wall Street's Brass Hats remain deaf to these agonized pleas. They are depriving the scientists of these very means. They are withholding the marvelous achievements developed in the research of atomic energy which-can extend man's health and life span. They are utilizing this epochal discovery solely for the

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