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# UAWConvention WALL STREET USES UNO MarksNewStage For Auto Union IN PREPARING NEW WAR

(Staff Reporter, The Militant)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 30.—Some 1,877 delegates to the 10th National Convention of the CIO United Automobile Workers this afternoon adjourned their eight days of tumultuous deliberations. Odelegates was limited and incon-

though in a distorted and unclear form, two far-reaching achievements. It approved and vindicated the bitter strike and advanced program of the General Motors workers. And again indirectly, it chalked up an important triumph of program over factional, machine politics.

Not a single basic issue was thrashed out openly on the convention floor. Nevertheless, the issues of the General Motors strike and the program it ad- clearly indicated their apprecivanced were implicit in the cen- ation of the underlying signifitral and dominant conflict of cance of the Reuther - Thomas the convention, the battle for the fight. CIO President Philip Mur-UAW presidency between GM strike leader Walter Reuther and the incumbent R. J. Thomas.

#### ISSUES IMPLICIT

Reuther was elected, though by a narrow margin, because he was the aggressive leader of the GM strike and because in the course of that strike he had advocated new and far-reaching progressive demands.

In electing Reuther, the majority of the auto workers were "socialistic" Reuther was made voting for the program which in plain. their minds his leadership of the GM strike represented. They ex- convention, in the opening "keypressed in this fashion their ap- note" address of R. J. Thomas proval of a policy of militant un- on Saturday, March 23, the charion struggle and their desire for acter of the central convention a program, going beyond immed- struggle was indicated. The maiate wage issues, aimed at re- jor point of Thomas' speech was solving those basic economic and a scarcely-veiled attack on Reupolitical issues which emerged ther and the conduct of the GM on the crest of the titanic strike strike. This was cloaked in a

But because the battle over program was conducted within that Reuther was plotting with the narrow framework of strug- AFL International Ladies Gargle for posts rather than in the ment Workers' president David open arena of direct debate on Dubinsky, whose union had conthe actual issues, the triumph tributed \$86,000 to aid the GM of the progressive and militant

The old-line conservative leaders of the Thomas-Addes faction, supported by the Stalinists, were able to swing enough votes away from the Reuther caucus to win three of the four top executive posts and a majority of the executive board.

#### COMING STRUGGLE

Both the top bureaucracy of the CIO and the capitalist press ray appeared in person at the UAW convention to throw his prestige and influence behind the Thomas - Addes - Stalinist ma-

At the same time, the boss press treated the UAW convention and particularly the race for the UAW presidency as news of top-ranking national importance. The preference of the capitalist press for the Thomas-Addes leadership as against the

From the very outset of the slanderous accusation, lifted bodily from the Stalinist press,

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# REAL AIMS BEHIND SPY SCARE IN CANADA

By George Martell (Special To The Militant)

TORONTO, March 23-In a Montreal courtroom today, Igor Gouzenko, formerly employed by the Soviet Staff tive duty as a member of the in Ottawa as a secret code expert, submitted evidence calculated to prove that high-ranking officials of the Labor-

Progressive Party (Stalinists), in this country are in the service of Stalin's GPU secret police. Gouzenko charged Fred Rose, LPP Member of Parliament for Montreal-Cartier, and Sam Carr, Stalinist National Organizer, with being recruiting agents for the GPU in Canada.

# ANTI-CLIMAX

Despite the sensational nature of the charges, the trial of Rose came as an anti-climax to the monster spy-scare instigated by the Dominion government five weeks ago today. Numerous arrests were made of persons who were charged with purloining Canadian military secrets for the Soviet Union. The spy hysteria was aimed directly at the Soviet Union. If carried to its logical conclusions, Canada would have been obliged to severe diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government for "unfriendly activities"

But when Prime Minister Mackenzie King explained his actions to the House of Commons on March 19, he had nothing but honeyed words for "our great neighbor to the north" with whom war was-of course!-"unthinkable." The spying was the work of evil men about whom "Generalissimo Stalin" had no knowledge and if he had "he would not have countenanced action of this kind." And now he, King, was seriously contemplating a trip to Moscow to patch things up with "my friend,

# WAIT 'RIGHT' MOMENT

King was in possession of Gouzenko's dossiers on the operation of Soviet agents seeking military information in Canada last Sepwithholding this information was a desire not to upset friendly

### **Washington Joins** In Spy Scare

Following the pattern set by the Canadian government and then emulated by London, the FBI with State Department approval.. took a hand in further promoting the international spy scare against the Soviet Union by uncovering its own Russian spy suspect in Portland, Oregon.

Lieutenant Nicholai Redin, Russian naval officer and member of the Soviet Purchasing Commission, at Seattle, was arrested last week just as he was about to board a Soviet ship in the harbor. and was held on charges of espionage.

relations. Subsequent developments revealed, however, that the Verite is in process of being information was withheld only granted full government for a more propitious moment. That moment was decided on by Truman and Attlee with whom King held prior consultations. It came when American imperialism and its British satellite decided to launch their furious propaganda barrage against the Soviet Union.

Obviously, King was chosen to lead off with his disclosures on galization, Soviet espionage activities. In short order, Vandenberg and Byrnes took up the cry of the Soviet "menace to peace," and it and Rhine federations, joined the was left to the "unofficial" Win- campaign with protests to the ston Churchill to bring "the war government. Labor and liberal of nerves" to its peak.

With his speech Mackenzie States also backed up La Verite's nationaliste, launching the legal indicated as a target of this pro-King dropped the whole spy scare on the local Stalinists and press. Among these were the with new difficulties affecting its testing vigorously against it, the shifted the issue from the for-

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# Virginia Uses **State Draft** To Bar Strike

Employing a new form in vicious and brazen strikebreaking tactics, Democratic Governor Tuck of Virginia on March 29 ordered 1,600 workers of the Virginia Electric and Power Company into the the state's "unorganized militia," subject to court-martial if they dare strike for their just de-

The pretext for Tuck's outrageous action was a 1930 statute defining this militia as including every able-bodied male citizen from 16 to 55, subject to "emergency" call.

The alleged "emergency" was a walkout scheduled for midnight, Sunday March 31, by production and maintenance workers who are members of the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Negotiating since February 12, the union has won a 171/2 cent hourly raise. The company however is making a last-ditch fight to slash the corresponding \$250 retroactive pay to \$125. By Tuck's highhanded action, the union was forced to agree on March 30 to arbitration proceedings on this question.

On Wednesday, March 27, Tuck proclaimed his "state of emergency." The company handed him a list of all workers, who then received summonses arrogantly ordering: scab or be court-martialed!

"Having been drafted by the Governor of Virginia," the or-ders read, "... you are now granted a temporary suspension of your active military duties & Power Company is conducting its operations without interruption by strike . . .

"If and when any union of its on strike, your status as an employe of such company shall thereupon cease, and you shall immediately thereafter be on acstate militia, and assist in the operation of said company's plants and facilities which shall be taken over by Virginia.

state, regardless of Tuck's open sues are brought up for nego-

the Fourth International, the 9-

sued in the underground strug-

gle against Nazi occupation, La

Verite continued to be deprived

tion" without any formal ex-

plaination by government bodies.

Repeated requests for authoriza-

tion went unheeded. In the last

forceful public campaign for le-

Branches and federations of

the French Socialist Party,

among them the powerful Seine

organizations in the United

of legal status after the "libera-

authorization.

Hatched In The Imperialist Incubator



# 400,000 Bituminous Coal Miners Go On Strike For Union Demands

In accordance with their traditional fighting slogan: "No Contract—No Work," 400,000 soft coal miners, members so long as the Virginia Electric of AFL United Mine Workers of America, went on strike at 12:01 a.m. Monday, April 1. This strike, second largest in

when the coal barons ruthlessly rejected the demand of the UMW Such state seizure, like federal of a health and welfare fund, to mine workers. seizures of other plants in the be raised through a small levy past, would be utterly fraudulent. on each ton of coal produced, Locals in Alexandria and Nor- out of the huge profits of the folk immediately showed they coal operators. The union is understood this. They have de- demanding that this question be clared their refusal to scab for the settled first before wage-hour is-

Legalization Of "La Verite"

PARIS, March 20-As a result of the vigorous national |-- CP, SP, MRP-in the Constit-

American Civil Liberties Union.

South America likewise made

This week the Consultative

two months, the PCI opened a ed to authorize the full legal pub- Thus a party must be prepared

tions are now being made to is-

lication with 50,000 circulation.

The Parti Communiste Inter-

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

the Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French section of

party's official organ La of Man and Director of the

The first resistance paper is- Verite's campaign.

the country this year, follows In the first days of negotia-closely on the heels of the tions between the UMW and the employes calls its members out four-weeks' walkout of 800,- coal operators which opened on 000 steel workers and the 113- March 12 in Washington, the days walkout of 175,000 GM mine union indicted the coal profiteers for "gross mismanagement, cupidity, stupidity and The mine strike was called wanton neglect" which resulted over the past 14 years in the for the immediate establishment injury of more than a million

# SMEARED WITH BLOOD

Every ton of coal mined in the United States is "smeared with the blood" of the mine workers, charged UMW President John L. The union is demanding ade-(Continued on Page 8)

activity.

Commission of the Ministry of that 20,000 francs shall be de-

Information finally took formal posited per candidate with the

action. Upon the request of Min- government, which shall be for-

ister Gaston Deferre, and de- feited unless the candidate re-

spite opposition from its Stalinist ceives at least five per cent of

members, the commission decid- the total vote in his department.

lication of the Trotskyist paper. to risk 2,200,000 francs as a mini-

Only the signature of the Minis- mum. The bill, apparently as-

ter or his plenipotentiary is now sured of passage in the Assembly,

required for La Verite to appear is designed to prevent electoral

with full legal rights. Prepara- activity of small parties, especi-

sue it as a four-page weekly pub- the poverty-stricken workers.

must be put forward.

ally those with a following among

# Big Three "Unity"

IN THE MEMS

"The Russian situation was so

tense just before Stalin started pulling his troops out of Iran that U. S. military men seriously discussed bombing Russian mine-deaths of 28.000 and the oil fields - if the Red Army started an aggressive move on Turkey," reports Drew Pearson in the March 29 N. Y. Mirror.

# Lifetime Disguise

KENT, O.—"Americans are all Lewis during the negotiations. capitalists at heart, but most of us are just temporarily embarrassed for funds," Raymond K. Moran, business administration instructor at Kent State Univer-Victory Near In The Fight For sity told his students.

"This temporary embarrassment often lasts a lifetime," he added sadly. (United Press.) . . .

# 1946 Version

"The sun never sets on a reand international campaign for freedom of the press by uent Assembly, stringent provi- volt against the British Empire. sions must be met for electoral

Still On "Relief"

For instance, to participate a political party must enter elec-The Treasury Department an-Great Britain, Holland and toral lists in no less than twenty nounced on March 18 the grantdepartments; a minimum of ing of a tax refund of \$1,993, their voices heard in favor of La some hundred and ten candidates, 738.20 to General Motors Corporation. The refund was for a claimed over-assessment of in-The same bill further requires

# Who Won the War?

come and undistributed profits

taxes for the year 1936.

Alben W. Barkley, Senate Democratic majority leader, addressing the New York Credit Men's Association on February 28. described the fruits of victory: "We have become the world's banker."

# Rest in Peace

The PCI, particularly in view Vice Admiral W.H. P. Blandy, of its recent progress, seems to be commander of the joint Armydemands for freedom of the La Verite, is at present faced jected election law. While pro-Navy task force which will conduct the Pacific atom bomb tests editors of New Leader, The Call, projected participation in the Trotskyist party is making a this summer, said the tests are tember. The official pretext for eign to the domestic front. This The Militant, and Labor Action, elections scheduled for June 2. wide appeal for aid to enable it "in the interests of peace," not new turn of events is sending as well as Roger Baldwin, Chair- According to a bill sponsored by to engage in the elections, even to "demonstrate American" man of the League for the Rights the three major French parties if this biased bill becomes law. | power.'

# Iranian Issue Is Pretext For Drive Against USSR

By John G. Wright

Last week Wall Street's deliberate, cynical and ruthless campaign to prepare public opinion in this country for the outbreak of the Third World War moved into high gear with the convening of the so-called "United Nations" Security

**Big Business** 

**Price Controls** 

**Demands End Of** 

By Evelyn Atwood

newal of the OPA beyond

June 30 closed last week, Big

Business stepped up its drive

to slash the living standards of

the consumer masses and clear

the way for unrestrained profi-

The U. S. Chamber of Com-

demand of the National Associa-

tion of Manufacturers that all

price controls be abandoned.

However, where the NAM insist-

ed that the Office of Price Con-

trol be allowed to die on June

30, the Chamber of Commerce is

willing to grant it a six-month

It is reported that Republican members of the House Banking

would hamstring price control.

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lease on life to October 31.

As House hearings on re-

Council in Hunter College, New York City, on Monday, March 25. The stage was set with the ballyhoo, lavishness and care

that Hollywood reserves for the super-colossal productions. Nothing was overlooked in order to build up the fraudulent solemnity and "drama" of the oc-

### BLARE OF PUBLICITY

Every trivial detail-the rosecolored hall, the chairman's shining mahogany desk, the semioval conference table, etc., etc.everything was played up amid the blare of publicity and the glare of floodlights. The Amermerce last week backed up the ican imperialists do not propose to miss a single trick as they speed up their entire vast propaganda machine.

The press, the radio, the pul-

"Let The People Vote On War!" Page 4

and Currency Committee will in-troduce amendments providing er visual and oral medium of er visual and oral medium of that maximum prices set on any influencing the human mind commodity must reflect the cost worked in unison aiming and of production plus "a reason- hitting at one and the same tarable profit," and for the auto- get, namely: the USSR-yia the matic lifting of price controls pitiful plight of poor with the increase in available Iran."

men say that these proposals the real directors of this "war of nerves" do not hesitate to The administration is asking assay the Iranian question as a that the present price control detail. Thus, on March 31, the law be extended for another N. Y. Times, the most authoriyear, plus an added provision tative organ of U.S. imperialism giving OPA authority to control carried an article under the commercial rents. At the House heading: "MAIN PEACE PROBcommittee hearings on March LEMS WILL COME AFTER 29 OPA administrator Paul Por- IRAN." In plain language this (Continued on Page 7)

# **Mass Meeting Wins Reversal** In Ferguson Case Conviction

. By William S. Farrell (Special To The Militant)

FREEPORT, N. Y., March 29 Widespread public pressure has forced Nassau County officials to reverse the kangaroo court conviction of Richard Ferguson, Negro veteran and brother of Charles and Alfonso Ferguson who were murdered by a Freeport ?

A completely new investigation of the entire Ferguson case is now in order. This sudden reversal of the Grand Jury's whitewash of Joseph Romeika. the cop, follows the recent exoneration of Joseph Ferguson, Ship's Cook, by a special Navy committee headed by Captain Sidney S. Bunting of the Lido Beach Naval

cop on February 5.

Station.

Evidence of official backtracking in the face of increasing public protest is the fact that District Attorney James N. Gerhig, who prosecuted Richard Werguson at the kangaroo court. was in agreement with the reversed decision made by County Judge Henry A. Collins. The Judge dismissed the case against

Richard and ordered the \$100

#### fine returned. FRAME-UP EXPOSED

This brutal and deliberate murder is now officially exposed as one of the most outrageous Jim Crow crimes on record. The cold-blooded murder and subsequent whitewash of the killer stand out starkly as a frame-up and legal lynching in an attempt by public officials to terrorize the Negro population of Freeport.

Now that both Richard and Joseph Ferguson have been offi- Diary of Steelworker

conduct," the policeman who murdered Charles and Alfonso Ferguson must be brought to trial for his crime. Stanley Faulkner, attorney for

the Ferguson brothers, announced that an Army board is investigating the case to determine whether Charles and Alfonso Ferguson were killed "in the line

### Philadelphia Meeting Hears Edward Ferguson See Page 6

of duty." He announced that if this board finds they were killed "in the line of duty," he will file a damage suit against Romeika and the Village of Freeport. This will mean a complete new investigation by Nassau County offi-

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# **UAW Convention Marks New Stage**

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strikers, to swing the UAW into Thomas-Addes group had issued

pressed only by innuendo in the on the issues. convention itself, was repeated and literature of the Thomas-Addes caucus.

#### Lying Accusation

But the crux of their opposiforces who supported him was their opposition to the GM strike This real issue the Thomas-Addes caucus plus their Stalinist supporters never dared to bring out openly on the conven-

The GM battle had been fought out on the picket lines. It had spearheaded the whole strike wave which won the largest single wage increases ever attained by key American unthe GM workers themselves Are you afraid of a debate?" through their rank and file delegates to the representative GM Delegates' Conference. They had made national issues of not only the immediate wage question, but of such crucial factors as prices and profits, through their progressive demands of "Open the Books of the Corporation!" and "Wage Increases Without

## Thomas-Addes Method

By contrast to this in the Ford negotiations the Thomas-Addes leadership had compromised on the wage issue without any real battle. They conducted the negotiations behind the backs of the Ford workers. They yielded to the company's demand for company security" and agreed to the inclusion in the Ford contract of a clause which would permit the company to victimize union militants for "unauthorized strikes."

None of the key issues was brought directly before the convention. The first four days of the convention were occupied primarily with organizational questions. Everything was pointed toward the fight for leadership in which the real issues were reflected only indirectly.

Such discussion of issues as did occur took place in the big caucus rallies held at night after the convention sessions. Here, however, there was little opporthe questions by the ranks. Discussion was limited to the onesided presentation of speeches by the respective caucus leaders.

# Issues Not Discussed

against Reuther, not excluding the convention "requires a twored-baiting against his "extrem- thirds vote." ist" and "socialistic experimentation." This reached the low- the Thomas - Addes forces to point when Thomas bellowed in avoid a real discussion of the isthe course of one caucus speech, sues left a majority with the "Don't forget that Mussolini was well-founded suspicion that the once a socialist too!" On the other hand, the Reuth- direct debate.

er caucus meetings were distinguished by a greater attention to program. Reuther spent one entire evening discussing in detail 27, the climactic point of the a program for the union dealing convention was reached, the elecwith many of the important tion of a president. The audiproblems confronting the work- torium was packed to capacity.

He avoided, however, as did explosive. The long press tables the Thomas-Addes group, any below the huge platform were discussion on the key issues arising from the strike wave, such icance the boss publications and as "company security," the par- radio networks placed on the ticipation of the union leaders outcome of the UAW convention. on the pro-corporation governtion of an independent labor his opposition to the no-strike

vention discussion of issues oc- to try to swing the votes of mil- margins the three other top ofcurred during the closing mo- itents against Reuther. ments of the third day's session.

a counter-leaflet contemptuous-This lying accusation, ex- ly rejecting the idea of a debate

During the last hour of the openly in the corridors and ho- Monday session. while Secretel rooms, and in the meetings tary-Treasurer Addes was in the chair. Delegate Murphy of Detroit Dodge Local 3 secured the floor on a point of special privilege. The convention was thrown into pandemonium when she intion to Reuther and the militant troduced a motion for "a closed session tonight at 8 o'clock in order to have the candidates disand the advanced slogans which cuss the issues involved between had been projected in that strike. Brother R. J. Thomas and Brother Walter Reuther."

### Addes Evades

Delegate Murphy called directly on Thomas to answer if he would "agree to debate this question tonight."

Addes sought to divert the matter by giving the floor to another delegate, but persistent shouts arose from all sections of ions. The policies and demands the vast auditorium, "Answer the of the strike were approved by question! Answer the question!

> A Thomas supporter, Delegate Paul Silvers of Local 351, took the floor amid constant boos and interruptions to argue against the proposed debate because "Sister Murphy would have made her request on Saturday if she was as disturbed as she contends she was."

> Delegate Thornton of Plint Buick Local 599 demanded that the convention "bring them (Reuther and Thomas) together and have them make their statements in the presence of each other" and "deny them if they can."

> Then the Thomas-Addes-Stalinist group put forward the discredited Vice-President Richard Frankensteen. Frankensteen, who had announced his intention to retire from office to take one of the "fine opportunities" offered him, was greeted with a tremendous demonstration of hostility. His sole argument, when he finally could be heard, was that the debate proposal was "tom-foolery" He said "when President Roosevelt was running for re-election, and Tom Dewey knew he was beat, he challenged Roosevelt to a debate, too, because he wanted an out."

Delegate Shelton Tappes of Ford Local 600 tried to come to the rescue of the Thomas-Addes forces by a motion to table the question of a debate. After twice taking a standing vote, Chairman tunity for a thorough airing of Addes had to rule the motion to table lost.

Finally, the question of the night session to hold the debate Reuther provided an opportunity played an important part in the curity." was put to a vote. An overwhelming majority of the deleicles in contrast to Thomas, but Regional Director for the importwas put to a vote. An overwhelming majority of the deleicles in contrast to Thomas, but Regional Director for the importdrafted by the Resolutions Comdrafted by the Resolution and demagogicalA special resolution in support

The wage - price resolution, drafted by the Resolutions Comdiscrimination and demagogical
A special resolution in support gates supported the motion for the Reuther spokesmen failed to ant Detroit East Side region of mittee, correctly exposed the ly seeking the support of the of GM strikers still out because questions of program and will inists concentrated on reckless the motion was lost because a crude personal attacks motion to amend the rules of

> The desperate maneuvers of Thomas-Addes group feared any

#### Election Session Tense On Wednesday morning, March

The atmosphere was tense and jammed, testifying to the signif-Ben Garrison, of Ford High-

ment boards, and offered no pro- land Park local 400, nominated gram of independent labor po- Thomas. The opportunist Garlitical action through the forma- rison had become known through The closest approach to a con- UAW convention. He was used came back to capture by narrow

The Reuther caucus had issued a convention, Garrison, a report- ship. leaflet challenging Thomas to a er for the Resolutions Commitformal debate with Reuther on tee, had launched a full-blown agreement for a division of the the issues in the GM strike. The red-baiting attack against the two vice-presidential posts be-

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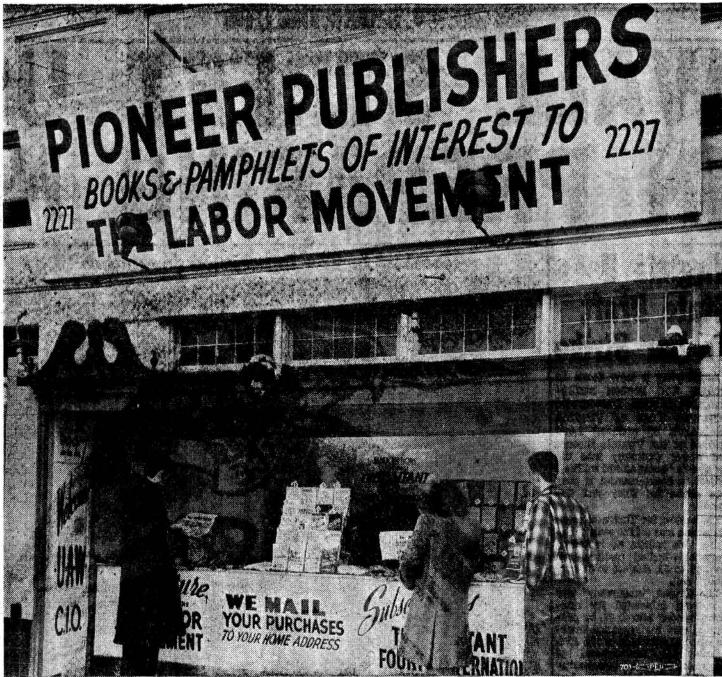
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# Pioneer Publishers Bring Something New To Boardwalk



One of the main centers of attraction for the delegates and visitors to the CIO United Auto Workers Convention last week was this Pioneer Publishers Book Stall, set up at 2227 Boardwalk, Atlantic City. Located just a few doors from the huge Civic Auditorium where the Convention was held, this splendid display of labor and socialist literature added something new to the boardwalk. Scores of delegates and visitors stopped before the attractive display and purchased many of the pamphlets and books advertised in The Militant. A mailing service was provided by Pioneer Publishers for the convenience of purchasers.

Thomas, the candidate whom the ed Thomas to run against Reu-"referred" to the incoming exthe line.

Reuther was placed in nomination by Delegate Cote of De- ing warfare. troit Local 174. The nomina-

Each nomination was followed by boisterous and tumultuous demonstrations and parades intended to stampede wavering el-

# Narrow Margin

The decision was in doubt almost to the last moment of the hours-long roll call. It was finally reported that Reuther had won by the narrow margin of 124 votes, with more than 8,800 cast. This announcement touched off another tremendous dem-

Reuther spoke briefly and callhand" to Addes and pledged to work to make the UAW a "source of strength to President Mur-

The jubilation of the Reuther caucus and its hopes for "unity" were short-lived. The very next pledge at the September 1944 day the Thomas-Addes group ficers' posts, two vice-presiden-At a previous session of the cies and the secretary-treasurer-

Reuther had attempted to get

the UAW, had aroused real enand reactionary policies. He was the workers of their wage gains heartily disliked by most dele- by deliberate price inflation. It resentative. gates from the East Side region. | condemned the Wage Stabiliza-The powerful Detroit Briggs Lo- tion Board, but made no referface in protest against Bishop It said nothing about withdrawand demonstratively voted in a ing union representatives from bloc for Thomas. The tide swung all government wage - freezing, decisively in Thomas' favor.

Secretary - Treasurer Addes, who ran unopposed, was reelect-

The Thomas-Addes group then secured a three-to-one majority of the executive officers when ed for "unity" of the top lead- Richard T. Leonard, Ford negothe notorious "company securmargin of 42 votes over his Reuray" of the CIO, who had tried ther opponent, John Livingston. to swing the convention against The Reuther caucus had failed to expose the "company security" position of Leonard. Had they done so, they might have rallied many more votes for Liv-

> The election of executive board strength in the top leadership of the UAW in the hands of the Thomas - Addes faction. There were only two changes on the board of 18.

# Emil Mazey Elected

One of these was extremely significant. The delegates from Detroit East Side Region 1. which contains some of the oldest and most militant locals in the UAW, elected former Briggs Local 212 President Emil Mazey to replace Melvin Bishop.

Mazey, a GI on his way back from Okinawa, was elected in his absence as a delegate from Local 212. At the 1943 UAW convention, he led the fight against the no-strike pledge and called for the formation of a labor party. He received prominence only a few months ago as a leader of the soldier "Get Us Home!" protests in the Philippines.

Mazey was elected by the large Region 1 delegation on the very first ballot. He received more than 1,000 votes, nearly double the number cast for the leading largest manufacturing industry create a special post in the top contender against him, the wellknown Stalinist floor-whip, John Anderson of Detroit Amalgamated Local 155. Mazey is expected to fight on the board for more

Stalinists during a discussion on tween the two contending cau- A number of key resolutions lar resolutions had been adopt-Negro discrimination. It was cuses. In a surprise move, the on policy questions were not act- ed in the past but the leaderthis red-baiter who nominated Thomas-Addes group nominat- ed upon by the convention but Stalinists supported all down ther's man, Melvin Bishop, for ecutive board. These included effectively. Representative Nefirst vice-president. This was resolutions on the union's wage- gro delegates rose to plead for ize the Unorganized" and "Orclearly a declaration of continu- price policy, a subject of sharp difference between the Reuther crimination resolutions. The nomination of Bishop, the and the Thomas-Addes groups, tion and seconding speeches for result of a purely factional deal, and on "So-Called Company Se-

threat and the mity because of his bureaucratic Truman administration to rob cal 212 delegation, staunch mil- ence to the "fact-finding" boards itants and supporters of Reu- which have served to whittle ther's candidacy, did an about- down the workers' wage demands. semi - compulsory arbitration bodies.

# "Company Security"

The resolution entitled "So-Called Company Security" declared the union "stands unalterably opposed, and will struggle to prevent or eliminate, any and ership. He stated "I extend my tiator and leading exponent of all types of peralty systems which the corporations have ity" clause, won by a narrow falsely labeled 'company security'." This position, which undoubtedly expresses the opinion of the great majority of UAW members, never came to the floor for action.

No resolution on labor political action was reported out by the Resolutions Committee. On this most crucial question neither members left the decisive voting Reuther nor the Thomas-Addes faction offered a program for genuine independent labor political action through a labor party. Both continued to speak of support for "progressive" candidates of "both major parties" and merely gave lip service to the idea of a possible "third progressive party." Reuther, in a press interview, spoke of the "impracticality" of "a third party" even in the 1948 elections.

The one vital question the delegates did have an opportunity to discuss was the issue of discrimination against the Negro workers. Several resolutions, containing many progressive points, were adopted by the con-

But several Negro and white delegates pointed out that sim-

# **Auto Industry Is** Nation's Largest their failure to nominate any Negro delegate for a top office.

cent of this gigantic industry. | caucus both, must combine on

ship had not carried them out

The Stalinists, taking advantage of the failure of the Reuther caucus to make a clear-cut and to aid GM workers and all other Negro delegates, introduced a of the corporation's refusal to widen the cleavage between the Executive Board for a Negro rep- imously adopted.

This proposal was fought by both the Thomas-Addes group, whom the Stalinists support, and the Reuther followers, except for some of the most advanced milifact that the proposal for a Netroduced by the Stalinists for factional reasons, favored it as a demonstration of the sincerity of the union in eliminating discrimination and giving recognition to the Negro members.

### Anti-Discrimination Proposal Debated

The debate on this issue began the second day of the convention on a resolution for the establishment of a Fair practices and Anti-Discrimination Department, headed by the International President who shall appoint its administrative staff.

Nat Ganley of Local 155, a leading Stalinist, proposed that the Fair Practices Department be headed by a Negro member who would be a member of the International Executive Board. Hodges Mason, of Local 208, a Stalinist supporter and prominent Negro delegate, also spoke in favor of the idea.

Members of the Resolutions Committee opposed the proposal with the stock arguments that this would lead to special posts for "all groups" and "we don't recognize any differences in our ranks." This, of course, ignored that fact that even in the outstandingly progressive UAW, which has done more than any other union on the question of discrimination, qualified Negro members still have to buck under - currents of discrimination which deny them an equal opportunity to secure top office.

This was pointed out by Delegate Irwin Bauer, of Detroit Budd Local 306, who scored both factions in the leadership for Negro delegate for a top office. The automobile industry is the He declared that "either we must in America, having the most em- Executive Board for the Negroes ployes, using the most raw ma- so they can have representation terials and turning out the larg- in the top leadership of the unest volume of product. The GM ion, or the top caucuses of this Corporation monopolizes 45 per union, the Addes and Reuther

The issue was then referred was represented by Shelton International.

Tappes of Local 600, this time eliminated the question of a Negro representative on the board. It called only for an additional board member, to be elected by the convention at large, to head the Fair Practices Department. At that point delegate Gar-

rison, who spoke for the majority of the Resolutions Committee and who was later to nominate Thomas for president, launched into a red-baiting tirade against his Stalinist colcaucus. He opposed what he called an organizational policy on the basis of lines adopted by the Soviet Union" and the establishment of "a commissar over \$9,000 for the UAW president. any particular segment of our membership."

The Stalinists this time evaded the question of a Negro board member, but merely pointed out that the minority proposal for an additional board member elected by the entire convention offered a more favorable opportunity for the election of a Negro to the board.

#### "A Disgrace"

Briggs Local 212 Delegate Ernest Mazey, brother of Emil, the newly - elected board member, gave support to the minority resolution, pointing out that it "is it clear they did not want their regrettable and a disgrace" that the top leadership had permitted the issue to be raised in the manner it did, when the issue could have been easily settled "if the four top leaders had gotten together and agreed on a mutual candidate, a Negro candidate."

With the whole top leadership supporting the majority resolution, it was passed, overwhelmingly. The minority resolution was supported by about 300 del-

Some resolutions of a generally progressive and constructive character on which there was no controversy were acted upon by the convention on the opening day and in the last couple of hours before adjournment. These included resolutions supporting the CIO's campaigns to "Organ-"more teeth" in the anti-dis- ganize the South." a program of demands for the veterans, and the establishment of a \$1 assessment for a special strike fund

# Democratic Character

gro Board member had been in- times on important organiza- problems. tional questions.

> The first of these was the undebate voted virtually unani- the formation of a labor party.

Pan agreed top officer for the mously to continue the one-year term of office.

Another issue was the proback to the Resolutions Commit- posal for a dues increase, to raise tee, which returned the next day the present monthly dues from with a majority and minority re- \$1 to \$2. The leadership had port on the question. The minor- also cooked up an alternative ity report, which was presented proposal for \$1.50 dues. with by the Stalinists whose position most of the increase going to the

The delegates voted down both proposals. They adopted instead a proposal for \$1,50 dues, the additional 50 cents to be equally divided between the local unions and the International. The motion provided for the allocation of the International's additional 25 cents to special funds, including 5 cents to an emergency strike fund.

The Constitution Committee, with the behind-the-scenes support of the top officers, also tried leagues in the Thomas-Addes to put over an across-the-board salary increase for the executive officers and board members. Present salaries range from \$5,000 for board members to

#### Reject Increases

Among the arguments were that the top officers were "en-titled to a "17½ per cent increase like they had won for the members" and "it would look bad" if the union which has fought for wage increases denied proposed annual increases of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 to the officers.

It was pointed out by several delegates that the officers had had a substantial increase voted in 1943, while the workers wages were frozen. The delegates made officers to live too far above the standards of the membership. By an overwhelming vote, the membership flatly rejected all proposals for salary increases to officers.

The 1946 UAW convention, as reflected in the policies implicitly endorsed by the election of Reuther, marked a high point in the militant, progressive trend of the auto workers. The failure to thrash out the issues openly, however, has left the settlement of these issues inconclusive.

The relationship between program and leadership received a clearer expression than ever before. But this was insufficiently appreciated to effect a cleancut break with the old leader-

# Coming Issues

The mounting inflation and pressure on the workers' living standards, the increasingly reactionary attacks of Congress and the Truman administration on labor, the new anti-labor ofproposal to provide a post on the settle local grievances was unan- ranks and the top conservative leadership.

The auto workers have in an indirect fashion shown their The democratic character of readiness to break with conservthe UAW-CIO and the member- ative, bureaucratic leadership. ship's suspicion of any moves by They have indicated their desire the top leadership to strengthen for militant policies and for a tants. The latter, despite the its bureaucratic hold on the un- program which will meet fundsion were demonstrated several mental economic and political

> The next period will see the continuation of the fight on the animous proposal of the Consti- issues which this convention tution Committee to extend the failed to resolve—the eliminaofficers' term to two years in- tion of "company security" stead of one. The argument that clauses, the withdrawal of unthis would "prevent politics" in ion representatives from all govthe union was hooted down by ernment wage-freezing and arthe delegates, who after brief bitration bodies, and above all



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# Disease Germs-A New War Weapon

This is the third of a series of articles on the death-dealing weapons in the hands of the imperialist warmongers who in their lust for world-domination, threaten the destruction of modern civilization. The first article showed how the destructive powers of warfare have multiplied. . The second described the impossibility of protecting any city from the new air weapons.

## By Eugene Varlin

Among the most horrible weapons that are being stored up in preparation for World War III are the weapons of biological and chemical warfare.

Biological warfare is the use of

Modern laboratory techniques make production of biological had nothing to do with the real weapons quite simple. In a War reasons. On January 3, 1944, Department report, George W. Time magazine let the cat out of Merck, special United States the bag when it said, "The real government consultant on bio- reason for not using poison gas logical warfare, stat. "The de- is not that it is inhumane or velopment of agents for biological immoral, but that it is ineffecwarfare is possible in many countries, large and small, without vast expenditures of money or the construction of huge production facilities.'

On January 14, Newsweek described the weapons of biological | ical Warfare officer interwarfare as "more devilish than rockets and bombs"-and with good reason. During World War II, the United States had already | macy there is no need for gas." perfected a plague serum, known An airplane loaded with exploas toxin botulinus, so deadly that sive bombs could kill and destroy an invisible speck of this serum could kill a man.

One of the most insidious features of biological warfare is the agents can be spread. On Octo-Deputy Health Minister of Canada, declared: "What of an inthousand immunized tourists first! loaded with anthrax or the toxin of boculinus or typhoid or influenza or perhaps some new well-organized attack of this type

of World War II stored up huge there was no protection against quantities of poison gases. Some the incendiaries. Commanderof these are very deadly. Hydro- in-Chief Roosevelt used these incyanic gas, for example, causes unconsciousness and convulsions in 10 to 20 seconds; in 45 seconds, the victim stops breathing; in a few minutes, he is dead. There are other gases equally

Why weren't these gases used? used by the United States-first! Had the imperialists become soft-

bacteria, viruses and poisons claimed indignantly, "has been made from living organisms to outlawed by the general opinion infect and kill men, animals and of civilized mankind. This counplants. Among the known dis- try has not used them . . . We eases that can be spread by bio- shall under no circumstances relogical warfare are influenza, in- sort to the use of such weapons fantile paralysis, cholera, typhoid unless they are first used by our enemies."

These hypocritical mouthings

In World War I, while only one out of thirteen gas casualties died, one out of every four injuries by explosives resulted in death. A United States Chemviewed by Time stated: is not a good weapon without air supremacy, and with air supremore people and property than an airplane loaded with gas

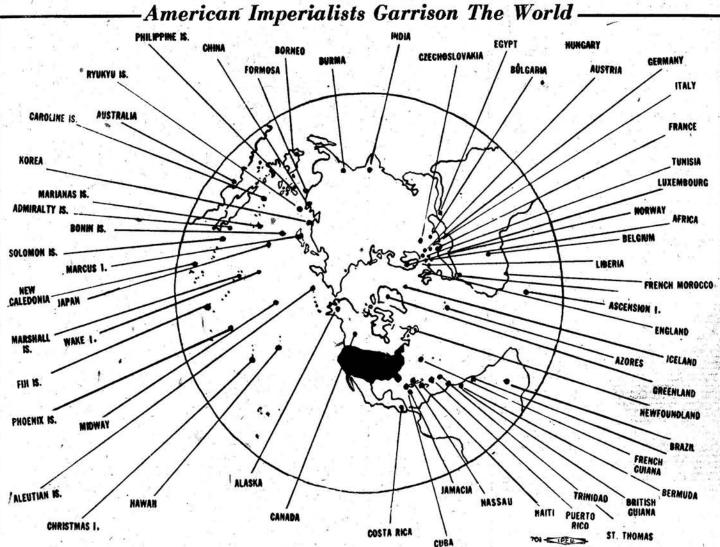
New and deadlier weapons ease with which these deadly than gas or bombs were perfected by the United States after ber 24, 1945, Gen. Chisholm, Roosevelt made his plea for humane slaughter. And neither Roosevelt nor his successor, Truvasion of a country by a few man, hesitated to use them -

The United States developed incendiary bombs that could not be extinguished by any existing bacteria or filterable virus espe- fire-fighting apparatus. These cially developed for the purpose, incendiaries burnt people to a or the spreading of such mater- crisp. They were deadlier in ials by planes without warning? their effects than any known Any country could be paralyzed blister gas. Their fumes choked and destroyed at leisure by a people to death in the air-raid shelters as relentlessly as any and without any development of choking gas. And while there heavy industry" by the attacker. were defense measures that could All the major warring powers be taken against these gases, cendiaries-first.

> Finally came the crowning glory of "humane warfare" the atom bomb. The two atom bombs which destroyed 600,000 men, women and children in Hiroshima and Nagasaki were

If World War III comes, will hearted? They were anxious to poison gas be used? Only on concreate that impression. In 1943, dition that gases have been dewhen it was rumored that the veloped so deadly in character Axis imperialists intended to use as to make the imperialists forpoison gas, Roosevelt's sensibili- get "humane considerations" in ties were apparently aroused. their desire to strike a decisive

# Stimson Statement Confirms Marxist Analysis Of Roosevelt's War Plans



Truman and Byrnes who are expressing such mock indignation about Soviet occupation troops violating the sovereignty of Iran display no such tender concern for the rights of the many countries still occupied by American troops. More than 1,275,000 U.S. soldiers are today stationed on every continent and in 56 foreign countries and main islands. This map indicates where they are located. A glance will show that Wall Street's armed forces constitute two huge pincers, encircling the Soviet Union and

# League Of Nations And The UNO: **Important Lessons From History**

The United Nations Organization had its predecessor in the League of Nations which was created by the victorious Allies in 1919 following World War I, and lasted until the outbreak of World War II. The ostensible pur-

pose of the League, like that of the UNO, was to preserve peace by international cooperation. Its real purposes themselves under the strenuous against the young Soviet Repub-

The conquered Central Powers were excluded from the League. the word "trusteeship." The United States did not parti- names change: the facts of imcipate directly but only behind perialist banditry and dominathe scenes. The victorious im- tion remain. perialists completely controlled the League through an auto- the League of Nations have any matic majority vote on the

talking shop. The Covenant of the League of Nations turned over the colo- American people. The French and oppression of the colonial nies of the vanquished German government under Herriot sup- countries, for the war prepara-Empire to the Allied imperialists as "mandates" of the League League was silent. The British are covered and sanctified by This term was used to cover up bombarded Alexandria in Egypt; the League, preparations which imperialist seizures.

The League's pretext for estab- India; sent an expedition to crush | ialist war . . . The Soviet Union

lishing mandates was that the peoples of these colonies were "not yet able to stand up by

Today, UNO conceals the an-

At no time in its history did word of criticism for the unbridl-Council. The Assembly, on ed violence with which France which the small powers were re- and England maintained and expresented, was nothing but a tended their domination in the League of Nations, for the manterfered in the lives of the Latin | the League, for the exploitation put down a nationalist revolt in must inevitably lead to imper-

colonies in China which the Ver- | the League of Nations . . ." sailles Treaty gave her, Japan annexed Manchuria in 1931. The League was mildly "critical."

tal provisions of the Versailles and that "the well-being and Lenin and Trotsky exposed the this change of heart? Treaty and organize a counter- development of such peoples reactionary role of the capitalrevolutionary bloc of nations form a sacred trust of civiliza- ist League of Nations. Lenin called it "a thieves' kitchen of arming in preparation for war "DEFENSE" MANEUVER the imperialists." Trotsky de- against the Soviet Union. Stalin

imperialism.' In 1927, Joseph Stalin himself stated that "the Soviet Union is not a member of the League of Nations and does not participate in its work, because the Soviet Union is not prepared to share the responsibility for

the imperialist policy of the colonies, or the United States in- dates' which are distributed by pressed a revolt in Syria. The tions and military alliances which

the Chinese Revolution in 1927. is not prepared to become a part The League was silent. Not sat- of that camouflage for imperialisfied with the former German ist machinations represented by the overt act which could touch

## STALIN SWITCHES

Nevertheless, in 1934, the Soviet Union, under Stalin's leader-From its inception, the Soviet ship, joined the League of Nahowever were to enforce the bru- conditions of the modern world" Union under the leadership of tions. What was the reason for

> Hitler had come into power in Germany in 1933 and was reuse the League, and an alli-France made the notorious Munimperialism's drive against the vival. Soviet Union.

outbreak of the second World

In November, 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Finland. Now, for the first time, the League of the first shot, we realized that try into a war in which count-Nations sprang to life. It had in order to have the full support less lives were sacrificed. Rooseignored the suppression of co- of the American people it was velt's Secretary of War felt "reionial revolts by England and desirable to make sure that the lief." France. It was only slightly ruffled by Japan's invasion of action on Germany's seizure of Austria. It had allowed the bread. On the final night of the Munich agreement to settle the

But a holy war of imperialism of Nations expelled the Soviet Union. It placed its technical staffs at the disposal of the Finnish government, the first time in League history that this had nounced this month that rations been done for a warring power. It urged its members to come to Finland's aid.

Today the UNO is playing the nutrition. same role as the dead League it has replaced. It says nothing the most critical in Europe. This A daily serving of four thin slices about the American occupation year's crop is about half the size forces stationed round the world. of the average pre-war harvest. one and a half ounces of meat, It is silent about the suppression Though officially the individual a half ounce of fats and sugar of the Indonesian and Indo-Chinese fights for freedom by daily, the average Italian, who appeared in Taranto, striking In addition there is a cup of Dutch, British and French im- is unable to buy on the black tea every second day. Allied oc- perialists backed up by Wall market, receives only 180 grams.

But when Anglo-American imperialism wants to safeguard its once to import a minimum of strategic military outposts, and 250,000 tons of wheat monthly to hunger in the bellies of Italian the concessions of the big oil companies in the Middle East, the UNO, under the pretext of prices in Italy's flourishing black ed the Italians that a reduction defending the rights of Iran, is market. The cheapest cut of meat in relief supplies appears probset into motion against the is \$1 a pound, sugar goes for \$2 able. At the same time the U.S. USSR. It thus fulfills the main a pound, and white bread at 50 State Department announced function for which it was created, namely, to serve as a convenient cover for consolidating the domination of Wall Street over the world. The real name with increasing frequency. Imperialism and Co.

By Charles Carsten

Striking confirmation of Li Fu-jen's Marxist analysis of "War Guilt in the Pacific," an article in the October 1945 issue of Fourth International, is contained in the statement by Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War to the Congressional Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack. The

Statement released on March 21, 1946, reveals important information hitherto known only to a restricted circle of top Washington officials:

·Li Fu-jen's analysis led him to conclude: "that President Roosevelt, while proclaiming his love of peace and hatred of war, was embarked on a deliberate course of war with Japan (and Germany) long before Pearl Harbor and that this was the conscious policy of his administration.

Stimson reveals in his Statement that by the spring of 1941 the Roosevelt Administration had definitely decided to wage war against Japan and Germany. He asserts that Japanese moves in the Far East were a "threat to our safety and interests."

The only question in Roosevelt's mind was how far Japan could be permitted to proceed with her expansion in the Far East before it would be necessary to fight. "Our military advisers," says Stimson, "had given the President their formal advice that, if Japan attacked British Malaya or the Dutch East Indies or moved her forces west of a certain line in Indo-China, we would have to fight for the sake of our own se-

### CABINET UNANIMOUS

On Friday, November 7, 1941, a month before Pearl Harbor. President Roosevelt took a "general poll of his Cabinet" on the Japan. The Cabinet, Stimson states, voted unanimously for

The reason Roosevelt didn't begin the war at that time was explained by Li Fu-jen, who wrote last October "that Roosevelt's policy toward Japan was one of systematic pressure to force the Japanese to commit off a war explosion.

"Roosevelt was obliged to pursue this strategy," continued Li Fu-jen, "in order to be able to brand Japan as the 'aggressor' and stampede the people of the United States into a war to which a majority of the nation had been steadfastly opposed.

"The 'peace-loving' President," nexation of Japan's colonies by scribed it as "a filthy agency of entered the League, hoping to declared Li Fu-jen, "had assured the American people that their ance with the imperialists who sons would not be sent to fight controlled it, to block Hitler. In- in 'foreign wars.' This made it stead, in 1938, England and necessary that the United States should be 'attacked' so that the ich agreement with Hitler which drive of American imperialism enabled him to gobble up Czech- for mastery of the Pacific could oslovakia and which they in be presented in the guise of a turn hoped would divert German war of national defense and sur-

After years of vehement de-History decreed otherwise. In nial that this was the real course August 1939, Stalin came to pursued by Roosevelt's administerms with Hitler. Their agree- tration, a member of his Cabinet ment gave the signal for the and one of the chief warmongers, Henry L. Stimson, now ad-



Japanese be the ones to do this so that there should remain no doubt in anyone's mind as to who were the aggressors."

In the October Fourth International, Li Fu-jen further pointed out that "Roosevelt understood better than the generals and admirals that the limits of military preparedness under peacetime conditions had been reached and that further delay in plunging the country into war could have only adverse effects on the grandiose question of immediate war with plans of American imperialism."

The primary objective in Roosevelt's war strategy, stated Li Fu-jen, was to force Japan into striking the first blow and thus bring America into the war before Washington's allies were defeated by Germany.

Stimson's statement also confirms this point in Li Fu-jen's analysis. "It was vitally important," Stimson now declares, "that none of the nations who were then desperately fighting Germany . . . should be knocked out of the war before the time came when we would be required to go in."

The warmongers were worried for fear Japan would not strike soon enough. They put additional pressure on Japan through series of ultimatums. Finally the Pearl Harbor blow fell. Roosestab in the back." But in private the President and his Cabinet

rejoiced. "When the first news came that Japan had attacked us," Stimson discloses, "my first feeling was of relief that the indecision was over and that a crisis had come in a way which would unite all our people. This continued to be my dominant feeling in spite of the news of catastrophes which quickly followed."

Thus Stimson reveals the ruthless cynicism of Roosevelt and his Cabinet. With their provoca-"In spite of the risk involved tive imperialist policies they had in letting the Japanese fire succeeded in dragging the coun-

# Manchuria and Italy's invasion of Ethiopia. It had taken no Starvation, Disease Rayage Italy; FoodRations Cut Further

In no corner of Europe's "black belt" of starvation syrup, 300 sausages and two against the Soviet Union: that is famine's face more terrifyingly clear than in Italy. While was another story. The League UNRRA is all but paralyzed by a constant political crisis,

and, Wall Street's envoy Her—
bert Hoover dines with the
Pope and declares that Italy
of disease-ravished bodies. Last eats well, the Italian people year an average of more than 10 are being cut down by tuber- persons died of tuberculosis every culosis, smallpox, typhus, the day in Rome alone. bubonic plague and plain mal-

Italy's wheat shortage is now ration is, 200 grams of bread UNRRA officials in Italy have

"prevent actual famine." Take a glance at a few of the

follows the curve of living costs, hunger and death.

The infant mortality rate has reached the figure of 98 dead babies out of every 1,000 born. A smallpox epidemic broke out this winter in Campania; typhoid fever ran through the northern provinces like a prairie fire, and the age-old bubonic plague redown 15 people in as many days. Dysentery, tuberculosis and the twisted, ricketic bodies of reported that Italy must start at young children all testify to the presence of a constantly gnawing

men, women and children. This month the UNRRA warncents a loaf. With the wage for that after the first of the year skilled workers at \$40 and \$50 this government will withdraw monthly, it is easy to understand from all food relief activities and why food riots are now erupting only sell on the open market. It is clear that the Italian people Since the curve of tuberculosis face many more black months of

The close connection between Big Business interests in the Philippines and the General Staff of the Army was revealed by Drew Pear-son, well-informed Washington news - commentator, in his March 8 column.

WALL STREET MEN RULE

General Douglas MacArthur is "reported" to have heavy investments in the Philippine Islands. He is associated with Courtney Whitney and Andres Soriano in the Consolidated Gold Mine and Antamok Mine. Courtney Whitney, a Manila

lawyer, was commissioned a General during the war and placed in charge of the Philippine section of General Headquarters. Whitney, a close friend of General MacArthur, "virtually ran the Philippines." Andres Soriano, "wealthiest

man in the Philippines," was a arms against the big land own-Spanish citizen until shortly af- ers and business-military group, ter the war with Japan. Accord- claiming that General Roxas, ing to Pearson: "He was also candidate for president, is mere-Franco's honorary consul in ly their tool." Manila, collected large sums of President Osmena, the Filipithe Grand Medal of Naval Merit choice between them." by Franco as reward." MacAr- ENEMIES AT HOME thur made Soriano a colonel on

included Mike Elizalde, owner of militant agrarian movement, are "thousands of acres of sugar now fighting against their eneplantations" and "one entire mies at home—the big-land block of Manila warehouses." Elizalde is a close friend of the tary group. reactionary General Manuel

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Mac ARTHUR

money for Franco during the nos say, is a tool of American Spanish civil war, and was given Big Business. "There is little

Having fought Japanese imperialism, the Hukbalahap, peo-General MacArthur's staff also ple's anti-Japanese army and owners and the business-mili-

The Hukbalahap and other Roxas, who has MacArthur's farm-worker organizations have the military mind can conceive stores were stripped during the backing in the presidential elec- led mass demonstrations de- no way of covering them up. manding land. This agrarian The Filipino people "are up in struggle is only in its initial

**GermanWorkersDemonstrate Against Allied Hunger Policy** 

"The United States must now choose between sending on and stripped it clean of more food or more troops to Germany." This cynical but true observation was made to the press last week by a high officer of America's occupation troops after an exhaus-

all indications are that her conquerors intend to put an end to use of bayonets rather than The Hamburg food riots, which

flared spasmodically over three days, erupted after the United American authorities are attempting to paint these riots as Nazi-inspired. The facts of has goaded the German people starvation are so stark that even into direct action. Ten food

# COLLAPSE FROM HUNGER

One of the reasons Washing- of hunger on March 22 in the refused, the crowd helped itself pared to employ armor" to mainton is keeping a huge army in German State railroad machine to his 60 loaves of bread and left. tain order. American, General the Philippine Islands is for "the tool shops in Hamburg. These Fifty-one persons rushed into prevention of domestic trouble," were skilled workmen, presumab- another shop and left with 100 troops and announced that that is, to prevent seizure of the ly paid a higher scale than oth- loaves of bread and a quantity henceforth there would be extra large plantations by the landless, er laborers, and most certainly of rolls. A band of starving vigilance against "potentially of the UNO should be—American paid more than the 900,000 un- children descended on a third dangerous groups."

tion of bread supply had resulted in rioting and deaths
in Hamburg on March 18, 19
comployed in the American zone
of occupation. Wages alone do
not determine how well the German workers eat. . . for there is As signs of starvation multiply just not enough food available perate plight of the German in Germany's industrial centers, for them at any price.

A British medical officer said that conditions in Hamburg are hunger demonstrations by the worse than during the widespread starvation in the Netherlands last year, "when people were collapsing in the streets all around one."

"The first signs of starvation, States occupation authorities yellow faces and dejection, are had announced a further cut in apparent among many people in the already starvation level of the streets," he said. "They are rationed bread. Significantly, as setting just like the Dutch were, yet neither the British nor the and I think it will be worse here." This extremity of starvation

riots. In one case, 60 men and women entered a shop and demanded bread without ration Thirty-three workers collapsed coupons. When the storekeeper nounced that they were "pre-

riots a food factory was relieved fate of Czechoslovakia. of two tons of sugar, a ton of sides of bacon. DESPERATE PLIGHT

In face of this admittedly despeople, American authorities anwill be reduced from 1,550 to 1,-200 calories, with the possibility of a further cut to 900 calories.

Here is what the 1,200 calory ration means in terms of food: of bread, three small potatoes, cupation authorities supplement. Street. this diet, of course, with many lectures and pamphlets on the benefits of "democracy."

Meanwhile their answer to the demands of the people for food is another turn of the iron heel. The British authorities an-Joseph T. McNarney alerted his

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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 Krem-In oligarchy.

-Leon Trotsky

# Let The People Vote On War!

Only a few months after V-J Day the American people face the frightful menace of a new and more catastrophic world war.

This unexpected turn of events has caught the masses off guard. They believed the lies told by the capitalist politicians and labor bureaucrats that once the Axis powers were crushed, peace and security would surely follow. And when Japan surrendered they hoped to enjoy that promised peace together with their loved ones.

Now, stunned and bewildered, they read the ominous statements of administration spokesmen and generals at Washington. They listen with fear clutching at their hearts to radio commentators beating the drums for war against the Soviet Union. With mounting dismay they scan the warlike headlines and editorials in the papers.

"We feel so helpless and so scared!" writes one woman from Iowa to Thomas L. Stokes, Scripps-Howard writer. "The common people do need to rise and demand peace but we must have leadership."

Another woman writes from California: "I'm just a housewife with three young children to care for. . . . Now I've been wondering for years: Why aren't the voters allowed to vote on major matters that actually concern them, such as declaring war? After all, it's our boys who have to fight and we mothers who have to worry-not the President and Congressmen who have the authority to declare war."

In our opinion this mother has hit the nail right on the head. The millions of common people will agree with her. They are the ones who have to do the fighting, paying, sacrificing and dying. They alone should have the power to decide whether or not this country shall ever again be plunged into war.

But the blood-soaked billionaire rulers who have dragged the United States into two wars in a generation are determined to withhold that right from the people. They don't want any hindrances to their schemes for world conquest and unlimited profit-making. They want to continue preparing for World War III without any checks upon their vile conspiratorial activities.

That is why their political agents in Washington-Democratic and Republican alikeare no less opposed to a people's referendum on war than they were in the period preceding World War II.

The American people want peace, not war. They should have the democratic right of determining what shall happen to their own lives. From coast to coast a mighty movement of the masses should be organized in protest against the war plans of Big Business.

These slogans should resound in a direct challenge to the imperialist war-mongers:

"TAKE THE WAR-MAKING POWERS AWAY FROM WASHINGTON AND WALL STREET! "LET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THEM-SELVES VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF PEACE OR WAR!"

# Look At The Record

When Big Business makes a request, Demoeratic and Republican Cogressmen alike spring into action and deliver the order without much

Congress obliged Big Business with a drastic cut in the surplus profits tax, and voted to hand out billions of dollars from the public treasury to the big corporations in the form of tax refunds.

Responding to the clamor of Big Business for anti-labor legislation, Congress recently drafted the Case Bill, designed to cripple labor's right to strike and picket, and quickly pushed it through the House of Representatives.

On March 29, by a vote of 186 to 16, the House adopted a bill directed against James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, who has been singled out as a special target of the labor haters.

In response to the demands of the Wall Street imperialists for a huge Army and Navy, Congress appropriates billions upon billions of dollars for the armed forces. Congress is favorably considering extension of the Selective Service

draft law for another year. Through a legislative swindle scarcely paralin the January 12 Militant, Congress handed the ship operators not less than six billion dollars.

This is how Congress acts when the measures are in the interests of Big Business. On the other hand, it makes short shrift of bills favorable in any way to labor.

After long delays Congress has finally considered the minimum wage law, but only to amend it so that Presidential veto is virtually assured. Congressmen knifed legislation designed to raise unemployment compensation. The FEPC bill was filibustered to death. No consideration has been given anti-poll tax or anti-lynch laws. The Patman bill, intended to provide housing for World War II veterans, has been mutilated and made ineffectual by amendments.

Thus the record shows how completely Big Business dominates Congress through both the Republican and Democratic parties. Labor is hamstrung because it lacks its own independent political instrument with which to fight for its demands.

This situation in Congress cannot be radically changed until organized labor breaks with the capitalist dominated parties and builds its own independent labor party.

# **Bring Them Home!**

The hue and cry raised by Truman, Byrnes and their underlings about the retention of Russian troops in Iran is being used, among other things, to divert attention from the fact that U.S. troops are stationed in almost every part of the world.

The map on page three of this paper shows all the places where American troops are located. It can be seen that from these bases which are now maintained in 56 countries, bombers can be dispatched carrying devastating atomic bombs to any corner of the earth.

These strategic bases are garrisons with about a million and a quarter American soldiers who are being kept away from their families and friends against their will. They are being held in the Army despite their protests in worldwide demonstrations last January. At that time they made it unmistakably clear that they wanted to get out of the Army at once.

American men are being held in these farflung outposts of American imperialism despite Washington's earlier promise that they would be demobilized as soon as Germany and Japan were defeated and despite War Department assurances that they would soon be demobilized.

Soldiers and sailors are prevented from returning to this country despite the insistent demands of their wives and families that they be immediately brought back home.

Why don't Washington officials heed these demands? Why are American troops stationed in every part of the world?

They are held there to prop up Wall Street's puppet regimes; to safeguard the investments and interests of American Big Business; to build a ring of steel around the Soviet Union as part of the preparations by the Anglo-American imperialists for their contemplated drive against the Soviet Union.

The American people don't want their sons to rob other people of their liberties, nor act as policemen for Big Business. Nor do they want their sons and loved ones dragged into another imperialist war.

The answer of the American people to the ruthless designs of the imperialists should be the one that the GIs themselves have raised repeatedly in letters home and to Congressmen and in their demonstrations against the slowdown in demobilization:

Bring the boys back home! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

# Who Told The Truth?

Speaking before the UAW Convention at Atlantic City on March 25, CIO President Philip Murray said that Congress was one of the biggest problems facing the CIO today. He termed it "about the most reactionary Congress that we have had at any time during the last twelve years."

Murray's admission constitutes a powerful condemnation of the CIO Political Action Committee policy of using labor's votes and money to put capitalist "friends of labor" into office.

In 1944 Murray and Hillman opposed any genuine independent labor political action. They called upon the workers to put the Democratic candidate in the White House and PACendorsed Democrats and Republicans into Congress. They declared that this was the only realistic way to promote labor's interests.

Immediately after the elections, the Hillman-Murray leadership of the CIO-PAC boasted that it had won a "great victory" for labor by electing Roosevelt and Truman and a "progressive Congress." A CIO-PAC statement proclaimed that it was the decisive factor in returning 137 Democrats and Republicans to the House and Senate who could be depended upon to help labor.

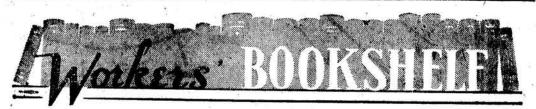
Now in March, 1946, Murray is compelled to acknowledge the fact that this same "progressive" Congress'is "about the most reactionary that we have had at any time during the last twelve years."

What a confession of bankruptcy! In an editorial in its November 18, 1944 issue entitled "Who Really Won," The Militant wrote in answer to Murray's boastings of victory: "Despite organized labor's prodigious electoral activity, thanks to the policies of the labor bureaucrats operating through the apparatus of the CIO-PAC and the American Labor and Liberal Parties, the enemies of labor are riding high. There is not a single independent voice not one—to speak for and defend labor's

interests in Congress." We predicted then that "the full meaning of the treachery of the pro-Roosevelt labor leaders is bound to expose itself in the coming period." Murray's unwilling confession at Atlands Chip is past of that self-exposure.



"How do these people expect to get anywhere? Who do they have behind them?



by Myra Tanner Weiss. Los

the Socialist Workers Party has just published a 24-page illustrated pamphlet, "Vigilante Terror in Fontana," written by Myra Tanner Weiss, SWP organizer who recently completed a West Coast tour to demand action in this case. The pamphlet contains an introduction by Carrie Stokes Morrison, sister of Mrs. O'Day

"This pamphlet tells the story of the fire in which my sister Helen and her family were burned to death, and of the threats they received from vigilantes less than two weeks earlier," Mrs. Morrison explains in her introduction.

"My brother-in-law O'Day Short wanted those threats publicized. He didn't want them newspapers with the story and he refused to give up the fight. for his right to live in his home. the fight against race discrimination . . .

"We are convinced that only what happened in Fontana far dent? and wide can we have the basis for mobilizing public opinion against vigilante terror. Jim Crow and all other forms of oppression from which minorities suffer."

FULL STORY TOLD

The harrowing story of the death of O'Day H. Short, his deliberately set. wife and two young children is The ruthless destruction of

ers Party, 1946. 24 pp., 10 cents. the crime by "law-enforcement" "did nothing except give further legal sanctification to the proceedings by his official presence -and silence.'

One of the most revealing sections of the pamphlet is the transcript of District Attorney Kavanaugh's persecution of Short, while the latter lay critically ill in the hospital. Kavanaugh, against the warnings of physicians, mercilessy interrogated Short, who over and over said, "I do not see why I should be compelled to lie on a sick bed and give information" about the cause of the fire.

"I am not competent to give get the information you are looking for." Short protested.

at him-was it an accident? Was throughout the country. through spreading the story of it an accident? Was it an acci-

> 'As far as I am concerned—sure." testimony that the fire had been York 3, N. Y.

VIGILANTE TERROR IN FON- | told in full, from the first vigi- | the Short family was not an iso-TANA, the Tragic Story of O'- lante threats to the brazen lated incident, this pamphlet Day H. Short and His Family, whitewash of the terrorists by shows. Other recent examples of the coroner's inquest. Mrs. Weiss anti-Negro terror in Los Angeles Angeles Local, Socialist Work- reveals the official complicity in are cited to demonstrate that "unchecked terror is the order of The Los Angeles branch of agencies. She scores the so-called the day. Not the least guilty are "friend of labor," State Attorney the government officials them-General Robert Kenny, whose selves" who by withholding punpersonal deputy at the inquest ishment, encourage the perpetrators of these inhuman crimes.

### PRESENTS PROGRAM

Mrs. Weiss warns that the entire labor movement will become a target for attacks if vigilante violence is unchecked, and presents a 3-point program of action. She calls for mass pressure to force official action against vigilantes; a broad labor committee of investigation to prevent whitewashing of crimes against minorities, and formation of defense organizations by labor and minority groups.

Many West Coast unions have taken a step in the right direcany reply . . . I am here on my tion by resolutions condemning hushed up and he didn't submit bed sick, my hair burned off my official inaction in the Fontana quietly to them. He went to the head, my legs twisted under me. You have no respect for my acquainted with the facts. It is position. All you want to do is to essential that this pamphlet, which gives all the facts suppressed by the capitalist press, Kavanaugh continued to pound reaches the hands of workers

> Single copies of the pamphlet can be obtained for 10 cents, Finally Short, to get rid of his bundle orders of 12 for \$1. If tormentor, said sarcastically, you live west of the Rockies, order from Socialist Workers Party. This was the "evidence" used by 145 W. Broadway, Los Angeles the officials to "prove" that 12, California, East of the Rockthe deaths of four Negro people ies, order from Pioneer Publishwere "accidental," despite expert ers, 116 University Place, New

Reviewed by Ruth Johnson

# Congressmen At Work

Millions of victims of World War II are wandering homeless over Europe. At the same time, millions of GIs are being held overseas to prevent rebellions that might endanger Wall Street's power. The public is so aroused over these two questions that a flood of mail is pouring on Congress demanding action. Get the GIs back home! Provide for the war victims!

How to handle these two hot political issues without offending Wall Street? It looked like an insoluble problem until Representative O'Konski of Wisconsin decided to devote his brains to the question on February 26. First he outlined the bitter plight of the displaced persons: BURNING QUESTIONS

"Mr. Speaker, there are mil-

lions of freedom-loving people the hundreds they are commitgo back against their will . . . force in peacetime." They have suffered perhaps burning question of our time."

other problem: "Our own boys in bility of providing for the esthe service who have made vic- tablishment of an American Fortory possible are tired and weary. eign Legion." They want to come home. Not a day passes when a Congressman Legion would be to "help to im-



does not get mail from our boys pleading that they be brought nome. They are weary and tired. The war is over and we cannot blame them for feeling as they do. They should be brought

The whole fate of American militarism might be at stake: throughout the world without a "If we insist on keeping the country and without a home. By homesick soldiers overseas after they have won the victory for ting suicide rather than go back us, it lowers their morale and, to where they came from . . . It to a certain extent, destroys the is against every segment of de- confidence of the people in cency to force these millions to maintaining a strong military

With this high-powered windmore than any people in this up, O'Konski then uncorked his war. They have been victims of sizzling speed-ball-square across concentration camps and slave the plate: "Mr. Speaker, I am labor. What are we going to do today introducing a resolution with these people? That is the giving authority to the Military O'Konski then outlined the study to determine the advisa-

The purpose of the Foreign

plement, by military force, our international commitments made up to date and which will be made in the future . . . This force could completely take over our army of occupation serving under Regular Army officers." And thus Congress could let the GIs come home!

#### FITTING CLIMAX Where would this Foreign Le-

gion recruit its forces? The answer is a natural-recruit the displaced persons who need homes! "Great numbers . . . would regard it as a godsend to be able to join an American Foreign Legion where, as professional soldiers, they could be used in the army of occupation or wherever the military leaders of our Government deemed necessary . . . It would hold out a new hope for hundreds of thousands of men who have fought in various military organizations for the freedom they hoped would

come after victory.' With this brilliant proposal O'Konski won the gold-plated spittoon for the week's most constructive suggestion in Congress. What could more fittingly climax Wall Street's war propaganda about fighting for peace, freedom and democracy than converting the millions of war victims into mercenary shock troops in the service of American imperialism?

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# PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN-

Big money real estate and loan interests are have ing a field day slashing to shreds the Patman Housing bill now before Congress. They want to perpetuate the housing shortage and are against any comprehensive housing program because it might interfere with the present speculative orgy.

At best the Patman bill will provide not more than one third of the needed housing units in two years. Prices of homes under the bill will range from \$6,000 to \$10,000. Few veterans earn enough to make payments on such expensive homes.

Veterans who rent apartments or houses, and they are in the majority, are unable to pay the high rents allowed by OPA for new housing. Present OPA rent ceilings in New York, for example, are \$82 . month for a three-room apartment. Four out of five veterans say they cannot pay over \$60 a month rent.

These high prices add up to huge profits for the real estate interests, but the present take is not large enough to satisfy their greed. They are dead set against the Patman bill because it provides a semblance of price ceilings and control over building. It may interfere with the even more fabulous profits the corporations are looking forward to. Their lobbies in Washington are working with feverish energy to prevent passage of any housing bill that will in the least cut down on their plundering.

The Producers' Council, with a five million dollar war chest, represents the Big Business building material firms. It opposes the subsidy provisions of the bill because the subsidy is intended to bring small and marginal manufacturers into production and this would endanger their monopolistic control.

#### **Banking Forces Mobilize**

The National Association of Real Estate Boards also has a battery of big guns blasting away at the housing bill. This outfit represents the big banking, insurance and other property interests. Its forces are mobilized to fight against ceilings on rents and any curbs on speculation in real estate.

The National Real Estate Foundation, formed last summer, announced it was raising five million dollars with which to combat low rent housing projects. Another powerful section of the anti-public housing lobby is composed of representatives of the National Savings and Loan Association and the U. S. Savings and Loan Association. This group is fighting price controls and liberalization of government mortgage insurance.

These lobbies are united in their determination to prevent passage of legislation designed to ease the housing crisis. They are bearing down on Washington legislators, all of whom are extremely sensitive to the wishes of Big Business.

Unless veterans in alliance with the unions adopt an aggressive policy in pressing for adequate housing, ex-GIs have slight chance of getting homes for their families in the next few years.

Worker veterans must mobilize all their forces and make an all out fight for adoption by the government of a full-scale, low-cost, low-rent public housing program. The only way to block the attack of the real estate interests is with such a broad and vig-

To relieve the situation while such a house building program is getting under way, veterans must demand that the thousands of unoccupied houses and apartments owned by the rich be made available to them at reasonable rents.

# **Corporation Tax-Steals Used To Fight Unions**

How could General Motors afford to keep all its

plants shut down for 113 days? Why can many of the big corporations withhold their products from the market until they extort the price boosts they want from the administration?

You'll find part of the answer to these questions in the amount of tax refunds Big Business can count on receiving from the U.S. Treasury, no matter how little or how much their plants produce during

Standard & Poor's statistical service has recently released figures on the estimated tax carryback refunds per common share that key corporations can obtain, even if they don't show a penny profit on the books from their operations this year, The principal beneficiaries of these huge tax re-

bates include many of the automobile, steel, electrical equipment, machinery and metal working companies which have most stubbornly resisted the wagedemands of their employes. General Motors, for example, could get \$2.70 per

share. Spicer Manufacturing is high on the automotive list with \$4.00. Chrysler is entitled to \$2.85; Briggs Manufacturing, \$2.00; Allis-Chalmers, \$1.90; Kelsey-Hayes, \$1.30. The would-be union-busters at Timken Roller Bearing could get \$1.50 per share. Inland Steel leads the parade of the steel corporations with \$3.75 per share ready to pour into the pockets of its stockholders. Next comes Bethlehem

with \$3.40. Youngstown Sheet and Tube can look forward to \$2.10, and Anaconda Wire to \$2.00. Douglas Aircraft tops the list in heavy industry with \$6.10 per share. That ain't peanuts, brother. In addition to these rebates on wartime taxes. GM, Inland Steel and a number of the other big

profiteers are also entitled to large credits against their 1945 excess profits taxes. During the steel strike CIO President Philip Murray declared that these Treasury refunds to the labor-hating industrialists could amount to twentybillion dollars. This is eleven billions more than

total net corporate profits in 1929. Since the settlement of the strike, however, Murray has lapsed into silence on his demand that the administration and Congress amend or repeal these vicious tax laws. But they still remain as a menace to labor and a colossal gift to the rich at the expense of the taxpaying poor.

Here's one more urgent reason why the unions need a Labor Party to organize the movement to eliminate these tax steals which put so powerful an anti-union weapon in the hands of the corporations.

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# WORKERS' FORUM

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

## **Survey Shows Vets** Know the Score

Counselor's Bulletin, published daily in the Counselng Section, Separation Center, Pt. Sheridan, Illinois, had the following in its edition of Februery 28, 1946:

"The survey in the issue of Feb. 15 (of Forbes Magazine) is sevoted to the opinions of vetwans regarding business, labor mions, and the home communty. Probably the most surprising fact revealed by the poll is that the ANTI-LABOR AT-TITUDE OF EX-GIS MAS BEEN SOMEWHAT EXAG-GERATED., (emphasis mine, B.T.) The following are the

answers to questions asked: "Do you feel business is playing fair with veterans in filling

Yes ..47% No. Undecided ......22% "Do you feel unions are doing their best to aid you as a vet-

Yes .23% Undecided ......40% "Do you feel the current wave

of strikes is justified?" Yes .... Undecided ......22%

Since the third question apears to me most significant, the figures are especially rerealing. The capitalist class, it seems, and its hirelings of the press, radio, and other mediums for peddling its poison, have een barking up the wrong tree with respect to the majority of reterans, fellows who learn what the aforementioned think.

Madison, Wis.

#### THE BEGGAR He was nondescript and

shabby

Yet, he wore his tattered rags. Like a flaunted accusation Or a rack of battle flags. And his eyes held boundless

As he paced the city's strand In the keening wind of winter-

With an outstretched, grimy hand . . '. Did we hark a vengeful

whisper. As he took our grudging dimes?

Did we see a moving finger Spelling out our ancient crimes?

Yours! Not mine! This wretched system, Filthy, foul, and lacking hope!

of evil, Crowned, ordained, enshrined

Sprung from out the womb

Yours! Not mine! This scarlet scaffold: Yours the guilt, and yours the

blame-Til its wormy timbers perish In the Revolution's flame! Yours the guilty conscience,

Oh! Deny it if you can! Til I wrest from you my birthright-

And be born again . . . a Man!

# **Dutch Reader Praises** "Militant" For Realism

"A comrade handed me The Militant. I cannot avoid telling you that your paper is very interesting. Information is given about the real policies of the United States in the Far East.

"Seen from here, through the eyes of the bourgeois press, the U. S. is a savior who will give food, money anddemocracy too. But the reality we find in your paper." B. M.,

Amsterdam, Holland

Yours against unemployment,

J.PIERPONT MONEYBAGS

Jays: JOBS FOR

EVERYONE? -WHY

THAT'S BOCIALISTIC

A Talented Negro

I recently had an experience

He had tried to get a job with

demoralized by years of denial

was refused employment by the

organization that's supposed to

guarantee" the world's welfare.

Trotsky. All he would answer-

in several languages—was that

we "talked too much." He must

have known about Trotsky, but

During the war this capable

linguist had managed to find

work—in the shipyards. Now that

the war is over, he has no place

"recognition" of his abilities!

It's high time to wipe out capi-

Brooklyn, N. Y.

talism and establish a socialist

We asked him if he knew of

William Van

Los Angeles, Calif.

# OPEN LETTER TO LYNN BOMAR (Head of Tenn. State Highway Patrol.) -

"black menace."

As you were the leader of the cause the radio wouldn't work state troopers who quelled the any more after the repair. recent "Negro riot" in Columbia, Tennessee, it is you whom I the bud, and the white people especially wish to receive my sentiments.

I wish foremost to offer congratulations on your splendid heroism in connection with these incidents, during which your character was unmistakably refor your job. You need no longer vealed and achieved widespread fear losing your job, I think. fame.

You could hardly help noticing, I think, that you demonstrated to the world beyond all doubt that you were fearless in the face of the most terrifying and ferocious opposition; revealing, in fact, that you would not even hesitate to shoot down and club any number of these danthe score is, more easily than gerous Negroes, the more daring of which undoubtedly defended themselves from your bullets with such dreadful weapons as slingshots and brooms.

Being a white man myself, I recognize the courage with which you must have acted, and it just makes my blood boil when I hear stupid people say you are just an ordinary coward who is always brave when he faces a defensless opponent from behind the comfort of a gun and from among numerous other such armed and fearless allies. I repeat, the people who say these terrible things about you make my blood boil! How can they call you an "ordinary coward" when you have so amply proven how extraordinary you are.

My scalp crawls when I recall how, against insurmountable discrimination. odds, you dared to invade the Negro community there, armed Negro one evening, who told us only with a few thousand he could read, write and speak troopers and machineguns, and numerous languages including with only the additional paltry many Chinese dialects. We support of a few hundred other couldn't tell, of course, whether heroic white individuals who had this was entirely true, but we answered your call for solidarity pooled our own knowledge of foragainst this horrifying enemy? eign languages and talked to him

Who can doubt that these Ne- in Italian, French, German, Yidgroes were preparing a white dish, Hebrew and a smattering massacre when the Negro vet- of Russian. He spoke all of them eran James Stephenson had at- very well. tacked the white radio-repairman William Fleming, and for the UNO, which was supposed to no further provocation than be in need of interpreters. Bethat Fleming was beating up ing a Negro, miserably clad and Stephenson's mother for having the audacity to protest paying of a decent job, he "naturally" Eddie Dumaine for a radio repair simply be-

# **Fourth International Opens Campaign For 500 New Subs**

years of oppression had robbed The two-month campaign for 500 new six-month subhim of the courage even to speak scriptions announced last week by Fourth International of international socialism. has aiready brought results even before the official opening

date of the campaign, April 1, reported National Cam- International." paign Director Connie Locke. ported that Chicago, the first to turn, no hope of any kind of fering a six-month subscription and The Militant. for the low price of \$1.

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the newsstands," stated the Campaign Director. "There is first ing of the campaign. of all a considerable saving in subscribing to this magazine at the rate of \$1.00 for six months. These same six issues would cost \$1.50 if bought on the newsstands. Promptness and convenience in receiving their copies are added features of becoming a regular subscriber to Fourth

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A. Winters, Bayonne's cam- system of equality which will paign director, sent in three subs give every man and woman a "A subscription has many ad- together with their acceptance chance to use his talents to the antages over the practice of of a quota of 10. Bayonne has utmost.

Campaign director Locke also reported that many copies of Fourth International were sold to the delegates and visitors at the recent UAW convention held in Atlantic City. "These trade unionists know that they will find in Fourth International a revolutionary Marxist analysis of the labor movement both at home and abroad. This analysis, available in no other magazine in this country, is of great importance to every advanced worker," she

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# As a merchant seaman I have seen many Army and Naval

bases overseas. I have never ceased to be angered and incensed at the criminal discrimination practiced against enlisted men by officers who are living like kings on the fat of the land.

The conditions in Noumea, New Caledonia, are a case in point which I want to tell about. When I was in New Caledonia in 1943, the island was a tremendous army and navy base. In addition to being a supply and replacement base, fighting outfits returned there for reorganization, rest, recreation and furloughs after being relieved of fighting in the Solomons.

At that time there were 13 officer clubs in Noumea. (9 Army and 4 Navy clubs, I believe.) At these clubs the officers enjoyed all possible comforts and recreational facilities. The thousands of enlisted men, however, had absolutely nowhere to go except a small Red Cross club where they could get coffee and play checkers.

While officers could get any But, fortunately, you were drinks they wanted in any quanthere to nip this ruthless plot in tities over the bar at officers' clubs the GIs had to stand in were saved once more from the line for at least two hours for two cans of warm beer. The beer I am sure you have amply demline started forming at about onstrated to the people for noon and didn't move until 2 whom you work that it would be p.m. This was outdoors, of course, beyond the realm of possibility, and they would have to wait indeed, to find a man better either in the broiling sun or in equipped in character than you the downpour of tropical rain.

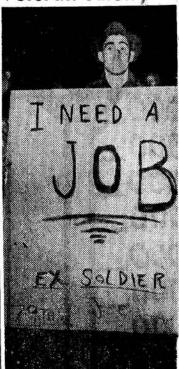
A Chief Petty Officer told us that he had recently seen five holds of a seven-hold ship unloaded at the Army dock. The cargo was whiskey. It made a stack ten cases high, ten cases wide and as long as "from here over to that launch." On each case was printed in letters two inches high: "FOR THE EN-LISTED PERSONNEL." CPO said that every bit of this whiskey went direct to the officers' clubs. The only portion of it that any GI got was from an Officers Club bootlegger at \$35 a fifth.

While the officers were served good food at reasonable prices in their clubs, the GI on "furlough" couldn't get a decent meal at Noumea for any price. The only recreation he got was roaming the streets in search of a bottle of "Butterfly Rum" or a "Domestic" (Noumea) brandy which was described as being made from benzine and sold for about \$25 per bottle.

Crushed By Capitalism The women at Noumea, the WACS, Red Cross girls (most of them). Army and Navy nurses, which clearly demonstrates the etc., were regarded as the exclusive property of the officers' cruelty of the capitalist system clubs. While we were there one with its attendant evil of racial of the nurses went for a sailboat with an enlisted man, and Two friends and I met an old able discharge.

D. Kirke Newark, N. J.

# While Gls Must 'Sweat It Out' Veteran's Reward Officers Shrug As



"I need a job," says the huge placard carried by a Philadelphia veteran, patrolling the streets in search of work. He is only one of millions of veterans all over the country, who have come back from years of horror in capitalist war, to face the horrors of capitalist "peace"-unemployment, hunger, homelessness.

## Wants Action-Slogans On Unemployment

As a suggestion—I think it is time we began to put forward some action slogans for unemployed activities.

If price ceilings on rents are lifted there will be such an immediate scramble for housing in places like Chicago, that evictions will be worse than at the height of the depression. Workers are worried. Packinghouse workers when they protested lay-offs here recently, also demanded retention of price-conthe future prospects.

The situation is in a very embryonic stage at present, but is in Europe." one we should be ready to act on at once. Shortages of food, have this letter: clothing and housing are greater "We have been given to under-

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# Unemployment Rises In Germany

In order to carry out the ruthless decisions of the Potsdam agreement, an Allied commission has drafted a plan under which "Germany's heavy industry is riddled, German peacetime living standards are slashed," according to a March 28 dispatch to the N. Y. Times.

One of the problems, "inherent in the program," said Brig. Gen. Wm. H. Draper, American spokesman, "undoubtedly will be the extensive unemployment as a consequence of the prohibition of various important industries and restrictions on others." "In any case," Allied offi-

cers brazenly asserted, "all countries experience unemployment to an extent fairly constantly."

# Pioneer Notes

ment reflect themselves in our until the steel strike was over mail again this week. Letter's from many diverse sections of subs. the world tell the same story. The war just completed has left tal of 44 new readers for The in its wake not only death and destruction for humans and month ago never heard of the property but has literally wiped out most of the great libraries where revolutionary students could go for literature and study.

Those persons fortunate enough to own their own Marxist libraries have returned home to find them destroyed. A great hunger for the works of the Marxist masters exists in the world today. From a group of Indo-Chinese

tudents in Europe we hear:

"We are a group of Indo-Chilese students who are very interested in the International Communism study. We are in constant contact with French, for discussion on the theses of trols on food, clothing and rent. Trotskyism. But in Europe we As they signed the price-control find difficulties to get our Old petitions, there were shudders at Man's (Leon Trotsky) works, Most of the books and publications about communism were destroyed by the Nazi occupation

And from Bombay, India, we

was promptly given a dishonor- now than at any time during the stand that you have published a good number of political books and if this is a fact please send us a list of all books you can supply us so that we should send our orders as well as the orders of our clients . . . Moreover, in the future, if there is any new book published, please send us the full details of the same so that we should pay our immediate attention.

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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 Avenue.

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Watch this column for further details on youth activities.

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new readers by various methods. bership." Door-to-door canvassing has been one of the most effective, and has spread The Militant to thousands of new readers.

Another is the use of a mimeographed "dodger" pinned to papers distributed by the San Francisco branch, described in this column a couple of weeks ago. The Militant advertising coupon on page 2 is one of our most dependable subgetters; subscriptions are received almost daily on this blank.

Still another source is the Militant advertising coupon featured in the popular pamphlets few days we have received three from the pamphlet "A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow," written by Militant columnist. Charles Jackson, and another from Joseph Hansen's pamphlet 'American Workers' Need a Labor Party."

Larry Turner of Boston sent this interesting item: "We put the extra bundles we received to excellent use. The Boston comrades drove 40 miles to Worcester on their day off and distributed several hundred copies of The Militant on a door-to-The international aspects of door basis. This was done for the revolutionary socialist move- two weeks. Then we had to wait before knocking on doors for "We succeeded in getting a to-

Militant in a city that up to a paper.

"We are sure that after these steel workers get acquainted with The Militant and the ideas that it stands for, many of them will want to join the Socialist Workers Party."

Anne Alexander of San Francisco sends in this note: "I am enclosing 6 six-month and 1 oneyear new subscriptions as well as one-year renewals.

"All the new six-month subs were secured at the meeting held on the Fontana case with Myra Tanner Weiss as the speaker: It was the most successful meeting Belgian, and Spanish students we've ever held. As a result we

The Militant is introduced to received 7 applications for mem-

Dorothy Lessing of Newark writes: "Yesterday we distributed Militants at a large meeting of the Westinghouse Local Union, one of the few unions still on strike in the city. One of the workers greeted us as soon as we arrived: 'Give me a copy of The Militant. I see you're right on the

"A couple of people lolling about tried to break up our distribution, but the overwhelming crowd of workers looked too ready to come to our defense, for the others to try to do anything. of Pioneer Publishers. In the past | We gave out about 150 copies of The Militant to the Westinghouse new subscriptions; two clipped workers who knew and wanted to read the paper."

From Minneapolis, A. Field sent this story: "I am happy to have this large amount of subscriptions to send to you. One of the subs was obtained by one of our comrades while she was distributing at a union hall. One of the workers came out of the hall and handed her a half dollar and a slip of paper with his name and address on it and said: Here, you can take care of this

"The 3 one-year subs were obtained by one of our railroad comrades who has been doing a wonderful job of selling subscriptions. The others were obtained by a comrade who recently became a packinghouse worker.

**Notice To** Militant Readers

The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party is beginning the organization of its first band. We have obtained the help of a very well known and capable band leader and music teacher. He has offered to organize an SWP band and to teach free of charge any friends of the Party who wish to learn to play a musical instrument. All those interested are in-

vited to attend meetings of

the band. For further infor-

mation call C. Kerry, GR. 5-

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# OVER \$1,000 CONTRIBUTED LAST WEEK BRINGS 'MILITANT' FUND UP TO \$2,618

Campaign Director

Responding in admirable fashion to our appeal to maintain the pace of \$1,000 a week nationally throughout the campaign, the branches of the Socialist Workers Party sent in \$1,001.38 last week to The Militant Sustaining Fund Drive. This makes a total of \$2,618.32 at the

close of the second week. The scoreboard now registers | ed enthusiastically to the call 17 per cent of our \$15,000 for pledges. Members have al-

Twenty - three branches have

already eliminated the zeroes beside their names. We expect that all the zeroes will vanish shortly. Portland, Oregon is the second branch to complete its quota. It

now stands together with Rochester. These two cities which have fulfilled their obligations 100 per cent so quickly, deserve

panied the Portland check: "We you with the results. enclose a check for \$25 on our Congratulations, Portester's and Portland's fine ex-

The New York Youth have paid 54 per cent of their quota sent in anything as yet on their quotas, but ere long, we expect the challenges to be flying from coast to coast. How about it? BRANCH REPORTS

The "I Want To Help" coupon has also brought several quick has also brought several quick responses from our readers. In Buffalo ClO the past few days contributions have been received from M. Wilson of Pennsylvania, F. Greenwood of Chicago and M. M. of Minneapolis. The latter reader has been one of our stalwart supporters in other drives.

A number of letters have accompanied SWP branch payments this week, and we pass the interesting information on to our

Dan Roberts of Seattle writes: "Attached is our first payment on the \$15,000 Militant Fund Drive. The branch has respond-

# **Workers Give Dollars To Aid** 'Militant' Fund

of the week comes in from strike wave. All the committees of the Socialist Workers months and several more are in Party. This, one of our newest sections, has spearheaded the country in the initiative it has taken on the Militant Collection Lists.

In a visit to our office on his astonishing. I started out with newed his subscription to The Militant for a year and it costhim \$1. I would get very little money on my list. But I was quite wrong in this conception.

to renewing their subscription. of renewals. Both tasks can cer- on an area basis. tainly be combined, and very effectively too!"

to report on the success it has it should be possible in the very obtained on our collection lists. near future to organize area-Let's hear from the rest of the wide action on other veteran is-

ready pledged a total of \$265 of our \$500 quota. One, a new recruit who is joining formally today, is giving \$30. We should be able to fulfill our quota without trouble. We will set to work on collection of all the pledges immediately.

"We are starting a subscription call-back campaign beginning next Sunday. It will run until the end of the fund drive We will take collection sheets Here's the note that accom- with us and we will acquaint

"We are G. Worth of Boston: Militant campaign quota. This enclosing our check for \$85, our is a good start. We hope to first payment on our Militant double it before the campaign is Fund quota. We have had an enthusiastic response from our We hope many more comrades, and expect that we branches rapidly follow Roch-shall do better than the quota orignally accepted by us."

In line with the recommendation made last week, we again urge our Militant readers and and our scoreboard shows them branches to determine their own in third place nationally. The weekly quotas and aim to meet other youth groups in Philadel- these quotas consistently. In phia and Los Angeles have not this way we can raise \$1,000 a week nationally, the minimum amount needed to insure that the Militant Sustaining Fund goal of \$15,000 is reached on or, before June 15.

# **Reports 10 New Vet Committees**

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT BUFFALO, N. Y., March 28

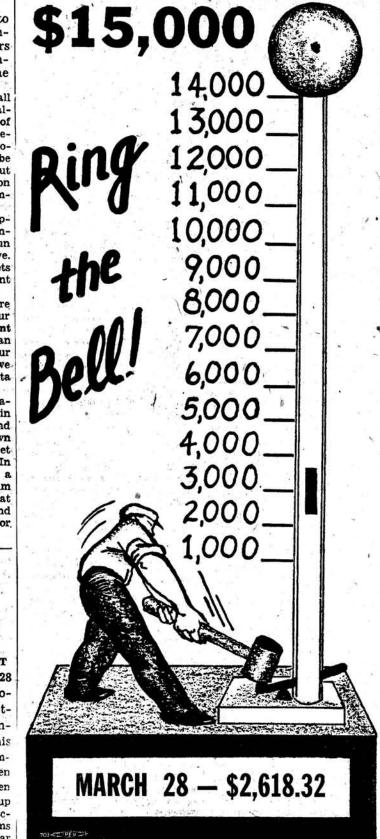
-Activity by the CIO to protect the interests of the veterans in the plants is beginning to show results in this area. The CIO Veterans' Committee has announced that ten local unions representing seven international unions have set up veteran committees that are active in dealing with vet problems in the shops through the regular union channels.

At least four of these local veteran committees were formed while their unions were out on The most inspiring story the picket line in the recent the Connecticut State Branch | have been set up in the last three process of formation in other locals.

The main concern of the vei committees at this time is with grievances on the job. The companies are using many pretexts to cheat the veterans out of the way to the UAW Convention, wage increases that they would Bill Singer of Connecticut relat- have received had they been in ed the following experience. "I the shop and not in the army. decided to combine renewal work | The committees discuss these and fund raising at the same matters and route the grievances time, and the results were most through the local's grievance machinery. Many grievances the idea that if a subscriber re- have been settled to the advantage of the vets through this method.

At the committee meetings discussions of other issues affecting the welfare of the vets take place. "The workers I met were so Housing, on-the-job training, appreciative of the paper, that bonus, super-seniority and unwhen I explained the necessity employment are some of the for maintaining it, in addition questions dealt with. Representatives from these local vet comthey contributed an additional \$1 mittees make up the CIO Vetbill. In some cases they gave me erans' Committee which co-or-\$2. Inside of a few hours' work, dinates the local activities. aids I had a total of \$13 on my col- in the organization of new comlection list and a goodly number mittees, and plans veteran work

With the continued growth of this very important phase of Connecticut is the first branch veteran activity by the unions, sues such as housing.



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# I Want To Help!

I like The Militant because it tells the truth. I know that, it depends entirely upon workers like myself for support. That is why I want to do my part in contributing to The Militant's \$15,000 Fund Campaign.

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# N. Y. Painters Hit **Ferguson Murder**

A resolution condemning the Jim-Crow assault upon the four Ferguson Brothers in Freeport, Long Island, in which two were shot down and killed by a policeman, was passed on March themselves as militant fight-14 by N. Y. District Council 9, ers, AFL Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators of America.

The union demanded that a broad public committee be or- treacherous, just as inimical to ganized by labor, Negro, Veterans | the real interests of the working and other progressive organizations to launch a public investigation of the facts in the case and bring an indictment for murder against the policeman who committed the crime. It also left turn for two main reasons. of Freeport who whitewashed and peasants from the gross in- V. Grey.

# Pensioner Sends \$5 To Best Paper I Ever Read

I am enclosing \$5.00 for The Militant Campaign Fund. The Militant is the best paper I ever read.. More power to you. I would like to send more but since I am an old pensioner, I can't.

> J. M. B. Seattle, Washington

# **Philadelphia Protest Meeting Hears Edward Ferguson Speak**

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 23.—The large new hall of the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party was filled last night by a capacity audience of Negro and white workers who came to protest the Jim Crow murder of the two Ferguson broth-9

February 5. The main speaker of the evening was Edward Ferguson, of Washington, D. C., a fifth brother and also an Army veteran.

ers in Freeport, L. I., on

"I am not a speaker but I am a veteran," said Edward Ferguson "and the veterans better learn to speak up before they get pushed too far. When I was in the Army I thought many times that something like this murder of my brothers might happen after the war - but I never thought it would happen to my family.

"The police and the newspapers are trying to slander my brothers now that they are dead. People out in Nassau County don't want to tell how my brothers were sent into the Army to fight for democracy in foreign countries . . . how they were denied the right to a cup of coffee in a public restaurant . . how they were murdered because they stood up for their

ing the war. I asked for an as- capitalist system. signment to the aviation corps and I got the Engineers . . . Do you know what the Engineers are? They are the work battalions. The white officers look at the colored soldier and say. 'He's a nigger!' and they put him to doing heavy work.'

# AUDIENCE CHEERS

militant audience to cheers as to fight for Socialism!" he went on to say that Bilbo was fight this thing to the end!"

Garment Workers Union, George investigate these murders. B. Morris, Business Agent of the lations representative of the Socialist Workers Party.

Philadelphia Tribune, Mrs. Jane Dabney of the Quaker City Chapter of the American War Mothers and William S. Farrell, reporter for The Militant. Max Geldman, Organizer of the Philadelphia branch of the SWP, was chairman.

Mrs. Dabney introduced a resolution which had been adopted by the Quaker City War Mothers. Before presenting it for a vote she said, "When I read of the terrible murder of the Ferguson brothers I thought of my three boys and one girl in the service and I said to myself, 'It might have been the Dabney children'-in fact it might have been your children, too! So 1 decided to do everything I could to help win justice for the Ferguson brothers."

William S. Farrell, reporter for The Militant, said: "We must fight each case of discrimination to the limit and win justice but we must also learn the cause of the disease which produces Jim Crowism. We must destroy "I saw the Jim Crow in the the disease at the roots-and the Army before the war and dur- root of discrimination is the

#### MUST ORGANIZE "We must organize and unite

to build a better world for all the poor and oppressed peoples. In this country we must build a and white solidarity in politics just as we have on the CIO picket lines. And we must build a Edward Ferguson roused the strong Socialist Workers Party

The responsive audience unanonly trying to do in this coun- imously passed two resolutions try what Hitler did in Germany. calling for a public investigation "We got to stick together and of the Freeport murders and asking the entire labor move-Other speakers at the meet- ment, the National Association ber of the Philadelphia Joint People, and veterans' organiza-Board of the AFL International tions to set up a committee to

A collection of \$102 was con-AFL Window Cleaners, Local 125, tributed and several workers in-Clarence Jackson, Jr., public re- dicated their desire to join the

# USSR FACES INTERNAL CRISIS, DECLARES APRIL ISSUE OF F.I.

The Stalinist "left" turn reflecting the growing crisis and an editorial in the April Fourth International, just off the press. "Without any fear of exaggeration, one can say

that the Kremlin has never confronted a more critical from the privileged bureaucratic situation at home and abroad caste. Stalin has no answer for than it does today," the article states. Explaining the underlying

causes of the recent leftward shift in Stalinist policy, the article points out that throughout the world "the Stalinists are the unquestioning agents of the despotic oligarchy in the Kremlin." They are guided in their sharp turns both to the right and to the left by one primary consideration: to retain the power and privileges of the ruling Stalinst bureaucracy in the Soviet "Whatever else may change, these factors remain im-

Stalinism emerged from the war, during which it served as an agent of imperialism, as a regime of crisis. Today the Stalinists are trying to disguise "employing class-struggle phrases, posing as fighters against capitalism and for socialism." This "leftist" disguise the article states, is "just as class as when it is outspokenly reactionary. It is more dangerous because it is more deceptive.'

TRY TO LULL MASSES

Stalin was forced to make the equalities which separate them

the "millions who underwent great sacrifices and privations' during the war except more sacrifices and greater privations after his "victory."

Second, Stalin is compelled to conduct a struggle against a section of the ruling caste which desires the restoration of capitalism. According to first-hand material on the internal life of the USSR, now becoming available for the first time in many years, "there is no lack of data testifying to the fear on the part of the Bonapartist clique of the restorationist wing."

Thus, "under one and the same formula, Stalin combines in his traditional manner the struggle on two fronts-against the immediate threat of the restorationist tendency and against the gravest danger of all - the possible resurgence of the masses. And this "is precisely what the Kremlin fears the most. Not alone because it will precipitate war with the 'democratic' imperialists, but also because the European revolution may be unleashed thereby, and sweep away the Kremlin oligarchy itself in its raging flood."

The April Fourth International also contains acute, first-hand observations of the effects of their great strike victory upon demanded the removal of both First, to lull the deep resentment the steel workers in "Lackthe Judge and Chief of Police of the mass of Soviet workers awanna, Steel Town 1946," by



## How Factories Were Born By V. Grey

When you look at the old factories and mills of the industrial cities on the shores of the Great Lakes, it's hard to believe that they stand on Indian trails where the hunter's call and the beat of wild goose wings were the only breaks in the primeval stillness. The lake nearby was an emerald green, untouched by the red oremud and slag. Only the paddle of the birchbark canoe broke its surface in fair weather.

How long ago was this? A thousand years? No. Your great-great grandfather, if he were there, could have parted the foliage with his hunting knife and gazed or just such a scene. The factories grew up at a tremendous rate of speed and replaced the wilderness.

These factories didn't come out of the sky. They didn't spring up out of the ground either, like Indian corn. They were imported from England. And over in England, too, where they first started up, they are not so very much older than here. Two hundred years ago, the English mining towns still had "green valleys" and a great many people still made cotton and wool garments by hand.

Handicraft workers had been going along year after year, generation after generation, using their own little cottages for their private factories. These were not like your cellar workshop where you putter around for fun. They made their living and their family's living at their handicraft, even though they had no machinery onetenth as efficient as a Sears-Roebuck lathe.

When it was discovered that the looms of the weavers and the wheels of the spinners could be enlarged, the work simplified and done by several people together then more material could be produced by each worker than before. And the well-off grocer, merchant, or craftsman, who had the money to buy a new-fangled machine and owned a shed to put it in, began to make money out of other people's labor in this baby factory.

Once these little shops got going, production increased greatly. More money was made by the owners. They enlarged the shops, encouraged inventions to improve the crude machinery, and hired many more workers. Just before 1800 the "Industrial Revolution" began in England. The great discoveries of science began to be harnessed to production. (Most of the early scientists couldn't collect any cash out of this, or were dead before this "revolution" began.) Steam power replaced water power. More and more improvements were applied to the machines that the steam propelled.

### Capitalism Only A Few Centuries Old

This factory system of England was the main feature. of capitalism, and we call England the classic country of capitalism. Capitalism didn't get much of a hold over here in North America when the first settlers came. The settlers who had money and materials and owned choice land were very much richer than the others, of course, but they couldn't begin to make factories right away. Instead they carved out great plantations from the virgin land and forced white and black slaves to produce wealth for them. Other rich Americans in the early days used the capital they brought from England to build ships and pay sailors labor party so we can have Negro to produce wealth in the form of the profits of trade.

The United States was mainly a farming country for several centuries after its discovery. But along in the early 1800's the little capitalists here began to steal the English capitalists' machinery blue-prints and patents. They lured the British master-workmen over here to help them plan these factories which were such gold mines to the owners. Then American inventors began to come forward with inventions thick and fast. Not many of these made the inventors very rich, but like today they increased production, and enormously enriched the capitalist. Most of all they ing were Rose F. Carey, mem- for the Advancement of Colored hastened the building of big factories.

> The big steel plants were built after the Civil War Then mines had to be dug deeper and spread farther. Railroads opened up the country in earnest. But the largest single factories in the world-far larger than any of England's - have been started in our own lifetime. River Rouge -GM-Willow Run-Boeing-the population figures of these plants read like the census of large cities.

All this phenomenal growth within the United States from the wilderness to the factory has taken place in a few short lifetimes. Moreover, before that, neither factory owner, factory nor factory worker existed anywhere. The capitalist is a very young master for us workers compared to the 5,000-year old chattel slave master whose system of the Kremlin regime is analyzed both in a leading article died such a short time ago. But nevertheless, the capitalist system — swifter than all others to grow — is even more swift to decline and die.

Next week: How The Factory Worker Was Born.

heavals in Brazil and a biographical sketch of Leon Lesoil, Belgian Trotskyist martyr, are also featured.

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# Stalinist Record Shows Who Served Shipowners Throughout The War

By Art Sharon

time Union by Stalinist hatchetman George Morris, Daily Worker, March 20, 21, 22, has been greeted with wide indignation inside the NMU.

Morris' articles, obviously written in close collaboration with the top Stalinist spokesman inside the NMU. Vice-President Frederick (Blackie) Meyers, deliberately smears the opposition led by NMU President Joseph Curran, as "agents of the ship-

Making up by invention and slander what they lack in truth, the Morris articles leave no doubt that the Stainist machine now under attack in the NMU is preparing to do a job on its opponents

Curran's recent partial exposure of the Stalinist machine's crimes inside the NMU has thus far been heard by only a tiny minority of the union as the Stalinists have successfully kept it from the general membership.

BELATED TALE When Morris writes: "The same disrupters who tried to mar the union's war record in 1944 with an effort to precipitate a general strike at the crucial point of the war are now trying to minimize the union's wartime achievements," he is writing of an episode that the membership only learns about now with sur-

In 1944 the War Labor Board handed down a decision which gave the union exactly nothing but which was nevertheless hailed as a great victory by the entire leadership led by the Stal-

Inside the NMU leadership, however, some were dubious about accepting the decision. Stalinist line on the WLB decision inside the National Council were systematically slandered and eventually some were forced cout of office. Curran revealed that the Stalinist machine tolerated no opposition to the WLB order and virtually jammed it

down the throat of the union. The membership learned about this only a year and half later when those in opposition to the Stalinist machine saw fit to tell if we seamen don't deliver these the inside story.

Carefully avoiding any answer refers to "petty differences or ABs?" irritable matters which always

stranglehold of the Stalinists upon the union is labeled by Morris as "deliberately inspired

orators." the shipowners inside the NMU? ing to take a strike vote against A look at the record for the past the arrogant shipowners who five years will demonstrate that threaten to smash the union. paid agents of the shipowners the NMU membership has an op-

The Times article blandly dis-

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SUBSTANCE SAME

tionary Stalinist leadership of

the NMU. It was the Stalinist machine that attempted to scuttle the union hiring hall, the very heart of the NMU.

They did their utmost to secure a joint shipping pool of all unions, the War Shipping Administration, the Army Transportation Corps, and the unorganized shipping lines, which they painted up as necessary in the interest of "national unity." Had they been successful it would have meant bringing back the conditions of the old U.S. Shipping Board pool that proved so disastrous to the seamen in World War I.

#### TRY TO COVER UP

Now, to repair its shattered reputation, the Stalinist machine is attempting to appear as the most militant defender of the union against the shipowners. But, as the following facts demonstrate, it was the Stalinists who led the NMU overboard in a whooped-up program of collaboration with and confidence in the shipowners.

Utilizing the streamlined education and propaganda apparatus of the union, they left no stone unturned to reach every member of the union with the new message of NMU-Shipowner collaboration.

At the NMU "Leadership School" the new young members of the union were taught a brand of capital-labor collaboration that made old-time capital-la-Those who didn't follow the bor peace advocates sound like wild radicals.

The central theme of the school was that "strikes were out forever." Danny Boano, Stalinist teacher at the school, in one of his typical "lessons" to the young students taught that "when the seamen strike, the shipowner has all his money tied up, his ships are tied up and the foreign governments are

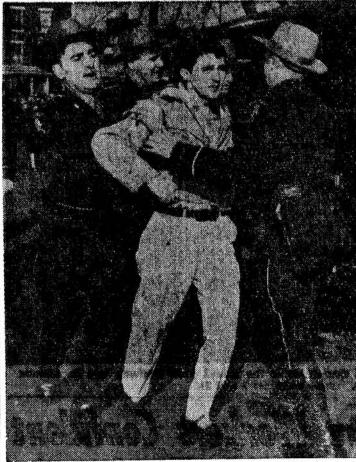
screaming for their goods. And goods foreign seamen will. Then where are we? We're on a picket line. The shipowner loses his contract, his dough is all tied up. to Curran's charges against the And then where will we ever get Stalinist machine, Morris only the \$200 a month we want for

This propaganda program so exist in an organization" and pleased the shipowners that after which are being "cunningly ex- a visit to the school, Basil Har-The current fight to loosen the promised to send his Port Capsessions.

confusion peddled by agents of editorial entited "NMU Bees the the shipowners and their collab- Light," hailed the new program as the answer to strikes.

Who are the real friends of Now that the NMU is prepar-

Wall Street Uses The UNO



Staunch union workers of Stamford, Conn., threatened to repeat their January 3 general strike, when local police and state troops brutally assaulted the Yale & Towne picket line on March 25. The next day arrogant Yale & Towne officials agreed to resume negotiations on the contract for which the workers have been on strike for 21 weeks.

For the second time, labor solidarity in Stamford has forced a halt to attacks on union men and women. It was the brutality of State Troops called in to clear a path for strikebreakers that precipitated the January general strike. (See The Mili-

# Big Business Demands **End Of Price Control**

(Continued from Page 1)

months will be most critical. SERIOUS DANGER

ger, the OPA itself, which is supposed to hold back this pent-up struggle on the picket lines. flood of price-inflation, is punching holes in its dikes all

ter warned that the next six worker's budget. FOOD: On March 29 the OPA

the next twelve months or so," ducts. These increases will a- tribute to the organization and Porter said. "I do not mean mount to one and two cent all-out character of the Comjust a gradual adjustment of prices to a moderately higher boosts to consumers. The OPA munist campaign for an affirmative vote in the plepignite." level. I MEAN A 30, 40 or 50 admitted that these price in-PER CENT INCREASE IN creases were granted to offset the "WARN" CAPITALISTS ris, America's leading shipowner, PRICES ON THE AVERAGE." 16 per cent hourly wage inpacking workers won RENTS UP, TOO

800,000,000 (billions).

15 per cent has already been Britain and Canada . . . granted to the cotton textile barons, estimated at \$250 million. Many clothing manufacturers are Mackenzie King, the head of the still withholding garments from capitalist liberal party, whom the market until the OPA yields the Stalinists fervently supportto their demands for greater ed against all contenders for the price boosts.

AUTOMOBILES: On March 29 the OPA authorized retail Tory reaction" in all the fedprice increases of up to \$51 for eral and provincial elections since new Chrysler, Ford, Nash, Hudson, Plymouth, Dodge, De Soto, war. Time and again they split Mercury and Lincoln cars.

Porter stated that price boosts are now under way in the OPA to cover a huge number of consumer durable items and a wide variety of industrial equipment.

Even the 65 cent minimum wage legislation which has been before Congress for a year is being used as a vehicle to extort higher prices. Aiming either to kill the bill or pervert it for their own selfish interests, the representatives of Big Business tacked a rider onto the measure giving huge price boosts to the big agricultural producers. Food costs will be lifted \$4,000,000 if the bill passes with this rider, which would serve to reduce the gains that would otherwise be made by millions of workers receiving sub-

While life insurance in force dorsement with the action of in the United States has increaspaying the full year's dues to ed four times since 1929, assets of the life insurance companies Stalin still hopes to cheat hishave increased six times. All world, no greater aid can at this tory by striking a deal with this increase goes to the owners or financial interests controlling spectacle than that of a spokes- than to paint up the UNO or deals blow upon blow to the se- these companies, while inflation man of American imperialism— spread any illusions about it and curity of the USSR and of civ- is making the individual policies less valuable every year.

# A recent series of articles on the CIO National MariPolice Brutality Halted In Stamford THE REAL AIMS BEHIND SPY SCARE IN CANADA

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Stalinist leaders.

been shouting their patriotic chants to Canadian capitalism. And the Canadian bourgeoisie was not unwilling to utilize their services against every militant and progressive tendency in the labor movement as long as the alliance with Stalin was necessary. The first sign of the disruption of this alliance has left the Stalinists in the position of riding two horses in different directions.

#### CRY "LOYALTY"

The leaders of the LPP are now filling the air with protestations of "loyalty" to Canada. Fred Rose, who made a dramatic appearance in Parliament while under arrest but then failed to speak, says that the charges are ditional civil rights. "a political frameup intended to nullify my fight for the maintenance of close cooperation in postwar policies between Canada and the Soviet Union." He concludes by saying: "I have fought in the conviction that this is my shall fight my court case on this

The Stalinist reaction to the government attacks follows two bec followed his lead by threatmair lines, both of which were developed by Tim Buck in an article "The Plot Against Prog- may raid and bar from occupancy ress" (National Affairs, LPP monthly magazine, March 1946). First is a plea for gratitude and forgiveness on the basis of services rendered Canadian capitalism during the war:

"It was the Communists (read Stalinists) . . . who first proposed and won labor management cooperation in Canada during the war. It was the Communists who first proposed that labor should voluntarily adopt the no-strike pledge. It was the boosted retail ceiling prices on Communists who led all sections "There is serious danger of a 75 per cent of all pork products of the labor movement in support of conscription. Even the severe cumulative inflation in and 33 per cent of all beef pro- Tory press was impelled to pay mative vote in the plebiscite."

Second is a warning to the Despite this undeniable dan- creases that the 90,000 meat capitalist government that parin bitter ticipation in an alignment against the Soviet Union is "against Canada's interests." RENT: Despite rent control And as if to frighten Canadian along the line. While publicly laws, the OPA has granted many finance-capitalism, whose "interdeclaring that the price line individual increases to land- ests" are linked by a thousand will be held this double-talking lords. Of the 731,000 applications ties to Wall Street, the Stalinists agency is privately speeding up for rent increases received by harp on the theme that Canada a lot of price boosts, particularly this agency since its inception would become the battleground within the next 30 days. These in March 1943, about 56 per cent of a war with the Soviet Union. will be heaped on top of the price have been allowed. Powerful On the other hand, Buck paints could hardly have created more portunity to draw the balance hikes it has already granted to real estate interests are lobbying the rosy picture of the mythical

confusion in the interest of the sheet and decide who were the the insatiable profiteers, all of in Washington for a flat across Stalinist-promised paradise that shipowners than did the reac- real friends of the shipowners. | which affect essential items in a | the board increase of 15 per cent. | will come to pass if there is "co-Last year the highest rent bill operation between the capitalist in history was paid by the Amer- world and the Soviet Union." He ican people, amounting to \$12,- blandly promises "a high level of employment and national CLOTHING: A price hike of prosperity in the U. S., Great

It is ironical that Rose's arrest should have been ordered by last five years. They supported him as the "bulwark against the Soviet Union entered the the working class vote and ensured the defeat of the CCF, an independent reformist labor party endorsed by the Canadian Congress of Labor as the "political arm of labor."

Another ironical situation is presented in the courtroom. Here



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shivers down the backs of the Gouzenko, the accuser and ex-

GPU agent, faces Rose, the ac Long ago they deserted the cused, charged with being a GPU principles of revolutionary inter- agent. Both occupy the same nationalism. For years they have political platform, capitalist "democracy," but are now loyal to different masters.

#### ONE PLATFORM, TWO BOSSES

While Gouzenko was discovering the virtues of capitalist 'democracy," -practically every newspaper and every party (with the exception of the party in power)) was blasting the Gestapo (or GPU) treatment accorded the spy suspects by the Canadian government. The prisoners were picked up in the dark of night. arrested without charge and held incommunicado for days and weeks in Royal Canadian Military Police barracks. By the device of an Order-in-Council, the Government set aside all the tra-Reactionary elements led by

the notorious Col. Drew, Ontario Prime Minister, have been attempting to utilize the case to cutiaw the LPP. A week ago he delivered an "anti-communist" tirade in the provincial parliahighest duty to Canada and I ment in an effort to sidetrack union pressure for a minimum wage law and other labor legislation. Premier Duplessis of Queening to invoke the infamous "padlock law" under which police the residents of any office, headquarters or home suspected of having "subversive" literature or carrying on "subversive" activi-

Fortunately there is no sign that the labor movement, which is now planning a nation-wide movement for increased wages. will succumb to this reactionary pressure. Its entirely correct answer to Drew's exhortation that the unions "purge their ranks of communists" was that that was an internal affair of the unions in which Drew was unwelcome.

the great majority of the organtion of the Stalinists by the gov- Jim Crow practice. ernment will only be a first step dency in the labor movement.

# The NEGRO

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

### You and The Militant

Most every member of that doubly oppressed section of the American population—the Negro workers—is ready and willing to give active support to any program that advocates militant struggle for economic security and racial

tion, and support it finan- by the experiences of everyday cially if he is convinced of its intention to really fight and of backward whites against their its possibility to win in the end. darker brother are only intended

out this country who have been themselves. reading The Militant and following the activities of the Socialist Workers Party during the past few years. Every one of these readers knows that The Militant fought consistently for the rights of the Negro people and for the rights of all the workers. There was no advocacy in these pages for cooling down our struggle in order to "support the war ef-

We told the workers again and again that the only war in which they had any stake or stood to gain anything was the fight that would have to be waged right against our native exploiters and native fascists who are hellbent to crush the labor movement and to further oppress, terrorize, beat and lynch the darkskinned Americans.

The Militant supported Winfred Lynn and other Negroes who fought the hypocritical to keep up and improve our Army and Navy setup of induction on a Jim Crow basis to engage in a "war for the Four Freedoms." The Militant supported the idea of a March on Washand other concessions such as the FEPC from the capitalist government. Since the war, just as during

it, the record shows that this publication has pulled no punches in the fight for racial and national minorities. In the Fontana case, in the Freeport case and in the anti-Negro pogrom in Columbia, Tenn., The Militant as well as the members of the Socialist Workers Party have mercilessly exposed and condemned the attempts of the ruling class to divide the workers There is every indication that Negro people. By militant picketing at the White City Skating bitter experience that persecu- the proprietors to abolish their

Further, The Militant has attowards the persecution of every tempted a two-way educational bers and our organization. If real progressive and militant ten- program among the American we stick together now and al-

equality. He will support it both by theoretical argument and in words, support it in ac- both by theoretical argument and prejudices held by many of the Now, there are tens of thou- and can only operate to the sands of Negro workers through- detriment of the white workers

It has also repeatedly cautioned the Negro people that the solution of their problem lies in uniting with the entire labor movement and against the Big Business government, rather than in a black against white conflict where we are outnumbered 10 to 1 and are doomed to certain de-

This review of our record, how we have fought and the program which we are fighting for is not given now for the idle purpose of doing a little self slapping on the back. We are calling your here in America. The fight attention to this record because now we need you.

-As you can easily figure out, the money you paid for a subscription to The Militant does not completely cover the technical expenses for getting it out - such as printing, wrapping, mailing, etc. We are only able paper and our coverage because workers like yourself from all over the country dig down into their jeans and contribute as much as they can for the ington in order to gain economic furtherance of this, their program. We carry no ads of the ex-

ploiters. We never take their side in analyzing the news. We are a workers paper only. We depend, therefore, only on the workers for support.

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You know we mean to fight. ized workers have learned from Rink in Chicago we helped force You know we've got the correct program to fight with. What are you waiting for? As workers our strength is in our numworkers. It has tried to show ways, we are bound to win!

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land." And in 1914, it was "poor the name of "51 nations." It is as a "valuable instrument of little Belgium." In this sphere hardly surprising therefore that preservation of peace and inter- Insurance Companies they can invent nothing more ef- they have chosen the UNO as national security." He has since fective. In their contempt for one of the principal instruments then, in the midst of the "walkthe masses these warmongers in- and covers for preparing World out," supplemented his verbal envariably rely a great deal on the War III. shortness of human memory. Hence the current beating of the mitted against the American the UNO. war drums around "poor little people and the peoples of the

today trampling throughout the its war role. Yet who is in the ilization as a whole.

(Continued from Page 1) means that no matter how the world the right of peoples to self- ions? today's troubles." Why so? Why

rest on violence and deception, INSTRUMENT OF WAR

They are flushed with unprecedented victories and unparal-However much "democratic" im- leled power. No other imperialism in history ever enjoyed such stcal techniques and vary the overwhelming preponderance, up forms, the political substance of to and including their present their war preparations remains monopoly of atomic weapons. They possess an additional advantage in having, for their war tions he builds up the prestige preparations, the sounding board of the UNO and the grisly farce It wasn't so very long ago that of a "world organization"—the enacted in its name, it is because s similar cry was heard about UNO. They and their spokesmen such is Stalin's course. "poor little Finland." And be- can thus pretend to speak not fore that—over "defenseless Po- alone in their own name but in sions, Stalin endorsed the UNO standard wages."

No viler crime can be com-Could there be a more obscene time be given the warmongers Washington, and in the process

In Preparing Its New War forefront spreading such illus-

Tran issue is resolved, it actu- determination-cast in the role Every one of the wretched ally solves nothing fundamental of champion of the rights of "lit- diplomatic subterfuges of Gromin the relations between the Big tle nations," and in particular yko, the Kremlin's representa-Iran? But Wall Street's repre- tive, has played the game of the sentatives are brazen enough to warmakers. From his initial atmisses Iran as an "accident of top even this. For in the ses- tempt on Monday to exclude But it adds in the same sions of the Security Council, Iran from the agenda on grounds breath that "Iran is of course figuring in this role has been of procedure, through the equalthe most dramatic and vital of none other than Secretary of ly impotent dodge on Tuesday of State Byrnes. He is one of the trying to postpone it, to the acshould any "accident" deminate Southern Bourbons, one of the tion of walking out on Wednes-"main problems?" The explan- avowed oppressors of the colored day from the Security Councilation for this is not difficult to racial minority at home. Ob- his moves have provided the best viously, these warmongers feel means of heightening the "tenfree to get away with anything. slon" and the "drama" and thus making it easy to stir up interest and put across the war propaganda. In summing up last week's sessions, the N. Y. Times noted with satisfaction: "Day by

#### day the drama mounted." STALIN'S COURSE

Gromyko, however, was only following orders. If by his ac-

On the eve of the current ses-

Get Fat

I was a young kid on my first job, I used to work at the same bench with him and argue



most of the day. It seems funny the ideas that I had then. I was going to "work my way up," and his radical ideas then struck me as being pretty foolish. In a way they were. Al didn't know much about Marxism. He used to talk a lot about

"dividing things up," and his ideas about the future society were quite sketchy. But he gave me the first vague taste of socialism that I ever had.

I remember how I had gone to work there with a little schooling behind me, very little, but still, more than most of the fellows that I worked with. And I was very conscious of my "knowledge." I was going to work hard, to night school, ad finally, some day take my place in the world up there with the people on top.

#### Couldn't A Man Rise?

Hadn't I learned in school that honesty and diligence and hard work would make a man rise in the world? Al's ideas seemed like poor sportsmanship. He was a "bad loser." He obviously hadn't been diligent enough, or he too would have worked his way up as I was going to.

I used to argue with Al. I used to give him all the stereotyped ideas that had been poured into me in my school days . . . much to his disgust. Day after day, he used to explain pa-Mently to me how it was next to impossible for worker to rise out of his class. He used to tell me of the atrocities that the ruling classes had inflicted upon the workers during the long course of the class struggle.

I didn't believe him then. How, I reasoned, could such nice, polite, well-educated people be suilty of such brutality? He used to tell me of the heroic struggles of revolutionaries against tyranny, and those tales did set me dreaming

But it wasn't until several years later, after I had left that shop and almost forgotten Al, things that I saw about me. When long lines of people began to wait for hours in the rain for a little bit of greasy soup, I thought of Al's description of the wasteful indolence of the capitalist class which lived by robbing the poor. When I learned little by little the causes that brought about war, I saw that Al had been telling me the truth.

When life began to be almost unbearable for me with its privations, with its worries and with a new hopelessness. I began to turn more and more to the things that old Al had told me, and to look for other people who also believed those things. Then, when I found them, the hopelessness turned to a fierce optimism, a sense of brotherhood with all the oppressed, the insulted, the poverty-stricken . . . the workers.

#### I Wish I Could See Him

And now, I often think of old Al and wish that I could see him again and tell him what I have learned and what I am doing. And I often think how, if a terrible repression were to come upon the workers and revolutionists, if all the books on politics were burned in the market place and all the militants were shot by the oppressors or thrown into dungeons and left there to rot in the darkness, the labor movement would go on and grow up again stronger and stronger until it swept all the tyrants from the face of the earth.

How would this happen? There would be another, there would be many more old Als to talk to many more kids like I was, slowly breaking down the cynicism and the framework of fallacies that they learned in school and planting in their minds little seeds of dreams that would grow into a great force and change their lives. If the old books were all destroyed new ones would be written, some by the old men in the shops, and some by the kids whose eyes would have opened. Isn't something like this taking place in Germany, Italy and the rest of Europe today?

But when I write this, I get a sort of homesick feeling for the old acquaintances. I'd like to see old Al again and tell him these things and tell him that he was the one who started me. thinking. Good old Al!

### Notes Of A Seaman By Art Sharon

We carried a cargo of bulk wheat to Italy. After the wheat was discharged the longshore gang with shovels and brooms cleaned the holds



of all the wheat that was left. From this wheat mixed with dirt, many made up little packages to take home. This they would secrete about their persons in order to pass

Leaving Italy we went on to Spain where we were to take on a cargo of "vino." And in this little port of Cadiz the picture of desperate hunger was continued. Spain in the grasp of a fascist ruling clique was one more prison house of the working people, struggling to survive the

monstrous burden of continued capitalist rule. Swarming aboard the ship and everywhere on the dock were the Spanish Civil Guards, wellarmed and arrogant. The working people in the town had little to do with these cops, but would pass them in the street silently with an air of passive hostility. On the ship the longshoremen made it clear to us that they considered these guards as their deadly enemies. We were soon to see why.

# Guards Swarm Aboard

I watched the longshoremen go down into the hold to prepare to receive the wine that was to come aboard. As soon as they came down they knew by the smell and by a few minute evidences that the ship had carried wheat. Although the holds looked clean these longshoremen immediately began to go over the holds carefully, picking up small grains of

And in the crevices of the floor boards, in the dust on the beams and on the sweat battens they found numerous grains. These they gathered together and carefully wrapped up in their knotted handkerchiefs. A prize haul—to people hose hunger is never satisfied.

To the cops lounging on deck these actions

did not go unnoticed. Expressing no open opposition nor betraying by any sign that they were aware of what was going on, they bided their time.

At dinner time the longshoremen climbed out gangplank. There they were met by Franco's have been generally success-9 cops. As each man approached the gangway ful in keeping management's stated that "we are working unhe was immediately searched. The handkerchief of wheat and dust was taken from him and emptied on the deck. The cop would then spit in it and grind his heel into the little mess.

The longshoremen stood there helplessly, their faces red with hate. This scene was repeated with every man who came out of the hold.

After it was all over the cops gathered together and laughed. To the crew watching this scene the whole episode was unbelievable. They were learning at first hand and in a vivid fashion the cruel oppression suffered by the working people of Europe.

# Crew Helps Outwit Cops

This served to arouse strong sympathy in the crew for the longshoremen. From that time forward, the crew actively cooperated to outwit the cops and get food to the longshore-

I spent the evening at the home of one of these Spanish longshoremen. He told me how Franco was universally hated. He himself had fought president, who is leading the confident that they can humble against the fascists during the Civil War and workers in their hard-hitting this corporation and make it spent one year in prison

other stories were told. These people spoke very ting ready for a long-drawn-out the GM strikers, these workers families. softly, almost in a whisper. The window shades fight." were drawn and anytime they heard some one passing the house their voices would die down completely. They sang the revolutionary songs of the Civil War and Spain's working class

And as they sang, working men and their wives together with their children too, it was clear to me that Franco had not killed their

# Report From Florida By Larissa Reed

If you're one of the 17 million American workwho were paid less than 65 cents an hour even during the height of the war production boom; if you're one of the five million who work in sweatshops at less than 50 cents an hour; if you're one of the two million workers driven down to starvation levels of 40 cents an hour, you probably didn't take a vacation in Palm Beach or Miami Beach this winter.

But maybe you will be comforted by knowing that you helped others to take a much needed vacation in that Florida vacation-land. You are certainly entitled to know how these people enjoyed themselves and how they spent the fabulous wealth your sweat and toil provided for them. Bill Cunningham, writer for the Boston Herald, gives some information that helps you peek into the pleaure lives of these rich

"Absolutely nowhere in the world today is there a scene to compare with Miami Beach," Cunningham writes. The war profiteers, speculators, black marketeers, "pulled in here for a little while to seek new strength to take back to the battle". These big Business bandits have so much money that they "throw it around as if it were waste paper." Their women are bedecked in more millions of dollars. "You've never seen so much mink, ermine, and chinchilla, such emeralds, sapphires and diamonds, such beautiful gowns. . . " But all these expensive furs and gems hardly nicked their bankrolls. They had plenty left over for a real spending spree of fun.

The high cost of food and shelter didn't bother these bloated profiteers very much. No matter how much they gorged, they didn't have to pay more than the current black market prices of \$5 for a steak, \$1 for a cocktail, 50 cents for bread and butter, and so on.

The same with hotel rooms. Hotel prices for the approximately 33,000 hotel rooms are supposedly frozen by the OPA with the top posted price \$37.50. But "this frantic herd will practically bribe the hotel to let them pay extra in order to get in. They'll pay extra for bathing rights, parking rights and similar synthetic

privileges," writes Cunningham, even when they aren't bathers and haven't brought their cars

with them. They're doing fine at the more aristocratic resorts too. "Lavish prewar-style parties are back at the pristine headquarters such as Palm Beach. The particular center saw the celebrated butlers' and maids' ball last Thursday, for instance, with the socialites sponsoring, and even attending, as of yore." Who says the rich don't do anything at all for the poor!

Nights are spent in "lavish night clubs with of men under them. And strange ornate gambling rooms." Here the money is as it may seem, the one who Wall Street must have a large election was scheduled for Mongambled away that represents the butter, shoes, gets the most glory and gets to standing army to safeguard their day at four mines and the genhomes that your wives and kids are doing with- be famous the quickest is the one imperialist interests. And the eral mine office of the Jones & out. Maybe your wives who can't buy enough milk for the kids will appreciate that. Several the shortest time. of these gambling rooms are known to top a million a night.

It takes work and even a little perspiration picture of why I say this. Gento spend this amount of money in a night! Thus eral Gavin, who was commander for peacetime conscription and The election, will be held at the "coldly beautiful faces" of the women, not of the 82nd Airborne, was only extension of the draft, etc., are Vesta Mines 4, 5 and 6 in Washto speak of the brutish faces of their "sleek a private in Panama back in the trying to strengthen their own ington County and Shannopin breed" of escorts, get warm under the fluor- early '30s. Somehow, through position while at the same time Mine in Greene County. The escent lights and the strain of spending money politics and by marrying into the serving Wall Street's interests, election among the J & L emso fast. So while you're sweating long hours Rideway family which has been Just as they are now making a ployes followed an NLRB ruling every day to pile up the profits of these rob- a military family for years, he strong bid for control of the that supervisory employes could bers, maybe you won't feel so bad when you wormed his way to be command- atomic bomb, they also want to join the same union as wage know that their faces in the gambling dens er of the 82nd Airborne. He has control large, well-trained armies, workers. shine, too, "with perspiration and tenseness." since become very famous through which means putting most of the West Virginia and Pennsylvania

In addition, there are the horse and dog race his ability to lose more men than American youth in uniform. tracks. These are good places, too, to show off any other division commander in . The brass hats in control of the states, with about 175,000 in the the fancy clothes and pour out the dollars you the same length of time. are grinding out for them. Hialeah track has Now, as for the government, trained army in the world, could latter. Other principal bitumnever dropped below a million a day, Cunning- they are backing the brass hats mean a long stride towards world inous sources are Kentucky ham says, and the bookies take more. Never in in keeping the draft so the fa- militarism. Was there ever a Ohio, Illinois, Virginia and Alaall its history, has Florida been "bigger, more mous brass hats won't lose their brass hat who hasn't had such bama. glamoreus and more expensive and magnificent armies. Loss of their armies would dreams? The brass hats are no looking. There are bigger night clubs, more mean loss of rank. And also it doubt getting the "go" signals steel barons are evidently stallgambling rooms and bigger crowds with what is very plain that the U. S. is from Wall Street Big Shots who ing until they can hijack the ad-

seem to be far greater bankrolls." Yes, these are the bankrolls of our "best peo- and they want a large standing by force. ple," of our upper ruling class. These are the army ready-trained. bankrolls that you piled up for them in their filthy sweatshops. And, I bet these swine never even sent you a post-card thanking you and some ten million other vets the draft, allowed to vote on it. later in the season granted an mony would bring about the available to conquer the courage for what you gave them, and never even said fought so hard to win? If we are going to have peace, why do we

# Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky Cleveland Unionist Describes How His Local Handles Scabs During Machinists' Strike

**UAW** Convention In Session



Scene at the Tenth Annual Convention of the United Auto Workers, held in Atlantic City from March 23 to March 30. (Story on Pages 1 and 2).

# Allis-Chalmers Workers Confident In 3-Week Strike At Cincinnati

By J. Christianson (Special To The Militant)

CINCINNATI, O., March 31.—The CIO Electrical Radio and Machine Workers Local 765 at the Allis-Chalmers Company here is entering the third week of its militant strike. of the hold one by one and advanced to the Starting out the first day with mass picketing, the workers

representatives from entering the plant.

The union is demanding that the company abide by an order from the War Labor Board handed down in October 1945 to open negotiations on equal pay for equal work, improved progression and vacation schedules, proper grading of workers, general increase of wages across the board, and continued maintenance of membership.

## INJUNCTION SECURED

Due to the reactionary state legal setup, a court injunction limiting pickets was filed by the company and enforced by the

Emerson Sonnycalb, Local 765 negotiating seriously. We're get-

All the regular army gen-

are not happy unless they are

on the battlefield with thousands

der a 1943 contract. The negotiations for a new contract settlement ordered and agreed upon by a War Labor Board decision given in October 1945 has been refused by the company. The company refused to recognize the WLB."

### RANKS ARE MILITANT

This strike of 1,400 union members and workers of the Allis-Chalmers plant has inspired a great deal of militancy from the rank-and-file. The workers have been tied to an unfavorable contract for several years and are eager to settle many scores with one of the worst labor-hating companies in this area.

No\ one expects an early settlement, but the members are strike against the company, has listen to the workers' demands. medical care, compensation and After we had taken a little of his wine, a few stated "the company here is not Following the example set by welfare for miners and their have also demanded the right to

To this Militant reporter, he see the company's books.

**Veteran Tells Why Brass Hats** 

**And Wall Street Demand Draft** 

on the militaristic schemes of Wall Street and its war-lords.)

army at their disposal. They foreign investments.

and can give you a pretty clear since war is their profession.

(A veteran of World War II has sent us the following letter

Through my five and a half years in the army I have

### **Textile Profiteers** Get A Handout

The textile manufacturers, who sweat their workers at one of the lowest wage-scales in the country, have been handed a generous increase in the price of cotton textiles and yarns.

No strings attached - the OPA price-increase order doesn't even require the profiteers to raise wages to the 65cent hourly minimum set by the National Wage Stabilization Board.

# 400,000 Coal **For Demands**

(Continued from Page 1) quate safety measures and in-

The UMW has agreed that there will be no picketing during the strike. It is permitting two to ten supervisory and maintenance workers, including pumpers and fan operators, to be asreturn to work as soon as the ed every union-busting trick® of the union.

The union is further permit- workers won their victory. ting about 60,900 members of drawn a pretty clear picture of why the brass hats and the United Clerical, Technical gerbral wage increase of 181/2 government officials want to extend the draft indefinitely. erals are looking for is have to have the draft and such glory, and believe me, they a large standing army? The govthe maintenance crews enter it is accepted by the union, the get it too. But how do they ernment says "security draft." Security for whom, for what?

The issue of unionization of The government in demanding foremen will also be one of the peacetime conscription is only major demands of the UMW. A speaking the will of Wall Street. National Labor Relations Board to admit complete defeat. who gets the most men killed in brass hats, war-lords of Wall Laughlin Steel Corporation to Street, are only too willing to determine whether supervisory huge newspaper advertisements, I was in the 82nd Airborne safeguard these ill-gotten gains, workers want the Supervisory over the radio and through the Employees Union District 50, The brass hats in clamoring UMW to represent them.

lead the 23 soft-coal producing atomic bomb and the largest, best former and about 100,000 in the

The coal operators, like the instigating a war against Russia can only protect their interests ministration into giving them a informed they would have to scab Company realized that though it big boost in prices. Last year to become eligible! Speaking of democracy, why the Office of Price Administra-So where is the ever-lasting aren't the young Americans tion granted them a price in- picket lines, \$5,000 rewards were hadn't found the right one. The peace we were promised, that I whose lives will be affected by crease of 16 cents a ton, and offered to anyone whose testi- fact is there wasn't any way extra 3½ cents a ton to oper-conviction of pickets. Timken and dogged determination of the ators of some mines.

Kent Darrow

# (Special to THE MILITANT)

CLEVELAND, March 26-I am employed at the Cleveland plant of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company where the members of the International Association of Machinists have been out on strike for the past four weeks for an 18½-cent wage increase. We had some experiences in hand+ ling scabs which I would like 9-

ployes. That includes everyone would have him throw the scab from the Assistant Superintendent on down to the sweepers, as even supervisory help here are paid on an hourly rate.

In our fair city we have an extremely hostile anti - labor judge named Stanley Orr. who hands down injunctions and restraining orders against unions KIDS SHAME HIM at the rate of "a dime a dozen." is up against here in Cleveland.

picketing. In return, the CPT just like an elephant. plant management had the right work to be done by them.

not be allowed into the plant. The union objects to the Assistant Superintendent and foremen fit by the wage increase just as and disturbance on this street. the workers will.

#### PICKET HOMES

the idea of picketing the home what union we were from. of every hourly-rate employee who entered the plant, from the Assistant Superintendent down. This certainly proved to be a them out of the plant.

hourly men went into the plant. and Addressograph Multigraph But after house-picketing at only | Company living in the neighborseven members' homes on two hood. One of the councilmen is successive days, only 15 had the an IAM member. The chief nerve to come to work the third talked different now! day. We intend to picket these men's homes if they continue to here? You've accomplished your The neighborhood reaction on

home picketing is terrific. In leave, we'll go." lives in a six-family building, about 20 minutes longer, then dence, five men started walking complished." et line."

and all five other occupants of may be.

to pass on to other workers. the building, belong to trade un-Our union contract states that ions. One woman said that if we represent all hourly-rate em-

> out. Second episode: We pulled up at another man's home at about 9:30 with our little signs. At about 9:40 he got home. As he pulled into his backyard, words followed. But he did not return to work.

Third episode: Another man You can readily see what labor arrived home at noon, when the usual parade of children was go In our case, due to delaying ing home from school. One of and stalling tactics on the un- the kids asked if that meant he ion's part, Judge Orr did not was a scab. "I guess so." he said. hand down the usual injunction, But the next day he did not rebut the union accepted a mutual port for work. He did say he consent agreement on limiting would never forget this, he was

Fourth chapter: Two brothers to call in office help, draftsmen living in the same neighborhood and foremen, with no production -a strong union district - for years. Republican ward com As is usual in such cases, the mitteemen, and active in fracompany then called in some ternal societies. We started to men whom the union felt should picket. A squad car went by "Who is the boss here?" the chief asked. No one answered. "What are you guys, a bunch of entering the plant, as they are communists?" He said that there hourly rate men who will bene- had been 50 calls about a riot He threatened to run us in. We maintained that we were peace fully picketing, minding our own The union committee devised business. Suddenly he asked

CHIEF CHANGES TUNE "The International Association of Machinists," we said. very effective way of keeping The area is strongly organized by the IAM, with over 6,000 At the start, about 44 or 45 workers at Chase National Brass

"How about you boys leaving purpose."

"Okay," we said. "After you one case we picketed a man who . The chief leaves - we stay

When we arrived at his resi- leave unmolested, "mission acwith posters stating: "Chicago In the other cases very little Pneumatic Tool Co. on strike. trouble occurred. In each and (Name) crossing our union pick- every case, not one of the men

returned to work the following Results: the owner of the day. From 45 employees to, 15 apartment, a union musician, is a good breakdown of company spection in the mines, and a said that when the man returned morale. Our experience should union fund to provide decent home, he would tell him to move. be worthwhile information for The custodian of the apartment, workers on strike wherever they

# Bitter 55-Day Strike Won By Timken Steel Workers

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT CANTON, O., March 25-14,000 workers of the Timken

signed to each of the mines to Roller Bearing Co. have forced the company to accept the keep them in condition for a union's terms. After 55 days of strike, during which this coal barons agree to the demands unknown — these CIO steel- the conviction that some people

The settlement provided for a and Supervisory Employes of cents an hour retroactive to Jan-District 50 to continue on their uary 1. A new contract is to be jobs to inspect the mines before negotiated promptly and until company-cancelled 1943 contract get it? Only by having a large Security for whom, for what? UNIONIZATION OF FOREMEN is to be in effect. The union had proposed this settlement March 6. After 10 days more of strike, the company, convinced that it couldn't smash the union, had

> Even before the strike began. Timken launched an all-out barrage of lying propaganda in mails, the company sought to convince the public that the union had violated the contract (which the company itself had cancelled). Timken howled that it was an open shop and that jobs were available, that the union was un-American and the company was pure and unselfish.

# LOANS - FOR SCABS

This company, notorious for company police force (all of love for its workers fooled no the course of the strike. one. When recently-returned vets applied for this loan, they were

unknow — these CIO steel- would testify to anything for

Closely following the tactics of GM. Timken aftempted to build a back-to-work movement. The covering for this was a demand that a secret vote of the membership be taken on ending the strike. Needless to say this met with no more success than it did in the auto workers' union. Highly publicized back-to-work move ments turned out to be a pitiful handful of scabs.

When scabs tried to break the mass picket lines in Columbus they were sent running back to their rat holes. Not even the inunion-busting campaign. With a junction could break the pickets determination to keep the plant

#### STOOGES FLOP In Canton the company used

stooges inside the union in an attempt to break the strike. A few men, one of whom is up on charges in local 1123, claimed the workers had no confidence in the leadership of the strike and urged that a secret vote be take immediately on returning to work on the company's terms. The company s terms were, in

the unusually large size of its effect, no maintenance of membership or check-off, no guaranwhom wear guns) and its arsenal, tee of seniority rights, vacations. shed crocodile tears for its work- etc. In other words the company ers. After they had been out two was refusing to offer any terms. months. Timken offered all These self-proclaimed spokesmen strikers a 25 dollar loan. This for the strikers had never shown move to establish the company's their faces on the picket lines in

By the time 55 days had elapsed, the profit-swollen Timken had used every weapon in the In an attempt to break the arsenal of union-busting, in

based this stoolpigeon offer on men on the picket lines.