## The Atomic Bomb And World War III

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# LABOR RANKS URGE UNITED ACTION

## The Only Way To Control **Atomic Energy**

By The Editors

The most frightful development of warfare under capitalism—the ruthless employment of the atomic bomb on civilian populations—has planted a deep fear among the masses of the entire world.

This fear is based on the fact that capitalist rulers, having inflicted two world wars on humanity, will plunge the world into a third holocaust.

The Bikini atomic bomb maneuvers scheduled for July show how well-founded is this fear of the masses. For these maneuvers are clearly part of Wall Street's preparation for a Third World War that will surpass anything yet seen in destruction and slaughter.

Wall Street attempts to allay the uneasiness of the people with demagogy about "controlling" the use of atomic energy. One faction advocates putting control in the hands of the military caste. Another proposes civilian control. A third, control by the United Nations Organization.

But the bitter truth is that under all these proposals the capitalist class will retain its monopoly over atomic energy as a war weapon. It is absolutely certain that if the capitalist system is not abolished in time, civilization and a good part of the human race will be destroyed in a global atomic war. No city or town anywhere can count on exemption. The capitalist powers are already engaged in a mad atomic armaments race.

There is only one way to avert the catastrophe. And that is to establish the planned and rational order of so-

But the workers can take an immediate step forward in the struggle against the capitalist diversion of atomic energy into military channels. The workers must take control of atomic energy away from the Wall Street warmongers. Let the workers demand and set up their own

Let the workers through their trade unions and other organizations put responsible committees in control over the mining of the fissionable materials from which atomic energy is derived. Let them set up control over the plants now producing atomic explosives. And let the workers' organizations take control of the dangerous dumps where the Truman Administration is secretly storing atomic June 15, has aroused the in-

The working class and its allies, the poor of city and countryside, the vast majority of the population, constitute the only power capable of effectively opposing the warmongering designs of the capitalist class.

Taking control over the entire production of atomic energy away from Wall Street and putting it in hands of responsible workers' organizations is not only the right of the American working class but its inescapable duty to the people of the entire earth.

(See articles on Bikini maneuvers and atom bomb, Page 8)

## Trotskyists Receive 44,915 **Votes In French Elections**

(Special to The Militant)

PARIS, June 4-The International Communist Party (PCI), French section of the Fourth International, recorded 44,195 votes for its standard bearers in the June 2 elections to the Constituent Assembly. This was the PCI's first nation-wide campaign, and it ran candidates' lists in 11 electoral districts. The vote represented 1.37 per cent of Not only did the AFL seamen dethe total cast in these districts. Over 15,000 of these votes | nounce Truman's threats of miliwere received in the Paris area.

In view of the great difficulties and disadvantages which the ties and disadvantages which the Trotskyist party faced, this con-Bread Famine Imposed stituted a good showing, and augurs well for real gains in the future. The campaign has succeeded in its main aims: to put the PCI on the political map, to bring the party to the attention of the masses as the revolutionary internationalist party of the working class.

The PCI's message has reached four and a half million work- speculators, big flour mill opers in huge attractive posters erators and baking corporaplacarded throughout Paris and tions, with the aid of the govnumerous industrial cities, in ernment, imposed a bread famleaflets setting forth the party ine upon the working people in program sent out to each of the order to extort still higher millions of voters in the 11 districts, and in over 300 public meetings where lively debates with opponent parties served to est capitalist nation in the present the meaning of the Trotskyist policy to the masses.

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Puy de Dome2,8	91
Rhone, 1st District4,9	49
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Savoie1,4	93
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Bread-the proverbial staff, weight of loaves of bread, with of life and mainstay in the no corresponding decrease in to utilize the Navy, Coast Guard iges and expressions of totalidiet of the poor—this week price. Today a loaf of bread in or War Shipping Administration tarianism to be overcome." (Truvirtually disappeared from terms of nourishment is 50 per personnel to man ships under man, in letter to New York Libgroceries and bakeries. Grain cent dearer than it was a few union contract as an attempt eral Party annual dinner, June

**On American Workers** 

prices, still greater profits.

There were breadlines last week in major cities of the richworld. But for thousands of working class mothers, the wearisome wait was vain. When they reached the counters, they found no bread. Instead, luxurious cakes and pastries were piled up for those with the mon-

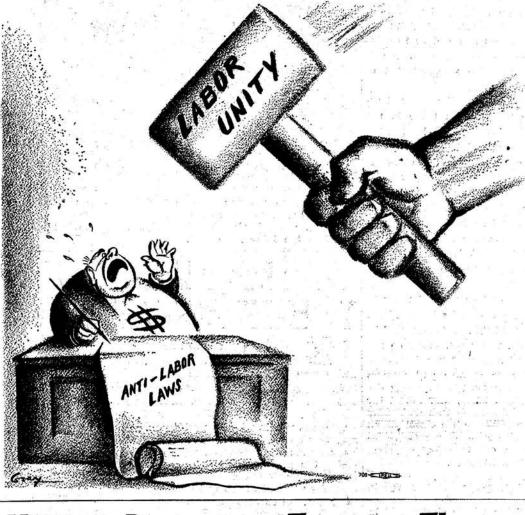
Grain speculators and flour monopolists are deliberately hoarding huge stocks of wheat and flour in anticipation of rising prices. The government itself. using as a pretext the terrible famine abroad, has ordered For further analysis of the adulteration of flour and has

short months ago. A huge black hard-won union conditions in market in bread has begun to the Merchant Marine.

And this week the government crease in the price of bread.

this victimization of the American workers has meant food for is, strikebreakers." the hungry abroad, has disap- ATTACK INTERVENTION peared. Each increase in prices wrung out of the workers here, from the floor and adopted after itants," a policy which, he addhas only whetted the greed of the John Hawk, international vice speculators. It has become common knowledge that shipments Seafarers International Union, of grain to Europe and Asia are had read to the meeting a statefalling steadily.

Wheat and flour have piled government's intervention on beup in huge elevators while the half of the ship operators in curgovernment has yielded priceconcession upon price-concesdreds of millions of famine- dustry." stricken people around the globe, has been added now the calcuconstantly diminished the ine upon the workers at home.



Strike A Hammer-Blow!

## Unions Denounce Truman Threat To Smash Any Maritime Strike

NEW YORK, June 8-President Truman's orders of a week ago today, directing all military and maritime government agencies to prepare for a strikebreaking war against the scheduled CIO oceamen, but they declared

dignation of the entire or- personnel would be a signal for ganized labor movement.

See Editorial 'For Maritime Unity'

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on American workers fighting for their rights comes on the heels of Truman's threats to Warn Truman On use troops against the recent railroad strike, his sending of troops into the Kentucky coal troops into the Kentucky coal fields and his introduction of a bill to draft strikers into the

A set-back to Truman's scheme to drive the CIO seamen back to work as he did the railroad workers was delivered by the stop-work demonstration of 62,-000 AFL seamen last Tursday. tary strikebreaking against the

#### that any attempt to man CIO-Let Them Eat Cake struck vessels with government

a walk-out by the AFL mari- ening its pinch on the nation's

In addition, there were indications that the railroad workers might refuse to pass maritime picket lines where they are re- an apparent abundance of cake.' (Continued on Page 7)

# **AFL Seamen**

By F. J. Lang (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, June 6-Some 5,000 AFL seamen at a stopwork mass meeting that packed Webster Hall here today voiced bitter denunciation of President Truman's threats to use armed forces against the proposed CIO maritime strike on June 15.

The meeting, held as part of a nation-wide stop-work demonto undermine and destroy the 5.)

"We wish to inform you that we will in no way cooperate with yielded a second 10 per cent in- such personnel in the movements of American vessels, and that we Yet even the pretence that wi regard and treat such personnel for what they are - that

> This telegram was introduced president and secretary of the ment of policy attacking the

rent negotiations and an "analysis of the present chaotic situ- in this country a situation simsion. And to the misery of hun- ation within the maritime in- ilar to that which existed in 1936, John L. Lewis had formed notice demanding additional stop-work meetings was to force power." (Senator Wheeler, of League, Labor would now be

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## IN THE NEWS

"The shortage of flour, tight-

bread supply, was marked in New York yesterday by an increase in black marketing and (N. Y. Times, June 5.)

**Humble Apologies To** Strikebreaker No. 1

"BERLIN, June 1 (U.P.)-Soviet officials, it was learned German newspaper, Vorwaerts, 'Strikebreaker No. 1' in a story American information control director, protested the headline and Soviet representatives expressed regret and promised to 'clean house' at the newspaper."

Like Drafting Strikers?

"Never before did our country stration of 62,000 members of need for democracy. Never bethe Seafarers International Un- fore was there such an urgent ion and Sailors Union of the need for the open mindedness Pacific, on the Atlantic, Pacific and constructively critical spirit and Gulf Coasts, wired Truman: of true liberalism as there is to-"We will regard any attempt day. There are still many vest-

> Author's Postscript On Atlantic Charter

Speaking on foreign policy before the House of Commons on June 5, Churchill said, "I myself contributed to the Atlantic Charter the phrase about no transference of territory apart from the will of the local inhabed, had "proved in many cases to be an unattainable ideal."

The Final Answer Of Wall Street

strikes continue, we shall have of a gun-Fascism." The announced purpose of the er dictators were brought into stead of 'Labor's Non-Partisan made to reopen negotiations with The Negro Struggle ... lated imposition of a bread fam- the government to permit nego- Montana, speaking in Congress strongly entrenched in National year, and U. S. Rubber com- Notes of A Seaman . on May 7.)

# **Buffalo CIO** Labor Party'

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 5-In two meetings here, organized labor in Buffalo this

week gave a fighting answer to the anti-union attacks of Truman and Congress. Last night the Buffalo CIO Council unanimously endorsed the CIO United Auto Workers call for a national united con-

ference of all labor unions to combat the anti-labor barrage. Tonight an emergency meeting of almost 600 CIO, AFL, IAM and Railway Brotherhood members denounced Truman and Congress. It selected a delegation to go to Washington with Buffalo labor's protest to Truman. A permanent joint committee was set up to consider

further action. The CIO Council last night also adopted a resolution introduced by CIO United Steelworkers Local 2601 calling upon the unions to take joint "steps to set up a national labor party that shall be completely independent of the Democratic and Republican Parties and of all other ties with Big Business."

Sentiment for a labor party was also evident at tonight's united labor action meeting, where workers in conversations with Socialist Workers Party members stated that they were convinced labor must break with the Democratic and Republican

At this meeting SWP members sold 30 copies of the pamphlet 'American Workers Need a Labor Party," and issued leaflets announcing a public meeting on "The Drive Against Labor-How To Combat It." The leaflets supported the call for a national united conference of labor, and advocated a labor party.

## Santa Cruz AFL **Campaigns For** A Labor Party

(Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 1—The Santa Cruz AFL today, have apologized for the Central Labor Council has adoption by the forthcoming which called President Truman | California State AFL convention of a resolution endorsing about the American coal strike. the formation of an independent Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure, national labor party and urging similar action by all other AFL state bodies.

The resolution which will be introduced at the AFL state convention has been sent to the other local councils throughout the state. It is accompanied by a letter appealing for their support signed by the Santa Cruz and all mankind have such great | CLC secretary, Thomas H Deane.

As part of its proposal, the resolution would place the California AFL on record for amendment of the AFL National Constitution, which now forbids "party politics," to read: "The AFL both nationally and locally, shall enter into the building since the "Big Four" rubber wage ( C. V. Wheeler, president of of a party of labor based upon a settlement several months ago program of Labor's needs and in-

It also would place the state convention on record to present Firestone Local 7, and George a labor party resolution before R. Bass, president of Goodrich the next AFL National Convention and calls on all other state opening of the floodgates of inbodies to back such a resolution. TREASON TO LABOR"

In his letter to the other AFL Secretary Deane states: "Unless of Labor-without a fight. Continuing to support capitalist candidates is really treason to La-

Deane also points out: "If in Europe when Mussolini and oth- an Independent Labor Party inand State Legislature."

## More Unions Back Call For Says 'Build A National Labor Conference

**UAW Asks Local Conferences Of All Unions** To Pave Way For Nation-Wide Joint Action

By Art Preis

A wave of demands for united labor action to resist the Big Business-government unionbusting drive is sweeping all sections of the American labor movement, according to reports from

## **Newark Rally Supports Plan For Joint Action**

(Special to The Militant)

NEWARK, N. J., June 6-More than 1,000 workers at a mass meeting in Military Park here today adopted a resolution introduced by the New Jersey State CIO Council urging immediate convocation of a national conference of all labor unions "to mobilize the full strength and achieve the firmest united action of the entire labor movement against the Big Business-Truman attack." The meeting was called by the state and local CIO councils.

In addition to CIO speakers, workers also spoke. Matthew O'Leary, strike chairman of the Hudson and Manhattan railroad workers now on the picket lines, and Frank Mooney, legislative representative of the New Jersey Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, gave the facts in the rail scored Truman's strikebreaking.

RESOLUTION READ The resolution for a united

to the meeting by its chairman, istration and Congress against Newark CIO Council President Walter Barry, supported a proposal made by the CIO United Auto Workers national officers. It called upon "our local, state and district union officials to initiate a regional conference of all CIO, AFL, railroad and bona fide independent unions for the purpose of preparing the groundwork and broadening the interest in such a national Conference of Labor, and to organize appropriate public meetings to action of the Russian-controlled initiatd a campaign for the encourage the formation of such a national Conference of Labor."

Speakers at the meeting included Albert J. Fitzgerald, CIO vice-president and president of the CIO United Electrical workers; Ewald Sanders, CIO regional director; Al Barkin, state CIO-PAC director; and Benjamin Butler, officer of the Campbell Soup CIO local at Camden, N. J

coast to coast. The proposal of the CIO United Auto Workers for a national

united labor conference in Washington of the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods is beginning to gain backing from local and even state union bodies. A further immediate step for the preparation of such a national conference was urged in a resolution adopted last week by

the UAW International Executive Board. This called for local united labor conferences throughout the country. Local conferences and joint mass meetings have already been held in a number of leading cities, including Los Angeles, Chicago Akron and Buffalo.

MANY ENDORSEMENTS

Last week, immediately folowing the UAW's call for a national united conference of labor, other unions quickly took action to advance the campaign for such a conference. New Jersey State CIO leaders, the Bufrepresentatives of the railroad falo CIO and a number of local unions have endorsed the UAW proposal.

The New York branches of the AFL Seafarers International Union and Sailors Union of the Pacific, which last week engaged in the AFL seamen's one-daywork stoppage, passed resoluworkers' struggle and sharply tions unanimously in their membership meetings in support of the national conference of labor

At the same time, the all-out national labor conference, read offensive of the Truman admin-

#### Franco Broadcast **Praises Truman**

A commentator speaking over the radio of Generalissimo Franco, fascist butcher of the Spanish workers, praised Truman's breaking of the railroad strike and his draftstrikers bill, according to an Allied Labor News report from London, June 2.

Gloatingly, the fascist commentator stated: "The United States with Mr. Truman at its head has applied to the railroad strike that pure doctrine which the calumnied Spanish state professes. Mr. Truman . . . has given a lesson of civism, of fortitude, of incorruptible severity."

# AKRON RUBBER WORKERS

AKRON, O., June 6-The powerful Goodrich and Firestone locals here of the CIO United Rubber Workers voted this week to demand wage increases to meet the rising cost of living. The two locals, largest in the rubber union, were

the first to make this demand? which provided for an 181/2 cents an hour general wage increase.

I. H. Watson, President of Local 5, both stated that the flation nad already swept away the 181/2 cents an hour gain. The increase in the price of butter, local bodies in the state, CLC bread and numerous basic commodities was pointed to as proof we have our own Labor Party of the need to obtain additional we are simply continuing to give wage increases to prevent a lowup Labor's rights to the enemies ering of the rubber workers standard of living.

H. R. Lloyd, URWA International Vice President, supported bor, and can only succeed in the demand of the two locals, "Frankly, I am afraid that if ushering in boss rule at the point and indicated that when other locals covered by the "Big Four" agreement have sent in their wage increases, efforts would be the Firestone, Goodrich, Good- Diary of Steelworker ...

Goodyear Local 2, stated to the press that officers of his local are also preparing to demand reopening of the wage question. In action, these locals are

fighting for a rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living. That is labor's most immediate and effective means of defending the purchasing power of the workers against runaway price inflation.

#### ON THE INSIDE Labor Party Needed

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#### Trade Union Notes Veterans Problems Workers Forum

Shoptalks on Socialism

On The Railroads

Auto Workers has proposed a national conference of all labor in Washington in order to counteract Truman's anti-labor drive. What do you think

Place: New York City.

George Kourkounakis, merchant marine, SIU-AFL mem-

535 West 133d St.

I think it is a very good thing. We have our problems with the NMU. But they are our own problems. We don't want anybody from outside to interfere. We men in the merchant marine have miserable times. We don't want to be kicked around; we want something to come to us. If not for the merchant marine where would this country be? Nothing would be shipped. When men go on strike for better conditions, they are justified.

Alan Plummer, Delehanty School for Firemen Brooklyn, N. Y.

I believe that is the only way, to have that kind of conference. Then nobody can say they don't know what labor wants. In such a conference everyone will know just what labor wants, and won't have any more excuses.

Alva Johnston, domestic service Harlem

I haven't thought about it until now, but it is a very good thing. I don't belong to any union because I am in domestic service. But I wish we could do like the union people and get at least an eight-hour day.

Alfred Stewart, merchant marine SIU-AFL 103 West 143 St.

. . .

You can say that I am certainly against Truman's speech and what he is doing against labor. I think it would be excellent to have this kind of conference. It would offset all this anti-labor business and is just what we need. Then the president couldn't come out with such

handler

2333 Seventh Ave.

A conference would be a great and thrash out their problems together. In a case where sixty million working people are involved, I don't think it is fair for a few people to dictate to

Julian Brown, Member of AFL Dining Car Employees 28 West 112 St.

Truman sold out the railroad workers; I've been talking to some of the trainmen and they prejudiced against colored men coming into the unions, especially up north. The CIO is more progressive. If all the unions got together one good thing they could accomplish is to stop this discrimination.

Al Robollo, Painter T01 West 112 St.

I'm a 100 per cent union man, and belong to the AFL Painter's union. Even in our own unions there are disputes and politics between the progressives and the others. But I think the unions should all bury their own disputes and get together in a big conference, so they can fight against the corporations.

# What Do LABOR NEEDS ITS OWN PARTY, You Say? NOT A THIRD CAPITALIST PARTY

right to be. They expended millions of dollars How is this support to be won? from union treasuries and workers' pocketbooks to elect "friends of labor"-and now the "friends of labor" headed by the President himself have labor. But anger and cursing won't protect the unions or win an election. The workers want to know: What is to be done now?

again receive the votes of labor. Whitney has paradise that is made possible by the blood, sweat pledged part of the treasury of the Trainmen's and tears of the worker, farmer and small busiunion to defeat him. But who will replace Truman? From what party will the new "friends of labor" be elected? These questions reduce all the brave shouting to an inaudible whisper.

These gentlemen-the most vociferous among them being the Stalinists-reluctantly admit now, that as between the Democratic and Republican parties the workers are choosing between the devil and the deep blue sea. Yet they are opposed to an independent labor party, based on the trade unions. Such a party, they say, would isolate the workers from the rest of the population and therefore insure defeat at the polls. Hence what is needed, they conclude, is a "Third Party" to be headed by the "Progressives" from both capitalist parties, by men like Henry Wallace, Ickes, Morgenthau, Pepper, LaGuardia and others.

#### Don't Want It Now

The strangest thing about the self-appointed leaders of the "Third Party" is that not one of them favors its creation now. Wallace, Morgenthau, the newspaper PM-pride and joy of the millionaire Marshall Field—are all against it today. The Stalinist Daily Worker says talk of its immediate creation is "a plot of Trotskyists and reactionaries." All of them are lecturing the workers that there is still a god apple in the rotten barrel, that labor must remain loyal to the Democratic Party.

All of them are hanging on to the Democratic Party for dear life; this despite the fact that the Democratic Party-like the Republican Party-is just another way of saying huge profits, high prices, lagging wages and anti labor-laws: another way of saying Wall Street. But in their own way, Wallace and Co. are right. They see no fundamental difference in program between the so-called "left-wing" of the Democratic Party and that of a Third Party. . .

The criticisms of the millionaire Morgenthau are a good example. He condemns Truman for betraying Roosevelt's program and as a result failing to curb inflation and to stop strikes. What a statement. After all, we have is this but a choice of one anti-labor program over another? Every housewife knows that skyrocketing prices began during the war under Roosevelt. John Rolle, Railroad freight Every worker knows that Roosevelt froze wages by the device of the "Little Steel" formula. Every profiteer knows that the "Big Steal" began under Roosevelt.

Morgenthau is bitter against Truman because he asset in the alleviation of many disbanded the War Labor Board and therefore century, was finally interred in the Democratic of our labor ills. It would bring could not prevent strikes. But the workers were Party. The Wisconsin Progressive Party, once a together various forces in labor bitter against Roosevelt because he created the War Labor Board which denied wage demands, 1924 for President, surrendered the ghost to the buried grievances and throttled strikes. The difference between Morgenthau and Truman is one of how best to hamstring the labor movement. Truman wants to do it openly by means of Congressional action. Morgenthau wants to pull the wool over the workers eyes, and then do the same thing as Truman by presidential decree and pres-

### How Labor Wins Support

In essence these are the differences between the "Third Party" and the Democratic Party, and all feel the same way. From the so-called "progressives" can see no reason what I know about the AFL and for the present why these differences cannot be Railroad Brotherhoods, they are reconciled within the framework of the Democratic Party.

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"Labor statesmen" and their Stalinist camp fol- insurance salesman and the bank clerk? True lowers are very angry today—and they have every enough—no same person could deny the need

First: by recognizing the real community of interest that exists between the workers and the lower middle class. Both classes are oppressed by turned up openly in the camp of the enemies of the same tax burden they have to carry to pay the cost of capitalist wars. Both classes suffer at the hands of the monopolies: factory workers receive low wages, the poor farmer pays exorbitant prices The master-minds say that Truman will never for machinery. Sixty families revel in a golden nessman. Middle class and working class have one enemy: monopoly capitalism. They must unite around one program whose aim will be to drive out of power the government of bankers and industrialists and to establish a government of workers and farmers.

> Second: This program requires the power of organization. And this power exists today in the trade unions which stand in the front lines of the struggle against monopoly capital. The farmer and the small businessmen are in the nature of things isolated one from the other and not easily organized. They can only be politically effective by supporting the political party of the working classthe Labor Party. It would be the height of folly to disorganize and disfranchise 14,000,000 workers in a "Third Party" when it is possible to give organization and strength to the middle class through a Labor Party.

> The support of the middle class will never be obtained by labor surrendering its independence and its program in a "Third Party" dominated by Wallace, Ickes and Co. These gentlemen do not represent the middle class, they are impostors whose roles is to deceive workers and farmers alike in the interest of Big Business. They denounce labor's struggles because, they allege, the middle class will be offended. By thus artificially dividing the workers from their natural allies, they only weaken and, if successful, eventually defeat, the common front of both classes against the common enemy-Big Business.

#### Not A "Third Party"

In a "Third Party" the middle class would be pampered and flattered. But it will be just words, words and more words. Without a real struggle against the monopolies-led by the workers-inflation and black market will ruin the merchant, concentration will drive the small businessman to the wall, debts will plague the poor farmer. And the worst of it all will be that the cowardice and betrayals of the "Third Party" will turn the wrath of the middle class not against Big Business, but against the workers where the fascist demagogues will direct it.

All attempts to create a separate middle class Council to the city-wide labor class parties be sought. This party in the past have proved abortive, with the political action committee that latter proposal was made by party ending its life in one of the two major par- now is in process of formation. people who are not identified ties. The Populist movement, at the turn of the Republican Party three months ago. There is no Republican Party three months ago. There is no independent road for the middle class. If it does **Demand Unity** not follow the labor movement, it will be driven into the arms of Big Business.

There is only one reason why the siren tunes of the "Third Party" lack in volume today. The movement for an independent labor party is not yet powerful enough to constitute a threat to the "friends of labor" and the labor leaders who are still running the old skin game of two-party capitalist politics.

To be forewarned is to be forearmed. The "Third Party" is not the labor party wrapped in a more cal unions calling for the buildattractive package. It is the old capitalist party with its face lifted and its name changed. Don't astic response has greeted all one." be fooled by substitutes. The real fight is the fight for the independent political party of labor based But can labor go it alone? Doesn't it need the on the trade unions and supported by the poor support of the poor farmer, the shopkeeper, the farmers and the small businessmen.

## VETS DEMAND HOUSING PROGRAM

By Evelyn Atwood Dwyer in his office this after- Dwyer's do-nothing policy. noon at City Hall by repreans' organizations.

Veterans Committee and Paul construction by the city is be-

I enclose 50 cents (coin or stamps)

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NEW YORK, June 6-This the National Conference of Un- propriation of funds to cover

"My own impression," said sentatives of two large veter- Robins, after his talk with the Harold Robins, Housing Chair- reasons he is displaying no inman of the New York American terest in speeding up housing

Rasmussen, Regional Director of cause this would require an aplief by next year."

Another reason for the inexcusare vitally necessary to take lican party." care of some 250,000 veterans and others who are today sufprovide for only one-fifth to one-

third of those in need." Presenting official figures, domination by Big Business. Robins demonstrated that the \$25 to \$29; 66,400 at \$30 to \$39; from all labor bodies. 51,600 at \$40 to \$49, and 71,400 at \$50 or more. "Of course, for CIO, AFL and Railroad Brother- pendent candidate, if it really those who are able to pay a hoods, should immediately go on put on a campaign and brought minimum of \$82 a month," he record and demand the calling its message to the more than added, "there will be an ade- of such a conference in the 125,000 union members in this quate program of new construc-

Mayor by the N. Y. Metropoli- tional scale must be provided night and invitations are being Business." tan Area Council of AVC, Rob- through local conferences and sent to unions heretofore not ins stated, are "to provide a max- mass meetings everywhere. The represented. The meeting voted that both the Democratic and imum of decent housing in the local union ranks must not wait. to establish a committee to make Republican parties have comshortest time possible and at They must put the prods to the arrangements to contact various pletely exposed themselves as can afford to pay."

Union Veterans Denounce Truman



Cleveland's union men in the AFL. CIO and railroad brotherhoods, veterans of overseas fighting, circulated this petition protesting against Truman's strikebreaking actions against the labor movement.

## **Akron Labor Holds Meetings** To Mobilize United Action

(Special to The Militant)

AKRON, O., June 6-Continued demands for labor unity and independence in the political field featured a second meeting of unionists held here last night under the sponsorship of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in Akron.

The first meeting, held a week 3ago, to which many CIO local the meeting made stirring talks leaders gave their support, re- in favor of the formation of an vealed the strong desire of all independent labor party. A prosections of the local union movement for unity of action to halt the government's attacks on la-

FAVOR LABOR PARTY

tured by the attendance and participation of AFL leaders who Both AFL representatives at

## **Labor Ranks** Of Action

(Continued from Page 1) organized labor has given a cal facilities of his organization strong impulsion to the movement for the formation of a na- the use of Local 7's, meeting

being adopted increasingly by loing of a labor party. Enthusireferences to a labor party at mass meetings held in many cities last week to mobilize united labor action.

LABOR PARTY

The growing sentiment for a

to labor, his preparations to use fering severely from the short- armed forces to break the schedcapitalist government and its field.

The need for united labor acshortages in contemplated con- tion on a national scale is of the struction would most severely hit utmost urgency. The UAW's the opinion that the only way the lowest income families. These proposal for a national united to elect a labor candidate in the include 47,900 units renting at conference of all labor unions fall is to strike out independless than \$25 a month; 27,200 at should rouse immediate support ently, as the workers will not

Every local and state union, shortest time possible.

The initiative and inspiration The demands presented to the for united labor action on a na- scheduled for next Wednesday

posal that Akron unions support the idea of a national united conference of labor, recently advanced by the CIO United Last night's meeting was fea- Auto Workers, was well received.

Suggestions were made to hold united action mass meetings and completely endorsed the efforts conduct educational campaigns of the Brotherhood and the CIO among the workers. Speakers to make labor's role in politics suggested drawing in the minormore effective. The AFL re- ity groups of various nationalipresentatives pledged their ef- ties, the Negro organizations and forts to obtain official support of others. A few speakers suggested the Central Trades and Labor that the support of working with the Communist Party or the efforts to put ideas like Zarit-Socialist Workers Party and was sky's into practice. a spontaneous invitation for unity of labor's forces.

The CIO leaders who attended the meeting once again pledged themselves to do everything possible to achieve a united political movement of labor in Akron. I. H. Watson, president of Firestone Local 7, CIO United Rubber Workers, offered the technifor the mailing of notices and tional independent labor party. hall. He said, "We must hold This is reflected in resolutions | meetings like this every week. We must make them grow larger and larger. When this hall gets too small, we will get a larger

> Support of united action came from officers and representatives of the transport workers. steel workers and the CIO Coun-

While much progress has been labor party was reflected in a made to bring about unity in speech last week at the United political action, the various un-Hatters, Cap and Millinery ionists involved have not as yet city's four-year housing "pro- ion Labor Legionnaires, told this overtime work. But without ov- Dubinsky, president of the 330,- of what they are going to do Workers Convention by David come to grips with the problem gram" was vigorously denounced before Mayor O'nounced before Mayor O'mounced before Mayor O' of a national independent labor vealed their hand by supportparty and declared that the un- ing President Truman's strikeable delays and red-tape, he said, ion leaders "cannot satisfy them- breaking during the rail crisis." Mayor, "was that one of the real was the fact that the Mayor selves with a party that includes Congressman Huber, who reprehas no real interest in launching the Southern reactionaries or sents this area, voted for Trulow-rent housing projects, which the industrialists in the Repub- man's slave-labor bill despite the fact that he has always re-Truman's most recent threat ceived labor support. Undoubtedly, many local un-

ionists will demand that PAC age. "The present city housing uled CIO maritime strike on June endorsement be withdrawn in program, even if realized, will 15, has underlined the complete- this case and that an independly anti-labor program of the ent candidate be put into the THIRD MEETING SCHEDULED

Some leading unionists are of vote for Huber. The Akron labor movement could elect an inde-

Another meeting has been volve them in the movement, industrialists and bankers. | conference of all unions.

How Not To Defeat Anti-Labor Drive

under the Big Business-governformulas behind cover of which they can retreat with "honor." Such capitulatory moods were expressed by ranking AFL leaders before the fifth biennial convention of the AFL united Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers, held last week in New York City. Max Zaritsky, UHCMW president, David Dubinsky, head of the AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, and Matthew Woll, AFL vice president, delivered speeches which might be summed up under one heading: How Not To Defeat The Anti-Labor Drive.

Surrender Labor's Economic Weapons

Zaritsky proposed nothing less than "this union carry its wartime 'no-strike' policy over into the reconversion period." He boasted that "wage rates and total earnings of members increased substantially despite the fact that the union did not resort to strikes in order to make

Zaritsky spoke from the smug and narrow outlook of the head of a union of 40,000 members which deals with a swarm of competing petty manufacturers in a secondary consumers goods industry. Because of various special factors, this particular industry suffers a relative labor shortage, a favorable circumstance for collective bargaining.

In addition, this small union has been able to ride with the gains won by the great industrial unions through their strike struggles against the giant monopoly corporations - a different calibre of opposition than the "cockroach" employers confronting Zaritsky.

Zaritsky's theory is that the way to avoid repressive legislation is to surrender labor's strike weapon and depend on "labor statesmen" like himself to win gains by ingratiating themselves with the employers and capitalist government. But even "labor statesmen" par excellence, like Philip Murray and some of the railroad union leaders, were forced into leading tremendous strike actions despite all their

Surrender Labor's Political Weapons

While Zaritsky proposes that labor yield up its economic weapons of struggle, Matthew Woll represents the other side of the theory of "defending" labor by capitulation. He advocated at the Hatters' convention that labor "give the other fellow (the ruling capitalists) all titles to property, give him the political power." With "the invincible power of labor on the economic field," contended Woll. 'I will match his power and I will reign supreme."

To support his argument that labor should surrender any struggle for political power and

## **Joint Labor Meeting Held In Los Angeles**

By Lois Saunders (Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, June 5 -Spurred by the government's drive against labor, the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods here last Saturday night held a jointly-sponsored mass meeting to initiate united action to beat back the anti-labor onslaught. About 1,000 workers in the

Olympic Auditorium heard leaders of the three big union organizations speak for the first time from the same platform here in Los Angeles. The speakers all denounced

the Truman administration and Congress and called for political war against the employer-controlled government. They failed however, to put forward the only effective program of labor political action, the building of a labor party.

William P. Nutter, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Pacific Electric Lines, charged that the "United States Government acted as the muscle-man for Big

Other speakers emphasized

Despite "tough" talk from | rely solely on its "econom's some top union leaders in oppo- power," Woll pointed to the exsition to the anti-labor drive of ample of the miners strike. He Truman and Congress, they are did not point out, however, how beginning to demonstrate once the intervention of the governmore that they have no stomach | ment served to prolong the strike for a fight. They are wilting and whittle down the possible gains of the mine workers. He ment onslaught and seeking did not show how labor's weakness in the political field helped the government to break the railroad strike.

Woll's horse-and-buggy theory of no-politics for labor (in reality he means support only capitalist politics) would keep labor in the position of fighting against the employers with one arm tied behind it.

New Back-Door Deals

With 'Friends of Labor' Dubinsky, on the other hand. said he wants labor in politics. He even advocated the idea of an independent national labor party at the convention.

But, while paying lip service to the labor party idea, Dubinsky indicated he was ready to make still another political deal with Truman. The ILGWU president ing Truman "strikebreaker No. 1." "I say that the said he did not agree with calling the position of the President," claimed Dubinsky, "will be his signing or vetoing of the Case bill.'

Dubinsky is ready to accept Truman as a "friend of labor" even if he broke the railroad strike, tried to smash the mine strike, and is pushing the "workunder - bayonets" bill to draft strikers into the Army. All Dubinsky asks is one little veto.

Zaritsky, Woll and Dubinsky have come up with three triedand-true methods for leading labor to defeat: give up labor's economic weapons; give up labor's political weapons; seek some more back-door deals with "friends of labor" like Truman.

## Flint Local **Endorses Call For Conference**

By Jerry Kirk

(Special to The Militant) FLINT, Mich., June 4 -Flint Chevrolet Local 659, CIO United Auto Workers, went on record endorsing the proposal of UAW top officers for a national united labor conference. It proposed that the conton. D. C., where the eyes of the entire country can be focused on exposing this nefarious plot" of Big Business and its government to crush labor.

The Local 659 resolution also pledged full support to a committee established by the Greater Flint Industrial Union (CIO) Council which is to organize a mass protest meeting against Truman's anti-labor program. Chairman of the committee is Tex Owens, president of the Chevrolet local.

Owens informed the Militant reporter that AFL and Railroad Brotherhood leaders have been contacted and are in favor of this meeting. A meeting of officers of the four big General Motors locals here will take place this week to map out further plans. The committee will attempt to have Whitney and Johnston of the Railroad Brotherhoods as two of the main speakers of this meeting.

A proposal for a national Congress of Labor had been adopted during the GM strike by the Flint City-Wide Strike Committee as an answer to the antilabor campaign of Congress.

Chevrolet local's resolution states: "The ganging up of all the forces opposed to labor, the President of the United States. the National Association of Manufacturers. Congress, the kept press and the radio, proves conclusively that labor can only rely on its own united strength to smash this attack on its just rights."

### **Emergency Rally** in South Jersey

CAMDEN, N. J., June 8-An emergency meeting of more than 200 CIO local union officers and shop stewards, held yesterday at the Shipbuilders Auditorium in Fairview, voted unanimously to instruct the South Jersey Industrial Union Council (CIO) to call a South Jersey conference of CIO. AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods to map a united counteroffensive against the bosses' drive to smash labor.

The meeting enthusiastically adopted a motion to send a wire rentals the veterans and others top union leaders to act—and CIO and AFL unions and to in- the political machines of the big initiate a call for a national



In order to survive in a world which remains capitalist. the Soviet Union is forced to maneuver between the great powers, to engage in "diplomacy." This was already true in the days of Lenin and

mentally true for the Stalin remnants of independence. Be-

But during the first years after the October Revolution, Soviet introduced new "diplomacy" concepts into international politics. It began by publishing all the secret treaties. It voluntarily abandoned all the economic and territorial "concessions" extorted by Czarist Russia from THE ENCIRCLEMENT backward countries like Persia IS BEING COMPLETED and China. It based its diplomaliances, but on the estimate of the revolutionary possibilities in climar of an investment of the war were each time the the revolutionary possibilities in climax of an imperialist attempt different countries.

While exploiting to the utmost | the USSR by adding a new link the imperialist contradictions, the USSR relied, in the first place, on the WORLD PROLE-TARIAT AND THE COLONIAL

#### BANKRUPT POLICY OF "EQUILIBRIUM"

With the victory of the bureaucracy, reaction made itself equally felt in the domain of foreign politics. Having, at first, lost confidence in the revolutionary possibilities of the working classes of other countries, then having understood that revolutionary victories abroad would constitute a mortal blow AGAINST the domination of the bureaucracy, Stalin replaced the foreign policy, as it was practiced in the days of Lenin and Trotsky, by a new policy based EXCLUSIVELY on the many) are manifestations of exploitation of imperialist contradictions.

Allying himself now with one power, now with another, first with Germany, then France, then | clude that despite the loud cries | Germany again, and then England, Stalin hoped each time to "neutralize" the main enemy, and above all, prevent the consolidation of an anti-Soviet alliance of all the imperialist

During the war, it may have seemed for a while that the Stalinist policy had succeeded. In truth, Hitler had failed to gather which by creating

The result of the Second World | being completed. War has been that the entire

Trotsky, and remains funda- ately attempts to defend its fore the war, the USSR was ringed by the armed forces of a half-dozen nations, which clashed violently among themselves in all domains.

Now, whichever way the USSR turns it finds itself confronted by the same army, the Anglo-American army!

The different "crises" which to close the chain surrounding For Fascists

American imperialism has secured for itself the control of Japan, South Korea, North China. Now it also wants, at all PEOPLES AS ITS PRINCIPAL costs, to secure for itself, Manchuria, in order to close the chain of encirclement from the northeast.

The Middle-Eastern crisis, Iran, and of the whole Arab world is only one aspect of British imperialism's attempt to keep homes and jobs in Britain or of intact the cordon of encirclement to the south of the USSR. Turkey is the key position to the southwest.

Finally, the problem of Greece, the question of Trieste, the question of "regime" in the countries occupied by the USSR in Central Europe (for example: the question of the forced merger of the Socialist and Communist Parties in the Soviet Zone in Gerthis same desire to complete the Italy. encirclement to the west.

And if we follow the events closely, we cannot fail to conof the venal press about Soviet "imperialism," Anglo-American imperialism (which is real) is quietly going about, almost imperceptibly, completing this encirclement, so much coveted by world imperialism for 28 years of America was engaged in

but never, in the past, realized. erroneous and superficial is the rights of Indonesian rejudgment of those who claim sidents in this country about him all the imperialist that Stalin has "preferred" to powers for the purpose of serve Russia rather than the U.S. Government in preparalaunching a final assault against world revolution. By demoraliz- tion for immediate deportation, the USSR. But an analysis of ing the international proletariat, the PRESENT situation demon- by shackling the revolutionary strates the complete bankruptcy movements with the help of his of the Stalinist policy. The Ger- Stalinist agents, by smashing tervention of the American Civil man-Soviet war, and the Hitler- the movement even by violence Stalin Pact, which preceded it, and betrayal where it has broken porting the defense case, he was are now disclosed as successive out, Stalin has prevented the released. stages through which the ELIM- breaking of the imperialist iron As a result of the defense INATION of different potential ring surrounding the USSR at launched by the Indonesia League "allies" of the USSR was ef- the only place it could be broken, in behalf of these and other cases fected; the elimination of all namely, in the very interior of of political persecution, Philip the capitalist world. It is Stalin Sumampow, father of six childa balance, lessened the threat who bears the whole responsi- ren, who has worked steadily for of complete encirclement of the | bility for the imperialist encircle- | the past 18 years in a Linden, USSR by any one imperialism. ment of the USSR, which is now N. J. dye plant, was also re-

(Translated from the Belgian capitalist world finds itself now | Trotskyist paper, "La Lutte Ouv- of Indonesian residents have foldominated by a single imperialist | riere," April 6, 1946. Next week's | lowed the six-months imprisonpower, the United States, while "Militant" will feature another ment on Ellis Island of 178 Ina second, Great Britain, desper- article on this question.)

# U. S. Imperialism Is Stormy Outbreaks Due In France Encircling The USSR As Workers Demand Wage Raises



**Bevin Provides** 

(Special to The Militant)

for fascists, deportation for

anti-fascists" - such is the

policy of the British Labor

government as revealed by

On the one hand, Ernest Bevin

offered 120,000 members of Gen-

eral Ander's reactionary Polish

Army, now in Italy, a choice of

service in a special praetorian

On the other hand, Trifon

Gomez, Minister of Immigration

of the Spanish Republican gov-

ernment, charged that the La-

bor government was refusing to

sh Republicans who had serv-

NEW YORK, June 9-Even

while the Indonesia League

defending the democratic

against mass round-ups by the

John Andu, president of the

League was himself arrested on

June 4. Thanks to the timely in-

Liberties Union, which is sup-

These deportation round-ups

donesian seamen, who refused

leased.

**Defense Organized Against** 

**Deportation Of Indonesians** 

two acts this week.

LONDON, May 25—"Homes

# French And Italian June Elections Record Slight Shift To Right

By George Breitman

A slight shift to the right took place in the French and not make this change overnight Italian elections of June 2. In both countries, for the first not ripe for it. First of all they time since the end of the war, a capitalist party came for- needed a party of their own. So, ward as the largest in the electoral field. But in each case

this capitalist party still re-9mains a minority. France and French capitalist class. cisive battles still lie ahead.

even adding slightly to its pop- per cent. ular vote, but losing 4 or 5 seats in the Assembly. The Socialist Party lost both seats and votes, but now by only one or two ern Europe)? seats; their combined relative strength has declined.

The chief gains were made by the Popular Republican Movedemobilize in England 800 Span- ment (MRP), which added over a million votes and about 15 ed in the British army during seats in the Assembly. The MRP, whose strength was an the war, but instead was cending party and rallying center of the

INDONESIAN SEAMAN

Indonesian fighters for freedom.

This action by the U.S. Gov-

ernment can only be construed

as part and parcel of the aid that

American imperialism is giving

to the Dutch oppressors of the

seamen, as well as almost a score

of Indonesian residents were sent

by train to San Francisco, where

they will be placed on a vessel

John Andu stated that the

League will continue to fight

this case through to the end. He

icans, as well as all labor and

victims of political persecution.

Andu stated that Edward J.

The Indonesia League is urg-

First, a guarantee that all re-

patriated Indonesians be re-

On Friday, June 7, the 178

Indonesian people.

and deported.

mains a minority. France and In the Italian referendum on workers parties' leaders, they bethe monarchy and election of a gan to prepare for the future by political crisis; in both coun- Constituent Assembly, a similar organizing the MRP. To help it tries the parliamentary scene trend was revealed. The House secure a mass base, even among will be marked by instability of Savoy was rejected by rough- the lower middle class, they had for the coming period. The de- ly twelve million to ten million to give it a radical hue. The votes. The Christian Democrats, MRP declared for nationaliza-In the elections to the French | who resemble the French MRP, | tion of industry, for example, Constituent Assembly, which will received over one-third of the and in many other ways took prepare a new constitution, the votes. The Socialist and Com- the coloration of the workers Communist Party held its own, munist Party each got about 20

What is the explanation for the rise and growth of the MRP (and its "Christian Socialist" falling back to the position of counterparts not only in Italy, third party. Together the two but in Germany, Austria, and parties still represent a majority, several other countries in west-

> It must be remembered that the capitalist parties on the continent were completely discredhave a single party of their own. They had to begin all over again

#### CAPITALIST AIMS

But the capitalists were not and are not satisfied to rule through these workers' parties, subservient though their leaders are. For the continuation of rule in this manner implies some concessions to the masses; furthermore, it contains the danger that the workers' organizations, under a different leadership, may move toward the overthrow of capitalism. The stabilization of the ruined French economy under capitalism can be achieved only by further attacks on the masses' living standards and rights. To carry this out than the Stalinist and "Social- speedup, maintaining wage- harmless channels. But the rais- its operation by workers' comist" leaders. For the perspective freezing, etc. Little wonder, there- ing of these new demands will, mittees. of French capitalism is not rule last October to man Dutch ships by "democratic" forms but by a masses have become confused, loaded with arms and ammuni- dictatorial regime which can re- discouraged and even fallen into tion destined for use against the press all independent activity of the masses.

Of course the capitalists could

## **Troops Sent Against Strikers** In Holland

(Special to The Militant) AMSTERDAM, May 26 -The situation in Holland beernment of "Laborite" Scherof Amsterdam, allegedly to pre-

individual plants. Some 30,000

strength of numbers with the old reformist féderation.

Along with this demand, wage nent place in the strike aims.

nist Party, Dutch section of the Fourth International, has actively participated in support of the strikes. Immediately after the elections, when the Stalinist leaders sought an agreement with the reformists and the government in order to liquidate the strikes, the RCP issued a manifesto calling upon the workers of Holland to extend and gen-

Thousands of workers gathered around the posters carrying the appeal and received it enthusiastically. The daily press comment. ed on it prominently. The Stalinist paper, De Waarheid, was forced to take notice of it in a front-page editorial filled with the usual slanders and calling

eralize the strike struggle in sup-

port of the Amsterdam and Rot-

- the political conditions were while they were rebuilding the shattered structure of the capitalist state with the aid of the

#### OCTOBER ELECTION

The MRP made a strong beginning in the first postwar election last October, but it was still only the third largest party. De Gaulle, who represented one wing of the MRP, thought the time had come early this year for beginning the anti-labor offensive, but the capitalists genited and lost all semblance of erally judged more time was remass support during the war. quired. De Gaulle was compelled When the German occupation to step down from the governended, the capitalists did not ment until a more favorable occasion.

The MRP got all the help the gry and unemployment-ridden ber, has emerged as the main and build them. Capitalism re- ruling class could give it, but the strength of the capitalists, than the leaders of the CP and but because the Communist and SP. Instead of exposing the Socialist Parties, supported by true aims of the MRP, the leadthe masses who wanted a revo- ers of these parties-who conlutionary change, refused to ov- stituted a majority of the government-entered into a coalition with the MRP and thus helped to build up its authority. Instead of offering a truly revolutionary program to inspire the workers, peasants and middle class, the CP and SP sponsored measures which the MRP could support and go along with.

As the Republican columnist, Walter Lippman, points out with satisfaction: "The Communists have no social program for the reconstruction of France which is more advanced or more radical than that which the MRP

and the Socialists offer." fore that large sections of the

#### MRP BENEFITS That the MRP was able to

benefit from such conditions was shown in the next balloting-the May 5 referendum on the constitution. Here, by cleverly seizing on a secondary though important difference with the other two parties, the MRP was able to get credit for being an opposition to the Gouin govern- parties: ment, thus partly obscuring the ity for all the unpopular measures of that government.

As a Paris dispatch to The this test of strength because of section of the lowest strata of cation of Germany and is against rect opposition, of a considerable the population." In four of the any attempt to separate the industrial departments, the vote in favor of the constitution was gether last October. (A typographical error in the June 1 Militant made this read 2,000,-000 instead of 200,000; but this does not alter the significance of the decline in the CP-SP vote.)

The June 2 election shows that this trend, in a modified form, is continuing.

The capitalists in Italy and France can thank the CP and SP not only for maintaining SECONDARY ANTAGONISMS capitalism in its darkest days, but also for assisting in the creation of strong and growing capitalist parties.

As a result the political forces Germany. But even now they are not in the position they aim mains unresolved.



PARIS, June 1-New wage and price-control demands have been advanced by Benoit Frachon, Stalinist general secretary of the CGT (French Trade Union Congress).

The importance of these de-Omands, advanced three days be- by itself, surely usher in a fore election day, lies not in their period of strikes and serious possible effects on the election battles on the part of the workers. results so much as in their effect upon the future. The wage and France (and along with it the price-control demands spring



from the following motives: 1. To weaken the position of

the Socialist Party which has capitalized on the American loan negotiated by Leon Blum. 2. To present a threat to any who contemplate the exclusion

of the Stalinists from any future government. 3. To meet the tremendous ressure of the workers whose minimum pay was frozen on a

level of 4 to 5,000 francs per month — about half the amount necessary to meet minimum 4. To counter the successful propaganda of the PCI (French

section of the Fourth International), whose slogans have penetrated even into the ranks of the Communist Party member-

#### REFORMISTS IMPOSED WAGE-FREEZE

It is clear that the leaders of the French Communist Party Furthermore, the CP and SP have started something which vied with the MRP, and even they cannot easily control. They completely, the capitalists must surpassed it, in such measures as will, as experience demonhave agents more trustworthy disarming the workers, prohib- strates, try to divert the forthand less subject to mass pressure iting strikes, increasing the coming movement into safe and try without compensation and

The Communist Party of CGT) and the Socialist Party themselves imposed the wagefreeze. It was none other than Ambroise Croizat, Stalinist Minister of Work and Social Security, who introduced the legislation freezing wages and tying wages to production (the infamous system of piecework). It was

in denouncing strikers. Not only did these reformists champion such anti-working class policies. but they even went so far as to produce false figures to prove that the cost of living had gone down. For example, Thorez, C.P. gen-

the Stalinists who took the lead

eral secretary, at a miners' conference two and a half months ago gave figures trying to show that the cost of living had decreased; to the question of wage increases he replied that production was the first problem . . everything was subordinate to this task . . . strikes were actions which aided the trusts . . increased wages would only increase prices and cause infla-

#### UP 82 PER CENT

Now these gentlemen have produced figures which reveal that the cost of living has actually increased by 82 per cent and production by 100 per cent since March 1945, while wages have not increased at all.

Contradicting all their previous declarations they now say that wages can be increased without there being any increase in prices - if prices are controlled. But how and by whom this control is to be exercised is not even indicated. Along with this the Stalinists continue the antiworking class policy of demanding that wages be tied to production.

In contrast to the Stalinists and "socialists", the Internationalist Communist Party (PCI) has conducted a consistent campaign for the sliding scale of wages with a minimum of 7,500 francs per month; for the control of prices by committees of workers, housewives, small shopkeepers and poor peasants: for the nationalization of all indus-

## STALINISTS SQUABBLE **OVER NATIONAL BORDERS**

(Special to The Militant)

of three principal Stalinist

Ruhr and Rhineland from it. 2. The Italian Communist

Yugoslavian Trieste." 3. The Bulgarian Communist Party demands from Greece,

Western Thrace in opposition to the Communist Party of Greece which demands revision of the Bulgarian-Greece frontier to the advantage of Greece.

# In addition to these principal

er parties of the defunct Third International, there exist other secondary antagonisms. For exto secure. The social crisis re- rol. The Czechoslovakian and Polish Stalinist Parties stand at opposite poles on the question of Techan, etc., etc.

> is convenient for their own capitalist class without directly attacking the opposed Stalinist Party. However, Togliatti, Secretary of the Italian Communist Party, pursuing a policy in accordance with the Italian capitalists and with an eye to the June 2 elections, openly attack-

Stalinist Parties in a speech he made in Rome May 5:

"Nothing will prevent me from declaring that I am not in agreement with those Communists in other countries who . . . commit the error of not making any distinction between fascism and the Italian people.'

In Greece, Zachariades, General Secretary of the Communist Party, has raised the slogan to throw the Turks out of Easter ern Thrace and out of Europe. (Rizospastis, the Greek Stalinist paper, April 13, 1946.) To justify this demand, which is dictated by the Kremlin's desire to put pressure on Turkey to obtain control of the Dardanelles, Zachariades tried to arouse nationalist hatred among the Greek masses: "Turkey has been for us Greeks the plague inherited

since the constitution of the neo-

#### TENDENCIES SHARPEN

Hellenic state.'

from the fact that in the major European countries, the Stalinists hold responsible government posts. In the interests of the Kremlin's foreign policy, Stalin requires them to maintain these positions. Having abandoned the policy of revolutionary internationalism, the Stalinist parties can only pursue a domestic and foreign policy dictated by the interest of preserving capitalism and accommodating the foreign policy of the Kremlin. There is, therefore, consistency in the inconsistency of the policies of the various Stalinist parties.

This development, which directly arises out of the chauvinist degeneration of the Stalinrevolutionary nature of the Kremlin, cannot but sharpen the centrifugal tendencies within the ex-Third International.

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## **Critics Of Opportunism Expelled From Greek CP**

(Special to THE MILITANT)

May 30 — A deep-going crisis within the Communist | turned all arms over to the Brit-Party of Greece has broken out publicly. Since the begin- ish and Greek reaction. Since is appealing to prominent Amerning of May the central organ of the Greek Communist then a reign of terror has fallen Party, Rizospastis, has been engaged in a violent campaign

against an opposition which 9has arisen within the party, expulsion in the immediate fuboth in the leadership and ture. the rank and file. Special control commissions are functioning, examining the case of each oppositionist and proceeding to numerous expulsions. Up to May 20, forty expulsions had been made public.

Among the expelled members is Petsopoulos, one of the founders of the Communist Party of Greece, whose business activities, established probably with the aid and under the control of the party, brought it great finan-

Zachariades, secretary of the CPG, published in Rizospastis, May 16, 1946 a long article publicly opening fire on the opposition which criticizes the policy followed by the present leadership as "opportunist and adven-

### LEADING MEMBERS

Zachariades mentions well-known and popular captains of ELAS, Orestis and Zacharias, as being among the leaders of the opposition, and he

"I mention these two captains because they are among the mostrepresentative leaders of ELAS who have gone over to the opposition. These two captains have made a name for themselves during the movement for national liberation. This 'name' now enables them to carry on with all the greater 'prestige' their campaign against the Party

and against the EAM."

Petsopoulos, the already expelled leader, announces the coming appearance of a pamphthe opposition which according to him comprises "the overwhelming majority of the members of the party.

"A letter from the same leader quoted by Rizospastis states: "The present leadership of the party is carrying on an opportunist and adventurist policy. If the masses accept this policy to the very end, then the party must change its name, and those who remain Bolsheviks must create all over again the Communist

#### party." CAUSES OF CRISIS

The causes of this crisis, which has been ripening for a long time, but which only now becomes public, are to be found in the contrast between the development of the situation in Greece during the last few years (especially since liberation) and the policy of the Communist

Party of Greece. Before and during the December, 1944, uprising the CPG and the EAM controlled, in fact, virtually all of Greece and had with them the overwhelming majority of the workers and

Even when the EAM and the ELAS were beaten by the British at Athens at the end of despair and lethargy into direct December, 1944, these two organ- action. izations still retained mastery of all the rest of the country. tacks on trains carrying food to Further on Zachariades pre- Nevertheless they concluded the the occupying armies have in-

archist government of Tsaldaris.

reaction the Communist Party continues to defend the "Var- ing the following steps to prokiza" policy. It remains opposed to the arming of the workers, lives of the nearly 1,000 Indonand cannot decide on breaking with its "popular front" line and | States, as well as the Indonesian its repeated (and unanswered)

appeals to "the democratic (?)

forces" of the capitalists.

The situation has worsened Ennis, prominent attorney and particularly since the elections formerly Chief of the Enemy of March 31, 1946, and the com- Alien Control Unit in the U. S. let containing the criticism of ing to power of the pro-mon- Department of Justice, has been retained by the League to handle

on the country with a violence progressive organizations to rally which equals and even surpasses to the support of the Indonesian the crimes committed by the Me-

taxas dictatorship.

In face of this rising flood of the legal aspects of the case. tect the rights and indeed the esians now living in the United

seamen on Ellis Island. In this situation, which has turned to the Indonesian Republed the party into a absolute lic on an American ship, so that increases to meet the rising cost blind alley, it is quite natural they will not be imprisoned in of living occupy the most promithat there has ripened an inter- Dutch concentration camps in nal crisis which today forces it- Borneo and New Guinea.

self out into the open. The Greek Second, that all deportations Trotskyists will have to give this of Indonesian residents be susoppositional organization a clear pended until Congress acts upon political consciousness and to two pending bills which are deput it to the profit, not of reac- signed to prevent undue hardtion, but of the revolutionary ships and suffering in such cases

In the Ruhr "hunger belt," at-

(Special to The Militant) PARIS, May 24-As their | scores took part, last week crowds Nazi concentration camps, large numbers of German workers are beginning to rouse from death.

**German Workers Seize Food** 

daily food ration sags to the of 500 and more workers slowed starvation level of the worst down trains, swarmed aboard them and expropriated the food that would save them from

British and German police cordoned off whole areas of Ruhr towns and their arrests ran into hundreds, but the attacks pares the party opinion for their shameful Varkiza agreement and acreased. Where previously only on the trains continued.

came very tense as the govmerhorn sent a detachment | Militant two weeks ago indicatof troops equipped with tanks ed, the MRP was able to win in and machine-guns into the port

vent riots. The seamen's and dockers' strike is going into its third week and the strikers have been joined by the Rotterdam stevedores, by the building trades workers and the shipyard workers, as well as by workers in various

men are out. The main objective of the strikes is recognition of the EVC (the new "United Trade Union Federation," led by the Stalinists), which already vies in

TROTSKYIST SUPPORT The Revolutionary Commu-

terdam workers. the manifesto a "provocation."

PARIS, May 25-The Stalinist bureaucracy is reaping the fruits of its chauvinist policies. In oppressed and Balkanized Europe there are, at present, monstrous contradictions in the foreign policies?

1. The French Communist fact that it shared responsibil- Party calls for the attachment of the Saar to France and for the "internationalization" of the Ruhr and Rhineland (that is, separation politically and economically from Germany). But the Socialist Unity Party of Ger-"the abstention, if not the di- many, the Stalinist party in the Soviet zone, calls for the unifi-

more than 200,000 less than the Party calls for an "Italian vote cast for the CP and SP to- Trieste," in opposition to Tito who, with the authority of the Kremlin and the Yugoslavian Communist Party, calls for a

antagonisms between the brothof French capitalism are today ample, the French and Italian stronger comparatively than at Stalinist Parties have differences any time since the collapse of on the question of revision of the Alpine frontier. The Italian and Austrian Stalinist Parties are at loggerheads over the Ty-

> In most cases the Stalinist Parties prefer to demand what ed the French and Yugoslavian

These contradictions arise

PROBLEMS FACING

WAR VETERANS

By ALVIN ROYCE

Of all the World War II veteran organizations the

American Veterans Committee has received the most

publicity. The AVC chartered a blimp to fly over

Los Angeles and organized a mammoth bonfire in Denver, Col. to advertise their recruiting campaign.

Publicity stunts such as these have enjoyed the

widest- attention of the capitalist newspapers

throughout the country.

The AVC Convention

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

-Leon Trotsky

#### **Against The Draft!**

By a vote of 69 to 8, Republican and Democratic Senators on June 5 voted for the Truman-sponsored extension of the Selective Service Act to May 15, 1947. And by a vote of 53 to 26, these reactionary Republican and Democratic Senators voted to restore teen-age inductions, thus subjecting all men between 18 and 45 to possible draft.

What are the reasons for Wall Street's insistence on conscription almost a year after

General Eisenhower on June 2 pointed to "international commitments." What these commitments are, has never been revealed. They have never been embodied in peace treaties, nor have they been publicly debated even by Congress. They are secret commitments arrived at in the dark of the night behind the backs of the people.

The N. Y. Times, the most authoritative mouthpiece of Big Business, asserts that huge armed forces must be maintained "as a protective shield against coup d'etats . . . in such trouble zones as Austria, Northern Italy and Korea." (May 8). And the Times' military expert, Hanson W. Baldwin, adds (June 5) that "with increasing hunger our occupation authorities have noted increasing trouble in Germany."

Thus it is clear that one of the major reasons impelling Wall Street to maintain the greatest peacetime military camp in history, is to put down working class revolutions and colonial rebellions. Wall Street wants troops posted over the entire world to bolster up decaying capitalism. The Times in a June 1 editorial placed extension of conscription equal in importance to passage of Truman's vicious strikebreaking "emergency" legislation.

Strikebreaking legislation at home and armed violence abroad - these are the two arms of Wall Street's anti-labor politics!

But the long-range purpose of conscription is preparation for the Third World War. Senator Gurney, Republican from South Dakota, who led the Senate fight for Truman's conscription legislation revealed this June 3 in the following significant words: "Far from being at peace, we are confronted with a world containing more explosive elements than at the time World War II started. It would be literally easier to go to war now than then."

Few legislative measures have aroused such popular indignation as the extension of the draft act. Congress is being bombarded by letters. That is why the newspapers financed by Big Business are trying to stiffen the backbones of their political spokesmen in Congress.

The June 3 Times insists that "no matter how unhappy the choice to him personally nor how politically dangerous he may believe it to be," each Congressman must vote to extend conscription. And the June 6 Times hopes that the House of Representatives which must now act on the Senate bill will "have the political courage to look beyond the November elections." This is an order to go down in defeat if necessary fighting for Wall Street's legislative program.

It is the task of the American labor movement to combat capitalist militarism. All the conscription schemes of Wall Street's agents in Congress must be defeated.

Prevent the dragooning of American youth into a military machine that is used against labor both at home and abroad!

#### For Maritime Unity

The commendable action of the AFL seamen's unions in warning Truman they will not tolerate his use of the Navy and other government agencies to man struck ships in the event of a CIO maritime strike, has raised the hopes and aroused the enthusiasm of all maritime workers.

Truman has been planning to utilize the rivalry between the AFL and CIO maritime unions, to play off one group against the other and strike deadly blows at both.

The seamen remember that it was the disunity and division among the 21 railroad unions which enabled Truman to break the recent rail strike.

All seamen agree that the ideal set-up for them would be one united organization. But everyone can see that this is impossible to achieve in short order.

The Stalinist leaders of the CIO maritime unions have hindered such unity by their fake unity maneuvers through their "One Big Union" conference. Likewise, the leaders of the AFL unions have placed numerous obstacles in the way of a unified organization with their threats of jurisdictional warfare etc.

But the fact remains that right now both groups of maritime unions are preparing concrete actions in fighting their mutual enemy, the ship operators. This paves the way for achieving unity of action in a common immediate struggle.

What is necessary is that a Joint Strike Coordinating Committee be set up immediately to coordinate the strike actions of both the AFL and CIO unions.

Such joint strike coordination would ensure against any successful attempt by the government to play off one group of seamen's unions against the other. It would further ensure that neither the CIO nor AFL unions would sign separate agreements and undercut each other's demands.

An AFL-CIO Maritime Joint Strike Coordinating Committee should be established at once, by both groups of unions electing a similar number of representatives to one body with the duty of coordinating all actions of the organized seamen in fighting for their common demands. This is indispensable if the seamen are to achieve unity in their common immediate struggle for better wages and working conditions.

#### **New Strike Wave**

A new strike wave to resist the soaring cost of living is in the offing. The capitalist press and government officials are voicing growing

"A big new outburst of strikes is expected in Government circles here if the Administration's price and inflation control machinery is weakened further," writes a Washington correspondent in the Christian Science Monitor. June 3.

The Research Institute of America on June 5 warned its corporation subscribers: "An indication of the size of the new strike wave, which will reach every city and village in the nation is given by more than 1,600 strike notices filed during March and April. Yet the picture is worse even than these notices indicate . . .

Louis Stark, chief labor correspondent of the N. Y. Times, said in the June 9 issue that "the rumblings of discontent because of fluctuations in living costs may bring about a new series of wage demands much earlier than had been expected . . . There are general signs which point to warning signals.'

These capitalist observers read the signs aright. Unions which won wage increases but a few months ago, such as the CIO Rubber Workers and CIO Auto Workers, are beginning to press for new raises.

The capitalists and their government, however, give us a hint as to the most effective means of defending labor from the consequences of price inflation. It is a method Big Business is using to protect its profit interests regardless of price and production "fluctuations."

For instance, OPA has authorized pig iron producers to sell their products on an "adjustable pricing basis"—that is, requiring buyers to agree to retroactive payment of any future price increases. OPA gave a one cent per loaf price increase last week "to compensate the baking industry for loss of profits resulting from reduced production."

Labor, too, should make "adjustable" wage demands to protect its purchasing power from the inflationary knife. If the bosses are so anxious to avoid a new strike wave, let them agree to union contracts providing a sliding scale of wages which will rise automatically with every rise in prices.

### Withdraw Ali Troops:

Another conflict between the colonial peoples and world imperialism has broken out —this time in Burma.

On June 7 the press reported 50,000 Burmese marched through Rangoon's main streets shouting such slogans as "We want Complete Independence!" "We Don't Want a Governor!" "Withdraw the Occupation Force!"

The demonstration protested "repressive measures" of the British, including the police firing on a recent demonstration in Tanbabin, 40 miles from Rangoon.

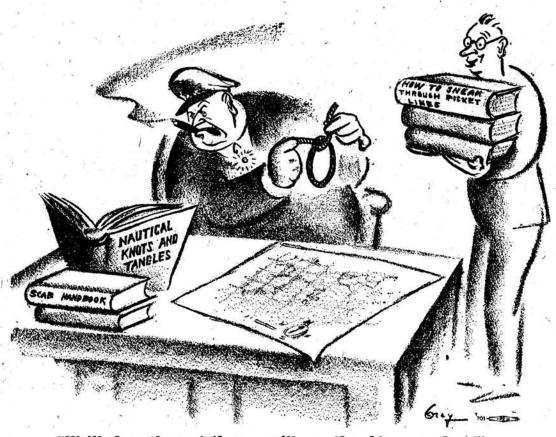
The British imperialists, momentarily lifting the iron censorship they have maintained on Burma, slandered the Burmese fighters for independence in typical style. In a debate June 7 in the House of Commons they labelled the Burmese demonstrators as "armed bandits," "tub-thumping seditionists," etc.

These facts underline once again that the Second World War did not bring "Freedom from fear" to the colonial peoples. On the contrary! The British capitalists are doing their utmost to re-establish their hated prewar rule over Burma. They are again tapping Burma's rich natural resources.

The British have reinstated the same Governor, Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, whose word was law before the war. He exercises the same despotic rule as before through an appointed Executive Council. British troops have been stationed at strategic points throughout the country. It is on their bayonets that this brutal regime rests.

The slogans shouted by the demonstrators in Rangoon will find a responsive echo in the heart of every militant worker in America. The struggle of the colonial peoples for freedom is necessarily directed squarely against world imperialism. The main powerhouse of that imperialist system stands in Wall Street. Any struggle that weakens imperialism helps the American workers in their own battle against Wall Street.

The American workers can aid their ally in distant Burma by taking up the slogan, "Withdraw the Occupation Force!"



"We'll show those strikers—we'll run the ships ourselves!"

1946, 316 pp., \$3.

The author of this book places housing shortage upon the archaic conditions and techniques prevailing today in the building industry. These, he admits, arise out of a system which places the means of production in the hands of individuals who produce not for use but solely for profits. "What we have is a collection of small-scale builders who come into the market when conditions permit a high-priced house to be built with profit and who disappear when these conditions change.

of a planned national housing program to begin immediately. He years of underbuilding, first because of the depression and then because of the war. A minimum of 15,000,000 new houses must be built in the next 10 years, he states, and even then, there would still remain millions of people living in slums.

The main emphasis of the book is placed upon the desperate need for low cost housing which private capital virtually never provstates Lasch, "what private capital could and did provide at these rent levels was the squalor and misery of the slums . . . . . of that system."

The reformist Lasch does not. tion monopolists can live harmoniously side by side with socialized housing. But Lasch himself is forced to the final conclu- tion into the army.

BREAKING THE BUILDING sion that "when the pursuit of Because he has rheumatism, BLOCKADE, By Robert Lasch: private profit takes place at the Schweik is sent to a hospital for University of Chicago Press, expense of the common good," the malingerers and then detention masses of people themselves must barracks, reminiscent of the "initiate, induce and control the Lichfield guardhouse of more the blame for the unprecedented provision of adequate housing recent fame. Here the sergeantand the building of adequate major complains bitterly about commences."

Doubleday, Doran and Co., 1930.

Everyone who likes a good book should read The Good Soldier Schweik, and World War II veterans especially. Written over 20 years ago, it still remains the best all-round satiric novel -Lasch presents a case in favor and the most biting condemnation-of modern capitalist militarism available in English. And demonstrates the vast extent of although it is about the Austrian But the chaplain loses Schweik the shortage as a result of 15 Army in World War I, every American veteran of the more recent war will immediately recognize its incidents and characters, especially the officers.

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however, propose to abolish the from his arrest at the beginning whole capitalist system of anar- of the war as a suspicious charchy in housing construction. He acter because of some innocent prefers the "middle way" in statements made in a saloon, original American edition, but which the profiteering construc- through prison and an amazing unfortunately it is abridged. doctor asks: "Is radium heavier in most public libraries. than lead?") up to his induc-

having had to trample on some Reviewed by prisoner for 10 minutes before Larissa Reed his ribs began to crack; and another non-com warns Schweik GOOD SOLDIER that if he is ever questioned dur-E. ...EIK by Jaroslav Hasek; ing an inspection, he must stand at attention, salute and answer: "I beg to report, sir, no complaints, and I'm quite satisfied."

Schweik is released from detention to become the orderly of a generally drunk chaplain fond of commanding, "Any of you who are dead must report themselves to headquarters within three days, so that their corpses can be consecrated." to a lieutenant in a card game. and Schweik gets his new superior into trouble with their colonel, so both are shipped off to the front. At the end Schweik Schweik was a Czech, drafted is captured—by soldiers of his

The author, Hasek, was himin his notes. The American ediwho wants to do the public a The author follows Schweik good turn should print the whole

Early this year Penguin Books issued a 25 cent edition of the psychiatric examination (one The original edition is available

Reviewed by George Breitman

#### Members of this infant organization, which is still technically only an organizing committee in spite of the 60,000 members it claims, ostensibly have the opportunity to decide the future of the AVC at its founding convention in Des Moines on June 14 to The rank and file joined because they want an organization of action. Without any encouragement from the National Planning Committee, which is composed of such capitalist liberals as Charles Bolte and F. D. Roosevelt Jr., the membership has par-

ticipated in numerous picket lines around fascist meetings. Many local AVC units have taken an active part in the struggle for housing and in New York have initiated a progressive housing program. However, the National Planning Committee has done everything in its power to divert the militancy

of the veterans into "harmless" channels. These "liberals" have as their aim the shackling of the militant vets to Wall Street's war machine. One of the best illustrations of the duplicity practiced by these professional lovers of "democracy" is the procedure they propose for the convention.

They have arranged for so many invited speakers that the delegates at Des Moines will find it virtually impossible to get the floor. To top it off, no amendment to the constitution or discussion on the platform can be brought on the floor of the convention unless a minority report is submitted. With these methods they hope to lace the rank and file in a bureaucratic straitjacket at this founding con-

Posing as liberals on questions of foreign policy. the AVC leaders urge "active participation in the United Nations" which they claim "will remove the causes of war." They support the allocation of troops to suppress the revolutionary aspirations of the workers of Germany and Japan. At no time have they opposed the draft despite the overwhelming opposition of the mass of veterans to capitalist miltarism. On each of these issues no difference exists between the foreign policy of the AVC and that of the National Association of Manufacturers.

#### Must Choose Sides

During a discussion, recently, in an AVC chapter on the Truman anti-Labor offensive, one follow who prided himself on being a liberal said the following, "Up till now I would have considered solidarity with labor as completely alien to my views. But we have got to look at this situation coolly. Either you are on the side of the worker or on the side of Wall Street."

Throughout the recent wave of strikes the AVC remained neutral. While the corporations working hand in glove with the government were waging their vicious war against the unions and the living standards of the workers, the AVC identified itself with the "public" and refused to "take part in management-labor disputes.'

By turning their backs on the labor movement, veterans in the AVC are losing their only real friend. The unions are the only force that can wage a consistent fight for housing, for the bonus, for the abolition of Jim Crow and every other demand the veterans have raised. That is why The Militant ist Workers Party have continually urged the organization of the veterans by the trade

## **Navy Throws Away Food While Millions Starve**

While American housewives are lining up in blocklong queues to obtain a little of the vanishing stores of meat, bread and other necessities, and while tens of millions throughout the world face death by starvation in the next few months, the U. S. Navy is dumping quantities of perfectly good canned edibles into the Navy garbage dump at Astoria, Oregon.

This shocking revelation of food wastage on a vast scale was made by Representative Norblad of Oregon in Congress on May 9, according to the Congressional Record. Presenting as evidence cans of meat, vegetables, whole milk, cereal packages, etc., Norblad stated: "These cans of food on the desk are not, as you might imagine, recently purchased from the grocery store, but they were obtained within the past few weeks from the Navy garbage dump at Astoria, Oregon."

One can of lemon juice powder, Norblad declared, was taken from a large container in which up to 200 of these cans were "completely wrapped and encircled with a very tight metal strip." He pointed out that all the canned food products were new and "in very good condition."

While at his home in Oregon last month, a friend of Norblad's invited him to inspect the abundant stores of food he had collected at the dump. These included "large perfect tins of corned beef, Australian corned lamb, Canadian bacon, cartons of oatmeal," etc. Among other items in his basement, said Norblad, were "probably 20 or 30 large cans of paint, unopened, and several cans of turpentine, likewise in perfect condition and unopened . . . about 50 packages of powdered soap . . . a large case of toilet paper, a brass fire nozzle and other similar items.

So much food is thrown into the dump, that one resident of Astoria told Norblad that he "had so much of this in his basement, he has quit salvaging food from the dump, as he says he has enough food for himself and his family for the rest of his life." Others made their living through salvaging these items from the dump-heap.

"So that there may be no question as to whether this food that the Navy considers garbage is edible or not, I wish to advise the members of the House that I shall eat this food in the House Restaurant tomorrow noon, and any of you who wish to have a sample thereof are very welcome to do so," Norblad announced.

Denouncing a statement made by Captain Ligon B. Ard of the U. S. Navy that "I was making a mountain out of a mole hill regarding this matter," Norblad concluded: "The matter of this waste of food may not be a serious one to him and of no consequence, but I do not believe that the taxpayers of the United States or the starving millions of Europe would agree with him."

## Congressmen At Work

#### Southern Bourbon Suffers Nightmare

Representative Smith of Virginia has been suffering lately from a nightmare; namely, "The fourth attempt to eliminate me from Congress by these radical groups, headed by the CIO Political Action Committee." But this son of Virginia's old aristocracy is a brave man. In the tradition of the slave - holding Bourbons he intends to go down in history as a last-ditch fighter: "I defy them now as I have done in the past!"

of supine submission to any mi-'nority pressure group, particu- nomic dictatorship." larly the CIO Political Action Committee." Smith wants to remain in Congress as the repre--the reactionary, labor-hating, hand since Civil War days.

As the first step in his historic battle to stay in office, Smith reviled the machinations of his CIO enemy: "They have published it boldly and boastfully under large headlines in every . . They propose to conduct this nefarious enterprise openly and boldly from their head offices in New York and Wash-

ington." the campaign to eliminate him yet seen below the Mason-Dixon gang face to face!



from office - is nothing less Smith's motives, naturally, are than "to destroy the American the noblest: "I do not desire a system of government as we have seat in the Congress at the price known it and to fasten upon us the fetters of political and eco-

Having thus denounced the

clarion call: "Are the southern sentative of a different minority people become so supine and spineless that they will meekly Jim Crow, poll tax oligarchy who submit to another carpetbagger have ruled Virginia with an iron invasion without raising a voice in protest?" Raising on high the tattered

declared war on the Northern call against the CIO organizers has been cooked up, dished, and gress. They will rally to keep daily newspaper in the country who are not even citizens of the Washington where he can do the and conquer."

born citizens with American names." If the Bourbons of those days put on hoods and robes to lynch American - born citizens, what should they do now about the present invading hordes? "There is not an American-born citizen

line. "The carpetbaggers who

invaded the South after the Civil

War were at least American-

vasion!" But the "top-flight leadership" are not the only ones who must be concerned about Smith's tarpot and lynch rope. He put the finger on "The swarm of minor hirelings who propose to do the actual field work."

in the top-flight leadership of

this model 1946 carpet bag in-

Smith doesn't know what othsinister plot, Smith sounded a ers may do, but as for him "I shall fight this invasion openly and aboveboard with all the energy I possess." He intends to fight moreover to the bitter bloody end, "expecting no quarter and asking none." Every Ku Klux Klanner in the

flag of the Confederacy, Smith | country will approve this lynch aliens: "Such is the scheme that raised in the very halls of Conis ready to be served by persons | their anti-union mouthpiece in States they propose to invade most political damage to labor.

But that won't save Smith. If Smith called for heroic meas- he's got nightmares now, just ures, especially from those old wait until the CIO decides to decaying Bourbon families who cover the political front too and According to Smith, the real organized the first Ku Klux Klan. puts a squad of political organaim of the Southern organizing The character of the foe, he izers right in Congress where drive of the CIO - especially pointed out is far worse than any they can answer Smith and his

## ······ WORKERS' FORUM

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

#### **Bread And Butter** Is A Luxury Even in Farm Areas

Last week, in order to get a pound of butter for my butterless household, I was forced to buy assorted vegetables in a tie-in sale that brought the price of one pound of butter to almost

Every night after work I made the rounds of the bakeries for a loaf of bread, and sometimes, after stopping at six bakeries. there still is no bread to be had. Oh, yes, of course, if you can afford to buy fancy breads at 20 cents per loaf, that is available.

The woman who takes care of my son while I work has taken Workers Gouged By to baking bread for us-but she can only buy 10 pounds of flour at a time, which makes the price of flour high.

Minnesota is a dairy state and flour milling center. If conditions are this bad here-well, the working people in the rest of the country must be in a sorry

Mrs. W. N.

#### Rail Worker Writes On Hudson-Manhattan **Transport Strike**

As I scan the press and listen to the radio, I become impatient waiting for Truman, Congress, Wall Street and its lackeys to denounce the owners of the Manhattan and Hudson railroad as traitors to the 115,000 commuters who are denied adequate transportation to their jobs in New York City.

I feel sort of disappointed in the "friend of labor" who remains strangely silent on the refusal of the Manhattan and Hudson railroad in refusing to grant the striking engineers and trainmen the 181/2 cent wage increase he recommended.

As this is written the strike has been in progress for four days and I am beginning to lose all hope of hearing a fiery speech that would raise my blood pressure. I am prepared as soon as the fireside chat is over to write letters to my Congressman and Senator demanding a law to draft these ungrateful profiteers into the army or take their seniority rights away from them.

I was sort of skeptical when I gave my dollar to the PAC to No More Beerhelp elect this "friend of labor."

I was scolded and reprimanded

4,000 Laid Off severely and told that I was Editor: prejudiced against this outstanding fighter for labor's rights.

the war he was going to take to the so-called shortages of care of the working men and wheat and coal. In the Twin Ciwomen. Ain't he a small town ties over 4,000 brewery workers boy who made good? Don't he are laid off. One wouldn't believe hate big bankers, Yale snobbery this could happen here right in Harvard sophistication? When I tried to explain that a banker big or little is still a banker, I was growled at: "Ah, why don't you go back where you came from?"

Well, I guess I will pack my bags and go back to Newark. New Jersey, where I can be as prejudiced as I wish.

Railroad Worker Reading, Penna.

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#### "CONTRAST . . . "

A miner is smashing his drill into rock And his insides are shaking like jelly from shock; A workman is thrusting his spade into mud, And the clay that he digs is the color of blood. A farmer is mopping the sweat from his brow, And his dreams are an integral part of his plow; The whole thing is totaled in red and black ink And the board of directors adjourns for a drink . . . A mill-hand mechanically shuts off his press, And then looks at his hand where there's one finger less-A Negro is bending his back in a field. And the ache in his heart is part of its yield. A girl at a loom gets a glimpse of the sky,

And she feels she's been cheated, but she doesn't know why:

The whole thing adds up to a few figures in ink

And the board of directors adjourns for a drink . . . Eddie Dumaine

## **Newark Landiord**

One day, much to my surprise, I saw an ad in a Newark daily paper which said, "Newly furnished rooms-light housekeeping-all improvements." Since I am one of millions of victims of the housing situation, I investi-

gated. The advertised place was a very old tenement, slightly renovated. The original seven-room flats have been broken up into but the worker's is taken from individual rooms, with the kitchen converted into a "community kitchen." That settled the "light

housekeeping" question. painted. The one bathroom per floor has a shower, rare in Newark. I finally decided on a room with running water, and asked how much the rental was.

The bold reply was \$12 a week, smaller room without a closet War II. and without water, for \$8 a week, single. I didn't take it. Finally he remembered a room gro people that unity with the he had "overlooked." This was entire working class is essential a tiny place with barely room to their struggle. The serious for a bed and chair, evidently ness and enthusiasm of discus once used for storage or closet space. The small window opened | the Negroes' qualifications fo

on a shaftway. Completely discouraged, I dewent back to see if the reconverted tenement had come down were known. in rents. Instead, I found it completely filled! Desperate workers have yielded to this robbery in order to have some place to sleep

Ruth Franklin Newark, N. J.

The two leading St. Paul breweries, Schmidt's and Hamm's, I constantly heard that after | are practically at a standstill due

the wheat center of the Amer-

icas but it has. A group of us were talking the other day about the old days when there was plenty of beer. "14 ounces for a nickel" signs were all over town, "Largest glass of beer in town" was another. "Three bottles for a quarter." and you could take out all you

wanted. Now they tell you "NO BEER,

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#### NO BEER." And I like beer. To come from work and stop in and have a glass, to feel this cool refreshing liquid on the tongue after a hard day's work in the shop would make this capitalist world vanish for a few moments. My friends and I always talked over our common problems over a large cool glass of beer. Our discussions were always on a better basis this way.

The thing that makes me so mad is the fact that the big shots still have their favorite drink

Paul Chelstrom St. Paul, Minn.

#### The rooms had been newly Comments On National Negro Congress

Editor:

I was one of 650 delegates to the National Negro Congress held in Detroit, May 30-June single! When I said that was too 2. This was its first national conhigh, the owner showed me a vention since the start of World

The convention reflected the growing awareness of the Nesion on many questions showe leadership, However, the Stalin ist tops of the NNC attempted to cided to remain in my cheap channel all this off into reformrooming house. A week later I ist ideas. Militant speakers were denied the floor after their views

> The convention sent a petition to the UN to end the oppression of the American Negro! Colonial peoples of India and Asia and the oppressed peoples of the invaded countries are learning to hate the UN whose function is to continue their enslavement Yet to Negro workers eager for truth and struggle, the Stalinist recommend the UN as "the highest authority in the world to

The NNC adopted the Stalinist line "for a third party, based on the unions but not to be organzed prematurely."

Meanwhile, the Stalinists said. all attention should be on "men and issues" which can "only be found in the parties already in existence," the very men and parties now attacking labor with conceivable legislative

A Reade Chicago, Il'

#### **Workers Oppose** Stalinist Tactics

On June 5, at Military Park in Newark, N. J. at the C.I.O. rally to protest Truman's antilabor acts, the Stalinists made one of their hysterical and cowardly attempts to stop the distribution of The Militant. At first they tried their old methods -taking copies from the distributors in order to tear them up, all the while shouting to the workers who took the paper to

also tear it up. Since these methods proved unavailing, the Stalinists went who is also a deputy sheriff, badinto a huddle. The goon squad ly beaten, and driven off. went into action. Four men and two women surrounded one of tributor continued to try to give

out the papers. The goon squad circle disapproached and firmly objected to this hooliganism.

There was a small crowd left near the speakers' stand and the Militant distributor went there. The Stalinists followed, yelling hysterically, snatching at her on probation on condition that papers. The four Stalinist men started to withdraw when they saw that many workers kept coming up to the distributor and demonstratively asking for The Militant, and that many of their own sympathizers were frown-

ing on their actions. The local unionists are disgusted with the use of the Stalinist goon squads against a section of the working class move-

A Reader

Los Angeles Family Homeless



The plight of workers' families in the housing crisis is dramatically shown in the photo above. Mr. and Mrs. Cleen Simmons and their eight children, evicted from a Los Angeles housing project, were forced to take shelter in the railroad station. The children play on the floor or try to sleep on

## A Working Class Mother's **Answer To Aid For Europe**

The other day an article in our local paper said that a New Britain (Conn.) Famine Relief Committee consisting of Mrs. So and So and the highly respected community leader Mr. Do-That had been appointed by the mayor to talk the people into tightening to Europe. But we also want to III. their belts during the food crisis. Some Mrs. "Crust" was even assigned to talk to the "overfed" boys and girls in schools.

During the war we were told a lot of lies about shortages. Now veterans tell us indignantly of utter waste; of luxurious living for officers while GIs and workers sacrificed. American mothers and housewives are also wise to the present tale of "shortages." We know that the things es-

sential for even a bare existence are being withheld by profiteer: who prefer to sell on the black market. The food we don't get certainly isn't going to the starving in Furope. Mrs. "Crust" doesn't have to

go to a worker's child and tell him not to eat a piece of bread and jam after school, so that little scrap of bread will reach Italy or France! We've already cut out that "luxury." Bread shortage!

Furthermore, Mrs. "Crust"

They've done it when Pop Jone was out on strike nine weeks. The Jones kids did the same when others needed help.

Workers' children, like their parents, feel a close bond with Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, the starving Europeans. Yes, | New York, Baltimore, Mt. Herwe're in favor of sending food go after the speculators who hoard food at the expense of both American and European workers. The answer of the working

class mother to "What can we do right now?" should be "We'll send our food to Europe through the American Committee for European Workers' Relief." Our little Barbaras and Johnnies will gladly contribute their candy bars and clothes to Nicola and the others in Europe. In that way we mothers know that the food and clothing reaches directly the hands of the antifascist fighters of Europe, because this is a workers' committee, not a phony outfit of rich loafers put up as a front for UNRRA.

Pearl Spangler New Britain, Conn.

(Editor's Note: The American Committee for European Workers' Relief needs food, clothing, needn't preach to our kids about and funds to defray mailing sacrificing. Workers' kids don't costs. Please send all contribumind sharing with other chil- tions to American Committee for dren. Ours have done it when European Workers' Relief, 116

## Story Of A Timber Worker Enslaved By California Boss

of thousands among the unor- son, must not complain, and by

Old Tex is an expert in the piece-work job of splitting out redwood grade stakes for the vinyardists. He works directly come into the forest to exploit these men.

Old Tex is 60-odd years old. Like other workers he is tricked into running up bills at the one store nearby. The merchant then makes a profit both ways by demanding the workers' grapestakes, at less than market price. Tex got into debt, his stakes were hauled to the store loading place, and he was told to sell them at the merchant's price.

Tex remonstrated. He was thrown out of the store, kicked in the face by the bouncer-clerk

Next the brother-in-law of the deputy, who had been hiring Old the distributors, joining hands Tex, ordered him out of his in a circle around her. Just then cabin, into the empty night, the rally adjourned. The dis- alone and broke and disheartened. Somehow Tex had absorbed the idea that in America "a man's home is his castle." Threatsolved when two young workers ened by violence, he reached for his shotgun.

The upshot is that Tex was placed under arrest by the deputy, threatened with a trial for sanity-a popular terror weapon in California, and finally released he take the job the sheriff would get him, and stay on that job

until released. What was the job? Farmers in California experience difficulty in getting labor for such work as orchard pruning. Old Tex is now

IN TACOMA Buy "The Militant" at these stands: 9th and Pacific Newark, N. J. Pacific bet. 12th and 13th

This is the story of one man, tude, pruning orchard trees; he but at the same time, the story cannot leave the job for any reaganized timber workers in Cali- his forced labor helps to hold down the meager wages for prun-

Tex is but one of thousands of cialist Workers Party, improv-

This slave traffic ordered by ing interests of the state, is something for the American posure cannot be too widely

## Asks For Books The Detroit branch of the So-

California workers caught in the ing its facilities for friends and nets of the organized slavers (the visitors, is now enlarging its libfor the wily entrepreneurs who officers of the law) who work di- rary. All types of books, includrectly and consciously to supply ing fiction as well as revolutionunderpaid, terrorized labor for ary literature, will be available. the powerful agricultural monop- Readers of The Militant who have books, magazines, pamphlets or other material which they This slave traffic ordered by and benefiting the huge farm-to the Detroit SWP library where it can be used by increasing numbers of comrades and workers to think about. Its ex- friends. The literature, or information concerning it, should be sent to the Socialist Workers A. B. Party, 6108 Linwood, Detroit 8,

California Michigan.

#### DETROIT Public Meeting The Big-Business-Govt. War On Labor -And How To Combat It' Speaker: WILLIAM F. WARDE

Associate Editor of The Militant Pocialist Workers Party 6108 Linwoo

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 8 P.M.

CHICAGO

## MASS MEETING

Smash Truman's War On Labor!

FARRELL DOBBS, Editor of The Militant SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 8 P.M. Socialist Workers Party Headquarters 777 W. Adams St.

Growing interest in the life and works of Leon Trotsky is nave noted the addition of a new indicated by the many letters feature column, "On The Rail-Pioneer has received of late from college students who state that they are writing their theses on worker readers, in addition to newals was about 55. those we hope to gain through letter came from a girls' school our special subscription drive. in Virginia, another from the

**Pioneer** 

Notes

Trotsky and Trotskyism.

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letter quoted below from Ann Ar-

last period, say from 1932 on.

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in Harrisonburg, Va., are only

a few of the many schools we

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In connection with this speattractive railroad workers' subscription card carrying a Militant five-point program of action Leon Trotsky's writings of his for the railroad workers. Although many subs have al-

His Stalin gives a list of books ready come in from railroad and pamphlets published by you. workers, we would like to insti-Will you please send me a price tute some socialist competition among the various branches And from a student at Sweet which have the greatest contact with railroad workers. To "I am writing a paper on your date Reading and Minneapolis party and I would greatly appreseem to be in the lead. How about ciate any literature or informachallenging Toledo and St. Paul tion that you can send me on into some lively action? We'll your history, workings and watch the railroad subs coming in from these centers and keep our readers informed as to the In addition to requests for intop scoring centers. formation and orders for books

> D. Sanders of New York writes: "Last Sunday on our renewal mobilization, I called on a subscriber who has been reading The Militant for a year. He didn't wait for me to ask him if he wanted to renew, but immediately gave me a dollar for a one year renewal adding: 'The Militant is a fine paper!'

"I asked him why he liked The Public libraries which have Militant, and this was his reply: ordered recently include Carne-I used to get a paper something gie Library of Pittsburgh; Los like this, the Daily Worker. In addition, I read the other New York daily papers. But what I non, Indianapolis, and Oak Park like about The Militant particularly, is that it gives you what Order from Pioneer Publishers you might call hidden news. 116 University Place, New Things you can't find in other papers, you get straight in The Militant'."

> From Los Angeles we obtained the following information on a renewal mobilization: "East side Branch pulled out in front of the other branches in the drive for Militant renewals by being the first to go out.

"It was a modest beginning with visits being made to 34 subscribers. Eleven renewals were obtained. No one reported a dislike or disappointment with the paper. Eight who didn't subscribe asked us to call back in a short time. Nine were not home and

was obtained, 31 Fontana pamphlets were seld as well as roads." This column is directed one copy of the Fourth Interespecially to our present railroad | national. The percentage of re-

"One subscriber, after renewing his Militant sub, asked us to call back next week for a sub cial drive, we have printed an to the Fourth International. Another subscriber who renewed, offered us the use of his home for discussion."

> Carey of Allentown June writes: "We have been holding regular distributions at the Mack plant. After one of the recent distributions, our comrade distributor turned in to me a one year sub, which came to him in the most unusual way.

"This particular subscriber had gone from plant to plant looking for an authorized representative of The Militant so that he might obtain a subscription. He finally gave a dollar to one of the workers together with his name and address, and after passing through many workers' hands it reached our comrade who turned

"What is so remarkable about this is revealed by the anxiety of our subscriber to get The Milltant, that he entrusted his dollar to other workers hoping # would get to the right party. A dollar of a worker's money is a lot, but his confidence in his fellow worker was well rewarded, and we know how pleased he will be with The Militant once \* starts coming."

May will be recorded as another banner month for new Militant subscriptions as well as renewals. Our paper was introduced to over 400 new readers. In addition, over 500 resubscribed. Our monthly breakdown is as follows:

344 six-month and 90 one-year new subscriptions.

420 six-month and 165 one year renewal subscriptions 37 new and 31 renewal combinations to both The Militant

and the Fourth International.

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# \$13,864 RAISED FOR 'MILITANT' FUND · WITH ONLY NINE DAYS LEFT TO DEADLINE

By Justine Lang **Campaign Director** 

Our drive to raise \$15,000 to help sustain The Militant is coming to a close. As this is written only nine more days remain before the June 15 deadline.

As our scoreboard reveals, we have already obtained 92 per cent of our goal, or \$13,864.88 in this twelfth week. However, the next few days are probably the most vital in the whole period of our drive. The next few days will determine whether or not we meet our quota.

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party, our readers and friends have cooperated with real Trotskyist spirit, thus insuring, ahead of schedule, progress every week since the inception of the Militant Sustaining Fund Drive. This pace must be kept up right to the end.

As was pointed out last week, over 50 per cent of our branches have already met or oversubscribed their quotas. It is incumbent upon those sections which have yet to fulfill their quotas, to bring our \$15,000 drive to a successful conclusion. All branches below 86 per cent this week must make every effort to send their final payments in immediately in order to insure attaining our national quota of \$15,000.

#### 100 PERCENTERS

Three more branches join the "100 per centers" this week. Philadelphia, Minneapolis and the Philadelphia Youth Group.

In fact. Philadelphia climbed to fifth place with a score of 103 per cent. The branch is to be commended for its fine achievement, especially in view of the fact that it was in the nineteenth place with a score of 103 per cent. The branch is to be commended for its fine achievement, especially in view of the fact that it was in nineteenth place last week!

Irene Fitzgerald of Philadelphia writes: "Here's a breakdown of the money sent this far: From the comrades \$387.50, sympathizers and contacts \$50.50 and socials \$77."

The Minneapolis Branch is also to be commended for reaching its quota ahead of schedule. with a consistent weekly contribution. It has maintained a fine pace all during our drive.

M. Cooper of the Philadelphia Youth Group sent this note: "This payment finishes up the quota for our Youth Group. There will be more coming in evening of top-notch entertainfrom our group very soon, I'm ment, featuring piano and vocal

There is keen competition on our scoreboard for third place. Flint superseded Portland two

#### FROM OUR MAILBAG

Joyce James of Portland sent this note: "Here is an additional contribution from a subscriber. Hobe we can send in more money before the campaign

Well, Flint are you going to allow that replacement to go unchallenged?

Other interesting items from our mailbag include the follow-From Detroit, Jeanette Kirk

writes: "The majority of our comrades are having serious financial difficulties. They are either working part time as a result of material shortages in the plants, paying up debts in- thusiasm and devotion with curred during the strikes, or have just returned to work. Some are still unemployed. But

PHILADELPHIA RICHARD MILTON Militant Negro Veteran will speak on:

"Can The Negro Win Democracy Under Capitalism?" FRIDAY, JUNE 21

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they are all determined to meet their pledges by the deadline. "Money is still coming in on the contribution lists. From all

reports the comrades are met with a very friendly response from workers, who sincerely want to aid The Militant." Mike Bartell of Chicago

writes: "Enclosed is \$137 for the Militant Fund Drive, collected at our June 1 banquet.

"You might be interested in the fact that the Marxist Study Group of the University of Chicago pledged \$20 for the fund."

The "I Want To Help" coupons continue to be one of our most consistent sources of contributions from friends. In this week's mail were contributions from readers in Youngstown, Chicago and Minneapolis. We thank these readers for their fine cooperation, and urge others to help, too. Clip the "I Want To Help" coupon and send in your contribution, no matter how small!

A glance at the graphic portrayal of our Militant Fund Drive reveals our Militant worker has the weight very close to the bell. Let's help him ring the bell within the next few days!

### Chicago SWP **Celébrates New Headquarters**

CHICAGO, June 1-Enthusiastic members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party celebrated warming Day" at the new headquarters of the Chicago SWP branch tonight.

A delicious seven-course dinner, prepared and served by the comrades, was followed by an

The new Chicago headquarters is well worth celebrating. It is weeks ago. However, Portland not only the finest the Chicago branch has ever had, it is one of the finest SWP headquarters in the country. Located at 777 West Adams, just outside the Chicago loop area, it consists of two offices, a comfortably furnished combination readingroom, library and book-store, and a meeting hall with a seat-

ing capacity of over 400. The headquarters is equipped with a public address system, a piano, and an automatic phonograph. Future plans include the building of new bookcases, and establishment of a circulating library. A ping-pong table will

be set up, too. The splendid appearance of the Chicago headquarters has been made possible by the enwhich the comrades, many of them skilled craftsmen, plunged into the task of getting it in shape. For the past month they have devoted their spare time to painting, plastering, scraping and varnishing. A sink, stove and refrigerator were installed

and a kitchen set up. Friends and out-of-town comrades present tonight were enthusiastic in their praise of the headquarters. More than \$150 was contributed to The Militant and two applications were received for membership in the

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# I Want To Help!

To The Militant:

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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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I want a contribution-list to circulate among my friends and fellow-workers, so they can help The Militant.

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### San Francisco SWP **Plans Relief Dinner**

SAN FRANCISCO—A delicious Italian dinner will be served Saturday, June 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at 305 Grant Ave., 4th floor. Proceeds will be donated to the American Committee for European Workers' Relief. All Militant readers are invited.

### San Francisco Italian Dinner SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Dancing . . . Auction Proceeds to American Comm. For European Workers Relief

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#### Dear Reader:

On June 15, we will close our campaign for \$15,000 to maintain The Militant. If you have been postponing your donation, send it today-right now while you read this.

### Don't Put It Off!

Every penny is important. The Militant, which fights for every working man and woman, depends upon people like you for support. We carry no paid advertising, and want none. We haven't any Rockefellers or Morgans paying our bills, and we don't want them, either! What we do want is just what you can give, just what it's worth to you to see the program of revolutionary socialism going into factories and homes throughout the country.

Mail It NOW!

The Editors

## 5,000 Sign Ferguson Case Petitions Of New York SWP

NEW YORK, June 10-Nearly 5,000 New York workers have signed petitions circulated by the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party demanding that the State Commission Against Dis-

crimination (SCAD) investigate Jim Crow conditions in Chicago Union Nassau County.

The shocking conditions and discrimination under which the Negro people are forced to live in Nassau County were brought to light last February when four Negro brothers, three of whom were veterans in uniform, were brutally assaulted by a Freeport, L. I., cop. Two of the brothers, Charles and Alfonso Ferguson were murdered in cold blood, Joseph Ferguson was wounded and Richard Ferguson was framed up and jailed by Nassau County

As a result of public protest Richard Ferguson was released from jail and his fine ordered returned. The Navy completely exonerated Joseph Ferguson, who was wounded. And the Army finally declared Charles Ferguson's widow eligible for a pension since Charles had been "killed in the line of duty."

#### KILLER STILL FREE

However, the police-killer, Joseph Romeika, still walks his beat protected by Nassau County officials. Ku Klux Klan mobsters. Christian Fronters and other reactionary groups continue their organizational work and are a constant threat to the lives of several hundred Negro families in Nassau County.

The New York Local of the SWP intends to present this petition to the SCAD in an effort to force this long dormant body to take steps to eliminate Jim Crow conditions on Long Island. The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party is conducting a house-to-house campaign, leaving petitions with readers of The Militant to be filled out. Those who have received copies of the Ferguson petition are urged to have them signed and returned to 116 University Place. Friends of the SWP may secure these petitions at Place, New York City.

## **Backs Campaign** For Negro Jobs By Robert L. Birchman

(Special To The Militant)

CHICAGO, JUNE 5 - The campaign of the Negro Labor Relations League to secure jobs for qualified Negroes as driver-salesmen on the trucks delivering Wonder Bread, gains increasing support. It has been endorsed unanimously by the executive board of CIO United Auto Workers Local 719.

This resolution of the largest condemned "the discriminatory the company yields.

The American Veterans Committee Chapter 16 adopted a similar resolution at its May 29 meeting.

Picketing of stores that refuse to cooperate in the fight to end job discrimination by the Continental Baking Co. continues daily, despite the bread shortage and despite company attempts to bootleg its bread into the stores for sale to "known" cus-

The campaign of the Negro Labor Relations League is now being supported by the Committee of Racial Equality, the Socialist Workers Party, National Negro Congress, Washington Park Forum, West Side Chapter of American Youth for Democthe City Office, 116 University | racy, Afro-African Congress, and Ministerial Alliance.

### In Memoriam **Comrade Fred Lind**

The Tacoma Branch of the Socialist Workers Party suffered the loss of one of its finest comrades when Fred Lind passed away at the age of 56. A virile and active man, of keen brain and firm Socialist conviction, his departure from our ranks leaves a great gap that will be hard to fill.

Born in Sweden on January 21, 1890, Fred Lind early developed a deep understanding of life. At the age of 16, working in the steel mills, this young lad joined the Social Democratic Party of Sweden. For the remaining forty years of his life span, he carried the banner for justice and a decent world. Whoever came in contact with him through the years, felt the influence of his goodness and kindness.

In 1920, like others of his native land, he migrated to the United States. After some years toiling in the great steel mills of Chicago and in the employ of the Pullman Car Company, Fred headed for the Northwest. Here the soil reclaimed him. Fred worked as a farmer on the land which he dearly loved.

The latter years of his life, vigorous and active as ever, Fred Lind worked in the plywood industry. He became a charter member of the Tacoma Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. In the brief period of two months that Fred was our comrade, he imbedded himself deeply in the hearts of all of us. With heavy heart we extend our hand in a last comradely salute to one whose physical presence is with us no more, but whose memory will be an eternal source of strength to each of us.

Labor and Labor Power (Continued) By V. Grey

Labor power is the capacity to work. It is, in the long run, the worker himself. But labor is the living action of the worker. It is value-creating action.

It was the genius of Karl Marx that first discovered and clearly described this difference between labor and labor-power. At first glance, the difference seems slight. It might be some kind of hair-splitting. But the difference is really of great importance. And it is because of this difference that capitalism can exist at all.

It is the second great distinction that the young student of Marxist economics has to master. The first was the distinction between use-value and value. These seemed a little bit alike, but we saw how these two qualities were very different.

It may be difficult to grasp the difference between labor and labor-power at first. But once we do grasp it we can understand what capitalist exploitation is.

It is because the laborer is able to produce more than enough for his own and his family's upkeep, that profits can exist. If the product of his labor was exactly equal to the products that he and his family consumed in daily life, there would be no capital, and no capitalism.

Labor power can remain almost unchanged from one year to the next. A man's muscle and brain don't change much in a year. And his food, clothing and family requirements are about the same. But his labor and what it produces can change drastically in that same year.

In ship building, for example, it used to be a yearround proposition to build an ocean going ship-especially naval craft. But before the war was over, these vessels were turned out in a matter of days. Labor was applied in different ways, under new circumstances-welding huge pre-fabricated sections together with assembly line technique. The labor, however, was still powered with the same spinach and beef as when the iron worker, fitter, burner and welder used to put each ship-plate in place in the ancient days of 1940.

#### Labor Power Must Be Sustained

A man working piece-work may turn out a thousand articles a day, and a maintenance man may read comic books for hours at a time. The labor they perform is very different. But their labor power is about the same. They eat about the same quantity of groceries—they wear out the same amount of clothing, and they both have a wife and family to provide for.

During the war a man labored six days for the boss to get the money to keep his labor power replenished for seven days. But now he only labors five days. And he still must live for seven. That is why he demanded a higher price for his labor power and struck for the 181/2 cent

Finally, a man who is laid off altogether, is doing no labor whatsoever for the boss. But his labor power, like a millstone around his neck, is an unsold commodity that still requires spinach and beef, even in idleness. In an agony of hunger and worry for his family, he is willing to sell it cheaper and cut out the beef. But once having sold it at a cut rate, he is still compelled to produce for UAW local in the Chicago area his boss at a faster rate of labor than ever.

The capitalists are always trying to push down the practices of the Continental price of labor power. They are trying to make the laborer Baking Company," and urged get along on less. They are trying to reduce his standard boycott of Wonder Bread until of living. That is why the working people are organized in unions-in order to resist this pressure-and raise the price of their labor power.

> And while the capitalists try to reduce the value of labor power, they move heaven and earth to increase the values that its labor produces-in other words, they whip more labor out of the labor-power they have bought.

Having grasped the difference between labor and labor power, we have accomplished two big things. We have stripped bare the secret of capitalist exploitation. And we have discovered the economic roots of the class struggle. (Next week: The Value of Labor Power)

## **Workers Enjoy Mid-West Vacation Camp And School**

For workers and their families who are now thinking about and planning their summer vacations, the announcement that the Mid-

West Vacation Camp and Yet all the members of the staff igan is opening its third sea-Michigan, 60 miles from Detroit. The camp is operated on a

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# How Stalin Shocked Entire World With The First Moscow Frameup

LEON KAMENEV

Kameney joined the Marxist

movement. Member of the

Bolshevik wing from its incep-

tion in 1903. Elected to the

leading staff in 1907. Direct-

ed the Bolshevik fraction in

the Czarist Duma. In 1915

he was sentenced to lifetime

exile in Siberia where he re-

mained until freed by the

From 1918 to 1925 he was

President of the Moscow Sov-

iet. He was a member of the

Bolshevik Political Bureau un-

der Lenin. When Lenin be-

came ill, Kamenev acted as

his deputy. Chosen by the

party to head the Lenin In-

stitute and to edit Lenin's

A bosom companion of Zin-

oviev, he shared in the lat-

ter's political mistakes, the

worst of which was joining

Stalin in unprincipled strug-

gle against Leon Trotsky and

the program of Lenin. Shot

by Stalin in 1936 as a fascist

unrest in Europe had alarmed

the capitalists with the specter

of the workers taking power in

other countries besides the Sov-

reached the stage of open civil

will of the Anglo-French-Amer-

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More than one commentator

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Stalin never published a com-

plete transcript of the trial of

the 16. A great deal of the testi-

mony is summarized by the

Stalinist editorial hand in a few

cryptic phrases. At times it ap-

pears that some of the defen-

dants were deliberately trying to

give the show away. But what

Stalin did publish was sufficient

to blow the whole trial sky high.

For buried in the mass of wild

vituperation, cries for lynch jus-

tice, breast beating, cursing of

Trotsky and hallelujahs to Stal-

in, were some bits of "evidence"

that became irrefutable proof of

the frameup character of the

Next week we will tell how

this evidence exposed the

LENIN'S COMRADES

ers' state.

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best of our Soviet land . . .

'dog gone mad."

February 1917 revolution.

In 1901 at the age of 18,

By Joseph Hansen

(Fourth in the series of articles on Stalin's Moscow Frame-

up Trials and their significance.)
As the nets of Stalin's GPU dragged tens of thousands of innocent victims to prisons and concentration camps following the assassination of Kirov in 1934, Leon Trotsky foresaw that Stalin would utilize this death for new and still more horrible crimes @

against the generation of the October 1917 revolution.

On January 26, 1935, just eight days after Zinoviev had been condemned to 10 years and Kamenev to 5 years imprisonment for "moral" responsibility in Kirov's death, Trotsky from his exile in France warned:

strategy developed around Kirov's corpse won Stalin no great laurels. But just for this reason he can neither stop nor retreat. Stalin will have to cover up the misbegotten amalgam by new, more extensive and . . . more successful amalgams. We must meet them well armed!"

This prediction was confirmed to the hilt. Within 18 months Stalin took the lives of Zinoviev, Kamenev and 14 others in a frameup that shocked the entire world working class.

FOURTH TRIAL

By July 1935, another trial, the fourth in the series, was held over the death of Kirov. It was staged in such rigorous secrecy that its circumstances remain a sinister mystery to this day. According to one report, out of 38 defendants, two were sentenced to death and shot; Kamenev's previous 5 year sentence was stretched to 10 years. But outside of Kamenev the names of the unfortunate victims are still buried in the files of the Kremlin. The charges are unknown. The denials or "confessions" of the defendants are a state secret.

Basing his conclusion on information seeping from the concentration camps in the Soviet Union, Trotsky declared that this "trial was especially organized in order to educate Kamenev for the next trial and to break his backbone . . .

By the summer of 1936 the actors in the tragic drama were

#### Mussolini Pleased

Mussolini was greatly pleased with the outcome of the Zinoviev-Kamenev trial. His paper Il Messagero gleefully characterized the frameup as "a victory of political" reason over revolutionary ro-

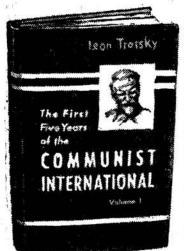
thoroughly rehearsed in their roles. On August 15 the press reported that Andrei Vyshinsky, prosecutor for the state, had arraigned 16 defendants, among them Zinoviev, Kamenev, I. N. Smirnov and other former leading Bolsheviks.

WORLD INCREDULOUS

'An incredulous world blinked at the charges-conspiring with the Nazi regime to murder seven prominent Soviet officials; and direct participation in the assassination of Kirov!

Every thinking person asked himself in astonishment, how could leading Bolsheviks end up like that? Observers who had been following events in the Soviet Union recalled that already in the Kirov case a number of alleged White Guards had been shot. The confessed assassin had been tried and shot. The GPU officials involved had been tried and sentenced. And the Soviet courts had already declared no evidence implicated either Zinoviev or Kamenev directly in the death of Kirov.

Moreover, how could Smirnov be guilty? For 40 years he had been a Bolshevik. He was the inspirer of the Fifth Red Army that fought Kolchak during the Civil War. The Soviet masses knew him as the "Lenin of Siberia." But in addition it was physically impossible for him to be guilty of such charges. Smirnov had been held in Stalinist



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#### Royalists Gloated

Counter - revolutionary White Guards who wished to restore the Romanov throne in Russia exulted over the Zinoviev - Kamenev - Smirnov trial. The September 1, 1936, Golos Rossii declared:

"This is the first time that we are pleased with an execution among the millions of executions carried out by the Bolsheviks . . . They will not stop at Zinoviev and his associates any more than the French Revolution stopped at Danton . . ."

prisons since 1932-before the Hitler regime seized power!

Universal suspicion centered on Stalin. Was a frameup involved? The Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions cabled a demand that defending counsel be provided "who are absolutely independent of the government" and that "no death sentence shall be promulgated . . .

STALIN'S ANSWER

Stalin gave a typical answer to this reasonable request. The trial opened August 19. Five days later the verdict was read. Within 24 hours the press announced the defendants had been executed!

The Stalinist machine and its apologists claimed this precipitate haste resulted from the damning character of the evidence. But the truth was that Stalin rushed the frame-up through and murdered the defendants in this summary fashion because they were innocent.

Not a shred of genuine evidence was produced by the pro- iet Union. The French workers secutor. The defendants unani- faced a revolutionary situation mously "confessed" crimes that and in Spain the revolution had were utterly incredible. These 'confessions' bristled with glar- war. By shooting Lenin's general ing contradictions. The frame- staff and slandering Trotsky up could not stand the slightest | with the vilest charges possible, examination. The GPU had Stalin hoped to gain the good botched the job from beginning to end. That was why Stalin ican capitalists. He wanted to hastened to shoot his victims prove decisively that he had no before a wide protest movement intention of leading the socialcould get under way to save ist revolution in Spain, France, them and clarify their enigma- or anywhere else! tic "confessions."

The world waited eagerly to Vyshinsky's lips will indicate the hear how Leon Trotsky would type of charges levelled against respond to the monstrous the defendants: "These mad ist prosecutor. Trotsky, more than any other single individual, was capable of exposing all the criminal madmen . . . traitors, lies in the "confessions" of the murderers and bandits . . . liars Moreover, the and clowns, insignificant pyg-Stalinist frameup machine had mies, little dogs snarling at an dragged in his name and that of elephant, this is what this gang his son, Sedov, as the principal represents! . . . Not political figdefendants.

#### TROTSKY HOUNDED

Stalin was panic-stricken by this gang represents!" what Trotsky might say. To silence Trotsky's embarrassing questions and exposures, the Stalinist machine put pressure on the shipowners and their government in Norway where the hounded revolutionary leader had found temporary refuge. The Norwegian capitalist government conceded to Stalin. Trotsky and his wife were placed under tight police surveillance, his secretaries deported. All incoming and outgoing mail was censored. Trotsky was cynically prohibited by the Norwegian 'democrats' from answering the charges levelled at him in Moscow or from even taking court action against his defamers!

Stalin's purpose in framing up Trotsky and at the same time silencing his voice was not difficult to fathom. The Stalinist regime, profoundly hated by the Soviet masses, lived in deadly fear of the program of revolutionary socialism represented by Trotsky. By smearing Trotsky as a "fascist," a "murderer," etc., Stalin sought to make his reactionary struggle against

Trotsky's program easier. Stalin wished at the same time to give the capitalists of the world a demonstration of how thoroughly he had broken with Lenin's tradition. Rising

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## Unions Denounce Truman Threat To Smash Any Maritime Strike

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The Truman administration had hoped to be able to play off the AFL maritime unions against the CIO. At least, he figured the AFL unions might be expected to take a passive "hands-off" attitude. This impression was strengthened by early statements of AFL President William Green and AFL International Longshoremen's Association President Ryan, who used the fact that the CIO maritime unions are Stalinist-dominated to declare that the AFL unions would not recognize so-called "political picket lines." Aware of the bitter jurisdic-

tional warfare smoldering since 1938 in the maritime industry, the government policy makers hoped to be in position to smash a CIO maritime strike and cripple the CIO National Maritime Union, largest organization of American seamen. Then would come the same fate for the AFL Seafarers International Union and the Sailors Union of the

ARROGANT MOVE

This explains why Truman moved with such arrogant confidence against the CIO strike threat. Navy strikebreaking preparations were highly publicized after Truman's order. All former Navy personnel were called up to man the struck ships, as well as others with merchant marine experience. Army, Navy, Coast Guard, UNRRA, Agricultural Department, Office of Defense Transportation and War Shipping Administration were to be directed in unified strikebreaking activities by a special transportation co-ordinating committee headed by War Shipping Administrator Granville Conway.

This fanfare was somewhat quieted by the stop-work demonthe solidarity expressed by other sections of organized labor. Following Thursday's AFL seamen's action, Truman had no comment for the press. He quickly called ation was now "pretty bad." Because of "the delicacy of the the Stalin- dogs of capitalism tried to tear situation" a House Labor subinquiry into maritime labor dis-

This does not mean that the plans to smash the proposed June 15 strike. It means only that cautiously because the seamen have shown they will not surrender without a struggle and idly by and watch them beaten.

#### **Militant Ball** observed that the men suffering this abuse were once Lenin's This Saturday was a Menshevik on the other side of the barricades in the

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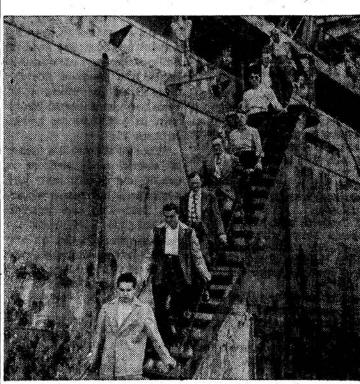
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Seamen's Solidarity



Some of the 5,000 AFL seamen walking off the ship at East River, New York. This scene was duplicated at all Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf ports at 3 p.m. June 7, when members of the AFL Seafarers International Union and Sailors Union of the Pacific piled off their ships to denounce Truman's strikebreaking threats against the CIO National Maritime Union.

## **AFL Seamen Serve Warning Against Navy Strikebreaking**

(Continued from Page 1) tiations to proceed between the AFL seamen's strike action. Such

"We go on record now as intend- and Gene Sampson, business ing to hold work-stoppage meet- agent of ILA Local 791, New stration of the AFL seamen and ings as often as is necessary to York, largest local in Ryan's not only to the Negroes them- few months ago was helping to force settlement of our demands." union. Sampson said, "I can say

tional Maritime Union and call men's picket line." for "a six hour working day at in his cabinet on Friday morn- sea and in port for all ratings; came at the very end when Paul ing to discuss the new turn of a 30 per cent cash increase in Hall, SIU port agent in New events, The only government wages; and an increase in the York, announced that "we will pronouncement was that the situ- overtime rate, ranging from 48 consider it a lock-out by the cents to \$1.20 an hour."

both the AFL and CIO maricommittee deferred its planned time unions have been engaged or manned by any other govern- purposes of fostering security that effectively without speaking in jurisdictional war, the AFL ment agency." ranks at the meeting clearly demonstrated their desire to fight government has given up its alongside all other organized seamen for their common demands and against the concerted Washington is proceeding more government-ship operators attacks.

The seamen who had piled off the ships for the stop-work meetthe rest of labor will not stand ing attended in expectation of taking immediate strike action. Every suggestion of militant action was greeted with tremendous applause and cheers. A motion from the floor for an immediate strike referendum was adopted unanimously.

'NO LIBERTY'

Typical of the sentiments of the ranks at the meeting was the statement of one young seaman that "we were pushed around all during the war and they got away with this because we were supposed to be fighting for liberty. But now we find that there is no liberty for us when we ask for our rights."

Included in the statement adopted by the meeting was a warning against a possible betrayal of the seamen's demands by the Stalinist leaders of the CIO maritime unions, who are engaged in negotiations with the government agents in Washington. The Stalinists last week attempted to put over a sell-out deal for a nine per cent wage increase, but were repudiated by the NMU-CIO members at a stormy meeting.

At the same time, certain AFL spokesmen, such as Joseph Ryan, head of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association, have attempted to lay the basis for breaking CIO picket-lines under the pretext of not recognizing "political" picketing.

The rank and file rejected such views. Their feelings were expressed by one SIU member who sharply differentiated between the Stalinist leadership of the NMU and its militant rank and file. He stated: "We have no quarrel with the members of the NMU. Their fight today is the same as ours. We cannot win our demands unless we have the full support of all unions, both CIO and AFL."

In response to the militant sentiment, leading spokesmen of SAN PEDRO, Militant Publishother AFL maritime unions announced their support of any

SIU-SUP and the ship operators. pledges were made by Capt. One portion of the statement Harry Martin, president of the adopted by the meeting declared: AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots,

These demands are similar to here that no longshoreman in those advanced by the CIO Na- New York will cross an AFL sea-The high point of the meeting

government if any ship, whether UN on the spot. Let it show, in Although the leaderships of under contract to the SIU or the action, the value of its Char-

The NEGRO

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself

To A Higher Court With the Same Judge For the first time in its brief but hectic existence the "United" Nations was petitioned to step in and put a stop to the oppression of a minority group in one of its member

countries. Trygve Lie, director general of the UN Security Council, was challenged by the National Negro Congress | peoples of the world (the colonat its recent tenth anniver- ial slave areas, of course, not sary Convention in Detroit to included). Let it demonstrate to the Negro people whether its Ar-'check and eliminate . . . discrimination and other the "prevention of discriminaabuses" of the 13,000,000 Ne- tion on ground of race," is the groes in America.

The petition was presented

The letter to Lie stated that the Negro people have "failed to bring relief from oppression through constitutional appeal" and consequently "find ourselves forced to bring this vital issue -which we have sought for almost a century since emancipaof our country—to the attention of this historic body."

"Negro citizens," the document conditions intolerable and are therefore presenting their appeal to the highest court of mankind -the United Nations."

specific examples of oppression of Negroes was included in the appeal to the UN. This document was compiled by Dr. Herbert Aptheker, member of the American Historical Society and was entitled "The Oppression of discrimination. It will be about the American Negro: The Fact." Dr. Aptheker reaches the conclusion that 13,000,000 Negroes

in America are restricted to second-class citizenship, and subjugated to a brutal system of oppression and discrimination based upon the inhuman and unscientific Fascist theory of 'rac-

Now, the fact that the 13,000,-000 American Negroes are subjected to minority oppression on selves but to many other sections of the population. It is also a well known fact that their efforts to rectify this situation by 'constitutional" means has not solved the problem.

PUT 'UN' ON SPOT

Under these circumstances it changing it fundamentally. is absolutely correct to put the and equality for the oppressed the whole truth.

ticle 71, promising to assist in real thing or so much hogwash.

But it is also necessary that under Article 71 of the Charter | those of us who understand the of the United Nations, which is class nature of this society exsupposed to permit minorities to plain to the Negro masses the seek assistance in "prevention of true character of the UN and discrimination on ground of warn them what NOT to ex-race." the NNC did not do.

The UN, in reality, is overwhelmingly the instrument of Anglo-American imperialism. It is made up largely of members of the ruling capitalist classes and it speaks for these classes. Its fine documents about peace tion to solve within the boundary and security and equality are only camouflage to make the war-weary masses believe that some effort is being made to precontinues, "find the present vent future wars and to better the conditions of the people.

TOOL OF CAPITALISTS

The class which represents the capitalist nations in the UN is the same class that profits An eight page document citing from continuing the oppression of the Negro and thus dividing the entire American working class. Under these circumstances the NNC appeal to the UN will have no result whatever in "checking or eliminating" racials as effective as would an appeal by the rabbit community to a court of wolves for the wolf packs to cease devouring them, the rabbits.

The leaders of the National Negro Congress—and that means the Communist Party-did not explain all this to the Negro people. The reason for this, of course, is that the Communist Party enthusiastically hailed the the basis of race is well known formation of the UN and just a spread many of the illusions about it which it is our duty to destroy. While they are changing their lene somewhat at present, they have only half-changed it and they have no intention of

It is necessary to expose the hypocrisy and reactionary role

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THE HUMAN WRECKAGE OF AMES STREET

There was in my mind a picture: a flat, gray sky; a flat, gray beach; and a flat, gray sea. Mechanically the dull waves dissolved into



foam, washing the shore, one after another. In the center of this desolation, half buried in the sand. lay part of a shattered boat, rotted and black . . .

wreckage. I walked down Ames St., parallel to the mill.

I was in a queer section, half comfortable, half poverty-ridden. Neat little houses, many with garden plots and garages, lined the street. They were quite well-kept, these little houses, for many of the steelworkers have learned to lay bricks and pour concrete. There are many who know how to paste wallpaper upon their walls and mend their porches. Their homes are neat and well-kept by their labor.

But for all the neatness you can see that poverty lives there, too. The little houses are dusted and stained with the brown outpourings of the blast furnaces. They are grayed with the smoke of the mills and open hearths. And something else looks out of the windows, something else speaks from the imitation bricks and says that poverty is here.

I walked down Ames St., and I saw four quiet men. Two were very old and sat motionless on a porch in their rocking chairs. A young man with a heavy cane moved very slowly, experimentally across the lawn, as though he were trying to see just what his bad leg could do. The fourth was just . . . a man: neither old nor young, fat nor thin. He sat on the steps of the porch smoking his pipe and looking.

Above and before them loomed the corrugated gray bulk of the open hearth and its empty. smokeless stacks under a flat, gray sky. The old men who would never work again, sat very still in their chairs and looked at the stacks. The young man who tottered across the grass testing his leg, looked at the stacks, hungrily. The man with the pipe sat on the steps and patiently, resignedly stared at the stacks, black and empty under the sky.

There was no smoke in the stacks of the open hearth. They stook naked and desolate. And something was lacking in the men whose eyes looked out from that yard toward the steel plant. They were like the wreckage on a flat, gray beach where monotonous waves moved dully in to dissolve one after another in tired foam.

slowly down Ames St. on crutches. He no longer tested his leg to see what it would do. He knew; so he stepped on the pavement with one leg and let the other one dangle between the crutches as he came down Ames St.

I never knew this man, but the other day on Ames St. I heard him talking to a friend outside the grocery store.

"He no hurt me," the man said. "I no feel nim at all."

As he spoke, I saw the satisfaction in his face. "They pay me," he said to his friend. "I no Philip Morrison, a physicist wh worry no more, will plant close down, will boss ire me. Every month I get check."

It was good not to worry, not to fear. For his security, he had paid one leg as the price. But it atom bomb on Nagasaki. Here is doesn't hurt him, he says; he doesn't feel it at all. He has come to know his pittance of security.

If the stacks are naked and empty of smoke under the flat, gray sky, it is no concern of his. If the black and white and brown-red vapors of the open hearths fan out from the stacks and spread over the steel town, it does not matter to him. It is all one.

For he is like a shattered boat half buried in the sand of a lonely beach where the dull waves come in one after another, mechanical and persistent as the flapping of a pulley belt. He is like a piece of wreckage under the sky,

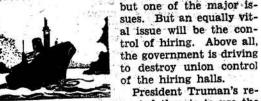
The picture was very strong and clear in my mind as a I walked down Ames St. parallel, to the mill. I could see the beach and the sea and the sky; I could feel myself there.

And I looked at the stacks, too, to see if they were still naked and empty of smoke.

## Notes Of A Seaman

THE SYSTEM OF UNION HIRING

Any general maritime strike in this period will be the result, in good part, of government provocation. Such questions as wages will be



to destroy union control President Truman's repeated threats to use the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and War Shipping Administration as strikebreakers in the threatened maritime walkout on June 15 are aimed at effecting a long-standing government program for house-breaking the maritime unions. Apparently Truman thinks that now is the opportune time to carry out this anti-labor policy

This policy provides for control of hiring by the Big-Business government, acting as the agent for the shipping interests. The most important gain seamen won from the great 1934 maritime strike on the Pacific

as outlined in the Merchant Marine Act of 1936.

Coast was the union hiring hall. The rotary system of shipping which today prevails in all maritime union hiring halls guarantees equal job opportunity for all seamen, outlaws blacklisting, affords protection against speed-up, and insures that all working rules in the contract are respected by the operators.

Since the union hiring halls were established and the rotary system of shipping was instituted. seamen have not been forced to tramp the waterfront from one company office to another looking for a job. They have not been forced to bribe company shipping masters in order to get signed on a ship. They have not been blacklisted because they complained about rotten food or rebelled against overtime work without pay. All this was changed after 1934 when the unions won complete control of hiring.

Today a seaman goes to his union hall for a job. All ships that need replacements must call the hall for men. Every job that comes into the hall goes on the blackboard and is called out on the hour. Men who are ready to ship can bid for any job for which they are qualified. The man with the oldest shipping card, signifying he has been out of work longest, is shipped.

These shipping rules were drawn up by the rank and file seamen themselves in their union meetings and are subject to change only by a vote of the union membership. Seamen elect their own union shipping dispatchers. These elected dispatchers cannot violate the shipping rules because they are subject to constant checkup by the members, who jealously guard their shipping rights.

Seamen have come to accept this system of hiring as the normal practice in the maritime industry, yet it has been in effect scarcely more than 10 years.

The ship operators and the government, on the other hand, have never reconciled themselves to union control of hiring. They have accepted it because they had no choice in the mat- bone marrow. The blood does not ter after the unions won the 1934 and '36-'37 coagulate but oozes in many strikes. For 10 years they have been schem- spots through the unbroken ing and preparing to abolish the union hiring skin, and internally seeps into

Now, the bosses and their government agents white corpuscles which fight inare preparing to unleash their long-planned of- fection disappear. Infection proscensive against the union hiring halls as the pers and the patient dies, usually major front in their war to cripple and ultimately destroy the maritime unions.

But Mr. Truman has yet to reckon not only with the militant seamen, but with 15,000,000 union men and women who today are saying "NO!" to government strikebreaking.

## On The Railroads

By John Russo

#### ROOSEVELT AND THE RAIL WORKERS

Last week's column described the effects of of the Railway Labor Act of 1926 on the wages and working conditions of the railroad workers over the past 20 years.



The railroad workers were so shackled by government mediation and arhitration that between 1935 and 1945 their wages had declined from the top to the bottom rank in comparison with other

leading industries. Twice during the years of the Second World War, the rail workers were given the "dirty end of the stick" through the operations of the Railway Labor Act. It is very instructive to review what happened to them in 1941 and

As a consequence of the soaring prices brought on by the war in Europe, the leaders of the 16 non-operating rail unions in June, 1941. served notice on the carriers for demands of a 30 cents per hour wage increase and a minimum

wage of 70 cents per hour. On August 11, 1941, these demands were turned over to the Railway Mediation Board, which on September 4 announced it could achieve no settlement. Roosevelt, using his powers under the Railway Labor Act, then appointed an emergency board. On November 5, this board came out with a recommendation for a nine-cent an hour raise. This was rejected by the union leaders, who requested a further hearing. This was held at the direction of Roosevelt. On December 15, 1941, a week after Pearl Harbor, the submissive union leaders signed an agreement for a 10-cent raise, one cent more than the

original recommendation. The railroad workers boiled with resentment at this mecerable deal, but they were held in the vise of compulsory arbitration and the servile attitude of their leaders toward Roosevelt and the government. Ten cents an hour was all they could get after six months of mediation, fact-finding and emergency board arbitration.

This increase was eaten away so quickly by rising prices, that nine months later, on Septem-

ber 25, 1942, the rail unions served demands for a 20-cent an hour raise, a 70-cent an hourly minimum wage and for a union shop.

Again the railroad workers were put through the wringer of the Railway Labor Board and which are reported to be many the National Mediation Board, Eight months later, in May 1943, they were finally granted nothing. This raised such a storm, that Roosevelt set up an emergency board to tie the rail workers up in more red tape and stalling. Late in May 1943, this board recommended an increase of eight cents an hour for the non-operating unions.

The bumbling union bureaucrats were ready to accept the increase. The operators, rolling in the greatest profits in their history, had agreed to a contract. Then Roosevelt's Economic Stabilization Director Fred Vinson - last week appointed Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court for his services to Big Business - ruled out a general eight-cent increase. He based himself on Roosevelt's "hold-the-line" wage-freeze order.

He proposed instead a differential increase of four to 10 cents an hour - the latter rate to apply only to the lowest paid categories getting 43 to 46 cents an hour. Again more mediation and arbitration. By August 7, 1943, nearly a year after the original demands were made, the government made a new offer of a paltry nine cents, but with all other demands turned down.

This time, the pressure of the ranks was so great, that the rail union leaders were forced to take a strike vote. In the operating unions, including the trainmen and locomotive engineers who went on strike recently, the vote was 97.5 per cent for strike. A strike date was fixed for December 30, 1943, fifteen months after the original demands were made.

Roosevelt, setting the pattern for Truman's recent strikebreaking, ordered the army to take over the railroads before the strike. Seven heads of railroad corporations, were commissioned as army colonels to run the railroads. The union leaders wilted and settled for nine cents, five of which were "in lieu of claims for time-and-ahalf pay for time over 40 hours and for expenses while away from home."

# Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovelesky Atomic Bomb Demonstration In The Pacific Is Calculated Step Toward World War III

## **Physicist Tells** There was another man, who swung his way Horror Of Bomb At Nagasaki

What is the effect of atomic explosives upon cities? What will the people face in World War III?

A partial answer to these im portant questions was given by headed the group of scientist investigating the effects of the what he told a Senate hearing on April 15:

"The atomic bomb is a weapon of saturation. It destroys so quickly and so completely such a large area that defense is hopeless. Leadership and organiza tion are gone . . . With the fire stations wrecked and firemer burned, how to control a thous and fires? With the doctors dead and the hospitals smashed, how to treat a quarter million injured?

#### BALL OF FIRE

"When the bomb is detonated in the middle of a city, it is as though a small piece of the sun has been instantly created. There is formed what we have called the ball of fire, which is a hot, glowing mass something about one-third of a mile across, with a temperature of about 4,000,-000 degrees Fahrenheit in the center. There is a sudden expansion which pushes away with terrible violence, the air that once occupied this region. Behind the wave of pressure, which travels rapidly through the air, there come great winds, 500 to 1,000 miles per hour, winds which damage and destroy all

"Houses and buildings for a mile in all directions are totally destroyed .... Brick buildings, and even steel-frame buildings with brick walls, are extremely vulnerable.

#### INTERNAL HEMORRHAGES "Of these people within a

thousand yards of the blast, about one in every house or two escaped death from the blast or from burns. But they died anyway from the effects of rays emitted at the instant of the explosion. This radiation affects the blood forming tissues in the the cavities of the body. The 2 or 3 weeks after the exposure.

"It is probable that an atomicbombed American city would be as badly damaged as a Japanese city, though it would look less

wrecked from the air. "In Japan the wreckage burned clean; in a western city, the rubble would stand in piles in the streets, but the city would be just as ruined and the people of the city as dead."

The "active material" in the Nagasaki bomb weighed no more than 25 pounds. Since then new bombs have been developed times more destructive.

nan had to pay out \$4.32.

sted below—is 75 per cent.

## Will Your City Look Like This Tomorrow?



Nagasaki after the explosion of a single atomic bomb. This populous city had been unscarred by the war until the American militarists marked it for annihilation. New bombs have since been developed, according to report, so destructive that by comparison the Nagasaki bomb will seem like a "firecracker." Atomic bombs are being manufactured and stored by the Truman Administration in feverish haste for World War III.

## Atomic Energy Can Build A New World—If Developed For Peace

While Washington monopolizes atomic energy as a war 3 weapon, a few hints of the vast peacetime possibilities of to produce heat, forms ashes of this revolutionary source of heat, power, light, electricity, great medical and scientific

ple, Dr. Joyce C. Stearns, associated with the development of the atomic bomb, had the following to say re-

"In the case of plutonium, man is making synthetic fuel. It is estimated that within ten years we could produce 20 tons of plutonium, which would produce as much power per year as we used a year before the war . . . This nuclear power, which within 15 years could be equal in amount to all other power combined, is unique in that:

"1. The pile which produces nuclear power is a source of radiation . . . Since the unit is such a prolific source of such varied radiation, it may be used for large-scale radiation therapy. Many types of rays are available and many patients could be treated at the same time.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS "Also this radiation can be used for many important scientific experiments in the fields of biology, chemistry, metallurgy,

and physics. "2. The release of nuclear power is accompanied by the formation of radioactive chemicals which are in great demand for medical, scientific, and industrial use. Enough of this material has already been produced at Hanford to supersede all the radium in the world . .

ergy requires no oxygen so it would be possible to drive a submarine under water by means of a steam turbine. Such a ship could travel under water at high-

**Food Prices From 1941-46** 

In Typical Industrial City

Judith Goodman, a CIO member (in Akron, O.)

took her shopping bag and a five-year-old newspape:

and went out to see what inflation had done to the

cost of living. The newspaper listed the prices of cer-

tain foods sold by a chain store in April, 1941. At tha

time these foods cost a total of \$2.47. To purchase the

ame foods from this store in April 1946, Miss Good

eau of Labor Statistics' claim that food costs hav

isen only 41.8 per cent in the past five years. Th

ctual rise-on the basis of the twelve essential item

TOTAL COST ..... \$2.47

(Reprint from LOCAL 5 AIR-BAG, Akron, O.)

These figures demonstrate the falsity of the Bu

itative scientists. For exam- er speed and for longer distances verts some very inferior fuel with none of the hazards connected with storage batteries.

ic power may be accompanied plutonium and the power used by the production of more fis- as a byproduct, or the plant may sionable material. Thus a nu- be designed to produce power clear power plant produces and plutonium and radioactive power, radioactive elements, and isotopes be considered byprodmore fissionable material. Ima- ucts." gine a furnace which burns coal (Congressional Record, April 15.)

value, and at the same time conwhich is more plentiful than coal into a high-grade coal. A "4. Finally the release of atom- plant may be built to produce

# WAGES MUST KEEP PACE

(The following article, reported in last week's "Militant," is the lead story in the May issue of "Air Bag," official publication of Goodrich Local 5, CIO United Rubber Workers, Akron, Ohio. We consider it of sufficient significance to re-publish in its entirety.)

It is clear to everyone that the recently won wage gains are going to be stolen from us by the simple device of blowing the lid off prices. The process has already begun.

The soaring cost of living® and the threat of runaway inflation confronts labor with a serious crisis.

war was supposed to have frozen prices was a fraud. Prices were not frozen during the war; on the contrary the cost of living went steadily upward from 1941 on. Open and hidden increases in the price of basic commodities mounted while wages were frozen. Now even the ineffectual OPA is being torn to shreds by a reactionary Congress in "3. The release of nuclear en- order to create super-profits for Big Business.

What can Labor do?

Certainly we cannot depend upon a broken down OPA to do the job. It is up to us to do the job ourselves. If properly used, the independent strength of the union movement can protect the living standards of the workers and discourage the inflationary process which reduces our purchasing power.

#### LABOR COMMITTEES We believe that Labor must

demand in all its contracts with the corporations a provision which would specify that wages shall automatically increase as the cost of living increases. To assure that a dependable and honest survey of the cost of living is made, the labor movement should set up regional cost-ofliving committees to constantly check the prices of all essential commodities in the area. We

"As you know, our contract that in Akron the price of basic companies. commodities has gone up 5 per wages."

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"Properly **Court Martialed"** "Annamite insurgent lead The OPA which all during the ers in Hanoi told me during visits there that M. Cedile

> was put on their blacklist for the summary executions he had ordered in the southern part of Indo-China. "Such reports I found mostly incorrect, as M. Cedile never ordered any summary executions, and all insurgents who faced French firing squads after having been captured by French forces had

> > been properly court martialed. —Nathan Broch in the June 7

monopolies, who actually control the supply of all basic commodities, in their campaign to make super-profits by inflationary price rises. Instead of the price increases providing superprofits, it would immediately be taken away from the comanies in the form of wages. The brakes would be effectively applied to runaway prices.

Christian Science Monitor.

### MAKES SENSE

If Labor can find a willing Congressman or Senator it would be well to introduce a bill which would make it the law of the land that employers shall be could no doubt enlist the aid of obligated to increase wages to small business men, farmers and meet any increase in prices. housewives to assist in this job. Congress has passed laws to proof the poor.

While the search is going on as the cost of living rises. Our to propose such a completely just Cost-of-Living Committee finds this matter out directly with the and necessary bill, we must fight

There has been much talk cent. We, therefore, expect an about wages and prices but this immediate 5 per cent increase in program seems to us to be the only one that makes sense. It is certain that prices are going up; been scrawled on a synagogue Such an ironclad agreement let us make it certain that wages wall, and a threatening letter would soon discourage the big will not lag behind.

## **Experts See No** Scientific Value In Bikini "Test"

In the first part of July the Truman Administration will drag the United States a few steps closer to the Third. World War. The occasion will be the explosion of another atomic bomb. The placea small atoll in th Pacific, Bikini. The excuse—a "scientific experiment."

The bomb will be exploded despite protests voiced in Congress. and despite the warning of scientists that no scientific value whatsoever will accrue. The demonstration is nothing but a brutal display of American militarist power. It is a demonstration designed to terrorize the entire world.

The cost to the public of this calculated maneuver in Wall Street's power politics is staggering. \$400,000,000 worth of ships will be anchored within the atoll as targets. All types are included. from small craft to the largest battleships and aircraft carriers. Brand new freighters and 139 airplanes are earmarked to be blown shyhigh.

But not even this is the total cost. The prodigal militarists in charge of the "experiment" will spend another \$100,000,000 in preparations. Included in this figure is the cost of the bomb itself and the wages of the 42,000 men needed to organize this vast job of peacetime destruction of public property.

#### NO SCIENTIFIC VALUE

Officially the demonstration of Wall Street's military might is designated as a "scientific experiment." But this excuse has een punctured by leading atomic

Dr. L. A. DuBridge, who directed the Radiation Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, points out in the current Review of Scientific Instruments that none of the major scientists who participated in the New Mexico tests will be present. "No military or scientific value" will result from the Bikini maneuvers, this scientific authority flatly declares.

The Council of the Federation of American Scientists has confirmed Dr. DuBridge's opinion. the Council declared: "Whether or not these tests, involving the expenditure of millions of dollars and tens of thousands of man hours, are justified is not a question which scientists are qualified to decide. . . Scientists expect nothing of scientific value, and little of technical value to peacetime uses of atomic

## **Form Committee To Fight Against** Los Angeles KKK

energy as a result of these tests."

By Lois Saunders (Special To The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, June 6-A united action committee to combat Ku Klux Klan terror was set up here last week at an all-day conference called by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The committee includes labor, veteran, minority and liberal organizations and will have a warchest to finance a concerted fight against Klan violence and restrictive covenants in this

Among the organizations represented on the committee are CIO United Auto Workers Council No. 5 and General Motors Local; CIO United Rubber Workers and CIO Shipscalers and Painters, San Pedro; CIO Longshoremen; AFL Musicians Protective Association Local 767; American Veterans Committee Area Council; Socialist Workers Party; AZA (Jewish Youth group); Socialist Club. No official representative of the Communist (Stalinist) Party ap-

Recent terrorist acts against minorities here include the slugging of Richard Aubrey by two white men. A week earlier a cross had been burned at the home of Aubrey's brother, who is fighting eviction from a "restricted" area. KKK signs have been painted on a house occupied by Jews, swastikas have sent to Rabbi Max Nussbaum.

### Thus armed with unassailable tect the incomes of the rich. Now facts we could go to the company is the time to protect the incomes provides that wages shall go up for this Congressman or Senator