# Wall St. Keeps DRAFT STRIKERS, TRUMAN Atomic Control

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On the chessboard of preparations for World War III, Wall Street last week developed a ruthless power play against the Soviet Union. As Secretary of State Byrnes flew to Paris for the third meeting of the Foreign Ministers, Washington backed him with a carefully timed report by Bernard M. Baruch "recommending" control of atomic energy by the United Nations of the entire

At the same time, in the far Pacific, the mightiest Navy in the world proceeded with its spectacular atomic bomb demonstration. DIABOLICAL SKILL

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Washington thus timed its power play with diabolical cleverness. The Paris conference table at which Byrnes sits will Capitalist Press be lighted up by the frightful glare of the atomic bomb explosion at Bikini. This explosion will underline in terms no one can mistake, the program proposed by Baruch to the UN.

Baruch's program is simply a threat by Wall Street to turn loose the colossally destructive force of atomic warfare unless the other powers - the Soviet make militarism on the Prus-Union in particular—make major sian pattern a permanent part concessions to Wall Street. The of American life. Wall Street Bikini "experiment" is nothing but a calculated step in the drive | will cut down public anger at of America's 60 ruling families

### **Senate OPA Bill** Is Go-Ahead For **Big Price Rises**

By Ruth Johnson

The Senate on June 13 still higher prices. By 53 to into the Third World War. 11, it passed an OPA exout all restrictions on prices of weakens the OPA's already feeble powers of price ceiling regulation and enforcement.

derlines the need for American of "pretensions" and exercised labor to demand a sliding scale as a harsh reality. of wages in union contracts, providing for an automatic wage in- ate the earth calls for keeping crease to meet every rise in the American soldiers overseas incost of living.

OPA have risen 50 per cent above

A three-man board will be given power to end price ceilings at the appeal of any manufac-(Continued on Page 2)

earth.

The Wall Street press headlined Baruch's June 14 report to the UN Atomic Energy Com- Murray Intervenes mission as a major concession on the part of Washington. The Wall Street press pic-(Continued on Page 8)

## **Wants Draft Law Made Permanent**

America's 60 ruling families have opened up their heaviest editorial guns to hopes this propaganda barrage the Congressmen now pushing the bill to continue Selective Service. This bill at present is in conference between the Senate and the House.

The N. Y. Times, authoritative organ of Big Business, is leading this campaign. A June 11 editorial flatly calls for a "permanent military establishment." The Times wants the United States organized into a vast military camp to "provide weight voted full steam ahead for the Big Business drive for forts . ." The final objective, the Big Business drive for of course, is to plunge humanity

The Times uses arguments tension bill which would wipe that might have been taken out of the settlement and at the very of Hitler's book Mein Kampf or moment when seamen were meat, poultry, dairy products, to- the Japanese Mikado's plans of meeting to begin strike action, bacco and petroleum after June world conquest. "There is noth- capitalist press reporters were 30, and raise prices on almost all ing so dangerous," says the told by War Shipping Adminis-Times, "as pretentions to great- | trator Granville Conway that "an ness without the means to sup- agreement had been signed and port it." Wall Streets wants troops so that this "greatness" The Senate action further un- can be kept out of the sphere

Wall Street's plan to domindefinitely. The Truman Ad-According to the government's ministration does not have the own figures, prices under the slightest intention of withdrawing the troops. The Times ediprewar levels. Actually, the in- tors brazenly admit as much: crease is much greater. Now, The "United States," they afhowever, the stratosphere's to be firm, ". . . has obligated itself to keep occupation troops abroad for an indeterminate period . . ." That, they maintain, is another argument for permanently

## **U. S. Non-Intervention Pledge Violated In China Civil War**

By Li Fu-jen

Brazenly violating repeated promises to refrain from military intervention in China and to withdraw its armed forces from that country, the United States government is using its armed might on a continually growing scale to support the reactionary re-

ing in Manchuria and in at Chiang's disposal for the China proper.

Chiang Kai-shek's armies, the forces of landlord-capitalist reaction, are engaged in largescale operations against Stalinist-led troops. According to a June 5 radio broadcast from the Stalinist headquarters at Yenan, the United States is participating actively in this struggle by continuing to equip, train and transport Chiang's troops. What is occurring is full-scale American intervention in the Chinese civil war short of actual participation in the fighting by

American soldiers. TRANSPORT TROOPS

Since the conclusion of the war with Japan last August, the Yenan radio charged, the United States has equipped and trained 40 mechanized divisions for the Kuomintang. This is in addition to 20 full divisions equipped and trained by U. S. officers during the period of the war. Furthermore, U. S.

gime of the Kuomintang in | transport planes and U.S. naval the civil war that is now rag- ships have been freely placed transport of Kuomintang troops to the civil war zones in North China and Manchuria. Without this aid it would have been impossible for Chiang to have taken over most of North China, and the principal cities of Manchuria, from the Japanese.

A pledge to withdraw American troops from China was made by the United States last December in the communique issued at Moscow by the conference of the "Big Three" foreign ministers. President Truman followed this up with a public pledge on Dec. 15, stating that America would not seek to influence the course of events in China by military intervention.

This "hands off" policy has been repeatedly and cynically violated while further statements pledging non-intervention were being made. On April 1. Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemever.

American commander in the

## **Ship Strike** Called Off; **Gains Granted** Against CIO Walkout

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, June 16-Faced with the threat of allout government strikebreaking and pressured by CIO President Philip Murray to accept limited gains, the leaders of the CIO Committee for Maritime Unity called off the national maritime strike scheduled for June 15.

They agreed to settle after the government offered concessions to seamen of a \$17.50 monthly wage increase and overtime payment for Sunday at sea. For west coast longshoremen, they accepted a twice-rejected offer, made first by the employers and later by a "fact-finding" board, of a 22-cent an hour increase, bringing their hourly rates to

The important concessions to the seamen were wrested from the government only by the clearly-shown determination of the CIO maritime workers to fight, and by the widespread support from organized labor. Decisive in softening up the government's hard-boiled attitude was the warning from AFL marine unions that they would fight government strikebreaking.

Even before the union memberships were officially notified

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The terms of the agreement

1.—For seamen — a \$17.50 monthly increase, making the basic scale \$162.50, retroactive to April 1; the 56-hour week at (Continued on Page 7)

## **Senate Breaks** 'Wage Pattern'-**For Senators!**

The Senate has decided Congress deserves a pay boost-apparently for its hard work in keeping down the wages of the working class in the face of skyrocketing

On June 10 these political agents of Wall Street by a vote of 49 to 16 passed Senate Bill 2177, which if confirmed by the House, would give every Congressman a flat raise of 50 per cent. This would jump present salaries from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

In addition, these guardians of the public treasury voted themselves each an \$8,000 "administrative assistant." Such jobs are customarily kept within Congressmen's families.

LUSH PENSIONS

While they were diverting public funds into their own pockets, the Senators decided to make it really good. They voted themselves a "health and welfare fund" in the form of pen-

sions—and what pensions! A Senator like Barkley, for instance, can pay in \$2,674 and retire with a government check of \$6,538 guaranteed him each year for the rest of his life. Even a one-term Senator is assured a yearly check of \$1,465 in his

These pensions would be paid the Congressmen no matter how quotas! Week after week dur- | Our readers not only respondwell off they might be. Many of them are already exceedingly sent in \$1,000 or more, thus en- but collected other donations wealthy men. Others, as Senator Barkley admitted, on defeat or retirement have obtained "jobs which paid them \$25,000 ergy and enthusiasm of The Mil-



Choice Of Weapons

## 31 Tennessee Atrocity Victims Face Frame-Up In White Court

By Evelyn Atwood

Thirty-one hand-picked | would give the Negro defendants Negro victims of Tennessee's a fair trial. white ruling class have been standing trial since May 28 in Maury County courthouse, Columbia, Tenn., on a frame-up charge of "attempt to commit

This is the second phase of a campaign of mass terrorism and murder launched against the segregated Negro community of Columbia last February. State troops, coming to the aid of a white lynch mob, blasted Negro homes and businesses with machine guns, shot and injured scores, invaded and ransacked homes, and drove the helpless Negro population into the streets. They mercilessly clubbed men, women and children. jailed more than a hundred and lynched two men in jail.

This mass trial is designed to strike further terror into the hearts of the Negro residents of intensified efforts of the Southern employers to use Jim Crow as a weapon against the organizing campaigns of the CIO and AFL.

The trial is taking place in a Jim Crow courtroom where no Negro has ever served on a jury. Defense attorneys, provided by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, are introducing evidence proving that Jim Crow prejudice is so widespread that it is virtually impossible to secure a jury that

Will Voorhies, 72-year-old Ne-

gro farmer, 217th defense witness to testify in the first two weeks, and who himself fought off being lynched in February, declared in the courtroom:

'I attended trials for more than 35 years in this courtroom. I worked for Will Toller, a white lawyer . . . During that 35 years I never saw a Negro drawn for jury service." When the assistant State's Attorney tried to intimidate him. Voorhies, shaking his finger at the prosecutor. courageously reiterated: "There ain't been no colored person on a jury here for the past 50 years!

Defense attorneys attempted to show that even where the law formally does not exclude Negroes from jury duty, social custom and official sanction goes. But Maury County Judge Joe M. Ingram sought to ex-Tennessee. It coincides with the clude such testimony by declaring: "We can't get afield here on social customs and practices. We are more concerned if a legal right is violated."

Already vigilante threats of violence, official and unofficial, are rampant against those who are defending the indicted Negro citizens. The atmosphere is ominous with mounting racehate and hints of further bloodshed. Even the chief defense counsel for the 31 Negroes, Z. Alexander Looby, finds it pru-Continued on Page 7)

## "Militant" Fund Drive Passes \$15,000 Quota

Another milestone in the forward march of the American Trotskyist movement was reached on June 15 with the successful conclusion of the three-month \$15,000 Militant Sustaining Fund campaign.

Through the combined efforts of devoted readers of The Militant, comrades and friends of the Socialist Workers Party, we "Rang the Bell!" The grand total amounted to \$15,398.17.

page 6, shows that virtually ev- an appeal for financial contriers Party achieved 100 per cent paper which has played a vital of its quota. One third of the role in the daily lives and strugbranches oversubscribed their gles of the American workers. press the tenacity, devotion, en-

See Complete Details On Page 6

The Militant began its nation-

ing the campaign, the branches ed with donations of their own, suring the successful outcome of from friends and shopmates, the campaign. These figures ex- through the Collection Lists issued by the Militant business office. Over \$760 was received made secure beyond "the near-

## IN THE NEWS

It Pays To Organize

Two months ago the 280 servalets and cooks at Windsor Palace, Buckingham Palace and Marlborough House - joined Branch No. 145 of the Civil Service Union. On June 6 it was announced in London they had won wage increases up to 30 shillings (about \$6) a week, retroactive to last October.

Political Failure, Social Success

"Although the Security Council of the United Nations in session in New York has failed to make any progress toward solving any of the world international problems, the meeting has been a success as the greatest international social whirl in history. Drinking (and choice liquors that Americans cannot get), dining and dancing seem to constitute a regular routine. In one day, dinners were given to the delegates by such society leaders as Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt, Mrs. George Widener, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. Harold Pratt and Mrs. Phipps Farrell, all names which spell the blue blood ownership of railroads, Standard Oil, copper and steel . . . " (United Mine Workers Journal, June 1.)

#### Can't Call Rate S . . .

police ruled as they grabbed a picket sign away from a World War II veteran." (Federated

#### Capitalism's Only Program For Peace

Admitting no progress in diplomatic exchanges for peaceful settlement of disputes between the Big Powers, Secretary The scoreboard, printed on al campaign on March 15 with of State Byrnes on June 11 answered the question of what ery branch of the Socialist Work- butions to help maintain the is needed now by replying: "I would say more prayer."

You're Next, Son!

Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, on June 10 told reporters in Detroit that no child should be advised that world-wide peace had been

## President Repeats Demand For Own Anti-Labor Scheme

President Truman on June 11 repeated his demand for legislation to draft strikers into the armed forces. This was his main counter-proposal to the terms of the Case Union-Busting Bill, which he vetoed under the insistent pressure of organ-

Michigan CIO

**Discusses Need** 

**For Labor Party** 

(Special to The Miltiant)

DETROIT. June 13-More

than 800 delegates, repre-

senting 600,000 Michigan CIO workers, met here at the

Masonic Temple, June 10-13,

for their eighth annual state

Their most important action

was adoption of a resolution on

independent political action

which called for "full support

sections of the labor movement,

unions, working farmers, pro-

fessional workers, consumers,

members of minority, racial and

religious groups, and all people

It was an open secret that

even this milk-and-water re-

er resolution would be passed

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CIO convention.

iberal program."

OPEN SECRET

ized labor. The House fell only five votes short of the necessary twothirds majority to override his veto.

In vetoing the Case bill, Truman was acting largely from political expediency. He hoped thereby to patch up his reputation as a liberal and "friend of labor"-a reputation slashed to bits by his record of post-war strikebreaking. At the same time, he withheld his veto to the last minute, using the threat of the Case Bill as an additional black-mail weapon to force CIO acceptance of the government's terms in the maritime crisis.

Truman's statement to Conof the formation of a new gress tries to cover up his own political party comprising all anti-labor record and program by criticizing certain sections of the AFL, CIO and Railroad the Case Bill as "inequitable" to Brotherhoods, and independent labor. He adds a veneer of demagogy in the form of demands for certain social legislation to which he has paid lipservice in the past, but for which advocating a progressive and he has put up not the shadow of a real fight.

However, except in the field DANGER NOT PAST

of political education, no or-Veto of the Case Bill does not ganizational steps were taken for eliminate the danger of antithe launching of a labor party. union laws. At best, it provides The effectiveness of the resoluonly a very brief breathing spell tion was further reduced by reto labor. Democratic and Reference to it as a "long-run pro- publican congressmen alike, as gram," in the meantime calling well as Truman, are in agreevants in the English royal for the "endorsement and sup- ment about imposing legislative port of liberal and progressive restraints on the unions. They candidates of the existing pardiffer only on details and methties during this election year."

> The campaign for united labor action, initiated by the CIO United Auto Workers proposal solution was opposed by the CIO for a national united labor conand United Auto Workers top ference of all unions, must not be slowed down. On the conofficials, as well as by the leading figures of both the Walter trary, it must be speeded up. Reuther and George Addes-

> Every local union, CIO, AFL Stalinist caucuses. Only ex- and Railroad Brotherhoods, treme pressure from the ranks should insist on the calling of and the fear that a much strong- such a conference in the shortest. possible time. It is imperative forced the top leaders to agree that labor prepare at once for to this compromise proposal. But united action to meet the inthey hope they can bury it im- tensified anti-labor campaign that is surely coming.

# **LOUIS UNION LEADERS**

ST. LOUIS, June 7—A joint emergency meeting of 60 Congressmen to vote against the local officials of AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhood unions at the Hotel DeSota yesterday afternoon unanimously adopted a program for united labor action which urged that "the leaders of American labor of all branches convene a United 8 National Emergency Conference "CINCINNATI — Scabbing is of Labor to bring about the unity an obscene word, Cincinnati of the workers of America against the rising tide of reac-

> This proposal was one of four included in a statement introduced by E. P. Delworth, General Chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in this area, and C. J. Jenkins, General Chairman of the local Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who issued the call for yesterday's joint meeting. COMMITTEE SET UP

tion."

The statement, which the meeting adopted, provided for the sending of a "representative committee of this conference"

Next Week:

A SHORT STORY

Theodore Kovalesky

of the local union officials to Washington to put pressure on anti-labor bills being pushed by Truman and Congress. It also provided for continu-

through a mass rally of all the unions here. A committee of 25 was set up by the local conference instructed to carry out the program pro-

ing the local unity campaign

posed in the adopted statement. The statement termed the anti-labor bills before Congress "legislation designed to place

American labor at the mercy of profiteering corporations and to official strike-breaking agency to force American workers to submit to corporate exploita-

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Question: Do you think the draft should be continued? Place: Newark, New Jer-

Edward Mulligan, Mrs.

housewife. The war is over. They should discontinue it. Let's forget about | party. it for a while. My husband was

away for three years.

Peter Kominek, electroplater, 185-19th Ave., Irv-

ington.
The draft should be continued for the benefit of all young men who can't afford a college education. The army is their best way of learning what they need to make life successful. As for the draft, yes, but for this reason only. To me the draft does not mean war, but educational training.

Jee Stickney, union member, 335 Bergen St.

No, I don't think it should be continued. Large armies lead to war. A standing army will not preserve the peace, Let's not set a bad example to the world.

Stenley Chort, 248 Ellis

Ave., Irvington. I definitely am opposed to the draft being continued. The only reason I can see for having a big army is for war against Russia, I think Russia's ideas are founded along socialist lines, and agree with them, and am opposed to a war against Rus-

Dorothy Banks, Mrs. housewife, 280 Halstead St., East Orange.

Many young boys are not working and military training would keep them off the streets and out of mischief and would be good for them. But I don't think they should be sent out of the country.

Frank Pavarino, 713 S. 16th St.

No. The war is over and we will not have another so soon. Armies do not mean peace.

Peter Venturi, veteron, 298 Camden St.

I am against the draft. It will make soldiers out of too many people. It should not be applied, particularly, to men who have already been in service, nor to men who are too old to be soldiers anyway.

Leonard Sczepura, chairmon PAC committee, U. E. Local 437, 115 Lillie St.

Yes. It's good for the young boys to learn something. When they come back, they what's up in the world.

Louis Di Benedetto, veteran, 320 Camden St.

No. I am against the drafting of men from 18 to 45, because it takes in too big a percentage of the population. If any should be drafted, it should be from those age brackets below 30. Also, no former soldier should be drafted into the army again. And I am against the draft as such, anyway, as soon international permit.

Giorn, carpenter, 14 Sam Jacob St.

No. I am against the draft. The draft will make a big army as they had big armies in Europe. And big armies make War.

READ



## What Do WHEN IS THE TIME TO BUILD You Say? A LABOR PARTY -- IF NOT NOW?

By George Clarke

"Yes, it is true that labor needs its own party, but it is still too early to form it."

This argument comes from trade union leaders who are now compelled to recognize that the workers have been driven into a blind alley by capitalist politics. It is their last stand against the growing demand for the creation of a labor

"Practical" as this argument may appear at first glance, one thing it is not: it is not new. Almost as long as there has been a labor movement in the United States, there have been champions of the labor party in the trade unions. And for almost the same length of time bureaucrats have opposed the labor party with the argument: "Now is not the time."

Prior to the organization of the CIO they said it was premature to form a labor party because the trade unions were too weak. Only the skilled workers enjoyed union protection; in the mass production industries company unions and the open shop prevailed. The main task was the organization of the unorganized. But this task itself was made more difficult because the state and national legislatures controlled by the capitalist parties gave legal protection to company unions, company spies and strikebreakers breaking strikes with injunction laws, state troops and deputized thugs.

#### Always "Too Soon"

After the great CIO drive which swept steel, auto, rubber, glass, aluminum, packinghouse into the union ranks, it became patently ridiculous to speak of the "weakness" of the labor movement. Now it was too soon to form labor's own party because a "great friend of labor" had moved into the White House and had brought with him into Congress and the state capitals many other "friends" from the Democratic Party. According to the myth, so carefully built up by union bureaucrats and Stalinist bureaucrats, Roosevelt virtually organized the CIO singlehanded and all of the concessions and pro-labor legislation won in this period were handed to the workers on a silver platter by the man in the White House. It is difficult to argue against a myth. Nevertheless the facts are clear.

Wherever the workers won, the victory was due to their own strength and their own militancy. Wherever they lost, they could thank the "friends of labor" upon whom they relied. The "Little Steel" strike was broken in 1937 by Democratic governors elected by CIO votes in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. When Roosevelt was asked to speak out against the use of the National Guard, he belted the steelworkers in the face with his infamous declaration: "A plague on both your houses.'

Despite these sharp lessons, Murray, Hillman and the Stalinists continued to hold the halo over Roosevelt's head. Naturally, a labor party would be premature as long as a saint sat in the President's chair. The facts however, are different. Although with diminishing enthusiasm the workers continued to follow Roosevelt until his death, they had meanwhile turned their backs on the Democratic Party. Not all the artful demagogy of Roosevelt could make the party of the Wall Street gang, the big city bosses, and the polltax Congressmen attractive again for the organized

### "Non-Partisan League"

compelled to organize the workers into a separate still not ready. 1936 and the Political Action Committee of the CIO thereafter. In form both of these organizations were labor parties: they were delegated FEPC is slaughtered; the open sky is fast bebodies representing the various CIO unions and membership organizations consisting of workers and their families. But in aim and program they were not labor parties at all.

Although LNPL and PAC drafted their own programs they had no means of demanding action since the Democratic politicians, guaranteed support in advance, felt free to act as they pleased—rather as Wall Street pleased. The best LNPL and PAC could hope for was a few crumbs. A few crumbs for the millions of votes that decided every major election since 1936! Not only was the time ripe for a labor party but without organizing the workers independently; without bartering the combined millions of union votes, without betraying the deepest aspirations and interests, the Democratic administrations in Washington for the past 10 years would have been impossible.

The crowning argument of those who keep postponing the labor party to some time that never comes is the theory of the "lesser evil." It is true, the more honest admit, that Roosevelt was becoming less friendly to labor all the time. But what was the alternative? If the trade unions ran their own candidates they would split The workers have emerged from every strike unthe Democratic vote and a Republican like Landon, Willkie or Dewey would be elected. And And there the setback has torn the blinkers off to make the bogeyman even more terrifying they the eyes of the entire working class population. never fail to recall the odious memory of Her- It is alert, militant and eager to repel the attack

But one little fact punctures this argument completely: there were less than three million the knot must be untied that binds the political sentiments of the ranks when order, points of information organized workers during Hoover's administra- arm of labor. The independent political party he said: "This is a timely re- and, as one delegate remarked, tion. He could slug the workers' movement with- of the working class and the poor farmers—the solution although I wish it "points of confusion," keeping out fear of counter-action or reprisal. Today labor party-must be built now!

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On The Allis-Chalmers Picket Line

Part of the 11,000 Allis-Chalmers workers, members of Local 248, CIO United Auto Workers, who have been fighting more than seven weeks on the picket lines against the union-busting corporation in Milwaukee. The company refuses to negotiate issues involving working conditions and union securty. 7,000 are also on strike at other Allis-Chalmers plants.

any president must count with the largest, the most conscious and the most powerful trade union organization in history. There is no way, short of establishing an outright dictatorship that would permit even the most reactionary Paper Calls For President to ignore this formidable, organized

#### What Counts Is Power

Now suppose for a moment that to the organized economic power of the trade unions there is joined the organized political power of the labor party; suppose that the labor party in its first presidential election polls only one-third of the popular vote-12,000,000; suppose that the labor party wins one-third of the seats in the Senate and the House of Representatives and an equal number in the state legislatures. (This is not at all far-fetched; if anything it is an understatement of the electoral power of the union members, their families, friends and supporters they will receive from all the nation's Can anyone conceive of a Republican President and a Republican House acting in the first took the lead in advocating style prescribed by Hoover under such conditions?

Henry Ford was a friend of Hitler and he acted like Hitler to the auto workers until they shut down River Rouge and made him sign a union contract. What counts in politics as it does in union business is NOT promises, gratitude or good will-what counts is power. Weakness permits "progressives" to act like reactionaries. Strength makes reactionaries pause many times before they yield to their natural impulses.

When indeed will the time be ripe for the formation of a labor party? This question the slippery-tongued gentlemen always evade. We need not wait any longer for their evasions and ambiguities, for their procrastination and delays. We have seen how they postponed, blocked and sabotaged the labor party through the depression, then through the days of the great rise of the CIO, then through the war, and now in the To elect Roosevelt, the trade union leaders were midst of the gigantic postwar struggles they are

But the enemy is not waiting. Acting through its lackeys in Washington, the fist of Wall Street through the medium of a resois crashing down on the working population: the lution. coming the ceiling on prices; fact-finding boards if they continue their policy of mendous price rises which slash of labor is like banging your cut the wage demands of striking workers; plants, endorsing the lesser of two evils, the amount of food, clothing head a hundred times against mines, railroads, entire industries are seized by the government to force the workers into unequal battle with the state instead of individual employers; now Truman is preparing to go into the strikebreaking business in a big way by using the army, navy and coast guard to smash such a program. Labor might not inflationary theft of real wages the projected maritime strike; meanwhile Truman and Congress are vying with each other to the first election, but they would wages to meet every rise in the see who can place the worst labor-crippling laws be headed in the right direction." cost of living. into the statute-books.

Shall we wait, politically paralyzed, politically disarmed, politically impotent until organized labor is bound and gagged? Shall we wait until the unions are beaten, defeated and cut to pieces, robbed of their treasuries, persecuted by capitalist courts and capitalist laws, tied hand and foot by arbitration, crushed by armed forces? Shall we wait until Wall Street brings down the iron heel of military dictatorship?

The time for waiting is over. The time for action is now. The Labor Party must be organized immediately. The unions stand at the peak of their strength. They represent a formidable power. defeated-every strike but the railroad strike. of labor's enemies.

Great victories are possible—on one condition:

last night.

St. Paul SWP Opens

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 9 -

of the Socialist Workers Party

celebrated the opening of new

headquarters at \$40 Cedar St.,

hall for the dancing, and cur-

ture stand offered SWP pamph-

lets, and a lighted window dis-

Highlighting the evening was

fried chicken, well served.

Friends and comrades went

home confident that the new

headquarters mark a forward

step for the St. Paul branch.

played Trotsky's books.

**New Headquarters** 

# **A Labor Party**

(Special to The Militant) FLINT, Mich., June 6.-The Local 599 Headlight, organ of tailer on every single item! the large CIO United Auto NO ENFORCEMENT Workers Buick Local 599, in its June 4 issue publishes a hard-hitting editorial appeal for the convening of a national united conference of labor and the

Local 599, which has stood in the forefront of the struggles of the General Motors workers and prosecution! is one of the UAW locals which a labor party, states in its paper:

"Now Truman in effect says no. He proposes that Labor be drafted if they refuse to work. No attempt to draft intelligent legislation to get at the root of the trouble. Compel Labor to work. That solves everything for the time being . . . It solves their (the corporations') immediate problems. Enables them to make huge profits. And all the time fascism is getting a stranglehold.

"What is the solution? Labor must organize its forces and fight its own battle. Conferences Walter Reuther are a logical first step. Plans on political action and other forms of action can be formulated at these consuch a conference months ago

"Is the PAC the answer? Not as they have so many times in and other necessities the work- a stone wall. the past. Truman is the product of such an endorsement. . .

"A LABOR PARTY IS THE elect a president and congress

compels the OPA to guarantee the tremendous 1941 wartime profits to every manufacturer. wholesaler, middleman and re-

The Senate even takes care of those who may violate this worthless "price control" bill. The OPA is deprived of all power to enforce its rulings. Consent of the United States District Atbuilding of a labor party. torney must be obtained before a violator can even be cited for

The Senate bill is in basic agreement with that passed eara national labor congress and lier by the House of Representatives. The House bill, however, would preserve the fiction of an OPA for only nine months, as

**Senate OPA Bill** 

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turer, wholesaler, middleman or

retailer. Agricultural prices will

be put entirely into the hands

of the Secretary of Agriculture,

a representative of the meat

packing interests. All controls

over non-agricultural goods are

to be removed as soon as "supply

balances demand" - a point

which the monopolists can al-

ways arbitrarily fix for their

And this is just a beginning of

the Senate's attack on price reg-

ulation. Government subsidies

on foods will be cut in half, the

difference to be made up to the

food speculators by further hikes

in prices. The OPA's "maximum

average price" plan under which

some cheaper work clothes, etc.,

were produced, will be annihil-

ated. Cotton textile manufac-

turers are handed an immediate

five-per cent increase, on top of

To make sure that no profit-

eers fail to reap a bumper har-

vest from the new bill, a clause

increases already granted.

own benefit.

against the Senate's one-year Various labor and liberal leaders are appealing to Truman to veto the openly inflationary Senate measure. This would mean merely that the OPA would go out of business altogether on June 30, thus removing even the which cause American workers present pretence of government price control. If Truman should veto the Senate-sponsored bill, it would be largely because the administration wants to avoid the as proposed by Phil Murray and appearance of direct responsibility for the runaway inflation which the measure encourages.

Whether the Senate bill is enacted in its present form, modferences. Local 599 proposed ified a trifle, or vetoed, the workers face the same stark reality. ers' dollars can buy.

method of fighting for a decent ANSWER. All labor can unite on living standard and against the have spent the Trainmen's monis: demand a sliding scale of

# TRADE UNION

By Art Preis

Anthracite Bosses Fold Up in 9 Days

After stalling for nine days, just long enough to give the 76,-000 striking anthracite coal miners in Pennsylvania a well-deserved vacation, the hard-coal FARMERS' CONGRESS! operators conceded the major social and wage demands of the AFL United Mine Workers. An agreement was reached on June

This agreement includes not only an 181/2-cent hourly wage increase, with time and a half after 35 hours a week and seven hours a day, but welfare and. safety concessions similar to drive. those previously won in the bitter strike of the 400,000 soft coal

The contract includes an operator-financed health and welfare fund of five cents on each ton of coal produced, expected to amount to about \$2,500,000 annually. The control of the fund

is vested in a three-man committee, two from the union, and one from the operators. This is an even better agreement than secured by the soft coal miners. whose fund committee consists of one each from the union and operators, and a third jointly acceptable to both.

By their successful struggle for far-reaching social, as well as set an example for the rest of

#### Whitney's Plea To Truman And Congress

If a man bumps his head against a stone wall once, it's probably an accident; twice, it may still be an accident; a hundred times, and he's just a damn

That's the thought that comes to mind in reading the big advertisements by A. F. Whitney, head of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, published in metropolitan newspapers last week. Headed, "Strikes Can Be Prevented," the ads contain a plea by Whitney for Truman and Congress to "stay on the job" and "prevent strikes" by "action to remedy the conditions

to strike."

"A President and Congress wanting workers to 'stay on the job' must themselves get on the job. The Congress must not be allowed to adjourn without taking positive steps to eliminate the causes of strikes," says Whit-

to better the condition Wall Street's government is in- American workers. But to direct tent on dealing deep, hidden a plea to THIS Congress to "stay wage-cuts to labor through tre- on the job" in the interests Instead of pleading with the

The only immediate effective Big-Business Congress, Whitney ister and treacherous weapon. ey for advertisements calling on boot the whole gang of Wall own faces.

Street politicians out of Washington. Labor's slogan should be not "Congress Must Stay On The Job," but-KICK OUT WALL STREET'S CONGRESS! ELECT A. WORKERS' AND

#### Tobin's Warning On AFL Southern Drive

Daniel Tobin, head of the AFL Teamsters, is finding employer opposition very tough down below the Mason and Dixon Line, where the AFL, like the CIO, is engaged in a big organizing

Hence, his magazine, The International Teamster, in its June issue presents a view point quite unique for his publication. In an article entitled, "AFL Starts to Organize the South," Tobin's magazine states:

"Under the pretext of 'saving the South from Communism, the Ku Klux Klan is preparing to inject itself into the struggle to maintain the open shop. Every union organizer will probably be branded a 'Communist' as the Klan attempts to ride the crest of a wave of patriotic prejudice to organize the South itself and promote the sale of cotton fabrics woven into the hoods and shrouds of its official costume. wage, demands, the miners have Thus the southern industrialists will profit both ways. They will labor to follow in the battles keep wages low and sell cotton to the nightshirt cavalry."

We can but welcome Tobin's timely warning against the Southern reactionary red-baiters and the anti-"communist" agitation of the open shoppers. But it is well to keep in mind that Tobin's opposition to redbaiting is still confined to a limited field-and only when it hits him and his organizers over the head.

We are still waiting to hear from Tobin any criticism of AFL President William Green and other AFL big-wigs, who launched the AFL Southern drive with a bid to the employers to sign up with the AFL before the 'communistic" CIO organizes the workers. The AFL leaders themselves have been lending redbaiting ammunition to the Southern bosses—and the latter are shooting it at the AFL as well as the CIO.

In addition, we would be doing less than our duty if we overlooked Tobin's own record of redbaiting-and specifically his attack on the progressive and militant leadership of Minneapolis No decentminded person can Drivers Local 544. Tobin not only possibly oppose social legislation conducted an unprecedented red-balting drive against the Trotskyists and militants, but he collaborated in a conspiracy with Roosevelt to frame-up and imprison 18 Local 544 and Socialist Workers Party leaders during the war. Red-baiting is indeed a sin-

would have done far better to Those who use it within the labor movement only help the bosses. And sometimes, as Tobin the workers to organize a labor has found in the South, are apt party, run labor candidates and to find it may explode in their

## Michigan CIO Delegates Discuss **Need For National Labor Party**

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meet resistance from the work- discussion. ers was indicated during the pass this resolution, but we must go out after this convention and Friends of the St. Paul branch do something about it."

DEBATE SHUT OFF

Ernie Mazey, of UAW Briggs Local 212 and brother of Emil, at the Housewarming Party here likewise urged immediate steps for the launching of a labor The headquarters presented a party. "The action of the House spick - and - span appearance. and Senate on the Case Bill and Crepe paper streamers in spring Truman proposal has shown the colors decorated the meeting complete bankruptcy of the past policy of the CIO. Only seven tains with "SWP" embroidered of the 90 Congressmen elected after for election of all delegates. in red gave a festive air to the with PAC backing voted against kitchen. An attractive litera- these strikebreaking bills. We been the loudest shouters for are always warned that now is democracy, showed their true not the time. When is it time? | colors. John Anderson, Stalinist Let us call a conference for this about the cost of an election in purpose in the next 60 days."

the resolution. Debate was shut scathingly retorted that election

mediately after the convention. off on this all-important ques-That such an attempt will tion after only ten minutes of

The three-day-convention was brief discussion permitted on taken up largely with the facthe resolution. Emil Mazey, tional maneuvers of the two UAW-Detroit, East Side Regio- power caucuses. The Stalinists nal Director, expressed the sowed disruption by points of were a firmer one. It is time the convention in turmoil most we built a party of our own. If of the time. They were aided by we had started building a labor the inefficiency and incompeparty years back we would to- tence of the Reutherite forces day not find ourselves in the in charge of convention preppresent mess. We must not only arations. The Stalinist antics so disgusted the delegates that these tactics were bitterly assailed even within the Addes-Stalinist caucus meeting after the first day's session.

Much wrangling occurred over the Credentials Committee report on the seating of delegates appointed by various Local Executive Boards. Such delegates were to be found in both caucuses. A constitutional amendment was proposed calling here-

Here the Stalinists, who had When the labor movement is president of UAW Local 155, opsmashed? I say now is the time. posed the amendment, whining his amalgamated local. To this Not a single Stalinist spokes- Lee Romano, president of Press man dared to take a position on Steel Unit, UAW Ford Local 600,

democracy."

preceded the UAW Convention effect. and helped clarify some of the issues coming before the auto gathering. This year, the Mich- wages would have rallied all the igan CIO Convention provided progressive forces at the conan anti-climax, with all issues vention and would have been an subordinated to the factional effective way to "appeal to the maneuvers of both camps.

UAW President Walter Reuther told his caucus members that if the opposition continued its divisive tactics he would take the issues to the ranks. He admitted that the Addes-Stalinist forces have now adopted his program and there was even less reason for the factional warfare. MISSES CHANCE

But Reuther missed the splendid opportunity to place the struggle on a higher plane by embracing the demands and aspirations of the ranks to build a labor party immediately. He spoke of the necessity of calling for a national united labor conference, but failed to implement this request with a resolution. Reuther also warned that labor would have to strike again soon for higher wages since recent

expenses "were a small price for wage increases were already largely negated by skyrocketing This convention reflected the prices. Yet he said not one continuation of the sharp fac- word on the issue of an upward tional struggle at the UAW sliding scale of wages which convention three months ago would automatically rise with and which has continued un- rising prices. Although the Ford abated in UAW Executive Board Local 600 Council, Briggs Local meetings. In previous years, 212 and Budd Local 306, UAW, the Michigan CIO Convention had passed resolutions to this

> An espousal of the labor party now and the sliding scale of ranks."

Instead, Reuther and his lieutenants, both in convention and cauous meetings, resorted to a sly form of red-baiting, attacking even the progressive proposals of the Stalinists. For instance. Reuther tried to belittle, by innuendo, the appeal of the Stalinist-dominated maritime federation for world-wide support of their anticipated strike.

was reelected president of the des-Stalinist candidate W. G. Grant, former president of Ford

The Reutherite Gus Scholle State CIO Council, defeating Glen E. Sigman, assistant regional director of the CIO Steelworkers, by a vote of 2,297 to 1.868. Barney Hopkins was reelected by a similar vote for secretary-treasurer over the Ad-



Famine Victims In China

Where Is The Soviet Union Going?

## The Policy Of The "Strategic Bulwark"

\_ By Ernest Germain —

On the morrow of the second world war, the dominant fact concerning the Soviet Union's situation is the imperialist encirclement that is being completed. The bureaucracy is incapable of counteracting this encirclement by its old policy of balancing it- @

self between the powers. It sees itself forced to elaborate a new system of defense, based neither on revolutionary politics of the proletariat (1917-1924), nor on alliances with certain capitalist countries (1924-1944), but on the progressive conquest of a "strategic bulwark," separating the Soviet frontiers on all sides from the imperialist bases of operation.

The creation of the "strategic bulwark" appeared as the immediate aim of Stalin's foreign policy at the time of the Teheran Conference, that is to say, at a time when Hitler's defeat seemed certain and when the conquerors were discussing division of the spoils. In the beginning Stalin attempted to create this bulwark in a "peaceful" way, that is to say, with the consent of his imperialist "allies."

Knowing that the Red Army was bearing the main brunt of the German armies and conscious of the progressive enfeeblement of the USSR in the all it could to restore law and course of the prolonged warfare, the English and American or by a series of deceitful manimperialists postponed their settling of accounts with the bureaucracy until after the war with Germany and Japan. They accorded Stalin, as "spheres of influence" large parts of Europe and Asia: Poland, East Germany, all the Danubian and Balkan countries except Greece, Manchuria and North China.

UNDER PRESSURE But Stalin knew very well that this occupation would be only temporary. At the "Peace Conference" when American imperialism would be forced to redraw the map of the world according to its plans of world goal by vile bargains, by milidomination, the question of evacuation of all these countries would be posed. But the "strategic bulwark" threatens to crumble even before that as a result of the constant pressure of Eng-

lish and American imperialism.

Already this pressure succeeded a year ago in the introduction into all the governments of those countries occupied by the USSR of representatives of the "nacapitalist class, direct agents of imperialism: Mikolajczyk in Poland, Tartarescu in Rumania, Geol in Yugoslavia and buffer states where large layers a political issue by any of the others. Also the bureaucracy entered upon a series of maneuvers aiming at the more or less temporary "stabilization" of its influence in these countries by establishing obedient governments. REACTIONARY METHODS

At the moment when the Red Army entered these countries, broad revolutionary movements appeared. The workers seized the factories and established a network of all-powerful factory

### **Workers Killed Through Greed** Of Mine Owners

(Special to The Militant) OHARLEROI, Belgium, May 15-A recent mining catastrophe in the "Sacre Francais" pit in the Charleroi region caused the death of 16 miners, among whom were seven German prisoners. La Lutte Ouvriere, organ of the Belgian Trotskvists, published a special report on this catastrophe, giving irrefutable proofs that it was the coal owners' negligence which caused the death of these 16 miners.

At the burial of the victims an the bureaucracy and the interimmense crowd of more than ests of the proletariat, to the ex-10,000 people assembled. It became known that the German to array the English and Amerprisoners were to be buried apart from the Belgian miners. It was also learned that the Belgian police had threatened to shoot hostages taken from among the German prisoner-miners when they wanted that day to stop work as a protest against the capitalists' negligence and in mourning for the death of their

#### CLASP HANDS

Immediately delegates of the Belgian miners went to the prisoners' barracks, succeeded by a trick in releasing a large num ber of the prisoners, and went with them to the edge of the graves of their German comrades. There they scattered on the graves flowers spontaneously bought by the Belgian miners, and across the open tomb about to swallow these new victims of the capitalist regime, a delegate of the Belgian miners and a delegate of the German prisoners clasped hands, and jointly spoke to those gathered around.

The German prisoner finished his brief speech thus: "Belgian comrades, never shall we forget, when we go back home, your solidarity with us here."

# No Decisive Changes' Achieved As Result Of June 2 French Elections

STALIN

committees. The peasants seized

But the Soviet bureaucracy

which fears the revolution as

much as do the world capital-

ists, far from supporting or con-

solidating these workers' actions,

helped the "native" capitalists

order; either by force (Poland)

euvers (Czechoslovakia). More-

over, by ruthlessly pillaging these

countries already impoverished

by the war, by introducing a

hateful police regime, the Soviet

bureaucracy soon alienated the

sympathies of large sections of

the working masses who had at

first welcomed it as a liberator.

Later, when it was a question

for Stalin of establishing a more

in the "strategic bulwark" he no

longer received the workers' sup-

the capitalists of these countries.

He was forced to arrive at his

tary "coups," by the odious

blackmail of hunger, or quite

simply by brutal police inter-

Having abandoned the revolu-

the USSR, Stalin is forced to

infernal arsenal of imperialism.

Instead of creating on the peri-

the toiling masses, Stalin sur-

While we condemn the bu-

grant to the imperialists the

the fate of the "poor little op-

these "humanitarian democrats"

other Indonesian villages, organ-

and starved India. But it is pre-

how futile and criminal the Stal-

Futile because in the age of

the atomic bomb, an additional

few hundred kilometers do not

in any way constitute a suffi-

cient defensive base. To fight

against the atomic bomb by

means of strategic bases, is like

fighting against artillery with

brings discredit upon the USSR

in the eyes of the world prole-

tariat and the colonial peoples,

because the similarity of politi-

cal methods leads the masses to

identify the Soviet Union with

To the extent that it widens

the gulf between the policy of

tent that it enables imperialism

ican masses not only against

Stalin but against the USSR as

such — to that extent Stalin's

policy favors the imperialist war

preparations and increases the

At Brest-Litovsk, Lenin "sacri-

ficed space to gain time." Stalin

is in the act of sacrificing time

to gain space which will pro-

tect him neither against his in-

ternal difficulties, nor against

(Translated from the Belgian

Trotskyist paper, "La Lutte Ouv-

riere, April 20, 1946. Next week's

"Militant" will feature another

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OUR CONDEMNATION

the long-coveted land.

**Belgian Miners Give Militant Strong Support** 

(Special to The Militant) BRUSSELS, May 19—One of the outstanding Trotskyist militants, Victor Bougard, member of the Central Committee of the Internationalist Communist Party (PCI), Belgian section of the Fourth International, is the principal delegate of the miners of the village of Anderlues, in the center industrial region.

As a defender of the workers' interests, this militant is feared and hated by the bosses, who recently tried to "liquidate" him by firing him from the pit where he worked. The miners have already gone on strike several times to defend their delegate.

Finally, in the midst of negotiations, at a time when the bosses and the Stalinists were pouring all their calumnies on Bougard, he ran as candidate for the post of regional secretary of the Amalgamated Miners' Union. The Stalinists put up as their candidate, Desnos, their leader in that province. The result is significant; 2,300 votes for Bougard, 2,700 votes for the



A mother and her child in China are two among hundreds of millions of workers and peasnts doomed to starvation as famine sweeps the Far East and all of Europe. The child's swollen stomach and pitifully thin arms and legs have become a common sight as food is hoarded by speculators or sold to the rich on the black market.

### for Stalin of establishing a more strict control over the countries in the "street control over the countries in the "street coin to love the countries in the "street coin by lynch" he re-Of World Political Reaction port in dealing mortal blows to

By Joseph Hansen

The Vatican is becoming increasingly active in political the elections to call for the defeat affairs. The Pope made headlines throughout the world of the candidates of the working with his direct intervention in the Italian and French class parties. elections of June 2. Recently Cardinal Spellman raised a

tionary methods of defense of political sword in this country to slash at "commun- acy is most sinister and reacborrow his entire policy from the | ism."

The Catholic hierarchy intervenes in politics under guise of phery of the Soviet Union sister | defending "religion" from attack. soviet republics supported by This subterfuge is false to the the enthusiasm and devotion of core. The question of a man's own views on the nature of the rounds it with a group of police universe, etc., has not been made of the population, starving and working class parties. Even the desperate, are turning again to Trotskyists, who base their world outlook on scientific findings. have not made religion a political issue. Responsibility for inreaucratic explansionism as a jecting religion into politics rests

squarely with the Vatican. reactionary policy, we do not For hundreds of years Vatican fought ruthlessly to right to shed crocodile tears over combine government and religpressed peoples." We have seen ion. The Papacy insisted on state support to the exclusion of other religions. Taxes wrung wrom the at work when they atomized poor people were diverted into Nagasaki, burned Bekasi and its treasuries. The Catholic hierarchy organized widespread perized the white terror in Greece secution of all who advocated separating church and state. Men cisely on the basis of the defense and women were tortured and of its own interests that the burned at the stake for opposing world proletariat must recognize\*

the Vatican on this question. In most advanced countries the separation of church and state has been achieved. But now the Vatican is fighting from the second line trenches. It is combining religion and politics. Conseorganization, the Catholic hierfor its position on the burning political issues of the day.

The political record of the Pap-

ance that the U.S. Army in

China, would be sent home by

May 1. Two months later, on

June 4, Lt.-Gen. Alvin C. Gillen.

also of the U.S. Army, declared

that the China theater would not

be deactivated and that Ameri-

can troops might remain until

Already heavily committed to

policy of intervention in line

with its predatory imperialist

aims, the U.S. government has

no intention of withdrawing its

armed forces from China. On the

contrary, it intends to intervene

still more energetically on the

This is indicated very clearly

by the fact that families of

American soldiers are now being

Chiang Kai-shek's rotten and

with corruption and responsible

for all the agony of China's mil-

side of Chinese reaction.

transported to China.

MORE INTERVENTION

the end of 1946.

tionary. The Pope blessed the

arms of Franco, the butcher ofthe Spanish working class and supports this foul dictator to this day. The Vatican got along very well with Mussolini and worked out a mutually profitable arrangement with him. After the downfall of Mussolini, the Vatican organized its hundreds of thousands of priests and nuns igions and set up a "special repolitical shock troops gistry" for them that seriously cripples their activities.

to take the place of the fascist Black Shirts in bolstering Italian reaction. Priests and nuns BACKS FASCIST openly campaigned for the House election. The Pope, in the name

Mussolini to power. SUPPORTS MRP

**U. S. Non-Intervention Pledge** 

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China theater, gave an assur- insurgent nation from settling

reactionary regime, shot through are building up a gigantic mili-

lions, is universally hated by the on the Soviet Union. This base,

masses. Never during the two complete with everything in the

decades of its bloody rule has way of modern military equip-

this regime been more isolated ment, including a strategic air

than it is today. Only the mili- force with all ground facilities,

tary might of American im- already covers a huge area on

perialism, lavishly placed at the outskirts of Peiping and is

Chiang's disposal, prevents the growing from day to day.

**Violated In China Civil War** 

In France the Catholic hierarchy is up to its neck in the Popular Republican Movement (MRP), a political party organized against the working class quently, like any other political The MRP is fighting tooth and nail to save the capitalist sysarchy must be held accountable tem which plunged France into the Second World War and continues to chain the people in misery. Here again the

scores with the regime of reac-

The imperialist policy-makers

in Washington are fully aware

of the rottenness of the Kuom-

intang government. But they

know, too, that a popular revo-

lution which swept it away would

also spike their plans to convert

China into a colony of the Wall

Street plutocrats and a base for

Hence, ignoring their own re-

peated pledges of non-interven-

tion, and despite all the flowery

talk about allowing every nation

to decide its own fate, the U.S.

imperialists continue giving un-

stinted aid to Chiang Kai-shek.

Also in violation of China's

supposed sovereignty and all

their protestations of their love

of peace, the U.S. imperialists

tary base in North China for the

war which they plan to launch

BASE AGAINST USSR.

war against the Soviet Union.

tion and oppression.

In other European countries, evident. the Papacy is playing a similar

Throughout Latin America the Vatican is one of the principal forces in the camps of political reaction. In Argentina, for instance, the Peron regime is closely tied in with the "official religion," Roman Catholicism. In recently granted special privileges to the Catholics. He banned missionary activity by other rel-

In the United States, Father of Savoy. Armed with lavish Coughlin, the "radio priest" enfunds, they did their utmost as joyed wide support among the ward heelers to save the hated hierarchy. Before the war Coughmonarchy. This high-pressure lin set out to organize a native political campaign reached its fascist movement in America climax with a speech by the patterned on the movements of Pope himself carefully timed to Hitler and Mussolini. Money from when abstentions were heaviest hit the voters on the eve of the mysterious sources poured into his campaign. Coughlin spoke of religion, did his utmost to weekly over a wide radio hookup, block the republic and save the centering his attack on the labor SP LOSSES HEAVY monarchy which had helped movement. He published a most expensive magazine "Social Justice" which sold below cost. Many priests took bundle orders, and distributed the poisonous literawere permitted to keep whatever money they got from sales. Cardinal Spellman has re-

> for continuation of President Roosevelt's line of recognizing the SP. the Papal State as a world political power. Spellman wants Washington to recognize The Vatican and send a representaive to act as ambassador. When Protestant clergymen protested Truman's continuing his departure from the traditional policy of separating church and state, cases the sponsors of the heav-Spellman struck at them with most violent language: "What reason then have these men of religion to make such demands French capitalism is not yet of the President of the United States? Is it the anti-Catholicism of unhooded Klansmen sowing seeds of disunion within our treasured nation?"

The Vatican is utilizing the Catholic hierarchy as a-vast international network of political agents in the service of dying capitalism. These robed politicians are trying to keep capitalism from the grave a little longer. In carrying out this reactionary political task they have become the most outspoken defenders of an economic system that can only breed depressions, famine and atomic wars that may wipe out mankind.

NEWARK

Joseph Hansen "The Road to a Better World" (Transitional Program of

SWP) Friday, June 21 423 Springfield Ave. 8:30 P.M.

## Radicalization Of Masses Still **Dominant Fact**

(Special to The Militant) PARIS, June 7-"The electhat the French situation has in the country as a wholeof time for several months in spite of a growth in general discontent," according to the postelection statement of the Political Bureau of the Internationalist Communist Party (PCI), French section of the Fourth International.

"The number of votes received by the Communist Party (Stalinists) and the Socialist Party amounted in October 1945 to 9,-506,273; in May 1946 to 9,280,-386. In June 1946 the SP, the CP and the PCI got 9,377,987 votes," the statement continues.

"As to the capitalist partiesthe MRP (Popular Republican Movement), the PRL (Republican Liberty Party), the Radicals (prewar mass party of the capitalists), etc.,—they received 9,-599,950 votes in October 1945; 10,450,883 votes in May 1946; 10,427,343 votes on June 2.

"The workers' votes do not vary essentially. The capitalist votes show a slight increase in view of a decrease in absen-

#### TENDENCIES EVIDENT

Analyzing these results, the statement appearing in today's La Verite, weekly paper of the PCI, demonstrates the following tendencies that have become

by and large, losing votes in the workers' districts (in the Seine. which includes Paris and the famous "Red Belt" of workers' suburbs; the Seine-et-Oise; in two election districts of the mining region in the Nord, at Lyons, in the Loire; in the Bouches-dureturn for political favors, Peron Rhone district, etc.). At the same time their vote increased in peasant regions previously known as strongholds of reaction.

This continues and reinforces a trend already observable to a less extent last October. While advanced workers tend to become disillusioned with the treacherous policy of the Stali ists, the most exploited layers of the rural population first becoming radicalized rally to the CP banner. It is also notable that in contradistinction to 1945, in middle class districts, this time they were more pronounced in labor strongholds.

The reformists of the Socialist Party were the heavy losers. This fact is universally ascribed to their assuming formal responsibility for the government of ture to youths in the parish who the SP-CP-MRP coalition. The resentment of the masses against the government which kept them at a starvation level while perplaced Coughlin as leading pol- mitting the capitalists to enitical spokesman for the Vati- trench themselves more and can in America. He is fighting more appears to have been directed in the first place against

In the capitalist camp the most striking features are the considerable growth of the MRP and the failure of the PRL to register any real progress (except in the Paris region, where it did gain even at the expense of the MRP). In some 30-odd ily-financed PRL withdrew their candidates in favor of the MRP. This would indicate that ready to launch a reactionary offensive which requires wide support among the lower middle class masses. Instead, it prefers for the period to come to continue to stake its fate on collaboration with the treacherous parties claiming the allegiance of labor and on social-Christian demagogy.

The radicalization of the masses, the capitalists thereby recognize, is still the most important fact to be taken into account in the situation as a whole, even if it is only marking time at present.

San Francisco Italian Dinner SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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## Big Step Forward Seen In Trotskyist Campaign Vote

. PARIS, June 7-In the 11 districts in which the Internationalist Communist Party (PCI) ran candidates on tions of June 2 have gen- June 2, it achieved the magnificent total of 44,915 votes. erally confirmed the view If this result is to be taken as an indication of the trend

been characterized by a marking | and it can be, for the 11 dis- | tend to reflect erroneously the tricts were representativethen this means that some 250,000 to 300,000 revolutionary workers, or what would amount to one and a half per cent of the entire electorate, have already turned to revolutionary Trotskyism as their banner.

It would be hard to overestimate the significance of the Trotskvist votes, achieved amidst an intensive campaign, with the powerful Stalinist machine hurling its slanders and calumny against our comrades as "Hitlero-Trotskyists."

This marks the first time in the history of the Fourth International that one of its parties, participating in elections on a national scale, has achieved a genuine mass response.

#### A TURNING POINT

It is in this historical light. rather than by comparison with the millions of votes still accorded the reformists and Stalinists, that this turning point in the development of world Trotskyism can best be assessed. That the Stalinist leaders have been shaken by this fact is evidenced by the daily campaign of slander, which has been reenforced since the election, in their L'Humanite. In one district in Paris, the

First, the PCI did, to be sure, lose 3,500 votes over October 1945. But in this district there was a direct struggle between the PRL (Republican Liberal The Stalinists held their own Party), particularly strong there, and the Stalinists. Evidently, many workers were motivated here by the fear of a capitalist election victory. But the PCI was nevertheless still able to get over 4,000 votes even in this district, which shows how deliberately and determinedly the supporters of Trotskyist party voted in the country as a whole.

REMARKABLE RESPONSE In addition it must be pointed out that in general, parliaactual influence of the revolutionary party in election results. The real strength of the PCI among the masses must therefore be assessed much higher than the voting figures show. This is borne out also by the fact that there was a widespread, although not heavy. phenomenon of ballots invalidated which were marked both CP (Stalinist) and PCI, giving evidence of vacillation on the part of voters. Finally it should be noted that all meetings of the Trotskyists in the campaign were packed, and that there was a remarkable response by the workers to the party's election fund-which has today surpass-

ed 1,190,000 francs. That the party's campaign, which took as its point of departure the fight against the wage freeze, was effective and well-timed, can be gathered by the final election move of the Stalinists. Three days prior to June 2 they came out with an anouncement that they would support a general increase of wages. It is also evident that the mass pressure on this point has mounted so powerfully that it can no longer be resisted even by the Stalinists, who up to now have been able to force through their pro-capitalist production plans on the working class.

By their change of position, the Stalinists may well have lifted the lid on a veritable explosion of extra-parliamentary class struggles, which will not be quite so easy for them to control. For the first time, talk of strikes is widespread in France. A stormy development along these lines seems indicat-

The PCI, planning to consolidate its election gains, and to capitalize on them for the reenforcement of its organizational structure and trade union influence, will undoubtedly mark mentary illusions, which are further progress in the course still strong among the masses, of the coming class conflicts.

## **Indian Congress Balks At** Fake 'Independence' Plan

By Larissa Reed

The Indian National Congress, after weeks of intense negotiations, has rejected the British Cabinet mission's plans for an "interim government" in India.

These plans, outlined in a 9-White Paper issued on May 16 to | ing powers, under the domthe Indian people and read in ination and control of the the British House of Commons British overlords. As in the by Laborite Prime Minister Att- past, all posts of authordian Congress president, Dr. British imperialism. As in the Maulana Azad, based his rejec- past, they will continue to be tion on the ground that the plan responsible only to the British would grant parity - that is, equal representation — in the Legislative Assembly. The Asthe Congress Party and the Moslem League. Azad is confining eroy by a vote of no confidence. his opposition to the demand The power of veto is retained that ten seats be allotted to the in full by the Viceroy. Congress, and only five seats

to the Moslem League. Party is evidently ready and willing to accept the White Paper's to the Indian people. So reactionfraudulent proposals for Indian ary is it that the notorious Leoper differs in no essentials from State for India, hailed the White the Wavell Plan, presented last Paper as a great advance. year, and accepted by the Congress Party, except that it is offered in the name of the British Labor government instead of the arch-reactionary Churchill regime. The White Paper, like the Wavell Plan, is nothing but a new form of the old slavery.

The White Paper first of all assures that all decisive powers for continued rule over the Indian masses remain in the hands of the British. These include the continued British monopoly of defense, foreign affairs and communications.

#### BRITISH TOOLS

Also provided for is the continued dismemberment and cleavage between the Indian sections by the creation of two separate groups of provinces, each with its own executive and legislative organs. Moreover, individual provinces remain "free" to reject membership in either group. This provision will serve to keep large numbers in India under and the Moslem League, would the feudal rule of the native like to capitulate to the British

The White Paper provides for disagreement is merely over the central legislature with tax- terms of this capitulation.

ee, were rejected however, only ity will be staffed with only the "in their present form." The In- most obedient native tools of Viceroy and not to the Central 'interim government" to both sembly would still have no power to override the plans of the Vic-

Like the Wavell plan, the White Paper makes not the slightest But the capitalist Congress attempt to transfer any real power or genuine independence "independence." The White Pa- pold Amery, former Secretary of

This plan, however, was formally accepted and recommended to the Indian peoples by Mohandas K. Gandhi last month. This misleader has declared that through this plan, the British "have come to devise the easiest and quickest method of ending British rule."

The conduct of the Congress Party, the Moslem League and Gandhi's pronouncement thus reveal that the native capitalist class of India is frightened by the mounting mass unrest and threat of a revolutionary outbreak on an unprecedented scale. The recent mutiny in the Indian Navy, the revolt of the Bombay "Untouchables", the threatened strike of the railway workers involving nearly 1,500,000 men, the hunger demonstrations amid growing famine, are lightning flashes of this coming storm. The native capitalists through the leadership of the Congress Party imperialist rulers. The current

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PROBLEMS FACING

WAR VETERANS

By ALVIN ROYCE

Bosses Kicking Vets Around

long after they returned home, but even fewer ex-

pected to be called "tramps" or "lazy ingrates" be-

fore the capitalists had even signed the peace trea-

Just a few weeks ago two veterans told a magis-

trate in a Brooklyn court, that they were unem-

ployed because they didn't want to work for \$25

a week. The judge told them to forget the "hero"

The June 9 N. Y. Times summed up Wall Street's

attitude toward the veteran. In the magazine and

news sections writers paid glowing tribute to the

wonderful job the GIs did just two years ago on

the beaches of Normandy. But, while some of these

journalistic stooges of the bosses are speaking of

the "heroes" in one column others are shouting

The Times' veteran expert reports that "a num-

ber of veterans appeared to be taking advantage in

a short-sighted manner of some parts of the pro-

gram." This capitalist "champion" of the veteran

goes on to state "the public was reported to have

become aroused over the prevalence of 52-20 clubs."

This "public" is not aroused over the fact that the

returning veterans can't find a decent job. The

Times would like to see these clubs broken up but

are afraid that "any cure attempted by an elective

or appointive official would savor of kicking a

hero in the face." The Times, speaking for Wall

Street, favors forcing the vet to take a low paid job

After telling the workers that they were fighting

for a "free new world" these parasites are aroused

because the vets don't want a \$25 a week job. Even

these jobs will soon become scarce, according to

Gen. Bradley who states that there will be 3,500,000

unemployed vets this fall. Yet the administration

is not lifting a finger to solve this crisis. Capitalism

needs soldiers in wartime but veterans are only a

One of the Times correspondents in New Hamp-

shire reports another story. He says that, "the vets

are being prostituted, that on the job training is

making them mad. They accept such positions in

good faith. One Marine, an Iwo Jima vet, who

was a plane mechanic and sought additional exper-

ience, signed up at an airport. He spent most of

his time running a truck to town doing odd chores.

carrying garbage to the dump and making up about

It makes no difference to the boss whether a

worker is a veteran or a non-veteran. The "on the

job" training program is being used, by the employ-

er, as a method of obtaining cheap labor. Wall

Street wants the veteran to remain economically

helpless, without a skill, so that he can be held in

Many of the more progressive unions have al-

ready made the vet's problems one of the main

points on their agenda. For example, at the UAW's

Convention in March a veterans' program was

adopted which, with all its inadequacies, is certainly

a step in the right direction. Unions in increasing

numbers have come to realize that the fight for

The "CIO Vet," official publication of the Buf-

falo CIO Council Veteran's Committee, points out

that "attempts will be made to use vets in the

maritime strike" and many other strikes in the fu-

ture. This CIO organ goes on to warn, "labor is

heading into a grave storm and the vet issue may

be a hot potato for labor this time. Your union needs

mittee "The NAM is trying to organize the vets-

All workers would do well to keep in mind this slogan of the Buffalo CIO Council Veterans Com-

the protection of a vets' committee."

What's your union doing?"

jobs for the veterans must be led by the unions.

or lose his unemployment compensation!

nuisance after the shooting stops.

the airport. He quit in disgust."

readiness as a strikebreaker.

**UAW Program A Start** 

"tramp" in another.

nonsense and stop being so "choosy" about wages.

Few GIs thought they would remain heroes very

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Saturday, June 23, 1946

-Leon Trotsky

#### Thanks To Our Readers

Thanks to the generosity of our thousands of readers and the devoted efforts of the members of the Socialist Workers Party, The Militant has successfully concluded its \$15,000 Sustaining Fund Campaign.

This fund will enable The Militant to continue to bring to the American workers and all other oppressed people our program of liberation from capitalism and its evils.

The contributions which have poured in from all parts of the country represent real sacrifices. They come from poor people, working people, to whom every penny counts in these days of rising prices, black markets and reduced take-home pay.

These sacrifices were made by workers who have recently spent long weeks and months on picket lines, by Negro people who suffer the worst economic conditions, by militant fighters for labor everywhere. This we consider the highest tribute to the role which The Militant is playing in educating, inspiring and organizing workers for the revolutionary socialist struggle.

The Militant, as more and more workers are coming to appreciate, is not just another laber paper. It is the THE labor paper which week in and week out, year in and year out, has fought uncompromisingly for the rights of the working people. It is THE paper which has dared to swim against the stream of capitalist reaction, in war as well as in the periods between wars.

The Militant has described truthfully, and defended without any "ifs and buts," every effort of the workers to better their conditions. It has turned a steady spotlight on the dark evil-smelling underworld of capitalist rule and exploitation.

But more! It has offered a program, a consitent program tested by events, which provides the only reasonable and effective answer to the great needs of the working class. That is the program of Trotskyism, of genuine Marxism, which is expounded by the Socialist Workers Party.

We shall continue to fight for that program. We shall strive to bring it to new tens of thousands and finally millions of workers. With the continued aid of our devoted readers, we are confident that The Militant will grow in influence and will become an ever more powerful weapon in labor's battle.

### **Atomic Control**

The world has been given a most instructive lesson in what control of atomic energy by the capitalist class means.

The first great demonstration of the new source of power was not an indication of its peacetime possibilities but the ominous, shattering explosion of an atomic bomb in New Mexico. The next two demonstrations occurred at Nagasaki and Hiroshima. A fraction of an ounce of fissional material levelled two great populous cities, leaving not one stone upon another.

Since V-J Day the capitalist class has given additional proof that under its control atomic energy means simply still more horribly destructive instruments of destruction. The atomic energy plants are turning out nothing but bigger and more powerful atomic bombs.

The development of scientific knowledge about the atom has become a monopoly of Wall Street's government. Information about manufacturing processes is a top state secret. The scientists are held virtually as captives. Capitalist control has strapped a straightjacket on progress in this field. Wall Street utilizes its monopoly of atomic energy as an instrument of power politics. It dangles the atomic bomb over conference tables, threatening the entire world with this weapon.

In the hands of the working class the development of atomic energy would follow a completely different course. The working class has no interest in dominating or exploiting anyone. The working class wants to remove the capitalist shackles on production, better the standard of living, improve and expand industry and pour out goods in unlimited quantities.

Consequently under workers' rule, atomic energy could open up a new world of incalculable wealth. First of all, the working class would press for the construction of atomic energy power plants on a vast scale. These plants, automatically producing their own fuel and eliminating the present costly transportation of energy, would immediately release hundreds of millions of man-hours for more productive labor.

Next the working class would press for widescale utilization of the invaluable by-products of atomic energy in medical and other scientific fields. The major illnesses of mankind such as cancer would undoubtedly be quickly eliminated. Superb health and longevity would give up their secrets.

The scientifists would be freed from crippling restrictions, including the feeling that their best efforts are diverted into destructive channels. Moreover the working class would be interested in greatly expanding the field of science and in opening wide the doors of scientific schools and institutions to the youth.

Under socialism atomic energy could be used to eliminate world poverty in the course of a few decades. The entire era of capitalist depressions, wars, and slaughter would take its proper place in the museum alongside the dinosaur.

That is why control of atomic energy should be taken out of the hands of profit-mad Wall Street and placed with the working class.

#### After Case Bill Veto

Union leaders like CIO President Philip Murray and David Dubinsky, president of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers, are indicating they want to cuddle up to Truman once more.

They have been seeking a handy pretext to make another deal with the Democratic administration which has been kicking labor in the face. This pretext is supplied by Truman's veto of the Case Anti-Union Bill.

Of course, these union leaders would have a mighty tough time convincing most workers that Truman is any great "friend of labor." But they can be expected to pull out the motheaten argument that labor should "string along" with Truman because he is "better" than the Republican alternatives. Look-he vetoed the Case Bill!

This argument is cracked right down the middle. It assumes that labor has only one alternative-the choice between the two political camps of Big Business, the Democrats and Republicans.

But, the truth is, the two capitalist parties have no real differences in their attitude toward labor. Can anyone forget Truman's record of wholesale strikebreaking, climaxed by his assault on the railroad workers? And isn't Truman's Draft-Strikers Bill just as vicious as the Case Bill?

We don't need to go merely to the most recent evidence of how the union leaders' political policies have short-changed the workers. Murray himself, at the recent CIO Steelworkers convention, complained that in nine years there have been no legislative gains for labor. On the contrary, both Democrats and Republicans have struck labor blow after blow. That is the only result of the political program pushed by the Murrays and Dubinskys.

What have the workers to gain by continuing to hunt with a microscope for tiny specks of difference between two capitalist parties, both owned lock, stock and barrel by Big Business?

Fortunately, the workers have a real alternative to such a futile, thankless course. That alternative is the building of an independent labor party.

Only through its own party, with its own labor candidates, will the labor movement have an effective weapon to combat Wall Street's political schemes against the working

### Feet Of Clay

When Supreme Court Justice Jackson sent a wire from Nuremberg June 10 blasting Supreme Court Justice Black, the capitalist press gave the squabble front page headlines.

. Robert Houghout Jackson is supposed to be carrying out a sacred duty prosecuting the Nazi war criminals. But this did not prevent him from keeping a sharp eye on his political fences back home. When Truman appointed personal friend Vinson as Supreme Court Justice, the ambitious Jackson suddenly lost interest in the Nazis in the dock before him and decided the most burning political necessity of the day was a scalping job on fellow Justice and fellow Democrat Hugo Lafayette Black.

And so Jackson raised the question of Black's "ethics." It seems that Black happened to vote once in favor of labor in a case before the Supreme Court. It likewise happened that the attorney hired by the union in this case -Jewel Ridge Coal versus the coal minerswas once Hugo Black's law partner. Hence, claims Jackson, to preserve the "impartiality" of the Supreme Court, Black should have disqualified himself.

Few things in this world are as rare as Supreme Court decisions in favor of the labor movement. Actually this particular decision was granted only because the coal miners had demonstrated their power on the picket line. The miners would have won whether Black disqualified himself or not.

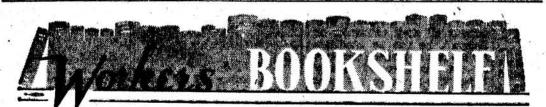
The truth is that the Supreme Court, like Congress and the White House, is simply a cog in Wall Street's governmental machine. It is NOT impartial. Its decisions are always carefully considered in the light of Wall Street's economic and political needs. The scales of Supreme Court justice always tip in the direction of the capitalist class,

This is guaranteed by the type of men selected to be judges. Most of them are corporation lawyers. All of them are products of the Democratic and Republican political machines. They have made their careers as paid political agents of Wall Street. They are appointed to the Supreme Court as a reward for political services rendered. For some of these machine politicians the Supreme Court is only a stepping stone to bigger and juicier posts. Others consider it a lifetime racket.

The Jackson-Black squabble thus only highlights the fact that these judges are not guardians of "ethics." They are black-robed political hatchet men for the capitalist class. They have imposing fronts, but their feet are clay.



"I never really cared for beer, but it's quite the thing nowthere's a shortage of it, you know!"



Penguin Books, April 1943.

writer, Walter Van Tilburg mors. Clark, is a penetrating study of the thoughts and emotions of

isolated-Nevada town and the action took place in 1885, the unreasoned anger, then as now, motivated the mob; a few shreds of circumstantial evidence, then as now, were convincing enough for degenerate men bent on destroying those they hate.

In Clark's novel the victims of mob rage are not Negroes but white men. The lynchers are not Southern bourbons but Western cattlemen. Motivation for the action is not the alleged violation of a white woman, but the alleged theft of a few head of cattle and the erroneous belief that a man had been murdered. SUSPICIOUS OF ALL

from a small valley in Nevada. outcasts. None of the ranchers had any The conflict, now open and idea who the rustlers were. They again hidden, between those

first novel of a young American was based on nothing but ru-

and the village drunk demanded army. men participating in a lynching. the formation of a lynching Although the setting is a small, party. News spread and a crowd assembled at the saloon. Saner men urged the others to wait novel could as well have been and determine the facts, to call written about a Southern lynch the sheriff and form a legal mob in 1946: blind hatred and posse. The crowd's emotion surged back and forth between furious unger and calmer thought as it was influenced first by those insistent on lynching and then by the few reasonable men.

> The majority lacked the conviction that what they were doing was right. Many doubted the validity of the young cowboy's story. Yet few had the courage to oppose the self-appointed leaders and the apparent unanimity of the crowd. Most of along with the others. They pre- be read by every worker and

CONFLICT SHOWN

THE OX-BOW INCIDENT, by were suspicious of everyone. A | who insisted on going through Walter Van Tilburg Clark; young and excited cowhand rode with the lynching and those who into the town of Bridger Wells opposed it, forms the major per-Here is an intensely dramatic, one day and told a garbled story | tion of the story. The forces for profoundly moving story woven of a man being shot and cattle and against the action were at around a timeless and universal being stolen. On questioning it all times closely balanced. The theme. The Ox-Bow Incident, turned out that his information | decisive factor was supplied by the leader, a well-to-do, ruthless rancher who had served as Nonetheless, two cattlemen an officer in the Confederate

> Although others shifted their position in the ebb and flow of passions, he never deviated from the course he had set for himself and the mob. He led the 28 men forming the mob in their pursuit through the suspense filled night; he directed the capture of the three men accused of rustling, conducted the summary questioning and the early morning execution of the crime.

This psychological study is applicable not only to American lynch mobs. The same subjective factors dominate wherever reactionaries and fascists commit their abominable crimes, wherever blind prejudice motivates the actions of men. The Ox-Bow Incident has a high the men feared being branded place among the truly worthas cowards unless they went while American novels. It should A few cattle had been rus- ferred being guilty of murder ery person interested in the tritled early in the spring of 1885 to the danger of being social umph of reason over bigotry, of justice over mob fury.

Reviewed by Charles Carsten

## Congressmen At Work

#### The Sad Plight Of Congressional Slaves

When Wall Street's Congressmen pass legislation to freeze wages, break strikes and hogtie the unions, they pose as "statesmen," nobly cutting labor's throat in the "public interest.

But last week when these same Congressmen decided to boost their own wages they were no longer "statesmen." For a day they became just poor working stiffs trying to make ends meet.

Senator Bridges described the bitter toil and sweat in the halls of Congress: "I have seen man from overwork, Senator Cope-Senate . . . die from overwork. Overwork has been the primary cause of death of most of the Senators I have in mind."

TOUCHING PICTURE

about any death certificates to ing remorselessly on while they substantiate his argument about haul out the bodies. Yet wages the cause of death, but he paint- held down to a miserable \$10,000 ed a picture that touched the heart of every Congressman: "Senator Maloney died solely from the strain of overwork. Senator McNary . . . died by reason of a great accumulation of work. The same thing is true of Senator Scrugham of Nevada, SEETHING INDIGNATION Senator Thomas of Idaho, Senator Harrison of Mississippi and rankle still deeper. "One of the



after man in the United States land of New York is another man who literally worked himself into his grave."

The injustice of it all! Senators dropping dead on all sides. This agitator didn't bother The legislative belt-line grinda year, plus \$4,500 for the wife, if you put her on the payroll, plus \$3,000 for expenses, etc. "Today Senators have the terrific problem of making both can pick up the telephone and ends meet."

But there are other crimes ator Sheppard of Texas, Sen- against human dignity that Senator Adams of Colorado ... most disgusting things I have Senator Pittman of Nevada and noticed in Washington," con-Senator Gibson of Vermont died tinued Bridges, is "the use of

#### **BROOKLYN FORUM**

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Government cars by the bureau-

With seething indignation,

this agitator described how the

upper class of Washington

bureaucrats loll in luxury while

the toiling Congressmen endure

hardships beyond description.

After a dinner party "more than

20 sleek black limousines, driven

by Government chauffeurs,

pulled up and picked up the

various Government bureau-

crats and took them on their

What was the plight of the

poverty-stricken Congressmen?

"I saw United States Senators

and Representatives and their

wives get sopping wet while try-

ing to get taxis or proceeding to

The agitator now reached the

climax of his historic speech

calling on the legislative slaves

to rise up and boost their own

wages: "Senators are now limit-

ed to 26 official long-distance

telephone calls a month. Yet

any third-class clerk in a Gov-

ernment department or agency

call San Francisco, Seattle, or

any other distant point at any

A company-minded stiff, Bil-

bo of Mississippi, tried to coun-

teract Bridges' agization: "I

said Bilbo, "and I have gotten

along reasonably well on \$10,000

a year, plus my mileage. The

fact of the matter is that I

have gotten fat on the job be-

cause I have been getting so

But this traitor didn't get very

far. When he confessed he had

"never read" the bill, the other

legislative slaves in the Senate

rose up in all their might and

by a big thumping majority vot-

ed themselves a 50 per cent wage

boost plus a boost of almost 100

per cent for the "assistant."

have been here nearly 12 years,"

time of the day he wishes."

DOWN WITH OPPOSITION

crats downtown."

way.'

streetcar lines."

## **Tobacco Monopolists Extort Millions In Booty**

After six years during which the U.S. Department of Justice conducted a leisurely "trust-busting fight" against the three leading tobacco companies in this country, the U.S. Supreme Court on June 10 unanimously affirmed their conviction for violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

All this conviction meant was that the Court upheld fines aggregating \$255,000 against the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company and the American Tobacco Company, together with its subsidiary, American Suppliers, Inc. These fines are piddling compared to the hundreds of millions in profits, these companies have extorted through illegal monopoly practices.

The fines were levied on four counts: conspiracy in restraint of trade; monopolization; attempt to monopolize, and conspiracy to monopolize.

In 1940 the Justice Department filed suit against the big three in tobacco, accusing them of such practices as buying up needed tobacco to prevent its use by competitors, and agreeing on the maximum prices they would pay at tobacco auctions.

The Court found that the combined volume of tobacco production of the big . three monopolists rose from 106-billion cigarettes in 1931 to 123billions in 1939. "Without adverse criticism," the Court apologized, "comparative size on this great scale inevitably increased the power of these three to dominate all phases of the industry."

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, one of the three which was rebuked with part of this light fine, has just issued a report of its operations for the year 1945. Net profits after taxes and all charges amounted to \$19,229,310, compared with \$17,187,757 in 1944, a lush war year.

The American Tobacco Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, last year reported net profits of \$19,697,066, a slight decline of \$200,000 from its 1944 high. However, its assets jumped in one year from \$360,267,833 to a record \$387,992,652 in December 1945. This same corporation during the war paid its workers as little as 40 cents an hour. When last October the underpaid American Tobacco workers struck for a 25 cent per hour wage increase, the corporation let them walk the picket lines for over four months before it consented to negotiate.

As in all other 'anti-trust' suits brought by the capitalist government, absolutely nothing has been done to really eliminate monopolistic practices by the profiteering big three tobacco kings.

# 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.

#### A Letter to Truman

To Harry Truman: If and when we have a government in Washington of, by and for the people of the U. S. A., the workers will not strike against THAT government, Mr.

> M. M. Minneapolis, Minn

#### **Metal Workers** Chairman Calls For Political Action Editor:

The crust is cracking! When the ultra conservative general chairman of the Northern Pacific Sheet-Metal Workers makes a speech advocating political action it is on par with the 'man bites dog story.' This was the truly epochal incident at our June 7 monthly meeting.

And to cap it all, the membership voted to create a Political Education Committee. In the past year or so Local 209 has made amazing progress and will continue to do so in spite of a 40 per cent was granted. In renumber of misguided reactionary members!

Labor is rising!

St. Paul, Minn

#### Capitalists Admit Coming Depression

The enclosed clipping from the June 11 Christian Science Monitor may be of interest. M. E. Coyle, the new executive vicepresident of General Motors, told a conference of advertising executives in New York:

"The backlog of cars in demand is not as high . . . as many say, and we will catch up with the pent-up demand more quickly than many think."

This is from the spokesman of the auto industry, the industry touted as the one to sparkplug and save the economy.

Also interesting were the remarks of the N. Y. Herald-Tribune business manager, who begs among you who can offer some advertisers to spend "a respectable proportion" of their money our government and way of life? to advertise private enterprise, The first qualification for critilest the workers lose faith in it. cism, in my estimation, is the Because—first, he says, there will ability to see a way to correct be three or four "lush years" the situation; and not merely ed veteran. She is one of our -"and then will come the bust the ability to use the same time-

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Eddie Dumaine

#### experienced. Out of their own mouths!

Allston, Mass.

#### Hollywood Musicians Won 40 Per Cent Wage Increase

In the recent negotiations between the Musician's Union and the Hollywood motion picture producers, the union's demand for a 100 per cent raise plus concessions was not met. In the final agreement a raise of about turn for this raise the producers asked the union officials for a small favor in return: namely, that the union should announce to the press that the raise was only 33 per cent. This was done so that the publicity of too high a raise should not set a bad example to other unions.

Ben Maxson Los Angeles, Cal.

#### Reader Thinks 'Militant' Incites Chaos Editor:

First of all let me say that I have read The Militant care- carded. fully for the past six months, and in that period of time not once have I seen one constructive suggestion to make this world a better place in which to live. From end to end your paper is packed with criticism of the capitalist class, but if these evils were ousted, you offer not one substitute. Is there not one suggestions for improvement in

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AN PEDRO

Pike.

-the biggest hangover we've ever worn catch phrases which have made up the format of your paper.

> For a long time now, though I'm still only 28, I have had some definite ideas on social re-adjustment and reformation; but I've never seen any advantage in merely insults on the capitalists. I am a white collar worker, not an executive; and I've seen the injustices committed by the employer. Likewise, I've seen some pretty foolish stunts pulled by the employes. There is no doubt that what improvement is needed on both sides. Your criticizing the railroad managements on one page, and then criticizing Whitney on the next page: I tell you, it is very difficult to understand just what the purpose of The Militant is. One would almost suspect that your only purpose is to incite a complete breakdown of our social and economic structure, with resulting chaos; for you offer no substitute in its place.

I would appreciate enlightenment on just what The Militant is trying to do. The ill written and meaningless articles of the last two issues have almost caused me to go over to the other side completely, where at least something new is always offered in place of the old that is dis-

> M. A. Wagner St. Paul. Minn.

#### **Enthusiastic Reader** Wants To Sell 'Militant' Subs To Neighbors

When we called on Militant subscribers, 75 per cent renewed their subscriptions and told of their interest in the paper.

One of the people we visited is the young wife of a construction worker, a recently returnmost enthusiastic Militant readers and supporters. After reading each copy of The Militant neighbors, telling them The Mil- they got off by merely paying a itant "prints the truth and is

the only paper that does." Her favorite page, she told me, is the back page. And her favorite columnist is Kovalesky. She always turns to the Diary of a Steel Worker and "one of his stories about the slums almost made me cry." She also likes Gray's cartoons on "the rich woman." The series of articles The Militant ran on the Fontana atrocity impressed her particularly, too.

We talked a long while and as I was leaving she asked if it would be all right for her to see if she could get some subscriptions from the neighbors. I left some sub blanks with her. She may well prove to be one of our best sub-getters. She certainly has the enthusiasm necessary to be one.

Boston, Mass.

## Michigan ClO **Votes Support** To India Workers

(Special to The Militant) DETROIT, June 13. - In response to a personal appeal by F. E. Qurban, president of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, the Michigan State CIO convention here adopted a motion for full support to the workers of India in their struggle against British imperialism and to the Indian Railroad workers scheduled to strike on June 27.

A sizeable majority of the 800 delegates supported the motion introduced by Lee Romano, president of the Press Steel unit of Ford Local 600, CIO United Auto Workers, despite opposition led by Roy Reuther, brother of UAW President Walter Reuther. Roy Reuther tried to confuse the issue by bringing in other matters reflecting on the policies of the Soviet Union and covering un

ish Labor Party leaders. He was effectively answered by Emil Mazey, UAW Detroit East Side Regional Director. who said: "Our position should be one of unqualified support to the Indian workers in their fight for

the imperialist role of the Brit-

#### Food Is Problem Of Workers' Wives

Every time one worker's wife meets another, the same subject crops up: How to get enough food for the family with the wage-earner's pay check and with the housewife's limited time.

In this area bread is the most recent problem. Last week, lines formed at the bakeries in the early morning. Women were grabbing the bread off trucks. Police were called "to keep order" in two instances, although the women who grabbed the bread stood in line to pay for it. In another case the bread ran out while there was still a long line waiting. Many who had gotten a loaf had the salesgirls cut it in two to give half to those still waiting. In addition we are paying more for bread here as everywhere, and with the shortage there is an indirect increase by being forced to buy rolls or special breads at still higher

There is almost no available meat here and the black market in poultry is so bad that even the regional OPA admitted it but said they were "helpless." The price of meat when you get it is at least three times as high as in 1941. For example, a cut of beef to pot-roast is 52 cents a pound as compared with 16 cents in January 1941.

The worst feature is that all the cheaper cuts and the meat substitutes are now so high that there is no device, as there once still fairly nourishing. For ex- in this area. ample, hamburg and frankfurters cost only a few cents less than the better cuts of meat. The same is true of fish. A fillet



in 1941 is now 49 cents a pound. There is still a fair quantity of canned variety meats which are high priced and contain comparatively little nourishment.

The black markets uncovered a year ago continue to operate she passes it around to her very profitably. The fact that small fine has encouraged others to follow their example. Besides. there is legal gypping going on in many ways. One of these is a percentage markup for cutting meat. For example, a whole beef tongue is 52 cents a pound. I wanted only a half, and taking the half containing less waste, was forced to pay 75 cents a pound!

Butter, fats, cooking oils follow the same pattern. They are now scarcer than at any time since the war. Cooking oils are sold in bulk with no identification as to brand or variety. If of oil it is-you can take it or leave it. Fruits and vegetables, fresh or

with the meats, there are no "cheaper ones." You can't save by substituting apples for strawa pound. You can't buy cauliflower instead of asparagus when a medium head of cauliflower costs 50 cents. During the early spring, cucumbers were 49 cents Oranges are now 69 cents a

49 cents a tall can as compared to 12 cents in 1941.

If the housewife after spending hours going from store to zine stock on which the profit store and waiting in lines feels margin is greater. like taking a trip or making a phone-call to the local OPA to there is as much and probably complain or inquire about over- more paper on the market than charging and violation of ceil- ever before - but not of the ings, she will likely receive the cheaper types. answer I once did:

"Well! You're lucky to get any at all. Yours for the sliding scale of

Boston

## KILL OR BE KILLED!



## **Negroes Attacked By Police** In Philadelphia And Camden

government of Philadelphia with its staff of drones and hoodwas, for a worker to get food lums is protecting the interest that, while much cheaper, was of corporations and businesses into a patrol wagon, and carted ber of friends visiting with him

During the General Electric strike the "local staff" sent out mounted police to attack the workers' picket lines. Now it is rupt municipal administration engaging in an active campaign and the profit-seeking business to divide white and Negro workers, and the police are terrorizing the Negro population.

brutally beaten by seven cops.

the trigger-happy policeman. The riot? excuse: the cop said he was looking for men reported to be prowling around the neighborhood. The boy's parents were not even allowed to see their wounded son for three days after the shooting!

old, by a white policeman named except in name. It's time to re-Russell Young. After being beat- | ject them both and build a polien. Bundy was charged with as- tical party that will represent sault and battery and had to pay us, the real majority, the worka \$25 fine. Bundy and his mother ing class. had been engaged in an argument on the street, when a cop

intervened and arrested her. The Republican municipal handling her roughly, Bundy objected. The cop grabbed him, hit him over the head, and when into unconsciousness, threw him him off to jail. The wave of police brutality

sweeping the city has a direct bearing on ties between the corinterests. Is it coincidental that at the

very time workers face increas-There has been a series of in- ing unemployment, a rising cost cidents of police brutality. Last of living, and a housing crisis, month a plainclothesman pro- a wave of anti-Negro brutality voked a fight with a Negro vet- hits the city? Is it possible that eran, who was then arrested and the business interests of Philadelphia want to divert the ener-Next, an 18-year-old boy in gies and attention of the Phila-Camden who failed to obey a delphia workers away from these cop's order to halt, was shot by problems, and toward a race

The only way that we, the workers of Philadelphia, will be able to get these parasites off our backs is through supporting and electing a labor party. In November the municipal elections take place. We face again the The third incident was the choice between Democrats and beating of Earl Bundy, 32 years Republicans, who are the same C. Blake

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## St. Paul Paper Tells Truth: 'No Profit—No Production'!

I don't know what the situation is in other cities, but for some time, it has been almost impossible to buy Kleenex or toilet tissues in St. Paul. Occasionally, if one buys a large order of groceries, the clerk will slip a box of Kleenex or a roll of you demand to know what kind toilet tissue in one's bag of groceries.

Strangely enough, the reactionary St. Paul Dispatch offercanned are all high priced. As ed a true explanation for the shortage in a news story in the May 18 issue. It appears under the headline: "NO PROFIT, NO berries when apples are 20 cents | PRODUCTION - EXPLAINS TISSUE LACK."

The reporter who interviewed a number of retail and wholesale dealers in paper products was told that the manufacturers have simply quit making these tissues, because they are not dozen. Canned orange juice costs | making enough money on them. They have turned to the manufacture of higher-grade papers such as stationery and maga-

> All of the dealers agreed that It makes no difference to these

manufacturers how much they inconvenience people-especially families with babies. Profits come first!

Dorothy Schultz St. Paul, Minn.

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

cialist Workers Party, improving its facilities for friends and visitors, is now enlarging its lib-

(printed elsewhere on this page) reveals some very interesting de-

First, practically every large number of newsstands displaying and selling The Militant.

Secondly, the number of newsstands selling The Militant has more than doubled in the past six months.

This is just another indication of the ever growing popularity of our paper. We want to encourage our Militant literature agents to continue the good work they have done, and extend even further the circulation of The

From Philadelphia, we received this unusual anecdote: "We outside of one of the largest factories in Philadelphia.

"All at once our attention was attracted by some workers who were dropping a rope out of one We can't get out, so will you tie some papers to this rope and send them up to us."

Sam Ryan, organizer of the Bronx Branch, N. Y., writes: "One of our Bronx subscribers is a former resident of Nassau Bundy protested, clubbed him in the British West Indies. When I called on him, he had a numand introduced me to them.

"During the discussion that followed, one of his guests informed me that he too was a Militant subscriber, and appreciated very much the role our paper was playing in support of he remembered very vividly an article in the May 19, 1945 issue of The Militant which called attention to the plight of these Negro workers, and gave an exernorship post to the Bahamas."

Louise Leslie of San Diego writes: "Am enclosing a large number of subscriptions for The Militant. Some of these were obtained on our Sunday mobiliza-

"In addition, a number were gotten as a result of our Mili- Pacific bet. 12th and 13th

tant Discussion Group, a series Buy The Militant" column of six weekly meetings. We are beginning another group in a few days and we are confident we'll gain additional Militant readers, as well as new recruits. city in the United States has a if our first group is any criterion.

"Another important factor in helping maintain a steady stream of new subscribers is the excellent caliber of our new members who are very enthusiastic and have proven themselves to be excellent Militant salesmen."

From Allentown, June Carey writes: "We have been having weekly distributions at the Mack plant with excellent responses. The workers look for us each Friday, and it's a wonderful feeling to have them come over to were distributing The Militant us and discuss their union problems, remark on articles in The Militant, etc.

"We are making it a practice to insert a leaflet with each copy of the paper we distribute which of the windows. They shouted: advertises our forthcoming meeting, and where and how the reader can obtain a subscription to The Militant, and we expect some good results from these in-

> Branches which are delinquent in their bundle payments might use the following plan sent in by Eloise Gordon of the Pittsburgh branch to help them catch up: "We have been raising quite a little money selling The Militant house to house in single copies, thus helping us pay our

"We find this method much superior to simply giving the the colonial peoples. He told me prospective subscriber a free copy, and when we call back. they generally take a six month or one year subscription.

"It's also an activity comrades can carry out in the area close planation of why the Duke of to our headquarters, and fit into Windsor resigned from his gov- an evening when their time is limited."

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rary. All types of books, including fiction as well as revolutionary literature, will be available. Readers of The Militant who have books, magazines, pamphlets or other material which they can spare, are urged to donate it to the Detroit SWP library where it can be used by increasing numbers of comrades and friends. The literature, or information concerning X, should be sent to the Socialist Workers Party, 6108 Linwood, Detroit 8,

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# 'MILITANT' FUND DRIVE GOES OVER TOP; TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS REACH \$15,398!

By Justine Lang Campaign Director

\$15,398.17 reached at the June 15 deadline! With our goal of \$15,000 oversubscribed we can record a most successful conclusion to our three-month fund raising drive.

We are deeply grateful to our 9 sponse and support the raising of over \$15,000 would not have been possible.

It was obvious right from the quota, the momentum was main- port of The Militant. tained in true Trotskyist spirit. Our request to meet a weekly writes: "Enclosed find \$7.50 paynational goal of \$1,000 in order ment on our Militant Fund quoto insure the final quota by June ta. According to our figures, 15 was adequately supported, and this puts us over the top. for many weeks was generously oversubscribed. Sums as high steel workers here have worked as \$1400 and \$1500 were re- only a very few weeks. Neverceived during some weeks of our

steel, auto, electric products, etc., remain we hope to raise more." were involved in strikes which HOUSEWIFE GIVES \$8 kept them out of work for several months. However, the necessity for sustaining The Militant was the prime cod leration. At great personal sacrifices to their families and themselves, their first consideration when they returned to work was to pay up their Militant pledges and obtain contributions from their fellow workers and friends.

Reports from the branches in past Militant Drive articles fully testify to the importance our readers place in The Militant. We have quoted their statements when approached by our comrades for contributions to The Militant. We rejoice with them in the knowledge that their help has guaranteed the next period's fully appreciate her giving us publication of the only revolutionary socialist paper in the-United States.

indeed of that achievement!

claimed they would lead all the ing us to fulfill our \$15,000 goal. other branches nationally, they

A surprise note was struck by most welcome sound!

comrades in the Socialist Work- | the achievement of the Alleners Party, our Militant readers town-Bethlehem branch. They and friends for having made the climbed from twenty - fourth continued appearance of The place in last week's scoreboard to Militant a reality. Without their second place nationally with a devotion and enthusiastic re- score of 162 per cent! Fine

work, Allentown-Bethlehem! Here are some notes from our mailbag for our readers:

Jeanette Kirk of Detroit; "One inception of our Militant Sus- of our comrades who works in taining Fund Drive that our goal a UAW shop circulated two Milcould and would be attained, itant Collection Lists through a Beginning with those branches section of his department in the which "jumped the gun" and plant. He collected a total of sent in almost \$800 ahead of the \$7 from 33 workers and reported March 15 opening date, right that not one fellow worker rethrough to the fulfillment of our | fused to contribute to the sup-

Eloise Gordon of Pittsburgh

"Since V-J Day the bulk of theless our record indicates that 60 per cent of the money we col-The period in which our Mil- lected has been donated in rathstant Sustaining Fund Drive took | er small amounts by new party place was marked by sharp la- members, and the balance by bor struggles. Our comrades in friends. In the few days that

From Connecticut, Pearl Spangler sent this very interesting note: "I visited one of our readers in New Britain who is an elderly woman and told her about our activities, the Militant Sustaining Fund Drive, etc. She was quite struck by all our work, and has a great deal of confidence in the working class and the aims of our party.

"As I got ready to leave she very modestly handed me \$8 and said: 'This is what I have saved out of my house allowance, and I'd like it to be used to help sustain The Militant.'

"One really has to be a housewife in these trying times to this money.'

Not only have the branches of the Socialist Workers Party Our concluding scoreboard re- fulfilled their obligations in veals some very interesting de- grand style, but the category velopments, the most impressive noted as "General" winds up being that every one of the with 132 per cent of its quota. branches, with but one excep- This category includes money tion, has either completed or sent in on the "I Want To Help" oversubscribed their respective coupon from Militant readers all quotas. We're very very proud over the country, in addition to Militant Collection Lists circu-As previously predicted by the lated by our readers and friends. As previously predicted by the lated by our readers and friends. mending the elimination of the differences in the differences in the differences in the U.S. or German armies. Group, and their Militant Fund countless supporters of The Mil-Director Grace Wayne, who itant for their generosity in help-

Our united endeavor and efnot only succeeded in this but fort have placed a weight of attained 253 per cent of their \$15,398.17 on the scale. The tempt when the report was is-"ringing of the bell" is indeed a

## **Labor Unity In Political Field** Sought By Akron CIO Council

(Special To The Militant)

AKRON, O., June 11-Further steps toward a solid front of Akron labor against political attack were taken at last night's meeting of the Akron CIO Council. The Council adopted a motion to appoint a committee to cooperate in the political field with the AFL and Railroad

Brotherhoods, after a comlabor unity. "We've been in a shell for

many years," the delegate from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen said, "but now we're

'We thought we didn't need anybody," he continued. "We found out we need everybody. That is why we started this move to unite labor in Akron." During the week the AFL

Trades and Labor Council took a similar step and established a committee to work with the CIO and Railroad Trainmen, A meeting is scheduled tomorrow for representatives of the three labor organizations.

The CIO Council meeting revealed a growing bitterness against the maltreatment of labor by Washington politicians, and an almost unanimous conviction that the time is rapidly approaching when labor would have to build a party of its own

The discussion on a labor party took place over the atti- The majority voted to accept Democratic Congressman Walter thereby indicated that while Huber of this area, who voted communication from Huber explaining his stand, and replying to a request that he appear before the Council to explain himself, touched off the debate.

In opposing the acceptance of communication, delegate vote for Truman's bill. Jules Geller, of Goodrich Rub-

mittee from the rail unions gressman Huber. Why did he appeared at the meeting and vote for Truman's bill? Because made a strong appeal for the Democratic Party machine cracked the whip, and Huber jumped. We need our own independent party, and our own party machine.

> "When will it be time to build Labor Party?" Geller asked. "When all the anti-labor legislation is on the books-when inflation has brought starvation to this country-when labor is cut to pieces . . . when the labor movement is flat on its back? No, we need a labor party now! Replying to Geller, I. H. Wat-

> son, president of Firestone Rubber Local 7, said: "We must plan this new labor party. We must learn to crawl before we can walk. We're playing right into the Republicans' hands if we take any action against Huber now.'

"I agree," Watson continued, "that we need a Labor Party. But we cannot go off half-cocked. We must plan carefully."

and in the first years of the Many delegates took the floor on both sides of the question. tude of the council toward Huber's communication, and they were for labor party acfor Truman's slave-labor bill. A tion, they were not prepared for immediate steps.

Secretary of the Council, announced that Congressman Huber has promised to appear be- when the reactionary Stalin fore the Council to explain his bureaucracy restored the officer

The spirited discussion was a living expression of the grow- Baldwin thinks is so necessary "It's necessary for us to learn ing sentiment in American labor for an army. a lesson from the action of Con- for independent political action.



## Doolittle Report Attacked By Caste-System Defender

By George Breitman

Last month the Doolittle | the second world war, it was living conditions and privileges between officers and enlisted men. The War Department, which had appointed the Board, shrugged its shoulders in con-

Now Hanson W. Baldwin, military editor of the N. Y. Times and unofficial spokesman for with a blistering attack charging that adoption of the Doolittle Board's report would turn

the Army into "an armed mob." Board had favored among other things "social fraternization" between officers and enlisted men, and had discussed without recommendation possible abolition of the "official gap or line of demarcation between the so-called oficer and enlisted groups."

"These are dangerous suggestions," Baldwin shrieked on June 12. " . . . An officer corps must be the heart and soul of any army. Abolish it, minimize its importance, try to merge it with enlisted ranks and you have no

To prove this point, Baldwin efers to historical precedentthe Red Army. Since this same point is made in the Doolittle report, and was recently emphasized in articles by officers in Collier's and the Saturday Evening Post, it is worth examining here:

"The Russians tried it, and for years there were no titles, no real badges of rank, no salutes and no distinction between officer and enlisted man in the Red Army," Baldwin continues. "These regulations and the political commissars made the prewar Russian Army an armed mob and cost Russia dearly in the first Finnish campaign

struggle against Germany." It is time this widely spread myth was punctured. The Red Army regulations abolishing the privileges of the officers had nothing whatever to do with the results in the Finnish war. That war took place in 1939-40. But Paul Fessenden, Executive the regulations referred to with such horror by Baldwin were rescinded as far back as 1935. corps, and all the special officer privileges and rank which

When the Red Army went into

Board issued a report recom- hard to distinguish, so far as mending the elimination of officer-enlisted men regulations And yet it suffered serious defeats in the first stage of the

Can't Baldwin's historical example thus be turned against him? For in the Red Army's early days, under Lenin and Trotsky, when it was the most democratic army and had the the big brass, has come out highest morale in the world, this army succeeded in defeating the efforts of all the imperialist armies to destroy the Russian Revolution. THE USE OF RANK

How can you have an effective army when you remove these "incentives to leadership," that is, officer privileges, Baldwin demands? Leon Trotsky, founder of the Red Army, answered this question 10 years ago when he denounced Stalin's estoration of the officer corps:

"The restoration of hierarchical caste is not in the least demanded by the interests of military affairs. It is the commanding position, and not the rank, of the commander that is important. Engineers and physicians have no rank, but society finds the means of putting each in his needful place.

"The right to a commanding position is guaranteed by study endowment, character, experience, which need continual and moreover individual appraisal. The rank of major adds nothing to the commander of a battalion. The elevation of the five senior commanders of the Red Army to the title of marshal gives them neither new talents

nor supplementary powers. "It is not the army that really thus receives a "stable basis," but the officers' corps, and that at the price of aloofness from the army. The reform pursues a purely political aim: to give a new social weight to the officers . . . " (The Revolution Betrayed, Pioneer Publishers.)

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It's A Crazy World!

By Grace Carlson

Up to the first of this year, neuropsychiatric disorders the startling report which the members of the American reasonably strong and healthy when they bring their labor Psychiatric Association heard last month from the Army's power to market.

chief of Psychiatry, Briga-9 thousands of American men and dier General William Men-Another 500,000 men were discharged from the Army for "per-

sonality disturbances" of all types, said Dr. Menninger. All of these neuropsychiatric casualties occurred despite the Army's elaborate "screening - out" pro-Approximately 1,875,000 were rejected for military service because of personality disorders of one kind or another,

Dr. Menninger reported. But it is not only among the military that mental disease is a serious problem. United States Surgeon General Thomas Parran estimated recently that eight million persons in this country more than six percent of the population—are suffering from some form of mental disorder There are more beds in hospitals for nervous and mental patients. than in all other hospitals. And

mental disease is on the increase! These are tragic facts, but not too surprising when one considers the state of the world-the world in which human beings are trying to adjust. It's a crazy world that the capitalist lords of the earth have built for us!

CONSTANT PROOF It's not difficult to prove that this is a crazy world. Every issue, of The Militant offers more proof of capitalist insanity. Even the capitalist press is sometimes forced to comment on the irrational character of this social

Such an article appeared in the May 30 issue of the St. Paul Dispatch. This was a report on the "alarming increase" in the number of suicides since V-J Day, and the Dispatch writer speaks of the irony of the fact that the end of the war should

#### Mich. CIO Condemns **Assaults On Unionists** (Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, June 13. - The Michigan State CIO convention, held here June 10-13, endorsed a resolution of Briggs Local 212, CIO United Auto Workers, condemning the series of gangster assaults upon prominent leaders

and militants of Local 212 during

corporation has been fighting

the union savagely and a strike

has been voted to back up Local

212 demands in current negotia-

the past year and a half. The resolution referred to five beatings by unknown thugs of Local 212 members active in the fight against the union-busting Briggs Corporation. The most recent assault took place two weeks ago, when Local 212 recording secretary Ken Morris was slugged and seriously injured outside his home just after his return from the union hall. Briggs

The resolution pledges "full support of the Michigan CIO Council to Local 212 and the International Union, UAW - CIO, in their efforts to apprehend the

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Pointing out that the end of the war brought "a sharp cutback in industrial activity and a consequent reduction in employment," the Dispatch article goes on to show that economic factors always play a very important part in determining the level of the suicide rate.

Just the opposite trend was observed after the United States entered World War II. In a late 1942 bulletin, the Metropolitan Insurance Company reported on beneficial by-product of war." he keeps the change. The number of annual suicides during the war was only half of what it was in 1932-33 during the depths of the depression.

There is the crazy picture! suffering and sorrow stays the uals bent on self-destruction. But Peace—Blessed Peace? In its times of Peace, the dying capitalist system is wracked by financial crises, depressions and colossal unemployment probcold, sick, hungry workers are driven to suicide each year.

If one did not foresee a socialist solution to all of these problems, it would be easy to lose one's mental balance in the midst of such contradictory and bewildering facts. The capitalists like to make fun of us and call us -"crazy radicals." But the shoe is really on the other foot! They are the ones who are operating this madhouse of cap-

The Value of Labor Power By V. Grey

Your labor power is your SELF. It is your muscle, bone, and mind. Under capitalism it is a commodity. It is the only commodity you own. Your clothing, your car, your groceries, were once some capitalist's commodities. Now they are your useful possessions. And being second-hand now you could not sell them for very much-even if you wanted to. They are no longer commodities.

Your labor power is the only thing you have to sell. The products of your labor are not your own. They belong to the capitalist who employs you in the factory.

You sell your labor power for so much a week and so much an hour. This selling price is called "wages." Wages are always paid in money. This helps to conceal the difference between what you produce and what you get. It's harder to see that you are giving the company so much unpaid labor every day.

How is the selling price of labor power determined? "Why, the union bargains for my wages," you might say. But in many shops no union exists. Moreover there was a certain wage level before the union was organized. And even today the union's bargaining centers around a definite amount called a "living wage."

People's idea of a good selling price for labor power is their idea of a good "living wage." That is to say what they can live on. The wages which will buy them and their families enough food, clothing and shelter to get by de-

And what is this food, clothing and shelter for the laborer? It is the cost of production of his labor power. His labor power cannot be useful and available for work without these necessities of life. And the value of these necessities is the value of his labor power.

How do we determine the value of the food, clothing etc.? By the amount of labor it takes to produce them. And so we find that the VALUE OF LABOR POWER IS DETERMINED BY THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF LABOR NECESSARY TO PRODUCE THIS LABOR POWER. Like all other commodities, labor power obeys the same law of

But the commodity—LABOR POWER (the laborer) does not drop from heaven with a rivet gun in hand. This commodity must be produced from the cradle to the factory gate as well. So the capitalist pays the laborer enough to bring up a family. Not because the capitalist loves his have hospitalized 850,000 World War II soldiers. This was workers' children, but because these children must be

As Karl Marx says, "The value of labor-power is determined, as in the case of every other commodity, by the labor time necessary for its production, and consequently also, the reproduction, of this special article."

If it takes 20 hours labor to produce the food, clothing, shelter, etc., for a working-class family to live then the values that you produce in 20 hours will be the value of your labor power, and approximately the same as your

In other words, if you had the opportunity of exchanging what you produced in the factory with all the other factory workers in the world, you'd find that you'd produced your own wages in 20 hours.

However, you are working for the capitalist and not for yourself. Thanks to the labor of your fathers, he has the sharp drop in suicides since huge machinery and factories with which he employs you Pearl Harbor and called this "a in making values-in 40 hours, or 50 hours, not 20. And

According to the law of the land you and he areequals. You sell your labor power. He buys it. You sell it according to how much labor it takes to produce it. You sell it for enough to keep it alive. He buys it, and like

War with its awful weight of all buyers, consumes what he has bought. "To the purchaser of a commodity belongs its use. hands of thousands of individ- From the instant the worker steps into the workshop, the use value of his labor power, and therefore also its usewhich is labor-belongs to the capitalists."-Marx.

Value for value is given in the market. Equals exchange for equals. All is perfectly legal in this exchange. But the market-place is only the most temporary stoplems. As a result, thousands of over for the laborer and his precious product, which is HIMSELF. His free and equal bargain with the employment manager is quickly sealed, his product sold, and he has to keep delivering for a long time after.

There is a change from equality to inequality. It takes place after the bargain is sealed. Marx describes the

"He who before was the money owner, now strides in front as capitalist; the possessor of labor power follows as his laborer. The one with an air of importance, smirking—intent on business; the other timid, and holding back, like one who is bringing his own hide to market and has nothing to expect but—a hiding."

Next Week: Labor Power and Productive-Labor

## Vacation At Mid-West Camp And School

tion Camp and School draws with reservations, thus elimin- in Marxism and problems of the ular vacation spot are coming in. Workers who already know the cheerful camp on Little tend are urged to make reser-Pleasant Lake, near Jackson, Michigan, are making plans to friends are expected this sumreturn. Their enthusiasm is typified by a letter which The Militant received from Patrick O'Conner of Akron last summer:

"I feel it a privilege to inform friends and comrades of the opportunities there," he wrote. "The teachers were excellent, and needless to say, there was none of the condescending attitude found in the capitalist schools . . . There is plenty of time for recreation such as swimming, boating, fishing, baseball, badminton, table tennis, and dancing . . . In fact, I'm very reluctant to give you

**Buffalo Readers** 

Our Saturday Night Current Discussion Group and Open House have been discontinued for the summer months. Watch The Militant for notice of meetings in Buffalo. Visit the Militant Forum, 629 Main St., any afternoon except Sunday.

As June 30, opening date of all the virtues of the camp for the same time, take advantage the season at Mid-West Vaca- fear that it will be swamped of the excellent outdoor classes near, reservations for the pop- ating my own possible return."

> tions, but those who plan to atvations in advance. Many new which to relax, have fun, and at ervation.

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# How Fatal Clues Exposed Frameup The NEGRO "Labor soith a shift e shin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded." In First Notorious Moscow Trial STRUGGLE by CHARLES JACKSON

(The fifth of a series on the Moscow Frameup Trials and their significance. Declarations of defendants and prosecutor are quoted from the English edition of the "Report of Court Proceedings; The Case of the Trotskyite-Zinovievite Terrorist Centre" published

The mechanism of the Zinoviev-Kamenev-Smirnov frameup was exceedingly simple. Stalin set up a cross-fire on Leon Trotsky. First, the frameup maintained that the revolutionary exile had

I. N. SMIRNOV

Smirnov, one of the heroes

of the October 1917 revolu-

tion and the Civil War, was

known as the "Lenin of Si-

beria." Trotsky, founder of

the Red Army, said of him:

"He was with me in the Fifth

Army. He led the Forces in

Siberia. He organized and

insured the victory against

When Stalin set out to seize

power, Smirnov joined Trotsky

in battling this new threat to

the October conquests. But

in November 1929, Smirnov

However, this did not save

Smirnov. In August 1936

Stalin ordered him shot as a

whatsoever was produced to show

they even made an attempt. The

entire case against them boiled

down to their unsupported as-

For instance, Berman-Yurin

and Fritz David, according to the

of Stalin; the first was to be

made at the Thirteenth Plenum

Seventh Congress of the Comin-

tern. Both plans failed, because

Comrade Stalin did not attend

the Thirteenth Plenum, while

USSR in March 1933, "lived se-

Two years later Olberg again

entered the USSR. It was July

way. "This visit was also fruit-

less because he had a tourist visa.

return to Germany after a few

Once more in July 1935 this

gogical Institute, where he re-

'terrorists," Vyshinsky trium-

which Olberg like many anoth-

Prague from the Honduran con-

sulate. "It really was issued by a

ed Olberg. "There is such a re-

public in Central America." In

payment for his "confession" Ol-

Most of these alleged "emissar-

whose movements in other coun-

and hardened" murderer.

lapsed completely.

mained until his arrest."

Admiral Kolchak."

capitulated to Stalin.

fascist "dog gone mad."

sertions that they did try.

transmitted terrorist directives to the most prominent defendants through contact

This primitive device would seem sufficient to smear both Trotsky and the prisoners in the dock. Stalin, however, apparently thought that adding more lies would strengthen the frameup, and so he opened up on Trotsky from another angle. A few obscure GPU agents sat in the trial as defendants. These sad. unsavory figures posed as direct agents of Trotsky.

#### RIDICULOUS CLAIM

They claimed that in private conversation Trotsky had declared: "Now there is no other way out except the removal by violence of Stalin and his adherents. Terror against Stalin that is the revolutionary task

. Stalin must be physically destroyed." With such bloodthirsty directives, which a cloak and dagger villain in a comic strip would scarcely utter but which coincided perfectly with Stalin's political needs, Trotsky allegedly hustled these agents into the USSR to organize terroristic acts on their own.

Hence the frameup maintained that Trotsky had sent agents through the tightly sealed borders entrusted with two missions (1) instructions to Zinoviev, Kamenev and Smirnov to kill Stalin, etc., (2) instructions to bump off Stalin, etc., them-

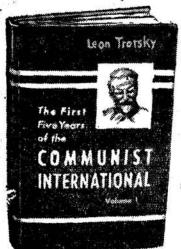
In the case of Smirnov, Stalin made a combination. Smirnov was alleged to have received terrorist orders directly from Trotsky's son, Sedov, in Berlin in 1931. Then the following year Smirnov "received direct instructions from Trotsky through Yuri Gaven." Contact man Gaven was neither a defendant nor witness at the trial. The "instructions" frameup, "drew up two concrete he brought were nothing but a plans for attempts on the life figment of GPU imagination. Nevertheless, Smirnov was charged with having organized of the E.C.C.I., the second at the a "united centre of the Trotskyite Zinovievite terrorist organization . . . on the basis of Trotsky's instructions which he received in 1931."

#### ARABIAN NIGHTS

tween Smirnov and Trotsky, the Fritz David, according to his had miraculously been destroy prosecutor Vyshinsky added: statement, was unable to com- ed or vanished. Consequently the "You also received the instruc- mit the terroristic act because it sole "evidence" of their reality tion from Dreitzer, not personally, but I am deeply convinced rade Stalin." Resolute bandits! that you knew about it notwithstanding the fact that you were by Trotsky, according to the tastic contradictions. in a house of detention for po- frameup "to prepare and carry litical offenders." And then just out the assassination of Comfor good measure Vyshinsky ac- rade Stalin." Olberg entered the cused Smirnov of having "a secret code for correspondence cretly in Moscow for six weeks, with Trotsky, for which purpose and then went to Stalinabad certain pages from the Arabian where he obtained a position as Nights were used."

Unfortunately for Stalin even this simple mudslinging machine service, he was obliged to return could not be operated without a abroad." Too bad! little grease in the form of "evidence." Here he faced a dilemma, for there is nothing more 1935, some four months after dangerous in a frameup than evi- Kirov's death, when the great dence. Consequently Stalin cook- mass purges were already under ed up an ersatz product-"confessions." These "confessions" were one of the most spectacular features of the trial, but they days." Try again! only served to expose the frame-

Thus the miserable GPU indomitable terrorist entered the agents who "confessed" that Soviet Union "to draw up the Trotsky sent them to physically plan for the attempt at assassidestroy Stalin succeeded in nation. The terroristic act was nothing but casting ridicule on to have been committed in Mosthe ingenuity of the GPU scen- cow on May 1, 1936." Plugging ario writers. Not one of these away at his task with exemplary "certified murderers" carried out | zeal, Olberg went to Minsk and a single attempt. Not one was then to Gorky. "He soon obtained seized in an attempt. No evidence employment in the Gorky Peda-



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AFL Seamen Cheer Strike Vote



Members of the Seafarers International Union and Sailors Union of the Pacific (both AFL) cheer as machinery is set up for strike vote. They also sent a wire to Truman warning that use of Navy, Coast Guard, or War Shipping Administration personnel against the CIO-National Maritime Workers strike would be considered strikebreaking.

Federated Press

## STALINIST SLANDER MACHINE AND THE NUREMBERG TRIAL

The Stalinists follow a propaganda technique perfected by the Nazis. They smear a political opponent with the most monstrous slander possible and then repeat the lie like a needle stuck on a phonograph

The June 13 Daily Worker thus rattles off once more the long-ago-exploded frameup accusation that Trotsky "made a deal with the Nazis to help overthrow the Soviet government."

The Stalinist poison pen hacks did not repeat the old lie that this alleged "deal" was made through Hess. And for good reason.

Hess is now on trial at Nuremburg as a war criminal. The Stalinist prosecution has had full opportunity to question Hess and to dig up any "exhibits" out of Nazi files that might substantiate Stalin's slanderous charge. But the Stalinist prosecution has not asked Hess or the other Nazi leaders one single question about this "deal." In fact during the long months of the trial the Stalinists have not even breathed Trotsky's name!

This is the reason for the delicate touch in the Daily Worker's latest serving of ancient garbage. They carefully blue-pencilled any mention of Hess. It is not for the hatchetmen on Foster's payroll to embarrass the Stalinist prosecution at Nuremburg!

only Fritz David was able to get revolutionary in exile, the frame- | Stalin's eyes, consequently, these To clinch the connection be- tain a ticket for Berman-Yurin. five. All but one of these letters up. was impossible to get near Com- lay in the "confessions" of the defendants. These "confessions" V. P. Olberg was likewise sent in turn were filled with fan-

Even in the case of the letter

that Vyshinsky did submit as an "exhibit" a fatal contradiction exposed the gears of the frameup machinery. Holtzman confessed: "Yes, Trotsky could not put it in writing, and so I acteacher of history. As he had no documents regarding military communicated the exact sense of, it on my arrival in Moscow." From this "confession" Vyshinsky drew the following conclusion: "That is why in March 1932, in a fit of counter-revolutionary fury, Trotsky burst out in an open letter with an appeal to 'put Stalin out of the way' (this letter was found between the double walls of Holtzman's could not stay long, and had to suitcase and figured as an exhibit in this case)." Thus it appeared that Holtzman carried Trotsky's unwritten instructions in "verbal form" in the secret bottom of his suitcase!

This letter, however, turned out to be a public letter addressed by Trotsky to the Soviet authorities and published in the press throughout the world. The 'appeal 'to put Stalin out of the way" was simply a reference to Lenin's famous testament of 1923 calling on the Bolsheviks to "remove Stalin" from his post As the sole piece of tangible of General Secretary!

"evidence" in support of the Thus the attempt to link up 'confessions" of these rabid the defendants with Trotsky and smear both through fictitious phantly produced a passport letters demanding terrorism crashed likewise to the ground. er Nazi refugee had bought in Since the "evidence" furnished by Stalin consisted solely of the "confessions" of individuals, real consul in the name of the the frameup rested on exceed-Republic of Honduras," confessingly unstable props. A single one of these individuals could expose the monstrous falsity of the confessions. Answers to quesberg was shot as an "incorrigible tions asked by a competent newspaper reporter, for instance, would prove disastrous. If the deies" were utterly unknown to fendants lived, world public anyone outside the GPU. Those opinion would inevitably place enormous pressure on the Staltries could be checked at all inist authorities to let a fairminded international figure or proved as devastating to the turned out to be Stalinists. Thus the attempt to link these "dogs impartial commission put ques- frameup as the explosion of an gone mad" with Trotsky coltions to them. Even walled up in atomic bomb. From then on the prison, their conversations with entire thinking public recognized To tighten the link between other political prisoners could the words "Moscow Trial" as the alleged "terrorist centre" in seep out of the Soviet Union synonomous with "Stalinist the Soviet Union and the great and blow up the frameup. In frameup."

into the Congress of the Com- up called for letters signed by individuals constituted the most intern, since he had failed to ob- Trotsky. The prosecution listed terrible evidence of the frame-

> The compulsion to destroy this living evidence of the crime was irresistible, especially since it coincided with Stalin's political aim of destroying Lenin's generation of revolutionaries. Stalin rushed the men who had "confessed" to the death cells of the Lubianka prison. Dead men tell no tales.

But the defendants had already said more than enough. cepted it in verbal form and The weakest link in the chain of lies proved to be the alleged visits of the contact men with Trotsky. For these alleged visits occurred outside the Soviet Union and no matter how the prosecutor avoided questioning the defendants, still some of their assertions were subject to verification by people not controlled by the GPU.

Holtzman, for instance, testified that in November 1932 he met Sedov in the "lounge" of the Hotel Bristol in Copenhagen and was taken by him to meet Trotsky and receive terrorist instructions. The GPU thus attempted to utilize Trotsky's 1932 visit to Copenhagen where he lectured in defense of the Soviet Union.

Holtzman did not name the day, the street, or the address at which he met Trotsky. Everything was left completely and conveniently vague. But Holtzman's few words made history.

PROOF OF FRAMEUP It was proved by documentary evidence that Sedov was not in Copenhagen at all during Trotsky's stay. He tried to get into Denmark to visit his parents, but the authorities wouldn't grant permission. It was proved conclusively that Holtzman was not among the people who visited Trotsky and his wife, their friends and guards in Copenhagen. But still more devastating, the Hotel Bristol had been torn down in 1917! It was not

rebuilt until 1936. The non-existent "lounge" in the non-existent "Hotel Bristol" where Holtzman in Copenhagen met Sedov who was in Berlin

## Maritime Strike Called Off: **CIO Seamen Gain Concessions**

(Continued from Page 1)

overtime for the eight hours on some of their graft. issues for 30 days, followed by with the intent of blocking strike the majority of these members, arbitration.

2.-For west coast longshoreretroactive to October 1, 1945; 000,000 in retroactive pay still due under a WLB order of August 1945 to be paid by Septem-

3.-For radio operators - a time for Sunday work; arbitra- portunity to settle. tion of a new overtime rate and for an additional man on freight-

4.—For engineers — overtime for Sundays at sea: 40-hour week IMPORTANT CONCESSION

The most important concession for unlicensed seamen was the cracking of the 56-hour week, which the ship operators had been determined to continue without overtime. Overtime for

just before the strike deadline. Although the Stalinist leaders of the Committee for Maritime less, the final larger concessions ranks. This is shown by a summary of events preceding the set-

The Stalinist leadership of the CIO National Maritime Union proposed to accept an offer of \$12.50 a month increase. The acceptance.

Truman countered with threat to use government armed forces to smash any strike.

An aroused labor movement rose to the defense of the threatened maritime workers." Especially effective was the threat by the AFL maritime unions to strike all ships under AFL contract if the government attempted to man CIO-struck vessels.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT French. Australian, New Zeal-

and, Latin American and other maritime workers, acting through ation Committee of the CIO and tivities Committee, notorious for the World Federation of Trade AFL maritime unions. The gains its witch-hunts against labor and Unions, pledged international just won by seamen were made liberal groups, voted five to one solidarity and complete support possible largely due to the ex- on May 29 against investigation

action swept all groups of maritime and waterfront workers. This forced Joseph Ryan, dictator-president of the AFL longshoremen, and other AFL leaders to reverse their open boast to scab on the threatened CIO strike.

Under pressure of the strike threat, a congressional committee began an investigation of the dispute. This entailed a risk to the operators and War Shipping

## 31 Negroes **Face Frame-Up** In Tennessee

(Continued from Page 1) dent to commute every day to Columbia from Nashville, some 50 miles away. Newspaper re-

porters have been advised to stay away and are very scarce. While this mass frame-up is going on, not a single white hoodlum who participated in the February armed assaults upon the defenseless Negro population, has been arrested and indicted. No action has been taken against the two officers of the "law" who shot two jailed Negroes to death in cold blood. The native fascists who marked a large KKK on a casket in a Negro undertaking establishment are at large and continuing their sinister work of inspiring a lynch atmosphere.

So vicious is the atmosphere, that Thurgood Marshall, heading the NAACP defense counsel, is preparing to ask for a change of venue for the trial.

#### SAINT PAUL Strawberry Festival White Bear, Minn. Thursday afternoon, July 4

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Sunday in excess of a 48-hour CIO President Murray conweek; a 40-hour week in port; ferred secretly with Truman and crease from 200,000 to 500 continued negotiations of other then intervened in negotiations 000 members in the last year;

action. He used his prestige to and the majority of the new force acceptance of the governmen-a 22-cent hourly increase ment's final terms. These gave better conditions to the seamen. an estimated \$6,000,000 to \$8,- but nothing more to the long-Anxious to find a pretext for

calling off the strike, the Stalinist leaders of the Committee for Maritime Unity seized upon \$17.50 monthly increase; over- Murray's intervention as an op-But this settlement only post-

maritime unions and the govnegotiations on important changrules. These negotiations are be-AFT, and CIO maritime unions.

By September 30, wages will be up for review. Once more the maritime workers will confront the question of strike. CIO Long-Sunday at sea was a last-minute Bridges has already threatened compromise proposal of the War such action, because he had to whole. The Negro people there death by a race-hating cop, who Shipping Administration which go back to the west coast with would be unable to take the stil swings his club on his beat the operators finally accepted the previously-rejected wage of-

Unity were ready to settle for far the need for a basic change in were won by the pressure of the the four-watch system so as to reduce the work-week for seamen and put more men on the

> COMING STRUGGLES The coming struggles will be

bitter. They will demand the NMU members revolted against greatest unity in action of all maritime workers, regardless of affiliation.

But unity in action against the common foe and for immediate defense of the seamen's interests is imperative and can be ach- Both Need ieved. That is what The Militant proposed last week in calling for a Joint Strike Coordin-Powerful sentiment for strike read to support the CIO strike. Klan. Its motion, made public contributions.—C. J.

A New Wind In The South

One of the most significant facts about the 37th annual conference of the National Association for the Ad-

vancement of Colored People, to be held in Cincinnati June 26-30, is that its delegations will reflect a great sea to remain, with \$1 per hour Administration of exposure of growth in the organization's ® membership in the South. on June 13, stated there is "not The NAACP claims an inprobe of the KKK.

> branches, are from the South. The importance of this development cannot be overestimated. There is a new wind blowing in

the South. Negroes there are beginning to

show resistance to the attacks on them. Veterans returning Negro, anti-labor, anti-Jewish from overseas don't intend to be treated as second-class citizens. Even older Negroes-who at one time tended to accept the situpones the showdown between the ation as hopeless—are beginning to move. Negro workers are ernment. Seamen face further joining the unions despite terror and brutality aimed primarily at es and clarifications of working them. Negroes are coming forward in increasing numbers to ing conducted currently by both take the risk of voting; to assert their right to sit on juries: to challenge the Jim Crow laws.

While not so plain, these developments indicate something else. There must be a strong steps already taken unless they because of Klan and other simsaw some indications of this lar influences. By September 30, also, grow- kind, unless they knew that ing unemployment will increase there was some possibility of support from the rest of the pop- whipping up the lynch mobs working conditions, providing for ulation. A considerable section against 31 Negroes facing a of the southern white workers frame-up charge of "attempting must be in the process of changing its concepts about Jim Crow. out the South, not only Negroes, Evidence of this is not yet at but white union organizers are hand, but we can be sure that in danger of their lives as Southwe will see some in the very near future.

This means that the Negro support to the Klan terrorists. workers and other opponents of Jim Crow in the north are be- about the Klan's activities. But Every seaman would like to ing joined in the struggle against have one solid union. But be- discrimination and segregation. Ities Committee is motivated by cause of the obstacles raised by This is going to work a veritable both the Stalinist CIO leaders revolution inside some of the exand the AFL leadership, organi- isting organizations. We should zational unity is not in the cards follow this development closely in the next period-it will have the most profound bearing on the Negro Struggle.

Investigation

The House Un-American Actent that the AFL unions were of the activities of the Ku Klux column always welcomes such

enough evidence" to warrant a

This committee has needed very little evidence indeed to pry into the affairs of labor and liberal organizations, commandeer records of agencies sending relief to European workers, slander and smear any and all persons of even the mildest liberal

What evidence does this committee need of the growing antiterroristic activities of the fas-

cist-like hooded Klansmen? In Georgia, on June 7. Assistant Attorney General Dan Duke, assigned to investigate the KKK. charged the Klan with the midnight flogging of a 21-year-old

Negro Navy veteran. In Los Angeles, the Klan has burned crosses before the homes of Negro residents and spread its threats of vigilante violence against racial and religious mi-

In Freeport, N. Y., a hot-bed shoremen's President Harry transformation taking place in of Klan organization, two Negro the thinking of the South as a brothers, veterans, were shot to

> Right now, down in Columbia, Tenn., the Klan is riding again. to commit murder." Throughern employers and their governmnet agents give tacit or open

> There is plenty of evidence the House Un-American Activthe same hatred of Negroes, religious minorities and labor as the Klan. It is obvious that the majority of the committee look with favor upon the Klan's ideas and actions.

> Indeed, what seriously needs investigating is: What direct connections do members of the House Un-American Activities Committee themselves have with the Klan?

The above two items are con-

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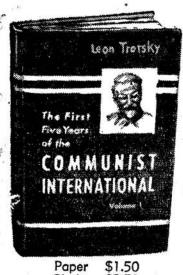
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9:30, Monday to Thursday.



By Theodore Kovalesky -

The Bingo man hollered in his brassy monotone, "Don't go away. The next game is about te begin. This may be your lucky game." We



saw Pete Rossi's wife cast a wistful glance at the assorted piles of dishes. electric coffee percolators, little rugs, lamps, and Indian blankets that lined the interior of the Bingo booth, and take her place on the bench in the hope that this was her lucky game.

Not far away, Pete was goading Gus Miller to try to "ring the bell and get a cigar."

"What the hell!" Gus protested. "I swing a sledge every day in the plant. What do I want to be hitting that damn thing for when I get

"Aw, what are you afraid of?" Pete said. "You won't strain yourself. Bet you a beer I can hit It higher than you can."

Gus took the hammer and swung hard. The weight sailed up . . . halfway to the bell and

Okay, Sandow," said Pete, picking up the sledge hammer. With a great show of winding up, he swung the hammer over his head, slamming it down with all his strength. Once more the weight sailed up toward the bell, but halfway it came to a stop and plummeted down.

"Well, I'll be damned!" Pete said. Gus grinned smugly. "I guess the beer's on

"What do you mean? I hit it farther." Still arguing Gus and Pete started off for the beer. Mary looked at the hammer and at me. 'Oh, no," I said, and we walked on. "There's a trick to that anyway," I told her.

We met Jimmy and his wife leaning on a wooden railing around a square wooden board that had numbers painted all over the surface. Jimmy was leaning over as far as he could, pitching pennies onto the board, attempting to drop them on the numbers or the little green triangles marked "Jackpot." But the pennies bounced uncontrollably, and Jimmy threw away a quarter's worth without winning anything Lining the side of the carnival were more

Seamen have long agitated for the four-

watch system. The realization of this demand

for reduced working hours in line with condi-

the Sailors Union of the Pacific are now push-

ing for the four-watch system as one of their

main demands in current negotiations. The

demand of the CIO Committee for Maritime

Unity for a 40-hour work week also envisages

The crew of a ship is divided into watches.

They work around the clock, relieving each

other at intervals depending upon the number of watches. Until 1936, maritime law did not

provide for more than two watches for the

that half the crew worked a six-hour stretch,

went below for six hours while the other half

of the gang worked on deck, and then were

called out again for another six hours of

work. Under this system the seamen worked 12

the two-watch system in the few deepwater out-

fits that still maintained it at that late date.

It was not until 1938 that the two-watch system

for deck hands was discontinued on the Great

Lakes, under compulsion of the 1936 Merchant

Under present conditions, the three-watch

wstem prevails. Each watch works a four-

hour hitch, and is off for eight hours before

being called out again. This cuts the work day to

eight hours. But a ship at sea can't drop the

The 1934 maritime strike put an end to

hours a day, or an 84-hour week.

Marine Act.

the four-watch system.

Notes Of A Seamen -

tions enjoyed by shore-

overdue. Basic changes in

wages and working con-

ditions at sea have al-

ways followed belatedly

improvements gained by

The AFL Seafarers In-

ternational Union and

the workers ashore.

Fight For A 4-Hour Watch

booths, places where you threw baseballs at dolls, milk bottles, or tenpins, where you sailed darts at numbered targets, or pitched hoops at pegs of varying sizes.

At one end a ferris wheel and a little portable merry-go-round, both brightly lighted, spun round and round to the squeaking and wheezing of a calliope that played "Annie Laurie"

like an Italian waltz. At the other end was a little dance floor roped off like a boxing ring-and just about as big where an amazingly large crowd of boys and girls were dancing to the strains of a threepiece orchestra that tried to drown out the noise of the calliope.

Mary said suddenly, "I want an ice cream cone," and I bought two, feeling for some reason or other like a fool as I lapped mine.

I looked around at the crowd. The coming of this little carnival to the vacant lot at the corner of Ames and Fourth St. had been a gala event. Everybody was dressed for a festival, the older men in their good suits, the younger ones in brightly-colored sport shirts that gleamed under the lights, the girls and women making gay splashes of color everywhere we looked, and the kids racing wildly about with hot dogs, ice cream cones, pop, peanuts, popcorn, and those crisp, greasy, delicious waffles that are covered with powdered sugar and smell so wonderful.

But as we left the little carnival I saw a strange picture that stuck in my mind so that in thinking about the carnival, that picture is what I remember most:

As we walked up Ames St. in the gathering dusk, I looked back and saw the bright lights and colors of the ferris wheel and the booths and the people. The noise of the calliope and the dance orchestra drifted through the air in a weird mixture. Then another noise combined with them, grew louder, and drowned them out. One of the furnaces over in the steel plant had begun to roar as they pulled the blast. And looking, I could see the dark bulk of the Open Hearth looming over the lights of the ferris wheel, the huge corrugated sheds of

the plant dwarfing the carnival, making it

small and pitiful. It was like seeing a butterfly

week for seamen is 56 hours necessary work

for three hours work on deck with nine hours

below before being called out again. This would

Although shoreside workers have long en-

joyed the 40-hour week and in some instances

have wor the six-hour day or 30-hour week,

the ship operators are now claiming that similar

conditions for seamen are 'fantastic." The four-

watch system, if granted, they say, would "ruin"

The reason the operators are so adamantly

opposed to the four-watch system is because

it means a 25 per cent increase in the number

of crew members required. For the same rea-

son, seamen are now ready to fight for the

Four watches will not mean any more money

four-watch system is the more important de-

The four-watch system will take up some of

the slack as the wave of unemployment mounts

in the maritime industry. Already more than

2,000 merchantmen of the 5,000-ship wartime

fleet have been laid-up. And only 1,000 ships

are needed for peacetime operations. This

means that four of every five seamen employed

during the war will be looking for a job soon.

for those who will remain the four-watch sys-

The demand for four watches would provide

without payment of overtime.

reduce the work week to 42 hours.

the American Merchant marine.

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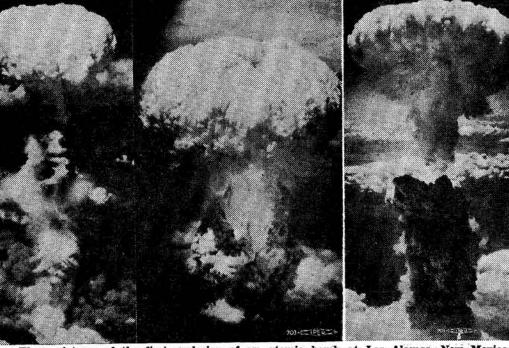
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of unemployment.

after World War I.

# The Carnival On Ames Street Incendiary Bombing Of Negro Widow's Home Perpetrated By Race Terrorists In Chicago

A Column Of Smoke Where Your City Once Stood?



These pictures of the first explosion of an atomic bomb at Los Alamos, New Mexico, have become symbols of the most frightful destruction yet achieved by capitalism. All the scientists and even the capitalist politicians themselves are agreed that mankind faces utter extinction if the development of the atomic bomb continues and humanity is plunged into a

# Capitalists Lie About Peacetime Possibilities Of Atomic Energy

By John G. Wright

Among the arguments first employed to justify the military monopoly of atomic energy was the contention that it would take huge sums and many years before this epoch-making discovery could be developed for civilian

The Brass Hats and the administration in Washington is, remain under rigid military found this flimsy argument rather embarrassing in view of released about any of its techthe fact that even the low-temperature atomic piles at Hanford to belittle and discredit its powere meanwhile producing as much energy as Boulder Dam, all this energy going to waste, heating up the Columbia River.

They were further embarrassed by public statements of scientists that in its present state this energy was already available for use as a source of power, heat and electricity, not to mention its urgent and immediate need for medicine, agriculture, scientific research, etc.

And so, after a delay of at least two years they have announced that a high-temperature atomic power plant will be in the individual seaman's pocket. That is built at Oak Ridge, Tenn. It will why this demand has been coupled with the be purely "experimental", that demand for a wage boost. But of the two, the

nical aspects. But the campaign

now runs that atomic power is of tity cited by the Times' editors, questionable value for industrial who only pretend to be misinand civilian use, because after formed. all, fuel comprises only a small fraction of the cost of operating electrical power plants. With a serious air a debate is now being conducted in public on can compete successfully with

coal or oil. This debate is so important. that the editors of N. Y. Times deem it necessary to add their of the "doubters". "Transmission, distribution and administration costs are far greater than fuel costs . . . so that the saving AKRON, O., June 7.—All is in fuel will have to be striking if a uranium 'pile' is to take the place of coal." (N. Y. Times,

VAST SAVINGS

As a matter of fact, this argument speaks not against but overwhelmingly in favor of atomic pany, manufacturers of plastic power plants. If fuel costs are not the decisive consideration, cause they decided to join the then the atomic "piles" can be far more expensive than the use The girls are determined to of coal and oil or water power "stick it out on the picket line (which no one even bothers to pretend) and still compete with the present plants. Why? Because of the vast savings in Goodrich, Firestone and transmission and distribution

Atomic power plants can be erected close by industries and cities; they can be built anywhere, in the remotest region as was told to The Militant reporter in the most densely populated areas as wel as those most sparsely populated. The costs of transmission and distribution can thereby be cut to the barest minimum, which is impossible with the existing plants.

As for the costs of "admin-

They will not only render exoperating drill presses. When the make it difficult to establish boss tried to get him to work on private ownership in this field. veteran complained and was laid get exactly nothing from the depoint of "administration" the gerous. The company made a crude costs will once again be slashed

that they have been "misled by the oft-quoted statement that a pound of uranium or plutonium will generate as much energy as we now get from 1,400 tons of coal or 900 tons of gasoline. The comparison assumes the complete conversion of uranium or control. No information has been plutonium into energy.'

#### INCREDIBLE ARGUMENT

The comparison, as is well known, assumes nothing of the sort. It is based on the assumption of converting only a fraction of a pound of uranium into energy, less than 1 per cent. (The atomic bomb converts approximately one-thirtieth of an burned and scorched. Although ounce of mass into energy.) A complete conversion of a pound of uranium would release ap-The favorite line of argument proximately 100 times the quan-

According to the computation of the scientists they are able to of the scientists they are able to release at the present stage of bandages. Entire areas of her H & M Strikers development only the maximium face, arms, chest and legs are whether or not atomic energy uranium mass into energy. Once can compete successfully with again this is a compete successfully with a compete successful with a compet again this is a powerful argu- Mrs. Hardy was questioned by Mrs. Find ment not against but in favor of four detectives at the Englewood atomic power. If such vast vist- Hospital. Since that time the as are opened up when there is police officials have ceased to only one per cent at our dis- investigate. They have made no authoritative voice to the side posal, they will be multiplied attempt to apprehend and pungeometrically as mankind learns ish the criminals responsible for to use the major portion of the this monstrous race-hate crime. remaining 99 per cent. But the

> bar this road. ploy atomic power for the ben- from the overcrowded areas of efit of mankind, but only for its the "Black Ghetto." Mrs. Hardy

By Robert L. Birchman

CHICAGO, June 16-After a six weeks' conspiracy of silence by local authorities, the story of the incendiary bombing of Mrs. Grace Hardy's home on the night of May 2 has been exposed by Mike Bartell, Chicago organizer of the Socialist Workers Party.

Mrs. Hardy, a courageous Negro widow, purchased a house at 315 West Garfield Boulevard, just a few blocks out of the overcrowded Negro district on Chicago's South Side. This district is commonly called the "Black Ghetto," where the Negroes are confined by restrictive covenants.

Mrs. Hardy lived in her house with her two sons. She rented out the second story to two Negro tenants who met considerable hostility from many of their white neighbors. This and the fact that three nights after Mrs. Hardy moved into the house three white boys were seen flashing searchlights in her yard were the only warnings she received of the impending disaster.

#### BALL OF FIRE

On the night of May 2 at 9 p.m., as Mrs. Hardy was walking from the kitchen just after supper, she heard a crash and saw what appeared to be a ball of fire coming straight at her through the window. She lifted her arm to ward off the flaming object, which later was found to be an incendiary bomb.

Flaming gasoline was sprayed all over her body. Displaying great presence of mind, Mrs. decent housing for the Negroes Hardy wrapped herself in a comforter to smother the flames. up in a 'black ghetto.' It is also One of her tenants extinguished

nouse, fearful of the assailants throughout the United States. outside, until the Fire Depart- They have lynched Negroes and ment arrived. She then went to a nearby drug store where there were two teen-aged boys at whom a man shouted, "You crazy boys tarted the fire."

planned!

The bomb virtually demol-Large holes were blasted in the ceilings and walls, which are Mrs. Hardy was able to move out entered on several occasions by vandals.

#### STILL IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Hardy has been in the nospital since the night of the bombing. After more than six

They cannot and will not em- gro families striving to escape is one of the courageous Negroes

# ract-rinding

NEW YORK, June 14 .-

Last week, in the first such action by any union, the H & M union lodges boycotted hearings called by a special "fact-finding" committee set up by Truman to "investigate" the strike. Truman has refused to take any action against the company, although it is in flagrant defiance of the wage recommendations of the government itself.

International officials of both striking unions are supporting the stand of the local officials against giving any recognition to the phony "fact-finding" procedure. Matthew O'Leary, H & M chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, refusing to testify before the "fact-finding" body, said: "This dispute was settled in Washington on. May 25 by the award of 181/2 cents recommended by President

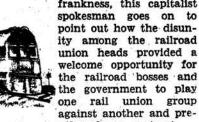
ing" hearings here, company of-The aim of the Baruch report ficials and government agents would provide an additional anthough the company itself prelic anger on the Soviet Union. viously claimed that the wage increase would amount only to

> Summer, and we're well equipped to do so."

#### anchor over week-ends. Consequently the work On The Railroads 'Next Time It'll Be Better'

- By Henry Adams :

"The railroad strike could have been worse," wrote one Minneapolis news correspondent, "if all the Brotherhoods were still united." With frankness, this capitalist spokesman goes on to point out how the disun-



vent their coming together for a contract. As proof of the fact that there is little "brotherhood love" among the railroad union top officials, W. H. Mylander in the May 26 Minneapolis Tribune cites a number of their sharpest conflicts-the struggle between Whitney of the Trainmen and Robertson of the Firemen for dominance in the Big Five operating unions; the jurisdictional conflicts between the Trainmen and both the Order of Railway Conductor's and the Switchmen's Union; the raids of

the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen upon each other's unions. The ranks of the railroad men are also saying that the recent rail strike could have been more effective. "We've got to get together if we want to win." In the shops, on the trains. at the terminals-wherever railroad men get together—they are talking about the need for united action by all railroad unions. The strike

the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and

showed that it could be done. In hundreds and thousands of instances, firemen not called on strike, climbed down from their cabs when supervisory employes appeared to take out trains—and the trains did not move

out of the deserted stations. Switchmen in the yards refused to run beyond their yard limits. to help. The 24-hour-a-day pick-Attempts to recruit scabs in the roundhouses and shops were a dismal failure.

Of the nation's 17,500 passenger trains, only 100 moved; out of 24,000 freight trains, only 240 made a pretense of operating. Members of all crafts went to the strike meetings and offered their support and members of all crafts jeered Robertson's strikebreaking order to his union, the Firemen and Engineers, to "get on the job and get this transportation moving."

Sell-outs, craft division and jealousy, weakkneed leadership are not new to the railroad workers, who have struggled for years within the narrow limits of the 21-union craft set-up. But the rigid organizational lines began to crack in this strike! In lodges which had not held a real active membership meeting in years, strike meetings were organized on a broad scale. Functioning strike committees were elected. A fresh, active local leadership began to emerge.

Only two out of the 21 railroad unions were called out on strike, and these were the Trainmen and Locomotive Engineers, of whom the shopmen were saying two months ago, "They'll never go out!" But the railroad workers tied up the country. They took the full force of the attacks of the billionaire railroad companies and their capitalist press. They defied the challenge that "You can't strike against the government"-and still the trains did not move. Not until their own leadership gave way under all of this pressure did they go back to work.

The men on the railroads agree with the Minneapolis correspondent—only they are saying it this way, "The railroad strike could have been better if all the Brotherhoods were united. Next

**Girl Strikers** 

In Akron Fight **Vile Conditions** (Special to The Militant)

Many of these are leaving the industry, but not milk and honey for the tem is an immediate answer to the problem working people even here where more than one out of If the maritime unions win the four-watch three residents belongs to a system now it will insure them against the union. Fifty girls, working for fate of the old International Seamen's Union the princely sum of 50 cents an which was smashed by the government in the hour at the Rome Products Com-1921 strike, during the period of widespread unemployment that hit the maritime industry toys, have been locked out be-

until we get our jobs back and union recognition," they say. They have inspired unionists other CIO rubber workers locals costs. et line has the plant shut down

tight as a drum. A story reminiscent of the sweat-shop days of 50 years ago | well as the most accessible one, by the girls. "The place is filled with rubbish left over by the former occupants of the building who made mattresses. The stuffing is flying around in the air

"The rest room is filthy and I hate to go in there," said one of the girls, "and besides they took away our rest period." The boss is guilty of several violations of the law which is supposed to ensure healthy working conditions. The girls also described the vicious speed-up.

A marine veteran who had lost his eyesight in the war was an hour less.

effort to divide the girls by of- to barest minimums.

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tential benefits has already be-

May 12.)

istration," the atomic plants are automatic and self-operating, requiring virtually no labor after once set up. And, what is far worse from the capitalist standpoint, they will cut out completely the annual tribute extracted by the huge public utility monopolies.

**Wall Street's Atomic Control Maintained By Baruch 'Plan'** 

(Continued from Page 1) tures the report as an attempt to outlaw the use of atomic energy as a weapon of war. This is nothing but deceit.

First of all, by placing control of atomic energy in the UN, Wall Street would give up nothing. Wall Street dominates the UN in the same way that Great Britain dominated the League of Nations after World War I. The UN would act as a pliable instrument in the hands of American imperialism.

But even before setting up this dummy control, Washington insists on major concessions that would above all affect the Soviet Union. The UN Atomic Energy Commission would have the right to enter any country, examine its factories, hire and fire employes, including top personnel and scientists.

The Atomic Energy Commission would have sole authority to determine what type of atomworking for 55 cents an hour isting facilities obsolete but also ic energy development would constitute a danger. The Commission could thus decide that three different machines, the The capitalists can and should a given project say in the Soviet Union would be dangerous, while off. Another blind veteran was velopment of atomic power. It another in the United States or hired to replace him at 5 cents follows that from the stand- Great Britain would not be dan-

The UN member nations would have to give up their right to facture of atomic bombs, 24

Street would exercise dictatorial control.

In return for these concessions in national sovereignty, the old war-monger Baruch promises that eventually Washington would divulge the secrets of manufacturing atomic energy. The secret would not be divulged at one sweep, but in stages.

Moreover, the right to set the time of revealing these secrets rests solely with Wall Street. Clearly the Baruch recommendations to the UN offer absolute-

y nothing. They simply make demands. Baruch simply reiterated the stand taken by Wall Street since the first great public alarm over the danger of atomic energy in irresponsible hands. It is the same stand Truman." enunciated in the Acheson-Lilienthal report of March 28.

s self-evident. It is designed to held a friendly get-together. The throw the blame for the further company asked for a 10 per cent steps toward World War III fare increase before it grants a squarely on the Soviet Union. If wage increase. This, it admitted, Stalin finds he cannot make the demanded concessions, then nual revenue of \$718,000, al-Wall Street hopes to center pub-The whole fraud of Baruch's

report is exposed by one simple \$600,000. fact: Despite all the propaganda about outlawing the atomic bomb. Washington continues manuare being stored for use in the

(Special to The Militant)

who are attempting to break down restrictive covenants. Efforts have been made to

force her to sell her property at

a considerable financial loss.

Since Mrs. Hardy's financial

means are limited, unless she

secures aid she will not be able

to meet the payments on the

property and it will be foreclosed. The Crusader, militant champion of the rights of the Negro people published by the Negro Labor Relations League, has organized "The Grace Hardy Emergency Fund" to raise funds to aid her in holding on to her home. Contributions to the fund should be sent to The Crusader, 305 East 39th Street, Chicago

#### 15, Illinois. SWP STATEMENT

Mike Bartell, Chicago organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, who first brought the facts in the Hardy case to light issued the following statement in the name of the Socialist Workers Party:

"A real fight must be waged against these terrorists who attempted to destroy the life and home of Mrs. Grace Hardy. This fight is part of the struggle for of Chicago who are now penned part of a fight against the Ku Klux Klan vigilantes who are Mrs. Hardy stayed in the raising their despicable heads burned their homes in Fontana, California; in Columbia, Tennessee; Freeport, Long Island, and elsewhere.

"The cowardly hooligans who The fire chief stated that the almost succeeded in burning Mrs. had been carefully Hardy to death must be smashed. The right of Negroes to live in Mrs. Hardy's home must be shed the kitchen and pantry. maintained by the formation of defense guards by the organized labor movement of Chicago.

"The whole labor movement, the Negro organizations and all her furniture, the house has been progressive organizations must form a united front to carry on this fight to a successful conclusion. To this fight the Socialist Workers Party pledges its unflagging support."

(Special to The Militant)

Some 700 members of the Brotherhood of Railroad The bombing of Mrs. Hardy's Trainmen and Brotherhood imperialist rulers of the world home is part of a pattern of of Locomotive Engineers are threats and violence against Ne- holding firm in their strike, now in its 16th day, against the Hudson and Manhattan railroad. The line, which provides commuter service between New York City and New Jersey, has refused to grant the 181/2 cents an hour increase included in the settlement of the recent national railroad strike.

At the one-sided "fact-find-

Expressing the determination of the strikers to fight to victory, William E. Skutt. H & M Locomotive Engineers, said on Tuesday: "It's beginning to look like an endurance contest. The

Let us note in conclusion one veto the decisions of this Wall hours a day and at a constantly fering to re-hire all but four "ringleaders." This failed when other incredible argument which Street-Controlled Commission. accelerated rate. These bombs the girls, inspired by the help the editors of N. Y. Times em- Thus in the field of atomic enerthey were receiving from many ploy in their zeal to place a big gy, which in a few short years Third World War which Wall union is digging in for a long unionists, decided to stick to- question mark over the future can be developed to replace all Street views as absolutely inof atomic power. They claim present forms of energy, Wall evitable.