## "THE HOLE" **A Short Story** By Theodore Kovalesky

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## RUNAWAY PRICE INFLATION LOOMS

Wall Street Sneak-Thief

## **Biggest Steal In History**

Big Business plans to swindle scores of billions of dollars from American workers and consumers through price inflation.

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Government officials admit prices will rise 25 to 50 per cent within the next six. to eight months under the Congressional program for price "de-control."

The total annual increase on just seven commodities — meat, milk, butter and cheese, poultry, cotton, clothing and automobiles-will take eight billion dollars more from the consumers' pocketbooks. Meat prices alone will jump 34 billion dollars, providing over 21/2 billions in added profits for the meat industry. Milk will cost another 900 million; butter and cheese, 11/2 billion; clothing, one bil-

The average family will have to spend from \$500 to \$1000 more a year for the same things they buy today. Or go with-

## **Toledo SWP Candidates** Placed On Ohio Ballot



PAUL WYLIE

## **Trotsky School Begins June 30 At Summer Camp**

in workers' education will be launched at the end of this tively in labor struggles. month with the establishment Midwest School and Camp at pany, where he has worked for Grass Lake, Michigan, on June

who founded and inspires our re- ests of labor. They are planning volutionary socialist movement, will be a unique institution," said in Lucas and Ottawa Counties William F. Warde, National Edu- on a seven-point fighting procational Director of the Social- gram: ist Workers Party. "The teachers, teachings and student body in party. the existing schools of higher learning in this country are directly or indirectly dominated by the ruling capitalist class. The academic atmosphere is poisonously hostile to the working class and its interests. Their aim is not to teach the truth about our society but to train defenders and servants of the capitalist system.

### CHAMPIONS LABOR

"Ours will also be a class institution, but of an altogether different kind. It will frankly champion the cause and viewpoint of the working class. All its teachings will be based upon the doctrines of scientific socialism as expounded by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, and will center around the problem talism into the new socialist orcomposed of workers who have as union leaders and party builders and are willing to devote their entire lives to the cause of the emancipation of labor."

FIRST STUDENTS

The first group of eight students at the Trotsky School include a railroad shop worker. two auto workers, one seaman, a woman organizer of the SWP. and three Negro comrades, including the acting organizer of the Harlem Branch of Local New York. Several of them are veterans. They constitute a representative selection of the younger leaders and candidates for leadership in the Socialist Workers

These students who have come from factories, shops and ships will devote their full time to seven weeks to six months, free of all other duties.

## Malcolm Walker And Paul Wylie Named To Run

(Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, O., June 21 - The Socialist Workers Party in Toledo entered the fall election campaign by announcing it will run two candidates, Malcolm Walker for U.S.

This will be the first time that the SWP has entered candidates on an Ohio ballot. Complicated elections laws make it extremely difficult for minority parties to get on the ballot. Although Walker and Wylie will compaign as revolutionary socialists under the name of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), their ballot designation will be "Indepen-

UNION MEN

Comrade Walker, a former merchant seaman and member of the AFL Seafarers International Union, is Toledo SWP organizer. He has participated ac-

of the Trotsky School for the ord of militant union activity in training of working class politithis area. He is a popular union cal leaders. Its first term will steward in his department at begin with the opening of the the Spicer Manufacturing Commore than 10 years.

The SWP candidates will be "The Trotsky School, rightly the only ones on the ballot who named after the great teacher will truly represent the inter-

2. Full employment and job se-

curity through the 6-hour day,

By Harold Josephs

Congressional Representative (9th Dist.) and Paul Wylie for Ohio General Assembly-

Comrade Wylie has a long rec-

to conduct a vigorous campaign 1. For an independent labor

## For U.S. Congress And State General Assembly

30-hour week and government

operation of all idle plants under workers' control. 3. Full equality for Negroes and all national minorities. Abolish Jim Crow.

standards through a sliding scale of wages to meet all cost-of-living rises.

5. Tax the rich, not the poor. 6. Against all forms of government strikebreaking. 7. For a socialist society.

Campaign headquarters will be located at 213 Michigan Street, Toledo (2); phone number MAin 6316.



## "They Trained Us To Break **Maritime Workers Strike"**

By An Ex-Soldier

(Special to The Militant)

I have just been discharged from the Army. That is why I am free to tell the story of how the Army was preparing to break the maritime strike on the West Coast.

During the railroad strike most 9of the men in our outfit had ousness of the situation. been put on a strike alert. All it meant at that time was that we were restricted to the battalion of transforming decaying capi- area for 24 hours. When we were alerted ten days before der. Its student body will be the maritime strike deadline, however, we all packed up and already distinguished themselves moved together to a special barracks. There we were informed that we were to start special training that afternoon.

GREEN TROOPS

About 450-500 men were placed in this strike-breaking outfit. In some companies they asked for volunteers, but in most they just read off a roster of names. There seemed to have been no real effort to select men with the exception of the fact that the overwhelming majority were new draftees with only eight weeks of basic training; and practically none of them were ever in combat. In general, green troops with little training; very few

had ever earned their living. The aims of the training were to teach the men the methods of strikebreaking (especially milistudy for periods ranging from tary formations); raise and numerically stronger, the popu- dressing Paris jurists in the Pal- to deprive the labor movement of taining Wall Street's peacetime CIO United Auto Workers Fishmaintain morale and discipline, and impart to the men the seri-

The first point on the train-

ing agenda was political orientation. The officers told us: The sailors are striking against the government; we are the representatives of the government whose duty it is to combat a lawless mob; it is necessary to protect life and property and maintain peace and order; the strikers are a lawless mob who have taken the law into their own hands, etc., etc.

At all times, it was stressed niques than many of us.

fact that the unions are well organized, well prepared. The fact that they are likely to have outlawing war is still in force arms, dangerous weapons (cargo fact that the strikers will be Attorney General, declared in ad-

that the situation was very serious. "It's not a joke; it won't be easy." The toughness of the sailors and the longshoremen was stressed. Also, it was constantly repeated that a great number of them have been in executives in New York City). the ervice and were better acquainted with military tech-

The officers emphasized: The lation friendly to their cause. als de Justice today." (N. Y. (Continued on Page 2)

## Wall Street Uses A-Bomb Control and all national minorities. Abol-sh Jim Crow. 4. Protect workers' living For Power Play Against USSR

## IN THE NEWS

No Authoritarianism— Except Toward Labor

tem of private enterprise and choose to call State authori- plan of "controlling" atomic entarianism. In my opinion they ergy. The objective of this camwill try to sink the hooks the deepest into labor when it pro- in negotiations with Moscow octests by strikes against the inabout as the result of this bill. Then they will go all out for State authoritarianism in the field of labor relations." (Senator McMahon, of Connecticut, Congressional Record, June 13)

Land Of The Free, No Homes For The Brave

The Veterans Administration on June 8 reported that 60 per cent of a sample of 3,000 married ex-soldiers were still looking vainly for homes or apartments three and four months after they were discharged. Meanwhile, most were living doubled up with relatives or friends, or in rooming houses or other overcrowded quarters. Urges Unity

#### Dynamic Progress Toward Breadlines "The next three or four years

will be lush advertising years . And then will come the bust -the biggest hangover we've ever experienced. And then, the revolution will be accomplished. You must work hard in these lush four or five years, to see to it that the faith in our method is strong enough to survive the inevitable depression that must always come in a dynamic and progressive economy such as ours." (William E. Robinson, business manager of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, on June 11, to conference of newspaper advertising

#### 60,000,000 Dead Get Good News

"PARIS, June 19-The Kellogg-Briand Pact (signed 1928) according to international law.

ceeding according to plan. In Paris Secretary of State around impatiently, police were Byrnes is bargaining with Molotov over the map of Eastern called. Europe and Eastern Asia. Byrnes is resorting to harsher language than in previous conferences. He has even issued an ultimatum that Anglo-American imperialism will carve up Europe without further consultation with Moscow if Stalin does not toe the line

"Senators who worked for this drawn by Wall Street. Byr-"Senators who worked for this drawn by Wall Street. Byrbill are, in my opinion, largely nes can talk tough; he is Congress Plans motivated by the idea that the Dacked by the atomic bomb.

OPA is interfering with our sys
Meanwhile Washington's prop
Meanwhile Washington's prop
Draft Extension. aganda machine is reinforcing Byrnes with a full scale cam-

because they resent what they paign to popularize the Baruch will be the very Senators who paign is to place Washington's monopoly of atomic energy in a favorable light. If a breakdown curs, Wall Street wants to throw creased prices which will come the onus on the Soviet Union. This coincides fully with Wall Street's preparations for World War III.

At the same time in the far Pacific the Bikini demonstration is underway, deliberately timed to strengthen Byrnes' hand at Paris. The ships have been stationed at Bikini. A dummy bomb has already been dropped in a dress rehearsal of the \$500,000,-000 demonstration of the power and frightfulness of the atomic

An ironic sidelight in this Ro-(Continued on Page 8)

## **Boston CIO**

BOSTON, June 13 - The Greater Boston CIO Council tonight urged both the State and National CIO to take immediate steps to call a national conference of CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods for the purpose of combatting repressive labor legislation.

In a resolution proposed by CIO United Steelworkers Local 2431 and adopted unanimously the Council declared that it was necessary to unite the entire American labor movement in order to smash the current antilabor campaign.

Massachusetts unions are also facing the enactment of a state law that would seriously cripple all unions. The state's attorneygeneral with the support of the Associated Industries has initiated a referendum petition for an amendment to the state constitution prohibiting unions from 1929. making contributions to political campaigns. Falsely labeled hooks), stones, clubs, etc. The Sir Hartley Shawcross, British an "anti-racketeering" measure, this notorious Barnes Bill seeks the means to conduct independ- military camp for one single er Body local, and Ben Wood- Diary of Steelworker

# **Huge War Funds**

Congress this week neared two more milestones on the PRICES JUMP road to the Third World The conference between rep-

limits from 19 to 44 inclusive. If Congress approves this agreement, the draft will be extended another nine months. The aim of this legislation is to build up the greatest peacetime military machine in American history. Wall Street wants a vast force of Prussian - minded troops to hold the bases and territories the occupation forces indefinitely overseas, and provide colossal military reserves in preparation for World War III.

AIMED AT STRIKERS

One of the principal excuses offered by the militarists for existence of the draft is to provide military training for the youth. They want to indoctrinate the youth, true enough, but that is not all. No man in the United States would be exempt from the draft until he reached the age of 45. The majority of the men above 18 and 19 have aleady received military training. Thus it is clear that the extension is aimed at strikers. Congress is deliberately putting American workers at the complete mercy of draft boards in case of strikes.

To finance Wall Street's enormous military camp, Congress began consideration of an appropriation of \$11,191,034,700 (billions) for the Army and Navy. The size of this appropriation

staggers the imagination. It is about \$1,000,000,000 (billion) more than Congress appropriated for the entire government for the fiscal year of 1937.

It is \$3,000,000,000 (billions) more than the entire stock of money in the United States in The \$4,000,000,000 (billions)

cost of the entire Civil War (1861-65) was, by comparison,

## Congress Backs Profiteers In Drive To Gouge People

**Bowles Proposes To Shackle Labor With New** "No-Strike" Pledge While Living Costs Soar

All competent observers are agreed that whatever happens on the question of OPA extension, the American people after July 1 face price rises of as much as 50 per cent in the next six to eight

Whether the final OPA bill being drafted

## **Crowds Storm** For Bread In **Philadelphia**

By Jack Spiller (Special to The Militant)

PHILADELPHIA, June 16.-Breadlines formed in front early as 4:30 a.m. today as wholesalers and producers refused to release grain supplies to city bakeries before the scheduled June 30 price rises go into

Police had to be called to maintain order at one north Philadelphia bakery that was beseiged by unprecedented bread-hungry

At another bakery crowds began to queue up at 4:30 a.m. within two hours a double line that stretched around the corner had formed. At 8:00 p.m. when a peak crowd started to mill

One shop owner who served 44 months as a baker in the navy said, "I've seen breadlines all over the world but I have

never seen anything like this.' The owner of a bakery said 'unless we get more flour we'll be forced to shut down." Many bakeries have already been forced to close down.

Sunday's breadlines were magnified repetition of Saturday's conditions in supplies of meat and dairy products, as well as bread.

Many merchants have already jumped the ceiling prices on meat and butter. Housewives resentatives of the Senate and said they had to pay a dollar a House agreed to set draft age pound for lamb chops (40 cents over ceiling) and 85 cents for a pound of butter (29 cents over ceiling).

The news of breadlines in the nation's third largest city was reported by the capitalist press here merely as an event of cur-

by a Congressional joint

committee contains the "booby traps" of inflation about which Economic Stabilization Director Chester Bowles warned last week, or whether OPA is extended with its present limited powers, a terrific price inflation

"There is only one point of agreement among those watching the outcome of the battle between the Executive and the legislative branches of the Govof Philadelphia bakeries as ernment. Prices are going to mount," states the authoritative N. Y. Times, June 23.

What gives some pause to the inflationary drive of the Big Business government is the fear of another great strike wave for more wages to meet the soaring

cost of living. Even conservative AFL President William Green warned last week that further price rises would "breed strikes." W. Willard Wirtz, Wage Stabilization Board chairman, admitted that price rises would compel reopening of 40,000 union wage contracts. "Labor," he said, "cannot be expected to pay uncontrolled prices with controlled

To prevent the big strikes evervone predicts, administration officials are projecting the idea (Continued on Page 2)

#### "No Meat, No Work" **Miners Threaten**

PITTSBURGH, June 22 Coal miners in this area are threatening "No meat, no work."

John P. Busarello, president of District 5 of the AFL United Mine Workers, told Navy officials running the mines that coal production might "decrease rapidly" unless the miners get meat, bread and other substantial food to sustain them in their heavy work.

"It won't be a walkout," said Busarello. "They'll just stay home because their work is laborious and they won't go to work without food in their

## hold the bases and territories seized in World War II, to keep the occupation forces indefinite-TO DEFEAT TAX INCREASE

By Sol Dollinger

(Special to The Militant) FLINT, Mich., June 19-A second attempt by the corporate interests to put over an increased property tax on the Flint auto workers and other small-home owners was defeated yesterday when the proposition failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds

The Socialist Workers Party here led the fight against the tax boost. It was the only organization which publicly opposed and exposed the measure, and its campaign had a great influence on the outcome of the

An attempt was made to silence the SWP. 5,000 leaflets addressed to the General Motors and other workers for early election morning distribution were stolen by corporation stooges from the car of the SWP organizer the night before the

Another leaflet was printed late that same night. Scores of local union leaders responded to an SWP call for aid in exposing the gross violation of the rights of a working class political organization.

DENOUNCE THEFT

Although not in accord with the views in the SWP leaflet, far less than the cost of main- Everett Francis, president of the ward, president of the Buick lo- Veterans Problems

majority of 25,000 votes cast. | cal, issued a sharp denunciation of those responsible for pilfering the leaflets. As yet, the local press has not seen fit to print the statement.

> The big corporate and real estate interests went to such lengths to prevent the SWP from being heard because the highly-financed tax increase campaign was based on the propaganda that there was no opposition to the proposal. That fiction was exploded by the SWP leaflet. The Flint Journal had ignored an SWP press re-

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#### ON THE INSIDE Rubber Union Strikes

Philippine "Independence" Moscow Trials Negro Home in Chicago Bombed COLUMNS AND FEATURES

What Do You Say? . Trade Union Notes Workers Forum Shoptalks on Socialism

The Negro Struggle

rises affected you and your family since the end of the

Assistants Union members.)

Frank Galiani, 515 W 142 St., New York City. shoes on my wages with the pri- and Jeanette, Pennsylvania, ces as they are. A good suit cost \$65. I can't even go on a vacation in the country because I can't make ends meet.

Al Seaman, 137 Keap St.,

My buying power has depreciated about 65 to 75 per cent and so has my wife's. The boss much bigger return by jacking prices up in spite of OPA. The big guys want inflation to get all the money and keep it where it's always been-in the hands of a few people. But the work-Why doesn't the government set up a special federal agency to arrest all black marketeers, not by fines?

Lawyer Anderson, 110 Le-nox Ave., New York City. The comparation wide.

I have to deprive myself of decent clothes because of high prices. I saved up for an automobile but I can't spare the

Henry Ernst, Camp Lakeland, Hopeville Junction, Everybody knows that prices went sky high. During the past year, I've had a wage increase, but prices went up so much higher, I didn't benefit from it.

Jerry Coorough, 102 South Oxford St., Brooklyn.

Wage increases since V-J day haven't amounted to much for restaurant workers. The other day I tried to buy a secondhand iron-price \$7. Prices like this are way out of line with my wage increase. The big fellows want to take in the money.

George Brockington, former machinist, 1402 Pacific St. Brooklyn.

I'm not making as much as before the war. It goes without I can hardly make ends meet.

William Sullivan, 84 Middagh' St., Brooklyn.

I live alone but price hikes hit me plenty. You pay 75 cents for mystery dishes in restaufor \$4 a week a while ago. Now you pay \$7 for a telephone booth. If there weren't a small group of people with money who can afford to pay the limit to get what they want, the working people wouldn't have any black market problem.

Richard Hebbard, 635 Fulton, Brooklyn.

I have a wife and five kids to take care of and if I didn't have this job that pays my rent, I don't think I'd be able to get along. Food and clothing are double what they were a few months ago, and besides you can't even get things like rice. The kids get the toughest deal —we can't afford to get them toys and they get ice cream maybe once a week on Sunday.

Edward Devenish, 1250

Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn. Well, my grocery bill is \$10 more every week. Rents and clothing went up so high that net training, rifle practice and where I got along on \$35 to \$40 | dismounted drill. before, now \$50 to \$60 doesn't even clear me. Things will get even worse if they throw out in the legs; to shoot to wound OPA. If housewives' committees controlled prices and could go to provoke strikers except by after the real profiteers like Bohack and Safeway, and not just the small retailers, I'd be for them 100 per cent.

# What Do You Say? General Tire Workers In 3 Communities TRADE UNION Shut Plants In First All-Company Strike Ru Art Preis

AKRON, O., June 21-A strike of 2,500 workers of the Place: Brooklyn, N. Y. General Tire and Rubber Corporation shut down the Akron (Asked of AFL Cooks and plant today. A militant picket line gathered in the early hours of the morning and o | cent shut down. Only three men

In addition to the Akron plant, I can't buy decent clothes and other plants in Waco, Texas, were closed down by strikers. This is the first corporationwide strike in the history of the rubber industry.

tering the plant.

Joseph W. Childs, president of Local 9, General Tire here, is-sued the following statement Rents Will Soar Local 9, General Tire here, isthis morning: "The executive board invokes strike action voted by the membership on May 29. The issues in dispute between gives me a raise, but we gets a the company and the union are wage payment plan, discharge in violation of bargaining contracts and contract renewal." JOINT ACTION

While the locals were bargainers are still treated like slaves. ing for separate contracts, they agreed to work together in the event that no agreement could by Senator McMahon, a Demobe reached with the company. punishable by jail sentences and They have agreed not to enter into separate agreements with the company until each local the American people," contin-

> The corporation-wide strike is extremely important because the northern locals are fighting to obtain equal raises in pay for the local in Texas. The corporation offered an 181/2 cent increase, identical to the "Big Four" agreement won last March by the Goodrich, Goodyear, Firestone and U. S. Rubber workers, to the two locals in the North, at Akron and Jeannette, but excluded the Texas

> In Waco, Texas, the corporation offered 14 cents to the white workers and seven cents to the Negro workers. This offer was rejected.

REJECT DISCRIMINATION

President O. C. Murphy of the Waco local reiterated his determination to carry through the against Negro workers.

to maintain pressure in the boilers are being permitted through the picket lines. The company officials, perplexed by their inability to get into their offices, are reported to be scurrying around town looking for a new headquarters.

## Too, McMahon **Tells Senate**

"It is impossible to maintain rent controls in the United States if we are to do away with other types of controls." This admission was made in Congress June 11 crat of Connecticut.

"One of the cruelest deceptions that can be perpetrated on ued the Senator, "is the idea that there can be an absence of price control on everything except rents."

The Senator explained why controls on rent have lasted longer than other controls: "Those who would like to do away with price control always have such a reservation on rents, because they know that if they try to take that off the people would really rise up."

Despite this warning, Democratic and Republican Congressmen have joined in a wild butchery of the last remnants of price controls. Senator Taft, a leading Republican of Ohio, proposed that "as costs go up, the rentcontrol fgures must be raised somewhat higher."

And McMahon added that if rents were not raised while other prices skyrocketed it would "re-CIO policy of no discrimination sult in either the landlords going bankrupt or taxes on real The Akron plant is 100 per property not being paid."

## "They Trained Us To Break saying that prices are way higher than the money I make now. Maritime Workers Strike"

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All these facts stressing the great | use the bayonet and the butt of difficulty of the task were made the rifle. To use almost any again and again for the pur- means except actual fire and to pose of steeling us for the nasty aim in the most exposed and job we were being given.

We did a lot of drilling. The platoon leaders often pointed out that it was necessary to impress the strikers with military discipline and bearing to compensate for our young looks. The psychological factor was emphasized many times.

We were warned against fraternization with the strikers. "Don't talk to them." "Don't accept anything from them, water or coffee - in a word, keep away from them." We were warned especially against women "who are just as dangerous as the men," against the vets who might be wearing uniforms. We were told to overlook "insulting remarks" - scabs, tin soldiers, boy scouts, curse-words, etc. In general, to keep away from the civilian population and have nothing to do with it except in

ine of duty. The training also included lectures and actual stills in military formation (wedge, diamond, right and left diagnosis), bayo-

Severe warnings were issued to fire only when directed and then and also to be very careful not order. We were threatened by court-martial if we did not wait for orders.

In general, we were told to

"off-the-record" talks of demonstrations urged the use of the most brutal methods, again short of actual rifle fire.

Besides rifle and bayonet, we were told we would have tear and vomiting granades plus smoke-pots. Attached would be a communications squad, first aid detachments, and a great number of micks, jeeps, and so

The training was very realistic, serious, with very little unnecessary material. The officers took a lot of trouble to teach us everything carefully.

There were about 30 officers attached to the unit, approximately one officer to 15 men. In a regular outfit there is one officer for about 40-50 men.

I received my discharge a day or two before the training ended. After that the outfit was supposed to proceed to a West Coast

> **Buffalo Readers** Our Saturday Night Cur-

rent 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.

Greek American Labor Solidarity



Seamen of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions, whose ships are in New York harbor, picketing the Greek Consulate in solidarity with the Greek labor movement's oneday general strike protesting oppressive measures recently enacted by the Royalist government.

## Akron Joint Labor Meeting Discusses Political Action

(Special To The Militant)

AKRON, O., June 21-The labor movement here took steps last week to establish a permanent committee for political action representing all sections of organized labor. At a meeting which brought together for the first time

committees appointed by the 9 CIO Council, the AFL Trades | policy. Some members of the And Labor Assembly and the committee favor cutting loose Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the following joint statement, signed by the chairmen of the three committees, dates. was drawn up and released:

"The Joint Committees unqualifiedly condemn the action of Congress in passing the Case Bill. We condemn the unwarman upon the Brotherhoods of his request for strikebreaking legislation. We shall oppose to with many unionists ready to the utmost these and similar attempts upon labor's democratic run an independent candidate rights and call upon all the af- in the fall. filiated Local Unions to do like-

dangerous spots, especially joint statement revealed that groins. The platoon leaders in the joint committee plans to the joint committee plans to ganized labor for joint action. meet within several days and unions into practical political work were discussed.

and coming to an agreement on 'enemy.

from the Democratic Party and running independent labor candidates. Others are committed to support PAC-endorsed candi-

The question of what to do about Congressman Huber, the local Democratic, PAC-supported representative to Congress who voted for the Truman slaveranted attack of President Tru- labor bill, will undoubtedly come man upon the Brotherhoods of before the committee. Feeling on both sides of the "Huber Question" is running high here withdraw their endorsement and

Special credit must be given to local Brotherhood of Railroad bring together all sections of or-

The Militant was distributed elaborate its long-term policy at last week's joint committee and to plan activities in this meeting and was extremely well area. Plans to draw all local received. Many words of praise were spoken for the articles in it and especially for the cartoon The main task facing the joint showing the American workers committee is that of discussing standing in unity against their

## WHERE IS THE MEAT?

There is more livestock in the United States today than almost any previous time in history-81,000,000 head of cattle. And more beef is being processed than ever before. But where is the meat?

amount, 75 per cent were pro- killers. essed in Omaha.

in Omaha's government-inspected plants.

pose in the June 11 Congressional above OPA ceilings!

Omaha stock market figures Record, about 10 per cent went provide a clue. In the first months back to feed lots. The rest was of 1941 some 466,000 head of bought under the nose of governcattle had been received. Of this ment officials by "independent" These buyers send the meat

In the first five months of into the black market or into 1946, some 732,000 head had been storage awaiting higher legal received. But of this amount, prices. How high meat will go only 13 per cent were processed before the monopolists release it through legal channels can be judged from what the black mar-What happened to the rest of keteers charge. Their prices range this meat? According to an ex- from 50 cents to \$1 a pound

## **Runaway Price Inflation Looms**

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pledge from the union leaders. tain the fiction of price control es and milk. Bowles on June 17 announced as a pretext for enforcing a he is working on a plan to get wage-freeze. such a pledge, with the promise in turn of keeping OPA in its hold on with a death-grip to O. railroad, nor would any other merely an 'executive committee'

control" worked out during the struggle to keep wages abreast war, is well known. Cost-of- with price rises. living rose more than 50 per cent; leaders - are toying with the wage scale. When the corporaon the deceptive promise of price every price rise will mean a corcontrol. OPA itself has eliminated more than 3,000 price will not be so eager to jack up ceilings and approved thousands prices. of price increases in the last four

of exacting a new "no-strike" ministration would like to main-Not only must the workers

their right to strike, but they How the promise of "price must launch an all-out fighting The only immediately effect-

wages were frozen. Now the ive answer to continuously rising Baggett's friend lived, discovered administration—and some union prices is a continuously rising that there were six extra people idea of another no-strike pledge tions and speculators know that ened to evict all if the Baggetts responding wage increase, they

A sliding scale of wages, under any dependence on the capital- increase in the cost of living ist government to control prices. should be included in all union the standpoint of protecting es would constitute a continu-But, as during the war, the ad- ages of price inflation. . . as Lewis Baggett?

## Phila. UE Local **Backs Plea For Joint Conference**

By C. Blake

PHILADELPHIA, June 21 By a unanimous vote, Westinghouse Local 107, CIO United Electrical Workers, went on record last week for a National Conference of Labor of the CIO, AFL, and Railroad Brotherhoods.

The local called for united labor action, because Truman has "demanded from Congress restrictive labor legislation that It further point- week. ed out that in the "struggles to maintain a decent standard of living for the American worker and his family all sections of labor were involved."

The resolution cited and supported the public statements of President Walter Reuther and the CIO United Auto Workers executive board calling upon Philip Murray as president of the CIO to meet with representatives of the other unions.

It called upon the Philadelphia and Delaware County CIO Councils to initiate immediately, through the Philadelphia Trade Union Council, a regional conference to discuss and act on Truman's "double cross" of the labor movement.

The resolution is to be sent to Murray, William Green, Alvanley Johnson, A. F. Whitney, the Delaware and Philadelphia County CIO Councils and President Truman.

## **Vet's Family Forced To Live** In Phila. Park

By Alma Seton PHILADELPHIA, June 18 -Lewis E. Baggett, 28-year-

old veteran of the Pacific battle area, his ailing wife and four small children were driven to the desperate measure of living out-of-doors in Fairmount Park here for a whole month. They were unable to find any housing. Finally, in Mrs. Baggett's own

words. "We became so desperate The discussion which preced- Trainmen who have persistently Court and asked for some kind ed the announcement of the worked in the past few weeks to of haven for the children. The woman official I spoke to, told me that the weather was clear and I should take my children back to the Park."

This incident came to light when the Philadelphia Record, June 12, gave the Baggett's story the Republican city administration, which has stalled for months on veterans' housing, was pounced upon by the Democrats. However, reports from other parts of other papers, have shown similar failure to provide homes for veterans in Democratic-run com-

munitles. Last December, after Baggett's discharge from the Army, the Baggett family had to move from North Carolina to Philadelphia. where he had worked before entering the Army. Despite diligent search, he couldn't find even two furnished rooms. None of the various social agencies would help him. Having no other alternative, the family was forced to spend its days in the

During this period, a friend of Mrs. Baggett permitted the family to sleep in her small apartment after her husband went to work on the night shift. Each morning, at 7 a.m., the Baggetts had to leave for the day. Then to the park rain or shine, went the sick Mrs. Baggett and her children to pass the long day while her husband took up the futile search for rooms. Their daily food was mainly sandwich-

To make things worse, Mr. Baggett could not get back his job as a brakeman on the B. & employer hire him while he lacked a home address.

On June 10, the finishing touch was added when the owner of the building in which Mrs. in the apartment, and threatdidn't leave. Immediately after the story of

the Baggetts appeared in the in. By the next day, the fama fixed minimum, which is auto- ily had a home (temporary), have done the same thing. You It is suicidal for labor to place matically raised to meet every and Lewis Baggett had a job. One veteran has "been taken

care of." But what about the This government acts solely from contracts. Such escalator claus- thousands of others in Philadelphia, who to a greater or less monopoly interests and profits. ous protection against the rav- degree have the same problem Business. They are Tweedle-Dee

Packinghouse Union

the recent convention of the adopted." CIO United Packinghouse Workdependents.

Another great labor struggle is

shaping up as unions like the ing for "decent, proper legisla-UPWA, which are being robbed tors" for lo! these many years. of hard-won wage gains by price Unfortunately, these "decent, extortions, are renewing wage demands. If they want to put a real road-block in the path of the profiteering price-gougers, they resentatives of capitalist parties. should demand an escalator clause in the next contract providing a sliding scale of wages, under a fixed minimum, automatically rising in direct proportion to the rising cost of living.

All Not Yet Quiet On The Strike Front

In the 30 days following June 18, there are more than 700 strikes scheduled by smaller unions, according to Department of Labor records. These involve demands for wage increases and shorter hours.

Labor Department officials predict that there will be at least 150 strikes going on at any time during the rest of the year, with an average of 30,000 to 50,000 out at all times.

This appears to be a very small figure in terms of the peak of the strike wave last January. when 1,750,000 were out at one time. Actually, it represents a several times higher average of the pre-war period.

and their political agents most Truman called again for a draftworried is the real possibility of big industrial strikes by this fall and winter, as those who wonwage gains last spring find them shrunk to zero by price inflation. Bill in Congress proves that the

#### Guild President Lashes At Truman

American Newspaper Guild con- ord of the two parties still point vention in Scranton, Pa., last week, heard Guild President Milton Murray keynote the deliberations with a scathing attack on joled into supporting the reac-Truman's labor policy.

"We find the most unhappy picture of petty advisors who publicity. This callousness of have constituted a new Missouri gang surrounding the President of the United States and counseling him to invoke a draft law against labor, to put bayonets at the backs of workers, if necesthe country, in The Militant and sary, to break strikes . . ." said Murray.

Murray's answer to Truman's 13?

assault on labor is "to see that Seeks New Wage Boost decent, proper legislators attend the halls of Congress so that sane The most important action of and sensible legislation can be

First, it must be noted that ers of America, held in Montreal, Truman's draft - strikers bill Canada, was adoption of a re- wasn't just cooked up by a "new port of the contract committee Missouri Gang." It was originatcalling for a new "master agree- ed by Truman's predecessor, ment" with the Big Four meat- Roosevelt, in his Congressional packing trust and the large in- message of June, 1943. Truman's strikebreaking plant seizures are Negotiations are to begin Au- an exact duplicate of Roosevelt's, gust 7, about six months after in the rail and coal industries the UPWA won a 16-cent an specifically. As for using troops hour increase by strike action. against American workers, mem-Truman tried to break the strike ory recalls Roosevelt's breaking by plant seizures. The UPWA's of the North American Aviation principal demands, as voted by strike in June 1941 - and he the convention, will be for a 12- didn't get the advice to do that cent an hour increase, a \$1 an from Missouri, either. Truman is hour minimum wage, a guaran- following, whether expertly or violates the very foundation of teed annual wage and 30-hour not, Roosevelt's labor policy in

its fundamentals. Secondly, labor has been votproper legislators," as they were represented by the union leaders in past elections, were also rep-The only "decent, proper legislators" for labor are genuine labor representatives, put in office by a labor party.

Sidney Hillman Looks Beyond The Case Veto

As this column noted last week, various union leaders are trying to cuddle up to Truman once more, using his veto of the Case Union-Busting Bill as a pretext for dusting off his "friend of labor" label.

The June issue of The Advance, organ of Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, publishes a front-page editorial, "Beyond the Case Veto." It starts off saying, "It is not the province of The Advance to speculate on the why or wherefore of the President's veto of the reactionary Case Bill."

Any such speculation, of course, would embarrass Hillman's editors, since it would lead to the conclusion it wasn't done from strikes and strikers than during pure pro-labor motives, but simple political expediency. Besides. What has the corporations in the same breath as his veto, strikers law.

By some pretty tricky calculations, The Advance then tries to show that the voting on the Case sole anti-labor forces that must be feared are the Republicans and "Democratic tories" from the The 250 delegates to the CIO South. It concludes that the "recto the importance of the workers in this country not being cationary Republican party because of the reactionary minority in the Democratic party."

There's no gainsaying that the Republicans are reactionary. But what "minority" in the Democratic Party passed Truman's 'work-under-bayonets" bill in the House by a vote of 306 to

## **Labor Will Be Forced To Build Own Party, Says Union Editor**

More evidence of the impetus given by the Big Businessgovernment anti-labor actions to the campaigns for formation of a labor party, is contained in the May 31 issue of The Union Register, official publication of the Northwest Council of AFL Lumber &

ing 60,000 members. characterizes as "merely an 'ex-

Sawmill Workers, represent-

Business interests." His statement ends by pointing the way to a labor party. Kendall says Business. in part: "These politicians, including President Truman and most of the senators and congressmen, have shown themselves to be for the Big Business interests. That's why the miners and rail-

road workers didn't rush to work

just because the 'government'

took over. The politicians are

merely fronts for the big antilabor industrialists. BOTH THE SAME

"Now Brother Worker, don't be naive and say that a Republican president wouldn't have done the same thing. You know paper, offers of assistance poured full well any president-either Republican or Democrat-would know that BOTH the Republican and Democratic parties are basically anti-labor, because they are BOTH set up to keep the people under the thumb of Big and Tweedle-Dum . . ."

"The political significance of the rail and coal strikes is that a Labor Party or some other H. K. Kendall, the Register's mass political party of the PEOeditor, writes a slashing indict- PLE is bound to arise from this ment of the Truman admin- national strike experience in istration and Congress, which he | which we have seen the President of the United States and ecutive committee' for the Big | the members of Congress brazenly playing the role of strikebreakers in the interests of Big

"Yes, the PEOPLE will be forced to organize their own political party and vote themselves into power, so that we will have a genuine democratic government which will honestly represent the PEOPLE-including the WORKERS-and not a 'government' that acts like an 'executive committee' of the big em-"We predict that a nationwide

move in this direction will be started immediately following the passage of the vicious antilabor legislation that Big Business politicians in congress are already rushing through. It is up to organized labor to take the LEAD in this political rebellion of the PEOPLE. Let's forget partisan politics for a change. Let's forget about being either Republican or Democrat, and show our true colors by being what we really are\_LABORI\*



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# The War Strengthened U. S. Domination Of Philippines

Superficial observers frequently insist that the USSR has emerged from the second word war "strengthened." Like authors of kindergarten primers, they measure "victory" or "defeat" by the number of "cities taken" and "battes won." We have tried 9

Thus, we have shown that the international situation of the Soviet Union was more precarious at the conclusion of the second world war than at its beginning, in view of the fact that a single imperialist power has now completed its encirclement of Russia. We will try to show that even inside Russia the war has considerably strengthened elements hostile to the economic base inherited from the October ternal situation as well reveals itself to be much more precarious in 1945 than in 1940.

#### RICH FARMERS

became accentuated during the war, above all, in the domain of agriculture. The disappearance of the tractors as a result of Hitler's conquests; the psychological consequences of the partition of the land by German imperialism; the extreme scarcity of the most elementary tools and the general disorganization of the economy acted to destroy the material and subjective basis for collectivization in Western Russia. Individual exploitation remained, for all practical purposes, quite prevalent even after the liberation of the territories.

Even in the Soviet press, voices were raised demanding an implacable struggle against the pro-capitalist elements in the countryside. In the other Russian territories, the scarcity of prime necessities, the spread of the black market, the intensification of speculation, created conditions favorable for the crystallization of a new exploiting stratum within the collective farms (kolkozes).

#### "INDEPENDENT" SPIRIT

Many peasants succeeded in accumulating hundreds of thousands if not millions of roubles. That was shown clearly at the time of the individual purchase, more or less compulsory of State loans which frequently amounted to the above mentioned sums. As their riches increased, the spirit of independence of the well-to-do farmer elements (kulaks) in the countryside likewise increased. Numerous complaints appeared in the Soviet press about this or that kelkhoz which not only did not take into consideration the plan quota for the bread grain crop assigned to propaganda. The Greek Orthoit, but even refused to make its dox Church under the patrongrain deliveries to the state that is to say, which began living independently of the Soviet

Finally in March 1945, a decree effected changes in the law of inheritance so as to eliminate for all practical purposes any limits to the number of legal heirs. Now any Soviet citizen can draw up a will and make any other citizen his legal heir. To the extent that this permits procapitalist elements to transform numerous poor peasants into convenient figureheads who can be used to get around the limita-

to apply more serious crito apply more serious crior goods one inherit, this decree constitutes an important concession to the kulaks and an accelerating element to primitive accumulation in the countryside.

#### CONDITIONS IN INDUSTRY

During the whole war period, industry worked without a general pre-established plan. In heavy industry this resulted in an increasing independence of different state trusts, which more and more tended to make revolution. In this sense, the in- agreements between themselves without consulting any intermediate central bodies. In light industry it led principally to an increasing decentralization, with the local authorities occupying The pro-capitalist tendencies themselves more and more with the production of very limited articles of consumption, often on a handicraft basis. Even in 1945, the local and regional authorities were told "Get along by yourself" in providing for the construction of new lodgings for the millions of homeless.

Finally, the "policy of forced savings" which was followed to prevent a runaway inflation during the war resulted in the accentuation of the tendencies toward independence in the domain of the banks. The banks have tended to follow their "own policy," that is to say, to fix an interest rate determined by their own balance sheet, and no Russia. This inevitably causes a differential in investment policy and is also a serious step toward the dissolution of the Soviet economy as such.

We know that the caste of ranking officers received importhe beginning of the war: the reestablishment of indivisible command, abolition of political commissars, the reestablishment of the use of orderlies, the extension of officers' rights (among others, the right to shoot deserters on the spot!). Later the inequalities in the army became even more accentuated. The officers and enlisted men were lodged separately, messed separately and the relative differences in pay became very much greater than those in capitalist

Meanwhile the vilest chauvinism triumphed in the field of age of the government accumu-It ever succeeded in bringing about an official reconciliation between Stalin and the White Guard Russians in Paris and Shanghai. That is how Soviet society emerged from the Second World War, menaced internally and

(The above is the third in a Lutte Ouvrier, Belgian Trotstional articles in this series.) the Italian masses.

## Pro-Capitalist Forces Is Not Halted By "Independence" New Military Code Foreshadows



UMBERTO DEPOSED IN ITALY

## **Allies Supported** To Very End

The Anglo-American authorities supported the monarchy until the very endeven after a decisive majority of the votes on June 2 was against the House of Savoy.

King Umberto refused for several days to abdicate, even longer a general one for all of though the outcome of the elecworld. He even accused the government of an illegal act in ap-CONCESSIONS TO REACTION peri as provisional chief of the republic. His pretext was election irregularities-although all tant concessions from Stalin at the levers of control, occupation Labor government—the leaders were on his side. Meanwhile, a victory. royalist forces were mobilizing all over the country in an atmos- was rejected by 2,678,000 votes phere of civil war, filled with provocations such as the burning of the Communist Party headquarters in Naples.

Here, as in the past, the monarchy received the support of nounced that in his opinion "the king is on legally firm ground." support for the monarchist mobs.

public was finally ended by the unions, and the declared supthreats of general strike by the port of a million workers. workers in northern Italy, and the demonstrations in Milan and ing the foreign policy of the La- left to chance in this conferauthorities have shown by their resolutions is the one from the

series of articles on the Soviet record that they can be expected Lewisham division which "views Union, translated from La to continue to give support to with grave concern the continuthe most reactionary elements, ance of a Tory foreign policy. kyist paper. Future issues of Anglo-American imperialism re- and the one from Newcastle-The Militant will print addi- mains an obstacle to progress for under-Lyme which condemned

# Revival Of Purges In Red Army

By George Breitman

More purges are on the order of the day in the Soviet Soviet Union, it is discovered Union, and they are coming — if they have not already for peace time? begun — in the armed forces of the USSR. That is the political conclusion to be drawn from the new disciplinary code for the Red Army, Navy® and Air Force signed by Stal- | that are lessening the military

cial army newspaper Red Star on June 19.

The new code, according to this paper, has the following spe- ficers' rank." These courts will cial features:

1. Even more rigorous military discipline than in the past, with greater emphasis on saluting etc., with an injuction to officers that "not a single offense or act of misconduct by subordinates should go unnoticed." 2. The necessity and duty to

report to the highest officials "the stealing or wasting of military property, unlawful spending of money or any misconduct in handling food supplies to troops" and "insubordinate acts been hailed as the savior of the

in and reported by the offi-3. The establishment of special "officers' courts of honor which are created to preserve the dignity and honor of the of-

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rule on breaches of discipline unworthy of officers and contrary to the "understanding of the ethics and morality in the Red Army."

How does it happen that after the war, after the Red Army has

that stricter discipline is needed

There can be only one answer: This stricter discipline is not needed to strengthen the Red Army, but to strengthen the bu- OLD JOB, NEW TITLE reaucratic grip over the Red Army, which the Kremlin had to relax somewhat during the war. A rift must be taking place between the Stalinist bureaucracy and a section of the of-

ficer caste. If this was not the case, Stalin would not take the grave step of in effect publicly reprimanding the officers and implying they have been guilty of military offenses.

The new code is a warning to the officers. At the same time under cover of talk about embezzlement, corruption and insubordination, it prepares Soviet public opinion for a general assault against all oppositional elements in the armed forces.

#### POTENTIAL VICTIMS

That some of the victims of his new purge will be pro-cap- Philippine Commonwealth will pear dangerous to the Kremlin. imperialist job.

But they will not be the only | TIGHTEN GRIP victims. It has always been a want to return to the program of Leninism.

At any rate the new code, like process is renewed.

ships, the Stalin regime dares ing the 20 years thereafter. not permit the slightest sign of

publicized and showy ceremony to deceive the world into believing that it is granting independence to the Philippine Islands. In reality as the July issue of Fourth International points out, behind the pomp and pageantry Wall Street. through its political servants in Washington, will tighten its greedy grip upon the Filipino masses in order to further enslave and despoil

Twelve years after the passage of the Tydings-McDuffie Act in 1934 by Congress, the



italist elements in the officer become the Philippine Repubcorps may be taken for granted. lic. But behind the new form. There are such elements, re- the content of colonial slavery flecting primarily the growth of remains the same. There is no countryside, whose development signed by the U.S. government is reported elsewhere on this page to the task of keeping the Filiin the article by Ernest Germain. pinos in bondage to Wall Street. During the war they were en- Paul V. McNutt, the U.S. High couraged and rewarded by Stalin | Commissioner to the Philippines, himself, and it is quite likely will go. But Paul V. McNutt, the that their influence has grown U. S. Ambassador to the Philipsufficiently to make them ap- pines, will carry on the same

tional guarantees.

The Philippines will receive the purges it foreshadows, is a \$625,000,000 from the U.S. as aid ists are of the reaction of the manifestation of the fact that in reconstruction, but the mater- Philippine masses to this fake The explanation for this vic- the Stalin regime remains a re- ials, technical services and per- "independence" was revealed in tory of the Labor leaders lay gime of crisis. None of Stalin's sonnel will be placed in the hands Washington on problems inside the Soviet Union of U.S. administrators. Moreover, Philippine Resident Commissionhave been solved by the war. On none of the money will become er Romulo. He appealed before the eve of the war he had to available unless the Philippine Congress in the name of the carry through widespread and government accepts the provi- Roxas government for U.S. interrepeated purges in the army, sions of the Philippine Trade vention through the quick pasdecimating its leadership over Act of 1946. This provides that and over again. Now at the ter- Philippine exports to the U.S. ippines Military Assistance Act." mination of the war the same shall continue to be duty free until 1954, and subject to a pro-Like all totalitarian dictator- gressively increasing tariff dur-

opposition and its only answer to be allocated, as the U.S. specto discontent is new bloodbaths. ifies, among Philippine export-These purges are a sign of the ers, mainly Americans, who were mortal weakness of the regime in business before the war. Thus and its lack of support from the in every way, and on a vaster scale than ever before the rich-

## **Behead German** For Opposing Rule

LONDON, June 13-An indication of the criminal policies of the British Labor government in the German zone of occupation is the recent Associated Press report: "Kurt Rogener, found responsible for issuing anti-British posters in the British zone of Germany, has been beheaded for inciting the populace to rise against the occupying author-

The politics of Kurt Rogener are not known, but it is clear that all forms of German left wing organizations which fall foul of the occupying authorities are in denger not only of suppression but of the barbarism of British reaction, sanctioned by the Labor government.

es of "independent" Philippines will continue to be siphoned off by the Wall Street profiteers. For the masses, the Philippines will remain a collection of plantations with a few factories processing profitable export crops. The economy will remain backward, the people poor and enslaved.

#### MILITARY BASES With the granting of this frau-

dulent "independence" all the decisive powers will continue to remain in the hands of the U.S. imperialists. Last year the U.S. government demanded the right to establish its own military bases in the Philippines and to maintain them in perpetuity -What does Wall Street's "in- that is, forever. Both Sergio favorite Stalinist device to uti- dependence" mean economically Osmena, former Philippine presilize the crimes and blunders of for the 18,000,000 Filipinos? First, dent, and his successor, Manthe bureaucracy or its pro-cap- the Filipinos are compelled to uel Roxas, readily agreed. A italist allies as a pretext for amend their constitution to per- treaty specifying locations of launching purges which wipe out mit American business men and military bases, facilities, transit opposition trends of all kinds. American capital to enter the rights and personnel is to be The bureaucracy can be expect- Philippines on the same terms negotiated between the U.S. and ed in the new purge to strike and with the same rights as Fili- the Philippine Republic after also—and must brutally—at crit- pino businessmen and capital. July 4. Thus, with the connivics from the left (in the army) The Philippine peso is to be peg- ance of the native capitalist tools those who are discontented with ged to the U.S. dollar. American of American imperialism, the the nationalist counter - revolu- Big Business thus fastens its Philippine Republic will be thrust tionary course of Stalinism and grip on the country's national under more extensive American economy with enforced constitu- military control than ever be-

How fearful the native capitalsage of the "Republic of the Phil-

"It is important that this bill be approved before the advent of independence," he urged. There are in the Philippines Exports, limited by quotas, are today more than 300,000 firearms in the hands of people who have no right to hold them . . to have peace and order we must get assistance from the U.S. government as provided in this bill . . . Don't forget that our security is also America's security . . . You are helping was so that we can help you."

> The Roxas government represents the wealthy landed capitalists, who during the war willingly collaborated with the Japanese imperialists in order to protect their own profits and privileges. Today they are betraving the independence movement in return for the same protection by the U.S. imperialists.

### FEAR REBELLION

The landowners are frightened by the angry rebellion of the peasants who rose and threatened to topple the whole parasitie system. They tremble with fear vivors with an overpowering urge ler's victims to find peace and a before the rising agrarian moveget out of Europe. Nothing country of their own in Palestine ment led by the fighting Hukthe Allied conquerors have done has proved to be nothing but a balahaps. Thus the native capihas served to allay the deep fear treacherous mirage. Where to talists are more than willing to serve as junior partner of the One thing is clear. Capitalism American imperialists and share to go to Palestine since the doors offers no solution. For it is this with Wall Street the exploitation

In this, the native capitalist tine barred by the British, Jew- is this system which prevents a class of the Philippines differs ish armed groups took to direct few million hounded, persecuted in no respect from the native cappeople from finding a haven any- italist class in India. Both are betraying the struggle for gen-The fate of the Jews, like the uine independence in return for whatever concessions they can extort from the imperialist rulers.

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Fourth Internationa

## cast for a republic and Bureaucrats In Control **At Laborite Conference**

(Special to The Militant)

LONDON, June 13-The 45th annual conference of the a pro-capitalist peasantry in the change even in the figure astions was known to the whole British Labor Party is now being held in Bournesmouth. The conference has been attended by 1,179 delegates representing over 3,000,000 organized workers. On the two most

pointing Premier Alcide de Gas- important questions facing@ the conference—the application for affiliation by the Communist Party (Stalinist) and the foreign policy of the authorities, army, police, etc., of the Labor Party have scored The CP affiliation proposal

against, 468,000 votes for. A motion' to amend the Labor Party constitution to forbid any further application for affiliation by the CP — or any independent organization - was carried by 2,413,000, against 667,000 votes. This victory for Transport the occupation officials. Ad House followed upon months of miral Ellery Stone, Allied com- intensive campaigning by the mander in Italy, publicly an- leaders of the Labor Party, led by Harold Laski (chairman of Ernest Bevin, foreign secretary, the LP). Using all the methods at their disposal - silencing op-Needless to say, this was welcome positions, threats and horse deals cialist phrase. - the bureaucrats were able to reverse the situation which ex-The procrastination of the filiation proposal had the supgovernment in declaring the re- port of some of the largest is in the hands of half a dozen

Almost 50 resolutions criticizbor government were tabled for Umberto left Italy, but the the conference. Typical of these the government's policy in re-



lation to Greece and Indonesia. won the day with a speech which contained not even a single so-

isted last March, when the af- largely in the fact that the all deciding power at LP conferences big unions who between them command almost four-fifths of the total votes. Nothing had been ence. The whole LP and trade union machine had been geared to suppress any criticism and

#### TREMENDOUS DISSATISFACTION

However, the feelings and the criticisms of the workers of the ten months of Labor in office found its reflection in the criticisms made by Will Lawther, National Union of Mineworkers' leader, of the Labor government's nationalization policy, which has not produced the slightest improvement in the conditions and wages of the mine workers.

Lawther, who is as guilty as any labor bureaucrat of reactionary attacks upon the rank and file, went so far as to threaten strike action if the miners were not given better conditions and shorter hours of work. This indicates the tremendous dissatisfaction and pressure of the miners and workers in the nationalized industries.

## Is Muzzled By BBC

power and influence over 56 new countries, islands and territor-

## **U.S. News Broadcaster**

LONDON, June 20-The British Broadcasting Corporation has refused permission of a special broadcast here by Howard K. Smith, American news commentator and author of the wellknown book, "Last Train from

While declaring that the United States and Russia have em- plight of the Jewish people than erged from the war as "the only the perfidy of Britsh imperial- fate of the Negroes and all optwo expansionist nations," Smith ism. Emigration to Palestine pressed nationalities and minorhad insisted on pointing out in has run up against the resistthe script of his speech that ance of the Arab nationalists and of the world labor movement. In dia, a genuine struggle for freewhile Russia has expanded its the Arabs constitute the majorinfluence over 12 countries, the ity of the population of Pales-United States has expanded its tine.

lished its most distant base 600 caught between Arab resentment survivors of Hitler's terror. And miles from its border, while the and British reaction. United States is establishing During the Second World War, ment the Jewish people in Eurbases 6.000 and 7.000 miles from the Zionist leaders supported ope must fight for full demoits shores." When he refused Anglo - American imperialism, cratic rights and against capital4 the censor's demand to delete They counted on the Wall Street ist exploitation and oppression these passages, BBC cancelled and London bandits living up to which breed anti-Semitism to-

to permit more emigration to lonial empires did not have the Palestine of Hitler's victims. slightest intention of living up to The frightful slaughter of the their promises. Jews by the Nazis left the sur-

CIVIL CONFLICT IN PALESTINE

AND PLIGHT OF NAZI VICTIMS

An outbreak of civil strife is rocking Palestine, Jewish

armed groups have dynamited bridges and kidnapped Bri-

of these people that new pogroms | turn? might not flare up. Many hoped action.

of Hitler's terror are still trapped in Europe while those who suc-He added: "Russia has estab- ceeded in entering Palestine are unlimited immigration of the

estine. But these carvers of co-

doors of all the great powers to in common with the labor move-

#### tish officers. The British imperialist rulers of Palestine have responded with a curfew and brutal house-to-house searches, hunting down leaders of the direct actionists. These violent incidents have ? grown out of Britain's refusal homeland for the Jews in Pal-

But more is involved in the where on earth.

Thus most of the survivors mentary right of refuge.

their promises of a national day.

Consequently the hope of Hit-

of all other countries were fast- system that produces the Hitlers of the Philippines. ened against them. With Pales- and their Allied counterparts. It

ities, is bound up with the fate For in the Philippines, as in Incommon with the labor move- dom would mean independence ment an immediate struggle not only from the imperialists must be launched for the ele- but from their native betrayers This means opening up the

#### New Marxist Paper Issued In Norway Optakt, a new organ for revolutionary socialists, made | goal: a world freed of all suf- appointment and passivity. its first appearance in Norway on May 1 of this year. Its | fering and oppression; a new world based on social justice. publishers are a group of Marxists who during the German It was not only Roosevelt and

occupation had issued several illegal papers taking up the

struggle against the capital-9 hardsen pompously proclaimed ist hegemony of the resistance movement. Participants in the group are members of have been realized." The next both the Norwegian Labor day the capitalist daily Dagbla- the people believed it, even after Party and the Communist det commented sarcastically:

Party. The new publication is dedicated to the restoration of Marxism and to a socialist orienta-

tion for the labor movement. Norway today has a labor government; but, alas, it rests content with the continuation of capitalism. Its main slogan has become that of all European so- it has struggled for, dreamed cial reformists, Stalinists included: "Increase production." Simultaneously, the workers are informed that the standard of living must be reduced. One of its majority in Parliament and tofirst acts, following the "liberation," was the establishment of a Wage Labor Board to have final authority over all wages.

STALINISTS JOIN The Stalinist leaders have joined the team. In fact they carried the ball. When the first board decision went against the national labor federation, they admonished the workers:

"Wages are not everything today. We have a labor government; we have a labor majority in Parliament . . . We must NO today on the first "free" tighten the belt and put the May Day after six years of ocshoulders to the wheel. It is for cupation. After Nazism is de-Norway, for Norway's future, for stroyed. for the future of our children;

Make an end to laziness."

that victory had been achieved: "He must have referred to the capitalist veterans for the veterans of the labor movement al-

ways dreamt about socialism." However, in its leading editorial Optakt presents the problem clearly and lucidly, it says: Finally the Norwegian labor movement stands before the goal

about and strived for during 60 The elections last summer gave the Norwegian Labor Party a gether the two workers' par-

ties have a decisive majority amongst the Norwegian people. How does it come then that tiredness, disappointment and nopelessness are sneaking in

We are in the process of a revolution within the Norwegian

upon the working people of Nor-

#### REALLY? BITTER ANSWER

It is bitter to have to answer

let them not be ashamed of us not merely the victory over Ger-... Speed up the work tempo. many, we were told. It was a cally the workers feel it from struggle against all reaction in day to day through the lowered At the May Day demonstra- which everybody should sacri- standard of living. That is why tion in Oslo, Prime Minister Ger- fice all in order to reach the they react with emicism, dis-

Churchill who promised that through the Atlantic Charter. Labor's own leaders supported "The dreams of the old veterans | the illusion, the Communist as well as the Social-Democrat. And Roosevelt had declared that there was no Atlantic Charter.

In collaboration with "the pro-

gressive section of the bourgeoisie" we were to destroy reaction and open up the road to socialism. In this manner the capitalists succeeded in establishing their control over the resistance movement and infusing it with their ideology. The best youth from the labor movement fought for

spectives were stamped as pro-The workers faced the "liberation" with illusions and with hope; but without leaders who could give them an outlook and a program. And ensuing events swindle them away. took cruel revenge. They have society. OR ARE WE NOT given the Labor Party a majority in Parliament and the power of government. But this labor gov-

ernment does not feel itself as

a labor government. It solidariz-

ed itself with the capitalist state,

which it administers and with

which it remains content. Maybe it is not so easy to understand these political developments in Norway; but economi-

It can end in fatalism in face of a new (camouflaged) Nazism, and in the face of a new war.

There is only one way in which we can meet this danger. The Norwegian labor move-

ment is built upon two founda-An independent trade union organization for the daily struggles for the standard of living of the workers and a revolutionary socialist program based on

the theoretical concepts of Marx-

### OUR PROGRAM

These are the values which were today in the danger zone and which we must unitedly de-"king and fatherland" and laid fend. In the first instance this down their lives without being is a defensive program. But it permitted to voice their own ob- is the only one which can give jectives. Those who dared to us the strength to again open bring forward revolutionary per- up the offensive for socialist objectives. And this time we are not permitting anything or anybody to stand in the way. We shall make the analysis so clear and pose the objectives so sharply that nobody shall be able to

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

-Leon Trotsky

### **Hands Off China!**

One hundred thousand Chinese demonstrated in Shanghai June 23, according to United Press, against American intervention in China.

The demonstrators carried placards reading: "U. S. Army — Go Back to Your Home Sweet Home," "Down with U. S. Dollar Diplomacy," and "Americans, Don't Participate in the Chinese Civil War."

Loudspeakers roared in English and Chinese for the immediate withdrawal of the American Army and Navy from China.

This demonstration once again dramatically calls attention to Wall Street's plans of conquest in China. Far from withdrawing American troops after V-J Day, Washington has been sending them deeper into this strifetorn land. These troops are being used as a pillar of support for the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek regime.

Besides American troops, Washington has turned over bombers to Chiang Kai-shek. American transport ships, instead of bringing the American boys back home, are carrying Chiang Kai-shek's armies into Manchuria. These armies are supplied with American armaments. In addition American officers are working on Chiang Kai-shek's staff, shaping these armies into a modern mechanized war machine. Wall Street hopes ultimately to use these armies as auxiliaries in the Third World

Washington's intervention in China is against the will of the Chinese people. The latest demonstration is only one in a long series. The Chinese people wish to rid themselves of the hated Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship. They want peace. They want the opportunity to lift China out of its present misery, famine and bloodshed.

Washington's intervention is likewise against the will of the American people. Both the soldiers overseas and their families at home have demanded their return. The pressure on Congress to withdraw the troops has been so great that one promise after another has been given to bring them back home. Definite dates for the withdrawal from China have even been set. Each one of these promises has been broken.

Thus the perspective for China, if Wall Street has its way, it not Freedom from Fear or the other freedoms promised in the Atlantic Charter. The perspective is fearful oppression under the heel of American imperialism.

The labor movement must increase the pressure on Congress. Hands across the sea to the Shanghai demonstrators! Withdraw all American troops from foreign lands!

## **Prices And Politics**

The only quarrel between the Truman administration and Congress on "price control" is how far and how fast to permit prices to ge up.

Neither in its present form, nor in any modified version now being considered by Congress, will the OPA keep prices down. Like every other agency of the Big Business government, OPA protects profits first, last and always.

Skyrocketing prices which Wall Street is deliberately fostering are intended to inflict a huge hidden wage cut on the workers. This means expanded profits for the monopoly corporations.

Reports from the sessions of the joint House-Senate committee working out a final version of the OPA extension bill indicate all agree on one amendment. They all insist on retaining a guarantee of wartime profits on every single item produced.

Here is graphically revealed the role of the government as an agency of the capitalists. Even where the employers are forced to raise wages, through their political monopoly they are able to put through legislative measures to rob the workers of all they have gained in economic battles.

There would be a different story to tell if genuine labor representatives sat in Congress.

Labor representatives in Congress would demand effective government policing of the market. They would fight for full exposure of profiteering and black marketeers. They would

call for price ceilings and their rigid enforcement and for rationing of all scarce commo-

A labor majority in Congress could pass measures to requisition all supplies and distribute them equitably to the people at fair prices. It would deal in no gentle fashion with profiteers and speculators who tried to hold back necessities of life in order to extort robber

There is only one way the workers, poor farmers and lower-middle class can get a government representing their interests and opposed to the inflationeers. That is through independent political action with a party of the masses, a labor party. Build a labor party! Drive the agents of the profiteers and monopolists out of Washington!

### Bilbo's Lynch Call

U. S. Senator Theodore Bilbo campaigning for re-election, on June 22 publicly incited "every red-blooded Anglo-Saxon man in Mississippi to resort to any means to keep hundreds of Negroes from the polls in the July 2 prim-

In case anyone should not understand that he meant lynch violence, Bilbo added: "And if you don't know what that means, you are just not up on your persuasive measures."

His address, broadcast over the radio, was made only a few hours after a Negro veteran who attempted to register charged that he had been flogged by four white men.

Bilbo explained that if a few Negroes vote this year and a few more next year, "from then on it will grow into a mighty surge."

In the face of this threat by the majority, Bilbo calls openly for bloody terrorism to keep himself and the tiny ruling group of "white supremacists" in office.

Mississippi's population in 1940 was 2,183,-276. Bilbo was elected by 143,431 votes — virtually all the votes cast. By contrast, in the state of Washington, with a population of 1,-736, 191, the total votes cast in 1940 for U.S. Senator were 747,207. Bilbo is kept in power by a vote of less than seven per cent of the state population.

Bilbo is no isolated phenomenon. He is a harbinger of what the whole tiny capitalist class is prepared to do to keep the working people, the majority, from gaining political

Violence and murder were the answer of the tiny capitalist minority in Germany Italy and Spain when their rule was threatened by the working class majority. America's Sixty Richest Families will go to the same lengths if their rule is threatened by the masses of this country.

Bilbo's lynch appeal should serve as a sharp warning to all American labor. Place no dependence on the "democratic" capitalist minority to yield to the will of the majority. Labor must be prepared to defend itself through its own organized means against the fascist violence Wall Street will use if necessary to defeat the democratic will of the people.

## **New Red Army Code**

The new code for the Red Army described in an article on Page 3 of this issue, is designed among other things to establish even stricter military discipline. Anyone who knows how strict that discipline was before adoption of the new code will ask: Is such a thing really possible?

In Lenin's time, when the Red Army was led by Leon Trotsky, that army was a true innovation in military institutions. Well-disciplined, high in morale, it was also the most democratic army ever known. The officer corps and all types of caste privileges were abolished. Saluting was forbidden. The private was the equal of the colonel in everything but responsibility and pay, and the differential in pay was small. The enlisted men had the right to form committees which presented their grievances. And this army was able to fight a war on 14 fronts and defeat the attempts of all the capitalist powers and their Russian White Guard allies to overthrow the young workers' state.

After Lenin died, when the Stalinist bureaucracy came into power and Trotsky was exiled, changes took place in the army as in all other Soviet institutions. The bureaucracy which could brook no opposition in Soviet society generally could naturally not tolerate any democracy in the armed forces. The progressive reforms in the Red Army initiated under Lenin and Trotsky were revised and the discarded. Before the second world war began it was hard to tell whose discipline was stricter or more undemocratic - the Wehrmacht's or the Red Army's.

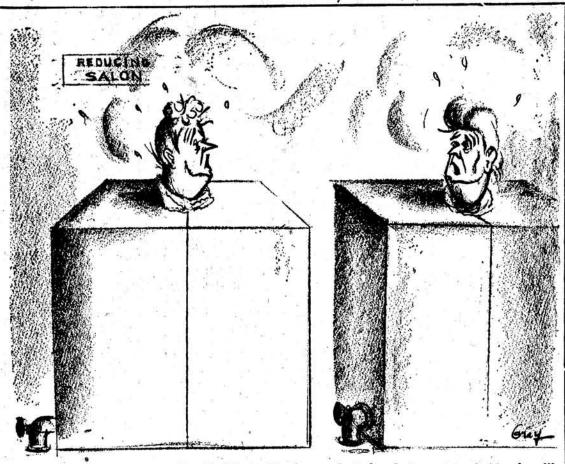
And now we learn Stalin is going even further along this path!

This is especially significant in this country because at the present time the U.S. Army too is trying to enact and enforce a stricter type of discipline. To answer its critics, especially among the veterans who had a taste of the officer corps in the recent war and didn't like it at all, the American brass points with horror - to the Red Army.

To cite one of many recent examples: The The War Department's Doolittle Board last month recalled the original "Russian experiment," only to conclude that later "the pendulum swung in the other direction and the Russian officer corps now has greater prestige and privilege than before the reorganization was attempted and far more than accorded officers in our Army."

In other words: "If Stalin can do it why can't we especially when we don't do it to the extent that he does?" And how can a Stalinist effectively answer such a reactionary argument?

Thus Stalin's new code, like the military regulations he put into effect before it, serves the effect of not only alienating support for the Soviet Union but also of justifying the regime of "barracks discipline" in the U. S.



"It really isn't our fault—I think black=market food is extra fattening!"

Forster, Penguin Books, 299 one of the resident Britishers. but not in the manner proposed

pp., 25 cents. . This novel about India by a picnic breaks up. Only remotely does the power of class traitor. the masses impinge upon the the Indian "Uncle Toms."

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Miss Quested, an unprepossess- settle the question of capitalist In The Streets."

Congressmen At Work \_

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A PASSAGE TO INDIA, by E. M. ing English virgin, engaged to i "friendship" and "injustice" book. The worker, and peasants

> Albert C. Hicks, published by Creative Age Press, Inc., 11 E. 44 St., N. Y.

The publishers of this book about the blood-stained rule of Rafael Trujillo, president of the Dominican Republic, are today by British troops, however, Miss fighting against attempts to supjillo Stehlin and her family are

According to Morris Ernst, counsel for Creative Age Press, But in the end, the two "high- letters were sent to booksellers

"Although the book was pubsuit, they should start one im-The book is timely today be- mediately. If they do not have

## EASTMAN RAISES 'RED PERIL' BOGEY

By M. Stein .

The Scripps-Howard syndicate, controlling some twenty daily papers across the length and breadth of the land, has been in the van of the "get-toughwith-Russia" crowd. They recently hired Max Eastman and paid him handsomely to do three articles to help whip up their "Red-Peril" campaign. These articles were timed with the foreign ministers' conference in Paris, and the atomic bomb maneuvers in the Pacific. They are obviously an integral part of the psychological war waged so determinedly by Wall Street against the Soviet Union.

The three articles which appeared prominently on the front pages of the New York World Telegram, June 12, 13 and 14, reveal that the author, Max Eastman, was not worthy of his hire.

These articles, intended as an expose of Stalin's policy, are in reality no expose at all. They take as their text a quotation from "Problems of Leninism." a book published more than twenty years ago. containing some speeches made by Stalin in 1924. Max Eastman takes a few quotations from Stalin of 22 years ago, when he still talked like a revolutionary and he repeats in dreary monotone that these quotations are representative of Stalinist thought and policy today. Any copy boy on the staff of the Telegram could have done as well, if not

A conscientious author would pose and try to answer the question: How did the dead letter of 22, years ago square with the living reality of Stalinist policy in action?

In his articles Eastman instead takes Stalin's written word of decades ago as the gospel truth." without the least attempt to check it against the living reality. According to Eastman's twisted logic, Stalinist policy is to be judged not by what Stalin does today, not by what he did years ago-but by what he said in a book published more than two de-

#### Words And Deeds

Words tell the truth only when they correspond to deeds. Words that do not correspond to the deed are only a means of deception. For example, the Atlantic Charter was the so-called program for which World War II was fought. Yet it was nothing but a deception in the light of the reality with which the peoples of the world are faced. Nobody in his right mind would say that the world is free from fear or free from want just because the Atlantic Charter says so.

To accept Eastman's criterion one would have to live in a world of fairly tales. The Negro people in this country would be blind to Jim Crow because the Bill of Rights says that all men are born free and equal. The colonial peoples would be oblivious to their exploitation and oppression simply because the imperialist rulers clothe their despicable rule with libertarian phrases. Truman would be the greatest friend of labor, despite his strikebreaking deeds against the railroad workers, because he says so himself. Max Eastman would still be a revolutionist because some twenty years ago he was in the orbit of the communist movement and he had written and spoken in defense of the Soviet

### Eastman A Renegade

But Eastman is a renegade who long ago went over into the camp of imperialism and has devoted himself to a defense of capitalist abominations. As a matter of fact, this is precisely why the Scrip-s-Howard syndicate gave him this well paying assignment. They hope that his revolutionary past will give weight to his reactionary spoutings today.

The Daily Worker on June 13, immediately after the appearance of Eastman's first article, jumped into print editorially with a denunciation of Eastman. But they are no doubt doing it with tongue in cheek. The American Stalinists emerged out of the war discredited among the best worker militants. Their super-patriotism, their avowed subservience to Wall Street, their strikebreaking actions have created such a stench in the nostrils of the American workers that the Stalinists had to dump their leader of fifteen years, Earl Browder, and blame him for all their crimes as a means of refurbishing their shattered reputation.

One of the by-products of Eastman's articles, intended to scare the American Babbitts with the Red Bogey, is this: they, at the same time give credence to the Stalinist claims of a "left" turn and help bolster their prestige among socialist-minded workers.

### Stalinists Falsify

While denouncing Eastman the Stalinists resort to a falsification which falls into the same pattern as Eastman's falsification of Stalin's role. They say: "Eastman is a follower of the notorious Trotaky who made a deal with the Nazis to help overthrow the Soviet government."

Many years ago while Eastman was in the communist orbit he held sympathies for Leon Trotsky. In addition he translated some of Trotsky's works from Russian into English. But it is no more correct for the Stalinists to present Eastman as a Trotskyist than it is for Eastman to present Stalin as a revolutionist. In both cases it is nothing but deception. It contradicts the living reality.

As to the Daily Worker's slanders about Trotsky making a deal with the Nazis to help overthrow the Soviet government, we refer the readers to the series of articles on this very question by Joseph Hansen on-page 7 of The Militant. It is precisely this charge against Trotsky which emphasizes all the more Stalin's counter-revolutionary role. The frameup and assassination of Leon Trotsky, the extermination of Lenin's entire generation of Bolsheviks by Stalin's firing squads-these are counter-revolutionary deeds that no amount of words written or spoken by Stalin in 1924 can cover up.

## French Workers Show How To Get Wage Raises

LILLE, France, June 20-Bartenders, waiters and brewery workers striking for increased wages to meet the rising cost of living settled their demands by a demonstration of unique effective-

When the bosses refused to negotiate, they occupied the premises here and operated them under the control of elected committees. After the end of the working day, the committees paid off the workers and arranged for the purchase of the next day's supplies. Surplus profits were deposited with their union.

The bewildered management threatened to sue the union for misappropriation of funds. But, apparently on advice of higher-ups who feared the consequences in the tense atmosphere of class conflict pervading France at present, they retreated and granted all the most important demands. After the settlement, the premises were turned back to the owners.

## A SLICK MANEUVER Wheeler did not betray Pru-

One of the cagiest political operators in Congress is Senator Burton K. Wheeler, a Democrat of Montana. Only a few weeks ago troops were readied to break the railroad strike. Yet with labor still seething over this recourse to armed force, Wheeler at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, June 14, moved consideration of Senate Bill 1253 for the relief of certain railroad stockholders. And got away with it!

Most of the Senators, as is their custom, had already scrammed out for the week end. Because "it is obvious that the bill will have to go over," Democraagreed to an exceptional thing a clincher. -a Saturday session. Thus any possible opposition would be caught short out on a beach or in a hammock with their shoes through the Senate with lightning speed.

be available for the stockholders New York, New Haven & Hartford; by about \$60,000,000 in the 000,000 in the case of the Mis- uation! souri Pacific, and probably \$75,-

000,000 in the case of the Frisco." He murmured the magic names ropolitan?" he asked gently. of the "Wall Street Journal and sentative, and every railroad em- | that!



ployee who came before the committee testified in favor of it." tic Majority Leader Barkley That argument should have been

However, Senator H. Alexander Smith, Republican of New Jersey, lagged a little. He wanted to be sure that the interests of the off. And if no one demanded a clique who put him in Congress quorum, the bill could be greased were properly represented and so he inquired: "There are in my State some very important Senator Reed, Republican of insurance companies which have Kansas, joined Wheeler Satur- large investments in railroad seday in the grease job: "If this curities, and I am wondering bill passes, \$80,000,000 more will whether those companies favor the bill. I do not happen to know, and junior bondholders of the and I called my office to see if there had been any correspondence on the subject, but there case of the Rock Island; \$100,- is none." An embarrassing sit-

But the old battle-scarred political shark Wheeler was will-Wheeler did a perfect job of ing to help out a fellow Congressbuttering the legislative skids. man in distress. "Was it the Met-

A shrewd guess! Warm enough the Journal of Commerce." He to induce Smith to spill his emphasized that "Every railroad worry on the Senate floor: "I executive, every banker, every am thinking of the Prudential. life insurance company repre- I should like to be advised about

dential's mouthpiece, even though he was a Republican. He told Smith the truth: "Frankly, I think Mr. Stedman, of the Prudential, disagreed with some features of the bill, not with all of them, but I believe that there are one or two points in the bill which will have to be worked out later on." Even this broad hint to take care of Prudential's political

needs behind curtains in the conference room rather than openly on the floor of the Senate did not quite allay Smith's uneasiness: "They may hold senior- obligations," he continued. 'Would the position of those senior obligations be jeopardized?"

Senator Reed heartily reassured his brother Republican: "Under all circumstances the senior bondholder gets his pound of flesh regardless of what it does to anybody." Wheeler lubricated the bill

through the Senate so skillfully that Reed favored advising "Judge Igoe, just for his information of the passage of the bill by the Senate." Judge Igoe is hearing bankruptcy proceedings on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific. "If we enact this bill," declared Reed, "\$60,000,000 more will be available for the junior bondholders and the stockholders. Judge Igoe has postponed final approval two or three times so as to give us a chance to legislate." Judges, Senators and stockholders work to-

gether like a precision machine! Naturally the bill passed. And neturally without a roll call vote. Why Migrant Workers Struck

## 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.

#### Union Hiring Hall For All Workers

The June 15 issue of The Militant contained an interesting article by F. J. Lang entitled "Notes of a Seaman," in which the system of Union Hiring was defended and its advantages to such workers was explained.

It is nice to know that Union hiring halls guarantee fair and equal job opportunities for all seamen, and that it insures that all working rules in the Union contract are respected by the operators and thus the Union mentioned has not abused its control of hiring.

At this moment I am wonderthe control of the hiring of workiness and the government through the United States Employment Service.

After all, the hiring of any worker can easily be influenced by various organizations and even individuals. However, all workers who belong to a Union are more or less under the control of that Union, and they guard their seniority privileges.

Toledo, O.

#### **Demands Government** Act On Cancer Research

To say that cancer is a dreadful disease would be to put it mildly. Research is the keynote and the only hope for those unfortunate people who suffer from

To find the answer to this medical problem the government should immediately appropriate half a billion dollars and conduct the research program with the same speed and effort that went into atomic research.

to death needlessly if a real proscientific talent for this pro- to fool the people?

be answered by mass action.

#### **Praises Good Work** Editor:

H. A.

## "QUESTION FROM TARAWA . . .

Can crosses lift their arms and beckon, Do dead men speak? I sometimes wonder-Is that the surf that I hear rumbling, Or voices raised in outraged thunder? Where now, this brave, new world we fought for? The Peace and Plenty overwhelming, The Golden Horn of Cornucopia, The dazzling dream that died aborning? What now, you pompous, braying donkeys, What platitudes have you to proffer? What saraband of sleazy phrases. Or empty bag of tricks to offer? Atomic bombs and shattered cities, The acme of your civilization! With babies' bodies blown to dust, as A symbol of its coronation . . .

**Eddie Dumaine** 

## ing whether it would be an advantage for all unions to have the control of the hiring of workers instead of the hiring being controlled by Pig and Little Business and the government

M. A. Wagner said in his letter last week that he "read The Militant carefully for the past Five where it says: "Our Prosix months" and that "not once gram." That's got some points have I seen one constructive suggestion to make this world a better place in which to live."

Maybe he doesn't think socialism is constructive. Does he think capitalism is constructive when it's getting ready to heave the atom bomb? I'll take socialism which is what The Militant is How Trotskyist Youth fighting for.

The Militant is calling for a rising scale of wages that goes up every time prices go up. Does Brother Wagner have a better program for defending the workers from the inflation caused by constructive. I also think it's constructive when The Militant calls for the 30-hour week and government operation of idle plants under workers' control

to fight unemployment. He says that The Militant is It goes without saying that workers and farmers for the inmillions of people are doomed terests of the big majority just "worn catch phrases"? Or does the support of their parents. gram of cancer research is not he prefer the "new" catchundertaken immediately. It is phrases like the "Four Freedoms" has the money, resources and the who rule this country put out

How does he figure that The Failure on the part of the gov- | Militant is trying to "incite" duty on purpose. It can and must with resulting chaos"? Capital- fighters for socialism. ism is already doing that for us ready for another world war with | money. the atom bomb and germ war-

fare. I am sending you \$1 for the He can't see why The Militant ing to enlighten and clear the when it shows that its leaders board. mind of the workers so they will are not putting up a strong. be able to understand their eco- enough fight. How can the worknomic interests in this confused ers win if their leaders play ball with capitalist politicians and

fold up under fire? Chicago, Ill. I don't know what he means

by the word "carefully." If he read The Militant carefully even structive program. I don't mean

## Raised Funds For 'The Militant'

Editor: The New York Trotskyist Youth Group finished The Milithe profiteers? I think that's tant Expansion Fund Campaign at the top of the scoreboard with 253 per cent of its \$50 quota. Readers of The Militant will be interested to know where this money came from. The pocketbooks of the 15 to 18-year old members of the Youth Group are full of "worn catch phrases." Is very slim indeed. Some get a building a labor party and set- small allowance of spending ting up a government run by the money each week from their families. Many work part time after school. Some contribute to

It took financial sacrifice to raise the money they did for the very obvious that the government which the sixty richest families support of The Militant. Each week they contributed money on their pledges. The dimes, quarters, and dollars piled up. Not a week went by that the Militant ernment to act immediately can the "complete breakdown of our Fund Director did not receive id to even ask a question at a er. only be interpreted as neglect of social and economic structure some money from these young

they could do both.

renewal of my Militant subscrip- attacks the corporation owners not be complete without the vided plenty for a very small tion for one year. Sorry I could on one page and the union lead- mention of our 15-year-old camnot send it to you before. I ers on the next. As far as I can paign director, Comrade Grace knew that the union was the want to tell you I appreciate very see, it's all part of the same fight. Wayne who did so much to put much the good work you are do-

once he would have seen on Page that are a good starter for a conconstructive for the rich. But constructive for the people who do the work

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inflation, their ideas seriously. Talk is not to make myself heard. Newark, N. J. fascism and two world wars in enough. The job of building the 25 years. Now they're getting party takes work and takes

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Migrant workers tricked by promises of "good pay and

comfortable quarters," went to work at the Starkey farms,

Morrisville, Pennsylvania. They found one barn and one out-

side pump provided for the living, washing and cooking needs

of over 50 families. Now organized into the AFL Meat and

Cannery Workers Local 65, they are striking for higher wages

Readers Tell Of Weeks At

to reopen June 30. lightful circumstances.

Imagine a beautiful setting of good old vitamin while their

Did it help me in any way? When had kept me glued to my seat I went to camp last summer I in union meetings. I learned that was practically a new member the SWP had the only workable of the Socialist Workers Party. program to offer to the workers. I was completely lacking in trade | Best of all I learned how to carry union experience. I was too tim- that program to my fellow work-

And a note of this kind would state of bondage while it pro- activity. portion of society. I instinctively place to do something about it. But what could I do about it? What weapons did I have to fight

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School and Camp which is about this damnable system of capital- place in the last years. Accept, ism stick, I realized I must have First I would like to comment something better to offer in its on the classes. Never in my life place. My problem was to find have I had the opportunity to that something better and find attend classes under such de- a method of selling it to my fellow worker.

When one starts out in earnest tall trees and rich green grass to find something, one usually with groups of workers lolling doesn't have to look very far. in camp chairs or lying on the A friend-of about 12 years standground, their bodies absorbing ing introduced me to the SWP. I learned that my ideas of a minds are drinking in knowledge better way of life were substanimparted by a staff of very cap- tiated. I joined the party. A few able teachers. If the day happens | months later I went to the vacato be rainy, the class is held on tion school. I listened to the inthe pavilion, where you can idly structors take this system of watch the rain drops dancing capitalism apart piece by piece across Little Pleasant Lake, while and explain what makes it tick. I you listen to the lecturer explain listened to the history of the Marxian economics, Historical International from before the Materialism, etc. Can anyone Russian Revolution to the presthink of a more delightful way ent time. And in the surprisingly to learn the things a Marxist short space of three weeks I had should know in order to carry armed myself with the necessary on the fight for a Socialist world? amount of ammunition to over-What did I learn at the school? come the sense of inferiority that

union meeting. Just sitting there | I don't want this letter to sound like a bump on a log not possess- like a paid testimonial. Such isn't These young Trotskyists take ing the necessary self assurance the case. However, I do want to say this. In the year since I at-Oh, I often felt the urge to tended the vacation school, I say something, do something, have by applying the lessons I Yes, I often wanted to stand up learned at the school, become These young comrades proved and cry out against a system editor of my shop paper and ac- on the Trotskyist Youth Group that kept workers in a virtual tive in city wide trade union

Cleveland, O.

### Offers Week At Mid-West School

The ads in The Militant of the Midwest Camp make my mouth water! I want - no end — to be there again this summer. But there is just no chance, it seems. I have been under doctor's orders for the past six months and it will be several

more before I get out from under. Anyhow I imagine that the reservations will be coming in faster than you can take care of them this year . . . and I feel that it is more important that some young worker comrade should have the opportunity - than for myself. So I am enclosing a check for \$25 for someone who should have the education and opportunity for closer contact with the party - someone who might not be able to afford it. I am sure you know of some such

I know from my own experience at the camp last year that one can obtain much more "education" from one week's classes there than is possible in a sixweeks' course of classes in a local school. Perhaps one absorbs some of it from the atmosphere! Anyhow one has a much better opportunity to concentrate and a day after day schedule is much more conductve to study. Also the concentrated courses make the subject much easier to grasp than when there is a week between classes.

I've been thinking - ever since last summer at Midwest Camp - what a wonderful educational uplift it would give the Socialist Workers Party if ways and means could be worked out for every comrade to attend such a summer school.

BROOKLYN Watermelon Social Saturday, June 29 Socialist Workers Party 635 Fulton St. 8:30 p.m.

## Pioneer **Notes**

Off the press only three weeks "The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Tasks of the Fourth International" has already sold more than 2,000 copies. Out of print a year, this historic document now appears as No. 1 of Pioneer Pocket Library, which will include various outstanding Marxian and Trotskyist works in a convenient uniform size and design.

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This work was formerly part of "The Founding Conference of the Fourth International,' published in 1939. It comprises the transitional program adopted by the Founding Conference. as written by Leon Trotsky.

Trotskyist works are in demand in the farthest corners of the world. Most of the readers would not be permitted to send money to America even if they could spare it, but Pioneer has tried to supply as many requests as possible.

"My joy is indescribable." writes a reader in Athens, acknowledging a shipment with apologies. "I regret I cannot help you by sending money. Now I shall be able to understand the great and serious facts taking please, my warmest thanks and gratitude.'

Other recent requests have come from Ceylon, Shanghai, Jerusalem, Cairo, several South American cities and South Africa, besides central Europe.

From Lancashire, England, we are informed: "This area, outside Merseyside, is virgin territory for the Trotskyists so we will be sending down to London for more classics of the Fourth International. I am glad to hear you are centralizing orders through the RCP (Revolutionary Communist Party) in London. It will certainly help to plan the sales so books can be directed to areas at present desperately short of material.'

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Watch this column for further announcements of youth activ-

#### Stalinists Fail To Halt 'Militant' Distribution

Another evidence of the campaign by the Communist (Stalinist) Party to prevent distribution of the Militant to trade unionists occurred here last night, June 7, in front of the local CIO hall. The business agent of United Steel Workers Local 1778 attacked and knocked down a Militant distributor when the latter refused to give up his democratic right to distribute the paper to any worker who wanted

The distributors explained to the workers who had collected because of the disturbance that the issue at stake was freedom to distribute The Militant, and that no official of a union has a right to deny this freedom because he happens to disagree with the ideas presented by the Militant. A Reader

It was reported later that inside the hall the Militant was passed from hand to hand and even Stalinist sympathizers were reading the article on Browder's "Mission to Moscow".

Oakland, Calif.

vorkers in almost every section of American industry, as indiccated by a few of the subscriptions sent in this week.

A Field of Minneapolis sent five subscriptions from railroad

E. Brent mailed in subs for Detroit auto workers, commenting that the response the paper is receiving from GM workers is very good indeed, that most of them who subscribed for six months while on strike are now paying for one year."

Irene James of Portland, Oregon, forwarded \$1 contributed by a subscriber "who also brought in a half dozen subs for friends-all lumber workers -and promised more subs in the near future." She goes on to say that "this is the kind of subscriber who will make The Militant a mass paper in the coming period."

We have many subscribers who are enthusiastic about The Militant and want their friends to read it too.

B. A. Barstow of Cleveland sent in subs for two of his friends. A. C. Booth of Branscomb, Calif., asked us to send a sub to a young man "who is open minded and introduced himself as 'maybe pretty red.' " This new subscriber is a woodsman.

Albert Krause of Star Junction, Pa., renewed his own sub and sent a sub for a friend.

Mrs. Helen Cameron of Santa Monica, Calif., mailed in a sub for her sister. A friend of The Militant in

Washington, D. C., sends money almost every week for copies of the paper to be sent to various the Boston Branch sent in 18 friends of his.

The Militant is not only being introduced to workers through the efforts of individual subscribers, but is being widely circulated by our comrades in various branches throughout the country. The Cleveland Branch has sent

within the last few weeks, the last one containing 18 subs. George Grant reports that "Cleveland has rolled up 202 renewals since April 1.'

Buffalo has started a two- groes."

The Militant is read today by month sub campaign, with the comrades in auto challenging the rest of the branch. The auto comrades enthusiastically promised 50 subs by the end of the first week. This is the first week's report from Libby Jones: "I am sending in 64 subs. These are the subs from the auto team which exceeded their promise of 50 by 14 subs during the first week. The city-wide team is way behind with 18 subs, but we will catch up. Our work is slower as it is mainly door-to-door work, but we will stick at it."

Ann Alexander reports on the sub campaign organized by San Francisco: "30 subs enclosed. All these came from our recall work. As I wrote you once before, we have organized our recall work on a real campaign basis with full mobilizations every Sunday morning. Those who cannot go on Sunday get folders and go out on their available time, usually in the evening. There will be a prize for the one with the highest number of subs, new and renewed. The prize is a set of Lenin's Collected Works. So far Joan Wakefield is the highest scorer with 131 points."

Minneapolis too has organized its sub work. A. Field writes: We are putting our call-back work on a campaign basis. The campaign will end Sept. 1 and we are offering literature from the Labor Book Store for first, second and third prize to the comrades who get the most renewals."

Al Cutler of Boston writes that the summer months coming along makes it more difficult to do as much door-to-door work." But in spite of summer subs in this same letter and 16 in a letter just received.

It is heartening to know that our comrades in Holland are doing a good job in distributing The Militant. We quote an excerpt from their letter: "We take care that your Militant is sold in the busiest paper shop in the in four or five batches of subs City of Amsterdam and it finds there a good sale. The owner of the shop informed us that most of the buyers are American and English soldiers, including Ne-

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SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM

Labor Power and Productive Labor

By V. Grey

situation when your labor produces so much and your

labor power gets paid so little. But after all, why does your

labor produce so much? You couldn't do it without the

capitalists' machinery and factories. You couldn't do it

without the inventions of Edison and other smart men.

You're just a laborer after all-even if a little bit skilled.

Without modern factories and techniques we are help-

Ages ago the factories did not exist. And more ages

At the dawn of humanity, the cave-man, or even eons

less, all of us. That is true. But who made the factories?

Did the capitalist, with his millions? Did even Edison, with

before that there was no difference between labor and

labor power that could be separated and exploited like it

is today. And strangely enough, there were no millionaires.

later, the primitive Indian living in groups or tribes could

barely produce enough from the unwilling earth even to

keep alive. His labor power could not be bought and sold

even if there had been someone around to buy it from him.

There would have been no profit in it. For if part of the

product of his labor were given to someone else, he would

times what the caveman could. For many, many centuries

people have been improving their working tools, and thus

pulley, the wheel or axle. Long before writing existed, these

existed. Ages before patent offices were invented, these

made man's labor more fruitful. Labor could produce

more with these elementary tools and mechanical devices.

And in the last few hundred years these tools and devices

have become transformed into extremely complex ma-

chines. Inventors long dead and forgotten made axes, nails

and chisels from the wedge, and wagons, waterwheels and

mills from the wheel. In the last century they learned to

grandfathers has produced the factories, railroads and

other riches that lie around us. But generations upon gen-

erations of our remoter ancestors produced the things that

lated capital of the past and the rightful heritage of all

humanity, these are the things that make our labor so pro-

ductive. Our brains, too-finer and more subtle instru-

ments than our ancestors had, enable us to work more

only our labor power. All that we produce - all that we

labor to make - belongs to the buyers of our labor power.

of tools and knowledge, such a magnificent productive sys-

tem, that it is impossible for each worker to own the

hundreds of others, in order to make the kind of things

and amount of things that are made today. We must work

owns the means of production—the instruments of our

labor, finds us disinherited in the market place, with

Next Week: Surplus Value

The physical and mental labor of our fathers and

The tools and technique we have today, the accumu-

But still, we as laborers have only ourselves to sell -

Our ancestors built up such a tremendous storehouse

We cannot work alone. We must work in common with

Our heritage is turned against us. The capitalist, who

harness steam and electricity to the machines.

made our fathers' labor more productive too.

efficiently, to produce better things.

Our Heritage Turned Against Us

tools that make his labor so productive.

in huge factories.

But today human labor can produce thousands of

No one knows who invented the wedge, the lever, the

Yet they were tremendous advances for mankind. They

cent living wage—that's really all you're entitled to.'

his brains?

soon die of starvation.

were invented.

increasing the productivity of labor.

"Well, it's a dirty deal," you might say, "and a tough

## A Short Story THE HOLE --By Theodore Kovalesky

Paul threw away the match and inhaled deeply, expanding his chest and leaning his head back against the dirt-encrusted brick wall of the cast house. It would soon be time.

He watched Slim pack the sand against the bleed-out gate and saw Cramer, the boss, saunter over toward one of the spouts and lean on the rail, signalling with his hand to the switchman to get the ladles spotted correctly. Paul slumped back against the wall feeling the weakness in his legs and the soft turmoil in his stomach.

"Jesus Christ." he told himself, "this ain't nothing. This ain't nothing at all next to the

shells and bombs!"

He glanced furtively at the hand that held his cigaret. He could feel the tremor, but it wasn't evident. He dropped his hand to his thigh, letting it rest there. Then he raised it swiftly to his mouth, resting a couple of his fingers on his chin. Nobody was going to see that he had the jitters. He drew on the cigaret and once again dropped his hand to his lap, quickly so that none of the gang would see if it should shake.

Deep inside his stomach was a terrible emptiness, a void of quivering fear. Old Matt walked toward the trough, adjusting his goggles. That simple motion threw Paul into a fresh paroxysm of terror. If the tapping hole blew out on you when you were drilling it, the goggles would protect your eyes from the molten iron and the blinding white rush of the game flame. Oh, fine! Your eyes would be OK . . . but what about the rest of you? What the hell did a dead man want with

#### Jud Wilson Got It

Jud Wilson had been second helper up on Number Four years ago, three-four years before Paul was drafted. Paul remembered all about Jud. He didn't see it happen, but the whole department had talked about it in the locker rooms and in the blast furnace shanties. Men from other departments had walked up to him at the bar in Emil's place and asked him, "Hey, how'd. that guy get burned up over in blast furnace yesterday?" He himself had asked Pete, "Jeez, how'd Jud get it?"—so he knew.

He knew how the tapping hole had been wet when they drilled it out. The gang didn't know it at the time, but everybody knew it afterward. Everybody knew Steve, the keeper, and Jud had drilled too far, and the iron had come out on him.

Funny, Steve should have caught it worse than Jud, but Steve just got his arm pretty badly burned, and Jud! - Christ, he got knocked right off the sheet irons into the trough with that goddam gas blowing right over him and the iron covering him up!

Couldn't have hurt him much, Paul mused. He never let out a peep. He must have got burned so bad it killed him right away before it had time to hurt much - like the guy that fell in the ladle once. He never let out a peep, either.

What the hell! If it don't hurt . . . You got to go sometime, and when that time comes you're gonna go, even if you're just laying in bed home or getting a shot at Emil's, and if it don't hur none, then you're lucky.

Paul reasoned it all out, but there was no comfort. He didn't think his time had come, and he felt that maybe somehow there'd be a mistake and the tapping hole might blow out and burn him up like it did Jud, even if his time hadn't really come yet. And maybe it would hurt. It might hurt like all hell with the gas burning every inch of your face and body (even if the goggles saved your eyes), and the hot iron shooting and spraying all over you, cutting into you like bullets, burning you full of holes. For all he knew it might feel just like when you catch a ove and it burns in the side of your hand. Only this would be a couple million times worse. This would be your whole body, both your hands, all your fingers, your stomach, your . . .

Paul recalled once when he was a kid tightrope walking along an iron rail fence and he fell, straddling the rail. He remembered the thick gasp that rolled heavily from his mouth when he had tried to yell in his agony. He remembered lying curled up on the sidewalk, his bowels packed with a creeping pain, wishing he could die. And he thought of the flying, molten iron. Christ, what if it didn't burn you all up, what if a big splash of it just caught you there. like getting socked with a ten pound sledge and burned with acid and fire and hot tar all rolled

Sweat gathered under Paul's armpits and overflowed down his sides, tickling like cooties, making him think of the army again. Once more he told himself firmly, desperately, "This ain't nothing next to Normandy." He tried to drag his mind back to the invasion, back to the terror of the bombings when he had crouched in his foxhole, certain that the next one had his name written right across the side of it.

### Now It Was Time

He leaped up from the board he was sitting on at the sound of a rumbling explosion. He stared excitedly around the furnace floor, looking to see what had blown up. Then he sat down again feeling foolish and hoping nobody had seen him. The sound had been only an engine banging into a couple of mud cars on the siding near the gas washer. "Them damn cars," he thought to himself with irritation. "They always sound like the whole blast furnace is blowing up!"

Slim was drying the sand now. Paul knew it was time, but he didn't move. He knew the boss would tell him to get started drilling out the hole with old Matt, and he knew Matt was standing there at the trough glaring at him. But still he sat there, pretending not to notice, stalling, staying away from that hole a few seconds longer,

staying alive a few precious moments more. "Let's go, Paul," Cramer said to him, a little surprise in his voice, because he knew Paul knew it was time. "What are you, day-dreaming?"

Paul grinned a little sheepishly and got up, fastening his furnace coat. The company gave you the coats, and they were supposed to be non-inflammable, that is, you could hold a match to them, and they wouldn't go up in flames. Only, if that hot iron ever hit them, it would

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go right through, like sticking a knife through a piece of newspaper. "Come on, come on," Matt was bawling, standing there on his side of the sheet irons, holding up his side of the drill.

"Take it easy, you old Hunky bastard," Paul retorted. "We got eight hours here." He pushed his goggles down over his eyes and pulled on his

"Ah, I though maybe the army make a man out of you," the old man muttered in surly banter. "You still no - - - good, just like before you go away."

Paul stepped across the sheet irons that formed a temporary bridge over the trough and took his side of the drill handle.

"Hole dry?" he asked with forced nonchalance

over the whirring of the drill. "I de know."

"'I de know,'" mimicked Paul, trying to get into the old spirit of kidding. "Take that hunk of tobacco out of your mouth, and maybe you can talk English."

The old man spat. The tobacco juice lay on the sheet iron, glowing amber in the dull glare of the lights, which hung forty or fifty feet above them from the steel beams of the east house roof. You Never Knew

Paul pushed on the drill handle, tensely watching the hole. You never knew how deep the hole was. One time the guys over on Number Two only got a foot and a half in when the iron came out. Only it came slowly, and they both got out of the way without getting burned.

The drill began to grate on something hard. Paul looked at Matt, but Matt kept his weight groes first and heaviest. Bohanon the machine, his bent old body swaying slightly | non declared: with the turning of the drill.

"We on the iron?" Paul finally asked. "Naw. Lump."

Paul wondered fearfully how the old man ould be sure. Perhaps they were drilling into the crust. Perhaps in a moment they would break through, and then ...!

The grinding stopped, and again the drill began moving steadily through the tapping hole. Paul repressed a sigh of relief. He raised the back of his glove and wiped it across his dripping forehead. "Hot, up there," he said lightly to the pates in election campaigns in showed itself at the banquet and

leaned his weight on the handle and spat once

The anguish rose up again inside Paul. The relief of finding they weren't drilling the crust keep climbing higher and higher. had passed. Every inch brought them nearer to the iron. They hadn't hit it that time, but there was no telling how close they were to it. Besides, you didn't always feel it. Sometimes the crust was soft, and you could drill right into the middle of the damn furnace without knowing any better. And there was about eighteen pounds of pressure per square inch inside there, trying to push that iron and fire out at you!

Matt and Paul were leaning forward now, the front of the electric drill almost under the splasher. Matt pulled back, swinging the machine out of the way. Paul stood at the side of the trough a moment, waiting for the clay dust to clear away. You never knew for sure if it was just dust. There might be some smoke; and if there was any smoke coming out of the tapping In Minnesota hole ... look out!

The dust sifted away into the air. Paul stepped onto the sheet irons, grabbed the long, spearlike drill with both hands, and pulled. It was stuck, He braced one foot against the splasher and pulled again. He jerked it back and forth, and it moved about six inches. Paul braced himself again. vanking frantically, panic soaring blindly through him. He was right in front of the hole. He couldn't see what was down there. It might come any time, and there'd be no way in the world for him to get out of the way. Finally, he wrenched

it loose and carried it, exhausted, over to the rack. Matt pushed the air pipe into the hole. Paul turned the valve handle, and a great, gray cloud poured from the hole. The keeper banged the pipe against the end of the hole. He hit it again and again. "Christ!" Paul thought hopelessly, as bodying the program of the SWP, he heard the thump, thump of the pipe. When you got to the end of the hole the pipe would bang on the crust; but when there was more clay in there, it would make a dull thumping candidates for Congress in the noise. That meant you had to get the longer drill.

He turned off the air at Matt's signal and went back to the rack for the other drill. Then he remembered! In his general excitement, he had forgotten to notice whether or not the drill was

He examined the drill. It looked smeared, but he couldn't be sure. The clay in the tapping hole tion. Both representatives, electwas always hot, hot as hell, and if the drill had been wet, the heat had dried it by now. He picked up the long drill, cursing himself for not having noticed. Now he didn't know what to expect.

He tried to think, "Oh, well, if I looked at it and it was wet, I'd feel a hell of a lot worse," but it didn't work. He knew he couldn't feel any worse. He was scared. He was yellow. He was a lousy, yellow bastard! But that didn't work either. He couldn't work up any self-contempt. He was just plain scared, and he couldn't help

The machine began to whirl again. He wondered if old Matt would take it easy, but, looking over, he saw the keeper pushing against the handle with all his weight. They were in a long way now. The iron had to be pretty close. It might

come out any time. They said the third helper ran up to the trough Stassen, author of the infamous that time the iron got Jud. They said he ran Minnesota Labor Act. This unup there in all that fire and tried to pull Jud out, ion-busting legislation has been labor party. With a real effort, but when he pulled at Jud's arm . . . the arm termed the State Slave Act by they could build a labor party came off! Then the gang got long hooks and Minnesota workers.

pulled the rest of Jud, what was left of him rack. Paul looked. He saw the long bar protruding floating and burning on top of the iron, out of from the tapping hole. He knew the diamondthe trough.

They said you could smell burnt flesh on Number Four for a week.

(The gang would come up for the next shift. Maybe they wouldn't know about it. Somebody would say, "Jesus! What stinks?" If Cramer was still there, he'd probably look kind of pale. He'd say, kind of hoarse, "Paul got burnt up!" They'd all jump and holler, "How'd it happen?" "Him and old Matt drilled into the iron. Wet hole. Matt's in the hospital. Don't know how bad he's burned yet. Ain't much left of Paul.")

The Last Step ... The drill bored steadily into the tapping hole, inching closer to the iron, closer to danger, closer to death and agony. Sweat streamed down Paul's back. He could feel little rivulets trickling down his legs into his socks. A couple of gondolas crashed together again down on the tracks. Paul didn't jump outwardly this time, but a terrible, jarring shock rocked his intestines. Silently he moaned. It was too much. Let the goddam iron come, only get it over with!

Matt drew back again, pulling the machine with im. A couple of the other guys unhooked the cable and carried the electric drill over to its

shaped cutting end was close to the iron, if not right against it. Maybe when he pulled it out . .

With dull hopelessness replacing his former panic, he reached for it. Vaguely he wished he had looked at the other drill to see whether or not it was wet. If the hole was dry, he'd be all right. Iron didn't blow out of a dry hole like it did a wet one. Iron and water don't mix, somehow.

But he hadn't looked in time. If the hole was wet, he didn't know it. He had to pull the drill If you sell your labor power for its full value and get a deout so Matt could blow out the hole. Then they'd burn it the rest of the way with oxygen, that is if it didn't blow out first! God, he thought, if he got through this all right, he'd be okay until tomorrow, and then he'd have it all to go through

He put both hands on the drill. At the end of the hole was the iron, molten iron and fire, and eighteen pounds of pressure per square inch. The drill might be through the crust. When he pulled it out, everything might come with it . . . and him right in front of it all, with not a chance in the world to get out of the way.

Paul braced his foot against the splasher and pulled . . .

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friends of the SWP."

NEWARK, N. J., June 21—A high mark in the activities of the Socialist Workers Party here was the enthusiastic Election Campaign Dinner held at SWP headquarters last Saturday. It ended with a total of \$855 being pledged for the Party's activities in the 9-Party candidate for Governor,

1946 campaign. Seated around the decorated then outlined the campaign banquet table, the members and plans of the SWP. He concluded friends of the Party were served by noting: "The opportunity now a delicious four-course meal, prepared by an all-male committee headed by Jack Reid, Russell Roberts and George Holley.

CANDIDATES SPEAK

Alan Kohlman, SWP organizer, introduced the after-dinner speakers. First to speak was William E. Bohannon, candidate for Congress in the 11th District. He scored the postwar unemployment and the lack of decent housing, which have hit the Ne- MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE

"I am doubly proud to be a peal for funds to finance the candidate of the SWP. First, in campaign. It was significant that order to champion the program of the \$855 pledged a great perof the party and the cause of the centage came from new members workers; second, to speak out and friends of the Party. One boldly as a representative of the worker made a pledge and then Negro people.' The second speaker was Ar- organizer of the Bayonne SWP,

lene Phillips, candidate for Con- pledged financial support of this gress in the 13th District. Point- branch to the campaign. The ing out that the SWP partici- spirit of comradeship which order to bring our ideas more in the fine response in pledges, Matt didn't answer. Steadily, mechanically, he effectively and dramatically to continued through the rest of the workers, she said: "While wages have been cut

and unemployment rises, prices keep climbing higher and higher. Flint SWP Leads the SWP for a rising scale of the SWP for a rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of Fight To Defeat living can combat these cuts in the workers' living standards."

The chairman announced that George Breitman, candidate for U. S. Senator, had sent his regrets at being unable to attend the Dinner because of illness. Alan Kohlman, who is the

**SWP Branches** 

**Hold Convention** 

By Barbara Bruce

-Minnesota branches of the

Socialist Workers Party will

hold a state convention on

Sunday, June 30, in the St.

Candidates for congressional and

senatorial posts will be chosen

to run in the state elections this

fall. A campaign platform, em-

Comrades in the Minnesota

section of the party plan to run

third and fourth districts which

cover the greater part of Min-

Frank T. Starkey, so-called la-

districts, are running for re-elec-

ed with the endorsement of the

two years ago, voted for Presi-

following the railroad strike.

Hundreds of workers through-

out the state, disillusioned with

these "labor" representatives,

men for the cause of labor in the

It is expected that an SWP

are looking for bona-fide spokes-

coming elections.

William J. Gallagher and

neapolis and St. Paul.

will be adopted.

(Special To The Militant)

# Tax Increase

(Continued from Page 1)

the social evening.

lease and the News-Advertiser refused to run an advertisement. Even CIO Council leaders were taken in by the propaganda of the so-called School Citizens Committee, headed by a General Motors representative. This committee claimed the tax increase was needed to prevent a school finances crisis and to meet the just demands of the school teachers for pay increases. With the elections over, the school board has now discovered that it can borrow the neces-ST. PAUL, Minn., June 23 sary money to cover expenses and meet the school crisis.

During the last depression the banks and real estate interests picked up eighty percent of the houses here for a song. Then Paul headquarters of the party. they set up a tax limitation. They want to raise it now that many of these houses again are owned by workers and smallproperty owners. Meanwhile, General Motors property has a scandalously low tax evaluation.

A CIO Council statement gave support to the tax proposition on the grounds, of insufficient time to put through a better tax method in view of the immediate needs of the school system. It added: "The next labor vote will be to shift the bor congressmen from these two burden where it belongs."

LET RICH PAY!

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party against the measure shows the workers want to put the "burddent Truman's anti-labor bill en where it belongs" right now. They are anxious to raise the teachers' pay, but they want the

For the first time in years, a city commission has been electcandidate will also be chosen to pletely dominated by Big Busrun for U. S. Senator. One of iness representatives. But the the candidates already in the Flint workers could easily break field is Governor Edward Thye, the corporation stranglehold and nominated through the influ-solve such problems as local ence of former-governor Harold taxation through a labor party.

The major auto and CIO locals here are on record for a and sweep all political offices.



WILLIAM BOHANNON

## **Court Hearings** Held On L.A. **Race Covenants**

By Lois Saunders

building here was jammed our work places and his pleasure palaces—our labor-power tween white and colored, as the California Supreme Court heard appeals on a dozen restrictive ovenant cases last week.

Most of the suits concern Ne- Article On China Today covenant cases last week.

groes who are fighting through live in their own homes. Also affected, however, are Chinese, Japanese and others, since the covenants uniformly seek to bar occupancy to "non-Caucasians."

expected for several months.

viduals.

room, including some from Riverside and other nearby towns, are themselves involved either in the suits now up on appeal, or in

VIOLATE CONSTITUTION

enting seven cases grouped into tatorship on the ruins of the by understanding the fundamenone suit, centered his plea on Chinese revolution. The working tal conflicts on the world arena the grounds that the covenants, class dispersed from the seaboard as well as on Chinese soil, can entered into by two or more cities during the war, has gained one follow intelligently the curpeople to limit the rights of a third for reasons of race and Thus, it is no longer isolated color, violate the 14th amendment of the United States constitution, and also the constitution of the State of California.

BALTIMORE Sunday Forum

JUNE 30 "Significance of the Miners' Struggle" Speaker: MAX GELDMAN 21 W. Preston St. 8 p.m.



LOS ANGELES, June 22 -The court room in the state nothing to sell but our labor power. While our labor creates with approximately 250 peo- is rewarded with slave's bread, masquerading under the ple, about evenly divided be- name of a "Living Wage."

legal channels for the right to live in their own homes. Also Featured In July "F.I."

Decisions on the cases are not Defense lawyers based their cases largely upon the broad issues involved, namely that cov-

enants violate specific constitutional guarantees. Attorneys for the plaintiffs for the most part relied upon previous court decisions upholding the restrictions as valid contracts between indi-Many of those in the court-

other similar suits.

Attorney Loren Miller, repres-

Charles J. Katz, representing

the Laws family, who face a jail sentence for contempt of court The strong working class vote for refusing to vacate their home, pounded away at the important legal point that the injunction issued in this case to "uphold the dignity of the court" is an action of the state, and uncon- famous documentary film of the wealthy corporations and big stitutional. Courts heretofore Russian Revolution, "From Czar velopments as the French Elecreal estate interests to pay for have frequently held that coven- to Lenin," was held June 14 by ants are private contracts between individuals and do not involve state action.

The Civil War raging in China "is an old struggle which has been going on with varied degrees of intensity for 18 years," writes Li Fu-jen in the July issue of Fourth International, now on sale. "What IS new-and this is something the capitalist press has consistently failed to report—is the re-emergence 3-

of the working class move- | movement. ment in the cities."

sweeping the big cities of China. and the class strife today drawing in the "most diverse strata movement of the masses "may well prove to be the preparatory stage of the Chinese Revolution.' NO LONGER ISOLATED

He studied the growth of the working class in China since 1927. when Chiang Kai-shek, with the Chinese masses is today overlaid treachery of the Stalinists, es- by Wall Street's onslaught tablished the Kuomintang dic- against the Soviet Union. Only strength in Southwestern China. rent reports of the Civil War. geographically from the peasant gives the reader this firm foun-

## **Seattle SWP Shows** "Czar To Lenin"

By Clara Kaye

highly instructive and entertain- J. Damien. ing meeting-social featuring the ist Workers Party.

An enthused audience heard Two discussion articles, writ-George Flint speak on the sig- ten by Felix Morrow and Pablo. nificance of the Russian Revo- deal with perspectives of the lution to present-day American workers. The meeting was chaired by Frank Powers.

Four workers announced their desire to join the SWP. Many more expressed interest in attending the regular Sunday evening Open House discussions at our headquarters, 19191/2 Second

The importance of the agrar-Tracing the wave of strikes ian struggles, their potentialities and the maneuvers of the Stalinists to divert the peasant struggle into mild "reform" channels. of the exploited and oppressed," are dealt with in detail by Li the author declares that the Ru-jen. He lays bare the fallacy of the Stalinist policy, based upon attempts to play "good" capitalists — the relatively smaller capitalists - against the big capitalists.

> The unfolding struggle of the Li Fu-jen's Marxist analysis dation.

Other important articles in the July issue of Fourth International include Myth of Full Employment Under Capitalism by Warren Creel, which analyzes the Henry Wallace and Beveridge SEATTLE, June 18-One of plans, and an exclusive report on its most successful affairs, a Conditions in Egypt Today by

The editors' Review of the tions, Philippine Independence, the Seattle branch of the Social- | Japan Today, and Truman and the Strike Wave.

European Revolution.

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New York 3. N. Y.

## How Moscow Trial "Confessions" Revealed Frameup Of Defendants

By Joseph Hansen

This is the sixth of a series of articles on the Moscow Trials and their significance.

When the Moscow Trials were exploded on the basis of incontrovertible evidence as nothing but frame-ups, the Stalinists resorted to an evasion. "What about the confessions?" they asked. For a decade this has constituted their sole defense and explanation of the horrible and sickening purges of the ge-9-

Soviet Union.

The unfortunate victims who "confessed" impossible crimes in one trial were branded as liars by the "confessees" in the next trials. But this, naturally, has not prevented the Stalinist slander machine from repeating, "What about the confessions?"

The liberals reacted to the "confessions" of Kamenev, Zinoview and the others in two ways. One school disregarded the evi- DEADLY EVIDENCE dence and maintained that the confessions were true. They held that all the leading Bolsheviks trial is the fact that the confesexcept Stalin suffered moral sions of the "criminals" follow collapse, organized a "Fifth Col- the identical psychology pattern umn" in league with Hitler and of the speeches of the prosecutor. resorted to terrorism.

wide current of petty bourgeois state. political thought held that the seeds of their moral collapse in imprints are of three types. the alleged bad methods of the Bolshevik party before the October 1917 revolution.

#### MILLIONS DISAPPEAR

Yet the soil of these shocking it seems impossible to avoid the correct explanation. First of all in an alleged criminal trial? millions of people were hounded tration camps and prisons.

Only those who gave in to of evidence. torture, threats to their families deviation to confessing a worse mate fate?" one, until finally these rotting Here is another imprint: "This hulks of men were in such a perhaps is one of the most strikmental state they could be forced ing cases in history when the to recite any script the GPU word mask acquired its real wrote for them.

be overlooked. Just as our age of repentant sinners . . . has returned to the type of poli- "NO ONE WILL BELIEVE" tics studied by Machiavelli during the decline of the feudal system, so it has returned to the Inquisition. The stake has been modernized. It is now a gas chamber. And Hitler is not the only one to resort to these methods. Stalin's GPU has been in the forefront streamlining the Inquisition.

Two types of defendants sat in all the trials. (1) Obvious GPU agents. These were the obscure. unknown figures used largely to link more prominent defendants with Trotsky. (2) Seasoned capitulators. These were men, once Lenin's comrades, who made the fatal error of supporting Stalin. In every instance, such defendants as Zinoviev, Kamenev, Radek, etc. had spent years slandering Trotsky and praising Stalin in language a sewer rat like Stalinist columnist Mike Gold might well envy.

Not a single genuine Trotskyist appeared in any of the Moscow Trials. There was a good reason for this. They would have blown the whole fragile structure sky-high by telling what was behind the "confessions" of the other defendants.

guilt of the defendants, the con- the psychological seeds of this fessions do quite the opposite, abysmal "confession" lay in the They are constructed around a amoral methods followed by monstrous lie and this lie shapes Galileo. the confessions, revealing itself

## Detroit SWP **Asks For Books**

The Detroit branch of the Socialist Workers Party, improving its facilities for friends and visitors, is now enlarging its library. All types of books, including fiction as well as revolutionary literature, will be available.

Readers of The Militant who nave books, magazines, pamphrets or other material which they can spare, are urged to donate it to the Detroit SWP library where it can be used by increasing friends. The literature, or information concerning it, should be sent to the Socialist Workers Party, 6108 Linwood, Detroit 8,

neration that founded the in countless phrases. The records of the trials might well be handed to students of scientific psychology as raw material for exercises in discovering how truth can be revealed in false confessions and false charges.

> Similar imprints of the frameup appear on every page of the 'confessions" of the defendants, shortened and condensed though they are by the GPU that printed and edited them.

One of the deadliest evidences of the frameup character of the They sing hosannahs to Stalin The other school admitted the and the genius-like correctness confessions were lies from be- of his policies, while denouncing ginning to end, but then asked, themselves as the most vile, stu-"What led them to confess?" A pid and dangerous enemies of the

In Prosecutor Vyshinsky's Bolsheviks suffered a moral col- speech at the first trial a psylapse and willingly lied in the chologist can point out where trials. This current of belief the frame-up left its imprint, produced a number of books and much as a paleontologist might articles speculating about the point to impressions in stone psychology of the victims in the showing where a reptile passed Moscow Trials and seeking the in some prehistoric swamp. These

First, orations to Stalin such as: "With great and unsurpassed love, the toilers of the whole world utter the name of the great teacher and leader of the peoples confessions is so exposed to view of the USSR-Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin!" Why this prayer

Second, highly emotional cursby the tremendous purge. Out ing of the defendants: "Liars of these millions, those who re- and clowns, insignificant pygfused to capitulate to the Stal- mies, little dogs snarling at an inist regime were lined up and elephant, this is what this gang shot or disappeared in concen- represents!" Cursing of this sort completely replaces -production

Beside these delicate tracings and persistent cajoling were se- is the more obvious third type dected for the trials. The pris- - the clear tracks of the frameoners who appeared in the lime- up in Vyshinsky's summary: light for public view were the "Perhaps this is all a pack of product of long processing. Most lies, an invention, the irresponsof them had capitulated over the ible chatter of the accused who years a number of times to Stal- are trying to say as much as in's demands. Step by step they they can against the others in were led from "confessing" one order to mitigate their own ulti-

meaning: these people put masks The role of torture must not on their faces, adopted the pose

Again, "Zinoviev and Kamenev performed not at all badly in one of the scenes of their cunning perfidious masquerade . . Such words as "clownish farce," "mask," "lies," "invention," and "hypocrisy," permeate Vyshinsky's speech like a guilty conscience trying to register itself.

"We know that in your defense speech you will curse Trotsky," says Vyshinsky. "But no one will believe you."

Confessions are the very poorest type of evidence. How dependable they are can be judged from the historically famous case of Galileo. Under pressure from the Catholic Church (it is not certain whether physical torture was used) this great scientist made the following "confession": " . . . I abjure with a sincere heart and unfeigned faith, I curse and detest the said errors and heresies ... that is, of having held and believed that the Sun is the center of the universe and immovable, and that the Earth is no the center of the same, and that it does move."

We leave to petty bourgeois Instead of substantiating the politicians the question whether

> Prosecutor Vyshinsky himself is on record as to the worthless. ness of unsupported confessions A textbook on Soviet law edited

by Vyshinsky declares: "Under the system of forma proofs the admission of guilt by the accused was considered 'the best proof extant, 'the sovereign proof of proofs.' Nowadays faith in the absolute correctness of the defendant's admissions has been in a large measure destroyed. The accused might be pleading guilty falsely (for example, in a desire to shield another person or, by pleading guilty to a minor crime, to evade the accusation of a grave crime.) Therefore, the admission of the acnumbers of comrades and cused, like any other evidence, is subject to verification and evaluation in the sum total of the circumstances in the case." But it was precisely verification which was lacking in the Moscow Trials.



NATALIA TROTSKY

## STALINISTS AT NUREMBERG FEAR WIDOW OF TROTSKY

The questions of Natalia Trotsky, widow of the martyred Leon Trotsky, are feared by the Stalinist prosecution at Nuremberg. She demanded that her legal representative be permitted to cross-examine the Nazi prisoners. Such questioning would serve to further expose the infamous Moscow Frameup Trials in which Stalin vilely slandered Trotsky. Among other monstrous charges, Stalin claimed that the founder of the Red Army made a deal with Hitler through Rudolph Hess, one of the defendants now in the dock at Nuremberg.

Natalia Trotsky's demand has been widely supported by labor leaders and liberals in England, the United States, France, Belgium, Holland, Canada, Italy and other countries. Although she made her request months ago, studied silence has been the only response of the Allied prosecution and judges at Nuremberg.

This highly significant silence constitutes still another damning admission of the frameup character of the Moscow Trials.

## 'Fourth International' Drive Tops 500 Subscription Goal ference call had been issue the Socialist Youth Club.

By Constance Locke Campaign Director

achievement for the theoretical magazine of American Trotsky-

Socialist competition gave high spirit to the campaign. Philadel-

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Fourth International's, phia, Youngstown and Newark two-month campaign for 500 each with a quota of 20 - ran new readers went over the a close race. Newark nosed the new readers went over the other two competitors out of the class rooms, where they first top with 551. A worthy field with a high score of 24. Similarly, San Francisco outstripped Minneapolis (each had a quota of 25) with a total of as "lousy rats" and threatened

Campaign Directors and friends have carried the enthusiasm of the campaign into their daily work. Subscriptions are still coming in from Reading, Milwaukee, Chicago, San Francisco, New York and Detroit.

People troubled and perplexed by the economic and social crisis, found in The Militant the only paper that tells the truth about today's burning problems. Having discovered the value of Trotskyism in providing the key to these problems, they are now proceeding further. Fourth International handles the same key issues as The Militant but with a wealth of additional material and more rounded analysis.

This campaign is the first step in bringing this valuable magazine to the much wider circle of readers it deserves.

## San Diego Picnic Held To Aid Workers' Relief

By Ann Cope

(Special to The Militant ) SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 19-The San Diego branch of the Socialist Workers Party held its first picnic last Sunday to raise funds and food for the relief of European workers.

The picnic was a tremendous success socially and financially, with a large attendance of adults and youngsters. Entertainment took in everything from baby races to boxing matches and baseball. Numerous bakeries and delicatessens had gladly donated soft drinks, cakes and bread. \$57.45 in cash, and scores of cans of food, were collected on behalf of the American Committee for European Workers' Relief.

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## TWO KINDS OF JUSTICE AT THE LICHFIELD TRIALS

The Lichfield atrocity trials, now in their seventh month, are a perfect example of the charge that there swinging their clubs not to keep the workers divided and are two kinds of justice in the U.S. Army—one for enlist- against, but with the mobs thereby maintain the captains ed men, another for officers.

These trials have proved conclusively that at the Army's pri- ment has now been demonstrason stockade at Lichfield, Eng- ted to all. land, U. S. soldiers were beaten of the officers and in line with the general policy to make things so unbearable at the stockade that the prisoners would prefer to be at the front.

But when the trials began, the enlisted men who as prison guards had carried out the bru-"beat-them-to-the-ground" orders of the officers were placed op trial first. When a protest was made

against this on the basis that the guards had been merely carrying out orders and that the officers were the responsible parties. Undersecretary of War Kenneth C. Royall held a press order to defend this procedure. It was being followed delib-

The fraudulence of this arga- tary justice.

The first enlisted guard to be tortured with clubs, fists tried was sentenced to jail for and rifle butts — at the orders three years, reduction in pay and dishonorable discharge. second enlisted guard was given a six months sentence.

> Last week the first officer to be tried, 1st Lt. Granville Cubage, was found guilty of "authorizing imposition of unauthorized punishment, which punishment consisted of striking prisoners with clubs, forcing them to stand with nose and toes against the wall for protracted periods,"

For this, he was given a re primand and fined \$250.

The reprimand could not have conference in Washington in single blow from a club, and \$250 is roughly one month's pay. So it turns out that the War erately, he said, and "for sound Department's procedure did not courts-martial of the officers, he starting with the enlisted defendeclared, because after they had dants and meting out the stiffbeen tried, the enlisted men est punishment to them, it helpcould not refuse to answer ques- ed to whitewash the officers and tions on the grounds of possible make them appear least guilty. That is what is known as mili-

## **Protests Win Reinstatement** Of Suspended L.A. Students

LOS ANGELES, June 20-Five Roosevelt High School students who had been suspended from school for distributing leaflets advertising an anti-Ku Klux Klan mass meeting of the Mobilization for Democracy, were reinstated last week with the apology

that their suspension was only a "clerk's error."

The leaflets urged attendance at the rally to fight the terrorist actions of the KKK in this area. They were issued by a temporary United Front Action Committee of representatives of eight youth organizations which participated in a conference on June 10 of Boyle Heights and City Terrace youth. The conference call had been issued by

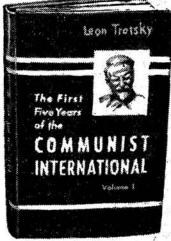
Three distributors to Roosevelt High School students yesterday morning were promptly called in to the office of Principal Dougherty and given written suspension notices. Two others were called from their suspended. Principal Dougherty they'd never be reinstated.

### PROTESTS POUR IN

Indignant protests speedily poured into the Board of Education by early afternoon. Telegrams, telephone calls and personal delegations flooded the Board's office from unions, civic groups, churches and synagogues and hundreds of individuals. The American Civil Liberties Union investigated and promised action for violation of free speech.

By mid-afternoon, the shaken Board issued a press statement claiming that no students had been suspended!

Last week, just before the anti-KKK rally, the United Front Action Committee conducted another big leaflet distribution. This was followed by a meeting of the distributors, the suspended students, their parents and other friends. Rep-



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resentatives of unions. Socialist Workers Party and civil liberties attornies spoke.

When a delegation of parents invaded his office the next day, Principal Dougherty blandly assured them it was all an "error" and that the suspended youth were reinstated without absent marks. Stalinist leaders of the Amer-

ican Youth for Democracy and Mobilization for Democracy not only failed to defend the victimbut called the principal to explain they were against the leaflet distributions. has long been a favorite method | Court, Washington, D. C.

The NEGRO

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

News and Comments

COMMERCE, GA.-Just as in the Columbia terror case, it has been revealed here that the police are not impartial when it comes to attacks on the Negro people. You gen-

erally find them in there assaulting Negroes. Assistant State Attorney Gen-

eral Dan Duke told a civic group of most churches are made up here that a recent meeting of largely of the successful Big Klan Post No. 1 in Atlanta was Business men of the community attended by 38 police officers in | . . . or is it? uniform.

He also reported that an Atlanta policeman had told the the state primary on July 17. other Klan meeting that "if there is ever any trouble, the Klan will be permitted to do its work before the police are called out." In Germany the workers

learned that if you depend on him to an adjoining county government officials to fight fascism, then fascism is sure to win. The American workers and the Negro people must learn to hurt one-tenth as much as a depend on their own organized strength here, or results can be just as disastrous.

MARYSVILLE, Mich. - The legal reasons." (N. Y. Times, expedite the trial of the guilty Rev. John Safran, white, ad-Apr. 9.) It would expedite the officers after all. In fact, by dressed the high school graduating class. He centered his talk around the report of a survey made by an inter-racial committee investigating the conditions of the 1,500 Negroes who live at the edge of that peaceful and beautiful town. He revealed that the two main plants in the area—Gar Wood Industries, Inc., and Chrysler Corp.had refused consistently to hire bility of his having known about any Negroes despite age-old orders from the FEPC to do so. He further stated that all those

who "countenance such discrimination and denial of the right to work share in the responsibility" of the deplorable conditions under which Negroes in the segregated ghettoes are forced to live.

The very next day after this frank little talk, the trustees of the church had an emergency meeting and voted 11 to 1 to give Rev. Safran his walking papers. They said that liberalism was "all right" but that Safran was "going too far." To these "Christian" trustees it is "going too far" in the direction of brotherly love to advocate giving all citizens the right to earn a decent living and support their families in some sort of comfort and cleanliness.

of industry in control. Odd coincidence that the trustee boards

GORDON, Ga. - The link between the recent rise of the Ku Klan it would be allowed to Klux Klan and the organiza-"handle any race riot" and that | tional drives of the CIO and the such a riot was expected before AFL in the south reveals itself more plainly every day. Willie This same policeman told an- Dudley, a Negro who had recently joined the AFL United Cement Lime and Gypsum Workers, was seized as he worked on a night shift recently by four hooded Kluxers. They took where he was severely beaten.

Dudley said the men told him he was being beaten because he had joined the union. He said they told him that if he reported the beating they would return and kill him. They revealed plans to prevent all Negroes from joining the union and said that they intended to get the union representative next.

J. W. Scott, manager of the Koalin Plant, confirmed the fact that Dudley had been beaten. The United Press report of June 15 did not state whether or not Scott as a representative of management (obviously the only ones who stand to gain by continued open shop for Negro workers) was questioned as to the possithe planning of the beating or, indeed, of his having ordered it.

TOPEKA, Kans. - The Supreme Court has called discrimination in labor unions unconsitutional. In a suit started here to enjoin the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America from allowing Negroes to join only auxiliary lodges to the union, the high court made this far-reaching decision against the conservative Brotherhood.

Any day now we may expect to hear that this August body has also discovered and outlawed as "unconstitutional" the country's most open, most rigid and most vicious practice of discrimination in public conveyors, n restaurants, in theaters and in employment - which takes place in the nation's capital, the center of all Federal Govern-Discrimination in employment | ment and home of the Supreme

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9:30, Monday to Thursday.

## Diary Of A Steel Worker – On The Little Island Of Bikini By Theodore Kovalesky

There was once an island . . . in fact, there is an island which is called Bikini. But soon it may not exist.



There were on this island of Bikini dark skinned people who lived in peace and under primitive conditions until the great gray boats came. and the white men told them that they must leave their little homeland, because it was to be wiped from the face of

The island and the people are part of a great tragedy . . . a tragedy that may become the greatest in all the dark history of the world's

The uneasy dead of World War II, as it is cynically known, are but a short time in their graves. Their torn and twisted bodies have had but little time to rot. And yet, the drums of capitalism rumble again, the war clouds hover, heavy and black where sea and sky come to-

Propellors churn the blue water on the searoads to Bikini. Grim gray boats move through the Pacific (through the ocean whose name means "peaceful"), and they carry as cargo the most horrible instrument of death ever perfected by the madmen of imperialism - the

At Bikini, the war-lords of Wall Street will flaunt before all the world the power that is theirs. "Look," they say, "See the force that is ours! We serve notice that from this day forward, WE are the rulers of the earth. We shall speak, and you will obey."

At Bikini will be half a billion dollars worth ships and planes. (A quarter of a million men like you and me sweat on the furnaces and

in the mills and shops for a whole year, and at the end of that time we have earned — and spent — half a billion dollars.) And these ships and planes will be destroyed that American capitalism may display, may brandish the atomic bomb. In a world racked with poverty and need, half a billion dollars worth of value will be wiped out.

The threat of an atomic war and the wanton destruction of a vast fortune . . . these, too, are part of a tragedy. But there may yet be more . . . much more.

It has been said by men of science that an atomic bomb exploded beneath the surface of the sea might crack the ageless crust of the earth and fling the waters of the Pacific into the fiery center of the globe, upsetting the natural order of things, striking a blow into the very vitals of nature. And, it has been said, nature might strike back with the wild ferocity of the elements gone mad.

And other scientists have wondered whether such an explosion-or others-might not set off a chain of still more atomic explosions until all the atoms, all the liquids, gases, and solids of the earth - that is, everything - were disintegrated . . . until the entire earth and all upon it were demolished? The war-lords of Wall Street are little concerned with these possibilities. They long to own the earth - and to that end are willing to risk destroying it.

And what of those human beings on board the gray ships churning the ocean waters on the way to Bikini? What are their thoughts as they draw near to the time and place of the atomic bomb experiment?

There must be many white faces and hunted, fearful eyes. Seven sailors escaped before it was time to sail. How bitterly they must be envied! Time moves forward, and the propellors churn. How great will be this tragedy?

### Veterans' Problems-Vets Bitter As They Sweat It Out -By Alvin Royce

You Paid For It – U. S. Steel Gets It

- By Art Preis-

Japanese Labor Shows The Way

- By Joseph Hansen-

The self-styled veteran experts who write for the capitalist press might write more honestly if they had to spend a few hours on one of the innumerable lines that a veteran has to sweat out after he becomes a civilian.

In the army we waited in line for chow, at the movies, for work and for pay and for just about anything our CO was kind enough to let us enjoy. Now as civilians we wait on lines just as long at the USES and the Veterans Administration. On the chow line, however, we would gét at least Spam; but nobody will guarantee any reward for sweating out the line at the Veteran's Administration.

The other day, on one of those lines, I met a fellow who was about to "blow his top." He said, "I took off the ruptured duck the day I got out of the Army and I haven't put it on since. Everytime someone looks at me I'm sure he's going to yell, 'Sucker.' If anyone asks me what branch of the service I was in, I tell them 4-F or conscientious objector.

"You know," he went on, "many people make wonderful jokes about the 52-20 clubs. I wonder if any of those people have had somebody at an Employment Agency offer them a job as a shipping clerk for \$19 a week. And they didn't even smile when they made me the offer. Sure, the papers say there are a million vets that aren't seeking employment. However, those papers left something out. We aren't looking for employment at \$19 a week."

During the war, the U. S. government took

\$203,000,000 of the American people's money

and built a tremendous steel plant at Geneva,

Utah. The operation of this plant was turned

over to the U.S. Steel Corporation which

made high guaranteed profits from govern-

Last week, Attorney General Tom C. Clark

approved the War Assets Administration's sale

ed plant to U. S. Steel for \$47,500,000—that is,

If any of our readers, or all of them together,

had made a fair offer of \$47,500,001, they could

have been the proud owners of a brand-new

It might be argued that our readers and the

rest of the workers did own this plant. Well,

it's true they paid for it—but they never owned

it. The U.S. government owned it; and it's a

"free enterprise," and since U.S. Steel had \$47,500,000 to pay for a \$203,000,000 plant,

Benjamin Fairless is now the president of a

Japanese labor is surging forward. In a

powerful struggle for higher wages and better

conditions, the Japanese workers are utilizing

one of the most effective weapons in the arse-

nal of the international labor movement-work-

How this weapon operates has been drama-

tically illustrated in the Tokyo chemical plant

of the Mitsubishis. Last spring the workers de-

manded a wage boost of 300 per cent. Despite

the skyrocketing cost of living, the owners re-

fused. On March 1 the workers informed the

management that until it came to terms they

As their first act, the workers ordered the

wage increase of 300 percent put into effect.

Then they continued operating the plant as

For three months the owners have not shown

up, yet the plant continues to produce with per-

fect efficiency. There has been no violence, no

trouble, no squabbles. The workers pay them-

selves their own wages and whatever is left in

the form of profits is banked to the credit of

Should prices continue to skyrocket, these

workers will undoubtedly automatically increase

their wages at the expense of profits in order

to maintain their standard of living.

were setting up control over the plant.

Since this government is a great defender of

Of course, there was "competitive" bidding.

of this \$203,000,000 government-built and own-

ment contracts.

a fourth of its cost.

super-de-luxe steel plant.

capitalist government.

ers' control of industry.

I later asked him if he thought the war he fought in was an imperialist war. "If you mean that the only people who gained by the war were the people who stayed behind to make profits out of our sweat and blood," he replied, "well, you don't have to be very bright to figure that

This vet had never read The Militant and he had never heard of the Socialist Workers Party but as he stated quite plainly, you don't have to be very bright to see that all the cards are stacked against the veteran under capitalism. Yank magazine used to run many cartoons

and articles describing the postwar life of the GI. We used to read about the job opportunities waiting for us, the sharp clothes and modern prefabricated homes we would have.

The truth is virtually no clothing is available because the clothing manufacturers won't produce unless they are guaranteed fabulous profits. The vast majority of the veterans haven't a decent home because of the greed of the real estate interests and the indifference of the government. When and if clothes and homes do become available, nobody has revealed where the vet will get the money to pay for them. According to official sources unemployment among the vets will reach the 4,000,000

All capitalism offers the veteran is broken promises. No wonder that more and more veterans are beginning to sound angry and bitter.

steel empire owning 32.7 per cent of national

steel capacity, instead of 31.4 per cent as in

There is, of course, a trifling matter of anti-

trust laws and further expansion of private

monopoly. Even the Anti-Trust Division of the

Department of Justice had to concede that. The

Anti-Trust Division advised Attorney General Clark against the gift to U. S. Steel.

Clark opined that "I do not view the sale, as such . . . as a violation of the anti-trust

laws." He piously added that this did not con-

stitute approval of "the conduct of practices of

defrayed through tax rebates and tax deduc-

tions. It can even afford to junk the plant en-

government under workers' control. "Free en-

bing the working people who paid for the plant.

plant from competitors.

the U.S. Steel Corp. in its use of property."

## Incendiary Bomb Assault On Negro Widow Covered Up By Chicago Cops, SWP Reveals

**GM Not So Stingy** To Its Big-Shots

General Motors, which forced its workers to strike 113 days for an 181/2-cent an hour raise, really isn't as stingy as it seems. The U.S. Treasury's preliminary report on the 25 highest-salaried people in the country for 1944 lists one-third — eight of them - as GM executives. GM President Charles E. Wilson raked in \$362,954, nearly a thousand a day.

GM vice-president Ormond E. Hunt, handed \$287,745, was almost tied by GM vice-president Albert Bradley with \$276,020.

Charles F. Kettering got \$244,187. From there on, salaries petered out - Mervin E. Coyle, \$240,215; John Thomas Smith, \$232,671; Donaldson Brown, \$232,571; Edward F. Fisher, \$224,437.

GM's Harlow H. Curtice didn't eyen make the top 25% because he just got a trifle ver \$200,000.

Sure they earned it — didn't they do their best to keep down the workers' pay?

## Who's Going To Buy The **New Autos?**

Who's going to buy the new autos, refrigerators, radios, houses and \$5 shirts? We've heard a lot about the huge "back-log of savings" that the American people are supposed to have piled up during the war. But who has it?

The Federal Reserve Board last week made public a survey of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. It showed there are about 80 billion dollars in savings. SIXTY PER CENT of this sum s owned by the TEN PER CENT of families in the HIGHEST income brackets. Only THREE PER CENT is owned among the 50 PERCENT of the people in

the LOWEST income brackets. The families in the LOWEST THIRTY PER CENT of income earners have NO SAVINGS at all. Those in the HIGHEST THIRTY PER CENT own EIGHTY-SEVEN AND A HALF PER CENT of savings. The remain- pages of testimony reveal that CENT of savings is owned by the served as juror. Moreover, the THIRTY PER CENT of the mass of testimony is a blanket middle income group.

out of their big current incomes. murderous mass assault against NAACP atforneys are now pre-On the other hand, the majority the entire Negro community in paring a mass of evidence showof the population have little or Columbia by Tennessee's white ing that the lives of defense atno savings to spend. They will ruling class. get less and less necessities as LILY-WHITE prices rise.

## H & M Strikers **Win Demand**

(Special to The Militant) NEW YORK, June 22-The 24-day strike of 700 enginroad electric line between here and North Jersey ended today in victory for the Brotherhoods man holiday was the Senate's next conflict demonstrates that awaiting these seamen. They of Railroad Trainmen and Loco-

for more than three weeks by ator Huffman of Ohio observed, denying the 181/2 cents an hour increase provided in the national railway settlement, the company finally accepted a decision of Truman's special "factfinding" board which upheld the union's demand.

ed by the unions to reinstate 50 maintenance workers fired for alleged violation of a "nostrike" clause in their contract men were already at sea, wining because they refused to cross picket lines.

#### NOT INTIMIDATED The striking unions had re-

ing to chisel out of the national agreement, Truman tried to put tem of sanctions." finding" body prior to its wage variations of the ancient paci- or we shall veto it. There can it was a "case of unilateral decision, called the strike "ille- fist slogan to make war impos- be no international control of breach of labor agreement." As was compelled to acknowledge the warmongers. Although it is thing from happening by with- be the exclusion of the right to

Negro Home Bombed In Chicago



The shattered and burned kitchen walls of Mrs. Hardy's home are pointed out by Mike Bartell, Socialist Workers Party organizer, who broke the conspiracy of silence in the Chicago

## Court Upholds All-White Jury In Frame-up Of 31 Negroes

By Larissa Reed

system prevailing in Columbia, Tennessee, Judge Joe M. four weeks of hearings, that the all-white grand jury which indicted 31 Negro citizens on a frame-up charge of "attempt to commit murder" was "duly impaneled according to law."

This cynical decision was based on state testimony that 10 Negroes had been summoned for jury service in the county during the last 50 years. But the 1,000 ing ELEVEN AND A HALF PER not one of these ever actually LYNCH ATMOSPHERE indictment of the Jim-Crow soings intend to hold on to them. Negroes for decades and which atmosphere which grows more

> held by the Judge, after a two-and-a-half-month "investiga- to obtain a change of venue, the defense attorneys will present tion" failed to find any evidence documents and evidence of the of civil rights violation against the Negro citizens last February. In fact, the 3,900-word report handed down by this jury ac- it impossible to pick an impar-

mony from 223 witnesses re- | who smashed through the Negro | to take any action whatever to garding the Jim-Crow jury community, destroying homes attempt to solve this heinous and businesses, machine-gun- crime. What is even worse than ning and terrorizing the popula- doing nothing is apparently, Ingram ruled on June 19, after tion, arresting over 100 and from our information, the efshooting down two Negroes in cold blood in the jail.

The Jim-Crow court also overruled the plea of the defense attorneys provided by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to abate the "attempt to murder" indictments. It likewise turned down for a second time a plea that 25 of the indicted Negroes be given separate trials.

Now the Negro defendents, 10 of them war veterans and lead- have occurred in Chicago for the ing members of the Negro com- past few years." The survey also showed that cial customs which have enforced munity, are ordered to stand trial those who own most of the sav- second-class citizenship on the in the Columbia court, in a lynch They can still buy all they want resulted last February in the hostile and venomous every day.

> torneys, defendents and supporters of the defense have been This lily-white grand jury, up- openly threatened. In an effort mounting race-hatred and hints of further violence which make tually praises the 1,000 Tennessee tial jury to try the case.

## **Wall St. Uses A-Bomb Control** 24-day strike of 700 engineers and trainmen of the Hudson & Manhattan Rail- In Power Play Against USSR

(Continued from Page 1)

After forcing the workers out not yet acted. On that day Sen-"today for the first time the resolution comes before the Senate of the United States for its approval or disapproval and the Senate is asked to act as a rubber stamp in placing its approval on this mighty atomic bomb show."

The Senate, of course, rubberstamped the show. As a matter of fact, a number of Congressand dining out of the Navy's well-stocked larders on their way to see the big flash and give up any of the production column of smoke at Bikini.

The Baruch plan to place 'control" of atomic energy with some distant unspecified date the UN was countered by a dif- when Washington feels its deoutlawing atomic weapons, prohibiton of their production or trol. storage, and destruction of all

In the debate between Baruch and Gromyko the capitalist press has made much of Washington's plants, etc. This is sheer dem- esia. They were imprisoned on agogy. In the first place, the Anglo-

American imperialists dominate the UN, thus control would remain in Wall Street's hands. Secondly, Washington would not secrets of atomic energy even to this puppet organization until CALLED "DESERTERS" mands have been met Thus Wall Street actually retains veto power over proposed UN con-

By Robert L. Birchman (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, June 21-The conspiracy of silence that nad surrounded the incendiary bombing of the home of Mrs. Grace Hardy, Negro widow, on the night of May 1, was broken this week. All Negro papers in Chicago except

one carried the story. The 3 daily press, however, still re- its meeting last night endorsed mains silent about this ter- the fight to apprehend the arsonrorist act of "white supremacists" trying to drive Mrs. Hardy from a "white" neighborhood.

All stories in the Negro press credited the Socialist Workers Party here with first exposing

Mike Bartell, Chicago organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, last Tuesday, presented the facts in the case to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. They unanimously decided to take immediate steps to defend the right of Mrs. Hardy to her home, see that an investigation is carried out, and that the anti-Negro arsonists responsible for partially burning Mrs. Hardy's home and seriously injuring her are apprehended and nunished

#### DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A special Grace Hardy Defense Committee was established. The committee and Mike Bartell interviewed representatives of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations, who promised to conduct an investigation. Police Commissioner John C Prendergast has refused a conference with the special NAACP commit-

In letters to both Commissioner Prendergast and Thomas H. Wright, director of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations, NAACP Attorney Sidney A. Jones stated:

"The most serious aspect of this case is the utter failure of Despite unassailable testi- | storm troopers in state uniforms | the Chicago Police Department forts of the Chicago Police Department to completely suppress the news and records of this

#### CIO BACKS FIGHT

"Negroes cannot feel safe in Chicago with such horrible crimes as this occurring, and the fact that they are taken so casually by the Police Department. There has not been one arrest and no apprehension of any person in connection with the bombings and actions of this kind which

ists and protect the right of Mrs. Hardy to her home.

Representatives of the CIO Council, the NAACP and the SWP will meet this week preparatory to the organization of united action around the case by the trade union movement Negro organizations, working class political parties and other progressive groups.

Evidence uncovered by the Socialist Workers Party disclosed conclusively that the Police Department failed to conduct an investigation into the crime. The record of the bombing was no longer in the files of the neighborhood Police Station. Every policeman at the station, however, knew of the crime and referred to it as that "accident on Garfield Boulevard."

The record was found in the Bureau of Records in downtown Chicago. It was made out on a form entitled "Copy of Accident Report." The following words," Was burned by torch that was thrown through her kitchen window by some unknown person," appear in the space for "Description of Accident." Beyond brief questioning of Mrs. Hardy at the Englewood Hospital, on the night of the bombing no police investigation has been car-

But the report of the Fire Department, found buried in files at a different station than the one in the neighborhood, states: INCENDIARY BOMB thrown through window - 1st floor. Fire went to 2nd floor." (Our

#### emphasis.) PATTERN OF YEARS

A preliminary investigation by the Socialist Workers Party of the more than 40 similar crimes in the past two and a half years reyeals a whole pattern of threats and violence that have accompanied attempts of Negroes to break down the segregation walls that enclose them in the South

Side "Black Ghetto." The record is one of bombing, arson, vandalism, breaking of windows, shooting into the homes of Negroes. There has been extensive destruction of property. numerous cases of burns and other injuries, and deaths of the victims of these acts of race ter-The Chicago CIO Council at rorism.

## **Indonesian Seamen Victims** Of American-Dutch Deal

By Evelyn Atwood (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, June 20. - One hundred and seventyeight Indonesian seamen, sent on June 7 from Ellis Island to San Francisco for immediate deportation to Java, may be the victims of a treacher-9-

ous deal made between the for the period of one year." U.S. authorities and the Neth- | Clark's letter baldly states that erlands government.

John Andu, president of the Indonesia League of America, after receiving an ominous letter last week from Attorney-General Tom Clark concerning the fate were scheduled to be herded aboard the SS Marine Lynx at San Francisco and deported on DEFENSE COMMITTEE June, 11.

Ellis Island for six months preceding the deportation action. Following the storm of protest raised in their behalf, both the U.S. State Department and the Dutch authorities gave assurances that no reprisals would be taken against them.

At the U.S. District Court, including the cable and letter erlands Consulate General. The Wall Street spokesman Walter cable gave absolute "assurance existing atomic bombs within 90 Lippman openly admitted this in to fear no prosecution nor any days after his proposal went into the June 20 N. Y. Herald Trib- other reprisals on the side of the Instead of cracking down on effect. To prevent "unlawful" une: "While the Baruch plan's Netherlands uthorities." The H & M which was obviously try- use of atomic energy in the fu- words imply that the U. S. is letter was "positively confident" ture, Gromyko asked for a "sys- opposed to the principle of veto, that the action of the seamen the American proposal is found- did not come under the ruling the correctness of their demand. revived after each slaughter, the holding consent IS the veto." sign on Netherlands flag vessels

However, Attorney - General after inquiry at the State De-This fear was expressed by partment, "I have been informed that while it is not known what punishment may be meted out to the deserting seamen on their return to Java, it is not believed that such punishment would be harsher than what would be given in any ordinary case of ship desertion."

### Thus, Clark admits that these

Last October these Indonesian heroic fighters for the freedom seamen walked off Dutch ships of their country will be treated alleged willingness to submit in New York harbor, refusing as "deserters." What this means control of atomic energy to the to transport arms and ammuni- can be judged by the fact that UN if other nations would give tion intended for use against Dutch concentration camps in up their veto over inspection of their own countrymen in Indon- Borneo and New Guinea are today filled with tens of thousands of Indonesian fighters for independence. These 178 seamen, together with many Indonesian residents who were rounded up in the U.S. before the ship was scheduled to sail, are apparently going to be delivered over for punishment to their greatest enemies by the U.S. government.

This underscores the dangers facing Indonesian residents in Foley Square, today I saw the this country who are today beofficial documents in this case, ing threatened with similar deportations. The Indonesia Leawritten on May 16 by the Neth- gue is proceeding with the formation of a national defense committee to help protect them against similar injustices.

#### Stalinists Attack Biography By Trotsky After ten weeks of silence,

the Stalinists have finally appeared in New Masses with a hatchet - like job review. of Leon Trotsky's book on Stalin. Next week's Militant will feature an article analyzing

this review.

office by MacArthur and his occupation troops, is opposed to workers' control. But so far this government has not been able to stop the spread

The Japanese puppet government, kept in

on a city, regional and nation-wide scale. In a few plants in Russia the management proved cooperative and greatly facilitated a the heat on the workers to end | Both the Baruch plan and the ed on the American veto . . . of the penal code with regard peaceful change-over from the capitalist set up. | their strike. His special "fact- Gromyko plan are nothing but The treaty . . . must satisfy us to desertions of seamen. Instead, In most plants, however, the management resorted to sabotage in a desperate attempt to

fore peoples' courts.

of this powerful means of struggle against the capitalists, MacArthur, in carrying out Wall Street's aim of maintaining the capitalist system in Japan, will undoubtedly do his utmost to force the workers back into the straitjacket in which they were bound before the war. If American troops were withdrawn, the Japanese workers would be free to continue along the road to socialism.

The capitalist press calls workers' control in Japan a "new and unorthodox labor weapon." However, this is a falsehood. The Bolsheviks in the days of Lenin and Trotsky advocated workers' control in Russia before the October 1917 revolution. And within a month after the successful workers' uprising, the Bolsheviks pro-

claimed workers' control on a national scale. The Bolsheviks viewed workers' control as a step toward full management of industry by the workers and the ending of boss rule. The Bolsheviks not only inpired and organized committees to operate workers' control in individual plants, but they coordinated these committees

halt workers' control. The answer of the work- gal." But the workers would not sible by "disarmament." This atomic energy without our con- such, "the only punishment which ers in such cases was swift expropriation and be intimidated and the board slogan has proved of help only to sent. The power to prevent some- might possibly take place would the filing of charges against the saboteurs be-

# For 181/2 Cents

That doesn't worry U. S. Steel. It has the plant. The modest cost-for U. S. Steel-can be tirely. After all, it just wanted to keep the The plant could have been operated by the terprise" has dictated, however, that U.S. Steel must increase its monopoly over national steel capacity by 1.3 per cent even if it means rob-

motive Engineers.

The company was also compell-

fused to participate in the "factfinding" proceedings. Union officials made public evidence of a ferent plan offered June 19 by former "fact-finding" board's Gromyko. Gromyko called for hearings and decisions to fully substantiate their just claims. The union officials said that under no conditions would they accept less than the 181/2 cents.

#### approval of the demonstration. it accomplished nothing but lull-Up to June 14 the Senate had ing the people into a false sense of security.