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Four Negro Farm-Hands NEW OPA BILL LIFTS Lynched In Georgia

By Evelyn Atwood

In a bestial Jim-Crow massacre, two Georgia farm hands and their wives were lynched on July 25 by a gang of 25 to 30 white storm troopers. The Negro couples were waylaid and dragged from an automobile on a dark and swampy road in Walton County, not far from Atlanta. They were brutally beaten and pumped full of bullets.

The mass lynching was carefully planned and Harrison said he did not catch carried out in cold blood. The murderers disdained to even conceal their identity. For the signal to

launch a reign of terror ately. Harrison went to get his had already been given to car fixed and the women went organized fascist gangs shopping. They came back at 5 by Governor-elect, Euo'clock, got Malcolm and started in Harrison's car for his farm gene Talmadge.

The four victims were Roger Malcolm, 27, and his wife Dor-May. The two women were sis-"war against fascism" abroad by torture and death at the hands of fascist gangsters in Georgia. out."

The three relatives of Roger Malcolm drove to Monroe with Loy Harrison, a planter and landlord. The Dorseys sharecropped for Harrison on his farm. They were on their way to bail out Roger Malcolm, who had been jailed on July 14 on a charge of stabbing his white employer. Harrison claimed he was going to employ the Malcolms on his

'STRANGE" DELAY

2 o'clock. According to a PM down the river bank. But one reporter on the spot, "for some of the wives evidently recognized reason, not yet explained, Mal- the leader. She cried out, pleadcolm was not released immedi- ing: "Don't kill him, Mr. . . ."

some ten miles away."

Then they "started out of town by one road, but 'someone' told othy; George Dorsey and his wife, them to go another way. Harrison said he doesn't know who ters. Dorsey was a war veteran the 'someone' was." But they with five years service in the took the road they were request-Army, including overseas duty in ed to take, and were ambushed. the Pacific and North Africa. He "There was a car drawn up across was rewarded for his part in the the road. Harrison stopped. Another car swung in behind his . About 25 or 30 men piled

> The leader of the gang was described by Marrison as a big man, well dressed in a brown double-breasted suit and broadbrimmed black hat. He was deeply suntanned and spoke commandingly "like a retired doctor or general." Most of the gang, Harrison said, "were dressed in khaki clothes, just

The lynchers planned to murder only the Negro men. They The \$600 bond was posted at jerked them out of the car and

almost 250 Indonesian residents

Dutch enemies in Indonesia.

But the gang leader barked out: "She recognized us. Get those women too! You know (Continued on Page 6)

Congress Boosts Its Own Pay By 50 Per Cent

Congress last week voted itself a 50 per cent pay increase, a pension, and "extras," as a reward for a job well done. After all, hasn't it slaved hard and shouted itself hoarse, fighting against effective price control and attacking every attempt of the workers to get a wage increase?

Of course it was a tough job, so to guard against over-work in the future, Congressmen considerately provided for a staff of "experts" to be put at their disposal - patronage jobs that will go to deserving members of Congressmen's families.

FIXED FOR LIFE

All this has its dangers, needless to say. The workers may kick them out of office at the next election. But the Senators and Representatives thought of everything. They will now be eligible for the federal retirement and pension plan, under which they can rake in an income for

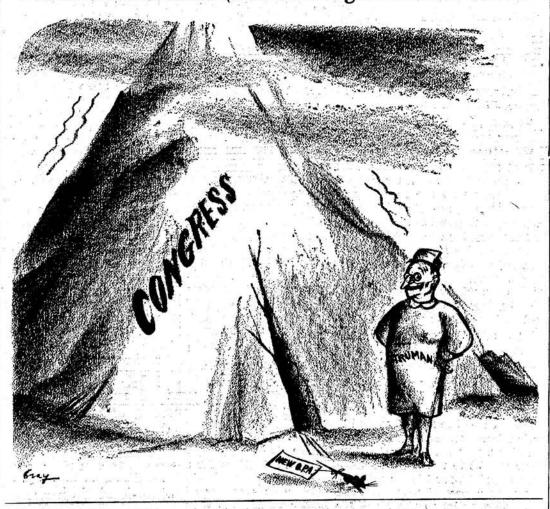
It ,wasn't all smooth going though. There was some haggincrease from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Joseph Hansen, Socialist the political persecutions of In- But Representative Clarence J. Workers Party candidate for donesian residents and seamen Brown of Ohio objected to that. "Let's do it the honest way!" he shouted during the House discussions.

HONESTY PAYS

Republic Anni- and seamen are threatened with Brown's amendment was acversary Rally to deportation and delivery into the cepted. Instead of a \$5,000 raise, concentration camps of their it hands Congressmen a \$2,500 increase, plus a \$2,500 expense Other speakers will include account which they don't have The Rally, according to John John Andu; Pearl Buck, noted to itemize or audit.

"Many figured that the ar-League of America which is gro Labor Committee; Maurice rangement would mean more sponsoring the meeting, will cel- Rosenblatt, American League for than \$15,000 salary," commentebrate the first anniversary of Free Palestine; and Norman ed the N. Y. Times, because "the expense account's tax-free."

The Mountain Labored And Brought Forth A Mouse



Campaign To Put SWP On Ballot ling over the money. The original Senate proposal was for a flat increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

By Karolyn Kerry

SWP Campaign Manager

NEW YORK, July 29. — The campaign to place the Soialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) ticket on the New York State ballot in the coming elections got off to a flying start on the opening weekend, July 27-28.

More than 3,000 signatures were obtained in Manhattan and 000 signatures set by the Cam-Brooklyn on the first two days paign Committee should be obof the campaign.

Reports were also received at Campaign Headquarters in this city that many more than the required number of signatures were obtained in 10 upstate counties. Upstate counties reporting fulfillment of the quota in the first two days were Columbia, Ulster, Dutchess, Sullivan, Putnam, Monroe, Wayne, Saratoga, Lewis and Jefferson.

Topnotch morale prevailed among the petition getters as the campaign got under way on July 27. Over 75 members and friends of the SWP met at campaign headquarters on the first fire at his home, similar to the evening and then proceeded to selected parts of the city. After night. Through the evidence two hours more than 2,000 sig-

Reports of the work were given that night at a social evening at the Chelsea Workers Center. Comrades brought with them three workers who had signed headquarters, endangering the the petitions and had now come lives of so many people, shows to sign applications for member-

On the following day comrades and friends combined work with lovely wooded knoll on Little pleasure by obtaining signatures scale. It appears to be the work at Brighton Beach. After a Detroit, Michigan. morning of swimming and relaxation, they streamed through is justly popular with those the beaches and boardwalk obthe militant and progressive taining hundreds of signatures.

> Putnam County. After a day of The camp provides a real opunfruitful work in rich farm portunity to build up health and areas and wealthy residential to have fun in delightful outdoor communities, the trailblazers ar- surroundings. There is boating, rived at Brewster. Here they swimming, games and sports. filled their petitions without difficulty. Brewster came into the news a few months ago when re- nights. turning GIs tossed out the Republican and Democratic politicians and elected a GI administration. The veterans were for those who wish to learn

Richardson on the ballot. At the whirlwind pace thus far in record time. The goal of 25,- camp.

tained before Sept. 5, the last day of the campaign.

Friends and sympathizers are urged to turn out again on Saturday, August 3, 7 p.m., at Campaign Headquarters, 116 University Pl in Manhattan and 635 they will be assigned to areas cal, moral and spiritual strength." for collection of signatures.

Mid-West Camp Extended For Two More Weeks

The Mid-West Vacation Camp and School has been extended for two more weeks. It will continue the last two weeks of August through Labor

The enthusiastic influx of vacation-bound comrades and readers of The Militant has necessitated this change, said Oscar Coover, Camp Director. The Mid-West camp is located in a Pleasant Lake, 60 miles from

This attractive vacation resort workers and their families who have already attended it. Through One of the most interesting their glowing reports to friends, eports from upstate came from new reservations are pouring in. There is the hilarious, amateur Mid-West Follies on Saturday

Best of all, between the hours of play, there are the inspiring classes led by William F. Warde, tion of the incendiary firing of glad to help place Dobbs and about the problems and theories of the labor movement.

Readers of The Militant are

IN THE NEWS

The Associated Press reported, July 23, that Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World Christian Endeavor Union, "deplores" the desire to withdraw American troops from Germany. The best understood language is the language of strength," he

Jobs For All-Except Millions "Any veteran who wants it

can get a job today . . . in this full employment economy." -Senator Ball, denouncing the proposed terminal leave bill in the Senate, July 23.

"At last report, two million veterans were unemployed."-St. Louis Post-Dispatch, quoted in July 19 Racine Labor.

Cooperation — But

"The rebirth of the OPA found ousiness and industry spokesmen eager yesterday to cooperate but unanimous in their belief that the new price legislation would fail unless price increases were allowed." - N. Y. Times, July

Does Anyone Need Three Guesses

Representative Coffee Wash.) is still trying to explain the \$2,500 check and letter of thanks for favors rendered, which were sent him by a Tacoma contractor. Coffee calls the money a campaign contribution; and adds: 'Anderson's letter used the term 'slip' instead of check, the reason which I do not know."

Like Bombing Java?

"The outstanding feature of membership of the United Nations is service—not a selfish defense of mere national interest. but service to the whole com-George of England.

Living Costs Soar Skyward As Profiteers Reap Benefits

By Ruth Benson

The new OPA bill, signed by Truman on July 25, has already resulted in soaring prices on hundreds of food items, clothing, shoes, fuel and other necessities of life. For the future the OPA promises only more price increases through its elaborate machinery of price-changing and decontrol.

Final decisions on de-® to favor the profiteers.

Under this fraudulent "price control" bill, there is no limit on the price of milk, eggs and tobacco for an indefinite period. But that's just a starter. Sixty

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per cent of all foods, including meats, poultry, grains, and cottonseed and soybeans from which essential oils are derived, will be uncontrolled until August 21. when they may or may not be put back under ceilings.

On September 1, and monthly thereafter, the Department of Agriculture—notoriously friendly to the food trusts-will issue a list of foods "in short supply." Only such foods are to be kept under price-control - provided the Decontrol Board is willing. Clothing costs, already skyrocketing, will go still higher as low-priced clothes disappear from the market. The original OPA's 'maximum average price plan" which enforced production of some low-priced clothing, is dead

Substantial price increases are given on household needs, stoves, and almost all other manufactured goods. Thousands of items of hardware are totally decontrolled. Only rent control remains in practice.

"NO GUARANTEE"

The bill is so weak that Truman, while signing it, was forced to admit it "by no means guarever as a basic improvement over the bill vetoed in June.

that the Taft and Wherry am- they so desperately need.

control rest with a hand-picked three-man board "guarantees profits on the basis" which can be counted on of 1940, more nearly representative of normal peacetime operations." The Taft plan had guar-

> profits, highest in history. Truman also cited the fact that the present bill gives distributors the markups prevailing March 31, 1946, instead of January 1. 1946, the date set in the Wherry amendment.

anteed all industries their 1941

In actual fact, however, their differences are minor. Truman, like Taft and Wherry, wants to protect the profits of the pricegougers, not the welfare of the workers. That is why Taft was able to reply that the differences in inflationary effect between the two bills are negligible.

WAGE "STABILIZATION"

The real reason why Truman prefers the present bill to the earlier one was revealed in his message to Congress. "Finally." he told the House and Senate, "the vetoed bill contained a

"CHICAGO, July 27-The meat feast being enjoyed by the American public, its first real taste of meat in several. years, will end as suddenly as it appeared should price rein the livestock and meat industry, stockyards interests said today."

clause which would have destroyed wage stabilization by requiring the inclusion of unapproved wage increases as costs in the price increase formula. That clause has been omitted from the present bill.'

Thus Truman has signed the present measure not because it will hold down prices-he admits it won't-but because it will antees that inflation can be maintain the Wage Stabilization avoided." He defended it how- Board. The administration wants that Board kept as a means of holding the workers He made much over the fact back from the wage increases

TWO BANKERS, ONE BOSS STAFF DECONTROL BOARD

"I propose to appoint as members of the (decontrol) board men in whose judgment and fairness the Congress and the country will have complete confidence." That was what President Truman said on July 25 as he signed the new OPA bill.

But how could both the people and Congress have confidence in the same Board, when the people want price rises stopped and Congress wants price rises to continue?

President Truman settled this question when he picked the three-man Decontrol Board two day later-and he settled it in favor of the price gougers.

Not a single representative of the labor movement or consumers organizations is on this board, which will have final say over price ceilings. All of them are representatives of the banking and business interests, whose main concern is profit and not the needs of the consumers. The members of the board are:

Roy L. Thompson, president of the Federal Land Bank

of New Orleans, who will be chairman. Daniel B. Well, a banker of Washington, D. C., and

former Undersecretary of the Treasury. George H. Mead, of Dayton, Ohio, chairman of the

board of the Mead Corporation, a pulp and paper company. For their activities in decontrolling prices, that is to say, in raising prices, these men will be paid \$12,000 a year. The selection of these people will satisfy Congress, but it will not satisfy the workers or consumers.

What they need is not a Decontrol Board, but committees representing labor, consumers, farmers and small businessmen that will prevent corporation profiteering and will fix and control prices in the interests of the consumers.

Fire At SWP Headquarters Set By Detroit Arson Gang

DETROIT, Mich., July 26-Two incendiarists last night ror in Fontana, which brought set fire to the entrance to the Socialist Workers Party to light facts in the murder of headquarters at 6108 Linwood Avenue, endangering the lives of over a hundred persons attending a meeting upstairs. The audience had been listening to a speech by Myra Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles

Andu. President of the Indonesia | author; Frank Crosswaith, Ne-

the Indonesian Republic. It will Thomas. Socialist Party.

Joseph Hansen Will Speak

At Indonesia League Rally

at the Indonesia

be held on Aug-

ust 16 at Labor

Joseph Hansen Temple.

NEW YORK, August 1- | also voice a public protest against

U. S. Senate in in this country, who have been

the coming elec- rounded up and imprisoned by

tions will speak the U.S. government Today

organizer of the Socialist following statement: Workers Party, on "War Pre-

Bystanders in the street saw the two men throw an inflammable liquid over the entrance and on the stairway leading to the meeting hall. These two were then seen igniting the fuel, after which they escaped up Linwood Avenue, unapprehend-

As smoke and flames shot up the stairway, those in charge of the meeting quickly led the audience to the fire escape in the rear of the hall. Everyone left the burning building safely, and there was no panic. Damage to the building was estimated at \$500 after the Fire Department had put out the fire.

Arthur Burch, Detroit organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, immediately issued the

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parations against the Soviet dastardly act, endangering the lives of innocent people, is the work of vigilante, fascist gangsters. It is part of the drive of Big Business to crush the unions and political organizations of

the working class. "We Trotskyists have always

For other developments in the arson attack on the SWP in Detroit, see Page 8

been in the forefront of the struggle for workers' economic security against labor-haters and race-baiters like G. L. K. Smith, the Ku Klux Klan, the Black Legion, and vigilante groups. The Socialist Workers Party in Detroit and throughout the country, led in organizing mass anti-fascist picket lines at G. L. K. Smith meet-

"Our speaker, Mrs. Weiss, was especially active in this respect on the West Coast, where the largest anti-Smith picket lines were organized. In addition, she has devoted the last six months to exposing vigilante terrorism against the Negro people on the

West Coast. "She is the author of the famous pamphlet, Vigilante Ter-

O'Day H. Short, his wife, and two children, in an incendiary fire set at our headquarters last which Mrs. Weiss obtained, she natures were obtained. "There is no doubt that this proved that the burning of

Short's home was the work of organized vigilantes. NEED DEFENSE GUARDS

"The fiendish attack on our not only to what lengths the ship in the Socialist Workers vigilante terrorists are willing Party. to go, but is clear proof that they are working in an organized fashion on a nationwide of the same anti-labor forces who are responsible for the brutal beatings of five members of

Briggs Local 212, UAW-CIO. "Like the Hitler gangs in Germany, these native vigilante terrorists strike first at the most advanced sections of labor. However, this is just a preliminary to attacks against ever wider layers of the working class, unless organized labor acts immediately to stop such terror-

"The Socialist Workers Party asks the Detroit labor movement, especially the UAW-CIO, to make a thorough investigaour headquarters. We further call on the unions at once to organize their flying squadrons protect all workers' gatherings

Atom Bomb Helps

Fulton St. in Brooklyn, where said, explaining he meant "physi-

Day, September 2.

established, the required number urged to send their reservations. and workers' defense guards, to of 12,000 signatures with a min- preferably for the weeks beginimum of 50 from each of the ning August 11, 18 and 25. These and defend their union mili- 62 counties should be obtained are the last three weeks of the munity of nations," said King

The Fight To Defend The Workers' Standard Of Living

By The Secretariat Of The Socialist Workers Party -

The monopolists have launched an all-out offensive to bring down the workers' standard of living through skypocketing prices. Their pliant tools in Washington have accommodated them with an OPA which in reality gives government sanction to the upward spiralling of prices. The workers' purchasing power is declining rapidly while the war fattened monopolists continue to pick up billions in

The terrific impact of the brazen price-gouging attack by Big Business is arousing ever broader layers of the workers and consumers generally to the realization that they must fight back through their own organizations and with their own program. Protest demonstrations have been held. Wage increases have been demanded. Buyers' strikes are spreading. Consumers' committees are forming. However, these struggles are as yet localized and uncoordinated both in program and in organization.

It is the task of our party and every class-conscious worker to introduce into this movement clear objectives and correct methods for an effective struggle. Toward this end we recommend the following:

1. The Sliding Scale Of Wages

Our central transitional slogan for the unions in this period of inflation has been and remains the sliding scale | tracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the risof wages to meet the rising cost of living. This slogan has ing cost of living. already taken hold in some sections of the trade union

The powerful Goodrich Local 5 of the CIO United Rubber Workers in Akron has raised a demand through its newspaper for the sliding scale of wages. In Detroit, the General Council of Ford Local 600 and the Briggs and Budd locals of the CIO United Auto Workers have likewise raised this demand. Similar action has been taken by the Executive Board of UAW Local 659 in Flint and the AFL Cannery Workers and Fishermen's Union in San Diego. Numerous other unions are bringing forward a demand for the sliding scale of wages. The CIO Packinghouse Workers Union has raised a modified version of this demand by calling for a cost-of-living bonus to meet the rising cost

These concrete examples of the application of the demand for a sliding scale of wages should be freely applied in introducing the slogan within each local union and in the general agitation for the demand. Those unions which have already adopted this demand should be urged to bring pressure for its adoption by the rest of the trade union movement. For example, local unions should bring pressure on their parent bodies by means of resolutions, telegrams, letters, delegations, etc., as circumstances permit. Similar action should be taken to spread the demand within the central labor bodies in each locality and the various union conventions. Publicity should be sought both in the labor press and the capitalist press. This can be done through formal union statements, through articles by individuals and letters to the editor from unions and individuals. When the time is propitious,, organizational expression should be given to the campaign for this demand by forming interlocal caucuses of the unions favoring the demand.

The pressure of the workers has already compelled Murray, Reuther and some other top union officials to or less local in character. Nonetheless, they have already ing power. raise the issue of wage increases to offset rising prices. Every possible advantage of this opening must be taken to direct struggle against price increases. demonstrate that in the face of inflation limited wage demands on a fixed basis are utterly inadequate. There is union bureaucrats is false and can lead only to disillusion- UAW locals in Detroit and other only one effective wage demand in this period—the sliding ment and frustration among the masses. Buyers' strikes cities last week, the Bell workers

Congress Votes Down Cancer Research Bill

A bill to provide \$100,000,000 for a cancer control proto name an independent group to coordinate a broad project to discover methods to cure and prevent cancer. Outstanding scientists of the

world were to be invited to an economic los of at least \$900. A quarter-page advertisement | lytical surveys made by insurance in the N. Y. Times by Quentin companies and statisticians. This is the same Congress that Reynolds on the same day the

bill was voted down, appealed in shoved through an appropriation vain for its passage. The ad of almost 12 BILLION dollars in stated: "NO ONE IS SAFE preparation for a new world war. FROM CANCER. Its toll is ap- (The same Big Brass which gets palling. From Pearl Harbor to this appropriation is itself block-VJ-Day, cancer killed more than ing the progress of cancer retwice as many Americans as were search. It is withholding "Carkilled or listed as missing . . ." bon 13" discovered since the re-The ad further noted; "There lease of atomic energy, and the are 17,000,000 Americans doomed most hopeful avenue yet devel-

to die of cancer unless we do oped for the cure of cancer.) something about it. During 1946 approximately 90,000 women, 83,000 men and 2,000 children will be its victims. That is 478 every day-20 every hour-one every three minutes! . . . Every year cancer causes our nation asking for re-election this year. I. H. Watson, President

000,000," according to cold ana-

Congress whose members are Big Business."



2. The Sliding Scale For Veterans

Inflationary prices play havoc with the standard of living of all groups in the population who are compelled to live on a strictly limited income. Especially does this apply to veterans who are receiving unemployment compensation, attending school under the GI Bill of Rights, or drawing disability pensions. In addition to the demand for trade union wages for veterans in the above categories, the workers must raise immediately a demand for a sliding scale unions and veterans' organizations should raise an immediate demand for legislation to provide such a sliding scale Bill of Rights was passed.

This demand could be applied also to cover unemployment compensation for all workers and to cover old age pensions, widows' pensions, etc., both state and federal.

3. Committees On Prices

Committees for struggle against high prices, originally sponsored by the Stalinists and some sections of the trade renewed fight for higher wages. Price committees operating with a correct program are effective as a means of struggle parallel to the fight for higher wages, but they cannot be a substitute for the fight on the wage front.

The activities of these committees have included protest demonstrations, buyers' strikes, picketing of merchants, demands for government price control, etc. These committees have so far been loosely organized and more had the effect of drawing large numbers of people into

The program imposed by the Stalinists and the trade lowing the militant action of scale of wages, an escalator wage clause in all union con- are extremely limited in their effectiveness because the worker is in any case able to buy little more than the bare necessities of life and these he must have. The callous withholding of meat from the market for many weeks by of cars and busses, with banthe big packers in their fight against price control already ners flying, the Bell workers demonstrated to what lengths monopoly capitalism will go traveled the 25 miles to Buffalo in starving the people to protect profits. Picketing of to a pre-arranged spot where small merchants can have real effect only if it is used as they parked their cars. Five

gram was voted down on July 27 by the House of Representatives. The measure would have authorized Truman Akron Clo Council Opposes Any New "No-Strike" Pledge

AKRON, Ohio, July 25 -

for a cost-of-living stabilization may be, to bind us and shackle promise by the government, the us.' motion stated, "We are unalter-Twelve billion dollars for ably opposed to a no-strike pledge phy, with characteristic servility, slaughter — but they balk at in any shape, form or manner said, "After all, this is only a spending less than ONE PER since it would only serve to hog-CENT of that amount to save tie labor and render it powerless Philip Murray is our leader. We 17,000,000 lives. That is the against the anti-labor drive of

ted Rubber Workers, led the fight stating, "Under the misguided The CIO Council of Akron title of patriotism, labor was vigorously denounced any shackled during the war. No one attempt by top leaders of the has the right to bind the mil- bat Price Rises," "Vets Can't Live CIO to impose another no- lions of workers to such a pledge strike pledge on labor, in a mo- without the permission of the ards Smashed by Congresstion adopted at a meeting Mon- members themselves. Let us serve notice here and now that we will Replying to a report in the fight any such attempt to the Rises," etc. press that Philip Murray was very last ditch. We will not allow considering a no-strike pledge any leader, no matter who he

> Stalinist delegate Amos Murshould adopt a more carefully worded motion and not be led into taking any premature ac-

Replying to Murphy, Jules Geller, delegate from Goodrich Local No. 5 of the Rubber Workers, stated, "Some people are so used to taking orders from above that they have lost the art of standing on their two feet like men. Brother Murphy says this is only a rumor. I say that if there is the slightest shadow of a doubt that somewhere in the dark corner of Philip Murray's mind there is a slight hint that he may be considering or even musing about another no-strike pledge, we

better forget all about it. "There is no reason for us to get down on our hands and knees and scrape the dust before Philip Murray. We are not propos ing here to pass a motion to oust Philip Murray. That will come

vote was unanimously in favor. | shouted

It is the task of every class-conscious worker to participate in committees on prices, to initiate them where none exist and to imbue them with a correct program and with militancy in action. Through these committees an alliance can be forged among the industrial workers, white collar workers, veterans, professional people, and even the farmers and small merchants in their capacity as consumers. The object of this alliance must be to demand its own control over the fixing of prices, since the government has already demonstrated that its price-fixing measures are a fraud.

The following are some of the steps the committees on prices could take in their struggle against high prices: They should demand the cooperation of the retail merchants in the fixing of prices. Those merchants agreeing to cooperate could be supplied special display cards to indicate their pledge of cooperation. Regular checkups on prices should be made to see that the pledge is kept. Merchants refusing to cooperate should be picketed. Experience has shown that independent merchants usually cooperate, while chain stores most often refer the committees to the "home office." Thus the role of the trusts quickly reveals itself in this limited form.

Even if the retail merchant is willing to cooperate, he is limited by the price he must pay to the wholesaler. The committee must therefore demand that the retailer open the movement on a regional scale. And at a further stage, his books and reveal the price lists of the wholesalers with whom he does business. This step brings the committee face to face with the wholesaler from whom they must ikewise demand a pledge of cooperation to control prices. tions into a national body of struggle.

The wholesaler in turn is limited in his ability to cooperate by the prices he must pay the manufacturer or processor. Therefore, the committee must demand that the wholesaler open his books and reveal the price lists of the manufacturers and processors with whom he does business.

By this process the committees ascertain the financial beginning at the point of distribution and extending of compensation to meet the rising cost of living. The trade to the point of production. Finally they will reach the big monopolists and demand of them that they open their books. By this means the workers will be able to prove that

> dence to prove who are the real big-time profiteers. In thermore, a broad United Conference of Labor would give these books will be found proof of withholding goods from an impetus to the building of an independent labor party.

> one step toward the exposure of the real robbers, the big | the market and deliberate destruction of goods to create artificial scarcities; collusion to corner markets; adulteration of products; super profits; fantastic executive salaries and bonuses; stock swindles; huge expenditures for antilabor propaganda; payrolls for industrial spies; huge sums spent for advertising as a means of controlling the press and radio; lavish expenditures for lobbying in state and federal legislatures; huge contributions to the capitalist political parties; mammoth tax steals; funds used to corrupt officials; and numerous other devices for controlling the government, the press, and the radio in order only more ruthlessly to plunder the general population.

The struggle for control over the fixing of prices has meaning only if linked to the demand for the opening of the books. This demand, which will be fiercely resisted by the profiteers, will thus become the point of departure for the whole unfolding struggle. This struggle will assume the most variegated forms, such as picketing, demonstrations, boycotts, publicity exposes, demands upon the politicians to support the committee in its struggle, proposals to clean house on the non-cooperating politicians, etc. We can best develop the present unfolding struggles along these

As recent experiences have already demonstrated, these struggles have been essentially local in character. As the local struggles assume a sharper and more politically defined character, we will have an opportunity to broaden as the struggle between the workers and the profiteers becomes intensified in character, the question will necessarily be posed of uniting the local and regional organiza-

4. A United Conference Of Labor

Only the labor movement can rally the broad mass of consumers to carry on this fight. This pressing task, along with the other key problems of the workers, emphasizes operations and profit margin of each capitalist in the chain again the urgent need for a broad United Conference of Labor embracing the CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and other unions. Such a conference could coordinate and broaden the struggle to defend the workers' standard of living. Such a conference could launch a united struggle based retroactively on the price index at the time the GI the real reason for high prices is the exorbitant profits of for a sliding scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living. Such a conference would coordinate the fight of the In the books of the monopolists will be found the evi- committees on prices to control the fixing of prices. Fur-

1,000 Buffalo Workers Protest union bureaucracy, have recently been formed in many localities. The Stallnists and the trade union bureaucrats have sought to use these committees as a substitute for a Rapidly Mounting Cost Of Living

About 1,000 workers, veterans and members of consumers groups demonstrated in Niagara Square this afternoon in protest against the rapidly mounting prices that are fast undermining consumer purchas-

Prominent in the demonstration was a large delegation from Bell Local 501, UAW-CIO. Fol-

In an organized motor caravan abreast and headed by their president, Frank Vohs, they marched through the main streets carrying a large number of placards, shouting slogans and singing union songs and then proceeded to City Hall where the demonstration was to take place.

DEMAND WAGE RISE

Their placards read: "Higher Wages to Meet Higher Prices,' "Consumers Committees to Comon \$20 a Week," "Living Stand-Build a Labor Party," "Wage, Salary Increases to Meet Price

The main speaker was Roy Reuther, international representative of the UAW, who substi-tuted for President Walter Reuther. He exposed the claim of of the city administration, was the National Association of Man- roundly booed for his refusal to ufacturers that free competition grant a permit to hold the demrumor. Let us not forget that would lower prices and pointed onstration in a more central loout that Big Business has mon- cation. He also refused a permit opoly control of industry, and to use a public address system militant program been adopted, Union: free competition is a thing of although loudspeakers have been the past in this country. He also stressed the point that city.

at the time of the GM strike, the fact-finding board had stated workers present, members of oththat the General Motors Corp- er CIO unions including the oration could well afford to pay Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, the 181/2-cent increase in wages the United Steelworkers and sevwithout raising prices and that eral others made up the bulk of this was true for industry as a those present.

While Reuther called for wage increases to maintain the buying power of the workers, the main burden of his remarks dealt with the buyers' strike and new price legislation. The rest of the speakers, including two minshould stand up and tell him in isters and the representatives of no uncertain terms that he had a veterans' group, expressed the hope that "real" price control legislation would be adopted by Congress and the administration and pinned their faith in a buyers' strike to lower prices.

CHEER LABOR PARTY

later, if and when he tries again Bayley, a housewife, had occasto force a no-strike pledge down ion during her remarks to refer the official call for the demonto the coming elections in No- stration. When the motion was put, the vember. Someone in the crowd



Trade unionists, veterans' organizations and consumers' groups in Buffalo, protesting against skyrocketing prices and demanding higher wages, to keep pace with the mounting -(Courtesy Buffalo Evening News)

organize an effective meeting.

Had the unions been given an

there is no doubt that Buffalo

would have seen a mighty dis-

play of workers' protest against

high prices that would have made

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labor history in this city.

Party," and the immediate re- protest was kept at a minimum sponse was a loud cheer.

Mayor Dowd, Republican head vealed little ability or desire to securely. used on several occasions in the

In addition to the many Bell

The Socialist Workers Party

was well represented with placards calling for a "Rising Scale of Wages to Meet Rising Prices," 'Consumers Committees to Fight Price Rises" and leaflets on 'How to Fight High Prices."

The rally was called under the auspices of the Emergency Citizens Committee for Effective Price Control. This committee -made up of a few liberals, the Communist Party and several Stalinist and Socialist trade union officials - successfully pre-The chairman, Mrs. Isabel vented the demand for wage increases from becoming part of

The participation of the unions "Independent Labor in planning and preparing the

What Do You Say?

Question: "Are you in favor of having all sections of the union movement - CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods-get together to set up a labor party and run labor candidates for office?"

Place: Akron, Ohio, at meeting of CIO Council.

George Bass, President of Goodrich Local Rubber Workers:

A Labor Party should be formed in America by organized labor and other groups who can get together. I think it is high time that we formed such a party and sent people to government posts who represent the interests of the working class.

I. H. Watson, President of Firestone Local 7, United Abber Workers:

I believe that we've got to have a Labor Party; there is no question about that. We cannot depend upon the Democratic and Republican parties. However, this is a big job. It must be done on a national scale, it must be built very carefully and from the ground up. I don't believe the time is ripe just yet. If we are going to do this, we must do it right. We must take our by the committee, which re- time and build it carefully and

Roy Scoggins, Executive opportunity to take their rightful Board member, Retail, Wholeplace in this activity and had a sale and Department Store

> The CIO, AFL and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen should join in united political action. They should attract the best elements from the Temo-cratic and Republican parties to go along with them. They should work together in the political field as the CIO now does with the PAC. That should be preliminary to forming a labor

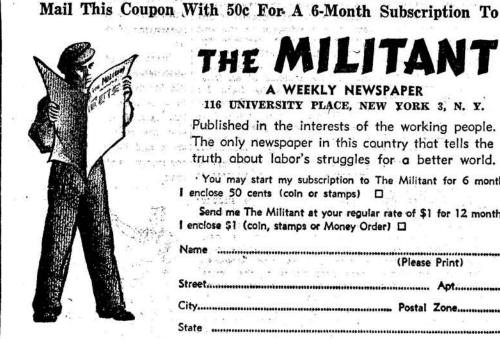
Stanley Maxwell, delegate from Goodrich Local 5, United Rubber Workers:

I think it's a wonderful idea and just what we need.

Jules Geller, Associate Edi-

tor Air Bag, delegate from Goodrich Local No 5:

I am for a labor party at the earliest possible moment. It is becoming more obvious to every worker that the old Democratic and Republican parties are the corrupt tools of capitalism against labor. The current antilabor orgy in Congress is speeding up the labor party movement,



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New Purges In The Soviet Union Reflect Discontent With Kremlin By Larissa Reed The smoldering discontent of the Soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin and the soviet monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin

The smoldering discontent of the Soviet masses against monstrous purges of the Moscow frame-up period did not begin their abysmal living standards and working conditions, on the scale of this latest purge, is reflected in the scope and intensity of the new "peacetime" purges in the USSR. After heroic efforts through sight. Its fury is in fact mountfive years of war and war preparations, all that Stalin's ruling clique can offer the

and scapegoats.

Prior to Moscow's public admission of the purges, issues of the Soviet press for May and June were filled with false op- WIDE PURGES The May 30 Pravda promised for the thousandth time: "The time is not far distant when rationing will be abolished in our country." Among learned that workers in some for as long as a year. Meat shortage is growing more acute.

Pravda of June 15 cites several cases of "embezzlement of cattle" and of live-stock dying out for lack of fodder on the ranges of Burvat-Mongolia. is the guarantee that similar conditions do not prevail in oth, er regions?" Pravda queries.

As the scarcities and hardships continue, the number of scapegoats mounts. The purges have invaded every sphere of Soviet life, from shake-ups in the military and industrial departments, to condemnation of Soviet culture and the rude manners of the people.

NEW PUPPETS

A wide-scale purge is in progress among army hierarchy. Soviet war hero Zhukov was demoted from command of all Red Army ground forces to a provincial army post at Odessa. It is not known at present what has become of Marshal A. A. through the editorial staffs of Novikov, who headed the Rus- Soviet local newspapers. Acsian Air Force during the war and who has now been "removthe most prominent war figures, new Stalinist puppets are being

patch, to eliminate "backslid- praising Stalin, his regime, his ing" and ideological weaknesses. The Army newspaper is sharply criticized for its "weak and timid" policy in glorifying the Stalinist regime.

Major General V. Lebedev. writing in the Red Fleet, the Soviet Navy's official newspaper, warns that the links between organization and non-

Greek Monarchists Shoot Down Leftists

(Special To The Militant) ATHENS, Greece, July 19 supporters in the British Labor Government, fascist bands are roaming Greece under arms and for their leftist sympathies.

In the past week alone, such attacks have been visited on Caria Elassoona, Skotino, Calypefki, itini. Verria and Ardea. In each

Bolivian workers and students

have overthrown the three year

old dictatorial regime of Major

Bolivia

in La Paz.

weary peoples are promises party personnel must be "strengthened," and that this will be a "big task." He criticizes party propaganda in the Army and Navy.

Simultaneously, the purges "embezzlers," against Soviet "falsifiers of industrial production," against graft and corruption in government bureaus is the reports seeping through it is stepped up in the name of "iron discipline." Official disclosures places have not been paid wages from the Ministry of State Control indicate that these purges include coal, metallurgy, automobiles, airplane construction. electrical equipment, food, agricultural machinery, railways and housing. They, involve directors and top officials of important trusts and at several Ministries. Recently more than 20 factory. mill and mine executives were 'punished" for misusing funds.

The Kremlin is already demanding harsher punishments. According to a July 25 Moscow dispatch, the Soviet Supreme Court had quashed a prison sentence imposed upon three defendants in the Moscow Circuit Railroad by the Military Tribunal. That the purge will probably close around the Military Tribunal itself was implicit in the veiled threat that "some courts underestimate the social danger of bribery and corruption.'

The purge cording to Neal Stanford, writing from Washington on July 18. With the elimination of the Kremlin recently directed a "critique" to 5,600 local editors, mentioning a number of them by name. They were warned to Furthermore, a campaign of correct the "weaknesses" of So-"political education" has been viet newspapers, that is, taken launched in the army, accord- to task for not swinging behind ing to a July 18 Moscow dis- the purge and not sufficiently new Five-Year Plan-and his newest wave of terror.

EXTEND TO ARTS

The purges extend into Soviet opera, music, the theater, painting, films, architecture, in brief, all of Soviet culture. Culture and Life, official Stalinist Agitation-Propaganda organ, lashes out against "incompetent" playwrights, composers, all categories of movie workers, including scenario writers, stars, cameramen, writers of literature and literary critics.

This blanket indictment co-

tructed to take charge of the purge, especially in connection with the periodical Soviet Art.

The dispatches percolating through the Moscow censors Grevena, Kozani, Florani, Kom- abroad do not deny the vast scope of this newest purge. They place peasants were kidnapped, do stress, however, that the curand in some, mutilated corpses rent shake-up is not so widewere left to mark the reign of spread as the 1937 blood-bath 200 Stalinists and in some, mutilated corpses rent shake-up is not so wideterror. In the meantime, lead- when Lenin's co-workers ers of the Stalinist party, KKE, were murdered, and millions were reported engaged in "re- purged and imprisoned. This is conciliation" negotiations with perhaps true. But the significant thing is that even the

the end of which is not yet in ing. For despite Stalin's boasts that the Kremlin regime had been strengthened by the war, in reality it is today more unstable and shaky than ever be-

RWP Enters Elections In

For the first time in its history the Revolutionary Workers Party, Australian section of the Fourth International, has entered the election arena. Jack Kavanagh, chairman of the RWP Central Committee and an active fighter for labor since 1908, is a candidate for Parliament from West Sydney, The Militant, organ of the RWP, reports.

"The hopelessness of Labor reformism reveals itself completey against the blaze of the coming world crisis," says The Militant, warning the workers that they must turn to the socialist



JACK KAVANAGH

solution of their problems. "Only one policy, one program, one operators and postal emparty offers any alternative to ployes walked out. Com- al and telegraph workers walked eration of mankind . . . We offer you a program based not on war and exploitation, based not on starvation and slavery, but based on the historic slogans of Liberty, Security and Peace."

LEADER OF WORKERS

A brief biography of Jack Kav-He went to Australia in 1925, to agree that Leon Trotsky was a counter-revolutionary," and joined the Fourth International shortly after the outbreak of the

At Nice, France

NICE, France-Albert Demaziere, member of the Cen-Stalinist gangsters at a PCI

meeting was held and refused to permit the Trotskyist speakers to proceed. When Comrade Demaziere took the rostrum to protest, a band of hoodlums swept down upon him and broke up the meeting. The police, always very solicitous in their protection of reactionary meetings,

izing a broad worker's front for the defense of the right to free shortly after leaving the CP to speech against the Stalinists.

Palestine

Under the plan 45 per cent of several pitched battles with Vil- in areas influenced or occupied ish reservation, 40 per cent would file about whose existence even the CID chiefs with such infor- ommend immediate immigration Zionist policies and slogansgo to the Arabs and only 15 per as a member of the Central Com- mation as they would require of 100,000 Jews into Palestine. these proponents of the "pure"

Scene Of Bolivian Upheaval



ans section of Bolivia was the center of activity when the government of Dictator Gualberto Villarroel was overthrown and a new provisional president put in office. See "Inter-

Strikes Spread Across India In Reply To High Living Costs

By Duncan Ferguson

In a powerful demonstration of fighting strength, In- Route Army are being pressed dian workers crippled the huge city of Bombay by strike actions last week. The strikes quickly spread across the vast subcontinent of India to Calcutta, where telegraph

a standstill in both cities. ported that "India now appar- ed to go out in sympathy. On July 23 the N. Y. Times re-

ently faces its worst labor crisis since the railway strike of 1928." A UP report on the same day swept all the major cities of Instated: "It was feared that a general strike, covering Bombay anagh in The Militant, reports province and affecting about that he entered the socialist 500,000 workers would be called movement in Canada in 1908, within a few hours." No news of

pelled from the CP for "refusing as 18 rupees (\$5.50) a month!

REFUSE TO GO BACK

When the leaders of the Fedreturn to work without satisfacof the thirteen postal unions affiliated with the Federation left show that the Indian working

the city. In Calcutta 14,000 post- plane.

another holocaust and the oblit- munication services were at out, shutting down all mail deliveries and telegraph service. Railroad shop workers threaten-

These strikes are but the lat- U. S. BOMBS est development in a great move- Hour after hour, according to ine looming ever closer.

on strike to back up their wage Party has played no role in them negotions with the British Cabinet Mission. The purpose of eration of Post and Telegraph cloak of "independence," to make Unions tried to get the men to a new division of the profits and spoils between the Indian and tion of their demands, the work-British capitalists, with a larger ers refused to go back, and seven share now going to the former. The current strike struggles

class is beginning to play a more Telegraph employes in Bom- and more independent role. This bay then walked out in sympathy and were joined by 70,000 other will soon become manifest on the workers in various industries in political as well as the economic

tral Committee of the Internationalist Communist Party | STALINISTS IN INDIA LINKED WITH BRITISH POLICE SERVICE

ist) Party was linked to the well . . . lums invaded the hall where the CID (Criminal Investigation Department of the British Police in India) and did stoolpigeon work for it in putting down the movement for national independence during the war.

> the recent break of the Stalinist its party members. leader, Batliwala, with the Indian CP. Batliwala released this information in an interview with Nehru's paper, National Herald,

> struggle for independence, a certain crises . . . selected number of CP members had been released from prison on condition that they support then suited the interests of the Kremlin. Baltiwala tells how he

exchanged between Comrade P. Netaji Chandra Bose."

"I assert that the correspondthat an alliance existed between the Politbureau of the Communist Party and the Home Department of the Government of India, by which Mr. Joshi was plac-This was one of the important ing at the disposal of the Govfacts that came to light after enment of India the services of

closely guarded secret even in- HARRISON REPORT clear that the various political found it necessary to obtain still ing to a recent issue of the Indian revolutionary journal, the dian revolutionary journal, the rangement which helped the tion" came in the shape of an During the August 1942 mass Government of India to tide over Anglo-American Committee on

contradict me when I say that month deadline. he detailed certain party memthe British war policy-which bers without the knowledge of creation of said committee, exthe Central Committee or the actly nothing has been done, alrank and file of the party to be though even this hand-picked the Jewish workers must first learned of the CP-CID alliance: in touch with the Army Intel- committee, shocked by the Jew- cleanse their ranks of the chau-"I accidentally landed on a ligence Department and supply ry's plight, was forced to rec- vinist and class collaborationist which was for the exclusive use struggle or against persons who by the decisions of its own com- They must implacably fight

By Li Fu-Jen (Special To The Militant)

Well-supplied with American weapons and munitions. ranging all the way from coastal and river warships and planes, to rifle and machine-gun ammunition, Chiang Kaishek's military forces have launched large-scale offensives

on several fronts in China 9with intent to deal death blows to the Stalinist-led Eighth Route and New Fourth armies. The military campaign being accompanied by an unbridled reign of terror in the cities, directed against any and all opponents of Chiang's bloody

It is necessary to understand that the new military drive and the reign of terror are aimed not merely at the Stalinists. They are directed toward the wiping out of the spearhead of the popular opposition to the Kuomintang dictatorship which the Stalinists represent in the present stage of Chinese political development. Every oppositional element is in danger. What is occurring is an attempt to strangle the beginnings of the new Chinese revolution.

OPPOSITION SEETHES

Opposition to Chiang's rule is seething throughout the length and breadth of China. Never in the 19 years of the Kuomintang dictatorship has hangman Chiang's regime been so weak, so isolated, so universally hated by the masses as it is today.

One thing and one thing only tands between Chiang and the revolutionary wrath of the Chinese people: American imperialism which maintains its armed forces in China to hold open Chiang's lines of military supply and communication, and which furnishes Chiang with the implements of war.

On two fronts in North China the peasant soldiers of the Eighth back by Chiang's troops in the provinces of Shantung and Shan-

si. In the region of the lower Yangtze, in east-central China, fighting is raging in the Kiangsu-Anhwei triangle where Chiang's forces are trying to enof the New Fourth Army.

ment of strike struggle that has press dispatches, planes are taking off from Nanking, Chiang dia since the end of the war. The Kai-shek's capital, on bombing war brought the Indian workers and strafing missions against nothing but unemployment, in- the Stalinist lines. Chinese peasflationary prices and a contin- ant soldiers are being blasted by uation of their misery-with the bombs and bullets made in Amer-

The intervention of U.S. imperialism in the civil war in shek's vile regime from revolu- chances for peace and democracy severely beaten.



tionary destruction by the Chinese masses, so that China may be made safe for colonial exploitation by the money hogs of a base for future war against the Soviet Union.

The presence of American armed forces in China, and the continuing flow of American munitions and supplies to Chiang Kai-shek, has aroused bitter oppositon among the Chinese people. Tremendous demonstrations in Shanghai have demanded an end to American intervention.

Mme. Sun Yat-sen, widow of the founder of the Chinese republic and a liberal opponent of Chiang's regime, has added her voice to the growing demand that American intervention in the Chinese civil war should cease.

parently intends to issue her aid velop the battling peasant forces and assistance to the Chinese through the Nationalist Governthe forces of reaction. Under such circumstances we can hardly welcome this aid and assistto enlarge the civil war.

> a protracted state of civil war, dered in cold blood by Chiang's for the Chinese people will fight relentlessly for a termination of sentatives of the same organizafascism in their country. We tion who went to Nanking from therefore ask you to prohibit your

"Your lend-lease loans, sur-

and for maintaining useful dipomatic, economic and cultural relations with you."

Diplomatic representatives of reactionary governments are notorious as liars, but one could scarcely imagine a more fantastically false statement than that made in Washington July 24 by Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chiang's new ambassador to the United States, in reply to Mme. Sun Yat-sen.

PROFESSIONAL LIAR

Questioning her right to speak for the Chinese people (as if HE possessed such a right!), Koo said he "could not understand" why demands were voiced for the withdrawal of American troops from China, because "the great bulk of the Cihnese people know that the Americans are there for the specific purpose of disarming and repatriating Japanese soldiers." (N. Y. Times, July (N. Y. Times, July 25). This professional lier added that "the Chinese are grate-

ful for the American assistance." Meanwhile, supplementing the military drive against the Righth Route and New Fourth armies, Chiang Kai-shek has loosed a reign of terror in the cities, reminiscent of the "purge" which he carried out in 1927 after the Wall Street and converted into crushing of the Chinese revolu-

> Five hundred government police, armed with tommy guns and machine-guns (made in the United States!) surrounded the campus and dormitories of Futan University in Shanghai at dawn on July 22 and after a thorough search carried off two students suspected of anti-Kuomintang activity. The Chinese press was not permitted to report the raid, but news of it was cabled abroad by the United

Additional hundreds of Chiang's uniformed thugs carried In a statement issued July 22 out raids on bookstores and magin Shanghai and addressed to azine stands, the news agency the American people, Mme. Sun reported, stripping them of "dandeclared: "The United States ap- gerous" reading matter. At one Shanghai bookstore all books that bore such words as "democracy," "people" and "emanment, which is permeated with cipation" were seized and carried

At Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province in the southance for we know it will be used | west, two professors prominent in the Democratic League (a federation of petty - bourgeois plus property, marines and mil- groups which oppose the Kuoitary mission will lead China into mintang dictatorship) were mur-Shanghai to protest against the

the interests of the Indian capitalists, has been engaged in negotions with the British Cabitalists Cabitalists and December 1 Lessons For Jews In Fight net Mission. The purpose of these negotiations is, under the cloak of "independence." to make On British-Rule Of Palestine

By Dan Shelton

· The various investigations and committees on Palestine can be correctly understood only in terms of England's long-term imperialist policy, an integral part of which is England's need and desire to appease the Arab world. While the Jews have 9-

become weaker than ever, carrying virtually no weight in the game of power politics, the Arab states with their vast oil regions, their strategic location, their budding nationalism, are a force to be reckoned with. "Explorations" of the Jewish

Refugee Problem began in 1933 with the League of Nations Comthat the plight of some 8 to 10 million Jews no longer need be ence would conclusively prove "explored" inasmuch as they are already dead. These hypocritical "investigations" continued all through Hitler's regime.

In 1942 thirty - two governments came together at Evian to the British out of Palestine!" and "explore." In 1943 they converged again at the Bermuda resorts, and arrived at "secret decisions" which up to the present

In 1945, President Truman report demanded action. "Ac-Palestine, instructed to explore "I challenge him (Joshi) to the situation, with a three-

Today, nine months after the

What should Jewry's program policies of "its" Allied friends? SLOGANS FOR STRUGGLE

Today more than ever, it is clear that salvation lies only in the Jewry's coupling their strug-

gle with that of the world work-

ing class. In Europe, the Jews must fight shoulder to shoulder with the workers against the decayed capable to offer even the elementary needs of life.

In Palestine, the Jews must unite with the Arabs in a truly anti-imperialist struggle. "Drive "For a Free Palestine!"—these are the slogans of the hour. Any struggle in Palestine is

doomed to defeat beforehand unless it is a struggle to the end peasement of the imperialist rulagainst imperialist overlords. Episodic raids and battles with the English troops count for nothing, in the absence of an integrated, all-embracing fight for the independence of Palestine. false policies of the leadership. The untapped and tremendous The task is to break this rank reservoir of Arab' peasants and workers must become an integral part of the anti-imperialist gram and tie it to a truly antistruggle. Without it, failure is chauvinist, anti-imperialist prounavoidable; with it, success is gram. bound to come.

But to gain the Arabs' support in an anti-imperialist struggle, the decimation of world Jewry. of a "closed" Jewish economy

and all the rest of this Jewish "master-race" poison. They must approach the Arab

workers as equals and allies, fighting together in the same unions and unified organizations for common aims. Jewish labor be in the face of this unparalleled should demand the convocation catastrophe and the criminal of a Constituent Assembly, where Jews and Arabs would democratically determine their own fate. Their goal must be the creation of an independent Socialist Palestine as part of the Near-Eastern Socialist Federa-

TASKS TODAY

It is necessary to fight for this program within the Hagana, in italist system which is no longer order to win over the Jewish masses inside the Hagana to a genuine militant program that will "drive the British out of Palestine." Inside this mass organization, predominantly composed of workers and commune farmers, it is necessary to expose the Hagana's reactionary leadership and its self-defeating politics of compromise and ap-

There is undoubtedly growing dissatisfaction of the rank and file inside the Hagana with the and file from the Zionist pro-



to return to the country. larroel's troops, and on July 16 by the Soviet Union. were joined at the barricades by

consolidated on July 24 when the | Stalinist deputies.

International Notes

As demonstrations against the Gualberto Villarroel. On July 21 the victorious rebels swept soaring cost of living flared through the city and threw Vil- throughout Italy, Premier Alcide larroel to his death from a bal- de Gasperi faced his first parliacony of the Presidential Palace mentary crisis on July 25 by A provisional government, against the working class. Preformed during the night of July mier de Gasperi, who heads the 21, consisted of: Nestor Guillen, Catholic Christian Democrats, dean of the Supreme Court for charged that the hunger demthe La Paz District; Luis Gon- onstrations were "dangerously salvez Indaburo, students' repre- similar" to those that served as were conspicuous by their absentative; Dr. Aniceto Solares, a pretext for the rise of fascism, teachers' representative, and Au- and that the action of striking

that the triumph of the rebels action squads." meant the end of dictatorship A stream of hysterical redand the restoration of democracy baiting then fell from de Gasand civil liberties to the people. peri's lips as he denounced the All political exiles were invited Italian Communist Party as a tool of Moscow and on that basis | separate Arab and Jewish prov-Students from the University excused his efforts to reach a inces. In announcing this plan of La Paz were considered the bloc with the western imperial- on July 26, the British claimed real heroes of the fighting. Their ists. He announced he would that Palestine would be divided revolt actually began on July 9 continue to war upon the Com- along ethnic lines. when they joined their teachers munists as long as the Catholic in protest strikes. They fought | Church was being "persecuted" | the country would become a Brit-

the Workers' Federation. An es- in an uproar throughout de Gas- But even the lands given to the aware. It was a 'confidential file' were connected with the 1942 the Laborites!) refuses to abide of dominance over the Arabs. timated 2,000 students and work- peri's anti-working class tirade. Arabs and Jews would be under The new regime's power was received the solid votes of the dominated by the British imper- file contained correspondence the Azad Hind Government of investigations continue, so does the Arabs, against the concept

Bolivian tin miners voted it full confidence and support.

launching a flood of abuse relio Alcoba, workers' represent- labor unions at Mantua in blockading highways and requiring In its first communique issued passes from union headquarters at midday of July 22, the pro- to enter and leave the city, was visional government declared "no better than that of Fascist

The Constituent Assembly was cent would be given to the Jews. mittee of the party I was not against nationalist workers who The English government (under Jewish state, with its program But his 11-day old government control of a Federal Government of the Politbureau only. This had come to India on behalf of mittee, continuing to stall. While against racial unions, closed to

became President of the Vancou- importance has been allowed to horrible specter of another fam- ica and dropped from planes also ver Building Trades Council in seep out since then. incides with the suppression of 1912-13, actively opposed the The strike movement began on Under the benevolent eye of the Sergei Eisenstein's film, "Ivan First World War, and was one July 10 when 40,000 postal emaldaris government and its the Terrible," whose barbaric of the foundation members of ployes in six of the eleven pro- A significant aspect of the latmethods and blood purges so the Canadian Communist Party. vinces of British India went out est strikes is that the Congress the aim of saving Chiang Kai-The Ministry of Cinema and becoming organizer of the Syd- demands. Among the most poorly -except to urge arbitration. The Committees of Art and Arch- ney Trades and Labor Council paid of India's exploited work- Congress Party, which represents destroying towns and villages itecture have been officially ins- in 1928-29. In 1934 he was ex- ers, a postman receives as little the interests of the Indian capi-

Beat Trotskyist

(Special To The Militant) (CPI), French section of the Fourth International, was horribly manhandled and scarred by

meeting here on July 12. Two hundred Stalinist hood-

The PCI is engaged in organ-

The latest British stratagem in its struggle to maintain its dominance over Palestine is a plan for the partition of the country into

CALCUTTA, India - The | C. Joshi (the Indian Stalinist mission and are still going strong Indian Communist (Stalin- boss) and Sir Reginald Max- in 1946. The only difference is

"The manner and method of have not been divulged! operation of this alliance was a side the party. It is absolutely paigns were a part of the ar-

Withdrawal Of The

Occupation Troops

An important resolution on the Withdrawal of Oc-

cupation Troops, unanimously adopted by the In-

ternational Executive Committee of the Fourth

International in June 1946, is reprinted in full in

the August issue of Fourth International, monthly

magazine of the American Trotskyists, now on sale.

licies and the holding of millions of prisoners of

war as a direct continuation of war. "Consequently

the continuation of the struggle which the Fourth

International and its sections have carried on throughout the war for the disintegration of the

armed forces of capitalism, for the fraternization

of the workers of all countries, 'Allied' or 'Enemy,' in uniform or out of uniform, must find its expres-

sion in a struggle against the maintenance of the

military apparatus, against military occupation, for

the liberation of all prisoners of war, and for the

"In this struggle the Fourth International de-

nounces any and all pretexts which cover up this

reactionary policy of the imperialists and of the

Soviet bureaucracy. In opposition to the machina-

tions of their secret diplomacy, it sets up the slogan

of the right of self-determination of the peoples of

"The Fourth International demands the with-

drawal of all foreign armies, including the Red

Army, from all occupied territories. It opposes all

annexations, reparations, forced transfers of popu-

lations and the detention of millions of German

and Japanese workers as prisoners of war, either

by the imperialists or by the Soviet bureaucracy.

The Fourth International recognizes no other

frontiers than those drawn by the culture and freely

expressed preferences of the populations con-

international solidarity of the proletariat.

the European and colonial countries.

The resolution characterizes the occupation po-

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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

Reuther's Promise

One month ago United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther promised to lead a fight "to re-open all wage contracts if a new and better OPA is not passed by Congress."

Since then a new OPA has been passed, but nobody who wants to prevent price rises would ever call it "better." On the contrary, it legalizes price rises.

After the new OPA became law, it was up to Reuther to make good on his promise. But so far he has remained silent.

Why? One explanation has been offered in a July 27 report from Detroit to the N. Y. Times. This report says that UAW leaders "have abandoned any thought at present of new wage increases in favor of an all-out effort to preserve the present purchasing power of the dollar." It also says that adoption of such a policy is on the agenda of the UAW International Executive Board meeting, beginning August 5.

If this report is true - and Reuther's silence up to now lends support to it - then the UAW and the labor movement generally are faced with a terrible danger.

The struggle for price control is a necessary and progressive struggle today. But as long as control over prices is in the hands of the corporation agents on the OPA and the Decontrol Board, this struggle cannot be effective. To be successful, control over prices must be vested in mass consumers' committees really interested in protecting the consumers.

Neither Reuther nor Murray nor any other national trade union leader is trying to secure that kind of price control. They are content to leave price control in the hands of government officials who want higher prices and profits. As long as that remains the case, prices will keep going up and the workers' living standards will keep going down. Under these conditions, an economic disaster lies ahead for the workers - unless the unions fight to win back on the wage front what they are losing on the price front.

The struggle for price control must continue, but it cannot be separated from the struggle for wage raises to offset rising prices. Whoever tries to separate these struggles, whoever offers the fight for government price control as a substitute for the wage fight, is leading the labor movement into a trap, where its living standards will be drastically reduced.

Reuther, Murray and the others are responding to the pressure of the government and the capitalist press. It is now up to the members of the unions to exert their own pressure, by demanding immediate wage raises. This demand is best expressed in the slogan of the sliding scale of wages - an escalator clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage raises to meet the rising cost of

Congress' Record

The members of Congress are preparing to close shop in Washington and get home for the 1946 election campaigns. Then the air will be filled with long and loud speeches about how the members of Congress labored in the interests of the American people.

But these speeches will be filled with lies and falsifications. The actual record of Congress during just the last two months proves that it legislated not for the American people but for their masters in Wall Street.

First of all, on the price issue. The consumers made it plain to all that they were opposed to any further price rises. Congress gave them a new OPA which guarantees both higher prices and higher profits for the cor-

Housing has been one of the nation's most pressing problems since the end of war. But Congress has steadfastly refused to pass the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill to clear away slums and build low-cost homes.

Congress used to say that nothing was too good for the boys in the armed forces. But it has thus far refused to even permit a vote on the Amputees Auto Bill to provide speciallyequipped automobiles at government expense

for veterans who lost limbs during the war. Lynching and mob violence against Negroes increase daily, and millions of white and Negro citizens are denied the right to vote by the poll tax. Meanwhile the Anti-Lynching Bill

and the Anti-Poll Tax Bill remain pigeonholed in Congress.

Congress refuses to do anything for crippled and homeless veterans. But it passed a bill appropriating almost 12 billion dollars for the Army and Navy for the next year. This money will be used to prepare for World War III — and for the creation of more crippled and homeless veterans.

Congress refuses to raise the minimum wage for workers, but it voted itself a 50 per cent increase in salary.

This is only part of the record of this capitalist Congress. Yet its members have the nerve to request re-election!

It is high time for labor to place its own candidates in Washington.

It is high time to build an Independent

Bikini And Paris

Washington carefully timed the explosion of atomic bomb No. 4 to coincide with the Foreign Ministers' Conference in Paris last month. The June 22 Militant explained, "The Paris conference table at which Byrnes sits will be lighted up by the frightful glare of the atomic bomb explosion at Bikini." At the meeting of the Foreign Ministers, said The Militant, Wall Street was developing "a ruthless power play against the Soviet Union."

The capitalist press denied that the explosion of bomb No. 4 had anything to do with the Foreign Ministers' Conference.

But Washington repeated this power play on the opening of the Paris "Peace" Conference! This parley was scheduled to open July 29. Byrnes left the airport on July 27. Just two days before, on July 25, atomic bomb No. 5 was exploded at Bikini.

This bomb was touched off under water with far more spectacular results than bomb No. 4, which was a kind of curtain raiser by comparison. The Paris "Peace" Conference is a more important gathering than the Foreign Ministers' parley and requires a more impressive demonstration of Wall Street's military power.

The first bomb at Bikini had left doubts in the minds of some about the colossal destructive power of the atomic bomb. These doubts were probably removed by the second explosion. The \$400,000,000 guinea pig fleet was battered and ruined, the ocean floor at Bikini littered with the hulks of mighty ships that could have carried food to the faminestricken areas of the earth.

In Wall Street's drive for world power, the atomic bomb demonstrations are designed to terrorize and intimidate the peoples of the earth. The demonstrations underline the ominus meaning of Washington's continued manufacture of atomic bombs.

The mushrooming columns of radio-active gases and mist at Bikini were set off to impress on the world that Byrnes sitting down at the "Peace" Conference at Paris represents the most powerful military force the world has yet seen. When Byrnes speaks, back of his words lies the threat of the atomic bomb. .

The fearful shadow of Bikini rests over the Paris meeting.

Smear Technique

In the February 1946 Political Affairs, organ of the American Stalinists, Max Weiss called for ruthless struggle against The Militant and the Trotskyists. To aim the fire more effectively, he directed the Stalinists to "end certain tendencies toward bandying about the word 'Trotskyite' as an epithet against all forces that oppose us in the labor movement."

Here are some recent examples of how the

Stalinists have carried out this directive. A June 13 editorial in the Daily Worker called Max Eastman "a follower of the notorious Trotsky." Eastman is not a Trotskyist. He is a bitter opponent of Trotskyism.

The June 29 Daily Worker called Herbert Solow a "professional red-baiter and Trotzkyite.' Solow too is an opponent of Trotskyism.

On June 15, Mike Gold declared in the Daily Worker that the "little rodent of a phony newspaper man. Victor Riesel of the New York Post played his usual Trotskyite role by repeating this fascist slander." As is well-known in the labor movement, "rodent" Riesel is no more a Trotskyist than is sewer-rat Gold.

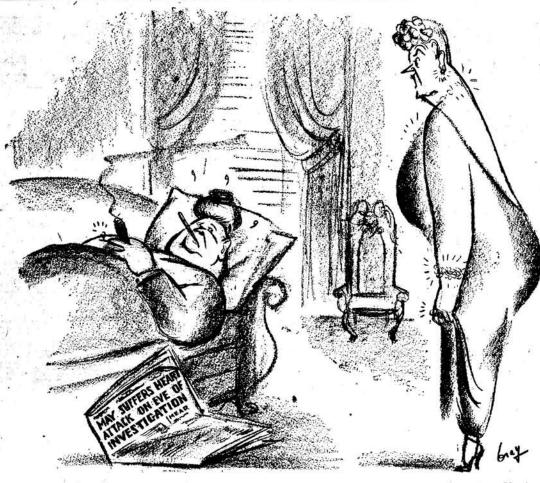
On June 4 Gold listed as "Trotskyites" -Capt. Joseph Medill Patterson, owner and editor of the Daily News, James T. Farrell and Edmund Wilson. Patterson before his death was a leading isolationist who supported World War II, just as Gold did. Patterson was not a Trotskyist. Edmund Wilson is not a Trotskyist; in fact he is not a political figure at all. James T. Farrell is not a Trotskyist but a novelist who has actively opposed the Stalinist mud-slinging machine.

The latest Stalinist smear is an editorial on China in the July 27 Daily Worker. "There was the statement yesterday," says this editorial, "from a committee of 38 made up of assorted reactionaries — among them prominent Trotzkyites - demanding that the United States cease aiding the Chinese Communists. Only the Trotzkyites and Social Democrats could think that one up."

Truly only a Stalinist editor could think that one up. Not a single Trotskyist signed the statement referred to. They couldn't, because the Trotskyists have been in the forefront demanding that the United States cease aiding Chiang Kai-shek.

In our last issue, The Militant ran an editorial opposing U.S. aid to "the hated reactionary regime of dictator Chiang Kai-shek." This editorial carried the unmistakable cap-

tion: "Withdraw the Troops." How could the Stalinist hacks have mistaken our position on China? There was no mistake. It's simply a case of the Stalinist smear technique - what Trotsky-baiter Max Weiss calls "bandy" about the word 'Trotskyite' as an epithet."



"For heaven's sake-Why are you doing that now when we have a dinner engagement-you don't have to testify till next week!"

of the social process; they retain their individuality throughout the play. At the same time, the author never lets the audience forget that man is a product of his society.

The setting is in St. Louis, where the conflicting traditions of the North and South meet and clash. It is one of those midwestern cities where the declining, decadent middle-classes predominate.

The play is sparing in the use mother, half-living in the mem- them. ories of the secure Mississippi plantation life of her youth, deworks in a warehouse sacrifices restlessness of the masses for but of a whole class.

Congressmen At Work -

In the debate over Senate Bill

1850 to subsidize the training

of some 18,000 American youths

as basic scientists, Wall Street's

Congressmen revealed how edu-

cation under capitalism is tied

On July 1, Senator Harley M.

Kilgore (Democrat of West Vir-

ginia) argued for the bill along

the following lines: "The Civil

War was fought with probably

a minimum of scientific effort

on both sides . . . The Spanish-

American War was a rehash of

the same situation . . . World

War I . . . was really the first

On that occasion we set up sev-

eral scientific agencies . . . In

each case, however, at the

scientific agencies were merely

which had been developed dur-

ing time of peace,"

scientifically waged war . .

to the most reactionary aims.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE, a bute to the support of the fam-ful drudgery of their daily exisplay by Tennessee Williams, ily. He escapes the heli of his tence. Random House, 124 pp., \$2, life by going to the movies night | The desire of millions of young This is one of the rare plays after night. The "gentleman call- people to get on in life, the con-

> 'acquainted" with Laura. what really stunts her inner blind middle class. growth. But he can only repeat | The most subtle symbolism lies

the reality of the dissolution of of the world. serted by a husband, tired of and the family. The terribly demor-

Making The Next War Scientific

brilliant minds among the youth

ture, imagine what tremendously

six Democrats and two Republi-

war. Among the Big Business

backers of the subsidy program

"one of the difficulties" of World house, General Motors and such at the idea of opening up the

ment." In preparation for the put the problem, "it is highly to study or how they are to go

Finally there came World War II. destructive weapons can be pro- the "social sciences" are taught

with a deep social content. Its er" is invited to dinner through fidence of youth in the future and characters are not mere symbols the mother's design to get him how this confidence is victimized by the phony preachers of The gentleman caller is touch- success and reliance upon this ed by Laura's sweetness and system is characterized in the beauty, and becomes aware of "gentleman caller," typical of the

the empty phrases about "self- in the "glass menagerie," the litconfidence" and "making the collection of glass animals friends" and "success" which he upon which Laura bestows all has absorbed in business schools. her fondness. Laura incorporates To obey his own needs, the son the fate of many lost and loneleaves home, unable however to ly women of our society, whose banish the haunting image of his love and energy is wasted upon sister; that is, unable to shake figures of glass; wasted as the of scenery as well as of actors, off the unsolved problems of his energies of millions in the futilof which there are but four. A home by running away from ity of the daily rut, wasted as the wonderful and vital energies The play portrays an aspect of of youth are wasted in the armies

This is a play of uncompromisfrustrated by the family bond. alizing role of the movies in ing seriousness. The superb act-Her crippled daughter, Laura, America is depicted, with the ing and well-designed scenery fated to lead a spinster's life, false illusions and values it cre- convey the intensity of a social seeks pleasure in collecting lit- ates; the phony outlet it provides atmosphere and the tragedy not tle glass animals. A son, who for the hunger of life, for the only of the individuals involved.

his loftler ambitions to contri- something better than the hate- | Reviewed by Eugene Shays

scientists in this country."

To make clear that the subsid-

ies are not intended for the bene-

fit of the youth, but solely to

provide the war machine with

basic scientists, Kilgore pointed

out: "The recipients are subject,

as they always have been, to

furnishing themselves as cannon

On one provision, differences

did arise. Senator Elbert D.

Thomas (Democrat of Utah) had

included a "Division of Social

Sciences" under the subsidy pro-

gram. Thomas taught sociology

at the University of Utah be-

bandwagon. He understands how

in the colleges to glorify the capi-

the professors in this field a

Senator George L. Radcliffe

(Democrat of Maryland) opposed

this provision. He was "appalled

social sciences without any chart-

ing of what the investigators are

about it." He admitted that the

program could not be "used to

any considerable extent to fo-

ment various kind of insidious doctrines" but "if an allotment

is made to a certain university,

and the head of a particular de-

partment is a man addicted to

certain isms, he might use the

Senator J. William Fulbright

(Democrat of Arkansas) tried to

tip off Radcliffe on the real

score: " . . . I think it will be

very difficult, as a practical

matter, for the social scientists

to get very big slices of pie, if that

is what the Senator means."

Fulbright outlined the kind of

projects the "social scientists"

would be confined to - re-writing history in an "objective way"

and so on. "I think the Senator

will agree that that type of pro-

In Fulbright's view, research

in the social sciences "would

have nothing to do with com-

munism, socialism, or any mat-

ter of that kind." Instead, the

scientists would be put to work

on problems of concern to Big

Business and its military caste

such as "psychological warfare."

ject is not very revolutionary."

fund for that purpose."

uncovering fresh secrets of na- fore he jumped on the Roosevelt

The sponsors of the bill include talist system. He wanted to give

cans, since both capitalist part- little recognition for their valu-

able services.

fodder in the event of war."

Revolutionary Policy

In opposition to the bankrupt policies of the imperialists and the Stalinist bureaucrats, the resolution continues, "the Fourth International counterposes the revolutionary struggle of the exploited masses of all countries for the triumph of the world socialist revolution and the Federation of the Socialist United States of Europe and of the world."

In demanding the withdrawal of the Red Army from the countries it occupies, the Fourth International does not at all abandon its policy of unconditional defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

"But the defense of the planned state economy of the USSR as well as that of the progressive reforms carried out in Eastern Europe cannot be assured by purely military means, and especially not by occupation of territories for a strategic purpose.

"Real defense is based first of all on the free revolutionary activity of the masses which must assure the total victory of the proletarian revolution. The masses of the countries at present must feel absolutely free, without any pressure, to determine their own fate. The occupation of these countries by the Red Army, the burdens imposed upon them, their treatment as defeated countries can only harm the fundamental interests of the world socialist revolution and dangerously compromise in the eyes of the masses the defense of the USSR against imperialist attacks." Examples of this were seen in the elections in Hungary, Austria and Germany.

"Consequently, the unconditional defense of the USSR cannot, in the zone occupied by the Red Army, lead to any policy of support even provisional or temporary, with this or that bourgeois or pettybourgeois clique or organization which banks on the bureaucracy, as against bourgeois or petty-bourgeois parties which bank on imperialism.

Real Defense Of USSR

"It can be applied only by an energetic carrying out of uncompromising class struggle of the proletariat against its own bourgeoisie. That is why the slogan 'immediate departure of the occupation troops' and an energetic campaign against the barbarous methods of the bureaucracy are alone capable of rehabilitating the policy of the defense of the USSR by clearly indicating that the defense of the USSR nowise justifies the crimes of Stalin."

Where reactionary movements backed by imperialism attempt to overthrow the more or less statified economy in the occupied countries in order to establish a base for attacking the Soviet Union, "we oppose such a movement and fight alongside the Red Army for the defeat of the imperialists and their agents, until the workers in that country are able to stand alone against the bourgeois counterrevolution.'

The resolution concludes by indicating how this policy should be applied in different countries and calling for internationalist fraternization with the soldiers of the occupying armies. It warns that in the occupied countries the policy must be applied "in such a way that it cannot be used against the Soviet Union to the advantage of the imperialists."

Ruptured Duck Now A Homing Pigeon

That famous bird the ruptured duck, emblem of honorable service in Uncle Sam's armed force, is rapidly becoming a homing pigeon headed for a spot in the dresser drawer beside other souvenirs of

A survey of more than two dozen men out of service more than three months revealed one wearing the button. He explained: "I put it in the lapel of this suit when I got out. Now I wear the same suit every day, because it's the only one I've got."

Two buttonless veterans had definite, thought-out reasons why they did not wear the emblem. One

"Why let on you're a veteran? It doesn't mean anything-no housing, the OPA kicked to hell, and the big dealers already talking about the third war * * * the ruptured duck, my eye, a badge for suckers is a better name for it."

The other, a tall Navy veteran, said: "I didn't wear the ruptured duck because I didn't like it. I had five years in the Navy and the way things look maybe I'll be back in soon. Who knows

-I might prefer the War Three design." -Newark Evening News, N. J. July 16

NEW YORK

Indonesian Republic **Anniversary Rally**

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The Senator declared that are General Electric, Westing-

War II was "the failure to have a well-known Wall Street figure

well-rounded research develop- as Bernard Baruch. As Kilgore

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FRIDAY, AUG. 16, 8 p.m.

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JOSEPH HANSEN, Socialist Workers Party PEARL BUCK, East-West Assn.

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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.

Injuries to 30 "No Excuse" For Going Home

Editor:

On June 26 I was putting labels on bottles at a plant in the Publicker Alcohol Distilleries in Philadelphia. The time was 1:40. In 20 minutes the bell would ring for our 10 minute relief period. when we could get outside that sweat factory (there are no fans).

The building, covering an entire city block, has two large rooms on every floor. Suddenly. from the room back of us a woman ran screaming-"Fire!"

In that room are several 1,000 gallon tanks of alcohol. We didn't know how soon an explosion would kill us all. Everyone not petrified ran for the doorway; some fainted. The stairway was jammed. No one could move. There was pushing, shoving, screaming. Several women fell. One girl was stopped from jumping out of the third floor Eyewitness Report window.

The episode ended abruptly. Our foreman ordered: "Everyone | Editor: back to your seats. It's all over.' Four minutes to relief time!

More than 30 women had been duction must go on!

When the relief bell rang, we position of the working people. gathered outside to talk about of us were shaken. The com-

ing to go home can do so but gives him a huge profit anyhow. needn't come back."

Workers In Reading Face Eviction From Housing Project

Editor:

authorized to survey wages and saying that money was rolling in rents of tenants in 400 dwell- satisfactorily. ings, to find out who has a greater income than was called for at the outset of the housing program, before the war.

comes of about 100 of these work- nounced senators who had cut ing class families are too high OPA oppropriations and made it of my subscription to The Milifor project homes. The incomes hard to wipe out the black mar- tant for one year. I find news of these workers are \$30 to \$55 ket. He certainly seemed sin- therein that we do not read of ings are "too high!" Living costs for himself. But of course, he Continue telling the truth. increased throughout the OPA. did not for one second discuss Workers face inflationary prices | fundamental problems-how to caused by Big Business. Do the produce more so that there will directors want workers to re- be no black market, how to disfuse a wage increase so they can tribute what can be produced. stay in their homes?

Project directors are men like Ernest B. Posey, who paid workhe had the street cleaning and street repair contracts in Reading. Is that what he wants workers to get today?

These directors also claim that because of OPA ceilings on rents. they cannot get a proportionate share of the workers' incomes. Now they seek removals by raising rents.

Where could these workers go? Don't the directors know there's a housing shortage - or do they forget, because they themselves have homes to go to?

Big Business is responsible for the housing shortage. During the war, not one bill was passed in Congress for housing workers. Instead, Congress was taking care of its own class, the capitalists, with such things as guaranteed profits and billions in tax re-

Under capitalism the workers have no right to live! William Moore Reading, Pa.

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On Congress

A few days ago I happened to be going through Washington and I visited the Senate. The injured. Some were taken to Senators were debating Price the hospital, others to the nurse. Control. I was deeply struck The rest of us went back to our by what I had been reading in seats. The belt started. Pro- The Militant-that there is no one in the Senate who takes the

For instance, Senator Wherry going home for the day, for all of Nebraska, who hates all price control, argued for an amendpany's answer to our delegate ment guaranteeing each retailer a sales price to include every "No one is compelled to work increase in cost since 1940, even for this company. Anyone want- though the retailer's volume

Senator Barkley, the "liberal" in charge of the price control Philadelphia bill, fought the amendment saying that the retailers are making enough already. He read figures showing unbelievable profits even without Senator Wherry's amendment. Of course, neither of these men touched any fundamental problem. It Executive directors of the was just a case of one man wanthousing project in Reading were ing much more and the other

A little later, Senator Pepper made a very able speech for extending the previous OPA bill. He spoke of the "people's" Directors now claim that in- rights and interests. He de-

scarcity. There was just a difference of opinion about how to ers 40 cents an hour in 1929 when keep things orderly. Wherry and Taft wanted an open return to the '20s. Pepper and Barkley wanted to appease workers a little bit.

> Just a few labor representatives in the Senate that day would probably have turned Congress upside down. At least they alone could have brought out the real issues.

A Reader

Unbiased Information

We have enjoyed reading The Militant and the unbiased inand problems for struggling humanity.

Mrs. O. E. Benson, Minn.

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It Makes A Lot Of Difference

I am sure you have noticed how active the authorities in Nassau County have been in trying to track down the criminal in the sensational murder-rape case of a wealthy family in that county. A lot different from the way they proceeded when the Freeport cop Romeika shot down two Negro veterans in cold blood in the same county.

It seems to make a lot of difference if the victims are wealthy white people or poor Negro peo-

You also may be interested in story printed in the Nassau Daily Review-Star on July 25. It is entitled, "Cops Couldn't Shoot, Injured Puppy Lives," and begins as follows:

"Freeport police are just a bunch of softies when it comes to shooting helpless little puppies. They just haven't got the heart for that kind of business. Especially when the pup is only three months old and has hardly begun to feel his way around."

And it goes on and on about how five cops just couldn't bring themselves to kill a pup injured by an auto, and finally took it to cat-and-dog hospital.

Maybe they should have called



Militant Tells News Others Don't Print

Editor:

Enclosed is a \$1 bill for renewal

P. L. D. N. Y. West Lawn, Pa.

Victimization Of Both sides were arguing for Civil Service Workers Editor:

Civilian workers employed by the Army and Navy in the Philadelphia area are being forced through wage withholding and threats of discharge, to sign affidavits stating that they do not belong to any union advocating a strike against the government.

mission is trying to weaken the 8 p.m. present trade union organizaunion movement in anticipation floor.

of coming wage struggles. Federal workers have been ordered to sign the following: "I gaged in any strike against the tionals by Youth and SWF formation on the current issues government . . . am not a mem- speakers. ber of an organization of government employes that asserts the right to strike against the truth of youth's struggles. government . . . and that I will not while a government employe become a member of such an or-

ganization." Workers are told that if they refuse to sign they will not receive their pay even if wages have already been earned; and. that they will automatically lose their jobs. Thus since July 1 thousands of federal workers have been pressured into signing away their civil rights.

The U. S. Civil Service Circular 560. June 1946, incorporated into the War Dept. Civilian Personnel Circular 73 of July, 1946,

"Any person who engages in a strike against the government . . or who is a member of an organization of government employes that asserts the right to strike against the government . . . and accepts (civil service) employment . . . shall be guilty of felony and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year."

This order makes it possible to discharge, fine, imprison, or discriminate against any government worker belonging to any trade union.

C. Blake Philadelphia Police Attack Pickets



Police brutality against strikers raged in Los Angeles as cops injured three workers on the picket line at the Pacific Press plant. Members of the AFL International Printing Pressmen's and Assistant's Union were attacked as they tried to prevent scabs from crossing their line.

-Federated Pictures

Louisiana Sawmill Workers In Bitter 4-Month Strike

ting a dose of capitalist misery and starvation. The Militant has already reported how workon strike since April, trying to New York City hike their miserable wage.

> This Crowell miser owns the company houses. 'The workers pay high rent to Crowell, who pays them 45 cents an hour. Crowell, a millionaire, has now served eviction notices on the workers who have been walking the picket line over four months with no financial help. Some of these workers slaved for him under sweatshop conditions for 30

I have been on the picket line with a 100 per cent raise, they and talked with the workers. The AFL union involved seems to be doing a poor job. The organis nowhere near the mill, but a half mile away. Scabs work in-

Youth Group **Activities**

Brighton Beach between Bay working class. 7-8 (take BMT to Ocean P'way).

Dancing, refreshments follow. Brooklyn: Class on "Struggle for Negro Equality." Instructor: Harry Robinson, Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Brooklyn headquarters. SWP, 635 Fulton Street.

Dancing, refreshments. Queens - Open forums every Wednesday at Odd Fellows Tem-The U. S. Civil Service Com- | ple, 160th St. and 90th Ave.,

pare for further attacks on the p.m. 1303-05 W. Girard, 2nd

LOS ANGELES. - Socialist Youth Club meets every Thursday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarthereby swear that I am not en- ers, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educa- Masses article and cartoon.

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announcements of youth activi-

Long Leaf, Louisiana, are get- shut down the mill and starve ers at Crowell's mill have been groes have manned the picket and will make good use of it. You line. Everyone knows that at will hear more from us." the present time a Negro picket line in the deep South cannot be as effective as a mixed picket

> down here for calling a scab a SCAB. There is another even more alarming sign. The men walked out demanding a 16 cent an hour increase. Now they find the union trying to settle for 3 cents an hour! Three cents, when in the past months the cost of liv-

ing has skyrocketed so that even

line. A Negro can be lynched

still couldn't make ends meet. Crowell doesn't mean to settle the strike with any sort of 'inizer was not available, so I crease. The workers he has release which said in part: couldn't get his side of the story. starved and drained of bodily But for one thing, the picket line strength and hope, will be disregarded by this greedy small- product. None of the union ortime Rockefeller, hoarding his ganizations, the CIO, the AFL bloody dollars while he puts the or the Railroad Brotherhoods, wives and children of the work- has endorsed it. ers onto the streets.

had their day! The future be- based upon and controlled by longs to the workers and farm- the trade union movement. Only ers of America and the world. such a party, free of all associa-The signs are fewer in the South, tion with the Democratic and NEW YORK. - For informa- but in strongly unionized areas Republican parties, can represtion on the Trotskyist Youth like Detroit, the struggle of the ent the labor movement and the a week. To think that such earn- cere. He was making a record in ordinary papers or magazines. Group send name and address workers against the bosses is interests of the working people. to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, bearing hopeful fruit. Let the workers of the South wake up, is confident that a genuine La-Every Sunday: Beach Party at too, to the strength of a united bor Party will develop in Amer-

When the workers of the land but we oppose the substitution Open Forum: Every Friday, 8 unite against the profiteers, those of small groups for the majority p.m., at 116 University Place. money grabbers, including Crow- of the working people who speak ell, will find out what it's like to and act through their unions." do a day's work for a change. Kent Darrow

New Masses' Slander Holds Konikow

young worker. I read in New Masses a terrible attack on Trots-PHILADELPHIA. - Youth ky and you - and was simply back! Why?

> I'm still expecting a front page article in answer to the New W. E. M.

Chicopee Falls, Mass.

The above is a reference to the

slanderous "review" of Trotsky's biography of Stalin (New Mass-Watch this column for further es, June 25). This was answered by Charles Carsten in The Militant, July 6 .- The Editors.

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Pioneer Notes

Within a week Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y., will issue its fifth new pamphlet of 1946 (besides two new books this year). Build a Labor Party NOW! by George Clarke (16 pages, 10c) is he new title, with cover design by Laura Gray, popular cartoon-

ist of The Militant. Build a Labor Party NOW! is made up to record the subs extremely timely for this elec- brought in by each comrade," she tion year, when the Socialist Workers Party has entered candidates in at least five states. This punchy pamphlet is a revision of three articles by George Clarke that appeared in The Militant in June. It will be valuable campaign material not only for the SWP but for many trade unionists who want to see a real labor party in America now.

Pioneer's most recent popular pamphlet, Veterans & Labor (24 pages, 10c) by Charles Carsten, cover by Jean Morgan, is already reaching thousands of exservice men. In two weeks 3,390 copies have gone to branches of the Socialist Workers Party, to other groups and to individuals.

Harry Ring, organizer of Brooklyn SWP branch, comments: "Very attractive pamphlet, Veterans & Labor; lively, easy reading, with just the right side, rumor has it, dismantling emphasis in headings and typo-People in the sawmill town of the mill. Crowell can afford to graphical arrangement. Of course we have used our branch rubber the workers; he has other mills. stamp in the space provided for Another sign of poor procedure that purpose inside the cover. is the fact that principally Ne- Our veterans like the pamphlet

No Connection With Akron "ULP" Group

AKRON, Ohio, July 26. A small group established itself here last week under the about 75 and with the September established in Hudson County. name of the United Labor Party of America.

The Akron Branch of the Socialist Workers Party dissociated itself from this group in a press

"The United Labor Party, socalled, is a completely synthetic

"We stand and have stood for But Crowell and his kind have years for a genuine Labor Party ica. We are working towards it

Long Leaf, La. Philadelphia SWP I'm not a communist, but a Memorial Meeting

By C. Blake

PHILADELPHIA, July 27tion of federal workers, and pre- Forums held every Saturday, 8 shocked at the way you people Members and friends of the lack courage to answer them | Socialist Workers Party here this week honored the memory of Antoinette Konikow, 76-year-old pioneer revolutionist who died this month. At the meeting, held July 22, a new member - the youngest in the Philadelphia branch - was enrolled in the SWP. This was an inspiring symbol of the continuation of the struggle for socialism, to which Comrade Antoinette had devoted six decades of her life.

Max Geldman, Philadelphia SWP organizer, described a recent visit to Boston, where Antoinette, despite her advanced age, was still seeking new ways to implement the revolutionary socialist program. She had hoped to pioneer a Russian language revolutionary paper, to reach Russian emigres with the message of Trotskyism.

Howard Gleason described her long history in the Marxist movement, concluding: "Comrade Konikow is not dead. Her ideas, the program for which she fought throughout her life, live on in the Socialist Workers Party.'

Rose Carey acted as chairman. The meeting closed with the singing of The Internationale.

Newark Picnic Sunday, August 18 From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sickinger's Grove In Uniontown, N. J. Transportation Provided Tickets at 423 Springfield Ave.

THE MILITANT ARMY

Monthly Sub Quotas Set By SWP Members

of branch members.

E. Brent. "We now have a chart

writes; "and it is a nice one.

points, E. Drake has 19, Kay O'-

-Eastside or Westside Branch."

Flint Branch decided upon a

quota of 35 subs a month. Jerry

Kirk writes: "We are concen-

trating on renewals through

Bob Chester for San Francisco

on the conservative side, and we

since we have a number of new-

Milt Genecin of Akron Branch

Boston Branch set a quota of

to launch another local sub drive

for at least 300 new readers . . .

We are keeping our Boston sub-

branch mobilizations.'

will be forthcoming."

mobilizations."

there in the fall."



Branches of the Socialist Workers Party are setting voluntary quotas of subscriptions to The Militant, based upon the individual pledges 3

quota," he says, "but it will take a little prodding to involve the Detroit Branch set a goal of less active ones.' 100 subs a month, according to Portland Branch has set a

Branch a quota of 50 Comrades of the Socialist I'm in the lead so far with 38, Workers Party, while vacation-Brien has 14, J. Miller 6, Carli ing at the Mid-West Vacation Camp and School in Grass Lake, 5. It will be more fun this month to see who can get the most subs Mich., do not forget The Mili-

tant. They have sent in six

subs from other vacationers in

quota of 14 subs and Toledo

the area. A. Strobel of Detroit, Mich. renewed his subscription for one year and sent an additional \$1: Please accept \$1 for the good and welfare of the paper.'

A Militant reader in San Fran-Branch states that their quota of cisco mailed in two 1-year subs. 50 subs a month "is definitely Steve Hudak of Cleveland, Ohio writes: "I am hereby enare sure we will go over it each closing \$5. \$2.50 of this is for Ed Davis reports for Oakland my one-year combination renew-Branch: "We are setting a mod- al. The other \$2.50 is my con-

est quota of 20 subs per month, tribution to The Militant." Comrade Strobel, the friend in er members whose potentialities San Francisco, and Comrade we are not yet sure of. You can Hudak are real Militant boosters. bank on the 20 and I hope more We welcome you into the ranks of The Militant Army.

A. F. of Vancouver wishes us says that their quota of 50 subs success: "One of the first colwill apply beginning in August. umns I read is The Militant Irene Fitzgerald of Philadel- Army. I am very interested in phia Branch declares: "We shall the growth of The Militant. Selltry to meet 100 subs a month ing the paper to more and ever on basis of two subs from some more workers is one of the best comrades, more from others, plus Party builders there is. So build up the circulation of the paper."

40 subs a month, and Larry Turner outlines plans for the future: "In September we intend New Headquarters

For the first time in the history of the Socialist Workers scribers at about 400. Lynn has Party, a headquarters has been sub drive we will bring Lynn up New Jersey-stronghold of the to 400. Worcester has about 50. notorious Hague machine. The With luck and the help of the address is 62 West 23 St., Baycomrades, we hope for a branch onne. Open house will be held on the second and fourth Sat-Fred Martin informs us that urdays of each month. A series Milwaukee Branch has accepted of additional social and educaa quota of two subs per mem- tional activities will be announcber per month. "The more ac- ed in forthcoming issues of The tive comrades will easily fill their Militant.

OUR PROGRAM:

1. Full employment and job security for c

workers and veterans! A sliding scale of hours! Reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay!

rising scale of wages! Increase the increased cost of living! Government operation of all idle and government-

built plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages during the entire period of unemploy-

2. Independence of the trade unions from the government!

No restriction on the right to strike! 3. Organization of the war veterans by the

4. Full equality for Negroes and national mi-

norities!

Down with Jim Crow!

5. Build an independent labor party! 6. Tax the rich, not the poor!

No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year! 7. A working class answer to capitalist mili-

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions! Trade union wages for all workers in the armed

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World War II And The Monopolies:

What Is The Future For Monopoly?

By Art Preis

The Senate Small Business Committee, in its voluminous study, "Economic Concentration And World War II," shows with a wealth of data how World War II benefited only Big Business and how the giant monopolies became even more powerful and dominating. (See The Militant, July field of influencing public 20 and 27.)

"What will be the effect of this wartime con- Business Committee's report, centration (of wealth and economic power) upon the peacetime economy?", asks the report. "Will the wartime gains in concentration be retained. or increased, or will the economy return to its prewar state? — which, it should not be forgotten of newspapers, periodicals, and was already highly concentrated."

The report states: "During both World Wars. the relative importance of American big business rose sharply. War contracts were issued predominantly to the large concerns, and they accumulated huge profits and controlled the destinies of great numbers of workers."

Pattern Continues

World War II not only continued this historical concern (1) that citizens in so pattern, it developed it more rapidly than ever. many communities can buy only "The evidence is compelling that big business will one daily paper and (2) that in be able to use a number of other wartime devel- so many cases these single dailopments to increase its relative importance in ies present the point of view of the postwar economy. These include such factors the same newspaper chain." as production improvements, scientific research, wartime advertising, increased working capital daily newspapers, with a circu-

The biggest corporations throughout the war the circulation reached 43.4 milwere able to "keep their company names, their lion by 1942, the number of dailtrade-marks, or their brand names before the ies fell to 1,787. During the war public eye by means of expensive advertising cam- by 1945, there were 38 less papaigns. Much of this was of the so-called insti- pers, but circulation rose by antutional type in which the firm identified itself other 5,000,000. with the war effort. Furthermore, much of it was ultimately paid for by the Federal Government, the advertising campaigns being charged off as per. Newspaper chains controlled an expense before taxes, thereby reducing the about 40 per cent of all daily circorporation's tax payments."

But these are relatively only minor advantages over small competitors gained by the big mono- tion . . . By the middle of 1945, the 63 largest | cess profits at a refunds and tax credits) at the polies during the war. One of the biggest advan- listed manufacturing corporations with assets of end of 1945 they will hold nearly 10 billion dollars tages is the increase in working capital accumu- over \$100,000,000 (each) had increased their net of highly liquid working capital." lated in the hands of a few "giants of industry." working capital to 8.4 billion dollars, more than

used in a variety of ways to improve its posi- in 1939, and, for the reasons indicated above (ex-

How Public Opinion Is Monopolized

Monopolies dominate in the opinion, reveals the Senate Small "Economic Concentration And World War II."

"A high degree of concentration prevails in the publishing books-a fact of obvious social importance," says the report. "It is generally agreed that free critical inquiry and the open expression of opposing points of view comprise one of the essential ingredients of a political democracy.

"It is therefore a matter of In 1909 there were about 2,600 lation of 24.2 million. Though

By 1940 only 181 cities in the

country had more than one pa-

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• 5 BIG FISH MONOPOLIZE 52% OF U. S. MAG-AZINE PAPER



chains of 81 papers — Hearst, the report states. Patterson - McCormick, Scripps -

sociated Press, the United Press, of the 886 in the entire United culation and 50 per cent of Sun- and the International News Ser- States.

- REPORT IN THE SENATE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE day newspaper circulation. About vice-virtually control the buslation was controlled by just six tribution for the entire country," These big newspaper corpora-

Howard, Paul Block, Ridder and tions also either "owned or controlled" as of December 31, 1944 "Three organizations—the As- a total of 508 radio stations out

With this capital, the 63 corporations could "In the immediate postwar years, big business that of all listed manufacturing corporations (802 buy up at option price all government-owned prowill have billions of dollars in cash that can be listed with Securities and Exchange Commission) duction facilities or "they could purchase the assets of 71,700 smaller manufacturing corporations with assets of less than \$3,000,000 each, which represent 94 per cent of the total number of manufacturing corporations in the United

The prospects for further growth of monopoly, the report summarizes, are: "Economic concen- the working populace. tration will probably be higher in the postwar years than before the war as a result of: The production improvements and scientific research which big business gained during the war; the the public eye during the war; and finally the fact that big business will probably acquire a

mergers and acquisitions in manufacturing was needs of the many. higher in the fourth quarter of 1945 than at any The end of the private profit system will be way? time in the previous decade and a half."

growing concentration of economic power, the very power of life and death over the American people, in the hands of a tiny oligarchy of wealth and privilege?

The Senate committee's report breaks down at seen that capital—which is a surplus wealth over and this point. In a couple of brief sentences it summarizes its position. It merely states, without any atempt to argue its point, that while the facts it has piled up show that it is "probable" big busi- names of interest, dividends, rents, profits of enterprise, ness will grow still bigger, it should not be concluded that this is "inevitable." "Concentration not only can be held to its present position; it can be reduced substantially below that level."

Crumbs for Small Business

How? The answer of the committee is given in one sentence, "This would require an anti-trust program, a small business program (including financial aid), and a surplus-disposal program directed, specifically, to assist small business on a scale pever before contemplated."

Boiled down to its essence, this program for "substantially" reducing monopoly is—throw a few crumbs to the small businessmen, turn some government-built facilities over to them, help the little capitalist to become bigger and more able to resist the competition of the big corporations. As for an "anti-trust program" — the anti-trust laws on the statute books now cannot be enforced. Big business controls the government too.

This has been the utopian program of the weaker and smaller capitalists since the trusts began to grow. It is, in reality, a program for a 21 per cent of total daily circu- iness of news gathering and dis- return to the era of small-scale production. Those days are gone forever.

The only road is forward. The people want and have a right to more and better things. These are the things which can be secured only by mass production, by organized production on a vast and concentrated scale.

The problem is not the bigness or concentration of production. The problem is Who controls pro-

Monopoly in the hands of a few tremendously wealthy and powerful families and groups is an inevitable development under capitalism. Under the system of capitalist "free enterprise" the big sharks devour the small. That is what the facts in the Senate committee's report prove beyond question.

day are used to benefit only the ruling monopolists can also be used to benefit the masses - provided the control is taken away from private individuals and groups and placed in the hands of

The Socialist Answer

To capitalist monopoly — its evils of imperialist war and fascism, its depressions and unem-

The great trusts and monopolies must be expropriated - taken away from the private intergreater share of the war-built facilities which it ests. They must become the property of society operated than will small business, regardless of as a whole. They must be operated under a syshas a palatial home, farms and them out of here ourselves. You whether economic conditions are prosperous or tem of planned economy and under the control

the end of private monopolies.

and so on, are only parts of the huge surplus value produced by the workers. Now we must see why the workers must wrest the surplus from the capitalists. We must see why the capitalist

By V. Grey

physical and mental labor of the working class. We have

above the capitalists' personal expenditures—is created

by labor too. All the things that parade under the fancy

We have seen that wealth in society is created by the

Growth and Decay

SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM

system is breaking down to the point that the workers have to do this even just to defend what they already have.

We learned that factories and machinery, the captalist method of production, were something new under the sun. We saw that wage workers were something new, too. They displaced the wandering craftsman, the "journeyman," the tinker, the spinner, the weaver and the rest. More accurately, all these things were new once, but now they are old.

Readers of The Militant know we predict that these old things, once so new, must give way to still newer things. Privately owned sweatshops shall become modern, airy factories owned by all, under Socialism. Wage slaves shall become free men-masters of nature-joint owners of this planet.

But this may sound like a good program for the dim future. Some people, especially the capitalists, just cannot see it taking place in the present. Others, going a little further, may see such things, for example, as recurring strikes, but fail to see how and why these are the seeds of profound social change, of socialist revolution.

It is by grasping both the growth and the growing old of capitalism itself that we can get the clue to this. The elements of capital: machinery, raw materials, labor power that capital has bought—and the surplus value that is produced—these things constantly undergo change. One begins to eat the other up.

It is like the processes in a human body. It is constantly building up and wearing away. In youth the body is building up faster than it is wearing away. In old age it is just the opposite. Different organs begin feeling the strain in different ways.

We have to study the organs of capital more deeply now The same giant plants and facilities which to- in order to analyze the decay of capitalism and understand why it is doomed. We have to see just how and where it is changing, and what has already changed. We have to distinguish one part of capital from another. We have to learn the connection between machinery and labor power. We have to distinguish the dead from the living.

Karl Marx teaches us to do this in the first volume of "Capital." He carefully shows the changing role of machinery in modern industry. He shows why this change, which should be a blessing, has become a curse to the workincrease in liquid funds and general financial ployment, its withholding of goods for inflation- er. And more important, he shows why it becomes transary price rises, its restriction of production — the formed from a lever of capitalistic progress to a millstone around the neck of society, including the capitalists.

He shows the feverish mad rush of the capitalist to 'expand or die." He explains that one capitalist must kill many (wipe them out) not just from greed and orneriness, but from the nature of the capitalist system itself.

Capital, when it first expanded over the earth, brought new goods, new ideas, science and many other benefits of the workers themselves. Production for the pro- to the world. Now its expansion is like a spreading blight Significantly, the report notes: "The rate of fit of a few must give way to production for the pushing living things over the borders of death. What is inside capital, turning it against itself in this

(Continued Next Week)

Pennsylvania Cannery Workers Strike Against Vile Conditions

By Powell Bleicher (Special To The Militant)

MORRISVILLE, Pa., July 26-The hot sun beats down on the cracked roads that lead to the Starkey Farms, just money, we need help. But our strength of big business; the ability of big busifour miles from the quiet town of Morrisville, Pa. Out on fight is part of the workers' fight ness to keep its name and trade-marks before only answer is socialism. these hard dry roads stand pickets. Walking slowly, resolutely, their skins and spir- two outhouses that haven't been everything, lawyers and the rest

its as hard and firm as the cleaned in six years. roads they walk.

They are fighting the dynasty

by the police, scabs and company strong-arm men hired by TAKE NO MORE Starkey. Yet they are there unold clothes and blankets.

At night they move away to grey weather-beaten shacks, to a meager meal, if any. I put my

CHILDREN TOIL

ple stay there, freezing or sweat- attacked the unarmed picket line. ing in the fields for 45 cents an Three pickets were severely beathour, and if you're lucky 50. Wo-half ton truck belonging to John men and children work too, from Mobbs was overturned and 7 years to 60, there's no differ- smashed, the plates which the ence, only in the pay. The child- pickets were to have had their ren get 25 cents an hour. They dinner from were destroyed. work from sun-up to sun-down. Phonograph records of the un-Sometimes they don't work at ion were smashed. all: then they go hungry.

owns the stores, the houses, the of Philadelphia, whose congregaland, everything. You work a tion was the most vicious in atweek, and get paid for three tacking the pickets. Rev. Welles, days, there's always some mis- who was armed with a shotgun, take in the bookkeeping. You attacked and ran after an unhave no mattress? Starkey gives armed picket. Truck after truck you one, all you have to do is to poured in, and the state police work three weeks for nothing. prevented the pickets from fra-Then you're in debt, so you keep working to pay back the Star-When things are going strong,

there are about 150 people living in three tinder-box barns, eight and nine to a room. There is no bath, no shower, no way to get clean; there used to be two water pumps, now there is only one. This has been condemned as unfit for human use. Still you have got to wet your dry throat, and live, 150 people have

HARLEM READERS

Complaints have reached us that many of our Harlem subscribers are not getting The Militant every week.

of The Militant, please let us know. If your friend is not getting his copy of the paper, ask him to notify us. We will check each complaint.

ter, and abolition of child labor. Brand Products. A vast network them hell." These people have been beat- of profit and exploitation, based en, shot at, terrorized, hounded on slave-labor methods of de-

These people could take no more. On May 26 Local 56 of der the hot sun, protected only the AFL Meat and Cannery by flimsy tents made of their Workers, which had organized these workers, called a strike. It was like a tremendous wave of resentment breaking loose.

Starkey's terror began immediately - shootings, cross burnarm through the roof of one of ings, bricks wrapped in terrorthese houses, and they say when notes thrown through windows. it rains, you're better off out- But these workers stood their

On July 2 truckloads of scabs and company thugs protected by Winter and summer these peo- the State Police poured in and

This armed band of scabs and They can't leave — Starkey thugs was led by Reverend Welles ternizing with the drivers in an effort to win them over. These people have no illusions about whose side the law is on'.

> The union procured warrants for the arrest of Welles and four others on the grounds of atin Yardley, Pa. on July 10, one of the five was held on \$300 bail and the rest including Reverend Welles were released on lack

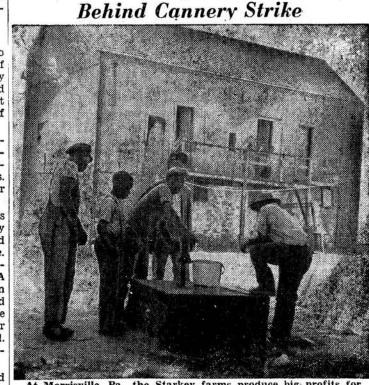
DETERMINED TO WIN

Local 56 led the campaign and organized the strike, but the magnificent spirit, the rock-like determination of these people is the driving force which will lead

the slow sure statement made by John Mobbs:

"We are small, we have no for better living. I think we Yet Starkey drives a new car, got to get together and force of the Starkey family. These canneries from Del Ray, Florida know, we all stay up all night depressed." to the Pocono Mountains in together, guarding our homes are the things they are fighting Pennsylvania, tremendous enter- against their rockings and burnfor: A living wage, sanitary liv- prises, the Del Ray Brand, ings; I guess we ought to stay ing conditions, pure drinking wa- Farmed Rite Brand, and Starkey together comes daytime and give

should stop these scabs. We tried of the phonies, now I guess we



At Morrisville, Pa., the Starkey farms produce big profits for the food profiteers. But the workers get 45 cents an hour; 50 families have to live in this barn; and the outdoor pump is their sole water supply. Organized now into the AFL Meat and Cannery Workers Union, they are striking for higher wages and decent conditions.

-Federated Pictures

FOUR NEGRO SHARECROPPERS ARE MURDERED IN GEORGIA

(Continued from Page 1)

what you're supposed to do." | demonstratively offered by Govtemped homicide. At the trial Four members of the mob ernor Ellis Arnall. dragged the women out of the car. Their bodies revealed that eral Clark of the U. S Depart-

PLENTY OF CLUES

to the identity of the murderers, think there had been a violation start in the right place. them on. White and black work- particularly of their leader. But of any Federal law. They didn't ers are here, arm in arm, hand everyone is frightened of the think the Civil Rights statute in hand, fighting and working lynch gang. They say: "I don't would apply. for their common good, fighting know anything, but if I did, I their common enemy. I talked sure wouldn't tell. My life a long time to these people, I wouldn't be worth a plugged their spirit can best be told by even for the \$10,000 rewards porters.

In Washington, Attorney Gen-

each had an arm broken in the hind Civil Rights statutes. But assault. The faces of the four J. J. Gautier of Macon and anvictims and parts of their bodies other U.S. attorney for the were blasted by the volley of middle Georgia district, visiting Walton County right after the hideous crime, affably chatted with the Sheriff for about an There are plenty of clues as hour. They said they didn't

Thus does Wall Street's gov-

Wages, Prices And Profits

The Working Class Method In Economics

By Warren Creel

are producing more goods but they are not getting more wages. Between the two world wars production per worker doubled but real wages did not go up.

During World War II productivity kept on growing. The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that American industry has gained in efficiency since 1940 so that today it is able to produce the same amount of goods as in 1940 with eight million fewer workers. They say that adding those eight million to the unemployed it had then would make a total of 19 million unemployed at the 1940 level of output (Markets After the War, page 3).

The margin between labor's output and labor's wages keeps on increasing.

The difference between what the worker produces and what the worker gets is called "surplus value" in Marxist economics, which is the economic science of the world working class movement. Marxist economics uses methods which are different from ordinary capitalist economics, such as we read in the newspapers.

The economic theories of the capitalist class stem from the mental habits of the capitalists, and the middle class followers of the capitalists. It comes natural to them to think about the things they deal with. That is, they think first in terms of money and prices, and interest rates and profit margins and sales, etc. So they try to build their economic theories around these problems.

Workers are producers, so they tend toward different mental habits. They tend to think first in terms of production, in terms of the amount of useful goods available. They look to the supply of useful workers, and the total amount of useful work done. They regard economics as a problem of fitting together the various types of useful labor, so that the farmer, the miner, the weaver and all the rest can supply one another with the needed goods.

These two methods lead in entirely different directions. One leads to right answers and the other to wrong answers. Workers, who start by looking at production,

It is a fact that the controlling factor in economics is ful labor done and the amount of useful goods produced.

The problems of the capitalists (such as money and ernment uphold the Lynch Law prices, profit margins and so on) are derivative matters, know them now, and I think that nickel." They dare not talk, of its Southern Bourbon sup- controlled by production. In truth, they are, in the final analysis, only flickering and distorted reflections of pro-

We have looked at facts which shows that the workers | duction. A method that starts with these reflections cannot interpret even the reflections themselves, let alone show where they really come from.

Thus, even to understand prices and profit margins, we must use the worker's method. We must begin with the amount of useful labor done and the amount of useful goods produced.

Starting with productive labor is the method of Karl Marx. For any item produced, or for any quantity of production, Marxian economics begins by estimating the amount of useful productive labor that it represents. The given article's rating in human labor is called its "value," or "labor value." The money price, which is a derivative factor, is called "exchange-value."

A capitalist economist sees all the goods of the world with price-tags on them, representing money-prices, or exchange-values. That is enough for him, and he looks for no more. A Marxist, on the other hand, sees all the goods of the world with value-tags on them, standing for the amounts of useful human labor they represent. The Marxist sees money-prices or exchange-values also, but he understands that they are actually reflections of productive labor, generally distorted reflections.

The national production, we have been talking about in this series, is the output of all the productive labor. That's the total value. We have seen that the employers pocket a part of this total, called surplus-value, and that their part is increasing.

Does the employer show on his books all of "his share" as profit? What does the employer do with his increasing amount of surplus value?

He can do three things with it:

1. He can pay himself bigger open profits.

2. He can pay himself bigger concealed profits.

3. He can increase wasteful methods of competition. All three operations are generally employed. Using Marx's method, we intend to trace what happens to surplus-value in its course through the economic system. We will find that this supplies the answers we are seeking on wages and prices. The general lines of our discussion are. taken from two pamphlets: One is Marx's Value, Price and Profit, dealing with wages and prices; the other is the programmatic pamphlet of the Fourth International, The

Death Agony of Capitalism. Next week: The Anarchy that Controls Capitalism.

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How The GPU Tried To Discredit Condemn Police The Dewey Commission Of Inquiry Against Negroes

By Joseph Hansen

(Tenth in a series on the Moscow Trials and their significance.) Leon Trotsky's reply to the charges levelled against him in the Moscow Trials took place in Coyoacan, a suburb of Mexico City. The venerable John Dewey, world-famous philosopher and educator, headed the Preliminary Commission of Inquiry. Seated with him on the Commission

JOHN DEWEY

Chairman of Commission

of Inquiry

were Otto Ruehle, one of 9-Karl Liebknecht's comrades; Benjamin Stolberg, noted journalist; Suzanne LaFollette, well-known liberal, and Carleton Beals, author and former socialist. A court reporter took down the proceedings word for word. Newspaper reporters crowded the hearings together with representatives of Mexican trade un-

The advanced workers centered their attention on the hearings. Obviously this was a serious Commission of Inquiry. Here the element of a frame-up was excluded. Everyone was free to -say what he wanted; to ask any questions he wished. The Commission had even publicly invited the Stalinists to partici-

AIR OF SUSPENSE

An element of suspense charged the hearings in the bluewalled house of the Mexican ists had succeeded in getting an mural painter, Diego Rivera. individual to act as a stooge for Although the Stalinists had re- them on the Commission. Afraid fused to send an official repres- to send an avowed representaentative, it was well-known they tive, they chose this method of had put great pressure on the trying to discredit the investi-Commission, trying to blow it gation. up. Failing in this, might it not | Carleton Beals began to shift that questions such as Beals turn out that the Stalinists had his questions away from the Mos- had asked "were highly improper, succeeded in getting a stooge or cow acusations. He insinuated would be sufficient cause for mistwo on the Commission? What that Leon Trotsky, in the early trial in any ordinary court, and would happen in that case?

openly staked his life in a chal- help organize the Communist mitted in future." lenge to the Kremlin to insti- Party of Mexico. The purpose tute extradition proceedings. The of this insinuation was only too Kremlin had remained silent, clear. Beals wanted to compromfearing to give Lenin's comrade- ise Trotsky in the eyes of the in-arms an opportunity to pre- Mexican government which had sent his case before a public granted asylum to the great

Now Trotsky placed himself at so that this impartial body could of information which could not questions," Beals resigned. This rule on his guilt or innocence. be put in the record. From April 10 to April 17, 1937, he submitted to the most search- the Commissioner," said Trotring questioning and probing by sky, "to say to his informant that the Commission. The questions he is a liar." Trotsky told how all fired at him ranged from the the Bolsheviks in those days had most general subjects such as considered the October 1917 Revthe history of the Bolshevik olution as one link in a chain movement and biographies of of revolutions that would eventhe defendants in the Moscow tually replace world capitalism frame-ups, right down to Trot- with a socialist society free from sky's personal whereabouts on depressions, war and reaction. He specific dates. By far the great- himself, however, could scarcely est number of questions dealt have sent an emissary to Mexico, with the accusations levelled in since as head of the Red Army, Moscow against Trotsky.

Within a very short time, it against the Allied powers, "I for-

hired Negroes on production.

GM PLANT NOTORIOUS

STALINISTS FIND NUREMBERG CREEPS AT "SNAIL'S PACE"

The rank and file of the Communist (Stalinist) Party are disappointed with the trial of the Nazis at Nuremberg. They had expected the Stalinist prosecution would produce evidence substantiating the charge in the Moscow trials that Leon Trotsky had plotted with the Nazis against the Soviet Union. Rudolph Hess, named as contact man between Hitler and Trotsky, was in the dock.

What the rank and file Stalinists expected can be judged from a leaflet they distributed at a lecture of John G. Wright in St. Louis on December 14. This leaflet declared that "documents discovered in Berlin" and produced at Nuremberg trial of Nazi high criminals" show that the "Trotskyites" organized a "Nazi fifth column in the Soviet Union."

The trial is now entering its ninth month. Yet not a single document of this nature has been produced. In fact the Stalinist prosecution has not breathed a word about the charges levelled in the Moscow

Perhaps this explains why the July 16 Daily Worker complains in an editorial that the Nuremberg "trial creeps forward at a snail's pace." Nine months is a long time to keep answering questions of the rank and file about the failure of the Stalinist prosecution to even mention the Moscow trials at Nuremberg!

cept the geography of the front." John F. Finerty, famous in the defense of Sacco-Vanzetti and Tom Mooney, acted as legal counsel for the Commission. He 'advised the sub-commission" days of the Communist Interna- that he could not continue as Leon Trotsky had already tional, had sent an emissary to counsel if they were to be per-

> ANSWERS BEALS According to the report signed by John Dewey and the others, "Mr. Beals then angrily declared that either he or Mr. Finerty must leave the sub-commission." Then, although he had declared Beals claimed special sources that he still had "hundreds more was the only aspect of the investigation to which the Stalinist

> "I can only give the advice to press gave full publicity. The effect of his resignation was only to make the Stalinists appear more cowardly and despicable. Why were the Stalinists so fearful of asking Trotsky questions? Why were they so afraid of an impartial hearing into the charges made by Stalin against

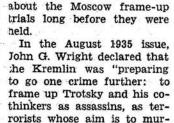
Trotsky? DEVASTATING REPLY

defending the Soviet Union examined Trotsky. The revolu- must be frame-ups. In fact, all tionary exile submitted document seven are frame-ups." devastating refutation of the tional groups with 'anti-Soviet' and the co-founder with Lenin dencies, espionage, terrorist of the first workers' state in aims, and, finally, the preparahistory did not content himself | tion of armed insurrection. All name. He went much further, to rough drafts, have left their He took on the seemingly impos-The verbatim record of Trotsky's depositions, as the brilliant frame-ups, reads better than any detective thriller.

Finally in a summary that is undoubtedly one of the great decharge of personnel of all GM fense speeches in world history, Trotsky reduced Stalin's frame-

> ups to a heap of rubble. "As we have proved before the Commission," said Trotsky, "seven trials took place in the USSR. with the Kirov assassination as their starting point: (a) the trial of Nikolayev et al. December 28-29th. 1934: (b) the trial of Zin-1935; (c) the trial of Medved et al, January 23rd, 1935; (d) the trial of Kamenev et al. July 1935; (e) the trial of Zinoviev-Kamenev, August, 1936; (f) the Novosibirsk trial, November 19-22nd, 1936; (g) the trial of Pyatakov-Radek, January 23-30th, 1937.

"These trials are seven variations played on one and the same theme. Among the different variations there is almost no dis-



Trotskyist Press

Predicted Frameups

A typical prediction from

the files of The New Interna-

tional (now Fourth Interna-

tional) shows how the Trot-

skyists warned the workers

der Stalin. The GPU was involved in the assassination of Kirov. But this attempt to link Trotsky with the terrorists through a provocateur failed. Is there another, a bigger and better frame-up in preparation? There is."

cernible connection. Each contradicts the others in fundamentals and details. In each trial, different persons organize the assassination of Kirov, by different means and for different political objectives. The mere comparison of the official Soviet Point by point the Commission documents is ample proof that took up these charges and cross- at least six of these seven trials

Trotsky explained: "As iar movements on the days in ques- back as 1926, the Stalin clique tion. Each of these proofs was a tried to charge various opposithe organizer of the Red Army White Guards, capitalist tentraces in official decrees, in ments of the Opposition.

"If we were to arrange chronologically these rough drafts of in 1936, but a systematic conwould obtain something in the Opposition, with the aim of imsion of false accusations, whose assassinations and the preparaend terms are the indictments tion of insurrections.' in the last trials. Thus we un-



CARLO TRESCA Member of Commission of Inquiry

cover the 'law of frame-ups' and thin air."

Trotsky analyzed the "con-

MYSTERY VANISHES

fessions" over which many honest people had puzzled: "It is the same with the improbable declarations of the defendants. which at first sight contradict all the laws of human psychology. Ritualistic recantations on the part of Oppositionists date back to 1924, and especially the end of 1927. If we collate the texts of these recantations on the basis of the leading Soviet press - often consecutive recantations made by the self-same individuals — we obtain a second geometric progression, the end terms of which are the nightmarish confessions of Zinoviev, Kamenev, Pyatakov, Radek and others at the judicial trials. A political and psychological analysis of this accessible and unimpeachable material wholly and conclusively reveals the inquisitorial mechanics of the recanta-

TROTSKY'S WARNINGS

enough to expose the Moscow Trials: "To the mathematical series of frame-ups and the mathematical series of recantations, there corresponds a third mathematical series - that of warnings and predictions." Far from "plotting" in the dark, Trotsky and his closest co-thinkers had "followed attentively the intrigues and provocations of the GPU, and in advance, on the basis of particular facts and symptoms, warned time and press, against Stalin's provocain preparation. The very expression, 'Stalinist amalgam,'. was given currency by us almost eight the organizer of the Red Army White Guards connections with and-soviet bear strong retutation of the thorai groups with and-soviet by the first propaganda, connections with the organizer of the Red Army White Guards connections with a tion and the spectacular trials ganizations in this locality, which been killed, innumerable injurnancial assistance to maintain

which followed it. "The relevant documentary proofs have been placed at the is finding its way in New Jersey. homes were completely destroyed. funds. with simply clearing his own these attempts, which are akin disposal of the Commission of Inquiry. They show with absolute incontestability that what is involved is not an underground Trotskyite conspiracy first unearthed in some startling manner nature of a geometric progres- puting to it sabotage, espionage,

(To be continued)

FRAMEUP OF NEGRO YOUTH

oviev-Kamenev, January 15-16th, friends of labor and Negro with a lawyer or his family. He 23 St. last Sunday to protest the a statement that he intended to Jim Crow arrest and persecution of Mike Choice, a Negro lad of 19. Speakers from the IUMSWA

> Mrs. Phillips introduced the Mike's family so they might arfacts of the case which are as range to have counsel for him follows: Mike Choice, 19, had and defense witnesses and just come to this city from Ala- everything necessary to prepare bama to stay with his aunt, Mrs. | a defense in a legal trial. "Read Anna May Davis of 33 West 23 about it in the newspapers"

HELD INCOMMUNICADO

the local carnival, he asked a white girl of 13 the directions. She didn't know where it was and told him so. He politely thanked her and added in typical Southern style, "See you some other night, hear!" (not here). This undoubtedly prejudiced and hysterical girl ran to the cops crying that Mike Choice had threatened to accost her in

the carnival and brought him in- Crow "justice" is destroyed in to the local jail house. There he Bayonne courts.

Representatives and not permitted to get in touch He was then given a confession to sign. Despite the fact that he cannot read or write, he signed

> until 5 p.m.; Wednesday and 4767. Library, bookstore. Sat. night, open house.

(off Wade Pk.)

ganizations were called upon for Saturday, 8 p.m. at 6108 Lin-The SWP meeting started the 5. Phone Tyler 7-6267. ball rolling for the formation of a broad defense committee to

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Start Defense Movement In Choice Case

The Bayonne Branch of the strictive covenants," which force NAACP held a mass meeting to the Negro people into black protest "Alabama" justice in ghettos. Bayonne, Wednesday night. The meeting, at Friendship Baptist delegates and about 200 observ-Church, was attended by over ers from over 50 labor, Negro and

To Our Readers

pledged complete support of the SWP to the defense of Mike Choice. The Bayonne Branch of the Socialist Workers Party had NAACP; NAACP Youth Council; initiated the fight along with the NAACP, and had already given it wide publicity.

pressure tactics is this well-atcreed, color or political beliefmic or political means."

200 Negro and white people.

the mystery of the alleged Trot- sentence on a phony intention years. skyite conspiracy vanishes into to rape' a young white girl, is ority peoples."

ers Party candidate for Congress from the 13th District,

The column "The Negro Struggle" which appears in this space each week, will be resumed on Charles Jackson's return from his vacation.

Mrs. Phillips stated that "Terrorists acts of this nature gen-Trotsky then pointed to a third erally start with an individual type of evidence that alone is in a particular minority and can Lodge 751; International Workspread to the proportions of a Columbia, Tennessee affair if they are not nipped in the bud. The best answer to the police tended meeting tonight. We will make Mike Choice the living answer to those who think that minorities of any type-of race, have not the right to defend themselves through civil, econo-

A joint committee of all oragain, in letters as well as in the ganizations interested in the outside the "black ghetto." case was established to work

BAYONNE, N. J., July 27. -

this case through to the finish. and national organization."

Arlene Phillips, Socialist Work-

Dr. D. Morris, president of the voted to establish an Independlocal NAACP, said that "The ent Public Investigating Comissue involved in the NAACP mittee to uncover all the circumfight for the defense of Mike stances surrounding the wave of Choice, the 19-year old Negro lad terrorism against Negroes here who was railroaded to a 90 day over the past two and a half not one that involves only this send a mass delegation to Mayor boy. This is a fight for all min- Kelly on August 5 to demand a

Rev. C. H. S. Watkins, vicepresident of the local, declared, ple to live anywhere in the city "The NAACP is going to fight free from attack by lynch gangs. We have the support of the state gates, there were represented 7

CHICAGO, July 24. - The Conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minorities met tonight to condemn official law enforcement agencies for their failure to take any ac-

By Robert L. Birchman

(Special to The Militant)

tion against the mounting wave of Jim-Crow terror. It demanded the abolition of "re-

The Conference, called by the progressive organizations. It

The Conference also voted to public statement from him guaranteeing the right of Negro peo-

Among the trade union delelocals of the CIO United Automobile Workers; two locals of CIO United Transport Service Employees; CIO United Packinghouse Workers, Local 23; CIO Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 15; CIO Chicago Industrial Union Council; Joint Board, AFL-International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and the National Alliance of Postal Employees. Organizations represented at

the Conference were the Socialist Workers Party; Chicago and Indiana Harbor branches of the Committee on Racial Equality; American Civil Liberties Union: Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination; six chapters of the American Veterans Committee; Back of the Yards Council; Du Sable ers Order; Chicago Civil Liberties Committee; Chicago Urban League; Workers Part; Revolutionary Workers League; and a number of church and liberal organizations.

The conference exposed the the police department in the wave cies; Establish the guilt of all of terrorism against the Negro individuals and organizations repeople. In the past 27 months sponsible for terrorist acts: Prethere were 59 attacks on the sent the facts to the public and homes or business places of Ne- demand the punishment of all groes who moved into the areas

ing and breaking of windows, ple from attack. This case has already aroused three shootings, two stench widespread interest among lib- bombings and three of house Grace Hardy Fund, established have become aroused at the ies and an unknown amount of her home, and pledged its aid in thought that "Southern Justice" property damage suffered. Two continuing to raise the necessary

Check Presented To Mrs. Grace Hardy

(Special to The Militant) A check for \$318.50 was presented by M. J. Meyer, attorney for the Steering Committee of the Conference to Combat Terrorism Against Minorities, to the attorney in charge of legal affairs for Mrs. Grace Hardy. The check pays in full the mortgage payments on Mrs. Hardy's home for the months of May, June and July. This definitely forestalls any attempt to institute closure proceedings against the house and maintains the right of Negroes to live in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Hardy's home was bombed on the night of May 2. Mrs. Hardy is still in the hospital suffering from the third degree burns she received. She is a postal clerk, widow of a World War I veteran, with two teen-age sons. As a result of her injuries she was unable to work and thus unable to meet the payments on the house.

The Socialist Workers Party with the support of the NAACP persuaded Mrs. Hardy not to sell the house, and promised her financial aid. The total raised to date for the Grace Hardy fund, from organizations and individuals, is now \$383.59.

In the entire 59 cases, only four terrorists were apprehended and not one convicted. Seven cases of vandalism occurred while the police were on guard. Police were assigned to guard homes in 26 cases only after one or more terrorist acts had been commit-

The Independent Investigating Committee established by the Conference will take the follow-

Establish the reasons for the criminal negligence of the police shameful do-nothing record of and other law enforcement agenthose responsible for these terrorist actions. The Conference These attacks included 29 ar- endorsed the building of Defense tive plans and against amalgams with the NAACP in mapping out son bombings, 22 cases of ston- Guards to protect the Negro peo-

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Los Angeles CIO Unions Win **Victories For Negro Workers** By Lois Saunders

Bolshevik.

(Special to The Militant) LOS ANGELES, July 21. - Two recent victories by Negro sible task of proving that the newspaper articles, in docuworkers, won with the ad of powerful CIO unions in this trials in Moscow were frame-ups. area, confirm the fact that colored workers are justified

in looking to the unions for fore UAW President Walter G. Marxist unravelled the GPU and experiments in frame-up, we spiracy of the GPU against the aid in their struggle for eco- Pouther during his recent visit frame-ups reads better than any would obtain something in the Opposition, with the aim of im-Reuther during his recent visit nomic equality. The unions are here. determined that the gains made Reuther thereupon wrote to H. by the Negroes in industry during W. Anderson, vice-president in the war years are not to be wiped out. plants, in Detroit, branding the The South Gate plant of Gen- South Gate plant's excuses for eral Motors, as a direct result not hiring Negroes as subterof vigorous and sustained pres- fuges. He declared that unless

sure from the CIO United Auto- discriminatory policy were remobile Workers, finally was versed, the union would refer the forced to reverse its lily-white matter to outside agencies. hiring policy. Early this month A few days later the South it employed 18 Negroes, distrib- Gate plant called in 10 Negroes uting them throughout the plant for physical examinations. The in the same manner as it does hiring of the 18 followed within

white workers. It is the first the week. time this GM plant has ever In the San Pedro case, the wage differential between long-In the second incident, the shore and warehouse work was San Pedro local of the CIO In- eliminated following recent wage ternational Longshore and Ware- negotiations. But a longshorehouse Workers Union granted man has greater union security

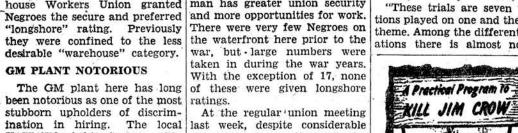
been notorious as one of the most ratings. stubborn upholders of discrimination in hiring. The local last week, despite considerable UAW-CIO of this plant, together opposition, a standing vote by with the district office of the an overwhelming majority pass-UAW. after numerous run- ed the motion to grant the pre-

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arounds, placed the matter be- ferred status.

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BAYONNE, N. J., July 26. | was held incomunicado. He was organizations filled the new was threatened with a beating. Bayonne Socialist Workers Party headquarters at 62 W. Local 16, ILGWU Local 160, the AVC and the NAACP joined with Arlene Phillips, SWP candidate for Congress, in condemning the

flagrant frameup.

Attempting to find his way to

rape the girl. After he was convicted, his family was permitted to hear him sentenced to 90 days in jail! They had found out about his jailing by reading about it in the newspapers! The police didn't think it necessary to notify

they said. Upon learning of this case, the Bayonne Branch of the SWP immediately went to work in the defense of Mike Choice. The NAACP was brought into the case and all labor and liberal or-

defend the civil rights of Negroes and all other minorities. Today, Mike Choice is not alone. The struggle will continue The cops picked up Mike at until he is released and Jim Room 214.

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ing Room, 141 S. Highland, Room 21 (corner Highland and Central Ave.), E. Liberty. Phone, EM. 4899. Open Wednesday, 7 to 10 p.m., Sunday

Diary Of A Steel Worker -

By Theodore Kovalesky -

When I walked into the shanty after cast up n No. 4 yesterday, the first thing I noticed was the smoky odor of burning cloth. The second



thing that came to my attention vas the wonderful stream of curses pouring out of Slim's mouth. There wasn't a word that he left out; in fact. I think he improvised a lot of new ones. Finally lapsing into ordinary English,

he informed me that when the fifth iron gate had blown up, he had caught a good spattering of the molten iron on the seat of his new work pants, as a result of which there was now no seat in the pants.

"That's all right," Jimmy said helpfully. "You can eat your supper standing up."

Slim took the advice in cold contempt and didn't answer. Then, to nobody in particular he grumbled, "Prices sky-high and that damn iron has to burn up my pants the first damn time I wear them!"

Jimmy was in a helpful mood. Not at all discouraged by the attitude Slim took toward his last bit of advice, he came forward cheerfully with some more . . . in fact a little too cheer-"Slim," he said with a kindly smile on his face, "your troubles are all over. I am glad to tell you that we will have all the prices down in a week's time. Then you can buy anything you like and have plenty of money

"Yeah?" Slim muttered suspiciously. "How?" "Easy. We go on a buyers' strike. We cut out buying everything we don't need, and when the stores can't sell anything, then the prices take a dive, and there's no more inflation.'

"That's very good," Slim said heavily, "Oh, that's fine! But tell me one thing." His voice rese passionately. "WHAT THE HELL DO I BUY NOW THAT I DON'T NEED TO?"

"Now take it easy, son," Jimmy said soothingly. "What do you do with all your money, like to eat sometimes and wear clothing when we go out. And then, we kind of got used to living in a house, and that costs money for rent. Mayb: we ought to cut out these things,

"Slim," said Jimmy again with a beautiful Christian smile spreading over his face, "your troubles are all over. Just quit eating and wearing clothes. Remember how the Bible says, 'Look at the lilies of the field. They toil not, neither do they spin, but Solomon in all his glory didn't look half so sharp,' or something

"It's gonna be hard working barefoot in those red-hot runners," Tom murmured.

Jimmy turned toward him reassuringly. "You'll get callouses."

"Well, look, Jimmy, "I protested mildly. "Don't you think we'll get sort of hungry on this buyers'

But Jimmy's enthusiasm could not be quenched. 'It'll only be a week or two," he beamed at me, "a month or two at the most. Who ever got hungry just going without eating for a month

I never knew anybody who went two months without food, so I couldn't answer Jimmy.

'Well," I said at last, admitting defeat, "The way I had it figured, the best thing we could do was get a clause in our contract calling for a sliding scale of wages, so that every time prices went up, wages would go up just as much. But the way Jimmy explains it, I guess I've been wrong all along."

"Don't feel too bad about it," he comforted "You just don't read the papers. If you did, you'd be as smart as I am."

But Slim was somehow untouched by the wisdom Jimmy had imparted to us. Slouching sideways on the end of the bench, he muttered grumpily, "Prices sky-high, and that damn iron has to burn up my damn pants first damn time

Infantile Paralysis Vs. Profits

Poliomyelitis has reached the epidemic stage in Minneapolis. Public health authorities report that in the first 23 days of July, 122 new polio cases occurred. There



have been 15 deaths from the disease during July. Also known as infantile

paralysis, polio is the much dreaded crippler of children. In the present Minneapolis epidemic, more than 80 per cent of the victims are under 15 years of age. Frightened parents have been besieging the city health de-

partment for advice on how to protect their children from polio infection.

Doctors admit that they do not know just how infantile paralysis is transmitted but they are offering a number of practical precautions to help guard against the continued spread of the disease. They advise parents to keep their children away from crowds; to prevent overheating and over-exertion; to guard against chill after swimming; to see that children's hands are kept clean, particularly at mealtime.

These health tips have been given daily publicity in the Minneapolis papers during the polio epidemic. But much more and much better publicity is being given to the Minneapolis Aquatennial, which violates every one of the health rules that doctors have laid down to safeguard Minneapolis children from infantile paralysis.

An annual event, the Minneapolis Aquatennial is a huge publicity stunt, cooked up by the business men of that city. Swimming contests and various other water sports, parades, baseball

tournaments, public dances and music festivals are featured during the ten-day festivities. Children's bands, baseball clubs, and glee clubs are brought to Minneapolis from cities throughout Minnesota to take part in the Aquatennial

Before the Aquatennial opened on July 19, groups of Minneapolis medical men, parents and teachers urged the city official to call it off. The polio outbreak was not yet at an epidemic stage, but the serious danger of bringing large crowds and children together in the Aquatennial events was pointed out to the city authorities: However, Minneapolis business men put their own pressure on the officials of the city, and the Aquatennial went on.

That the crowds brought together by the Aquatennial have spread polio and that still more victims will be claimed in Minneapolis and throughout Minnesota can scarcely be doubted. Minneapolis authorities are pointing with pride to the fact that the city has good facilities for treating polio victims. Dr. Frank Hill. city health commissioner, said recently, "The Elizabeth Kenny institute, the best known institution of its kind in the world, has a full staff of competent, fully trained technicians, equipped to provide the most up-to-date treatment." Sister Elizabeth Kenny, originator of the polio treatment bearing her name, was reported to be flying to Minneapolis to aid in the fight to save the young victims from severe crippling and disfigurement.

But working to prevent polio-that's something else! It can't be done if profits stand

Veterans' Problems

Inflation Hits The Veterans

Not so long ago we used to hear, now and then, about a piece of legislation called the GI Bill of Rights. Of late, however, the capitalist politicians have been soft-pedaling their boasts about this supposed Magna Charta for the veterans. Their silence has been prompted by good reasons. Virtually every chance of gaining any real benefits from this bill has been wiped out by the vicious inflationary drive of Wall Street.

Veterans on the campus have been among the first to get caught in this inflationary booby trap. The allowance for educational subsistence for a veteran with dependents is \$90 a month. As the veteran reads the newspaper accounts of million dollar handouts to non-existent corporations in the form of war contracts, that \$90 a month can hardly look very substantial.

The hardest hit are the two and one-half million unemployed veterans. No matter how many dependents he has, or how critical his financial problems, his total compensation is \$20 a week.

Already millions of veterans and their families have been forced to scratch vital necessities off the shopping list. Butter and meat have become a rarity on the kitchen table because of their incredible prices. When and if the rent is paid, there isn't very much left to buy even the most

necessary clothes. The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party have constantly stressed the need for a sliding scale of wages inserted into all union contracts.

Just as crucial is the sliding scale for all veterans' pensions and benefits. Over two years have elapsed since the GI Bill of Rights was passed. The benefits that were awarded at that time are worth little more than half, in actual purchasing power, compared to the period in which the legislation was passed by Congress.

Every trade union veteran committee and all other veteran organizations must demand that the government fix veteran benefit payments to a reliable price index. Every rise in prices must be matched by an equal rise in veterans' compensation and pensions. Payments should be They were denied a cup of cof- the Socialist Workers Party retroactive so that the veteran can catch up on some of the debts he has been accumulating since he was discharged from the Army.

Consumers' committees can also be a very important force in the struggle against rising prices. How effective these committees will be in the present situation will depend on their scope, militancy and program. Veterans will unquestionably play a large role in them, and try to make them as effective agents for controlling

Meanwhile any bill which allows the veteran a fixed pension in face of today's soaring cost of living is a fraud. Just as all workers must demand a sliding scale of wages, so must all worker veterans demand a sliding scale of veterans'

Johnny's Initiative And How It Paid

They call capitalism the system of private enterprise and rugged individualism. Initiative is supposed to be rewarded. Enterprising young

men are supposed to shoot right up to the top. Maybe so. But that's not the way it works in our shop. The fellows all know it too. That's why you don't often see them breaking out in a rash of "initiative."

We didn't always know it, of course. I remember the time a few of the welders were on a piece-work job that by some miracle or other the time-study man had put a fairly good price on. They were making pretty good money. But of course it didn't last more than a few days. (The good money jobs never do.) And they

were anxious to get every hour in they could. The boss came around one afternoon and said, "Any of you fellows know how to braze cast defense counsel from cross-exNassau County, which breed Jimiron?" Nobody said anything except Johnny Dylek who hadn't been working so long at the time and was proud of being an all-around man.

"Sure, I can braze anything," says Johnny. Louis the stump jumper tapped his forehead, meaning he thought Johnny was crazy.

Well, Johnny worked an hour and a half on the brazing job. At the end of the day his time card said "61/2 hours Arc Weld at \$1.25; 11/2 hours Acetylene Weld at a cents."

Johnny never made the mistake of knowing of the Ferguson brothers was

The Fate Of Slim's New Pants Arms Fraud Inquiry Hints At New Scandals "Oh, I just throw it away," Slim answered with bitter scorn. "I buy food and clothes, and I pay rent. Me and the wife and kids kind of

Hartford Workers Show Solidarity



Thousands of union men and women conducted the first general work stoppage in Hartford, Connecticut last week, demonstrating in sympathy with striking fellow-workers. Members of CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers have been on strike 19 weeks, and International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated) for seven.

-Federated Pictures

Dobbs Attacks Capitalist Parties At New York SWP Election Rally

kyist candidates in the coming November elections, Local wagon of Wall Street's war," he New York of the Socialist Workers Party launched its electoral campaign with a rousing Election Rally on July 24 at Webster Manor. Farrell 9-

Dobbs, editor of The Mili- the capitalist blind-alley." tant, running for Governor, headed the list of candidates who presented to the enthusi- as political agents of Wall Street, astic audience the program of which he said "has thrown the only revolutionary workers American manhood into two im-Marking the historic occasion

of its first large-scale entry into is one of the 18 Trotskyist leadan election in which Trotskyist ers who were imprisoned in 1944 candidates are running in five states, including New York, Dobbs declared: "This represents another great stride forward for the road to becoming a mass the Liberal Party and the Comrevolutionary party to lead the munist (Stalinist) Party. "These

He condemned both the Democratic and Republican parties perialist world slaughters for its own profits and plunder." Dobbs for their opposition to the imperialist war, and who forecast its terrible consequences.

Dobbs condemned the policies workers and poor farmers out of labor fakers jumped on the band-

statements made by representa-

When the disgusted audience

At the meeting David Weiss of

mission, which Dewey delib-

erately by-passed, is empowered

tion and can obtain the funds

Weiss proposed that such a

Public Committee of Investiga-

tion be composed of represena-

tives from the labor, Negro and

veterans organizations. One of

its tasks, he pointed out, should

ious conditions of segregation

Crow crimes. This proposal met-

On the day that the new

OPA bill became law, "The

Agriculture Department esti-

mated today that meat prices,

despite larger supplies, will be

15 to 35 per cent higher this

fall and winter than in June."

(AP dispatch, July 25.)

with considerable approval.

SWP PROPOSAL

well as white people.

Indignant Audience Walks Out On "Whitewash" Of Freeport "gang-buster", Governor Dewey, for his fraudulent public "in-

NEW YORK, July 27. - last pretense of acting as a "dis-The third and last act of the interested" agent. grim farce entitled "public investigation" of the Jim- tives of various organizations, discrimination; he is interested Crow murder of two Ferguson most of whom denounced the brothers, staged with fanfare by fraudulent investigation. He gave Governor Dewey and his Republican stooges, was played out on proceedings with fine legal res-July 23 to a virtually empty trictions. courtroom. Almost the entire Association Building walked out in a meeting at the Hotel Diploin a body, expressing their in- mat, about a block away. From dignation at the shameful at- this meeting a telegram was sent But the fake hearings continued the entire "investigation" and

in the name of "justice" — that demanding the superseding of s, to build up Dewey for the District Attorney Gehrig of Nascoming elections. Six months ago, on February the case for a new hearing. four Negro brothers, three of them veterans, were celebrating their reunion in Freeport, L. I. fee in a public lunchroom in this stated his complete solidarity area which is notorious as a with the break with the Dewey stronghold of discrimination and hearings. He said the break ex-

Policeman Romeika called upon the scene by the lunchroom proprietor, lined the protesting brothers against a wall, and shot public investigation be conductthem down in cold blood. Charles ed by the New York State Comand Alfonso Ferguson were kill- mission Against Discrimination, ed. The policeman Romeika is which was set up under the still free, able to commit other Ives-Quinn Act. This Com-

atrocities. As a result of the mass indignation and mounting protests to conduct such an investigafrom all over the country, Governor Dewey recently appointed with which to finance it. his political stooge, Lawrence S. Greenbaum, to hold public hearings on the case.

HOSTILITY CLEAR

This Republican office-holder arbitrarily decided who would be the investigation of the notortestify and what evidence would be accepted. He prevented the and discrimination prevailing in amining the witnesses in order to develop further testimony. From the very beginning the character of the fraudulent investigation became clear. Sharp criticisms and protests were voiced by representatives of labor and progressive organizations attending the hearings.

By the time of the third session, Greenbaum's hostility against anyone speaking in favor

said. "Today they continue to deceive the workers by making rotten deals with Democratic and Republican machine candidates. The time is ripe for the workers to break with all capitalist politicians and form their own independent labor party." Joseph Hansen, associate ed-

itor of The Militant, Trotskyist candidate for U.S. Senate, disclosed the corrupt election techniques of the capitalist politicians. They resort to petty, local issues, to slander and mud-slinging, he said, in order to divert public attention from their own criminal responsibility in sadthe Socialist Workers Party on of the American Labor Party, dling wars, unemployment, inflation and hunger upon the American masses.

FERGUSON CASE

Robert Larry spoke in the absence of Milton Richardson, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. He denounced the hypocritical of the Jim-Crow murder of the Ferguson brothers. "It is an official whitewash of He cut short the series of the crime," he charged. "Dewey has no interest in wiping out only in the coming elections."

Sylvia Blecker, former secrethe floor to his own legal hack, tary-treasurer and organizer of Sol Gelb, who hamstrung the Local 43, AFL Millinery Union, running for Attorney - General. pointed out the great militancy and courage of women in inaudience assembled in the Bar left the courtroom they convened dustry and in the trade union

"They are great fighters on tempt to whitewash the crime. to Governor Dewey denouncing portant part in all strike strugthe picket line and play an imgles," she said. "Women are doubly oppressed in capitalist society. They need a real workingsau County, in order to reopen class party and leadership to guide them toward emancipa-

WARM RESPONSE

William Kitt, Buffalo SWP Organizer and veteran, Trotskyist candidate for Comptroller, was unable to participate in the posed the hearings as a fraud Election Rally because of the designed to dupe the Negro as opening of the campaign in Buf-Weiss proposed that genuine

George Clarke, Organizer of SWP Local New York, received warm response in his appeal to OMINOUS WARNING those present to give their aid in the petition drive to put the party and its candidates on the

Help Wanted

Judging from the way congressmen of both major parties have been passing antilabor legislation and wrecking price controls recently, we think the following yarn has a lot of merit.

"Who is that man?" small boy asked his father, pointing to a gentleman standing on the dais of the House of Representatives. "That is the chaplain of the

House," replied the father. "Does he pray for the congressmen?" the son inquired. "No, Son," said the parent solemnly. "When he goes into the House, he looks around at the congressmen sitting there, and then he prays for

the country."

-The Union Register, Seattle, July 19

grew from nothing to a network of firms obtaining over \$78,000,000 in war contracts with the aid of Representative May, is just a peep under the tent, said Senator Owen

Brewster on July 24. "This ? has only given us a glimpse up the huge corporations which of the corruption that went plundered billions from the pub-

Thus the Senate Defense Investigating Committee is compelled to admit what The Militant has previously contended: that the Garsson case is petty thievery compared to the looting done by the huge monopolies during the course of the war.

Substantiating this, Joseph A. Loftus reported to the N. Y. Times on July 27 that "the alleged fraud involved is matched many times in the records of the War Frauds Section of the Department of Justice." But "in most of the cases prosecution was not undertaken for various rea-

REAL REASON

would expose the insatiable greed | Warfare Service. of corporations like General ancial giants. It would comprom-The probe into the Illinois in 1941.

ombine's affairs was begun, not

Attack On SWP

Is Condemned

DETROIT, Mich., July 27-

By Unionists

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working class."

Local 490 of the UAW, stated:

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Local 212 of the UAW, stated:

the lecture given by Myra Tan-

cerned over the rise and vicious-

"The labor movement must

take these signs of the times

bers of the working class. It is

"One immediate effect was

apparent in a series of OPA

regulations permitting price

advances on a number of com-

modities and the removal of

controls from additional items.

These permitted increases of

about 8 per cent on one-third

the shoe output, rises of 6 to

8 cents a ton on coal and in-

creases on some other prod-

ucts." (N. Y. Times, July 28.)

lic treasury, while using the Illinois case as campaign material for elections.

But the Garsson case, despite Mead's intentions, reveals the pattern followed by all the profiteers. It has shown how Representative May, head of the powerful House Military Affairs Committee, used his office to secure contracts for the firm, and as Kentucky agent for one of its enterprises, pocketed thousands of dollars for lumber never delivered.

It has shown how May secured the intervention of Secretary of War Patterson in releasing the firm's funds, and interceded with General Eisenhower on behalf of a member of the Loftus, of course, does not give Garsson family brought before a the most important reason: that | court-martial. It has made clear collusion between manufacturers, the close ties between owners of Congressmen and the Army the "paper empire" and brass brass was not the exception but hats like Maj. Gen. William W. the rule. A real investigation Porter, former chief of Chemical

And it has cast an embarras-Motors, U. S. Steel, and other fin- | sing spotlight on Representative John M. Coffee of Washington, ise the highest government offi- who admits receiving a \$2,500 cials and the top military caste. gift from a grateful contractor

There is no doubt that other to reveal these real frauds, but to government officials and other distract attention from the big- manufacturers will be named as gest crooks. The scandalous pro- grafters and thieves. But the fiteering out of World War II committee will make every effort had already become public to protect America's Sixty Ruling knowledge. Mead, as chairman of Families, for whom the war was the committee, wants to cover- the biggest gold-mine in history.

DETROIT POLICE SHIELD ARSON GANG IN SWP FIRE

DETROIT, Mich., July 27-Warnings that the Detroit police were trying to cover up the real criminals who set fire to the Socialist Workers Party headquarters here, were made by SWP Organizer Arthur Burch in press releases

yesterday and today. (See Page 1 for details on the fire.) Lt. Roderick Goeriz of the police arson squad was quoted in yesterday's Detroit Times as saying, "Our first job is to find out if there is any factionalism

in the Socialist Workers Party." "This," replied Burch, "is an obvious attempt on the part of the police to whitewash the real Statements condemning the criminals who fired our headarson attack on the Socialist quarters. The purpose of the Workers Party were made by police in investigating Marxist "gang-buster", Governor Dewey, two well-known unionists tion of the labor movement away from the real culprits.

William Jenkins, president of ANTI-LABOR ACT

"All the signs point to the fact "While I disagree in some ways | that the firing of the SWP headwith the program of the Social- quarters was carried out by the same anti-labor group that beat up the Briggs Local 212 militant terested in seeing that the right members. There too, the police of free speech and assembly is and the press attempted to shield fully safeguarded. The terrorists | the criminals by pointing an acwho tried to burn down the hall cusing finger at 'faction fights' inside the labor movement."

of the Socialist Workers Party Burch expressed the belief that were evidently fascist groups an investigation of the Detroit that do not believe in freedom Police Department would show of speech. I think that all de- many members of the force were cooperating with vigilante tercent citizens should do everyrorists in assaults on labor miltthing in their power to see that tants, and called for an immedithose guilty of this atrocious act ate investigation of the Police Department. Genora Dollinger, member of

A story in today's Detroit News the Educational Committee of gave added weight to Burch's warning about the role being "As one of the victims of the played by the police. He exbrutal beatings of Local 212 plained:

"The police accuse the sender UAW-CIO members, and as a part of the audience attending of a threatening penny postcard signed 'Spiegler' of being opner Weiss Thursday night at the posed to the 'anti-Communist Socialist Workers Party head- purpose' of the meeting being quarters, I am genuinely con- held by the SWP. This is an attempt on their part to pin the. ness of the anti-labor fascist ac- blame on members of the Communist Party and away from the real fascist perpetrators of this fiendish crime. They further quote 'Spiegler' as saying 'we will arrive at the proper time with most seriously. These attacks rope.'

are directed at the militant mem- REAL MESSAGE

"The last two sentences in time that all labor organizations 'Spiegler's' postcard actually read rally their forces now to counteras follows: "The Soviets' greed for world power and their dom-"The burning of the Socialist ination of their small neighbors Workers Party headquarters is a speaks for itself. When the time warning to all labor. Hitler was is ripe, we shall come for you laughed at as insignificant in the communists with a rope. early days . . . but let us recall

"By omitting the word 'comthat his actions ended in the munist' from the text of the burning of the Reichstag and the postcard and fasifying the enenslavement of the German tire statement, the police are giving the impression that 'Spiegler' was a communist instead of a violent opponent of communism. The purpose of this obvious fraud is to whitewash the Black Legion friends of the police."

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