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# BIGGEST MARITIME STRIKE FORCES GOVERNMENT TO RESCIND WAGE-CUT

## Dobbs Defends Seamen, **Drivers In Radio Talk**

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York, tonight opened his campaign with a powerful radio address in defense of the striking seamen and New

York City truckdrivers. His 15-minute answer to the lies of the capitalist press and his attack on the Democratic and Republican politicians who are aiding the employers, was broadcast over Station WJZ at

Dobbs exposed the "friendsof-labor" pose of the candidates of the Wall Street parties, the Democrats Mead and Lehman and the Republicans Dewey and Ives. He ripped savagely into Mayor O'Dwyer, political henchman of Mead and Lehman, who "was put into office less than a year ago with the workers' votes" and "today is threatening to spill their blood" in the truckdrivers'

### TEST OF EVENTS

Even in advance of the elections. Dobbs points out, "living events are testing" the votecatching promises of the capitalist politicians.

"Where are the voices of Mead and Lehman, of Dewey and Ives, stated, "I would make it my first today?" Dobbs asked. "Why have duty to support the picket lines they not said a single word in of my fellow workers." At the defense of the seamen and truck- same time, he said, "I would use litical careers they have never employers to satisfy the full desaid one word on behalf of any mands of the strikers."

Full Text Of Farrell Dobbs' Radio Address

workers in any strike." The Socialist Workers Party

candidate for New York Governor charged that "a vast and well-financed propaganda drive has been unleashed to arouse hysteria and turn the people against the strikers."

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ANSWERS BOSSES He replied in detail to the boss

propaganda about the strikers being "responsible for shortages." Turning the attack against the bosses, he showed how the monopolists are responsible for real shortages. He contrasted the fact that the capitalist press and boss politicians like O'Dwyer show no indignation about the meat trust cutting off all meat supplies, with the way they attack striking workers.

"If I were Governor," Dobbs

## **Stock Market Slump Reveals Wall Street's View Of Future**

By Art Preis

As the Truman administration boasts of record-breaking peace-time production and as dividend payments soar to new highs, the stock market ominously clangs an alarm.

the Stock Exchange. For the second week in a row that barometer of the capitalist systemthe stock market quotations -

climaxed a steady drift down- production," he said. "Industry ward since the May high point. By last week, more than 19 billion dollars of stock values had liquidated-\$9,300,000,000

## "LOOKS FINE"

Administration have responded with a cheery note of "optimism." U. S. Treasury Secretary Snyder on Sept. 11 opined business prospects "look fine." Civilian Production Administrator Small said, "It's

And RFC Director Allen boomed: "Wonderful! Wonderful! We're going to have a wave of prosperity like you never saw before. And let me tell you this -we're never going to have another depression in this coun-

doctors cannot with a mere pass of their hands wave aside the visible symptoms of malignant disease eating at the vitals of American capitalism.

ing Wall Street's outlook on America's future. As Henry commentator, observed on September 9: "The stock market seldom reflects today's events; it reflects, instead, today's judgment, good or bad, on the long-

## "NO CONFIDENCE"

For the "long-term future" of its own system, Wall Street has port boom much beyond two or cast a vote of "No confidence." That is the real meaning of the stock market slide.

The stock market's advance warning of an economic disaster | Where can it invest its idle dol- 25,000 face lay-offs next week. | with OPA investigators assigned | being gouged by soaring prices | comes when American capitalism stands at the summit of world power. It has crushed the black clouds. most aggressive of its capitalist rivals abroad. And it boasts of peace-time economic

On Aug. 30, Civilian Produc-

is within sight of full produc-

tion of finished goods." Em-

ployment has reached the all-

time peak of 58,100,000.

EXPORTS BOOM

A new feverish wave of selling last week tumbled prices on achievements at home.

tion Administrator Small reported that July production had reached a new all-time peacefell sharply. time peak. "The stop and go output . . . has now been re-The landslide unloading by placed by coninuous, high-level small investors and speculators

in the first days of September.

At the same time, U. S. exspokesmen port trade boomed to heights never known before. "Commercial shipments are expected officially to reach \$10,000,000,000 this year. That would top the previous peak of \$8,228,000,000 reached in 1920," reports the all a state of mind." United States News, Sept. 13. Why, then, does Wall Street

rote thumbs down on its own 'long-term future."? First of all. American Big Busness has now placed a minus sign beside its hopes for prosperity based on the world try." (Life magazine, Sept. 9.) market. American productivity, But these economic witchdoubled during the war, has outstripped the capacity of a ruined world to buy its products. Not

ten billions in exports-but 30 billions was the hope. The great markets of Europe The Stock Exchange is recordand Asia are disrupted. The peoples are burdened by colossal debt. Their economy is hope-Hazlitt, N. Y. Times financial lessly disorganized. Their production stagnates at levels far

### below the pre-war years. ADDING IT UP

"What it all adds up to," says ers are shutting down their majthe Sept. 5 World Report, Big or plants and operating through Business weekly of world affairs, "is that odds are against continuance of the present exthree years.'

Where is American capitalism ion, announced that 25,000 of the to find an outlet for its monu- union's 160,000 members have almental accumulation of capital? lars profitably? Searching the whole world horizon, it sees only Workers reported that half of ernment agents "found the way packers' greed, there is only one

Here at home, capitalist economists acknowledge that to are curtailing legal production. (Continued on Page 7)

## **Reuther Hits** Attacks On **Detroit SWP**

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 14 -Walter P. Reuther, President of the CIO United Automobile Workers, this week denounced the attempts of anti-labor elements to evict the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters in Detroit. Reuther's statement was along the lines of a similar public protest made last week by UAW-CIO Vice-President R. J. Thomas. Full text of Reuther's statement follows:

"As President of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, I want to add my protest against the forces within the City of Detroit who have banded together in a reactionary drive to force the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters at 6108 Linwood.

"The latest form of attack, that of trying to force the Socialist Workers Party to vacate its premises because Negroes atdrivers? During their long po- every power of office to force the tended its meetings, is a serious challenge to the fundamental constitutional rights of Americans to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. Any such attack must be met on those grounds because the rights of all citizens of this country will be jeopardized if such a precedent can be established by these re-

> "Labor cannot permit the zoning laws of this city to be utilized for the purpose of discrimination against any individual or organization because of race, creed, color or political affilia-

### **Atom Workers Vote** 2-1 For Unionism

Workers in two of the three atom bomb plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, have voted to have the CIO or AFL represent them in collective bar-

The CIO won the election at the second largest plant, run by the Carbide & Chemical Corp., by a vote of 1,918 to 1,893, in a run-off with the AFL. The AFL won at the Monsanto Chemical plant by 331 votes to the CIO's 136. The vote at the Tennessee Eastman plant was 3.120 for "no union" against 2,530 for

their families this week as the

packing trust intensified the

meat-famine it has imposed on

the country to force elimination

Virtually no meat is on sale

although price increases aver-

aged 10 to 12 per cent. The pack-

In Omaha, T. J. Lloyd, inter-

ready been laid off, and another

Butcher shops "throughout the boxes.

ters and Butchers Workmen Un- were larger."

of price ceilings.

black market outlets.

## Stalinists Drop Own Candidates To Back Capitalist Party Slate

of the Communist (Stalinist) Party from the three top places on the New York ballot is "one of the most cowardly and ignominious acts in the political history of this state," the New York State Com-

mittee of the Socialist against reactionary attempts to Workers Party declared deprive them of their right to this week

Of their original five candi-Robert Thompson and Benjamin J. Davis Jr. on the ballot Klan. and switched their candidacy from Governor and U.S. Senator respectively to that of Comptroller and Attorney-General. This move of the Stalinists is part of their drive to put Wall Street's Democratic machine in

At the same time, the Democrats are trying to throw the CP completely off the ballot. Louis Cohen, executive assistant to Mayor O'Dwyer and secretary of the Bronx County Democratic Committee, announced he is having the CP's nominating peti-

tions photostated and checked. "No one can take them seriously now, not even their own members," the SWP Committee continued. "First they sent their in the grueling work of obtainthey raised a storm of protest political posterior."

**Meat Trust Causes Famine** 

of meat on the black market,

for those with money to buy. And

where the meat came from was

At the Chicago yards, for in-

ly for feeding and fattening.

"The real destination of the ani-

mals purchased as feeders seem-

ed somewhat in question," the

Times added. The article also

observed that "80 per cent of

Only one day before, on Sept.

12, the Times had told how

"Black marketers 'get tough'

an open secret.

Thousands of packing-|nation had little or no meat |

house workers were out of and no prospect of early supply,"

ed in vain for meat to feed | Sept. 13. But there was plenty

at even the high ceiling prices stance, cattle were being bought

given to the packers by the OPA, at above-ceiling prices, supposed-

national representative of the all animals were going east"

AFL Amalagamated Meat Cut- where "black market operations

the proper moment in favor of dates, the Stalinists left only the Democratic candidate who brackets them with the Ku Klux

> "The policy of the Communist deceit. About a year ago they expelled Earl Browder as an agent of Wall Street. One of his actions as a Wall Street agent was to support Lehman for Governor and Mead for Senator. After purging itself of 'Browderism,' the CP 'reformed.' Today it supports Mead for Governor

and Lehman for Senator. "For months the CP has been denouncing Truman's foreign Hogs Never Satisfied policy as imperialist, war-mongering and anti-Soviet. They promised to withdraw if the Democrats repudiated Truman's foreign policy. The Democrats wrote a platform that supports The Stalinists withdrew, Obvimembers throughout the state ously, the way to get Stalinist support is to do the exact oppoing thousands of signatures to site of what they demand and place them on the ballot. Then give them a public kick in their

charges like these: \$2.10 for

\$1.21 worth of steak; 98 cents

for 60 cents worth of veal chops;

While black market operators

laughed at OPA investigators.

the attorney for the N. Y. State

ers said: "Elimination of ceilings

might be the answer to the meat

shortage." That is, let the meat

profiteers charge black market

condescend to give the people

But for the workers who are

Association of Retail Meat Deal-

worth of liverwurst.

workers control!

erman Capitalists "FRANKFORT AU MAIN, Sept. 11-As a result of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes' speech on the future of Party is a blend of hypocrisy and Germany at Stuttgart Sept. 6, industrial stocks on the Frankfurt Exchange have risen an average of 10 per cent while bank stocks have risen as much as 30 per cent . . . Industrial stocks have now virtually reached the permitted ceiling price." (N. Y. Herald Tribune, Sept.

The U. S. Emergency Court of Appeals rejected demands of New York City landlords that they be permitted to jack up residential rents 15 per cent. The court contended landlords were Truman lock, stock and barrel. making bigger profits under rent control than during the prewar

### Propaganda Sure Makes A Hearty Breakfast

"Each morning as I carefully spread a thin film of 66-cent butter on my undersized, offcolor toast, I dutifully remind myself that America is eating more than it ever did before." The powerless OPA agents (Saturday News, Lewisburgh waited on the sidewalks, while work, and housewives search- the N. Y. Times admitted on illegal sales continued. Some

### customers later reported over-How About Putting Capitalists To Work?

"There will be no limit to production once labor makes up its 72 cents for 56 cents worth of mind to get busy and go to Two large operators are now lamb chops; 58 cents for 42 cents, work." (Undersecretary of Com- said to be offering wage raises merce Alfred Schindler, Sept.

Civilian employment reached an all-time peak of 58,-100,000. Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small reported on Aug. 30. He added: The stop-and-go output . . has now been replaced by conprices legally, and they would tinuous high-level production."

### Decontrol's Already Jet-Propelled

"Washington, Sept. 16 (UP). The CIO United Packinghouse to check retail prices. The gov- and deprived of meat by the - John M. Bulkley, OPA's deits 30,000 members in Chicago barred yesterday by determined real solution. Expropriate the control expert, said today the are out of work because packers butchers," who flatly refused to meat profiteers! Nationalize the next few months would see a send the drivers back, charging papers will sustain tremendous let them check counters or ice- meat industry! Operate it under great speed-up in the removal that "communists" had taken losses because they have had to of price ceilings."

## CIO Pickets Tie Up Ports To Follow Up AFL Victory

Maritime labor's militancy and solidarity tied up every port in the United States so completely, that the AFL seamen have won a smashing victory against the government.

Within eight days the Truman Administration was forced to capitulate. The AFL seamen won their demands - a pay increase of \$22.50 a

The AFL's victory was assured push price-boosting measures when the CIO maritime unions and repressive legislation,

### Full Report On Maritime Strike See Page 2

unions and one independent, is bring CIO seamen's pay to parity political battle. with the AFL rates.

otiated for still higher pay. Truman's Wage Stabilization Board disapproved the higher rates, thus provoking the AFL strike. DANGER REMAINS

### But the seamen still face a reat danger.

After every great upsurge of the seamen, the capitalist government has opened up a counernment spearheaded a union- Party. Organization on the poliackbone of organized maritime

ple the maritime unions. Wall Street's politicians will strike.

month on the West now redouble their efforts to Coast; \$27.50 a month on whittle away maritime labor's the East Coast and Gulf. latest gains. Washington will

supported the strike. Now, the It has become crystal clear that Committee for National Mari- the government has largely reime unity, representing six CIO placed the ship operators in dealing with the seamen. In every matter, great and small, the government confronts the maritime unions and wields the club for the ship operators.

This means that the battle to safeguard the seamen's gains and following up with a strike to their unions has become a daily

But Wall Street monopolizes Last June, the CIO's strike the political field today. Labor hreat won a gain of \$17.50 a has no effective independent polmonth. The AFL unions then ne- itical weapon - no party that is really its own. If the tremendous power, the

magnificient solidarity demonstrated in the maritime strike by all labor were extended to the political field, labor could crush its Big Business enemies in Washington.

## WHAT IS NEEDED

The maritime workers in partiter-offensive. In 1921 the gov- cular need an independent Labor run. All this farce was played A Shot In The Arm For smashing drive that broke the tical field, free of all capitalist labor for years. After the great of combatting the government's strikes of 1934 and 1936 the gov- anti-labor moves. The need to ernment introduced the Copeland organize an independent Labor fink book in an attempt to crip- Party at once is the main lesson to be drawn from the maritime

## **New York Truckdrivers Stand** Firm; Break Operators' Front

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Sept. 16-Grimly determined to win substantial wage raises and a 40-hour week, the 15,000 striking members of AFL Truckdrivers Locals 807, 282 and 816 here are fighting back against the pressure of the boss newspapers, Democratic May-9-

or O'Dwyer and their own weakkneed leaders. The militant rank and file

have rejected O'Dwyer's phony compromise proposal and brushed aside his attempt to divide their ranks with a red-scare. Their determined stand, ex-

pressed at a stormy membership meeting of the largest local, 807, at Manhattan Center last Thursday, has forced the recalcitrant truck operators associations to resume direct negotiations. (See Evelyn Atwood's account of dramatic strike meeting, on Page Six.)

A break in the truck fleet operators front has been reported. amounting to \$7.40 a week for a 40-hour instead of the previous 44-hour week. The only previous offer of the truck operators had amounted to \$2.86 more for a 44-hour week-61/2

## O'DWYER FAILS

Mayor O'Dwyer sought the henchman, AFL Teamserst Presover the strike, and threatening eliminate all advertising.

"bloodshed and injury."

Tobin replied that the strikers "cause is just." At the same time he ordered members of all other Teamsters Locals not to continue sympathetic strike action in support of Local 807. This was a move to isolate and weaken the general truckdrivers strike.

Further efforts to weaken the strike were made with the proposal of union leaders that drivers for the big grocery chains accept a separate settlement and go back before the rest of the men. This proposition was overwhelmingly rejected at last Thursday's meeting.

This meeting also limited the power of the negotiating committee. They can sign no bind. ing agreement without prior approval of the membership. Another membership meeting will be held today to consider the proposal of the negotiating committee to permit separate agreements with firms granting a \$7.40 raise for a 40-hour week.

The Big Business daily newshelp of his Democratic political papers have been cut down to a shadow by their inability to ident Daniel J. Tobin, to force get newsprint, tied up at warethe drivers back without assured houses. They have become more gains. O'Dwyer, who had tried restrained in their attacks on the to put over a "compromise" giv- strikers, since a continued holding the drivers only a dollar more out of the truck owners will a week, demanded that Tobin mean that most of the daily

# 'Why We Support The Striking Seamen And New York Truckdrivers"

## Radio Address By Farrell Dobbs, SWP Candidate For N. Y. Governor

Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York State, over Station WJZ, New York City, Thursday, Sept. 12, 10:45 P. M .:

You have read the scareheads in the Big Business press about the maritime and truck strikes. You know that a vast and well-financed propaganda drive has been unleashed to arouse hysteria and turn the people against

I will tell you the facts the daily press has not seen fit to print, I will tell you who is behind the lies and slanders hurled at the strikers and who is really responsible for shortages falsely blamed on the strikers.

Election time is the season when the woods are full of so-called "friends of labor," Politicians of both major parties, Democrats and Republicans alike, have oiled up their political hunting rifles and are gunning for labor's votes. They are setting out their old lures and decoys—the promises they always use in vote-hunting.

But even in advance of the elections, living events are testing their promises. While Mead and Lehman, and Dewey and Ives, are swearing undying love for labor, their words are being tested by great events and great struggles.

Right here in New York City tens of thousands of workingmen have been forced into bitter strike struggles to defend their standard of living. These men - these fathers of families, most of them - work in two of the most dangerous and difficult occupations. They are seamen and truckdrivers.

All year long they risk their lives on the sea-lanes and the highways. And all they have asked is decent working conditions and sufficient wages to maintain their wives and children in decency and health.

Where are the voices of Mead and Lehman, of Dewey and Ives, today? Why have they not said a single word in defense of the seamen and truckdrivers? During their long political careers they have never said one word on behalf of any workers in any strike.

Are the workers always wrong? Are the people who do the useful work and produce all the necessities - are they never right in their demands against the tiny capitalist minority who live off the labor of others?

To the politicians of the Wall Street parties, the Democrats and Republicans, the workers are always in the wrong when it comes to a showdown with profiteers and exploiters. Just let the workers stand up and fight for their rights - just let them demand a small share of the profits they produce for the employers - and then these election-time "friends of labor" reveal their true stripes.

I speak here tonight to denounce and expose all these spurious "friends of labor." I speak here tonight on behalf of justice for the striking seamen and truckdrivers.

## Case Of Truckdrivers

Let us take the case of the truckdrivers. These men have not had a raise in more than two years. The last raise they received amounted to \$2.50 a week. Can anyone, in all conscience, say that even the 30 per cent wage increase living in the past year? The United States Bureau of Labor handful of multi-millionaire monopolists are depriving the Statistics admits that living costs have gone up 11 per cent just in the past three months - and its figures are notoriously low.

The big truck fleet owners have been raking in staggering profits. Throughout the war, and right to this day, their trucks have been operating day and night. The trucking industry received its full share of juicy government war

The trucking corporations are protected by tax laws that provide rebates of profits taxes and carry-back clauses covering losses. Their regular profits taxes have been greatly reduced by Congress. They are sitting pretty that's why they can arrogantly reject the demands of the truckdrivers. That's why they can offer the truckdrivers an insulting raise of about five cents an hour. That's why they deliberately provoked a strike.

I know what the life of a truckdriver is like. For many the Western Ocean. years in Minneapolis I was a member and organizer of the famous Minneapolis Truck Drivers Local 544. I was a picket dispatcher in the great 1934 Minneapolis drivers' strike. I served as secretary-treasurer of Local 544, and I was secretary of the 11-state area committee which secured the first union contract for 250,000 over-the-road drivers in the

## Who Is To Blame

Have you ever hauled a 30-ton load in a giant trailertruck? Have you ever tried to steer a truck through crowded city streets, or down a long icy hill? Have you ever helped to load 80,000 pounds on a truck, and then helped to unload it after hours of grueling driving?

You won't find anyone who has ever done such dangerous and back-breaking work condemning these striking truckdrivers. Only persons who sit in swank offices and rake in profits, only the paid flunkies and propagandists of the rich are howling against these truckdrivers.

The newspapers are weeping crocodile tears about the men step from the car and aptruck strike holding up food and other necessities. They welled "wolf" even when Mayor O'Dwyer - who is no mean 'wolf"-shouter himself-admitted there was no cause for

We heard such hysterical raving last spring when the tug-boat strike was on. Mayor O'Dwyer even went to the fantastic lengths of shutting down the city for 16 hours. After the strike was over, federal officials admitted that pickets who stops and stares at



FARRELL DOBBS

to get out of paying justified wage increases? If the capitalist newspapers and the truck operators and Mayor O'Dwyer are so concerned about shortages, they can end the situation in a minute. Let them grant the workers' just demands!

And while we are on the subject of shortages — I want to speak about some real shortages that no one can say is due to strikes. The working people of New York and of the entire country are facing a meat famine. This meatfamine is caused by the deliberate withholding of meat maritime strike has forced Truby the profiteering meat-packers' trust.

The big packinghouses made stupendous profits during the war. They diverted meat into the black market and the full wage increases they previolated all price ceilings. They robbed the people blind or denied them meat.

Now the OPA has granted new price increases of as as much as 16 cents a pound. But the grasping meat trust tie-up continues as CIO maritime they now ask will compensate for the rise in the cost of has cut off the meat supply like turning off a faucet. A unions, whose support of the

# "Nothing Doing, Cap'!"— A Scene On A N. Y. Dock

- By Art Sharon -

NEW YORK—She is a large new ship, a C4, built to ed the government's capitaliants. to the AFL seamen's demands carry American cargo and passengers to the far corners of over the radio on Thursday evethe world. A new ship with all the latest improvement in ning, Sept. 12, the eighth day of design and power. From the

time she was launched she them fixedly. had moved restlessly from busy piers into the sea lanes of

Now she lies quietly alongside the pier. No clattering winch disturbs the Sunday calm. The only sound besides the lap of the incoming tide against the hull is the footsteps of two young sailors who pace back and forth at the entrance of the pier. The hook is hung and her seamen are "on the bricks,"

NOTHING MOVES And throughout the world's biggest harbor the scene is the same. Nothing moves on water except a few small craft given clearance by the Strike Committee. The piers with cargo piled to the rafters are dark and desert-

the screeching of the sea gulls. A shining new Buick car approach the pickets. One, dressed in the full uniform and regalia of a Commander in the Naval Reserve, is the ship's skipper. The other, well dressed and portly, is an obviously "big" man

ed, their quiet disturbed only by

in some shipping company. They approach one of the

"We are going aboard the INCREASE APPROVED

ship," explains the Skipper, year-old Picket Captain.

"Let me see your clearance!" pocket and pulls out a yellow slip signed by the Strike Com- which provoked the strike. mittee. The young Picket Captain examines it carefully, reading it word for word even though he has read it a number of times before.

"Where's your clearance?" the Picket Captain then asks the other, the portly gentleman. The latter explains in a voice that barely conceals his feeling of frustrated outrage. "I'm the Port Captain—I have business aboard the ship.'

NOTHING DOING

This is a new experience in his action in history. long career as a company official. His world is one of cargo manifests, custom declarations, meaning in the law offices and

His face turns purple and he Picket Captain backed by the strike. Strike Committee-tells him: "Nothing doing, Cap'!"

Down on the dock, the Port Cap- Truman administration sought to tain stands gazing after him.

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robber-prices. But you hear no cries of indignation about an agency appointed by President Truman has tried to this from the press, or from Mayor O'Dwyer, or from any reduce the wage increases granted by the ship operators of the politicians of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Yet Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer, political henchman of Mead and Lehman, doesn't hesitate to intervene on behalf of the rich truck operators. He has tried to force the truckdrivers to accept a wage offer that would mean as little as one dollar a week more in their pay envelopes.

## O'Dwyer Threatens

And now O'Dwyer is issuing threats against the truck-O'Dwyer was put into office less than a year ago with the workers' votes. Today, he is threatening to spill their Cause Is Just

O'Dwyer is dragging the old red herring across the trail. He is raving about the "reds" and "communists." to smear striking workers.

The overwhelming majority of truck drivers have rewhole working populace of New York.

If by "communists" O'Dwyer means the Stalinists of the Communist Party — didn't he himself welcome their me say: Your cause is just! You deserve the support of support and votes in the November 1945 elections?

The case of the seamen is another example of double- fight of all labor!

whole nation of meat. They are blackmailing the people for | dealing and injustice against the workers. In this case, themselves.

Over 6,000 merchant seamen died at sea during the war. The reward to the surviving seamen for terrible risks and sacrifices was to get a \$45 a month cut in pay after V-J Day. The ship operators, as their reward, got hundreds of millions of dollars from the government. The government is turning over six billion dollars worth of ships built with our money as a virtual gift to these ship operators.

One of the biggest steals in all history is being endrivers. He is threatening force against them. Isn't that gineered in Washington to benefit the ship operators. At the meaning of his words to AFL Teamsters President the same time, Truman's Wage Stabilization Board chisels Daniel J. Tobin, that if Tobin doesn't halt the strike "it is very possible that bloodshed and injury will result?" the AFL seamen.

As the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor, I wish to state here and now that my party and its entire That is one of the oldest and smelliest methods of trying ticket stand four-square behind the striking seamen and truckdrivers. We make no reservations whatsoever.

I say further, that if I were Governor, I would make it jected O'Dwyer's phony compromise proposal. They are my first duty to support the picket lines of my fellownot staying out on strike just because they like to lose pay. workers. I would use every power of office to force the They are not putting up such a determined stand just be- employers to satisfy the full demands of the strikers. Incause communists or anyone else told them to do so in a stead of persecuting strikers, I would investigate the recleaflet. O'Dwyer's yell about "Communists" is an insult ords of the employers with a microscope. And I would crack not only to the intelligence of the truck drivers but to the down on every dishonest employer with the full power of the law.

To the truckdrivers, seamen and their families, let every right-minded person! Stick to it! Your fight is the

# AFL Seamen Win; CIO Unions the propaganda about shortages was a lie. If there are shortages due to the strike — who is to blame? Isn't it the arrogant truck owners who are trying Hit The Bricks For Equal Pay

By C. Thomas

(Special to The Militant) NEW YORK, Sept. 15 — The unbroken solidarity of 'America's waterfront workers in history's greatest man to reverse the decision of his Wage Stabilization Board and to grant to the AFL seamen viously negotiated with the ship

But the national waterfront AFL strike was an important factor in the victory, pulled out their members in a fight to enforce their demand for equality of wages in the industry.

As AFL pickets were being withdrawn, CIO picket lines took their place to keep the ships dead

John R. Steelman, Truman's "economic stabilizer," announced the government's capitulation

The AFL seamen, organized in somewhat nervously. He hasn't the Seafarers International Unyet got over the shock of hav- ion and Sailors' Union of the ing to explain his business on Pacific, wrested government aphis "own" ship to an eighteen- proval for general wage increases ranging from \$22.50 to \$27.50 per month. These wage scales, demands the young picket. previously accepted by the ship The Captain fumbles in his operators, had been rejected by the Wage Stabilization Board

Claiming the AFL wage scale were "inflationary," the WSB ruled that the \$17.50 granted the CIO seamen in June after a strike threat constituted the "ceiling" for the industry. The AFL unions declared that the WSB's wage-freezing ruling was a violation of "free collective bargain-

The strike called on Sept. 5 by the SIU-SUP completely immobilized U.S. shipping and was the most effective maritime strike

The Truman administration was caught on the horns of a the strike until the government dilemma. If the WSB reversed gave unambiguous assurance that ships papers, documents of great its decision, as the unions de- all union demands had been met. manded, it would suffer a mortal brokerages of Wall Street. Now he blow to its prestige and author- trifled with. Both rank and file —he—is asked for a yellow slip ity, On the other hand, the strike members and union leaders exof paper signed by-a strike had aroused such tremendous support from all sections of or- cheap trick played by Steelman ganized labor that Truman did in making a public announceblusters indignantly. Firmly, the not even dare to repeat the ment of the government's decionly recognized authority today threat made in June to use the sion before communicating with on the whole waterfront—the Navy against an impending CIO the strike committee. The men-

BOLSTER WSB . The Skipper boards the ship. . After stalling for a week, the resolve the dilemma by a typical

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Seamen Close Ports



Picketlines like this one in New York harbor, tied up ships in every port as the Seafarers International Union and the Sailors' Union of the Pacific (both AFL) struck to regain the wage increase which had been slashed by the War Shipping Board. Other AFL unions and the Committee for Maritime Unity (six CIO and one unaffiliated union) support the Federated Pictures

maneuver. The WSB held a "re-, and Wipers Association who had hearing" which upheld its pre- walked out immediately followvious decision. This threw the ing the WSB's statement reafdispute directly into Truman's firming its previous rejection of lap. Steelman, Truman's Econ- the AFL wage scales. omic Stabilization Director, then The CIO maritime unions hastily announced a formula deearly this year had joined with signed to bolster the crumbling the independent Marine Fireauthority of the WSB, maintain men to establish the Committee you?" the government's wage-freezing for Maritime Unity. When the policy and grant the AFL seaoperators refused to accede to men their wage demands. the CMU demands, a strike date

The Steelman formula was was set for June 15. It was durcouched in such ambiguous lan- ing this period that the Truman guage that no one could quite administration had whipped up make out what it meant. A joint a lynch hysteria against the SIU-SUP membership meeting, unions following the strike of held immediately after Steel- the railroad workers and miners. man's radio statement, went on record unanimously to continue

The men were in no mood to be pressed their resentment at the who pounded the bricks for eight days to tie up every port in the country were not going to be stampeded back to work by any double-talk from Washing-

## FULL COMPLIANCE

The unanimous decision of the joint membership meeting was that there would be no return to work until the agreements were "signed, sealed and delivered." It wasn't until the following evening that the strike was called off officially when union officials received confirmation that the operators and government had complied with the full wage

In the meantime, the CIO had established its picket lines in all salt water ports and joined the pickets of the independent Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders

the WSB attempted to enforce as the wage ceiling.

With the AFL seamen on reord to respect CIO picket lines he present strike remains in full force and effect. The original strike policy of the CMU. under the influence of the Stalinists, was to make numerous exceptions permitting various categories of shipping to operate. This policy was contrary to that adopted by the SIU-SUP. The AFL unions sought to shorten the duration of the strike and increase its effectiveness by tying up all shipping with very few exceptions.

If the CMU policy had pre-

vailed, any effective strike action would have been seriously endangered. However, the dynamics of the struggle itself forced a change in policy. The CIO National Maritime Union's strike committee in the port of New York has adopted a resolution to tie up all ships. If this policy is firmly pursued it will deter that section of the AFL eaders who would welcome a pretext to declare the CIO strike phony" and send their men through the CIO lines. Both the AFL and CIO rank-and-file oppose any rift in the solid strike

The only blot on the magnificent solidarity of the waterfront workers thus far was the action yesterday of AFL longshore boss Joseph Ryan, who tried to force his members to crash an NMU picket line around a struck ship. When the rank and file longshoremen refused to act as finks for "King Joe" Ryan, he tried to provoke them with the taunt: "Are you going to let a couple of punks scare

## UNION SPIRIT

But it was not fear of the six NMU-CIO pickets that prevented two hundred AFL longshoremen from refusing to crash a picket line, as Ryan insultingly implied. It was their union spirit and class solidarity that made them repudiate Ryan's strikebreaking order.

Ryan later declared he would make no other attempt at scabherding that day, adding that ne expected the strike to be over by Monday. Ryan's disgraceful fink action

has alerted all maritime workers to be on guard to preserve their magnificent unity in action to the end.

It is that unity in action that has been the back-bone of the greatest demonstration of oritration. It was this scale that history.

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STRIKE STILL ON

Truman's threat to use troops

to smash a CIO maritime strike

called forth an immediate re-

sponse from the AFL seafaring

would walk off the ships if any

such strikebreaking attempt

was made. The dispute was

temporarily settled when the

CIO unions accepted a govern-

ment proposal for a \$17.50 gen-

eral wage increase, with all col-

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## State Of Greek Political Parties Before The Recent Plebiscite

yourselves . . ." etc.

the country during the war.

mass movement of importance

was non-existent in Greece be-

fore the war. When the Com-

munist Party took the leader-

ship of the "Resistance" move-

This Socialist Party has bene-

fited from the aid of a few re-

formist trade union leaders,

such as Lascaris and Stratis who

have a certain influence among

the railway workers. Its base is

composed especially of city petty-

bourgeois and above all of intel-

The Archeomarxist Commu-

nist Party was before the war

part of the London Bureau and

Its influence is limited to cer-

lishes a weekly newspaper, The

There is, finally, the Interna-

tionalist Communist Party,

conservative Brazilian paper

The Brazilian government uti-

lized the demonstrations as a

pretext to launch an attack

against the Stalinist party. This

is in line with the present pol-

icy of the U. S. State Depart-

ery country in Latin America

as one of its moves in prepar-

ing the Western Hemisphere for

war against the Soviet Union.

Dutra's government, which slav-

ishly follows the dictates of Wall

Street's government, is among

the first to begin carrying out

sources and is an important fac-

The Dutra government has not

controlled the black market,

which has become very powerful

chants, who are linked with the

"legitimate" native capitalists,

mercilessly exploit the situation.

The desperation of the masses,

caused by the soaring cost of

rose to the breaking point last

week. Despite government repres-

sion, other similar or more vio-

ATTACK STALINISTS

of Venizelos

lectuals.

Class Struggle.

In Brazil Shakes Dutra Govt.

By Charles Carsten

the high cost of living thousands of people last week surged

soldiers began patrolling the crush the Stalinist parties in ev-

of the population. Windows of other commodities in the large

crowd with raised sabres in an in the big cities. These mer-

the demonstrators and President living and chronically low wages,

(Special to the Militant)

Bu Jean Paul Martin

(Special to The Militant) ATHENS. Greece-On the eve of the plebiscite, the Greek labor movement is divided into four parties:

The Community Party-The Greek Communist Party is far | and above all the Greeks. Greeks and away the strongest; during of all parties, don't play the the war it developed influence game of reaction. Reconciliate over the "Resistance" and thereby over a large part of the peasantry in the country and the ruined middle class of the cities.

The Communist Party reached its highest point immediately after the "liberation" of Greece in October 1944 and before the demoralizes the workers' ranks. December events. After the defeat and the Varciza agreement, its influence diminished rapidly, to rise again somewhat as a result of the aggravation of the economic situation and the excesses of the reaction.

### INTERNAL CRISIS

Since May 1946 this party has been visibly going through a profound internal crisis.

ment and created the EAM, it An opposition which has deformed or helped form a whole veloped is headed by a number string of "democratic" and "soof old cadre-elements of the cialist" organizations which it party, among them Petsopouused as fronts. Among these solos, and militants of the "Resiscialist parties, the most importance" such as Orestes and tant one has become that led Zacharias, who, thanks to their today by Professor Svolos and exploits, won great prestige Tsirimokos, who come from the among the party ranks. left wing of the Liberal Party

In a separate article we will discuss the development of this crisis and the accusations of this opposition against the policy of the Stalinist leadership. This crisis is in reality the result of the whole impasse into which the opportunist and adventurist policy of the CPG has led, before and especially after the "lib-

Faced with the brutal reactionary offensive trying to tion of the labor movement, the today is hunting for an interachieve the complete destruc-Stalinists at present answer with the slogan: "Conciliation!"

velops in all the columns of its Piraeus, and Salonika; it pubcentral organ Rizospastis is the following: It is the monarchist reaction to whose interest it is TROTSKYIST PARTY to feed and spread the civil war. The CP says to the people: "There are no monarchists and which accepts the program of democrats, there are no Right- the Fourth International, and ists and Leftists. There are only which is the product of a recent

"Death to the black market?

the masses in Brazil, which "is

being shaken by one of the worst

economic and political crises in

its history." (AP dispatch, Sept.

1.) Prices have risen 300 per

cent. Workers' wages remain ab-

The Brazilian government

demonstrated its inability to cope

with the situation in any other

way than by force, when Presi-

dent Eurico Gaspar Dutra pro-

claimed martial law in Rio de

Janeiro on Sept. 1. Fully armed

streets in an attempt to pre-

vent a recurrence of the dem-

onstrations which had lasted for

two days. Before "order" was

restored one person had been

killed, 100 wounded, and 500

food poisoning touched off the

about the death of their com-

ing cost of living, were soon join-

marquees of theaters were

Mounted police charged the

attempt to disperse it, and were

answered by a hail of rocks. De-

spite the use of clubs, rifles,

handcuffs and tear gas bombs,

the police were unable to curb

Dutra was forced to call out the

General De Goes Monteiro,

disturbance was inspired by the

Communist (Stalinist) Party.

Government forces surrounded

the Stalinist headquarters and

However, according to an Aug.

31 Reuter dispatch from Rio de

Janeiro, Stalinist leaders issued a

"manifesto" in which they urged

the populace to be "calm," and

not allow themselves to be pro-

voked because, said the mani-

festo, "this would give a pre-

text to people with illegal de-

The same dispatch quoted the

signs against democracy."

arrested 200 party members.

government, declared that the ture.

stores and restaurants and the cities.

The death of a student from this policy.

merchants!"

normally low.

imprisoned.

STUDENT DIES

the store in ruins.

smashed.

Trotskyist organizations.

This party publishes a weeky newspaper, The Workers' Struggle, and collaborates with the Archeomarxists in the trade union field. In its manifesto issued by the Unification Congress which took place at the end of This treacherous tactic repre-July, it advocated:

sents the greatest danger for the The formation of a workers immediate future of the Greek alliance for the purpose of strugworking class, because it sabogling against the return of the tages all effective resistance to the reactionary offensive and

Vote for the republic at the

time of the plebiscite. The Socialist Party - The The dissolution of the present Greek Socialist Party is a recent rumped-up parliament and the production of social and political election of a Constituent Assemregroupings which took place in bly. The political and economic demands of the masses. The socialist movement as

Workers' militias against the white terror. A general amnesty.

Support for the political eco-

nomic demands of the masses. CONCLUSION

The climate existing in Greece on the eve of the plebiscite is that of civil war.

The capitalists do not hope to restore their economic power in Greece, and British imperialism cannot consolidate its domination in this strategic part of the Balkans and the Mediterranean, without a "strong" regime which finishes off the struggles and resistance of the masses.

This "strong" regime which the capitalists are preparing, and which they wish to crown and consolidate by the return of the king, does not, despite the terror against the masses, have enough of a mass base so that it

can be characterized as fascist. We are witnessing the birth of a military and police dictatorship of the worst sort which also makes an appeal to declassed elements still isolated from the tain labor circles of Athens, the broad masses, which it arms and organizes against the labor

### NEED SUPPORT

The fighting spirit of the working class is not broken, but the policy of capitaulation of the Communist Party, which concentrates on the slogan of Conciliation," can lead to a To Mine Owners rushing defeat. The Greek vorkers needs the active support **Crisis Over High Living Costs** of the European and world working class, World-wide labor opinion must be informed about the unspeakable crimes which capiery day against the Greek

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 4-In mass demonstrations against Let us not permit the capitalists to replunge into the barbarism of dictatorship and fasthrough the streets of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, shouting cism a country whose workingclass was in the forefront of the These widespread disturbances | Correo Manha as follows: "The anti-capitalist struggle engen-

### are an indication of the intoler- police tried to present the veronditions suffered by sion that the disturbances had been organized by the Commu-15,000 Belgian nists (Stalinists) and hundreds of Communists were arrested. **Dockworkers** The Communists are capable of organizing disorders but in this case they did not do it." **On Picket Lines**

(Special to The Militant) BRUSSELS, Belgium, Sept.

4-Two days ago 15,000 dockworkers in the ports of Ghent | anarchy, and brought immeasurand Antwerp quit work. The able suffering to millions of ment. Washington intends to Action Committee opposed to AT WORKERS' EXPENSE strike is solid and is led by an the policies of the reformist of 6,000 members in Antwerp, local union leaders, including both Trotskyists and Stalinists, denounced the foul role played by

Brazil's participation in World the reformist leaders. demonstrations. On learning War II drained the country's re-The strike was caused by an agreement between the official rade, students immediately at- tor underlying the present ecounion leaders and the employtacked the bakery which sold nomic crisis. Much of the Braers. Under this agreement the the contaminated food and left | zilian merchant marine was lost. workers would be given a plan Railroad and truck transporta-The students, who expressed tion deteriorated. As a result of social security only if in rethe general public dissatisfac- commodities accumulate in the turn they gave up some of their tion with the poor food and ris- productive states in the north hard won gains, including holiand south of the country, while ed by throngs from all sections there is a scarcity of food and

days with pay, etc. This strike can be understood only in relation to the growing offensive of the Belgian workers as a whole. Starting with sporadic strikes in the Brussels region, the wave of struggle rose with a strike of the metal workers in the regions of Louviere and of Liege, a postal workers' strike, and a national strike of

the tramwaymen. Altogether, more than 150,000 workers have been drawn into the strike movement, which is the biggest in this country since Dutra's Minister of War and the lent outbursts and strikes are 1936 and which does not yet seem "strong man" in the Brazilian bound to occur in the near fu- to have reached its highest

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# Nation-wide Strike In Japan Against Puppet Government

Workers Demonstrate In Jan



Scenes like this are common in Japan today as workers strike throughout the country. This picture was taken in January, when Japanese Government Railway workers from seven districts demonstrated in Tokyo to demand wage increases.

## **Nationalization In Britain**

(Special to The Militant)

LONDON, Aug. 23 - The Tribunal appointed by the Coal Industry Nationalizaalist reaction, aided by British tion Act has fixed the comimperialism, is committing ev- pensation to be paid to the coalowners as 164 million pounds sterling.

This sum guarantees an anmillion pounds for 20 years. .

Capitalist satisfaction with this decision may be judged by the fact that colliery shares tothe fact that colliery shares, together with other nationalized industries, rose on the Stock Ex-

This is the first decision made by the Labor Government on the question of compensation. The pattern is clear: The nationalized industries are to be saddled with fabulous sums of compensation which will equal the average annual profit that brought the basic industries to chaos and miners and workers.

Thus the rationalization of technique and production in union leadership. At a meeting these basic industries (iron, steel, coal, transport) is to be carried out at the expense of the workers and not, as the workers demand, at the expense of the wealthy capitalists who become stockholders.

As the London Economist remarked in another connection on Aug. 10: "There is probably not a single one of these Acts (nationalization, etc.) that the (Tory) Opposition, if they were to come into power tomorow would repeal in its entirety, and not very many that they would seriously amend."

However, while the Labor Government pursues the paths well trod by other capitalist In Bolivia countries, the totality of its measures (nationalization, withdrawal of troops from Egypt, etc.) and the rather intoxicated howls from the extreme right of the capitalists have maintained the Labor Government's widespread, though inactive, sup-

## WORKERS CRITICAL

While the advanced workers are critical of some of the Labor Government's policies, they are determined to smash any Tory obstruction. This fact is again revealed on the simple questioning of bread rationing, where the organized workers rallied to the government against the attempted sabotage of the Master Bakers. The struggle in the national-

ized industries will certainly center around the question of control in the future. The experience of the workers will lead them to demand workers' management of the nationalized industries, abolition of compensation and real measures against seillaise," ("La Marsellesa Prothe capitalist saboteurs.

## Grant Huge Sum British Steel Barons Will Retain Their Stranglehold On Industry

(Special to The Militant)

LONDON, Sept. 1 — The final plan of the Labor Government for the British steel industry has been announced. It represents a total capitulation to the steel barons and reveals the cowardice of the

Labor Party leaders when faced with threats from the capitalists. The government has retreated

from its original intention, which nual rate of profit of 9.9 million was to nationalize the steel inpounds for 17 years, or of 8.2 dustry along the lines of its Coal Industry Nationalization' Act. Now it proposes to form a boards of the big undertakings. The names and individualities of the companies will be preserved, a central body composed of representatives of the government and private enterprise will be formed to administer the in-

## WORKERS TIED

As Jock Haston, General Secretary of the Revolutionary Communist Party, points out in the mid-August Socialist Appeal:

"Thus, even the steps taken to restrict the anarchy and sabotage of the coal capitalists, such as were taken in the case of the coal mines, will not be taken in relation to steel. The steel industry, unlike the coal industry, is not to become a state-owned capitalist trust, but to remain as a privately-owned monopoly trusta to work in conjunction with the state. The effective control will remain with the given group of monopolists but the workers will be tied and chained with bureaucratic state regulations. The capitalists did not even

squeal about the nationalization

## 2,000 Workers **Honor Trotsky**

More than 2,000 miners and students of La Paz, Bolivia, paid homage to Leon Trotsky at a genuine socialist policy of namemorial meeting on August 25. The program opened with the tion under workers' control,

singing of "The Internationale." Then Guillermo Lora, leader of position from the steel barons. the Revolutionary Workers Party But rather than pursue such a (Partido Obrero Revolucionario), policy in the interest of the told about Trotsky's outstanding contributions to the workers of the world. Next speakers were Bravo Ro-

as, Romulo Rojas, and Leticia Fajardo. The poem to the revolution, "Uplifted Fist," ("Puno en Alto") was recited by Ligia Lopez. Fernando Bravo J. spoke on the need of building the POR as the revolutionary party of the Boli-

vian workers. Amanda Bass Werneer paid tribute to Trotsky's exemplary life. The meeting closed with the singing of "The Workers' Mar-

## By Larissa Reed

A tremendous upsurge of the Japanese labor movement involving almost 1,000,000 workers - one-third of the organized labor force — began on Sept. 10 in Tokyo with a general strike of the All-Japan Seamen's Union. This was followed in a few days by a strike of 556,000 men in the Japanese CIO and

330,000 organized farm hands in the All-Japan Agricultur-

al Union.

This powerful strike wave is taking place in the face of a dictatorial decree issued by General MacArthur two weeks ago, backed up by the puppet government, prohibiting "strikes, walkouts or other work stoppages." The Hitler-like decree and

MacArthur's threat to use occupation troops as strikebreakers served to smash a three-day strike of seamen at Sasebo. This week, according to un-

ion reports, 3,899 ships are tied up, virtually paralyzing the Japanese merhant marine. pathy strikes of the Japan to coal miners, steel and chemi-Workers Union and Japan Coastal Shipping Union added 60,000 strikers to the 54,- The strike of the unionized farm 000 merchant seamen who walked off the ships. Japanese crews of eight Liberty ships, due to return to the U.S., joined the walkout, and crews of six others are preparing to do the same.

### SEAMEN'S DEMANDS

The Japanese seamen's union s demanding a 100 per cent wage increase. Even more important. they are determined to prevent the government from carrying out its threat to dismiss 80 per cer+ of the seamen, without consultation with the union.

The union states that these mass dismissals are not only unnecessary but, according to the Sept. 12 Christian Science Monitor, "may actually be a governpretext of economic necessity."

cause the Japanese trade union movement is determined to defeat attempts of the American workers back to semi-feudal ser-

dustrial Unions (equivalent of war." the American CIO) ordered all Premier Yoshida collapses."

## Cable from France

The Third Convention of

the Internationalist Communist Party, French section of the Fourth International, greets the striking American seamen and truckdrivers now fighting in defense of their vital interests. Our convention wishes to express its full sympathy with this struggle. We know that the French working class is in complete solidarity with this battle against the capitalist onslaught on workers' living standards.

cal workers, printers, machinery and electrical workers and others. hands followed close on the heels of the CIO strike call, after failure of the union to reach agreements on collective bargaining rights and wage increases with the representatives of the big landed proprietors.

The Japanese CIO has 1,600,-000 members, including 600,000 railway workers. The General Federation of Government Railway Workers also issued a strike call, after the government threatened to dismiss 75,000 railway employees for reasons of "economy," the same pretext used in the threatened mass layoffs of

### ACCUSE GOVERNMENT

The railway union accused the ment effort to stunt the growth government of being concerned of the labor movement under the only with meeting interest payments on wartime bonds at the The seamen's strike spread be- expense of the workers. These payments go to the same Japanese capitalist profiteers who dragooned the workers into their imperialists and their Japanese imperialist war, and who are now puppet government to crush their protected by MacArthur. The unorganized strength and drive the ion prepared to strike as a protest against victimizing the workers for "deficits" which were The Japanese Congress of In- made "for the purpose of waging

The government retreated in its major industrial affiliates to the face of this strike threat and go on strike and stay out until the Transport Ministry rescindthe reactionary government of ed the dismissal order. The railwas union is reported to be oper-The CIO strike call was issued ating under a temporary truce.

## **Homeless Workers In London Take Over Vacant Mansions**

More than 2,000 homeless people in London, fed up with the government runaround on housing, took matters into their own hands last week. Beginning on Sept. 8, they

marched in disciplined fash-9 End section of the city and occupied a dozen vacant buildings, including the fashionable Duchess of Bedford apartment house. Before the week was out, they Bloomsbury and numerous other smaller dwellings. Many of the "squatters" were

veterans with their families. They held out in the semi-besieged dwellings and defied in-

The government, more conbig landlord and real estate inthe people, denounced the move-Sept. 14, five prominent members of the British Communist anteed profit at rates equal to Party were arrested on warrants of conspiracy to incite persons to trespass on private property. squads against a crowd of 2,000

City authorities sent police sympathizers massed before the luxurious Abbey Lodge apartment house. They were demonstrating against police refusal to permit them to pass blankets and food to some 50 families, including a number of children in the building.

## STOP TRAFFIC

The demonstrators lay down three deep in the middle of Park Road, blocking all traffic. They shouted: "Give them blankets!" After a sound truck suggested that a collection be taken, the workers it prefers to capitulate police gave up. Blankets, food and money were handed through the windows to the besieged. This "squatters" movement

differed from a similar one last year, when veterans commandeered vacant houses in Brighton, a workers' section, and took over vacant army barracks and other empty government buildings. No attempt was made to evict them. Today the wealthy parasites of London are scandalized because the homeless people are not intimidated by the expensive nature of the apartments they seized.

The Duchess of Bedford House contains well-appointed apart-

ion into the wealthy West | ments renting from \$40 to \$60 weekly. Abbey Lodge apartments cost \$285 a month upward. Many of the buildings had been commandeered during the war. by the government, which pledghad seized a 600-room hotel in ed to turn them back to the

The movement was skillfully organized. The crowds met in pouring rain at a prescribed secret rendezvous in Kensington. They learned of the move timidation by the police and through notices in shops which government threats to evict told those needing accommodations to "apply within for information." At Kensington, cerned with the profits of the they were met by stewards who sent them off to stake their terests than with the plight of claims at empty buildings in the district. After pegging an apartment as "Communist-led." On ment, they rushed off home to bring goods and chattels.

## COMMITTEE ELECTED

Under organized direction, hot drinks and food were supplied. Sympathetic local residents carried luggage and look. ed after children while parents were busy. At a meeting of the new settlers, a deputation was elected to call on the Borough Council to furnish essential services, such as light, heat and water, where these were not already turned on.

By the time the war ended, 70,000 of London's 814,000 houses were destroyed by bombs. The erection of a few Nissen huts and other temporary housing did little to alleviate the distress. The "squatters" movement is recognized as a challenge to the Labor Government for falling down in its promises and betraying the workers who voted it into office last year.

> CHICAGO "The Solution To Speaker: Michael Bartell SWP Organizer

Crisis In Palestine" Saturday, Sept. 21 Socialist Workers Party 777 W Adams

## **NEWARK** 'Indonesia's Struggle For Freedom

JOCK HASTON

National Secy., RCP

of the mines, because this placed

all the burdens of a wrecked in-

dustry onto the shoulders of the

workers and at the same time

gave the coal capitalists guar-

But the steel industry, in the

hands of the Thomas Baldwin

octopus, does not want even this

state-capitalist measure. The

steel barons, who hold the entire

motor car, aircraft, armament

and metal manufacturing indus-

tries in their grip, can demand

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"It is necessary to destroy imperialism in order to give mankind an opportunity to

**Leon Trotsky** 

## **Government Boards**

The maritime workers have just gone through another bitter experience with socalled "impartial" government boards. They have learned their lesson about such "tripartite" agencies, where the minority of labor members serve as window-dressing while the employer and government majority act together to cut labor's throat.

Both the AFL Seafarers International Union and Sailors Union of the Pacific have called for removal of the AFL member from the Wage Stabilization Board that tried to cut their wage scales.

Without the union members, such wagefreezing, employer-dominated boards as the WSB would collapse. It is only because they are bolstered and supported by the union leaders that such boards can put over their "impartial" decisions against the workers.

AFL President William Green has responded to the appeal of the AFL seamen's unions but not in the way they asked. "The Wage Stabilization Board now stands repudiated and disgraced," said Green on Sept. 13. Therefore-"It's PUBLIC and INDUSTRY members have forfeited the confidence of the public and labor and should resign at once." (Our emphasis.)

According to Green, the trouble with the WSB is Truman didn't hand-pick the "right" industry and "public" members. Now if only four "good," "impartial" capitalist representatives were put on the board, everything would be fine for labor. Keep the board, change the faces, says Green.

But the whole purpose and function of such boards is to front for the employers and to whittle down the workers' demands-all under the cloak of "impartiality." The union representatives are graciously permitted to sit on the board to cover up its real function and bolster its authority in the eyes of the work-

In 1941, we had Roosevelt's National Defense Mediation Board to cut wages and break strikes. It folded up overnight when the United Mine Workers walked out on it. Then the top union leaders helped form the War Labor Board. It froze wages and broke strikes until the Administration was forced to discard it when the workers no longer recognized its authority.

All such capitalist government boards are traps for the workers. This is once more proved to the hilt by latest actions of the WSB. The union ranks must demand of the AFL and CIO leaders: "Get off the WSBand stay off!"

## The Same Enemy

Simultaneous with the American maritime labor's national strike, a million Japanese workers have risen in a mighty general strike spearheaded by the All-Japan Seamen's Un-

These two struggles, involving workers of conquered and conqueror countries, demonstrate in the most dramatic fashion the identity of interests of all workers everywhere.

These two strikes are being waged not only for similar demands-but against the identical enemy.

The workers of the conqueror country, the United States, have been engaged in a bitter struggle against the American capitalist government's attempt to freeze and cut their

The workers of the conquered country, Japan, are engaged in a bitter stuggle to win wage increases against the opposition of this same American capitalist government, whose armed forces dominate Japan.

In this country, the government acts in the interest of the employers and profiteers. In Japan, this same government is propping up and defending the interests of the Japanese capitalists, now the puppets of American imperialism.

The very organization which has summoned the Japanese workers to general strike, the Congress of Industrial Unions, is named after and patterned on the American CIO.

When the Japanese seamen struck, they were dealing a blow against the enemy of the American seamen. When the American seamen struck, they were weakening the power or the Wall Street imperialists who are trying to crush the Japanese workers.

The American workers have everything in common with the Japanese workers. The American capitalists have everything in com-

mon with the Japanese capitalists, the oppressors and exploiters of the Japanese masses.

Let American labor stretch out the hand of union fellowship to our Japanese brothers. Demand the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Japan! Voice our class solidarity with the Japanese workers! All support to the valiant union men and women of Japan!

## **Workers' Control**

Demands for the government to take over and operate the meat industry are being raised in the labor movement. Twenty-three Chicago and Milwaukee locals of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers and the New York State CIO have called for nationalization of the meat industry.

These demands are inspired by the meat famine and the lay-offs of thousands of packinghouse workers. The meat-packing barons have deliberately curtailed meat processing and are withholding meat supplies to force elimination of all price ceilings.

We are certainly for nationalization - not only of the meat industry but of all basic industries. However, the workers should carefully consider the limitations of nationalization of industry by the capitalist government where the monopolists continue to get their profits and to maintain actual, if not formal.

We have witnessed many instances of the capitalist government "seizing" plants and industries during the war and post-war periods. In every case, the purpose of such "seizures" was to break strikes, force the workers back to work and safeguard the profits of the

The packinghouse workers themselves had a taste of this kind of "nationalization." Last January Truman tried to break their strike by "seizing" the packinghouses.

This kind of "nationalization" is undertaken strictly to protect the profit interests of the monopolists. It will not ensure a steady supply of meat at low prices, full employment and decent wages for the packinghouse work-

Behind the cover of "nationalization" by the capitalist government, the greedy meat profiteers would continue their extortions from the consumers and exploitation of the workers.

Nationalization of the meat industry can function fully in the interest of the workers only under two conditions. 1.) Control and ownership of the meat industry must be taken from the present private monopoly owners without compensation. 2.) The industry must be operated under workers' control.

Expropriate the meat profiteers! Nationalize the meat industry under the control of the workers! That will end the meat famine in short order.

## The Wallace Speech

It appears that two men are inside the donkey's hide symbolizing the Democratic Party. A Southern Bourbon of the race-hate, lynchlaw, James F. Byrnes type is manipulating the head, front legs and backbone. A so-called "progressive" of the New Deal, Rooseveltian, Henry A. Wallace type is dragging along the hind end and tail.

The coincidence of an election and diplomatic preparations in Europe for another world war crossed up these two ends of the Democratic jackass. Worried about the labor vote, Wallace wrote a speech denouncing the "get tough" attitude Byrnes has been spearheading against the Soviet Union.

Truman read the advance copy of the speech, apparently thought it good to catch the votes of workers who want peace, and gave it his official OK. Wallace delivered the speech in New York on Sept. 12.

But the head and backbone of the Democratic donkey decided the speech was "embarrassing" to Byrnes. Wall Street thought it more important now to maintain the "get tough" attitude abroad than to spread molasses for labor votes at home. Wall Street feels pretty sure of the labor vote anyway-at least in the key state of New York. Haven't the American Labor Party, the Liberal Party and the Stalinists promised to deliver this vote on the line for the reactionary Democratic machine?

Feeling no necessity for any concession on this question, Wall Street cracked the whip square across the rear end of the Democratic donkey to get it lined up properly with Byrnes.

Truman held a press conference Sept. 14. The President read a statement, carefully prepared for him, that he didn't really mean to endorse Wallace's speech as an indication of U. S. foreign policy. All he really meant to say was that he endorsed Wallace's right to make a speech! To the accompaniment of world-wide jeers and laughter the ex-necktie salesman escaped from the White House reporters without answering any further questions that might trip him up.

The episode has served to clear the air. however, of some of the Democratic election campaign lies. Now there can be no doubt. After due consideration, Truman has been forced to admit that the Democratic Party doesn't have the slightest intention of changing its reactionary foreign policy.

The Republican Party agrees wholeheartedly with this policy and even sent a Republican Senator, Vandenburg, along with Byrnes to Paris as a demonstration of its agreement. The two capitalist parties are thus completely indistinguishable on one of the most important issues facing the people of America.

The Wallace speech and Truman's shamefaced "correction" should serve once again to remind the workers that the Republicans and Democrats are following a common policy—a policy leading straight to a new world slaugh-

To fight against this common war policy of the Republicans and Democrats, vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party!



"I don't care if they are my size-what do you think I'm going to do - walk!"

Ralph Borsodi, Published by Bayard Lane, Inc., 1945-46, 61 pages. \$1.

The author of this book, writconsulting economist for big emand the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

His claim to fame rests upon the fact that he was not deceived by the big boom of the '20s. On the contrary, he predicted that "America was heading toward a great disaster." The 1929 collapse confirmed his prediction. Now in this book, which is well advertised and has had two printings, Borsodi predicts the worst depression in all history, which will make the last one look like prosperity.

With charts and figures, Borsodi proves that all previous wars produced the evils of unemployment and inflation. The national debt mounted over the years to hidden national mortgage clamp- Ages. family in the U. S. has grown the-land" movement, and "de- today under capitalism. Rightetic flight from the dollar."

INFLATION IS COMING! by are guilty when they take orders | weaving! from their masters.

Borsodi has no faith in any ten in popular style, is a retired der the runaway inflation which wars and the atom bomb! To he states is inevitable, you can't ployers, including R. H. Macy trust government bonds or paper money any more than you of Big Business.

Even life insurance will prove writes, a \$1,000 policy, which "originally furnished beneficiarles \$1,000 in purchasing power before the war, furnishes them only about \$666 in purchasing power at present." Borsodi has no confidence whatever in the system he supports.

That is why the author's proposed "solution" is such a monstrosity. He wants to flee from the most obvious afflictions of capitalism, while leaving its economic and political base unstaggering proportions. In World touched. He wants to flee -War I the national debt per not forward into socialism . capita was \$11.96. Today the but backward into the Dark than a belly laugh. Borsodi proposes a "Back-to-

to \$7,960. The "pay-off," he centralization." He admits there ous morality, spiritualism, and states, is coming with a "fran- is no hope for the masses of politics are also dissected with The author is a supporter of "individual families." These few are so appealing that you wonthe rotting capitalist system, favored familes, with money now der why they put up with Thurwhich is responsible for these in stocks and bonds, should buy ber's men and women as their catastrophies. He apologizes for a "homestead." They should keepers. Wall Street by blaming the poli- "uitlize all the labor of the memticians in Washington for the bers of the family in producing bankruptcy of the system. That food, clothing, shelter and fuel" is like saying that only servants and everything else including

Borsodi proposes these medieval self-enclosed units in our paper "securities," either of Big machine age — in the epoch of Business or its government. Un- mass production, imperialist clinch his fantastic argument he harks back to Noah's Ark. This individualist, out of a fable, can trust the stocks and bonds stocked his Ark "with all the things his family would need . . . He was unable to save the to be no protection. Today, he rest of mankind. But at least he was able to save his own fam-

This is the "postwar plan" of a panic-stricken refugee from the capitalist system!

Reviewed by Larissa Reed

MEN. WOMEN AND DOGS, by James Thurber. Bantam Books, 1946, 242 p., .25 cents. Feeling tired? Down at the mouth? Pull Thurber's Men, Women and Dogs out of your pocketbook. These are hilarious drawings, with more to them

Most of the cartoons are sharp satire on matrimony as it's lived people in this proposal, only for sardonic joy. The wistful dogs

> It's hard to think of a better way to have fun on 25 cents. Reviewed by Ruth Benson

## Guam-Wall Street Colonial Prize

lonial power. They remember rule in Guam look like a Nazi other peoples.

But the State Department has made it official. In a report to in Guam. Because he is colored, "colonial possessions," the State Department listed the Panama Zone (ruled by the War Department). Guam. Samoa and other Pacific islands (ruled by the Navy Department), and Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (all ruled by the Interior Department).

What do the colonies look like under American rule? Do conditions differ much from those of the colonies under the heel of the British, French, Dutch, Belgian or Portuguese despots? STILL "ALIENS"

Let's take Guam, that small speck in the vast Pacific where 23,000 people are ruled by the Navy Department. Guam was seized from Spain in 1898, but its inhabitants are still listed as aliens - not as citizens of the United States. So far as the Guamanians are concerned, America is a brutal foreign power that rules without their consent.

The Navy report to the United Nations claims the Guamanians enjoy ideal conditions under the foreign flag that waves over their land. A different story is told by Harold L. Ickes, certain Military Government officials,

It's something of a shock to and John Collier, President of have been ousted from their land most people to learn that the the Institute of Ethnic Affairs. United States has become a co- The facts they cite make Navy

the stirring rebellion of the or- regime in conquered territory. iginal thirteen colonies in 1776 Civil liberties do not exist in against the rule of a dictatorial Guam. The word of the Navy foreign power. It doesn't seem Administration is absolute law. natural that America, so long No appeal can be made. A Guamboasted of as the land of the anian can be arrested and senfree, could now be oppressing tenced by a Navy rump court without jury trial.

Under the Jim Crow Admirals, the color line is sharply drawn a carpenter born on Guam may be paid only 45 cents an hour. A carpenter brought from the States gets \$1.36 and up.

The Navy publicizes its "experimental farm" as one of the finest features on Guam. According to John Collier, this farm, operated at federal expense, is maintained "for the benefit of service personnel and their families and the American patrons of service messes." OWNERS OUSTED

The farm consists of 400 acres of the best land "requisitioned from 'native' owners under the guise of military necessity.' Many of these owners, "ousted from their homes and their farmlands" live as squatters on the small farms of others or are existing in "disaster" housing. Thousands of Guamanians

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to make room for Navy projects, including a "handsome golf course." Very few have ever been compensated. A local bus line belonging to Guamanians was seized by the

Navy without compensation. Bus fares were then jumped 100 per cent "to 10 cents per zone of a little more than a modern city block - in order to discourage travel by 'natives.'

The Navy report refers with pride to the Guam Congress. This body is simply window-dressing to cover up the Navy dictatorship. It has "no legislative power whatsoever - no power to make, alter or repeal laws, no power to levy or expend revenues, no power at all. These powers are wielded solely by the naval Governor."

NOTHING CHANGED

Harold Ickes, after investigation, accused the Navy of "gross mismanagement and suppression of civil rights on Guam from 1900" right down to the Japanese invasion.

Nothing is being done by the Truman Administration to change this shameful picture. What the Navy wants," says the Sept. 12 Christian Science Monitor, "is to govern throughout that area free from inspecion and outside interference."

The ugly Navy dictatorship in Guam shows once again how far the brutal postwar realities of colonial rule differ from the lying Atlantic Charter propaganda about fighting the Second World War for "four freedoms." The American capitalists are just as hypocritical, cynical and despo-635 Fulton St. 8:30 p.m. tic as their British class broth-

## Why The Veterans **Remain Homeless**

- By Ruth Benson

Over 4,000,000 veterans and their families will be homeless this winter, while billions of dollars are being spent to erect race-tracks, night clubs, stores and offices. In New York City, Charles G. Bolte, Chairman of the American Veterans' Committee, laid the blame on a "systematic campaign . . . waged by the private builders, real estate interests and the government's Civilian Production Administration (CPA) to undermine the Veterans' Emergency Housing Program."

His speech, reported in the N. Y. Times, Sept. 13, warned that "we may well have squatters in America this winter. In fact, our homeless veterans will take over summer estates and boarded up Fifth Avenue brownstones unless we move now . . . to break the housing bottleneck."

The Emergency Housing Program called for the starting of 1,200,000 new dwelling units in 1946. In the first seven months of the year, barely half were begun, and only one-sixth, 287,100 units, were finished. The completed units included 18,600 trailers and 25,500 quonset huts and other temporary shelters unfit for permanent use.

Even if the 1946 goal were reached, it would leave three-fourths of today's homeless veterans without a roof over their heads. It would do nothing to provide for the increasing population. It would not replace ancient buildings.

In Los Angeles, for instance, where 125,000 families are already homeless, the population is increasing at the rate of 25,000 a month. Everywhere, tenements burn down, collapse from decay, or are razed to make room for commercial buildings. Their occupants swell the ranks of the homeless.

While the situation grows constantly worse, John D. Small, head of the CPA, "has consistently demonstrated that he is more interested in 'protecting' commercial construction than he is in getting homes for veterans," Bolte charged, in a PM article on Sept. 15. He said that Small is worried only about the "dangerous low" of COMMERCIAL construction - which runs to \$35 millions a week!

The priorities given veterans for building materials, are a mockery. Veterans cannot afford to build at the black market prices demanded by contractors. A veteran is lucky if he can pay as much as \$6,500 for a new home, or \$48 a month for rent. But the house that sold for \$6,500 in February, Bolte reveals, "now costs over \$10,000 - a 65 per cent rise." Builders are "interested mainly in higher-cost homes."

Building costs, according to a chart in the Big Business magazine United States News, are higher than any time since 1927. Bolte reveals that builders' profits average 25 per cent. Rents, the United States News chart shows, are the highest in history! Yet this magazine, which is a spokesman for industry, demands still higher rents and a greater margin of profit on building.

The greedy real-estate interests are not concerned about the plight of millions of homeless men, women and children. The more acute the crisis grows, the more arrogant they become.

Only a full-scale program for low-cost housing. financed by the government, can meet the needs of the homeless. Workers and veterans must demand that the 18 billion dollars appropriated for war, be used instead to aid the victims of war by building low-cost federal housing - today!

## **Buffalo CIO Council Condemns Red-Baiting**

Striking a vigorous blow in defense of democratic rights in the labor movement, the Greater Buffalo Industrial Union Council (CIO) on Sept. 10 voted 90 to 10 to adopt a resolution condemning "red-baiting in any form."

Recently several CIO unions were attacked in a statement issued by members of an auto local who walked out of a "Win-the-Peace Rally" here. The Council resolution was a direct answer to this redbaiting drive.

For two and a half hours, delegates at the Council meeting took the floor to point out that redbaiting is a danger to the union movement and an aid to the bosses.

Vincent Copeland of United Steelworkers Local 2601 led off the discussion, pointing out that redbaiting plays into the hands of the anti-labor interests. Chris Keegan of United Auto Workers Local 424 stated that fascism is growing in this country, and red-baiting is one of its methods of dividing the working people. Frank Leason, port agent of the National Maritime Union, denounced the reactionary elements who bring these boss-inspired ideas into the unions, and he also demanded that a picket line be thrown around the viciously anti-labor Buffalo Evening News.

Introducing the motion against red-baiting, Marie Plassman of UAW Local 501 pointed out that the CIO constitution guarantees every member the right to his own political views. She condemned the action of those CIO members who had been guilty of issuing reactionary statements to the capitalist press, attacking other CIO unions and members.

Stalinist supporters made only a feeble appeal against red-baiting as "un-American." The red-baiting statements had been published

in the Buffalo Evening News, which is carrying on a vicious anti-labor drive in connection with its campaign to whip up hysteria against the Soviet Union. The Evening News tries to call the workers' struggles against high prices "a communist plot" against the government.

This red-baiting was carried into the unions by some reactionary elements. There are indications that a line-up is being established by some union officials, together with the Catholic Labor group, who are anxious to combat the militant spirit of the workers. They would like to wipe out union democracy by using the old witch-hunt methods. The Buffalo CIO Council is to be congratulated for its sharp response to these anti-labor tactics.

## **Only Victorious Socialist Revolutions Can Prevent** The Third World War!

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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.

### Cleveland Boss Tries New Trick

here in Cleveland. Long experience in industry, especially in auto, has hardened me to any tricks the bosses will pull in org der to increase and speed-up production. But the latest stunt almost floored me.

All of us in the shop were shedding crocodile tears for the company which maintains that it is losing money—plenty of the men make (some crankshafts cost \$35,000 and up.) Manto read past the comic strip in the included. daily papers. It thinks we don't know of the corporate tax reyears after the war is officially strictly limited." declared over.

our pay checks. A little slip was money to stock it to take care of inserted between the actual pay her family during this coming check and the statement of tax | meat famine that is to be imdeductions. It said:

WARNING KEEP SOME OF THIS CHECK to the next. YOU MAY NEED IT SOON.

STOCK MARKET CRASHES USUALLY MEAN TROUBLE AHEAD. HIGH COSTS ARE LEADING TO BUYING STRIKES. BUYING STRIKES MEAN LESS BUSINESS AND CANCELLATION OF ORDERS.

GET THE WORK OUT WHILE WE HAVE IT TO DO.

## **Enjoys Seeing** Crooks Exposed

I read The Militant and I sure enjoy reading how your paper exposes the crook and racketeers. When I read in a recent issue of how the General Electric monopoly blocked a new cure for due not to a scarcity of meat, cancer I was glad that The Militant, had the courage to print it.

Portland, Ore.

## Youth Group **Activities**

meets Friday, 8 p.m. at 777 W.

LOS ANGE Youth Club meets every Thursday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educationals by Youth and SWP

Group send name and address | shortage, indeed! The arrogance to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, of those meat packers!

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Queens - Open forums every Wednesday at Odd Fellows Temple, 160th St. and 90th Ave.,

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announcements of youth activi-

## Worker's Wife Scores I work at Ohio Crankshaft Packers' Meat Famine

group of workers who had bought

pamphlets from me, he came over

and called me a "fascist, a strike-

breaker and a Ku Illux Klanner,"

and tried to tear the literature

out of the workers' hands. I chal-

lenged him to "explain" why he

called us such names. I pointed.

out our program in The Militant,

explained the role of the Com-

support of the no-strike pledge,

and so on.

munist Party during the war, its

The workers were listening

closely. I asked them to read our

literature and read the Stalinist

literature too, not to look at only

Infuriated because the group

around us was listening to me,

"Wait until you come into my

neighborhood with that paper.

I'll slap your face." (Incident-

ally this same Stalinist had

threatened me with violence

His threat made up the work-

ers' minds. Every one of them

held his paper and pamphlet

more firmly. And in less than an

A Victory—Almost—

The August-September issue

of the NAACP Bulletin, publish-

lished by the National Associa-

tion for the Advancement of

Colored People, carries a very

In Philadelphia, in the NAACP

office, a bus driver actually apol-

ogized for having ordered a Negro

passenger to sit in the rear of

the bus. And the passenger was

agencies, from "law-enforcing"

The Four Freedoms

Here in Paris one sees a whole

It took me three days to find a

few electric light bulbs. When a

window pane broke last winter,

it was ten days before I could

find someone who had a large

enough piece of glass and could

come to my district to put it in.

(wood and coal are difficult to

find even for my very small

stove). Even finding food is a

Paris, France

Eloise Gordon

problem with all the scarcities.

Pennsylvania Miner

Circulates 'Militant'

We recently visited the mining

towns of Laurence and Library

Pennsylvania, to secure renewals of Militant subscriptions. With

rare exceptions, colored miners

accept the paper as their best

champion, and renew their sub-

scriptions unhesitatingly. One took a batch of sub blanks

to circulate among his lodge bro-

There is not enough heat

system in the process of falling

apart. Everything is difficult -

Paris: 'A System

Falling Apart'

even minor things.

NAACP Member

New York, N. Y.

Against Jim Crow

unusual news story.

not use.

Philadelphia

when I ran across him in last

one side of any question.

the Stalinist yelled:

Fall's sub campaign).

I just read the evening paper and have enclosed a little item-"Special Meat Offer." I'm furious!

The Save-Way Market is offering \$50,000 worth of meat to "Hotels, Clubs, Restaurants and Others' who have private meat lockers—because it "must be sold money, especially on the scrap before September 9," the date retail meat-prices go back under control! Beef, veal, lamb, hams, agement thinks we're too stupid bacon, pork loins, and lard are

The ad warns: "Remember the days of meat shortages, Daily ates of the government that line-ups to get a couple of pounds juarantee manufacturers their of meat. On and after Sept. 9, average 1935-39 income for two meat supplies will again be

What worker's wife has a The latest stunt showed up in locker? To say nothing of the posed on us by the meat packers. We live from one pay-check

> How much longer are housewives going to put up with such things?

We're not organized, we can't hour we distributed 500 Militants stop a thing. But what we put up with under this system of and sold all the pamphlets we "free enterprise" is enough to had with us — 70 copies of "A Practical Program to Kill Jim force us either to organize to Crow" and "Build A Labor Party change this system or nag our husbands into forcing organized Now." We have also created lots gle and practices class collabor to do something about us. of good will for our future work.

They herd us into the stores at 9 a.m. every Friday morning, Cleveland, Ohio. in hopes they'll put out some soap, salad dressing, canned fruit, toilet tissue, etc. When they wheel out one carton for a store full of women, we push and shove to get a box. Then we sometimes stand in line an

> hour to pay for the stuff. Now, after one year of this beautiful postwar world, we are facing another "meat famine." but to a "scarcity" of profits for the owners of the Big Four packing plants. So again we'll get out our cook books labeled "meat substitutes" and beat our brains trying to raise healthy children paid for the ticket which he did

on substitutes. Incidentally, women shouldn't have to cook three meals a day, 365 days a year. It's outmoded. The shiny efficient cafeterias have potato peelers, and all Mr. Wall from the bus when he kinds of machines to do the work | did not move to the rear." CHICAGO, — Youth Group that each woman does on a small scale in her individual kitchen with a paring knife. A bushel periors. This is a clear example of potatoes could be peeled in the of what really props up J

time it makes me to peel a few | for my family. about this meat famine? Here bodies. is one housewife who is fed up NEW YORK. - For informa- with it before it happens. Retion on the Trotskyist Youth member the days of the meat

Temperance, Mich.

## **Stalinist Threats** Win 'Militant' Friends

On Friday, Sept. 6, three of us distributed The Militant and sold pamphlets in Camden, N. J., to workers of the Campbell Soup and RCA plants. A Stalinist began to call us names and pull Watch this column for further Militants out of the hands of workers who had accepted them. As I was talking to a large

### TWIN CITIES Campaign Carnival SATURDAY, OCT. 5 Rrefreshments . . . Fun

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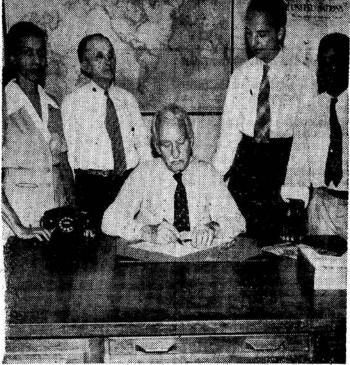
The Meaning Of The Wave Of Terror Against The Negro People"

September 29 Lawrence P. Trainer, SWP Organizer

'A Socialist Answer To Your Rising Cost Of Living"

**Workers Educational Center 30 Stuart Street** 

3 p.m.



A new federal grand jury investigation of the Columbia, Tennessee attack upon the Negro community last February was asked by Nashville unionists and representatives of minority groups. Signing the petition is Dr. Alva Taylor, Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Standing, left to right: Pres. R. Catachings, Southern Negro Youth Congress; Pres. J. D. Roberts. Nashville Industrial Council (CIO): Laurent Franz. southern field director, Civil Rights Congress; Rev. B. H. Jones, AFL Moulders and Foundry Workers.

Federated Pictures

## Resigns When CP Supports Candidates Of Wall Street

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.-Miriam Etlin, active for eight years in the Communist (Stalinist) Party in Camden, N. J., has announced her resignation from the CP. The support last year. given by the Stalinists to Wall Street's Democratic machine in the 1946 election convinced her that the CP "gives

lip service to the class strug-

In her letter of resignation, Comrade Etlin attacked the Stalinist policy of supporting socalled "progressive" Democrats and Republicans for office.

"Progressive sections of these two parties do not exist," she declared. "You cannot build a mass revolutionary party by placing the workers in an alliance with the very instruments used by capitalism to help oppress them. These two parties have time and again proved their connection with capital.

NOT "MISTAKES"

"To me these are no longer just mistakes but an indication that the Communist Party does not base, and has not based it-But the story ends by saying self on the theory of Marx, Enthat the NAACP has urged "that gels and Lenin."

Comrade Etlin said that after for eight years." some action also be taken against the police officer who ejected serious study she came to the conclusion that "The characterization of Trotskyists as fascists" So far, obviously, the cop is "slander, pure and simple." hasn't been bothered by his su-

cal," she pointed out, "to so cate-

gorize people because they repre--the government and all its sent an opposing point of view on the struggle for socialism Who is going to do something cops on up to the top ruling Things I see and my association with Trotskyists have made me think more clearly. It is now a question of studying and finding out for myself - instead of just reading Communist Party interpretations of the Moscow Trials and Communist Party interpretations of what Tortsky stood

> "My own record in the Communist Party," she continued, has been one of complete immersion in mass work, teaching the working people that I came in contact with the elemental

## Toledo Readers

headquarters.

The Toledo Branch of the Socialist Workers Party has moved to temporary headquarters located at 370 West Bancroft, Tel. ADams 2304. Watch THE MILITANT for

announcement of permanent

truths of the class struggle and a revolutionary outlook. Because I could always see the pattern in my own mind, in my work, I endowed the Communist Party with the same firmness . .

"Had I taken out time to read and study and avail myself of all the material, including the publications of the Trotskyists, I would not have remained in the belong to any faction" and the ranks of the Communist Party

"At this writing," concluded Comrade Etlin, "I am making preparations to join the Socialist Workers Party to give real "It is inconceivable and illogi"It is inconceivable and illogi"It is inconceivable and illogi-I spent under the mistaken no-Leninist Party."

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# Demand Federal Probe In Tennessee | CP Expels

(Special to The Militant) Ruth McKenney and her husband, Bruce Minton, have Party obtained 45 subscriptions been expelled from the Com- to The Militant during August munist (Stalinist) Party, occording to the Sept. 12 Daily report from Eloise Gordon tells

Worker, because they called "for the reason for their high percenthe immediate organization of a tage: class-conscious labor party'." Ruth McKenney is author of to the paper. Sixteen of these the best-seller, My Sister Eileen, are miners' renewals. Comrade and other books. Minton is co- Rand Morris is setting an exauthor of Men Who Lead Labor. ample for all of us in Pittsburgh

Until April 16, 1946, both were in obtaining renewals. These lateditors of the New Masses, lead- est represent 100 per cent sucing Stalinist weekly in the Unit- cess in the calls he made Suned States. Since that date their day.' names have not appeared on the masthead. No explanation was given for their removal. The expulsions created a sen-

sation among Hollywood and brings our total number of subs theatrical circles where the two for the month of August to 41have long been active represent- one over our quota. We still have atives of Stalinism. The two were accused by the plan on working on these dur-

Connecticut Stalinist State Com- ing the next month." mittee of conducting "a vicious struggle against the policies of the National Committee regard- bull's-eye in their subscription ing the role of the Party in the targets for August-Milwaukee, 1946 elections." The Stalinists Portland and St. Louis. are supporting Wall Street's The 36 subs sent in Democratic machine.

The accusation said the peoole were "in contact with anti- "Looks like the whole St. Louis Party forces outside of the branch." The Daily Worker did subs." not specify whether these "anti-Party forces" were followers of a promise from Pete Hesser of Earl Browder who was expelled more subs to follow: "I hope

### NO CAPITALIST PEACE

"Characteristic of petty-bour- subscribers are not home or we geois 'radicalism'," said the have to wait until they get paid. Daily Worker, "they attacked For Portland the work is rather Comrade Foster for calling upon slow, but we will get there . . ." the Party and the American people to fight for world peace on the grounds that it is impossible under capitalism to for a thorough coverage of all check the outbreaks of war or the expired subscriptions in its to achieve a period of peace."

The Sept. 13 N. Y. Times quot- Milt Genecin came with 16 subs ed Bruce Minton as declaring over the telephone that "both of us consider ourselves loval members" of the CP and "shall alto build the present organization The 'few' were obtained in the and to strengthen the Marxist shop. We plan to go out about Party of the working class."

Minton told the Times he had few months so that we can clean wired the "Daily Worker and "re- up the call-backs and try a few spectfully requested" a correction in the article on their expulsion. The telegram asserted that they "did not and do not Norwalk, Conn. Branch, where they are members, "voted not to expel us."

## ion that I was a member of a Buy Pioneer's **New Pamphlets**

Three weeks ago we quoted letter from the Flint Branch of the Socialist Workers Party telling of their success in selling the pamphlet Veterans and Labor at a meeting of Chevrolet Local 651 UAW-CIO. Now they are following up on this success, and Z. Lerner writes: "I want to inform you that

we had another sale of the pamphlets Veterans and Labor and Build a Labor Party Now before union meetings of the Chevrolet, Fisher Body and A. C. Locals of the UAW. Altogether 67 pamphlets were sold, compared with 23 of the last time. "There were also a few small

contributors for literature, and three new subscriptions for The Militant were obtained from Chevrolet workers. It indicates that there is an increasingly sympathic attitude of the auto workers toward our party literature and program.' And Comrade Lerner then goes

on to order a long list of books and pamphlets needed by the rapidly growing Flint Branch. Fine work, Flint! We hope you will continue to keep us informed on how and where you sell Pioneer literature.

New York Branch is beginning to make good use of Build a Labor Party Now in connection with its election campaign. "This pamphlet sells very easily at our street meetings," reports one of the comrades. "The list of SWP candidates on the back page is a fine idea, and ought to get us votes from many workers who buy this pamphlet and who want an independent labor party."

Veterans and Labor by Charles Carsten, 10c. Building a Labor Party Now by

George Clarke, 10c. Order from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

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## THE MILITANT ARMY

# Two Editors Of Pittsburgh Quadruples "New Masses" Sub Goal For August

over its quota. A. Field writes:

"Enclosed are two subs. This

callbacks to be made and we

'Three other branches hit the

goal. Dick Clarke commented:

Portland sent in 17 subs, and

that we will have a lot more

renewals in the next few weeks.

It is slow work because so many

Milwaukee sent in 36 subs.

Akron Branch has made plans

area. The following report from

- a good beginning for their

call-back work: "We had a

every other Sunday for the next

St. Paul Branch, after com-

pleting the job of getting Social-

going after subscriptions. "En-

closed is a batch of subs," writes

we couldn't make it for August our viewpoint."

new neighborhoods."

Comrades in the Pittsburgh because we started late. Branch of the Socialist Workers "Four of us went out Sunday and two of us last Friday. One comradé obtained five last Sun--more than four times their day in the Negro neighborhood monthly goal of 10! The latest using the issue with the headline, 'Lynchers Named by Negro Victim.' As a whole, the subs have been coming in from all "Enclosed are 23 subscriptions the branch members, which is good because then we know they

Bronx Branch of New York Local is selling subscriptions at its street corner meetings. Sam Ryan, Organizer, reports that one of the things Bronx Branch stresses at its election campaign Minneapolis Branch too went open air meetings is the selling of subscriptions to The Militant. At a meeting on Sept. 6 four subs were sold, each by a different comrade. And this is only the beginning."

are all thinking about subs.'

Several of the branches have found an increase in their bundle orders necessary.

Al Lynn, Los Angeles: "Please send us 1.000 extra copies of The Militant carrying our story about nomination of candidates The 36 subs sent in by St. for Governor and State Assem-Louis more than doubled their bly."

S. Brooks, Boston: "Please send 400 copies of The Militant Branch is going to work on for the next issue. This is on account of the seamen's strike here in Boston.'

Boston Branch also requests that we increase their regular Militant bundle to 200 copies & week. Comrade Brooks explains: "The increase is for the sub drive in Boston area beginning next Sunday."

Clara Kaye, Seattle: "Would you please send us 500 additional copies of The Militant. They are for the seamen's picket lines."

The Militant Army ranks, made up of Militant boosters, are growing. H. W. Bodholdt of Minneap-

olis contributed \$2: J. Campbell of New York City 'mobilization' of six comrades sent \$2 stating: "Sorry I didn't who went out on Labor Day and renew my subscription earlier. ways do our utmost in every way got all but a few of the 16. Please add the \$1.50 to your

fund.' A Militant booster in the merchant marine brought a sub to our office for a friend

Leo Gleisser of Cleveland sent a one-year combination sub to The Militant and Fourth International for a friend, explaining: "The subscriber is 24 years ist Workers Party candidates on old, a university student, a vetthe ballot in Minnesota, is again eran, at present a factory worker, a good union man, a former Young Communist Leaguer. I Paul Chelstrom. "As you know have had discussions with him we accepted a quota of 25 but and have brought him over to

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# Labor Party Debated By Ohio CIO, PAC Parleys SHOP TALKS ON SOCIALISM &

AKRON, O., Sept. 14—The four-day state convention of the Ohio CIO, held at the Goodrich Rubber Workers Local 5 hall this week, witnessed a significant debate over the

national CIO policy concerning wages and a labor party. escalator clause. In order to in-Jack Kroll, president of the sert the escalator clause into the Ohio CIO and National PAC program it would have been nec-Director, succeeding Sidney Hillman, carried the ball for the policies of Philip Murray and did back to committee. Workers who everything in his power to prevent the 842 delegates assem- reluctant to vote against an anbled from having a thorough- nual wage. Nevertheless, a very

going discussion on the crucial large vote to defeat the resoluquestions. Nevertheless, progressive delegates managed to break LABOR PARTY ISSUE through the bureaucratic proce-

1330, was buried in committee and never reported out. But speaking on a resolution calling for an annual wage, several delegates brought the need for a rising scale of wages to the con-

### WAGE POLICY DEBATE

Delegates from the Akron rubber unions, the United Auto Workers and from the United Steelworkers, stated their support for an escalator clause and revealed the inadequacy of just an annual wage.

So sympathetic were the delegates that Kroll found it necessary to take the floor himself. His argument against the escalator clause was a mere falsification. "We would give the employ- PAC PARLEY HELD ers a weapon," he stated. "with

men and by the Stalinists. then secure an escalator clause to insure wage increases to meet price increases. Wages can never in the most insultingly bureaufall during the period of the cratic manner. Although the sesagreement below the established sion had been called for the purminimum. There is no other way pose of considering endorseto protect us against inflation."

essary to defeat the resolution on the annual wage and send it were for an escalator clause were

The debate on the PAC and endorsement of candidates in A resolution calling for an es- state elections was marked by calator clause providing for auto- an eruption of demands for a matic wage increases to meet in- labor party. Here again a resolucreased living costs, sent in by tion had been previously sent in Youngstown Steelworkers Local calling for a labor party and was conveniently tucked away in a waste basket by the hand-picked Resolutions Committee.

> Speaking on the policy report of CIO officers which called for a PAC-building campaign, Youngstown delegate Theodore Dostal paign. said, "It is obvious to everyone that what we gain on the economic front is being taken away from us on the political front. I am 100 per cent for the building of the PAC and for the strengthening of our political arm. But in order to really answer our political problem it is necessary for us not merely to beg for favors from the two old parties but to build our own independent labor party."

The important question of enwhich to drive wages down should dorsements of candidates was reprices fall." This argument was ferred to a meeting of the state an agreement on wages you first after adjournment of the conestablish minimum base pay and vention and prior to the convening of the PAC session.

The PAC session was handled The vote on this question was not even put to a vote. Endorse-

C.I.O. Delegates Fight Jim Crow

AKRON, O., Sept. 14. -Reacting quickly to the refusal of a restaurant to serve on out-of-town Negro delegate to the state CIO Convention here, a committee of 50 delegates was organized on the floor of the convention and marched down Main Street to educate the proprietor.

The mission was a complete success. After brief negotiations, the proprietor apologized to the Negro delegate and instructed his employees to serve anyone and everyone regardless of race or color. The convention applauded the report of the successful action.

delegates were not given a chance to vote on them. The only questions put to a vote were the routine matters of the PAC campaign to collect finances, register voters and conduct the election cam-

### "THE LESSER EVIL"

Nevertheless, under the question of registration, delegate Jules Geller of Goodrich Rubber Local 5, of Akron, took sharp issue with PAC policy. Describing his own experiences, Geller stated, "I have approached many workers in my department asking them to register and have been told over and over again, What's the use of registering when I have nobody to vote for?'

"There is certainly a disease of apathy among the workers, but its cause is not the ignorrepeated by several CIO staff PAC which was convened after ance of union men and women. the official adjournment of the The cause is that they have been The stupidity of the argument | Ohio CIO convention. This de- | disillusioned with the old policy was clearly exposed by delegate liberate maneuver by the top offi- of seeking favors from Democra-Vincent Frazer, of the Cleveland cials resulted in the departure of tic or Republican politicians. UAW, who said," When you open two-thirds of the CIO delegates They cannot be inspired any longer by the famous lesser evil, which we have heard so much

Commenting on the fact that off debate on this question. the state CIO did not endorse ments, the whole question was CIO, representing over 350,000 ment compensation, both of handled in a manner very diffi- ments of the state PAC top offi- of the powerful labor movement a rising scale of benefits to meet cult for those who advocated the cers were announced, but the of Ohio, has no one to repre-increased living costs.

sent it at the head of the ticket in this state.

"In 1944 my local union called for the formation of a labor party. But, 'No,' we were told, 'now is not the time.' Instead the state CIO endorsed Governor Lausche to represent labor. Today, we find that Governor Lausche, who two years ago was painted up as the lesser evil, can no longer be stomached by our officers. It seems the lesser got lesser and the evil got eviller!'

"I ask you. Brother Chairman when will be the time for a labor party? Are we to await the passage of all the anti-labor bills in Congress? Should we wait until the labor movement has been weakened and hacked to pieces?'

As the chair called time or him, Geller concluded, "I see my time is runing short. But time is running short not only for me. It is running short for the whole labor movement. History is calling time on the policies of the CIO leadership. History is calling - time for a labor party."

Kroll quickly revealed that he was stunned by the sharp remarks of the Akron delegate. He immediately left the chair and rose to answer him in person His tone was mildly apologetic and fatherly. He said, "An independent labor party is a fine and outstanding theory and is in the minds of all CIO leaders. Because premature action and failure would set us back many years politically, we have been attempt ing to get practical experienc in the political field and educate our members in politics first.'

He did not mention the practical experience of the workers with Lausche, Truman and all the other capitalist politicians who have stabbed labor in the

Kroll was not so gentle, however, when delegate after delegate began to take the floor in support of the labor party. He hammered them down and shut

The convention passed several any candidate for Governor in progressive resolutions, including Ohio, Geller continued, "It is a a resolution on old age benefits shameful thing that the Ohio and a resolution on unemployorganized workers, and the rest which included the demand for N. Y. Teamsters On Strike



Members of AFL Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 807, are shown above as they stopped a truck at Holland Tunnel, vital link between New York City and New Jersey. Truck drivers were out solidly, demanding a 30 per cent wage boost. Story on Page 1.

Federated Pictures

## Striking Truckdrivers Show Fighting Spirit At Meeting

By Evelyn Atwood

(Staff Reporter, The Militant)
NEW YORK, Sept. 12—Mayor O'Dwyer's red-baiuing attempt to discredit and break the truck drivers' powerful 12-day-old strike here blew up in his face at the membership meeting called this afternoon by Local 807, AFL Brotherhood of Teamsters,

at Manhattan Center.

Over 4,000 enraged truck- plies. drivers contemptuously brushed aside his red-scare propaganda by roaring their rejection of the "settlements" proposed by the greedy bosses and the 'bosses' man" O'Dwyer. The strikers scotched any attempts of their union leadership to make any rotten compromises. We demand an apology from the Mayor," they shouted, slapping him out of the picture.

The stormy yet disciplined meeting lasted almost four hours. The big hall was jammed to the rafters. Some 1.000 truckdrivers were denied admittance under fire law restrictions.

The men roared "No" to proposals to let Local 807 chaingrocery trucks roll and to return to work pending negotiations. "No contract—no work." the powers of the Negotiating tion. Committee strictly to negotiations—all power to ratify any settlements remained in the hands of the rank-and-file.

AGAINST BOSSES

The tone of the meeting was set after the opening placating speech of the Chairman, John E. Strong, president of Local 807. Strong denied that he had stated there was a revolt of the membership against their leaders. "I say it is not a revolt against the leadership, but a revolt against the employers." After establishing their posi-

tion in the main fight against the bosses, the battling truck-

When Strong read about the telegram from International truckdrivers urging them to tion. carry out their contracts, the membership shouted back: "Now read that other telegram from Tobin to the Mayor and the This telegram admitted that the striking workers had a just cause and that the strike could be settled as soon as the employers came to terms.

Strong said he didn't have a copy of this telegram with him. Immediately shouts came back: 'We've got copies!" One of the truckdrivers rushed to the platform and handed the statement to Strong. The men grinned as he read it into the loud speaker. A dead-pan silence prevailed when Strong lauded Tobin as one of the greatest labor lead-

The main debates took place over the questions of rolling Loing negotiations. Strong tried to them retroactive pay. tiate an 807 contract!" the men

ers in the country."

David Kaplan, chief economist for the Teamsters International, tried to smear rankand-file militants as Corner Napoleons."

Kaplan was concerned with getting trucks to roll and weakening the strike. He disguised | reaffirmed the limitations of this | being on the verge of "starvit at first by pleading for "the negotiating body. They affirm- ation" and "freezing to death." from him after he's securely in women and children" who ed that all settlements are to be He yowled so loud he panicked office and has tossed his camneeded medicines. He complain- brought before the membership himself into shutting down the paign promises in the wasteed that the men were halting for ratification.

trucks loaded with medical sup-

"Take that back, Kaplan, it's a lie and you're on the air!" the men shouted indignantly. The meeting was being broadcast. A truckdriver took the microphone on the floor and stated that he drove a medical truck and was not stopped. Kaplan regained order only after he retracted his charge.

Then he pleaded to let all grecery trucks roll. When he tacked on a plea to roll newsprint also, the hall was thrown into a general uproar. "No good!" "Another sleigh-ride!" "Nothing doing!" Kaplan hastily turned the meeting back to Strong.

Strong urged the men to go back to work pending negotiations as the "best step Local 807 could take." Jeers and boos greeted his remarks, but he was their answer. They limited pushed the proposal to a mo-

> In the discussion from the floor which followed, the Chairman recognized first the few stooges who were advocating that the strike front be narrowed. One speaker who wanted "to go back to work," declared: "Local 807 has 12,000 members. This is entirely too large. It should be broken up." Pandemonium broke loose and he was howled down.

"TALK CONTRACT!"

"This is a scheme to divide the food workers from general trucking," Sam Harris, driver for J. A. Patterson, shouted over the microphone. "Let's stop talkdrivers came to grips with their ing about food and talk about a contract. We truckdrivers are going to fight all together and win-or we'll all go down to-President Daniel J. Tobin to the gether." He received an ova-

> Another driver emphasized unity and a contract for the whole local. "We want conditions as well as pay, before we roll. We want a raise in pay, a 40-hour week, two weeks' vacation with pay and get rid of the supplements (extra duties) and we want it in black and Hall's brass-knuckle rule. white." Still another driver warned: "Don't try to divide 807 into two separate units. We won't stand for it! Let's stick together, boys!" The rafters shook with the deafening roar of applause.

VOTE TO STAY OUT

Eddie Gorman, a general driver. provided the final clincher: 'If you won't listen to the rank and file then we'll pick out a rank-and-file committee to sit with you in negotiations and let you know what is on all our minds!" The motion to let any 807

trucks roll was voted down with thunderous "No!" Another formal vote unanimously rejected the employers' proposal that the men go back to work pending negotiations. Only "concession" was made. men agreed that Locals 282 and tiger, whom the Stalinists and 816 could participate in the negotiations together with Local "friend of labor," next tried out

But in a final powerful demonstration, the truckdrivers

Capitalist Waste of Human Labor By V. Grey

The capitalists grind out their profits from the sweat and blood of the working class. In this they are no different from the rulers of old. Both feudal lords and ancient patricians lived on the sweat of the lowly.

But capitalism, as we have pointed out, is a different SYSTEM. Unlike the slave-owner, who was content to have his hundred slaves, each to serve his various whims, the capitalist must expand or die. Chattel slavery and the feudal system stayed the same or nearly the same for hundreds of years. Not so the capitalist system.

It does not matter whether the capitalist is personally greedy, or whether he wants to exchange champagne baths. for whole swimming pools of champagne, or whether he is a nice likeable old lad like the father of the rich heroine in a technicolor movie. Regardless of these things, his hired managers and superintendents must whip his thousands of slaves into ever faster production. And the bulk of the surplus value produced by these slaves must be turned into more capital, more machines-constant capital-more contradictions for the capitalist system.

Consider the history of the American steel industry in the last few years:

In 1929, the top peacetime production year, the American steel industry, then worth two billion dollars, produced 45 million tons of steel. The steel magnates then made a 10 per cent profit, or more than 200 million dollars! In 1932 they produced and sold one third as much as in 1929 -15 million tons of steel. But they did not make one third as much profit. They lost. And they lost over 70 mil-

Their capacity had grown. They had the equipment to make 75 million tons of steel but no markets to sell it in. Some other countries' industries had the markets. The

But in the course of war, more expansion of plants and machinery was necessary - not to take care of the markets they were going to mooch into, but in order to make the instruments of war.

By 1944 the productive capacity was 96 million tons! And the total value of the steel plants was over 4 billion. dollars. They made more profits than in 1929, but the percentage of profit was lower.

The important thing is that if only 45 million tons the top production of peace time before the war) are produced in any year now — the likelihood is that instead of there being 10 per cent or 5 per cent profit, there will be a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars!

What does this mean? It means that the American steel industry must capture peacetime markets that it never had before. It means that the steel plants of other nations must be destroyed. It means still another imperialist war!

Progress has turned into decline. Capitalism expanded once. But now it only tries to expand with a trillion dollar war, that drains its own blood as well as its slave. And it then keeps on declining.

While destroying the steel plants of other nations, the capitalists enlarge the hungry belly of their own productive capacity - they destroy their whole economy as well. They destroy the buying power of their enemies as well as the producing power. They destroy their own customers as well as their competitors.

In its attempt to pump fresh blood into its dying system, capitalism resembles a patient getting a transfusion from his left arm into his right and during the process, losing nine-tenths of the blood on the ground.

To be concluded next week

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WORKERS BACK CAPITALIST CANDIDATES

The political hatchet-men who head the American Labor Party, the Liberal Party and the Communist (Stalinist) Party are becoming expert at sinking the blade in labor's back.

represent a huge section of New York workers. But instead of trying to put labor's own candidates in office, all three outfits are once again backing Wall Street's machine politicians. staking the money and energy of their rank and file on Mead and Lehman.

How this policy pays off can be seen in the case of O'Dwyer, who was eased into the mayor's chair in New York last year with labor votes. O'Dwyer has not rendered one single service for labor. He has defended Wall Street's interests with a devotion and loyalty not matched since the hey-day of Tammany

DOUBLES SALES-TAX

mayor's chair warmed up, than he raised the city sales tax a cool 100 per cent-from one cent to two cents on the dollar. This tax is chiefly shaken out of the pockets of the great mass of working class people who were blandly told by the Stalinists and ALP that O'Dwyer was their friend.

Barely in office a couple of months, he tried out his hand at smashing a strike. The Western Union workers couldn't keep up with the rising cost of living. They were forced to strike. O'Dwyer courteously helped out the telegraph monopolists by ordering his clubswinging cops to escort scabs

through the picket lines. This cub of the old Tammany the ALP had ballyhooed as a his milk teeth as mayor on the

tugboat men's strike. He screamed about New York city for a day. Truman answer- basket?

These three parties claim to ed his political pal O'Dwyer sympathetically with a government order "seizing" the tugs.

ATTACKS TEAMSTERS O'Dwyer's latest attack on the labor movement came during the

teamster's strike. Although he gained office through Stalinist and ALP support, O'Dwyer tried to break the teamsters' strike with vicious red-baiting. He said a bunch of "reds" were at the bottom of this long over-due strike for decent pay and decent working conditions.

O'Dwyer expanded the police force immediately on taking office. In the Western Union strike he marshalled 750 cops against 20 pickets—the biggest mobilization of police-strikebreakers in the city's history. No sooner had he got the Now in the teamsters' strike, he added another 2,000 cops and ranted threateningly about 'bloodshed and injury.'

These painful experiences with the Democratic mayor. however, have not disturbed the hatchet-men who head the CP, the ALP and the Liberal Party. They are in the profession of peddling labor votes to Wall Street. And so they are now repeating this policy by backing Mead and Lehman.

How will this new sell-out pay

Already the Stalinists have got an installment on account for their support of Mead, the head of the Democratic ticket. This Wall Street spokesman calmly, deliberately and cynically put his Stalinist cheering squad in the camp of the Ku Klux Klan and repudiated their support.

If Mead is capable of a kick in the stomach like this before election, what can be expected

## Wages, Prices And Profits

# Capitalist Waste Of Human Labor

By Warren Creel Last week we started to examine human labor which is wasted in commodity selling. The individual capitalist hires workers to get customers away from the other capitalists. It is necessary for the other capitalists to hire workers to get the customers back. But this selling labor

produces nothing and is not necessary for society. Along with commodity selling waste there is also a small amount of labor in real distribution, and this latter labor is useful and necessary. Capitalist economists, however, use the word "distribution" for both kinds of work. When they say "distribution" they are using one part of real distribution as a cloak to cover nine parts of sheer

Such waste has grown into a large factor in capitalism. Capitalist contentment with this state of affairs appears in the following statement by the president of the Curtis Publishing Company. His firm happens to publish the Saturday Evening Post and other magazines that make money from advertising.

"You probably will be surprised — most people are to learn that over half of our working population is engaged in distribution and servicing things already made. And even with this large segment of our population already engaged in it, I believe that distribution offers greater opportunities to young men and women than any other phase of economic endeavor." (Emphasis ours.)

A little over half a century ago the bulk of the workers were in production. Today over half are in non-productive labor, and the proportion of wasted labor keeps growing. As efficiency in production has grown, capitalism has put the population to living on the output of fewer and fewer industrial workers:

Figure 4 illustrates this process.

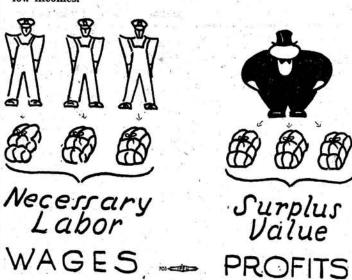
Part 1 roughly illustrates an early phase of capitalist division of the goods produced. The six bales of goods represent the total output of labor. This can be the output in any length of time we choose; let's call it a week. The three productive workers produce the six bales, so each productive worker produces two bales.

Each worker needs one bale of goods a week to support himself and his family. This fraction of the output of his labor is necessary for the worker to live, so the Marxists call it Necessary Labor. Through the wage bargaining system, as we have seen, the workers get the product of that Necessary Labor as wages. The workers get enough to live on. Each worker in the diagram gets one bale of

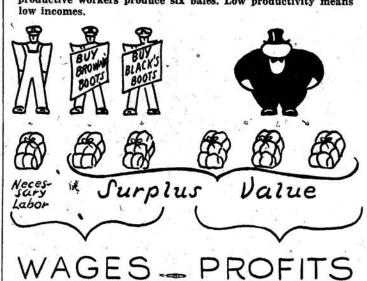
The rest of the output of the three workers, over and above the Necessary Labor, represents what Marxists call that comes to three bales and the capitalist keeps them unproductive labor. as profit. Thus, the three bales of Necessary Labor are the same as the Wages; the three bales of Surplus Value are the same as the Profit.

In Part 2 productivity has great increased. It now takes only one productive worker to produce six bales of goods. But still a worker is able to survive on one bale a week so his wages stay at one bale. The capitalist class, with a larger mass of surplus value, spends some of it hiring workers to compete for customers. So two workers are moved from production to unproductive labor, carrying sandwich boards saying: "Buy Brown's Boots," and "Buy Black's Boots." They are still hard at work, but they produce no labor-value, and the capitalist must pay their wages out of surplus value.

1. CAPITALIST DIVISION OF THE PRODUCT. Three productive workers produce six bales. Low productivity means



2. CAPITALIST WASTE OF HUMAN LABOR. One proproductive workers produce six bales. Low productivity means



At first glance it seems that the increase in efficiency has been swallowed up, and nothing has changed. Wages cal 807 chain-grocery trucks, are no higher, the standard of living is no better, profits and going back to work pendare no higher, total output is no higher. The only apparent assure the truckdrivers "there Surplus Labor or Surplus Value. In Part 1 of the diagram | change is in the transfer of more and more workers to | would be no trouble" getting

> In fact, the workers are robbed of more than appears on the surface. Here are three workers, each capable of producing six bales, but each getting only one bale. Together they do enough work to produce 18 bales, yet the national cutput still remains only six bales. The capitalists allow three bales as wages, take three bales as profit, and in effect, throw away 12 bales in non-production, by trans-

> ferring two-thirds of the labor force to competitive waste. All around us we see poverty although we know we could produce abundance. Marx's law of labor-value shows why this is inevitable as long as capitalism remains.

Next Installment: More on Capitalist Waste.

# SWP Veterans Ask Basic Changes In Army's Court-Martial System

NEW YORK, Sept. 14-A vigorous condemnation of the Army's court-martial system, and a demand for radical changes that would give soldiers on trial a chance to get some justice, were made by two spokesmen of the Socialist Workers Party appearing before the War Department's Advisory Committee on Military onecessarily reduced when re-Justice at the U.S. Court relevant

House here last Tuesday

ties could present their views. him guilty.

The Socialist Workers Party RADICAL CHANGE was represented at the hearings nor of New York.

Three members of the Advis-American Bar Association, were an Army one-star general representing the War Department. punishment." Most of the testimony was given by the lawyers who had served in the Army and wanted to suggest various reforms in the courtmartial system: many of their remarks seemed to be halfapologies for that system.

Against this background the remarks of Breitman and Richardson stood out as especially clear and constructive. The hearing certainly livened up while they had the floor. At one point during their testimony the general almost swallowed his storeteeth in confusion and dismay.

Breitman, who had spent two years in the Army in Europe, led

### **OUTSTANDING FACT**

"The outstanding characteristic of the court-martial system," he said, "is that it is intended primarily to maintain discipline and not to administer justice. It had subsided a little, Breitman doesn't say that in the Articles | went ahead to explain more conof War, but that is the fact. cretely what he proposed. The That is the fact that stood out proposition could be divided into above all others, and it is the two parts, he asserted. fact that we should be concern-

every commanding officer, and no practical obstacle to prevent this fact is the explanation for their being given trials, just as the thousands of miscarriages any other citizen would be, in of justice in military trials in the civilian courts. Breitman World War II.

"It explains why soldiers were court-martialled in some cases the case of soldiers serving over- martial now in effect: The sumand not even reprimanded in seas. For them he proposed the mary court-martial, involving fenses were charged in both.

"It explains why there were such widely different punishtial called to consider identical offenses.

"It explains the disproportionately severe sentences which have come to be associated with -to have a lot of delay for court the commanding officer, merely

viewed.

"It explains also why most courts-martial had such a cut-The Committee, appointed by and-dried character. It was a the War Department and re- commonplace in the U.S. Army quested to make recommenda- that no enlisted man on charges tions for changes in the Army's | was considered innocent until court-martial system, has been proved guilty. He was, in fact, holding open hearings in various generally considered guilty if his cities, at which interested par- commanding officer considered

"For these reasons," Breitman by two veterans of World War II: | went on, "it is not sufficient to George Breitman, SWP candi- merely amend or superficially ste for U. S. Senate from New revise the court-martial system. ersey, and Milton Richardson, What is necessary is a radical 5WP candidate for Lt.-Gover- change in the whole structure

- a change will remove from the hands of the officer corps ory Committee, selected by the control over the functions of prosecutor, judge and jury. In listening to testimony when the short, what is necessary in all SWP spokesmen got the floor. cases involving serious offenses The Committee was assisted by is the separation of the Army from the functions of trial and

> Breitman then went ahead with the major proposal he had come to make:

"For these reasons we are here to propose the complete abolition of the general courtmartial, and the institution of a system of civilian court trial for soldiers charged with serious of-

At this point one of the members of the Advisory Committee began to blow his top, and to wave the flag at the same time.

"What do you mean?" he demanded. "Would you want a man who has committed a crime to be taken out of the front lines, leaving the other soldiers, who hadn't committed any crime, to remain there and die? Is that what you mean? Is that your

"LIKE ANY CITIZEN"

When the Committee member

First, there was the case of ed with, not the fancy fictions. soldiers in the United States. "This fact was understood by Surely, he said, there could be paused, and no one objected, so

he proceeded. judges, and juries to be selected ments issuing from courts-mar- ilians or from among the members of the armed forces.

Again, the Committee member objected:

"So that's what you propose courts-martial — so severe that | trial and so on, while the fight- | listens to the witnesses and then

Army Court Martial



"Well-what have you to say for yourself?"

losing their lives?" and so on and way the commanding officer

"In cases involving serious ofishment, then I certainly maintain that the proper time and attention should be given to consideration of the merits of the

At this the Committee member relapsed in to silence. Since there were no other questions, Richardson took the floor.

RICHARDSON SPEAKS Milton Richardson had spent

four years in the Army, two of them in the thick of the European campaign, where he was wounded. He still limps from this wound, and still bears, like scars on his mind, the memory of the Jim-Crow treatment Negro soldiers received in "the most democratic Army in the world."

Richardson began by expressing support for the proposal of civilian court trial for serious

"But, of course, not all offenses are serious," he said, "and we do not propose to clutter up civilian courts with cases involving sentences of six months' imprisonment or less.

"Consequently, I want to take In the second place, there was up the other two kinds of courtextension of civilian court trial fine and restriction but no imand procedure, with civilian prisonment; and the special court-martial, involving punisheither from among American civ- ment up to, but not exceeding, six months' imprisonment.

"The summary court-martial is, on the face of it, the least democratic of all courts-martial. A single officer, appointed by a great portion of them were ing is going on and men are makes the decision, generally the

wants it made. "We propose the complete fenses," Breitman replied, "where abolition of the summary court-

you are considering serious pun- martial, and the institution of only one court-martial combining the powers of both the present summary and special courtsmartial. But this single court- He stated that he had been martial body, we propose, shall warned by John Becker, 312-W. the present court-martial bodies

> "At present, as you know, the ury is composed exclusively of officers. The result is that generally members of the courtmartial body are subservient to the commanding officer who appointed them. This is one of the chief sources of military injustice. We propose the following:

"That the court-martial jury be composed completely of soldiers who are NOT of higher democratic right of trial by a ury of your peers.

"For example, if a staff sergeant was on trial, no one would sit on the jury who was higher in rank than staff sergeant. If captain was on trial, no one would sit on the jury who outanked a captain. And so on."

INTERRUPTION

The chairman of the Advisory Committee interrupted then and Where is the market for ex- mighty American labor movesaid: "Just a minute vou mean that a sergeant would be tried by privates? Do you think that would be fair? How would you like that if you were a sergeant?"

Richardson, who had been a staff sergeant, answered: "I would like that fine. You would have a better Army that way." The chairman still did not think such a procedure would be "fair." Apparently, he preferred the present set-up, where all enlisted men are tried by of-

"Similarly," Richardson continued, "in connection with Negro soldiers, we propose that Negroes be permitted to sit on court-martial juries, especially where Negro soldiers are being tried.'

The chairman interrupted again: "All-Negro juries, do you mean?"

"No," said Richardson, mean that they shall have the dollars. same right to sit on juries as other soldiers." And then he went ahead to conclude:

"To be effective and prevent pressure on them, men on juries should be chosen from units other than those involved in the "What is required, therefore, Times: "Prices are too high,

continue to refuse to heed the is a new set of Articles of War and Court-Martial Manuals, not merely a few piddling reforms. "Only in this way can you insure genuine justice in the arm-

"Where the stock market is ed forces and put an end to the concerned it's always tomorabuses which are responsible for row's profits that determine tothis hearing today. day's prices," says Business Second Edition of

## Chicago Jim-Crow Terrorism Hits Other Racial Groups

CHICAGO, Sept. 13. - The wave of terrorism against Negroes here is now being extended to include Mexicans and Chinese.

Adrian Lazano, an architec-® and Negroes two blocks away, but burn out. the neighborhood announced: landlord asked them to move.

Two men and a woman entered the Jane Lee Restaurant, a Chinese restaurant at 1205 East 55th St. on the night of Sept. 6. Mrs. Lee pointed out that it was nearly 10 p.m., when the restaurant closed. Using abusive fanguage, one of the white men, later identified as R. Blacksley, attacked Mr. Lee, knocking him down and blackening his eyes. His friend held down one of the other Chinese, while Mr. Lee was

Meanwhile the wave of terror against Negroes continues unabated. Mrs. M. Crawford and Mrs. Almedia Cauley who live at 329 W. 22nd Place, were advised by the owner, Paul Young, to move. would be burned if the Negroes were not evicted.

the point of a gun into the apart- | lci beaches. ment of Mrs. Martha Johnson, 329 W. 22nd Place, after her 16year-old daughter, Laura, open- and none in the cases of assaults. ed the door. They ransacked the In another case where a white apartment, claiming they were man was found pouring gasoline searching for weapons. "We are on the steps of a hotel occupied going to run all the niggers out," by Negroes, he was given probathey stated, "and we don't want tion.

panded production?

Simultaneously, the war-born

inflation, the devouring war

debt and taxes, eat deep chunks

out of mass purchasing power.

The workers cannot buy back

what they produce-while the

monopolists withhold commod-

And on Aug. 27, the Depart-

ment of Commerce reported the

beginnings of the glut that soon-

er or later means closed-down

factories and mass unemploy-

ment. Value of manufacturers'

inventories reached an all-time

high in July of nearly 18 billion

The source of Wall Street's

despairing outlook is the pos-

sibilities of lowered profits.

Next year, the profits tax re-

bates will end. Carry-back prov-

isions will cease to operate. And,

as one financial commentator

let slip in the Sept. 5 N. Y.

real wages in terms of purchas-

ing power are too low.

ities for higher prices.

GLUT BEGINS

tural draftsman of Mexican des- them to have anything to fight cent, and his wife moved into a back with." They attacked Mrs. flat at 907 S. Loomis St., on Sept. Johnson and threatened to shoot 7. There are numerous Mexicans all the Negroes that they didn't

"We won't tolerate you." Late tally beaten and thrown through broken. The next morning the hoodlums in Calumet City. The police arrested the victim, William Hays, according to the Chicago Defender.

head with a bottle. As I staggerup and threw me through the plate glass window of the front

The Mayor's Commission on

through Aug. 31 this year, there voted right on the issues where first place. be constituted differently than 22nd Place, that his building time while police were on of assaults on Negroes on the Two men forced their way at streets, and three clashes on pub-

> incendiary cases, of the

By Robert L. Birchman (Special to The Militant)

A Negro entertainer was bru-

Hays stated that when he went

Hays and other members of a quartette were seeking employ- side of the fence. ment at the night clubs in Calumet City. "We were told by the management that Negroes are not allowed to enter their places."

Arrests were made in only two

## rank than the defendant. Only in this way can you have the democratic right of trial by a **Wall Street's View Of Future**

(Continued from Page 1)

sustain the economy, the cap- Week, Sept. 14. For tomorrow's over \$20 billion dollars annually in plants and equipment. They are spending only half that er slashing of wages. But—the

ment stands astride its path. Certainly, not in this country. V-J Day saw a sharp decline in total wages, with the elimination of overtime, mass lay-offs downgrading, shorter hours. No subsequent wage increases have compensated for this slash.

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself

MARIO MARIANDA By William Bohannon Chimana SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

### The Record of Congress

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has published in the Aug.-Sept. issue of NAACP Bulletin a record of how the members

of the 79th Congress acted on 11 bills and petitions of importance to the Negro people. These measures included the poll tax, FEPC. price control, housing for veterans, employment, the Case anti-labor bill, protection of agricultural packing workers, minimum wages, free school lunches, civil liberties and anti-lynching

The NEGRO

legislation. Every Negro voter should acquaint himself with how the members of Congress acted on these questions and the NAACP Bulletin serves a useful function in making this easy. The Congressmen's names, parties and states are given,

that evening, two windows were a plate-glass window by white and alongside them are shown fought to withdraw American minus-signs indicating where troops from foreign soil? How they voted wrong, and plussigns where they voted right.

> The first thing that strikes you as you look through the alinto a restaurant and asked to most four pages of this record is be served, "I was hit over the the fact that the great majority and similar questions, then we ed, several white men picked me Look a little closer, and you see people and their allies in the crats and the Republicans. Most count on in Congress. of both of them are on the wrong

### CLOSE CHECK

checked the record even more Congress!" records show that from Feb. 26 every time. An additional six politicians got into office in the were 17 cases of Negro homes they committed themselves openset afire, two of them a second ly; but on some issues they either were absent or "paired" with "guard." There were six reports someone voting the opposite way, rich white "friends" if it did.) so that neither had to show how he was voting. In the House of Representatives

where 433 names are shown, only decision — that is, he has to 31 voted right on every issue, while 57 voted right on some issues and were either absent or paired on other issues. (It goes without saying that some of these absences were "convenient" is usually not to show a bad vote

Even if all these are given the one-fifth of Congress as a whole could be counted to vote as the majority of the people wanted doubtful ones, it would be less italists are required to invest profits, Wall Street wants furth- Congress some labor and Negro less than two short years ago!

annihilation in World War III. other world war? How many ernment.

many tried to get independence for Puerto Rico and other American colonies?

If we had the record on these of the marks are minus-signs. would see the truth: The Negro that in this respect there is no labor movement have virtually difference between the Demo- no representatives they can

THE LESSON

What is the lesson to be drawn from all this? The NAACP Bul-Having a few spare minutes, I letin says: "Elect better men to Sounds closely. In the Senate, where 96 doesn't it? So simple that it Human Relations in a recent names are listed, the NAACP makes you wonder how such a press release, reports that their found that only 11 voted right gang of anti-Negro. anti-labor

The NAACP as an organization refuses to engage in politics. (It might lose some of its All it does is print the record. But when a Negro goes to the voting booth, he has to make a engage in politics. The question is: What kind of politics?

The members of Congress are not merely individuals, who happen to vote one way or another just because they 'are "better" and that the purpose of pairing politicians. Above all, they are members of political parties chosen by those parties, pledged to the programs of those parties, benefit of the doubt - and they responsible to those party machshouldn't be - then less than ines. And the thing common to them all is that they engage in capitalist party politics.

That is what the Negro has them to vote. (Without the to remember as he goes to the polls. The government is run by than one-tenth.) And this is the two capitalist parties, and the record shows they are both the er inflation of prices and furth- leaders told us was "progressive" stooges of Wall Street and the enemies of the working people. Even that doesn't give the The thing to do is to break with whole picture. After all, there both of them, refuse to support Where to turn? More and were a great many important is- the candidates of either of them. more Wall Street beats the drum sues besides the 11 picked by We will gain our second emancifor a new war adventure. Its the NAACP. What about the pation by supporting the indepromises of peace, plenty and questions of foreign policy? How pendent labor candidates, white security under capitalism can many took the right stand on and Negro, who strive to create find only one fulfillment: Atomic policies leading inevitably to an- a Workers and Farmers Gov-

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## Stalinist Machine Retains **Control At UE Convention**

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Sept. lomew Enright's 556.

13-The Stalinist machine was easily able to defeat the given to the convention by the well. bid for power made by the redbaiting group known as "UE for Democratic Action" at the 11th Convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, third larg-

The Stalinists had no serious difficulties in retaining their calling for the creation of an ingrasp on the union leadership dependent labor party, and three because the opposition had no celled for a "third party" organprogram of its own, other than ized by the trade unions. red-baiting. Led by Harry Block, president of the UE District 1 example, declared: and James Click of Local 1102, St. Louis, the "UE for Democratic Action" group had nothing 'the time is not ripe' for a labor set the rise in living costs. It to offer the delegates but witchhunt resolutions against "com-

here this week.

munists." This even placed the Stalinist bureaucrats in the position where stated that "the people we elec- when wage raises will be sought. they could pose as the champions | ted slammed the door in our face of democracy by reaffirming the when we asked them for a little also took the opportunity to atunion's position to unite all the favor." workers of the industry into the union "regardless of craft, age,

### political belief.' WIN POSTS

James B. Carey, now CIO secretary-treasurer, threw his full supto 525 for Harry Block; Secre- a people's labor party." tary-Treasurer Julius Emspak

As a result of the complexion fight over this question, there was little discussion of the important issues facing the 550,000 members of the union. Nevertheless, a number of delegates were able to get the floor and make

est CIO union, which was held progressive proposals, especially Four different locals presented the convention with resolutions

> Camden RCA Local 103, for "We have already been put off policy of stalling on the fight for too long by the lame excuse that immediate wage raises to off-

> Labor Party NOW!" A delegate from Local 301 unions sometime in the future

to the policies of the UE leaders, As usual, they used demagogic stated: "We are sick and tired arguments and falsified the real of backing the lesser of two evils. purpose of the sliding scale of Although former UE President This is just sweating and work- wages. ing for company unions.

Jack Kroll, head of CIO-PAC, day work. The 30-hour week and got 2,994 to James Click's 554; was present to swing support to a guaranteed annual wage were Organization Director James the policy of endorsing capitalist also endorsed.

| Matles received 2,997 to Bartho- | candidates. In this task he was joined not only by James Carey but the Stalinist UE leaders as

> To make this position look a little more palatable to the delegates, the Stalinists tacked on a section to their PAC resolution. This part said that the election of "people's candidates" (meaning Democrats and Republicans) in 1946 "will lay the basis for a other People's Party in 1948 if the Retrials. publican and Democratic Parties

will of the American people." WAGE POLICY A resolution on UE Wage Policy continues the CIO leaders' party; therefore be it resolved calls for united action by the that we want an Independent UE, United Steelworkers, Uni-

In the discussion the Stalinists tack the growing movement for Thomas Fitzpatrick, Westing- a sliding scale of wages or costhouse Local 601 of East Pitts- of-living bonus to compensate sex, nationality, race, creed or burgh, who gave general support the workers for rising living costs.

ted Auto Workers and other CIO

The Stalinists also backtracked "We find that after we sweat- on the incentive pay sell-out port behind the red-baiters, the ed and worked for Congressmen, they pushed so strongly during Stalinists won the elections for we have got to go down to Wash- the war. Without apologizing or the three top posts by an over- ington to keep them in line and explaining their previous scabby whelming majority. President we don't keep them in line most role they called for safeguards, Albert Fitzgerald got 3,092 votes of the time. We must look toward no further introduction of incentive pay, and establishment of

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of the Socialist Workers Party, represented by delegates

## Housing Crisis In New Jersey

- By Alan Kohlman -

SWP Candidate for Governor of New Jersey While thousands of homeless veterans and workers are clamoring for housing in New Jersey, two luxury race tracks have been rushed



to completion under the benevolent blessings of the Republican-Edge administration. The State Legislature buried in committee an emergency housing appropriation for 10 million dollars, but threequarters of this sum has been poured into the Atlantic City and Monmouth Park tracks. The 31/2 million dollar At-

completion while only a mile away, work on a veterans' emergency housing unit has almost ceased for "lack of materials." This sharp contrast between state treatment for gamblers and state indifference to the veterans sums up the entire matter.

The 1939 referendum which again legalized racing was pushed through by a bloc of the Democratic - Hague and Republican - "Nocky" Johnson forces. So far both boss parties have failed to take any decisive action for housing. Here, again, the workers and veterans have a striking lesson in how the Republicans and Democrats bloc together to aid gambling interests while they sabotage housing. When public pressure forced publication of the names of the Monmouth track stockholders, a large number of politicians of the county were found to be share-holders!

Thus while there is air-conditioning for these elaborate tracks, there have only been 10 homes. for emergency housing built under state aus-

As far back as August, 1945, the State CIO urged Governor Edge to call a special session of the Legislature on housing and price control. Edge refused. Since that time one veteran's organization after another has insisted on state action. Nothing has been done.

Within the past three weeks, Edge has twice again refused demands of veteran organizations for a special session. Edge blames the shortage of supplies, he blames the Democrats in Washington, he blames his opponents for "unfair criticism" — in fact, he blames everyone but himself and his Administration for permitting the aggravation of a most serious housing crisis.

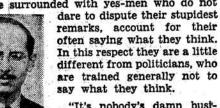
The strongly organized racing interests, like the even more powerful corporations, have Edge on their side. But the veterans are organizing and consolidating too. And heavy mass pressure has now forced the Republicans to finally consider a special session on housing before the elections, for fear of "impairing their chances in November." I doubt, however, that many eterans or workers will place much confidence in the election promises of the Republicans.

Rather, the heavy pressure which has forced Edge to promise a special session carries its own lesson — that only organized mass action by the unions and veterans can bring relief

## The Generals And The Admirals

- By George Breitman

Generals and admirals are used to having their own way. That fact, and the fact that they are surrounded with yes-men who do not



"It's nobody's damn bustness where we go; we will go anywhere we please." That's what Admiral Haisey said last

month, and that's exactly what he meant. He was answering the criticism about the U.S. Navy's fleet going to Greece. He meant it was not the Soviet Union's business - or Greece's; he also meant it was the business only of the U.S. government and the brass hats. That is, it wasn't the business of the American people.

The same idea was expressed by General Eisenhower a few days later. Former War Production Chairman Donald P. Nelson had just published a book revealing that the Army had tried to take over the country's economy during the war. Eisenhower denied this, adding as a clincher: "The Army wants no domination of anything but its own affairs."

When Eisenhower says "the Army," he of course means the big brass. But since when has the brass got the right to "dominate" even the

A short while ago the Army announced that

"three out of five claims for

disability pensions are neuro-

psychiatric in origin." By

far the most abused of the

war casualties have been

those vets whom the Army

terms "mentally disturbed."

500,000 men had been discharged for "mental

disturbances." Just the other day the Veterans

Nowhere in any of their announcements do the

Army or the Veterans Administration explain

Psychiatrists say the major cause for mental

illness in the Army was the inability of the

GI to adjust himself to his "new and strange

surroundings." Think back at what was hard

to adjust to in the Army. It wasn't the training

you got with weapons, map reading or how to

camouflage your gun position. The GI had a

special word for what really bothered him. It

Who could adjust himself to being restricted

to the barracks for a week because someone

in the platoon left his shoes untied? Or having

what causes all these "mental disturbances'

or how they intend to cure them.

Veterans' Problems

affairs of the Army? Isn't Congress alone supposed to have that right?

Yes, Congress is supposed to, but more and more the brass hats are taking over. Long before Congress voted to authorize the Bikini atomic bomb maneuvers, the admirals had picked the men, the ships and the place, and had the project three-quarters completed.

Congress adjourned without acting on the "Inter-American Military Cooperation Bill" to integrate al lof Latin America into the U.S. military machine. But Eisenhower has just returned from a Latin-American tour where he made arrangements for executing this plan despite Congress' failure to approve it.

The generals and admirals sincerely think that the military way of life is the best. All they have to do is issue commands, and millions of people have to execute them. No fuss, no bother, no back-talk, no "labor trouble." Could anything be more efficient? No one had more admiration for the way Mussolini "made the trains run" than the brass hats. They would like to "make the country run" that way too. And the world.

The labor movement had better open its eyes and see what is going on. The brass hats who tried to take over the country during the war have not changed their colors. The danger of military dictatorship remains — and will grow as the threat of a Third World War grows. Either labor will curb the expanding power and arrogance of the generals and the admirals, or all of labor's rights and gains will be threatened.

"gentlemen" and enlisted men were only sec-

But the GI's second-class citizenship didn't

end when he left the Army. Veterans are the

lowest-paid and the last-hired of all workers.

USES reports that of all veterans sent out for

jobs, 4 per cent are hired while 7 per cent of

all non-veterans are hired. Homeless vets must

walk the streets while night club and race track

owners pay black market prices for the build-

ing materials vets so desperately need. Then

the vet finds that decent clothing and furniture

are unavailable even if he manages to raise the

by the New York Veterans Service Committee,

with offices on swanky Park Avenue, is a half

dozen more doctors. Adequate medical treat-

ment for needy veterans is absolutely necessary,

of course, but medical treatment alone is not

system of unemployment and shortages of hous-

ing and other necessities.

You also need to put an end in the Army to

The proposed solution to this problem given

fabulous prices these items bring today.

# California Socialist Workers Party Names Roberts For Governor, Rogalin For Senate

## Minnesota SWP **Candidates To Speak On Radio**

### Three Weekly Talks Scheduled for October

-A contract was signed here subject. today with Radio Station WMIN for three 15-minute radio talks to be made by the Socialist Workers Party candidates. C. K. Johnson, campaign manager, announced that Warren Creel, SWP candidate for 3rd District Congressman, would speak on Oct. 15 at 10:30 p.m.; Grace Carlson, candidate for U. S. Senator, on Oct. 22, 10:30 p.m.; and Dorothy Schultz, candidate for 4th District Congressman, on Oct. 29 at 10:30 p.m. PLAN DISTRIBUTION

Plans are also underway for a state-wide distribution of the special Minnesota election edition of The Militant. 30,000 copies of this election edition have been ordered. Several thousand of these will be distributed in the working class neighborhoods of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Motor caravans will visit smaller industrial towns in Minnesota and many farming communities to distribute other thousands of copies of the SWP campaign paper.

On October 5 a Campaign Carnival will be held in the Minneapolis SWP headquarters to raise funds for the campaign. Additional funds are being solicited from members and friends of the SWP in Minnesota. Militant readers are asked to send contributions to the campaign headquarters, 10 South 4th Street, Minneapolis 1, or 540 Cedar Street, St. Paul 2.

## **Kohlman Hits Strikebreaking** Threat By Edge

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 11-Governor Edge's threat to use state police against strik- ed the history and significance ing truck drivers was bitterly of this demonstration. you met him outside the PX? You may somedenounced by Alan Kohlman. times forget how to assemble a rifle in the Army Socialist Workers Party candi- ed as one of the leaders of the date for Governor, in a state- Burlington County WPA strike, Socialist Workers Party for lobut there is no ex-GI who can say he forgot

## LOOKS OTHER WAY

"Every time labor or the veterans need something, Governor Edge looks the other way," the SWP candidate declared: "But every time the unions must fight for their rights, Edge is on hand with a club.

"Over the united protest of the entire union movement, he jammed the strikebreaking S-91 Bill down the unions' throats. In the recent cannery dispute in Camden, he was busily engaged in preparing to break the strike by shifting supplies to other canneries. Now he is threatening the truck drivers.

## ANTI-LABOR

"This anti-labor activity of the caste system and outside the Army to the the Governor is in marked contrast to the fact that he can find no time to draft a workable plan for housing. Likewise, he could not find time to call a special session as requested by the CIO, to handle rent and price control.

"New York's Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer vies with Republican Governor Edge in threatening force against the striking truck drivers. All organized workers and veterans must protest and must use their votes to put an end to the strikebreaking policies of both Republicans and Democrats."

New York 3, New York

## MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES

### Milton Richardson Candidate for Lt. Governor of New York State

Milton Joseph Richardson was born in New Iberia, Louisiana in 1913. He attended school there ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 12 and made history his favorite

Like most Negro youth in the deep South, Richardson went to work at an early age. His employment record reads like a list of Louisiana's industries and agricultural products. He worked in the salt mines, rice fields. sugar fields and on railroad labor gangs. During the depression of the 1930's, he participated in demonstrations for jobs and unemployment relief in Louisiana. Later he left the South and joined the Dining Car Waiters Union

For four years he rode the trains, waiting on tables and suffering the Jim Crow practices and segregation which he had sought to escape in the South. In 1938 he joined the Socialist Workers Party and became one of its active members.

When World War II began, Richardson took advantage of the opportunity to learn an industrial trade and became a welder, joining the Boilermakers' Union, AFL. In 1942 he was drafted and served two years overseas in Signal Corps, Anti-Aircraft and Quartermaster Truck companies in the Euro- ple in New York.

### George Breitman Candidate for U. S. Senate from New Jersey

George Breitman was born in Newark, N. J., in 1916. He entered the Trotskyist movement at

At the same time he became one of the leaders of the New Jersey unemployment movement. In 1936 he played a prominent ole in the unemployed occupation of the State Legislature, which lasted for over a week. He wrote the pamphlet issued by the Workers Alliance, The Trenton Siege by the Army of Unoccupation, which record-

Later that year he was arrestone of the few successful strikes of WPA workers in the country. Subsequently, he was elected State Administrative Secretary of the Workers Alliance. In this position he played an important part for many years in assisting ent he is writing a pamphlet on local CIO and AFL unions on

strike. Breitman has written several pamphlets about the problems facing labor and the Negro people, the most recent being Wartime Crimes of Big Business. published just before he entered the Army in 1943. He was editor of The Militant from 1941 to 1943, and prior to that edited the New Jersey Workers Voice and The Hunger Fighter. In 1940, 1941 and 1942 he was

## **NEW YORK Protest** Anti-Negro Terror!

Milton Richardson SWP Candidate for Lieut.-Gov. Gloria Wall Sandy Robertson FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

pean Theater of Operations. In Europe, he witnessed the terrible slaughter and destruction of war. The French language was no barrier to one born in Louisiana, and Richardson

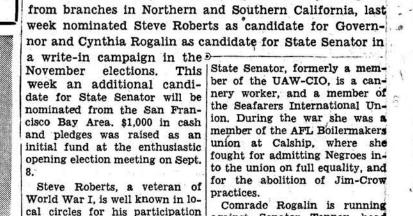
was able to carry on political discussions with hundreds of militant workers in France. The brass broke him from sergeant to private for fraternizing with European workers against Army orders.

Jim Crow and brutality in the Army only served to re-affirm the need for socialism. Immediately upon his return to the United States, Milton Richardson plunged once again into the active work of building the Socialist Workers Party in Harlem -The Ghetto of the Negro peo-



an anti-war candidate of the cal and state office.

the Army.



initial fund at the enthusiastic union at Calship, where she opening election meeting on Sept. fought for admitting Negroes in-Steve Roberts, a veteran of World War I, is well known in local circles for his participation in the building of the original CIO in this area. He was secretary of the committee for the defense of 400 Douglas aircraft workers arrested in the early CIO sit-down strike. He is an active

for more than ten years. Roberts' opponent, Governor Earl Warren, is running on both the Democratic and Republican ary election. Notorious for his lot. reactionary policies, Warren is in every sense a candidate of the Chamber of Commerce which erves both capitalist parties.

member of the NAACP, and has

been in the Trotskyist movement

Cynthia Rogalin, candidate for within a week,

November elections. This State Senator, formerly a memweek an additional candi- ber of the UAW-CIO, is a candate for State Senator will be nery worker, and a member of nominated from the San Fran- the Seafarers International Union. During the war she was a and pledges was raised as an member of the AFL Boilermakers to the union on full equality, and for the abolition of Jim-Crow

Comrade Rogalin is running against Senator Tenney, head of the California "Little Dies" committee. She will be his only opponent for the office, as Tenney also is running on both the Democratic and Republical

Because of the reactionary nature of California election laws. which require almost a quarter of a million signatures of registered voters who did not vote in tickets. He won both nomina- the primary, the SWP candidates tions by cross-filing in the prim- will campaign on a write-in bal-

> A series of radio broadcasts and public meetings is being planned and will be announced

## Los Angeles Labor Organizes **Demonstration Against Smith**

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13. — Three hundred workers here picketed a conference last Thursday at the Embassy Auditorium called by Gerald L. K. Smith. Called by the CIO Council, the picket line was 9 given full support by the So- he plans to build up a mass meet-

cialist Workers Party. Steve Roberts and Cynthia Rogalin, SWP candidates for

were both on the picket line, issued the following joint state-

Prominent among the slogans All anti-fascist forces are gird-

drove him out of Minneapolis — tration which will take place on We'll drive him out of Los An- Sept. 22 at the Polytechnic High geles." This slogan referred to School. The MFD has endorsed He was drafted into the Army recent complete rout of Smith's the call for a picket line, which in 1943 and spent two years as forces by the aroused Minneapol- was unanimously passed at the an enlisted man in the European six workers. Songs sung on the last move as the picket line included "Solidarity This is a step forward since last Theater of Operations. At pres- Forever," and "Hold the Fort." year, when the Stalinists resisted

ing on Sunday, Sept. 22 at Polytechnic High School.

The Mobilization for Democracy, anti-fascist conference, Governor and State Senator, who arranged for different organizations to picket these meetings on each of the five days.

Smith was able to hold his "Smith must not be permitted series of conferences relatively to deliver his fascist attacks on unmolested, mainly because of labor and minority groups! More the "hush-hush" policy of the and more workers are coming to Stalinists. Several CIO unionists realize that passive resistance is reported that the Stalinists, who not enough. Los Angeles labor is are in control of the leadership determined to stop Smith - in of the CIO, made no effort to Minneapolis style. We are confi- rally the union forces. These dent that Smith and his fascist workers found out about the cohorts will be driven from Los picket line only through the Socialist Workers Party.

on the picket line was: "We ing themselves for the demons-Smith's conference was one of a similar demand almost up to a series of five through which the last moment.

## Our Program:

## 1. Defend labor's standard of living!

A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage-clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living! Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!

Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!

## 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking! No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!

## Build an independent labor party!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!

7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!

9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.

8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!

Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace! Against capitalist conscription! Abolish the officer caste system!

Full democratic rights in the armed forces! Trade union wages for the armed forces! Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control

of the trade unions! 10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!

For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

### to clean stoves till three in the morning because you forgot to say "sir" to an officer when On The Railroads -

was "chicken."

## Who Wants Amalgamation? -By Henry Adams-

Why Vets Have "Mental Disturbances"

ond-class citizens.

The strength of the movement for amalgamation of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is best demonstrated in 'the fact that it is forcing the top railway labor bureaucrats to move.

the BLF&E magazine, President D. F. Robertson is suddenly very concerned over the evil effects of dual unions for enginemen. He points out that the division

In the August issue of

weakens the enginemen in every fight. He bemoans the wastefulness of separate headquarters, separate staffs of officers and Grand Lodge personnel, separate convention, separate Divisions and Lodges, separate Local and General Grievance Committees and Legislative Boards.

He laments the policy of raiding other unions with no actual increase in the organized strength of railway labor. And he poses the question of amalgamation, asking the members to send in an attached postcard expressing their views.

Progressive unionists; who for years have fought the splitting, craft-ridden organizing policies of Robertson and his kind, will ask themselves: Why Robertson's sudden interest in unity? Why does he now admit that the \$475,000 spent by the BLF&E in 1946 for organizing was "money thrown down a rat hole?" Why does he pretend it is necessary to get a postcard expression of opinion from the members?

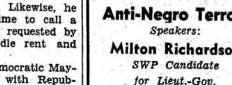
The answer is not hard to find. For the first time, the demands of the ranks for amalgama-

tion has found a really democratic organizational instrument in the Consolidation Committee of Enginemen. In less than six months, the CCE has spread to the major railroad centers. In July alone, new Districts were organized in Chicago, Grand Rapids, Portland, New Orleans, Brewster, O., Round Lake, N. Y. The rapidfire growth of the CCE is serving notice on the bureaucrats that this time the men are determined that the movement for consolidation is not going to be derailed.

David Robertson sees this, too, His bureaucratic control, his do-nothing policy-yes, likely, his soft job-are at stake. Actually, as a CCE bulletin points out, "Rob-

ertson does not want consolidation; he just wants to give it lip-service to try to fool us a while longer . . . While he speaks about consolidation with his tongue in his cheek, he takes actions which can do nothing but drive the wedge deeper to split the organizations . . At his Cleveland office he proceeds to appoint 30 more General organizers to send out in the field and raid the BLE and keep the pot boiling . . and deepen the split . . .

We say the leaders will not make a serious or honest attempt to consolidate the two organizations . . . a large number of high-paying jobs are at stake and the leaders don't intend doing anything which will eliminate some of these jobs . We say the members should join with us in the CCE and we will hammer out a program which will consolidate the two organizations at the next conventions in spite of any Grand Lodge Officer or Officers that try to block CON-



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ganization. " ☐ To attend meetings and forums of the Socialist Workers Party in my city.