Pittsburgh Labor Smashes Power Strike Ban

Court Dissolves Injunction When 70,000 Go Out

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 30. - The striking power workers are maintaining their picket lines. By a vote of 1,170 to 553 they voted Saturday night to reject the Duquesne Light & Power Company's meager offer.

AFL streetcar operators, employed by an affiliate of Duquesne Light Co., voted Sunday to respect power-workers picket lines, despite AFL leaders' demands they go through the lines. Business and transportation are at a virtual standstill.

City officials, courts and press are howling at the determined power-workers. Several top CIO and AFL officials have treacherously joined the boss chorus against the strikers. Negotiations, at the moment, are stale-mated.

By Eloise Gordon and William Carloy

(Special to The Militant)

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27—The mightiest united labor upsurge in this steel and coal center's history yesterday smashed to pieces the strikebreakwalked cart in defiance of a court order last Tues- Housewives Storm City Hall ing injunction against the power workers who

to burst into a general enough to cook up a face-saving city - wide shutdown formula and then frantically appealed to the judges to reverse forced the injunction-court to themselves. The judges in turn, free George Mueller, power workers union president, from a year's ed the injunction dissolved and

The three-man judge's panel had kangarooed Mueller to prison without a jury trial for alleged "contempt of court" because he declared the injunction a "scrap of paper."

WORKERS JUBILANT

Jubilant over their tremendous ed the strike itself! victory and inspired by the support from all sections of labor, the 3,500 members of the Independent Association of Duquesne strike that has brought this city impose forced labor. to the verge of paralysis.

In a scene without parallel in the history of American labor, representatives of the Democratic City Administration that had called for the injunction yesterwithdraw the injunction.

Inside and outside the County Court House a shouting mass demonstration of more than 10,-000 workers was on hand to demand justice. The demonstrators included every section of organized labor - CIO steel and electrical workers, AFL street car employes, railroad men. More than 70.000 steel. electrical. municipal transportation and other workers were already on strike, and new walkouts were scheduled to follow.

PLANTS SHUT

The big Jones & Laughlin steel plant was down, with 10.000 Westinghouse Electric, where 4,300 were out in the morning, saw a total shut-down as 16,500 workers assembled at 2 p.m. for a mass protest rally. Almost all city transportation was halted when the AFL street car workers went out Wednes-

Before this display of labor power and solidarity the city officials and judges quailed. The city bosses, in connivance with Duquesne Light & Power Co.,

A wave of sympathy had initiated the injunction. strikes that threatened they stalled around just long released Mueller after one day of a year's sentence.

sweeping as any ever issued. It not only forbade picketing and "send a telegram to President other acts in furtherance of a Truman requesting government strike - the usual contents of such injunctions - it prohibit-

If allowed to stand, this injunction would have set a precedent for the whole country. It would have meant that the em-Light & Power Company Em- ployer-dominated courts could ployes are continuing the power destroy the right to strike and

burgh workers by the injunction and imprisonment of Mueller that a storm against judicial day pleaded with the judges to strikebreaking broke spontan-Everywhere, on the

(Continued on Page 2)

Union Leader Ruled off Air

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27. Acting on the "suggestion" of Democratic Mayor Lawrence, Radio Station WWSW tonight cancelled a scheduled radio broadcast by George Mueller. president of the independent union of striking power work-

Mueller was to speak a 10 p.m. Instead, WWSW officials said, a statement by Mueller was "read as a regular news bulletin . . . because a personal radio appearance might tend to disturb the interests involved during this delicate time of negotiations."

The Pittsburgh Press reports: "A source close to the Mayor's office said Mueller was ruled off the air at the suggestion of Mayor Law-

Ohio SWP Runs Walker As Candidate For Governor

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 28 - The State Committee of the Socialist Workers Party today announced the candidacy of Malcolm Walker for Governor of Ohio.

Walker had previously filed 9 sufficient petitions to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for Representative to Congress from the 9th District of Ohio, Capitalist politicians of the two major political parties, fearing a true labor candidate on the ballot, invoked a 17-year old statute to rule off the ballot both Walker and his running mate for General Assembly, Paul Wylie.

This hitherto unused law required that all petitions for a candidate be filed at one time, thus eliminating the chance of candidates to file additional petitions if first filings proved insufficient. It goes without saying that the Democratic and Republican Parties encountered no such difficulty in filing their petitions.

The recent Ohio State CIO convention highlighted the ridi- ert. culous situation in which the leaders, of the Political Action Committee find themselves. On one hand they urged the workers to get out and vote and on the other hand they admitted that abor's support.

has decided to run a candidate the trade unions. for Governor because of the absence of a labor, or even "pro- Walker will be a protest against perialists' intentions and denies war now, why bother to fight labor" candidate in the coming the fact that the workers have that they could encircle the against it? If the atom bomb is people are just beginning to re- called attention most sharply to the question. Personally, I do law of this State. fall elections. PAC leaders who no choice between two "tried USSR even if they wanted to. no danger because its use is going cover from the terrible war dam- the plans of the warmongers. had sold the workers on the De- and tested" capitalist politicians.



MALCOLM WALKER

mocratic incumbent, Governor er can they find it in their hearts made the statement at this time. to ask the workers to support That statement was, above every-

Walker a former seaman and dependent labor political action. new war as something which to- anyhow. here was no candidate worthy of The Socialist Workers Party pro- day does not exist. poses the formation of an Inde-The Socialist Workers Party pendent Labor Party based upon

The blanket injunction was as

EXPLOSIVE OUTBURST

So infuriated were the Pittsstreets, in shops, on street cars

meat shortage, the housewives had come together and organized for action around the above program. Then a delegation of 18, carrying five babies, proceeded to City Hall to meet with the Mayor "to protest the inaction of the public officials in this matter and their apparent indifference to the plight of housewives trying to feed their fami-

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afternoon to protest the meat famine and to demand cor-

The housewives also called on Martel Protests

gency commission of housewives with full authority to investi-

gate every ounce of meat now in the city of Toledo or coming Detroit SWP

contend with.

week gave full support to the

Socialist Workers Party's fight

against eviction from its head-

In a letter to Arthur Burch,

SWP Detroit organizer, Martel

declared his opposition to at-

antees to other people," Martel

wrote, "and this includes free-

dom of assembly and freedom

of speech: and there is nothing

in the Constitution that tells

where they shall meet and

its fight for its democratic

added "the rest of us in the

any assistance to your group in

Martel's expression of solidar-

reached the SWP from promi-

nent union leaders and militant

workers in the Detroit area. (A

further report on recent state-

ments appears on page 2 of this

Hear Dobbs Oct. 10

Farrell Dobbs, SWP candi-

date for Governor of New

York, will discuss the Dem-

ocratic Party conspiracy

against democratic rights over

Station WJZ, 770 on the dial,

Thursday, Oct. 10, 10:45 p.m.

this matter."

where they shall not meet."

"white" neighborhood.

quarters at 6108 Linwood Ave.

rective action by federal and

Organized in the Housewives

Emergency Committee. the wo-

men demanded that the Mayor

seizure of the meat industry and

the operation of the packing

plants under the control of the

unions to insure a steady supply

of meat at prices the majority

of the people can afford to pay.'

the Mayor to "appoint an emer-

gate every ounce of meat now in

into the city and to guarantee

that this meat be equitably dis-

Thoroughly aroused by the

to those who most need it."

ORGANIZE ACTION

city officials.

lies without meat." The Mayor and City Manager beat a hasty retreat and anthe Committe, headed by Mrs. Alice Patton, arrived. But the housewives made their presence felt with loud protests and succeeded in getting a meeting with the City Manager's secretary and an interview with the press at which they voiced their demands. The local press gave considerable space to the protest demonstration and the Committee's program. It also announced that the Mayor had consented to meet with the Committee spokesmen

The Housewives Emergency Committee is not letting the matter drop with a demonstration, it was announced to the press after the meeting with the City Manager's secretary.

RADIO APPEAL The Committee plans to appeal for support of its program by the whole labor movement in To-

ledo, and a volunteer committee to make the appeal to the unions is already at work. In addition, the Committee is planning to appear before the

City Council next Monday in order to demand the Council's support of its program.

"Just where does private proerty get the right to deprive us

Beating Drum With Both Arms

TO BAR MINORITY PARTIES

DEMOCRATS CONSPIRING

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Workers Of The World, Unite!

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Fight The Conspiracy!

An Editorial -

tempts made by reactionary and The Democratic Party has thrown all democratic prefascist elements to evict the Sotenses to the wind. It is hell-bent to deprive not one or KANGAROO COURT cialist Workers Party on the even two, but EVERY minority party of its constitutional grounds that Negroes attend its rights, by having them ruled off the New York state balmeetings, at the headquarters in

The Wall Street bullies are on the rampage. Their "The Constitution of the United States guarantees to Ne- motto is "get tough"—"get tough" in foreign policy and groes the same rights it guar- "get tough" at home—tough to the labor movement, to fore a Mississippi court, racial minorities and to the workers' democratic rights.

Labor's immense power and solidarity has frustrated the direct assaults of the union-busters and labor-haters. But Wall Street and its Democratic and Republican flunkeys are aiming flank attacks, seeking a weak spot in Democratic candidate for State labor's defense.

He urged the SWP to continue The entire Democratic Party-not just its ultra-reactionary wing—is behind the conspiracy to knock the Sorights, to "see that this (eviccialist Workers Party and three other minority parties off tion) does not happen," and the New York ballot. Tammany Hall, through Mayor out that, according to law, hear-O'Dwyer's Executive Secretary, Louis Cohen, prepared the ings on independent nominating community should stand with action. Boss Flynn's stooge and Democratic candidate, Spencer Young, initiated the case. The leading Demo-Martel invited the SWP to Spencer Young, initiated the case. The leading Demo-cratic candidates, Mead and Lehman, give consent by LaGuardia Condemns Attempt call upon him if he could be "of silence. And Wall Street puts up the money for the Democrats to hire nine corporation lawyers and buy up "witnesses" for court action. ity is one of scores which have

As for the Republicans, their Secretary of State, who originally certified all the minority parties on the ballot, has proclaimed his "neutrality" in the court case.

Most shameful of all is the attitude of such self-claimed progressive parties as the American Labor and Liberal Parties. Both support the Democratic candidates. Neither has raised its voice against the Democratic conspiracy.

American workers have cause for alarm-and action. After opposition parties are eliminated, there remains only difficult, if not impossible, inthe "Ja" vote like under Hitler. Then come rule by decree, forced labor, storm troopers and, finally, concentra-

tion camps. Wall Street's Democratic conspiracy to kill democratic

rights in New York must be smashed. Working-class solidarity, action and protest can nip this plot in the bud.

Stalin Knifes Struggle Against War

The effect of Stalin's statethe fight against war.

The write-in campaign for lin evades discussion of the im-

day and night to create a stock- prevent war?

the Republican candidate Herb- thing else, a stab in the back to pile of atomic bombs for use in member of the Seafarers Inter- lomacy are largely devoted to awful power of this weapon on national Union, stated that the the propaganda preparations for the ground that other countries campaign would be conducted war against the USSR, Stalin will soon discover its secrets and primarily around the issue of in- brushes aside the danger of a that its use will be prohibited

> What would happen if Stalin's USSR with military bases, Sta- can abolish the causes of war?

If there is no danger of a new tic and international fronts.

By George Breitman velopment testifies to the hos- about it? If there can be friend- ed about the threat of another tility between the USSR and the ly and lasting cooperation be- war. The statement is intended to throwing candidates off the balment in answer to a British capitalist powers, Stalin states tween the USSR and the capital-still their discontent on this lot." Lausche, are forced to hide their newspaperman's questions on he believes unconditionally in the list powers, then war is not an inheads in shame after the kicking Sept. 24 is far more important possibility of friendly and last- evitable result of capitalism; in Soviet Union cannot be encircled around they got from him. Neith- than the reasons why Stalin ing cooperation between them. that case, why is it necessary to and that Stalin's policy will avert While the imperialists work abolish capitalism in order to war.

> By spreading these treacherous a war that can destroy civiliza- ideas, Stalinism serves to disarm that despite its reaffirmation of While U. S. and British dip- tion, Stalin tries to belittle the and disorient the workers in the the get-tough policy in the Walstruggle against war. Thus Sta- lace incident, Stalin is still willlinism gives objective aid to the ing to make a deal with the imwarmongers and undermines the perialists in return for certain revolutionary defense of the Soviet Union.

Stalin's aim in making this aims is secondary in this place. the candidates of several inde-While U. S. and British im- teachings were accepted by the statement was undoubtedly to The fact is that Stalinism mis- pendent parties or independent their views known to the politiperialism have surrounded the workers of the world, who alone serve the purposes of the Soviet leads the workers and diverts groups. Whether we like these cal leaders or bosses in plain, unbureaucracy on both the domes- them from the necessary anti- parties or groups, or whether dersta dable language. Later on,

On the international front it is intended to notify Washington concessions.

war struggles at the same time we intend to vote for any of their let's all get together and do a On the home front the Soviet that the dismissal of Wallace has candidates, has no bearing on real job on revising the election

While every international de- to be prohibited, then why worry age and must be deeply concern- See Page 3 for other articles. these candidates. Yet, their right can control this situation.

Plot To Throw SWP Ticket, 3 Other Parties Off Ballot

As we go to press decision is pending from the Court of Appeals in Albany presided over by Judge James P. Hill, on the Democratic Party action to remove the Socialist Workers Party and three other minority parties from the ballot. The appeals Court has instructed Judge William H. Murray, the Democratic stooge, to show cause why the case should not be transferred from his court in Try to another court in Albany where the case legally belongs. The action was instituted by attorneys for the Communist Party but it has been joined in by the Socialist Workers Party and the two other parties affected.

By George Clarke

TROY, N. Y., Sept. 30-The State Supreme Court hearing here on the Democratic Party's appeal to rule minority parties off the ballot is one of the foulest conspiracies against democratic rights in New York history. One has to go back 25 years for anything resembling it. At that time, after World War I, Democrats and Republicans

ganged up on nine duly® elected Socialists and where they were filed. They furkicked them out of the ther pointed out that Judge Mur-State Assembly.

A day in the courtrooom here would convince even a political infant that the decision to bar the Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist), the Communist tered some incomprehensible le-Party (Stalinist), the Socialist Labor Party, and the Socialist Party.from the ballot has already been signed-sealed-and-delivered

The proceedings are conduct-

ed in strictly kangaroo court style. The four parties have about as much chance for justice here as a Negro on trumpedup rape charges would have be-

This was clear from the moment the hearing opened in Judge William H. Murray's court on the petition of Spencer Young, Comptroller. The first skirmish came over a motion of defense attorneys to change the venue of the hearing from Rennselaer to Albany County. They pointed

ray was known to be prejudiced. as he had ruled the Communist Part; off the ballot on similar grounds in 1940. The judge mut-(Continued on Page 6)

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To Bar Minorities From Ballot

A strong attack on the attempts to bar four minority parties, including the Socialist Workers Party, from the New York State ballot was made by former Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia in his PM column on Sept. 29.

"Unreasonable requirements" for independent nominating peti- to be on the ballot cannot and tions, says LaGuardia, are put should not be questioned . . . in the law "intentionally to make dependent nominations by petitions. What the Legislature forgets the courts remember."

LaGuardia derides the spectacle of judges sitting on cases involving these petitions. He describes their "afr of solemnity" and the "pretended attitude that these judges know nothing about the workings of political machines" while they go ahead and 'complete the job of disfranchising thousands of citizens and

NO IMPARTIALITY

partiality" in these cases.

But speculation about Stalin's ing to eliminate from the ballot not intend to vote for any of

"There are many ways to restrict free citizens from exercis-

ing the highest Constitutional

right of the franchise. Some do it by the use of a shotgun; others by the more refined weapon of a judicial decree." LaGuardia describes a number of the technicalities that may be

used, and reports on the development in the current attempt to bar four minority parties from the ballot. Then he concludes: CLOSE ALLIANCE "The best thing the Democra-

tic Party can do in this State this year . . . is to withdraw all protests that are based on these technicalities. The best thing "I cannot think of a single ex- that the Republican Party can ception, at the moment, sitting do is to withdraw moral support (on the bench) who was not to this fight and publicly dispicked by the leaders or bosses avow any connection with the of a political party and then cases now pending. I say, from presented to the voters," La- my own experience of many years. Guardia declares in dismissing that when it comes to independthe "assumed atmosphere of im- ent nominations and independent voting, there is a very close alli-"This year," he continues, "the ance in this State between the Democrats are moving and seek- two major parties.

"In the meantime, let all right-minded Americans make

"Only the people themselves

Pittsburgh Labor Smashes Power Strike Injunction; Rubber Workers Pittsburgh Labor Smasnes Power Strike Injunction, Set Stage For Mayor Begs Court To Dissolve Order He Initiated Action On Wages

street car workers struck after do refuse." they heard the sentiments of rid-

This explosive outburst by of eight month's duration. Three times before, the power workers had gone on strike or threatened to strike for their just wage demands and decent working con-

After giving Democratic Mayor Lawrence a three-day notice, the judges even refused to fix bail. power workers first struck on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The strike was halted after one hour by the issuance of a temporary injunction against "both" the union and company by Judge John Smart of the State Superior Court on the appeal of Mayor Lawrence, a Democrat elected with labor's votes.

The power workers union then decided to hold up their strike and appear in mass at the injunction hearing Tuesday morn-

COURT HEARING

At 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, 2,500 power workers jammed the As the judges proceeded to con- that same night. vert the "impartial" hearing in- PRESS GLEEFUL to an open attack on the union the workers mounted.

the judges extended the temporary injunction. Then they went to work on Mueller. They called him back to the stand and ar-

Then the presiding judge asked: "Do you refuse to call off this strike as far as your authority It was a closed meeting of the

dreds of students from other 9-

The immediate cause of the

walkout was an abrupt increase

of about 50 per cent in food

prices at the school cafeteria.

Whe high-handed, dictatorial

Principal J. Ray Stine refused to

allow student spokesmen to state

their grievances at an assembly,

the week. More than 600 stud-

ents refused to return to classes

until something was done to re-

duce food prices, guarantee free-

student government, to prevent

All strikers have been read-

mitted except George Chomalou,

their leading spokesman. He was

summarily expelled two days be-

fore the walkout as a "trouble-

maker." He is strongly supported

by the students, their parents,

and numerous other people in

the community. Leading CIO of-

ficials here are also being brought

Chomalou. The Board of Edu-

case Sept. 30.

reprisals against the strikers.

100 students walked out.

five-day strike.

STRIKE GROWS

600 Militant Akron Students

this brazen threat to labor's to call off a strike without the rights was angrily discussed. The vote of the union, answered: "I

GETS THE BOOK

Promptly, the judges threw the Pittsburgh labor climaxed a fight book at him, charged him with "contempt" and immediately sentenced him to a year in jail. He was hauled off to Allegheny County Jail right then and there. Representatives of the AFL Electrical Workers offered \$10,000 cash bail on the spot. But the

> Drunk with their judicial power, the judges then threatened the other nine members of the strike committee with the same treatment if they "do not call off the strike by 10 a.m. tomorrow."

Announcement of Mueller's imprisonment brought forth a tremendous shout of anger from the thousands of workers at the court house. With a roar, "We want Mueller!" they surged toward the court house doors. Mounted police, wheeling their horses against the crowd, pressed

With a threat of penitentiary sentences, the judges forced the strike leaders to agree to "recomcourt. All had been named as mend" the calling off of the defendants in the court order. strike at a membership meeting

This travesty of justice inside president, Mueller, the wrath of the courtroom was welcomed with gleeful howls by the jackal Brushing aside both the state boss press. They had the strike and federal anti-injunction laws, virtually over in headlines, even before the workers had met to hear the proposal.

The proposal which the judges and city officials demanded the rogantly demanded that he apo- workers accept, was a company logize to the court for his public offer of only a five per cent raise. attack on the injunction. The This proposal had been cooked defense attorney's attempts to up in a secret chamber session consult with Mueller during this of judges, company and city ofunexpected proceeding we're ficials. The judges ordered the taking up the challenge. summarily ruled out by the strike committee to report this miserly offer favorably to the membership-or go to jail.

That night, 2,500 workers jammed the Carnegie Music Hall. union. The meeting started off Mueller, who had no authority orderly. Each of the strike com-

Roving bicycle pickets — the stu

The school cafeteria operates

at a profit, Students say it costs

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The school does not utilize the

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meal, on the pretext that this

would prevent them from provid-

ing a variety of food. This lame

excuse was blasted by the strik-

iety is from bad to worse.

and determination.

The Pittsburgh branch of the Socialist Workers Party has moved to new headquarters at 1418 Fifth Ave., 2nd floor. Discussions on current topics held on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. 3:30 p.m. Militant readers and friends invited.

Pittsburgh Readers

mittee members rose and formally carried out the formal instructions of the court. But the members understood what was really in the strike leaders' hearts.

MUELLER COMES IN

A repeated shout rose: "We want Mueller!" And Mueller came in. The judges, fearing that only the presence and statement of Mueller could induce the workers to go back to work, released him temporarily to attend the

He was greeted by a tremendous and heart-warming ovation. Then, amidst sudden quiet, he repeated the formula that the judges had forced into his mouth.

The workers refused even to consider the company's offer. With indignation they lashed back at the employer-dominated court. They passed a motion by a more than four-to-one majority that: "We will not consider the company's offer until the injunction is dissolved."

Back to the court went the strike leaders. They carried with them the message that the legal threats and mumbo-jumbo of the courts had not frightened the power workers. They were

COURT RETREATS

Now it was time for the court to begin its retreat. The attempt at judicial strikebreaking had not only failed - it had made the workers firmer and bolder. Seeing the turn of the tide, the Judges did not even dare to hold Mueller. already sentenced to No Progress At prison and serving his term. They backed down on the threats to backed down on the threats to eased Mueller in the custody of his own lawyer.

Win Demands In 5-Day Strike Next morning, the sympathy strikes began to snow-ball. By AKRON, O., Sept. 26-The largest, most militant and 11 a.m., 70,000 workers had albest organized student strike in Akron's history ended toready walked out. The Pittsburgh CIO Council, AFL central labor day with most of its demands won. Over 600 students of Central High School, supported by their parents and hun- body and Railroad Brotherhoods had scheduled a special joint high schools, took part in the demonstrations and picket lines. conference to discuss united anti - injunction action. 'Ten thousand workers marched dents' flying squads - patrolled around the courthouse. Bannerthe school area. Frequent mass bearing District 18 CIO Steelmeetings, sometimes three a day. workers marched through the expressed the strikers' solidarity court-house halls, shouting:

> "Junk Injunction!" At about one o'clock, a court clerk came down to the steps of the court house. The crowd surrounded him. On the bulletin board of the court house he posted the notice the workers had demanded: Injunction dissolved!

A thunderous cheer sounded. The militancy, the united power of labor had crashed through the legal fictions of the court. Mueller had called — and they had made the injunction — a scrap

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CHOMALOU SPEAKS of paper! Chomalou clearly expressed

the students' thoughts at a meeting Thursday night.

"When the government wanted us to go to war, we were told that we were men," he said. "Now we are treated like little children and told that we cannot even present our point of view.

"We are not satisfied with all into the movement to reinstate this and it is up to us as the young generation to change some cation is scheduled to hear his of the ancient ideas and help create the kind of world that we

The strike matched in militant really want." spirit the traditional qualities of His remarks were greated with the Akron labor movement. prolonged applause. A victory There were numerous parades, dance closed the meeting.

The strike grew throughout nine cents from the price of a

dom of expression for a strong ers, who show that the only var-

Workers Cheer Mueller



George L. Mueller (center) is cheered by jubilant memrs of the Independent Assn. of Duquesne Light Company in Pittsburgh, after their militant struggle won his release from jail and ended the anti-strike injunction.

lands," Ollman said. "With win-

cattle normally keep packing-

house beef operations at a peak

during the autumn, but tens of

thousands of slaughter cattle now

are being withheld from the mar-

"They are being diverted from

slaughter pens to packer-control-

led feed lots as stockers and feed-

ers. This double-shuffle is de-

signed to create such a demand

from the meat-hungry populace

Altnow himself bore out Oll-

man's statement when he report-

ed publicly that steers weighing

as much as 1,300 pounds are be-

ing sold as "feeders," while nor-

mally feeders are bought at only

Packers in South St. Paul tried

feebly to defend themselves

against the union's devastating

charges by claiming that a de-

mand for heavy feeders between

1,200 and 1,400 pounds has grown

up in recent years. Upon further

questioning, however, they ad-

mitted that this demand does

not run to more than five per

cent of the total flow of such

In the meantime, cattle have

been arriving in South St. Paul

markets in record-breaking num-

bers. On Monday, 13,000 Mon-

tana and Dakota cattle were

herded into stockyard pens -

one, of the biggest September

runs in history and highest in

six years. With no ceiling prices

on stockers and feeders, packers

are buying cattle by thousands

and holding them for future pro-

Thousands of packinghouse

workers are laid off throughout

the country. While UPWA un-

ions are in new contract nego-

tiations, the packers are using

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inghouse workers, but against the

(See Editorial on Meat Famine,

The Toledo Branch of the

Socialist Workers Party has

moved to temporary head-

quarters located at 370 West

Bancroft, Tel. ADams 2304.

union in the negotiations.

the meat-buying public."

Toledo Readers

cessing at their own prices.

about 400 pounds.

finally slaughtered."

people.'

UPWA-CIO Leader Blasts Meat Barons For Shortage

By Barbara Bruce (Special to The Militant)

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 25-Joseph Ollman, District Director of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, today charged that meat packing interests are deliberately holding back livestock from the slaughter houses in order to extort exorbitant prices when it is finally turned into | fat cattle on western grazing

This was the UPWA leader's ter coming on, cattle can no longanswer to the claim made by er be kept on the range. These Earl Altnow, secretary of the St. Paul Food Retailers Association, that the present meat famine s caused by black market oper-

There is no shortage of grass-

CIO-PAC Merger

DETROIT, Mich.-Amalgamation of the Wayne County CIO Council and the Wayne County Political Action Committee was accomplished at least on paper at a one-day convention in Detroit last month. The Reutherites, who control the Wayne County PAC, still refuse to recognize or abide by the decisions of the convention.

The convention itself had been looked to as the sparring ring for control of the merged organization. However, the showdown failed to materialize. A majority of the Reutherite delegates and all their leaders boycotted the convention.

They charged it was a "communist plot" to rule the newly formed Wayne County CIO-Council-PAC. They also maintained that the convention was being called without the sanction of the national CIO.

STOMP OUT

Fourteen of the Reutherite delegates indignantly stomped out early in the morning sessions. protesting the seating of delegations from Ford Local 600 and Packard Local 190, both Stalinist-dominated. From then on in. the Stalinist machine gathered steam, and by the end of the afternoon session the throttle was wide open and the machine hell-bent for the election of "prolabor" Democrats.

The "third party idea" was bitterly assailed in a resolution presented by the leadership, calling for the support of Murray Van Wagoner for Governor and all other "pro-labor" Democrats. Erwin Baur, UAW Local 306 delegate, roused the floor with a ringing demand for the formation of a Labor Party. He cited the damning record of the 79th Congress and its 90-odd PACendorsed members. "Labor must learn to depend on its own power," he said. "It must elect men responsible only to labor." Some of the other delegates arose to

echo these sentiments. UAW Vice-President Richard T. Leonard was soon on his feet, hotly denouncing "any third party at the present time. We must support all liberals and progressive Democrats." he said. "A labor party is impractical."

With the Stalinists agreeing. the original resolution was adopted almost unanimously. supposed to

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Angers Workers Of Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27-

to, union leaders.

SHOWN UP

he himself is trying to "eat away" ers was made while he was trying to gain a bit of pre-election political capital by accusing the Duquesne Light Company of charging excessive rates for street lighting

ng yesterday at the court house, angry workers button-holed Democratic politicians and officeseekers with demands that Lawence be ditched.

Spontaneous political gatherings on the sidewalks reminded the Democratic politicians that Pressley McCance, head of Duquesne Light, had contributed \$5.000 for Lawrence's last election campaign.

up the situation, now that the injunction has been smashed by Pittsburgh labor. The Democratic Party depends heavily on PAC an aggressive wage program support. And there are indications that they will continue to get such support from the top

extracted when these cattle are ting fed up with these "friends of labor" like Lawrence who in a rc I crisis always serve the in-Exposing the real role of the profit-hungry packers, Ollman said: "All of the talk about black market operations serves only to the attention away from the real situation. The facts are that the so-called legitimate businesses, the packing corporations, the banker-owned cattle associations and the livestock speculators, are imposing an artificial

Mayor Lawrence

strikebreaking action of Democratic Mayor David L. Lawrence in initiating the injunction against the striking power work-

Last month in a speech at the CIO Steelworkers District 18 conference, Lawrence even spoke about the need for labor to be "vigilant" against the reactionaries or labor's gains would be 'gradually eaten away."

His anxiety to serve the utiliies interests has now shown that abor's rights. Ironically, Lawrence's attack on the power work-

that extravagant prices can be But the union ranks are getmeat famine on the American

(Special to The Militant)

Lawrence, boss of the local Democratic machine, was elecorganized labor, including the CIO Political Action Committee. He has based his political has enjoyed the confidence of the

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Democrats are trying to patch

The 11th Annual Convention of the CIO United Rubber Workers, which concluded its sessions Sept. 21 in San Francisco, failed to adopt a clear cut policy to solve the work-

ers' economic and political problems. Nevertheless, an important

step towards a resolute struggle on the wage question was taken when the convention voted to set Labor here is seething at the up a permanent wage-policy committee, to meet Oct. 21, instructed to draw up wage demands and push for an industrywide wage program.

The convention resolutions committee pigeon-holed resolutions calling for the formation ted with the official backing of of a labor party. It adopted a comparatively innocuous resolution that called for the CIO to "strengthen its ties with other strength on labor support and liberal and progressive forces for the eventual establishment of a political party which will more truly represent the interests of the American people." Meanwhile, the resolution provides for continuation of the PAC policy of supporting politicians of the two old capitalist parties.

WAGE POLICY

The setting up of the wage policy committee was the most important achievement of the convention. Similar in set-up to the policy committee of the United Mine Workers, it provides machinery to press for uniform industry-wide wage and contractual demands. Made up of elected representatives of all local unions, the policy committee will make it possible for the sentiments of the rank and file to be expressed. It will no doubt develop into a body of great au-

Although the international executive board must approve decisions of the policy committee, the committee's representative character and weight will make it difficult for the international officers to avoid carrying out its decisions.

When the policy committee meets in October the locals in Akron and elsewhere will undoubtedly push for adoption of which calls for a rising -scale escalator clause to meet rising living costs. It is considered a certainty that the first policy committee session will re-open the wage question with the Big Four rubber companies.

While the international officers who sponsored the policy terests of the private utilities committee may have been partly and other corporation monopol- motivated by a desire to postists. Caught between an openly pone the wage question and avoid labor-hating Republican govern- a convention discussion on it, present the rubber union. or and a treacherous Democra- nevertheless the committee cantic mayor, Pittsburgh workers not be considered from this narare beginning to say: "We're row viewpoint of convention sick of both boss parties. What strategy. It is a democratic and we need is our own labor party | healthy step and should be supported as such. Those who may

have believed that the policy committee strategy was a handy device to side-track the Akron locals at the convention may well find it will provide the militant local unions with an authoritative means of pushing for a progressive wage program.

DUES QUESTION

The battles at the convention centered around the dues question and the issue of limiting the power and tenure of Stalinist Organizational Director N. H. Eagle. The progressive elements were badly split on the dues question. The final decision to raise the dues to \$1.50 instead of to \$2 as proposed by the Laws Committee. was considered a compromise. There is no question but that the dues increase is very unpopular with the rank and file. They feel that they do not want to entrust additional funds to the international officers. The "No" vote was an expression of distrust of the leadership. Should the union embark on a militant wage program, this opposition to

higher dues would fade away. Closely tied to the militants' opposition to the dues increase was their determination to clip the wings of Organizational Director Eagle and his staff of field organizers. For too long now Eagle and his staff have been free to carry on their campaign of vilification, dividing the big Akron locals from the smaller locals in the rubber union who are serviced by Eagle's staff.

The convention adopted, after a considerable battle, the famous resolution No. 50 amended to read. "A general organization director shall be appointed yearly by the General President subject to approval by the General Executive Board. The year of office shall expire January 1 of each year.'

BASIS FOR OUSTER

Innocuous as this may seem, it provides the basis for Eagle's ouster. Previously his office was appointed for an indeterminate term. It is now mandatory for URWA President Buckmaster to make a new appointment. The Akron locals, supported by many outlying locals, have urged Buckmaster to appoint a progressive unionist who will genuinely re-

Should Eagle be summarily fired, it is doubtful that the Stalinists could do much about it. Their weak base rests almost entirely upon a few small locals

and the appointed staff. The top officers were re-elected. Two candidates. George Bass. of Goodrich Local 5, and Claude Wisdom, an international organizer of Local 58, ran against Vice-President H. R. Lloyd. As the result of a split among the progressive delegates on the dues question, they did not unite in running officers and this in large

measure explains their defeat. If they do not bloc together. they cannot beat the combination of conservative forces. This lesson has been brought home in one convention after another. The problem still remains: to unite a serious, progressive bloc based on a fighting program and pledged to act together. The General Executive Board was shaken up and the new board is considered to be more progressive than the old. It is now a mixture of Buckmaster supporters, Stalinists and independ-

ent progressives. The rubber convention allowed itself to be side-tracked from the great historic tasks of the day. It dissipated its energies in futile struggles for office and corridor power-politics divorced from program. If a new leadership is to arise and if the rubber union is to fulfill its destiny. those who seek to change the top structure of the union must arm themselves with a program that will inspire confidence and serve as a rallying point for all the best elements in the union.

A militant opposition cannot arise by hiding its program under a bushel. The Akron locals are armed with a program but their tactics have not been equal to the program. This is the lesson they must absorb.

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made by prominent labor and progressive leaders against the attempt to evict the Socialist Workers Party from its Detroit Headquarters on the ground that Negroes attend the SWP meet-Scholle said: "The attempt to

More Detroit CIO Leaders

Hit Attempt To Oust SWP

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 20-Michigan CIO Council Pres-

ident August Scholle and B. E. Gangle, President of Local

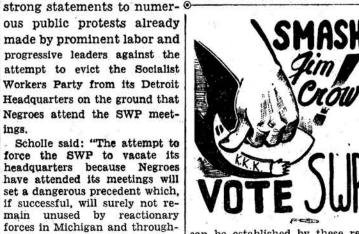
262. CIO United Automobile Workers, today added their

force the SWP to vacate its headquarters because Negroes have attended its meetings will set a dangerous precedent which, if successful, will surely not remain unused by reactionary forces in Michigan and throughout the country. "The Michigan CIO has al-

ways opposed the use of the zoning laws to enforce discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed or political affiliation. We condemn the present use of the zoning laws to throttle the legitimate activities of the Socialist Workers Party." B. E. Gangle declared: "As

President of Local 262, UAW-CIO, with a membership of 2.000 members. I want to add my shameless maneuvering on the protest against the forces within the City of Detroit who are banded together in a reactionary drive to force the Socialist Worksmall meat packer, the working ers Party from its headquarters farmer, the retail butcher and at 6108 Linwood.

"The latest form of attack that of trying to force the Socialist Workers Party to vacate its premises because Negroes attend 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 icopardized if such a precedent



can be established by these reactionary forces."

Previously UAW-CIO President Walter Reuther, Vice-President R. J., Thomas and Secretary-Treasurer George F. Addes, and scores of local union officials denounced this attempt to oust the SWP from its headquarters. Hundreds of neighborhood

esidents are adding their protests to those of the labor movement by signing petitions circulated by the SWP. The petitions, addressed to the Mayor, the Common Council and City Departments state that "free speech and assembly should be guaranteed to everyone irrespective of race, color, creed or political affiliation."

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(Resolution adopted in June, 1946 by the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International.)

The American and British imperialists who waged the war supposedly to "extirpate fascism from the world" and for "democracy" have, since the end of hostilities, undertaken no decisive action to overturn Franco.

On the contrary, they have directly or indirectly curbed all attempts that presume in any manner to place Franco in difficulty, or to precipitate the fall of his regime.

This conduct is explained by their two-fold fear: 1, of seeing a new hearth of revolution rise up in Europe and 2, of losing, on the other hand, a powerful sector in the diplomatic and strategic encirclement they pursuc in relation to the USSR and its zone.

For these reasons, they hypocritically pretend not to interfere in the internal affairs of Spain (at the very moment when their armies occupy and oppress an extensive series of countries in the world). They are determined to maintain Franco in power as long as possible, while preparing two forms of rule in case they are forced to replace him. One is the "monarchist" (Don Juan) and the other "democratic" (Giral), and they will choose between them according to the circumstances characterizing the eventual departure of Franco.

The "socialist" parties, when they are not the direct executors of this policy, like the British Labor Party leaders, support it indirectly by reposing confidence in the "democratic" intentions of the London and Wall Street governments, and refraining from any appeal to the direct action of the world working class.

The Soviet bureaucracy and the "Communist" parties, on the other hand, have an evident interest in the immediate fall of Franco and his anti-Soviet encirclement of Anglo-American im-

But, bound down by their whole policy of class collaboration, the "Communist" parties are incapable of drawing the world proletariat Fight Rages into direct action against Franco. They content themselves with putting pressure on the capitalist governments-whose skeleton they often constitute — to "break with Franco." Only the Fourth International which is not tied to any possessing class or to any privileged caste can mobilize the world working class and summon it to systematic action of solidarity with the Spanish proletariat.

Franco will be overturned only through the action of the world proletariat coming to the tri-partisan formula (MRP, aid of the Spanish proletariat which carries on Communist Party, Socialist Parts struggle in the underground.

The solidarity of the world working class should be manifested by the economic blockade of fascist Spain, by boycott of all trade with Franco, by all sailors, longshoremen and railway workers, also by the immediate and direct mobilization of the workers in the form of a general protest strike against every new crime of the executioner of the Spanish Revolution.

Our sections ought constantly to maintain the concern of the working class for Spain, to propagate systematically the idea of an economic blockade and to seize every opportunity to pro- this purpose. pose to all workers' organizations the united front for common action to overthrow Franco and allow the Spanish Revolution to resume its

Stalin's Statement Denying War Danger Recalls His Record Of False Prophecies

"I do not believe in the danger of a new war," Stalin declared Sept. 24. "We should distinguish between the loud rumors which are going the rounds about a new war and the real danger of a new war, which today does not exist."

If this latest augury of the "genius-like" oracle of the Kremlin is as accurate as his previous divinations, war can be expected to break out any time.

From 1935 to 1939, for instance, Stalin proclaimed that a coalition between the workers and the capitalists in the "democratic" countries would prevent war and an imperialist attack on the Soviet Union. In those countries this line meant giving up the struggle for socialism and subordinating the interests of the everything he had said and signfascism and paved the way for attack on the Soviet Union. the Second World War.

working class to those of a cap- ed a pact with Hitler. He proitalist rulers — a fatal policy phesied that it would guarantee Pravda declared: "The pact is Then the "genius-like" oracle an instrument of peace which of the Kremlin flew in the face of is called upon not only to

STALIN

Stalin Peddles Line The CP **Condemned As "Browderism"**

How does the line advanced by Stalin Sept. 24 correspond with the differences between Browder and Foster openly peddled the virtues of which have torn the Communist (Stalinist) Party in this Wall Street, fought for the nocountry for more than a year?

"Browder revised and aban-"profoundly anti-Marxist . .

unreconstructed revisionist, as a social-imperialist, as an enemy finance - monopoly - capital of the working class. He re- in the United States." mains a renegade and his policies remain those of an apologist for American imperialism."

SAME AS STALIN'S

same as those now pronounced military and political adventurby Stalin! A comparison of what ers who are talking of a new they advocate will reveal this war today, and their many folbeyond all dispute.

The Daily Worker of Aug. 14, lists as No. 1 deviation of Browder: "No exposure of and not certain naive politicians . . even a reference to American im- We should distinguish between dangerous factor in world af- which today does not exist." fairs . . .

Now compare this with Stalin's affirmation: "I don't think the ruling circles of Great Britain and the United States could mind. Browder, says the Daily create a capitalistic encirclement of the USSR even if they had wished to do so. But I cannot affirm that they want to."

Isn't Stalin like Browder "covering up" this "major and fails to mention altogether, that most dangerous factor in world

Browder's No. 2 deviation: "No exposure of the fact that it is the imperialist offensive of the Anglo-American bloc, led by U. S. imperialism, that is responsible for the hostile policies of the two governments to the Soviet Union . . .

ISN'T STALIN AS GUILTY

AS BROWDER? Put this alongside what Stalin says: "Indeed, I am convinced of the possibility of friendly elations between the USSR and "ritain." And as for "peaceful cooperation with the outside world," Stalin adds: "I don't doubt that the possibilities of peaceful cooperation, far from

decreasing, may even grow." Browder's No. 3 crime: "Admitting the existence of 'power- latest pronunciamento as the ful forces in the world which very height of genius and poliwant an Anglo-American war | tical wisdom!

doned Marxism," reads an of- | against the Soviet Union and are ficial statement of the Stalinist working tirelessly to bring this Secretariat in the April 30 Daily to pass,' Browder pretends not Worker. Browder's policies, ac- to notice the fact that the main cording to this document, are driving force behind this international reaction is American of the world have already been Browder was expelled . . . as an imperialism and the most reactionary and aggressive circles of

EYE TO EYE

Stalin and Browder see eye to eye on this question. Says, the Kremlin showed how wen But Browder's policies are the danger of a new war. It is only lowers among civil servants. They must have it so, if only to As a result of these factors, the frighten with the threat of war

perialism and its drive for world the loud rumors which are going domination but a deliberate cov- the rounds about a new war and ering up of this major and most the real danger of a new war,

How does Stalin differ from Browder on this question?

Even on the atom bomb, Browder and Stalin are of one Worker, "covers up the fact that it is this offensive of American imperialism, with its atom bomb diplomacy of threat and blackmail which Browder, by the way, is now endangering the peace of

the world." And here is what Stalin says: 'I do not consider the atom bomb to be a serious power, as certain political persons are wont to think. The atom bomb is meant to frighten the

weak-nerved . . . Thus if we apply to Stalin's line the criteria followed by the ironing band around the Soviet Secretariat of the Communist (Stalinist) Party of the USA, Stalin stands condemned as an 'unreconstructed revisionist, as a social-imperialist, as an enemy of the working class . . . an apologist for American imperial-

Foster and his clique, naturally, are drawing the only conclusion possible in a Stalinist Party. They are hailing Stalin's

strengthen good-neighborly relations between the USSR and Germany, but also to serve the tervention by adopting a firmer cause of the universal strength- attitude to the SP and the CP, ening of peace."

the Second World War broke out | main there. immediately; and the German gantic assault on the Soviet

However, the "genius-like" and stable.'

This was printed in the Daily Worker the day after Christmas in 1939'. Eighteen months later. that enormously strengthened peace and prevent an imperialist Hitler launched his long-planned attack on the degenerated we: kers' state.

Sta in then switched over to the Allied imperialists. In line with this deal he joined Churenill and Roosevelt at Teheran in repeating the lies of the imperia ist propagandists: "We are MRP was not at all happy about sure that our concord will make the developments. an enduring peace . .

Stalin dissolved the Comintern and his agent, Earl Browder, strike pledge and opposed any strikes in defense of the workers standard of living.

When Japan was defeated Stalin unctuously proclaimed "Now we can say that the conditions necessary for the peace won . . . The long-awaited peace for the nations of the whole world has come." (Sept. 2, 1945.)

HOSTILE CAMPS 1946, the "genius-like" oracle of the Fourth Republic. development of the world econemic and political forces on the basis of monopoly capitalism . . capitalist world is rent into two

hostile camps and war follows' War is inevitable so long as monopoly capitalism endures? That was seven months ago. Now all at once, the "genius-like" oracle of the Kremlin has pronounced that "the real danger of a new war . . . today does not

exist!' How this declaration squares with the realities of the postwar wor'd can be seen by the way the old colonial despots have waded through rivers of blood ism is an indispensable condition tive, many of the city's hometo regain the territories they lost during the war - the Dutch in danger of a Bonapartist dictat- is not uncommon to see very Indonesia, the British in Malava the French in Indo-China. It can be seen by the way Wall Street is backing the dictatorial rule of

Chiang Kai-shek in China. It can be seen, above all, by the way American imperialism is pressing relentlessly forward, moving its military bases to the other shores of the Pacific and tre Atlantic and tightening an Union preparatory to the Third Wcrld War.

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(Special to The Militant)

PARIS, Sept. 19-The Second Constituent Assembly approaches its end and the ty government) begins to be out-

In spite of the Stalinist brake, the working class is engaged in

a series of economic struggles. French capitalism more and more looks for a "strong state" and seeks to use the electoral campaign and the referendum on the proposed constitution to prepare the ground for it, utilizing the name of de Gaulle for

The latter, who pretended last June that he was leaving the political arena, has just made a series of speeches and statements directed against the proposed draft of the Constitution. He attacks the proposed constitution because it does not give greater power to the President of the Republic and because it

The MRP sought to take advantage of de Gaulle's first inboth of whom had already made How the pact served peace can numerous concessions to the be judged from the fact that MRP. But things could not re-

A former de Gaulle minister. imperialist armies knifed into Capitant, who was defeated in Poland, preparatory to the gi- the last election and is leader of the "Gaullist Union for the Fourth Republic," announced the opposition of this new ororacle of the Kremlin wrote a ganization to all constitutions, living conditions. warm letter to Von Ribbentrop, which do not agree with de declaring: "The friendship of Gualle's program, Capitant the peoples of Germany and the spoke even of civil war. De Soviet Union, cemented in blood, Gaulle has so far refused to pubhas all grounds to be prolonged licly approve or disapprove of Capitant's statements.

NEW SITUATION

At once, but in a whimpering tone, the SP and CP denounced the danger of this bid for dictatorial power. The openly reactionary Republican Liberty Party (PRL) welcomed the new sit-The Radical Socialists, uation. without taking an open stand, were not opposed to the bid of a Bonapartist candidate. But the

MRP leaders are finding it diffrom the SP and CP. For the MRP vote yes on the proposed expense of MRP and even to create a split in the MRP. To vote no would be equally difficult for tary slum dwellings. the MRP after its participation to the very end in drafting the constitution.

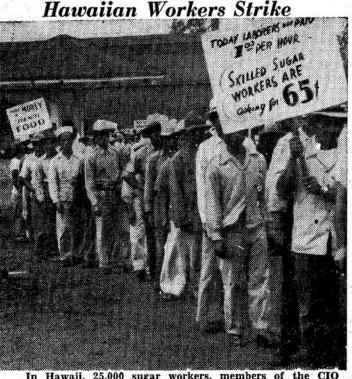
Today (Sept. 19) de Gaulle made a violent attack on the new constitution and called on the electorate to reject it, promising his support to any organiz-

The situation is still moving. war arose in reality," he said, be a successful polarization of their neighbors for "just a little tance of the issues before the "as the inevitable result of the reaction around de Gaulle at the water to wash our hands." present time. We are probably

for the working class. To make this struggle effect-

ive, it is necessary to break the in the "n. ones"-criminals and workers' parties from the MRP children, aged and insane, pregfor a real struggle against the less sleep on the streets, and it





In Hawaii, 25,000 sugar workers, members of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, walked off the plantations to demand a 65 cent minimum wage. The sugar planters, financed by Wall Street, have thus far refused to open negotiation meetings to the public, despite the

gives too loose a structure to the French empire. Poverty And Disease Ravage The Poor People In Mexico

By Betty Douglas (Special to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 21 — Last week six important taken a seat on the committee. Mexican cities were paralyzed for several days by strikes against British and American owned electric power plants. These strikes are but one?

to improve their miserable richest nation in the worls, the per cent have "no drinking water Mexican masses live in the most

abject poverty as a result of imperialist exploitation and the ings. They scarcely have the ecoprofiteering of the native capitalists. Every day the press reports an additional number of impending strikes. It each case the primary demand is for wage increases of

20 to 70 per cent to meet the increased cost of living. On Sept. 11 the Secretary of Labor admitted that wages have gone up only 61 per cent since 1939, while prices have risen 246 per

Aside from food, rent makes up the biggest item of a worker's budget, and the cost of apartments has risen as constitution means permitting grated to Mexico City, increasing the Gaullist Union, the PRL, or the housing shortage. Constantly some such group to grow at the mounting rents for apartments forced more and more workers to to 12 in the Salles des Horticulteurs. crowd into the old and unsani-

city at double its prewar figure. the water supply proved inadequate. Last, July a survey of houses in one section of the city Unite! Internationalist Comshowed that only the new, expensive apartments (not subject Five months later, on Feb. 9, ation backing his program for to rent control), had running water. The old, low-rent houses had no water at all, and the peo-Stalin: "I do not believe in the his prophecy had come true: "The but it is doubtful that there will ple who lived there had to beg derstood the profound impor-

> Thous .ds in Mexico City canwitnessing one of the first stages; not afford even these miserable capitalism still needs the official apartments, and have no homes workers' parties in the govern-ment. But, given the actual so-streets by day they take refuge 15 Candidates In cial tensions, events may well at night in the "mesones" or cial tensions, events may well at night in the "mesones" or clevelop faster than one suspects. Ceylon Election That is why a sharp struggle tavos they can rent a tattered against de Gaulle, his preten- and dirty fibre mat to sleep on. sions and the reactionary meas- Here several hundred men, womures he seeks to introduce into en and children sleep huddled the constitution is an urgent task | together c1 the cement floor of room whose capacity is 100. All types are thrown together

-which is in fact tied to de nant women and those with con-Gaulle. The rupture of tripart- tagious diseases. As an alternayoung children or women with babies sleeping, wrapped in newspapers, in the lee of a building. On the other hand, in Lomas de Chapultepec, a suburb of the city not far from these shameful conditions, are the extravagant and modern homes of Mexico's wealthy bureaucrats. Six thousand new millionaires were made during the war, and literally hundreds of palatial homes have been completed recently or are being constructed.

The contrast is even sharper when compared with the living conditions of the millions who live in rural communities. Here. some f the "homes" are one and two room adobe huts with dirt floors and no window panes. Many others are merely shacks, built of stones or pieces of wood, with poorly thatched roofs. These houses have but one room no sanitary facilities of any kind. parties.

Mexican workers are waging the family chickens and pigs. The Mexican magazine Hoy

states that 80 per cent of the population live in towns of less Despite being next door to the than 5,000 inhabitants. This 80 service, no drainage system,' and live in "unhealthy dwellnomic means to change their clothing once a year."

> Excelsior on Sept. 12 reported that of a total population of 20 million, 12 million people living in rural Mexico do not have electric power.

The effect of this complete lack of sanitation—lack of water. drainage and sewerage facilities -combined with insufficient high rate of disease and a life expectancy of well under 40 and replaced by the workers.

A significant experience in workers' administration of a factory in France during the past two years is reported in the June 14 and August 23 issues of La Verite, organ of the French Trotskyists. When the Nazis were driven out in the summer of 1944, the

mobile factory took over and of its 14 buildings there is a operated the plant. Berliet was notorious as an

exploiter of labor, sweating out millions in profits from the workers. During the Nazi occupation he continued to do a flourishing business. What incensed the workers most was the fact that he delivered the most militant anti-Nazi workers into concentration camps and death. Berliet and his sons were

among the many collaborators expelled from the plants by the workers. It was not until almost two years later, in June, 1946, that Berliet and his sons were finally "tried" by the present capitalist government. They were given only mild prison sentences. At the trial, the government confiscated only 20 per cent of the shares of the Berliet corporation. But 75 per cent of the shares still remains in the hands of the

CONTROL COMMITTEE

In September 1944, Yves Farge, Commissioner of the Republic, acting as government head, took over the factory and named an Administrator. After discussion with workers' representatives, he tipulated that this Administrator be supported by a consultative committee composed of a workers' representative, a representative of the technicians, and a representative of the public. The latter has never to this date The consultative committee

thus transformed itself into a Control Committee. At present indication of the struggle Often the house is shared with it comprises two workers' representatives, a representative of the unionized technicians, a representative of the unionized foremen and engineers, and the Administrator. Each morning the Control

Committee meets, discusses and makes decisions on questions of personnel, wages, production and the general conduct of the busi-In principle, this committee is

under the control of the rank and file. However, the Administrator appointed by the government is a Stalinist and the various committees are Stalinistdominated. These bureaucrats have constantly sought to check independent action of the workers. Despite this, the authorized and improper diets, is a very representative from the Montplaisir plant was twice recalled

workers of the Berliet auto- around 6,600 workers. In each Department Committee. These committees are formed by delegates from the workers and white collar employees. The delegates are elected by all the workers, whether or not they belong to the union. Once a month the Department Committees meet with the plant super-

intendent to discuss all ques-

tions, in particular production

and planning. Each Department Committee elects a representative to the Central Factory Committee. This Central Committee also includes two representatives of the foremen and a representative of the youth. In all, it is composed of 17 members. Every month the Control Committee reports to the Central Factory Committee.

The Central Factory Committee elected a secretary and set up 10 sub-committees. Each one of these includes delegates from the workers, technicians and foremen.

Among these sub-committees are the following:

1. A committee to deal with vorkers' promotions, apprenticeship, youth and upgrading.

2. A welfare committee which deals with vacations, camps, oldage pensions, rest homes, etc. 3. A committee to supervise

the application of collective agreements or contracts. 4. A committee on hygiene and plant safety.

5. A farm committee which nominates an administrator, who takes care of a farm of 200 hectares which raises food for the canteen.

6. A canteen committee. 7. A sports and recreation committee.

Especially important questions are first submitted to a meeting of all the delegates and trade union leaders - around 200 people.

CAPITALISTS FEARFUL

The French capitalists are fearful of the success of this experiment. They are trying to sabotage the plant's production through preventing the sending of raw materials, and through refusal to buy its products.

Despite these difficulties and the efforts of the Stalinist bureaucrats to check the development of workers' power in the factory, this experience indicates the correct road that workers should take in opposing the cap-The Berliet factory employs italist regime in the factories.

much as the cost of food. During the war many rural workers mile the war mile the war

PARIS, Sept. 21-The Third Convention of the Internationalist Communist Party was held here from Sept. 7 tion, however, rejected the re-

Red banners with the Trotsky-9ist insignia were posted on each convention and their signifi-With the population of the side of the platform. There were cance to the working class as two large portraits of Lenin and Trotsky, and a streamer with the "Workers of the World munist Party, French Section of the Fourth International."

Great enthusiasm and seriousness pervaded the convention. Every party activist present un-

Trotskyists Run

By V. Karalasingham (Special to The Militant)

BOMBAY, India, Sept. 17— The Trotskyists in Ceylon plan a full list of candidates in the coming election. A preliminary slate of 15 nominees has already been announced by the Ceylon Unit of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India, Section of the Fourth International.

The constituencies and the names of the candidates are as

Colombo North: Soma Wickamanayake. Colombo Central: M. Henry Peiris. Colombo South: Bernard Soysa. Welawatte-Galkissa: Dr. Colvin R. De Silva. Ambalangoda-Balapitiya: P. H. William de Silva. Badulla: J. C. T. Kotalwala. Haputale: A. Patchamuttu. Gampaha: Edmund Samarkody. Negombo: Dr. Hector H. Fernando. Kalutara: Cholmondeley Goonewardene. Kotagalla: S. Chelliah. Maskelliya: T. E. Pushparajan. Nuwara Eliya: Lorenz Perara. Bandarawela: Hector Abayawardena. Dehiowita: H. J. Dharmawar-

dena. The Ceylon Unit of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party announces that this list of candidates is subject to revision "if and when" any electoral agreement is reachfor the whole family, and have ed among the working class

a whole.

More than 150 delegates 103 with decisive votes — came from Alsace, Provence, Nord, Marne, Savoie, and other parts of France to actively participate n the Congress.

The Internationalist Communist Party was born in illegality in March 1944, after the fusion of the Internationalist Workers Party, the Internationalist Communist Committee and the October Group.

Some sessions of the Congress were open to the public.

GREAT PROGRESS The main impressions made by

these action-packed days, when all questions were thoroughly discussed, was of the great progress achieved by our French comrades in a little less than a year. Not only has the party recruited (particularly among the workers); not only has La Verite been increased in size: not only have our slogans been accepted by the workers in their struggles against the employers, but our comrades have been in the front lines of all the important battles of the French working class.

The report on party activities was presented by the General Secretary of the party, Marcel Favre-Bleibtreu, followed by a lively discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Congress recorded "the success gained in the campaign to legalize La Verite and the progress achieved in transforming this paper into a genuine weapon to aid the workers in the class struggle."

Among other successes recorded by the convention were: the party's campaign to raise a million francs and the party's work in the elections (where 45,000 workers voted for the Trotskvist ticket): the development of a revolutionary wing in the unions; and the growth of the party whose membership has increased by more than 50 per cent in the last seven months. The majority of the conven-

port on party activities on the grounds that the leadership had committed derelictions despite the progress made by the party.

Three tendencies took part in the political debate during a discussion which lasted almost two More than 80 comrades took

the floor. Most of them dealt with the application of the party's policy in their own work. Also participating in the discussion was a delegate from the International Secretariat, delegates from the Belgian, Dutch, Spanish, British, Irish and Swiss sections, and a delegate from the

Spanish group in Mexico. The remaining days were devoted to discussion of the USSR, the trade union question, reports of committees, etc. After five days of arduous and thorough work, the convention adjourned with the singing of The Internationale.

The Convention marked an important stage in the building of the revolutionary party in France. Almost all of the papers took note of it, with open or concealed hostility. The British. French and Belgian radios broadcast summaries of its main decisions.

The following were elected to the incoming Central Commit-

Yvan Craipeau, General Secretary; members, Beaufrere, Bleibtreu, Bloch, Darte, Demaziere, Filliatre, Forcada, Frank, Geoffroy, Lambert, Lenotre, Magneux, Magnien, Marcoux, Marin, Monnet, Montal, Morin, Privas, Schwartz, Severin, Soudran, Tidone, Vany.

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"War is a gigantic commercial enterprise, especially for the war industry. The 'Sixty Families' are therefore first-line patriots and the chief provocateurs of war. Workers' control of war industries is the first step in the struggle against the 'manufacturers' of

—Leon Trotsky

Keep Their Snouts Out!

Organized labor is getting a lot of free advice from the political flunkies of Big Business. They know all about what the unions need. And on every occasion possible they worm their way into labor gatherings and tell the unions what they should do. Always of course-for the unions' "own good."

Last week, one of Wall Street's government agents who is whooping it up for another World War shot off his mouth before the CIO Shipbuilding Workers convention. Undersecretary of War Kenneth C. Royall told the convention how "slow downs and strikes" are "threatening national defense." And his advice to the union was "purge the Communists."

It's something less than accidental that Big Business tools like Royall never come up with any sound advice on how the workers can defend their living standards and win better conditions. The Royalls have one song and always sing on the same key. All the unions need to do to get along fine is to purge the "reds"; divide the workers up; kick out the

Royall wasn't talking for his health. He had something special in mind. "Surely nothing could endanger us more in . . . a war than a country divided along ideological lines," Royall said. What he means is that Wall Street wants only one ideological line-its line of war preparations.

The unions don't need the kind of advice that comes from elements like Royall, whose purpose is to spread poison in the workers' ranks. The bosses figure there's nothing like a witch-hunt against the "reds" to keep the workers from paying attention to their real problems-the struggle against the corporation profiteers and warmongers.

Instead of inviting these Wall Street spokesmen to defile the atmosphere of a union convention, the union leaders ought to be putting up "No admission" signs at every entrance.

Let the capitalist government officials and corporation spokesmen keep their ugly snouts out of the labor movement. The workers don't need and don't want any advice from their enemies whose chief aim is to divide and weaken the labor movement.

Role Of The Courts

Two cases last week spot-lighted the role of the courts as agencies to protect the interests of the ruling rich.

In Pittsburgh, three Judges slapped a sweeping injunction on the power workers, banning their right to strike, and then tossed their leader into jail on a one-year rap without a jury trial.

In Troy, N. Y., a Tammany-picked Judge held a farcical hearing on an attempt by the Democratic Party to arbitrarily rule four minority parties, including the Socialist Workers Party, off the New York State ballot.

Both court proceedings were striking examples of capitalist class justice. One was directed against workers fighting for decent wages and conditions through union economic action. The other was directed against the poiltical rights of working-class parties.

But the outrageous action of the Pittsburgh court couldn't hold up for 48 hours under the smashing assault of all Pittsburgh labor. They cut right through all the legal mumbo-jumbo. They slashed the injunction to pieces with a spreading wave of strikes. They forced Pittsburgh's Democratic Mayor Lawrence, who initiated the injunction proceedings, to rush into court and have it called off. The Judges back-tracked so fast you couldn't see their black robes for the cloud of dust.

The crooked Tammany-Democratic deal in the New York court is as much a deadly blow at labor's rights as the Pittsburgh injunction. And the whole conspiracy could be blown up in short order if the workers in New York State took as militant and decisive action as the Pittsburgh workers.

Unfortunately, labor that is so powerful and militant on the economic field, is weak and impotent on the political field. It is still tied to the politicians and political parties of Big Business. The workers rise as one when they see a blow directed against their economic struggles. The must learn to rise as one in defending their political rights.

Imagine if the 15,000,000 unionized workers, plus their families, were united in one great labor party. Would corrupt capitalist judges then dare to bar their party from the ballot? Would the Democratic and Republican agents of Wall Street march confidently into court rooms presided over by their handpicked legal harpies and try to swing a legal club at labor?

Not likely. These political shysters wouldn't be thinking about using the courts against labor. They'd be raising wrinkles and grey hair trying to figure how to keep capitalistminded judges in the courts at all.

If the same power and solidarity shown in Pittsburgh were carried over by labor into the political field, it wouldn't be very long before the judges on the benches would be labor judges. They'd be administering labor-written laws, in the interests of the working people; and against the criminal acts of the present ruling rich minority.

The Meat Famine

Everybody knows there is plenty of meat. It didn't just vanish into air the day after price ceilings were reinstated.

The meat packing trust, big cattle dealers and speculators are deliberately withholding meat supplies. Large stocks of processed meat are being held in storage. Prime meat cattle are being sought by the packers as "feeders," instead of for slaughtering.

A small handful of rapacious capitalists who control the meat supply have told 140,000,000 people: "Pay us any extortionate price we demand-or go without meat!"

What is the government doing about it?this government that doesn't hesitate to seize railroads, mines, factories - yes, the meat packing industry itself-to break strikes.

Truman, with his eye on the coming elections, makes a big noise about not yielding to pressure to abandon price ceilings on meat. It's nice to know that we won't be over-charged on non-available meat. But where is the meat? What is Truman doing to force the meat packers to put the meat on the market? Nothing!

At the same time, Truman's henchman, House Democratic Majority Leader John W. McCormack paves the way for full capitulation to the price demands of the meat profiteers. He proposed last week to end all meat ceilings for 60 days.

It's a cinch the capitalist government isn't going to do anything, of its own free will, to force the meat packers and cattle speculators to end the meat famine. That means it's squarely up to the independent action of the workers, farmers and housewives.

The way to get meat is to take action on a national scale like the militant group of housewives took last week in Toledo. They got together in an emergency committee and stormed the Mayor's office demanding that he call on the federal government to take over the meat industry and operate it under the control of the unions.

Let hundreds of thousands of housewives and their husbands and children-take mass action in support of demands like the Toledo flowing into the market again.

The Toledo housewives have the real answer: 1. Mass action; 2. Nationalization of the meat industry under workers' control.

Inspiring Example

A general strike against the sending of troops to the Netherlands Indies swept Amsterdam on Sept. 24, according to the Netherlands News Agency.

Four special trains carrying 3,000 troops were delayed. Some of the soldiers apparently participated in the demonstration, since according to NNA, they "several times pulled the air-brakes."

The Dutch police used firearms and sabers to "disperse angry crowds."

The strike began at dawn, and was scheduled to run 24 hours. It tied up "virtually the entire city." Authorities claimed it was "unexpected."

According to NNA the strike was "Communist-led." Up until recently the Stalinists have opposed demonstrations such as this. Their line has been to support the Netherlands Empire.

The Trotskyists, on the other hand, have called for the immediate freedom of Indonesia. One of the first slogans raised by the Trotskyists after years of fighting the Nazis in the underground was "Free Indonesia from Holland Now!" The Trotskyists have distributed leaflets and consistently called in their paper, The Tribune, for militant working class action to aid the Indonesian people in their struggle for freedom.

The demonstration of the Amsterdam workers is another dramatic example of the kind of working class action that can really help

the colonial peoples. The dockworkers of Australia were the first to carry out a mass action of this type. When the Dutch despots, aided by the British and liberally supplied with American arms, began shooting down the people of Indonesia, the Australian dockworkers responded with strike action. They refused to load ships with mili-

tary supplies for the Dutch tyrants. Their militant action forced the Dutch to give up Australia as a base of operations against Indonesia.

If the workers of Holland now extend their action against the Dutch capitalists and in behalf of the Indonesian people, they can strike a mighty blow for the independence of the colonial lands.

The freedom of the colonial peoples from imperialist rule will in turn aid the workers of Western Europe and America to break the chains of capitalist rule.



"Hubert feels just like you do, Mr. Harriman. He's never happy unless he spends a few hours each day clipping coupons."

GOD'S LITTLE ACRE by Er- | power" some day arises in Will's | in the imperialist war. skine Caldwell, Penguin

Books, 1946, 183 pp., 25 cents. This book deals with the lives of Southern poor farmers and textile mill workers. Although first published in 1933, it still retains its timeliness and truthfulness. Changes have taken place in the South, but they are not so deep as to affect its backwardness, its poverty and pre-

The author has sensitive ears. He conveys to the reader the color of Southern speech, and even the noises of a textile mill town. He re-creates the atmosphere of a large strata of oppressed people in America.

Listening to his characters talk, sensing the atmosphere arising from the conditions of their lives, the reader grasps the reality of Southern life; its deep and all-pervading frustrations, its poverty, affecting not only the working people but the middle-class farmers and towns people as well. The author shows the extent of the decay which. in the words of Ty Ty, one of the book's central characters "puts animals into the bodies of

without success. While he and the poet, the man of science the profits are tremendous. two of his sons engage in dig- into its paid wage laborers."land farmed by Negro sharethis idea is counterposed by Will literature and art today.

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for \$1,10 a day.

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of the board of directors of the

Union Pacific, the Los Angeles

and Salt Lake line, the Oregon

Short Line railroad, the Oregon

and Washington Railroad and

Navigation Companies. He is

also a director of the Yazoo and

of the powerful Illinois Central

"greatest monopolistic conspir-

murdered by company police.

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The realistic writers of the de-

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the surge of real life in the men are exerted on other fronts. Giand women peopling his book. ant corporations have extended There is subtle power in the way their domination over the fields he tells of the girls going to of book publishing, magazine, work in the mills, while men newspapers and movies. Intellecstand outside spitting blood from tuals, completely dependent on ruined lungs into the yellow the few corporations which consand. It is truthful and beauti- trol their livelihood, become subfully written, and contributes to servient to them. Farrell traces this monopoly development most Reviewed by clearly in his two essays on the Eugene Shays movie industry. Today Big Business controls this entire indus-

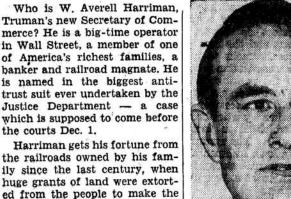
Farrell shows how the artists ENED PHILISTINES by and writers in this industry are James T. Farrell, Progressive forced to knuckle down to Big Book Club Reprint, 1946, 210 Business. Everyone must rigidly follow the movie "The bourgeoisie has stripped have proven profitable. Indiviof its halo every occupation dual taste and originality are Ty Ty is an old farmer who hitherto looked up to with reve-discouraged, if not forbidden. spent the past 15 years digging rent awe. It has converted the The results are empty, meanup his land in search of gold, physician, the lawyer, the priest, ingless, repetitious pictures. But

The movie industry is only one ging, he has a few acres of his from the Communist Manifesto. example of the way in which the With this quotation as his in- intellectuals have become the croppers, just enough to live on. troduction, James T. Farrell has wage-slaves of monopoly capi-The futility and imbecility of written a series of essays on talism. A similar process is going on in every cultural field. As a prominent American nov- Honest intellectuals like the Will is a textile mill worker, elist, he is well acquainted with author realize that only the elirestless and fiery. He and his the wave of super-patriotism mination of capitalism and the fellow workers have been locked which engulfed American writ- end of wage-slavery in the ers and artists during the war. whole economy will end this Books that told the truth about wage slavery in literature and

Reviewed by

W. Averell Harriman, Wall St. Tycoon

Bu Ruth Benson-



HARRIMAN

ers to protect the loot of the railroad owners. They used their Mississippi Valley railroads and control of the rail lines to aid To increase his tremendous ruptcy.

take from these roads, Harriman aggregation of wealth ever named business," according to PM, Sept. It included J. P. Morgan & Co.; rates, to make passengers and railroad companies and bankers in World War III. shippers pay exorbitant prices of the country; most of the major to keep modern equipment off steel companies.

of passengers and railroad work- statement on the case: "If this with the Soviet Union.

is a conspiracy, then the railroads of this country need bigger and better conspiracies."

It is now 14 years since the conspiracy was initiated. Nine veeks before it is scheduled to be prosecuted, one of the defendants is made Secretary of Commerce, where he can most ably aid "bigger and better" conspiracies in the future!

Harriman's power doesn't end with his railroad holdings. He is also a partner in Brown Bros. Harriman, a private banking firm. In "America's Sixty Families" he is also listed as a member of the board of the Guaranty Trust Co. Harriman is a leading stockholder in Time, Inc., publishers of Life. Time and Fortune. and in Newsweek, another magazine that speaks for Wall Street.

Harriman is a representative of the most ruthless profiteers steel and oil monopolists, driving in the United States. His pubsmall enterprises into bank- lications ardently defended the du Ponts against the exposures Named in the suit with Harri- of their World War I crimes. He in 1932 helped engineer the man was "the most powerful is now in a most advantageous position to protect the profiteers acy in the history of American in an anti-trust suit," says PM. who gorged on the bloodbath of World War II. He will do every-24, He and his cohorts schemed the du Ponts; General Motors; thing in his power to remove to end competition in railroad Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; the leading all obstacles for the warmakers

This is Harriman, Secretary for transportation. They plotted oil companies and the leading of Commerce. This is the man who is "in full accord" with the roads, endangering the lives | Harriman in 1943 issued his Byrnes' policy of "getting tough"

Shipyard Firms Stole 1,600% War Profits

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1946

The facts in the current scandal ! the staggering profits made by the big shipping corporations in World War II are so smelly, that they have broken through all efforts to conceal them. Even as Wall Street is preparing for World War III and still bigger profits, some of the facts about the billions they swindled out of the last war are now leaking out.

Evidence placed before the House Merchant Marine Committee by the Maritime Commission last week revealed that 19 shipbuilding firms made an estimated \$356,000,000 in profits on a total investment of \$22,979,275. This represents 1,600 per cent in profits over capital investment.

The biggest shipping monopolists are trying to shift the brunt of the inquiry against the Henry Kaiser interests. This wartime newcomer in the monopoly game invested only \$100,000 in one of his corporations and drew out the prize plum of \$43,647,026

But the other shipping swindlers did just as well. Permanente Metals Corporation invested \$460,-000 and reaped a profit of \$58,840,885. Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyards invested \$1,000,-

000 and got back \$53,906,980 in profits. California's Shipbuilding Corporation invested

\$600,000 and squeezed out \$44,423,014 in profits. Oregon Ship Building Corporation reaped \$40 .-930,564 on an original investment of \$550,000.

North Carolina Ship Building Corporation invested \$3,000,000 and profited to the tune of \$27,645,-Todd Houston Ship Building Corporation gained

\$13,678,303 on an investment of \$689,200. Marinship Corporation got \$11,871,840 on its investment of \$500,000

On a tiny investment of \$600, the St. Johns River Ship Building Corporation came up with \$2,080,000 in profits!

Five other firms; J. A. Jones Construction Co., Consolidated Steel Corporation, East Coast Shipyards, McClosky & Co. and Southeastern Ship Building Corporation invested a total of \$9,889,811 and came out with \$30,443,617 to the good.

General Food's Corner On Rye Market

Another example of how the big food monopolists secure a strangle-hold on the nation's basic food commodities in order to shove prices up was revealed last week in the suit against the General Foods Corporation of New York.

The Agriculture Department charged that between December 1942 and May 1944, General Foods cornered the market on rye. It held or controlled 11,805,000 bushels of cash rye, amounting to 89 per cent of deliverable rye on the Chicago market.

Jack W. Bain, Agriculture Department legal officer who acted as referee in the 16-month-old case. declared in his report that General Foods thus "artificially manipulated prices."

But the only punishment facing this greedy and wealthy monopoly is a possible year's ban from the contract market!

A & P Convicted In Anti-Trust Suit

John Hartford, president of the giant Atlantic & Pacific food chain monopoly, convicted in Danville, Ill., in an anti-trust suit brought by the Justice Department, craftily tried to conceal the A & P's robbery of millions of hard-earned dollars from the consuming public. On the witness stand he stated:

"Our company grew to its present size because we believed it was better to sell 200 pounds of butter at one cent per pound profit than 100 pounds at two cents per pound profit."

What Hartford concealed was the fact that the A & P, through ruthless and illegal practices succeeded in eliminating many of its smaller competitors, and then shot up its prices as soon as it cleared the field for itself.

The 117-page decision handed down by the Court reveals some of the corrupt methods by which the A & P achieved its monopoly. "Its position and its practices created a sharp differential between A & P's purchases of produce and those of its competitors," the court decision charged. It further declared that the practices of the Atlantic Commission Co., produce-buying subsidiary of the A & P, "over the years leaves a bad odor."

The A & P "consistently selected the highest quality of produce for the A & P and the less desirable for its outside buyers, thus securing for A & P not only a buying price differential but also a preference in quality . . . This in turn served to give A & P's retail units a preferential position in competition with other retailers at the expense of the latter ... " But the quality deteriorated and the prices went up after this competition was eliminated. The court also revealed that the A & P collected

brokerage fees from other retailers. The A & P complained that "the pattern" of its monopolistic practices are "usual" to the whole "American business system." That's true - but no de-

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WORKERS' TORUM

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.

Protests Attempt To Rule SWP Off Ballot

The stand taken tonight by Farrell Dobbs on Station WJZ on the Wallace-Truman dispute is most commendable. I would sincerely appreciate a copy of the speech, the Socialist Workers Party platform, and The Militant.

In regard to the vicious attempt to rule your party and three others off the state ballot, be advised that I have let my anger be known to Secretary of State Curran, Attorney-General Goldstein and Justice Murray and shall continue to fight with my every effort for a free ballot.

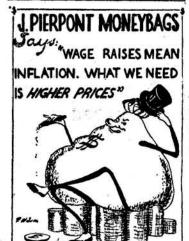
What's Happened to Charles Jackson?

What has happened to Charles Jackson, one of my favorite writers? I am not complaining about the present writer for The Negro Struggle column, who is also doing a good job, but I surely hope that Jackson will also continue to write for the paper. His columns always packed a punch.

Harlem, N. P.

Bayport, N. Y.

Editor's Note: Shortly after Comrade Jackson went on vacation late in the summer, he was taken ill for several weeks. While recovering now, other work occupies him so that he will not be able in the immediate future to write as regularly for the paper as he has in the past. However, he has promised us that he will contribute occasional articles when he is able to do so. Like B. P. and many other readers, the staff of The Militant looks forward to again receiving Comrade Jackson's hard-hitting art-





Women Appreciate George R. Stryper SWP Program

Editor

Militant subscriptions in New York. One woman who answered the door said her husband had a subscription to the paper and liked it very much, but that she hadn't read it. I told her it was necessary for her too to take an paper, and you are doing a interest in politics, and that we wanted women as well as men to understand our program and to join the Socialist Workers Party. Then I told her about our election campaign. She bought a Events Driving Labor Party pamphlet ,and promised to read The Militant.

In defense of the women, I'd like to say that it was mostly women who subscribed last week. In two cases, it was the wife who decided to take The Militant, while the husband hesitated.

I think that women, who are expected to do the shopping and by some miracle make wages cover expenses, will understand the impossibility of the situation and appreciate our program more quickly now than in previous

E. Landi

Stalinists Get Another Kick In The Teeth

Here is an example of the stupidity of the Communist (Stalinist) Party in Maryland, where it and the CIO Political Action Committee are hardly a factor

One Democratic Party candidate for Governor, William P. Lane, went out of his way to degave him. He won the primary

ticipation in politics, the Maryland Communist (Stalinist) Party nevertheless invited him to

appear at a Stalinist rally here with Ben Davis, Stalinist memper of the New York City Coun-

ed, "progressive" capitalist politician gave: "I am completely and unalterably opposed to the Communist Party ... I believe that the Com-

This is the answer the honor-

munist Party and Communist principles are a menace to our form of government . . . "Your letter expresses the hope that you will hear from me

as soon as possible. I decline your invitation. This is my an-They'll never learn. Even from

Baltimore, Md.

Last Sunday I was out selling | Much-Needed Work

this kick in the teeth.

Editor: Sorry I forgot the renewal date on my subscription to The Militant. I enclose \$1 for another year and wish you continued success. Yours is a much-needed much-needed work.

Sam Brown Boston, Mass. of government-built steel plants;

U. S. Steel is trying to grab

them too. There is no basic dif-

ference between Kaiser and U.

S. Steel, except U. S. Steel is

bigger. Kaiser merely aspires to

The quotation from James P.

Cannon is entirely correct, but

it must be taken as he and all

Marxists mean it. In general,

capitalists have a class hatred

for labor, and do want to keep

But the real reason why the

capitalists want to keep the

workers down has nothing to do

with the individual feelings of

the capitalists. Marxism, scien-

tific socialism, shows that capi-

talism is a system that operates

according to certain laws of de-

velopment. The best-hearted

capitalist in the world is sub-

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Capitalism, as a system, espe-

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stifles it. It can temporarily ad-

Our chief argument against

lot of money." It is that he is an

exploiter of labor — how else

does he make money? - and

that he covers up his role with

leads many right-minded people

into making a distinction be-

tween Kaiser, the "good" capital-

st, and all the other "bad" cap-

Marxism doesn't base its pro-

gram and policies on such dis-

tinctions, but on the basic laws

that govern the capitalist sys-

tem in its rise and in its decay.

Northwest

Week-End Camp

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 26 -

Members and friends of the So-

cialist Workers Party attended

the first Northwest week-end en-

campment which took place last

week at Benbow Lakes Lodge,

The participants came from

Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, and

visitors were present from Van-

couver. B.C. The encampment

was sponsored by the Northwest

The main political event of

the week-end was a discussion

on the "Perspectives of the

American Revolution." The dis-

cussion, held in the lodge hall,

was led by James Dall of Los

Angeles, who showed how the

crisis of world capitalism would

bring a revolutionary crisis in

An informative report on the

building of the Trotskvist party

in Canada was discussed the fol-

The week-end was filled out

with swimming, boating and

fishing. Plans are being made to

hold another such event next

summer at the same pleasant

30 miles from Tacoma.

branches of the SWP.

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People Toward Us

Events are driving more and more people toward socialism. There is no longer any other movement that offers real relief from the approaching dilemma.

Renville, Minn.

Does Kaiser Answer The Workers' Needs?

Your reply to your printing of my letter defending Kaiser was New York, N. Y. an expression of your fairness. In regard to your answer to my letter, I wish to say that the aims of the Socialist Workers Party are worthy and admirable. but it is distressing to see you reinforce the position of the profiteers who also are attacking

The Socialists' chief argument against capitalism has always been, to quote from SWP Secretary James P. Cannon, that the "capitalists (of America) think that the workers aren't entitled to a decent living, decent hours nounce the support CIO-PAC and will try to squeeze the worker down." It is hardly a charge that applies to Kaiser who ar-Aware of Lane's conservatism gued for price control, abundant production of peacetime consumer goods and full employment

with good pay. Socialists of course know that with the full use of technological developments, such a program will not work out with the profit system, which always submits to a business depression or a war and imperialistic expansion. Kaiser's program would have to be subsidized by the gov-

ernment. Your chief argument against Kaiser is that he has made a lot of money. What difference does it make if some people have an excessive amount of anything if everyone else has an ample amount? Secretary Cannon has pointed out that there is no subject for quarreling in

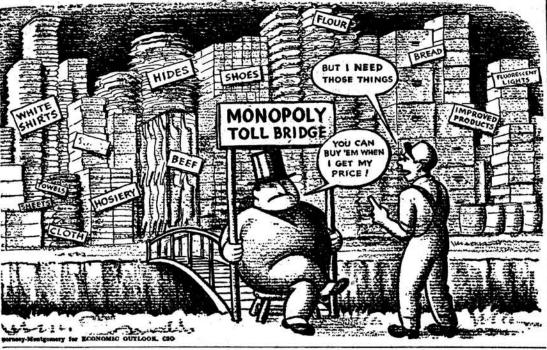
The fruit of labor isn't money, which is merely a symbol, but consumer goods. We, who have stopped to think of the marvelous capacities there are for production, know that plenty can be produced for everyone, and the executive can consume no more than the laborer. It doesn't matter to me who executes such a program. The salvation that it will bring is the impor-

Lillian M. Hostetler

Editors' Note: Our position on capitalists like Henry J. Kaiser, we repeat, is that he is fundamentally no different than all other capitalists: His primary interest is to pile up profits. Those profits come from only one source, as scientific socialism, that is Marxism, teaches. Profits are nothing but the un-

Kaiser was a cost-plus racketeer during the war. He helped loot the U.S. Treasury of scores of millions in blood-soaked war profits. If he talks about full employment and abundant production, it is merely to bolster his claims for government-built plants at give-away prices. We say these plants should be oper-

It is incorrect to speak of us "reinforcing the position of the profiteers who also are attacking Kaiser." Kaiser represents one group of capitalist profiteers who are competing with other capitalist profiteers. We have no interest in supporting one as against the other. The Kaiser



Monopoly In Action

Children Sleep in Rain In New York Park

Editor: "Family of 10 Evicted, Roam

The above news item appeared in the N. Y. Post, Thursday, Sept.

The details revealed that the family was evicted last Friday from 731 E. 136 St., the Bronx. New York. From Friday till Wednesday this family was searching in the largest and richest city in the world for shelter. According to the story in the N. Y. Post, the first night as they were sitting in St. Mary's Park, it began to rain. The baby began to

The father, with the two-

isn't room for another person, stage, is incapable of expanding not even a child." brake upon production and

> The curse and shame of institutional red tape! Instead of giving the child shelter, and then going through with their agonizing investigation, they turn a two-year-old child away!

> people of our institutions to use a bit of judgment and to have some human sympathy for a two-year-old child and give it immediate shelter? Oh. institutionalism, what crimes are committed in thy name! How can a human being be so inhuman, and turn a child out because of some

Back went the father with the child in his arms to St. Mary's Park, There Mr. and Mrs. Harold Myers and their eight children spent the night, "their only bed a borrowed blanket . . . on the wet grass."

What a civilization! A landlord has the right, for some petty reason, to evict a family with eight children, ages two to thirteen years, into the city streets. A man, called a judge, receives

a good salary to live comfortably. He and his brood are well prothe authority to decide that another human family shall be turned from their home!

Rats Bite Baby In Detroit Slum

26, 1946,

whimper.

year-old baby in his arms, went to the Bronx Children's Home at 1130 Grand Concourse.

But a matron told him to try the Hecksher Foundation on 104th St. There too, he received

the same reply. "So sorry," they said, "but you will have to have a letter of referral from a social service

Is it not time for grown-up

Street.'

condition as "very serious."

"So sorry," he was told. "There

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institutional rules?

Róse Fireman

New York, N. Y.

Bitten twice by rats, a threemonth-old baby girl is in a Detroit children's hospital with a paralyzed arm and possibly typhus. The doctor reports her

The housing shortage in Detroit is so acute that people are forced to live in all kinds of infested quarters. At the early age of three months little Estelle Cheatham is a victim of the capitalist system which can only provide a basement in the slums for her to live in. Estelle's father and mother had been taking turns staying up at night to keep the rats away. But she was bitten in the few moments while her father was going to bed and her mother was getting up. Mr. Cheatham reported he has killed 16 rats in one night. For this infested basement they have to pay \$11 a week!

This case is not new in De-Militant Army as literature troit. Six rat bite cases were reported in August and seven in September. These cases were only the serious cases. There are many more which are not reported. down the cause to get it correct-

Although the apartment where Estelle lives is full of rat holes, ed at once. This is very importhe Building Department reported no violation of building code and left the matter to the Health Department.

We have seen the reactionary Building Department act in two different cases in the past two months. After the fascist vigilantes set fire to the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party, endangering the lives of 125 people, the Building Department served notice to the Socialist Workers Party to vacate the premises. Their phony pretext was a non-existent zoning law. Actually, there was no violation

In the second case where children's health is at stake, the Building Department whitewashes the landlord and refuses to

We are not surprised by the action of the city officials. They represent the interest of the capitalists. They will not do anything for the working peotected. And he has the right and ple but they will go to any length to deprive the workers of the right to meet peacefully and discuss their common problems. E. Brent

a revolutionary crisis. Only the

working class will have the solu-

tion for all the problems in its

Tracing the history of the

American workers from its early

days through the great organi-

zation drives of the CIO, Weiss

portrayed the American working

class as the most powerful so-

"The American working class

will tear loose from its adherence

to the two boss parties," he de-

clared. "The formation of a La-

bor Party under these condi-

tions will create the condition

for the rapid transformation of

American society into a social-

In the evening a brief but in-

teresting discussion was held on

cial class in history.

Detroit, Mich.

Studies U. S. Labor History

friends participated in the three-day encampment held by the California branches of the Socialist Workers Party here last month.

Trotskyists from other parts of the state as well as to discuss the state-wide work and national perspectives of the party.

evening Charles Curtiss spoke briefly on the meaning of the encampment. The educational program began in full the next day. Mur-

ry Weiss, Los Angeles Organizer, reported on the Perspectives of the Socialist Workers Party and the coming American

eration to bring about a great conomic crisis in the U.S. "The current economic boom

said. "The capitalist system in the U.S. is chronically and or-

the movement of the workers and farmers in American history., On the third day of the en-

ist state."

campment the State Election Campaign Committee held its meeting with delegates in attendance from San Diego, San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles. Plans for state-wide literature, a special edition of The Militant and radio programs were worked out.

In the afternoon a radio program was presented over the loudspeaker system with the three California candidates speaking.

THE MILITANT ARMY

pletely.

Boston Goes Over Top In Sept. Sub-Getting

Boston topped the list with 73

ature agent: "Not bad consi-

as our bundle order did not ar-

rive on time. But that has been

straightened out now, and we

expect to go full steam ahead

St. Louis came next with 25

subs in three weeks. Their

monthly goal is 16. The com-

rades write that they obtained

'most of the subs door-to-door.'

weeks, two over their monthly

goal of 10. Justine Lang writes

she will have "quite a bit to re-

port" as soon as their drive for

renewals in Whitaker is finished.

Flint is doing a good job in

subgetting. Last week El Snyder

sent in nine subscriptions. In

addition, five auto workers paid

for subs to The Militant taken

Toledo has a new literature

agent, P. Carroll. He writes that

"In order to organize and ex-

ecute successfully a renewal pro-

files be brought up to date."

ginning promises good results.

have an alphabetical record."

and Kersey to the ranks of The

Sam Stone of Buffalo is doing

an efficient job as literature

agent. When an error or slip-up

occurs, he immediately tracks

tant-sometimes an error that

subscription.

Minneapolis likewise has a

out while they were on strike.

Pittsburgh got 12 subs in three

from now on.'

Three branches of the Social- | Indiana, has taken a bundle orst Workers Party surpassed der of 10 Militants a week. their September goals for Militant subscriptions in three weeks.

John Leavitt of Baltimore asked for a bundle of last week's issubs. They set a goal of 40 subs. Said S. Brooks, Boston liter- sue of The Militant with the stories about the seamen's strike. Unfortunately, we couldn't oblige dering we could only have a paras it had been sold out comtial mobilization the first week

> Chicago sent in 14 subs last week. Philadelphia came through

> with 12 subs. Writing for the Oakland Branch, Beverly Wise says, "We hope to get going on our quota and really make it this month, plus some extra."

> L. Morris of the Connecticut State Branch sent in 7 subs. He tells us, "When we go out on call-backs, we make up the following in a blank envelope: a letter, renewal slip, prepaid return envelope, and a book list of Pioneer Publishers, Then when we hit an address where no one is at home, we address the blank envelope to them and leave it. That way our prospective subscriber knows we called."

C. M. Hesser continues his consistent plugging. Reporting for gram, it is necessary our card the Portland Branch he says most of their sub-getting is done Comrade Carroll's efficient be- on Sundays—from three to five hours.

Pauline Larner of Westside new literature agent, James Ker- Branch, Los Angeles, sends in sey. Minneapolis is starting a three combination subscriptions "new system of keeping track to The Militant and Fourth Inof subs. We are now working out ternational. "They are from a a file system whereby we will sympathizer," she writes. "He is anxious to get our press into the We welcome Comrades Carroll hands of his friends."

> Cora Canaday, a Militant booster of Kansas City, Mo. asked us to send a sample copy to four of her friends. We are glad to oblige her and hope they all take out subscriptions.

Another Militant booster near Youngstown, Ohio, asked us to could easily be remedied, if left send sample copies to four of too late can mean the loss of a his friends who "may be Stalinist sympathizers, but they are also good trade union people." He Calumet Branch at Hammond, sent money to cover the costs.

PIONEER NOTES

Socialist Workers Party elec- | eran meetings with them shorttion campaigns in six states, be- ly." sides literature sales campaigns throughout the country, have exhausted in six weeks the first Publishers, 116 University Place, edition of Build a Labor Party Now, by George Clarke (10c) Most of the edition was disposed of in t! ree weeks. A second printing is just off the press.

"Seattle has certainly been having successful literature sales in connection with our election campaign," reports Clara Kave, literature agent. "On Labor Day, 40 copies of Build a Labor Party Now were sold in an overwhelmingly Stalinist crowd. As far as the Democratic Party rally was concerned (Sept. 4) we didn't have much hope for high sales, tionals by Youth and SWP inasmuch a the crowd was definitely bourgeois or else those very same Stalinists we had covered on Labor Lay. However, we managed to sell 18 labor party pamphlets.

"On Sept. 10, two comrades covered the meeting of the Warehousemen (CIO) and in the short space of half an hour sold 20 copies of the new pamphlet. The evening before, one comrade covered the Machinists (AFL) and sold five in just a few minutes. She was supposed to go to the Boilermakers, got the Machinists instead, whom we cover rather seldom, and did right well!

"Since these sales at regular union distributions are going so well, we intend to intensify them - combining Militant and campaign literature distributions with pamphlet sales at all union meetings.

"We advertise the two pamphlets (Build a Labor Party Now and Veterans & Labor) at all our branch meetings, with the result that very soon we shall have to order some more. We haven't pushed the Veterans & Labor much, but intend to cover vet-

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tion on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, Open Forum: Every Sunday.

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mation call ST. 4-5820, from noon to 6 p.m. Announcements of youth ac-

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California Week-End Camp CARBON CANYON, Calif. - Over 90 members and

This week-end gave the par- ganically sick. A depression of colossal proportions is apticipants an opportunity to meet proaching which will erupt into

The first day was completely devoted to recreation. In the

Revolution. In his presentation Weiss analyzed the forces that are in op-

is superficial and transitory," he

BOSTON MILITANT FORUM

Sunday, October 6 David Weiss, Veteran and Socialist 'The Veterans—Promise And Reality' **Workers Educational Center**

'Why Truman Fired Wallace'

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

Full text of the radio speech made by Farrell | Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York State, over Station WJZ New York City, Thursday, Sept. 26, 10:45 p.m.

As Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York, I am going to tell you why Truman fired Wallace. I am going to tell you the flat truth. I am not going to pull any punches. In the life-and-death question of war or peace, the people must be given the facts - let the chips fall where they may.

The ouster of Wallace means that those ruling sections of the capitalist class who favor an early war against the Soviet Union now dominate the government. It means the brakes are off. The war party is in the driver's seat. They've got the go-ahead signal, and they're taking America straight down the highway to World War III.
Consider how little Wallace asked for. He

only wanted the expenditures for war cut down. He only suggested they tone down the imperialist policy of trying to dominate other countries. He only asked that the military men be stopped from threatening the world with the atomic bomb. He only asked that the idea of a so-called "preventive" war against the Soviet Union be

In brief, Wallace asked for a stop to the brutal, belligerent, get-tough tactics of Secretary of State Byrnes. Wallace asked for softer tactics to avoid tossing a blazing torch into the powder-keg of

As this week's Militant makes clear, Wallace is not a representative of the working class. He is a capitalist politician who voices the fears of small business and a section of the ruling class over the frightful and unforeseeable consequences of another war.

Wallace asked so little that Truman found nothing wrong with his speech of September 12 and gave it his official O.K.

Yet look how the warmongers cracked down! They considered that Wallace's mild request would interfere with their war plans. And they put the heat on Truman.

Knives Out for Wallace

The warmongers had their knives out for Wallace. They demanded he be ousted as Secretary of Commerce. They demanded he be kicked out of Truman's Cabinet. They wanted to nail his hide to the wall. Truman gave in and tossed Wallace to the howling wolf pack.

Most people, I'm sure, would consider this proof enough the warmongers had won. But Truman apparently is religiously following the old Mismerce. Who is Harriman?

fice by the people. Harriman is one of the wealth- ica. iest sons of the rich in the United States. Ferdinand Lundberg, in his authoritative book, has been moved up. In the words of Wallace, who explosion. But if we want to avoid another slaugh- By voting the Socialist Workers Ticket ter, then it's necessary to look the facts in the do your part to help block the war drive.



FARRELL DOBBS

owns a direct interest in Time, Inc., "whose Fortune (magazine) lavishly praises from time to time the Harrimans and their enterprises and the Standard Oil families from the Rockefellers down, without neglecting to throw frequent bouquets at J. P. Morgan." Harriman symbolizes Wall Street's strangle-hold on Washington.

Truman's dismissal of Wallace means an intensification of the bristling power politics that has led to one grave international crisis after another. It means deeper involvement in the civil war in China. It means American troopssouri saying that to really prove something you've your sons and husbands-held overseas indefigot to show a person. In place of Wallace, he ap- nitely. It means battleships and fleets of war pointed W. Averell Harriman as Secretary of Com- planes sent all over the world as they have been sent most recently to the Mediterranean. It means Harriman was never elected to any public of- increasing the pressure to militarize Latin Amer-

whether the civilized world will go down in de-

Organization of the country for war affects every one of us right now. Take the costs, for instance. According to Wallace, 13 billion dol- national office of his views on the foreign policy lars in the official budget for 1947 have been of the United States." earmarked for the War and Navy Departments makes 18 billion dollars—an amount roughly equal to the entire national debt in 1927.

And that's only the beginning. On top of this national debt and other war costs.

This is about 80 per cent of the total recommended expenditures the government expects to make in 1947. Let me emphasize—that's for just main candidates of the Democratic Party. Does one single year.

this money? The main source, of course, is your pocketbook. You can expect your tax burden to grow heavier and heavier.

The drive for another war means the housing crisis will grow worse. Billions of dollars are being wasted for atomic bombs, rockets, super-sonic war planes, deadly germ poisons and Army bases the gaping jaws of the war machine cannot be used to build homes in America.

The drive for another war means that production of peacetime goods will continue to be curtailed. Factories turning out instruments of destruction cannot turn out clothing, household goods, automobiles and all the other things the people need.

The drive for another war means continued inflation. It means that prices will continue to go capitalists and their government representatives will continue to hold down wages.

And you can expect another anti-labor campaign; a new attempt to shackle labor with vicious legislation like the Case Bill and Truman's draft-labor bill.

The drive for another war means fresh, juicy picking for the buzzards in Wall Street. When the news came over the teletypes that the war profiteers had got Wallace, the stock market went up and there was dancing in Wall Street.

Thus the drive for another war means that your standard of living will decline. Grocery stores will continue to lack items like soap. Butcher shops will continue to lack meat. Prices will shoot far beyond the reach of the average family.

And after all these hardships, what will be our reward? Only the abyss of a new war. No one likes to think about the horrors of another war. Peaceful things are far more pleasant to think It means that Wall Street's calendar of war about than burning to a crisp in an atomic bomb guaranteed.

tion. Then we have a chance to act in time. Irving Ives, speaking for the Republican Party, says that "nothing is so important now as a clear

and forthright statement by every candidate for

I disagree 100 per cent with the platform of alone. An additional 5 billion dollars have been the Republican Party. I consider it the platform listed for other projects connected with war. That of Big Business. But for once I can agree on a point with the Republican candidate: I agree that all the candidates should make their position clear. Ives advocates and supports the imperialist astronomical sum, another 10 billion dollars have foreign policy that will lead to war. I hope that been scheduled for payment as interest on the the workers will go to the polls and vote against Ives, against Dewey and against the whole Republican slate.

What about Lehman and Mead? They are the anybody know where they stand? Are their mouths full of butter? I can interpret their prolonged silence only as approval of Truman's reac-Ask yourself, where will the government get tionary foreign policy. I trust the workers who are against imperialist war will go to the polls and vote against these Democratic swindlers. The Democratic and Republican Parties are

united on a foreign policy leading to war. They have cooked up a shameful plot against the people. They have united in a dastardly scheme to block the will of the people for peace. A vote for either in distant lands. Obviously, money pouring into the Republicans or the Democrats is a vote for

The Democrats and Republicans are determined to stifle every voice of opposition to their war drive. That is why they have now hatched a conspiracy to deny the Socialist Workers Party its constitutional right to appear on the ballot.

The war drive can be stopped only by breaking way from these two capitalist parties. We must build our own working class party before it is too late—we must build an independent party of upward to new dizzy heights. It means that the the labor movement to fight the capitalists on the political field.

SWP Opposes Both

In the New York election this year, only one party stands completely opposed to the two capitalist parties and their reactionary foreign policy. That party is the Socialist Workers Party. The Socialist Workers Party demands that the war-making powers be taken away from Congress. The power of Truman and a small clique of capitalist politicians to drag America into war must be taken away. Let the decision on war or peace be left to a referendum vote. The Socialist Workers Party demands that the question of war or peace be left to the vote of the people.

By voting for Socialist Workers candidates you will strengthen the movement for a socialist society. Only under socialism can the real, economic causes of war be rooted out and enduring peace

By voting the Socialist Workers Ticket you car

Wages, Prices and Profits _

The "Miracle" Of Wartime Production

By Warren Creel —

In previous installments we have shown that the capitalist system does not raise wages nor increase output of goods as efficiency in production goes up. It only moves more of the workers to unproductive labor. This is the overhead labor of commodity selling, or competitive waste which the capitalist economists conceal under the genera, term "distribution."

In the year 1929 the costs of distribution took 59 cents of the consumer's dollar, while costs of production got only 41 cents of the dollar; this estimate was made by a conservative statistical organization, the Twentieth Century Fund, in its study called Does Distribution Cost Too Much? In a rough way this division of costs shows the division of labor, indicating that nearly three-fifths of the nation's labor was, spent in distribution, even in 1929. They added that the proportion of cost in distribution probably was higher already than in 1929 figures. It has been increasing steadily in the United States for the past half century. It must be remembered further that these capitalist economists are led by their theories to underestimate the true extent of the waste.

The latest and best proof of the size of this form of capitalist waste comes from war production in the U.S. during the World War II.

During the record high production year before the war, 1929, the output of goods was, in round figures, a hundred billion dollars worth. This output was not enough to provide high wages or a high standard of living for everyone, as the capitalist economists often pointed out. They said labor's goal of abundance for all was just a dream. They said the capitalists had to pay low wages, because America could not produce enough goods to provide high wages.

Then came the war. By a reckless policy of government borrowing, the capitalists financed profits on high

How Production Was Doubled

Production jumped to double the 1929 record. It rose from 88 million dollars' worth of goods in 1939 to almost 200 billion dollars' worth of goods in 1944. It turned out that the only barrier had been profit. There was no difficulty at all about increasing production, even to twice the former highest level.

How was output doubled? Did the workers buzz around wice as fast on the job, and turn out twice as much per worker per day? Not at all. On the contrary, a full fourth of the labor force, 12 million workers, was taken away from work and put into the Army and Navy. Yet there was twice as much production without them as with them, although places were filled, if at all, by workers with less experience, the former unemployed, women from home, and part-time workers from school. But part of the workers were moved from "sandwich boards" to industryfrom waste labor to productive labor.

It was easy to change the labor force to double production during the years from 1939 to 1944. It was only necessary to move a small part of the workers from unproductive labor back to the productive fields of manufacturing and mining. Government regulations channeled workers to production, and shut down some overhead activities. The unemployed getting jobs were steered to production. "Other" employment (which includes a little productive work, like teaching and nursing, a little real distribution, and a lot of commodity selling waste) went down, although it still stayed larger than direct production. Even this small reversal of the usual capitalist waste of labor brought a great increase in production.

That swift doubling of output is what the capitalists boast of as "the miracle of wartime production." In the same way a pianist playing with one finger and wasting nine could immediately double his music by using two fingers and wasting only eight. And perhaps he would boast about that. The only "miracle" is the waste for many years before, and not the swift increase.

Capitalism has been holding down this wonderful production apparatus all along. After the short burst of war production the system is forcing production back to waste and poverty levels again.

Next Week: Waste and wages

N.Y. Democrats Conspire To Bar Minority Parties From Ballot cratic city officials in Rennsel- Thomas's Socialist Party is still

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plot was revealed. The Democrats deliberately chose Murray to preside. They couldn't have picked a better judge for their in that city.

From this point on, Murray high-handedly overruled all mo- in this instance, as in others, nine cor-oration lawyers active their most important rights—the tions by the defense to quash as Murray openly collaborated with flimsy a case as has ever come the Democratic lawyers. Wherbefore the courts. The defense ever he couldn't find phony points showed that the Democrats had of law against the defense, he presented no bill of particulars, practically asked the Democrats but had merely recited the words for them, and they were not of the election law. Murray backward in lending a helping

The defense proved that Spen-

oer Young was not an "aggrieved candidate"—this is the joker in the election law on which the Democrats base their case. Acsording to this clause all the complicated election law procedure can be completely ignored; a challenge against an independent nominating petition can be taken directly into the courts even after the parties have been certified for the ballot by the Secretary of State (as were the four minority parties in this case .

LEGAL JOKER

ing to precedent, that an "aggrieved candidate" must be a vica candidate named "Spencer court on the urging of Demo-

New York State.

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in N. Y. State.

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I Want To Help

Fight the conspiracy to bar the Socialist Workers

I am enclosing herewith.....to help the

fight to protect the democratic rights of the workers

Party and other minority parties from the ballat in

case, however, Young is "ag- Democratic Party. grieved" only because he has competition!

If Young's complaint is suspurposes. Murray is notorious tained, this legal joker will make in Albany for his biased and ar- it impossible for a minority party bitrary decisions and for his as- ever to enter into competition sociation with the foul-smelling with the two capitalist parties. O'Connell Democratic machine Murray ruled the defense motion out of order.

hand.

The next seam of the conspiracy came to light after the judge. overruled all defense motions and the court settled down to the business of hearing "witnesses." The Democrats are using these "witnesses" to prove that the Communist Party obtained signatures on its petitions by "fraud | place on the ballot! and misrepresentation." (The court is hearing the case against side is the State "neutral"? each of the four parties separately.)

Their testimony was strangely uniform. All of them said they didn't know what they were signing. And all of them said that they had never signed anything The defense showed, accord- before at the request of a stran-

A sordid tale of intimidation tim of trickery: for example, if was unearthed when witnesses an independent party nominated testified they had come into

aer. Witnesses were so hopped engaged in its infamous action gal mumbo-jumbo and overruled Young" to steal votes from the up by the Democrats that they of court procedure against the Spencer Young on the Demo- staged an open demonstration in Thus the first seam of the cratic ticket. In the present the courtroom in favor of the attack upon all minority groups

> Street) money on this case. its own interests are at stake. Thousands of dollars were ob- ACTION IMPERATIVE viously needed to bring the dozens of "witnesses" into court-It was interesting to see how ocrats to retain the battery of

STATE "NEUTRALITY" The proceedings here also have

in the proceedings.

established once again how little cratic parties. difference there is between the Republican and Democratic Par- outcome, must become the ties. A representative of Thomas | springboard of a powerful cam-J. Curran, Secretary of State, in- paign to revise the reactionary formed the court that "the State election laws of this state. is neutral in this case." Yet this same Republican official scrutin-

Observers are asking: on which

This similarity between the two parties is exemplified in the person of Sharon Mauhs, chief present position as Chairman of we lose." the Democratic Party in Schoballot on the grounds of "fraud state.

and misrepresentation!" APPEAL IGNORED

It is an unhappy sight to see the attorneys of four minority parties acting independently of one another in the courtroom in face of the united prosecution of the Democrats and the "neutrality" of the Republicans. The Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) invited all the parties to participate in a joint defense (see letter printed in last week's Militant). To date this appeal has

been ignored. The Communist Party (Stalinist) seems too busy selling its corkscrew line of defeating Dewey by electing the very Democrats who are trying to throw them off the ballot. Norman

SWP in the very midst of the by the Democrats. The Social-The Democratic Party has al- ist Labor Party is just too "pure" ready spent a barrelful of (Wall to unite with anybody, even when

Action and protest by trade unions and workers organizations and there are dozens more still is imperative. If this case is left to come. Thousands of dollars to the tender mercies of Judge are being expended by the Dem- Murray, then the workers of this state can kiss goodbye to one of right to participate independently in elections in opposition to the Republican and Demo-

This case, regardless of its

The Democrats are trying to conceal their conspiracy behind ized all the petitions, threw out technicalities. The truth is that all challenges against them at no party—not even the big ones the time and certified the SWP -could comply with all the techand three other parties for a nicalities of the election law. The law is shot through and through with legal loopholes and jokers. It is deliberately written to keep minority parties off the ballot.

If the State Administration can't find some flaw in an indecounsel for the Democrats. pendent nominating petition, Mauhs's chameleon political car- then a corrupt judge can be eer shows that he switched from called on to throw the petition the Democratic to the Republican out with or without flaw. For party and then back again four the minority parties it becomes times before he ended up in his a case of "heads they win, tails

Will the Democrats start New harie County. This is the man York on the road to Bilbo law? who heads the legal action to That depends first of all on the throw minority parties off the organized working class of this



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Reward For Stalinist Boot-Licking The Communist (Stalinist) Party is reaping the harv- County Democratic leader, who should go to State Democratic

est of "coalition" politics in the New York election. Their told signers of petitions to deny Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick. as support of capitalist politicians has paid off in a vicious attack by these same capit- 9-

constitutional right of minority parties - including the CP to appear on the ballot.

The Daily Worker tells us that Dewey and the Republican Party are "the main danger confronting the people of our state and the nation." The Stalinists earch the declarations of Repubicans and Democrats with a microscope trying to find differences which they can blow up to "prove" a Democratic victory would serve labor's finterests.

WHAT CP ADMITS

But the attempt of the Democratic machine to deny minority Labor Party ran this capitalist parties a place on the ballot has forced the Daily Worker to admit a few things about the Democrats. "The attempt to drive minority parties off the ballot is just another attempt to Bilboize New York State," says the Sept. 23 Daily Worker, quoting Paul Kern, the special counsel of the Communist Party, "The basic American right of the free ballot is at stake."

This attempt to "Bilboize" New York is spear-headed by the Democratic candidate for comptroller, Spencer Young. Lest anyone think that this New York 'Bilbo" is part of what the Stalinists call the Byrnes-Vandenberg clique, take a look at the slate of the American Labor Party. Spencer Young is the candidate of the American Labor Party, offered to the voters in Bilbos is James Malloy, Schoharie

alist politicians against the this election as a "friend of la-The Stalinists who control the

American Labor Party are calling on workers to vote for a capitalist politician — a member of the Roe machine in Queens who they admit is trying to "Bilboize" New York! Another of the Democrats try-

ing to "Bilboize" New York is Sharon Mauhs, Democratic chairman of Schoharie County. He initiated the proceedings in behalf of Spencer Young. Wh is Mauhs? Part of the

Byrnes - Vandenberg clique? Scarcely. In 1944 the American politician for Congress, assuring the workers that Mauhs is a "friend of labor."

A headline in the Daily Worker says, "Dems Gang Up on CP Petitions." The Democrats, we should add, ganged up against all the minority parties. Chief attorney for this gang of New York Bilbos is "Robert Whalen, corporation attorney and local brain truster for Albany's Democratic O'Connell machine."

Another of the Democrats trying to "Bilboize" New York is 'Louis Cohen, servant of the Bronx-Flynn Democratic machine." He is also executive secretary to Mayor O'Dwyer, whom the Stalinists supported last year as another "friend of labor."

Still another of the New York

they knew what they were signing. The judge hearing the case in Troy, is another New York Bilbo, William M. Murray, "local Democratic wheelhorse." Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democra-

tic State Chairman, approvingly told the press on Sept. 25, "So far as Messrs. Young and Cohen are concerned individually, it is all right with me." That makes him a New York Bilbo too.

THEIR "CONCLUSION"

The Daily Worker calls for Democrats to "Bilboize" New York. "Letters, wires, delegations | the New York Bilbos?

well as to Sen. James M. Mead and Herbert Lehman . . . Doesn't the silence of Mead and Lehman make them New York

All this would seem sufficient evidence to prove that the Democratic machine is just as reactionary as the Republican machine and labor has no way out but to build its own independent party.

But that isn't Stalinist logic. They are calling on the New York workers to vote for the Democraaction to stop the attempt of the | tic machine! Doesn't that put the Stalinists in the camp of

Hear The SWP Candidates! New York Street Meetings

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Why Negro Soldiers Are Slandered The NEGRO By Fascist-Minded Army Brass Hats

Bu Milton Richardson

SWP Candidate for Lt. Governor of New York General Joseph T. McNarney, top brass hat of the U. S. Forces in Europe, now denies that he told Truman Comrades coming!" We asked, K. Gibson, Jr.: "The Negro is a failure as a soldier. It "What comrades?" She said, "Ofwill be 100 years before he can develop to a point where he will be on a parity with white 9-Americans."

Almost four months after Gibson printed this statement, Mc-Narney says that he didn't say exactly that. He says that he was trying to say: "The leadership qualities evident were below the standards required for the efficient performance of certain types of combat duties" and therefore "for some time to come the Negro soldier would need new and wider opportunities in order to develop the standard of leadership required."

The language is fancier, the phrases are not as easy to follow - but as far as I can see the idea is the same. In both statements McNarney is saying that the Negro soldier was "inferior" to the white soldier and therefore cannot be given the same rights. An old, old idea - the World War II. kind given prominence by such "leading figures" as Adolf Hitler of the Negro anti-aircraft techand Gerald L. K. Smith.

"LEADERSHIP"

McNarney talks about "leadership" qualities. This must be a reference to the Negro officers. T was an enlisted man myself. but I know the Negro officers functioned under severe handiwere imposed by the brass hats. ranked with the best in the Euro-

A Negro second lieutenant pean Theater? Or the Negro comwould wait years for promotion; by the time he could become a first lieutenant a white second and under conditions where they judiced against them? were constantly humiliated and discriminated against because of of the record of the Negro soldtheir color, how could you ex- ier even under the most adverse pect them to have the same conditions. As a veteran of this "leadership" spirit and morale? war, I know the difficulties and

Besides, if the Negro soldier the injustice which the Negro was given poor leadership, re- soldiers had to face from their member this: The overwhelming own American white officers. majority of Negro soldiers was From England to Germany the are the words of the American led not by Negro officers, but American officer caste - from by white officers - white offi- the generals down to the second Talmadge, and Gerald L. K. cers also who generally had been lieutenants - did everything trained to despise and look down possible to belittle the American must face. on the Negro soldiers.

It was from officers such as European people. these that McNarney got his reports. Even the Army Board of to illustrate this. Officers rejected the validity of McNarney's report, which was "non-fraternization," I went would destroy the labor move-Mississippi enemy of the Negro in a convoy to Aachen, Germany. the workers into the Army for

Despite these and numerous pub. We were only there about acre.

a young woman, called out to us and said: "Comrades coming! ficers." We told her, "Officers are not our comrades." She said that we had better hide and led us to a kind of loft, from which we could see without being seen.

Here we noticed that a captain and a major were approaching the door. The captain entered, and made an attempt to speak German, not knowing that the woman spoke English as well as he did. He said in German, "Madam, do you understand what black soldiers are?" She told him that she did.

He said: "Hitler speaks the truth only one time in his book, Mein Kampf. He said that all blacks are not good, that they are apes, monkeys. He went on: "Black soldiers

will cut your throat, rape your MILTON RICHARDSON daughter, kill your husband. In America we treat them like you other handicaps, the Negro soldtreat the Jews. If white soldiers ier had a splendid record in come in, sell them beer or wine. If black soldiers come in, sell Who can deny the efficiency them nothing." At that point the major came in and asked, "Did nicians, whose work was highly you tell her?" The captain reechnical and required quick plied, "Yes, sir."

This was obviously organized Who can deny that some of the on the part of the officers, who best tank outfits of the Third spread prejudice toward the Ne-Army were made up of Negro groes among the German people, enlisted men and Negro officers? for the major repeated almost Who can dispute the fact that word for word what the captain caps — and these handicaps the Negro field artillery units had told the woman. He too said, "All blacks are no good."

After the officers left, the woman said, "You can come out Or the Negro infantrymen who, now. They are gone." She said, toward the end of the war, were "You Americans are not togethlieutenant could have become a finally permitted to serve in the er." We hardly knew what to major. Negro officers weren't same units as white infantry- say to her. We had known that looking for promotions primar- men, and won the praise of even America did not mean freedom ily, but under such conditions, men who had formerly been pre- for the Negro people, but this incident had a stronger effect on me than anything I had seen These are only a few examples during the entire war in Europe, including the German machine

Yes, the words of Gen. McNarney have a familiar ring in the ears of the Negro veterans. They Fascists, Bilbo, Rankin, Eastland, Smith. This is what the Negro

The voice which spoke these Negro soldiers in the eyes of the words is the voice of the capi-I will relate just one incident talist system which would divide the Negro and white work-One night during the period of ers. This is the voice which echoed by Senator Eastland, the along with several other soldiers ment in this country, and drive Four of us went into a German a bigger and better world massVets Protest Pay Cuts



Hundreds of veterans picketed the New York Veteran administration headquarters in protest against recent legislation cutting their pay as much as \$22 a week. "A Pay Raise for Congressmen, A Wage Cut for Vets," one of the placards says. The picket line included both CIO and AFL members, who shouted slogans demanding repeal of income ceilings limiting their pay to \$175 a month for single vets, \$200 for married vets. Federated Pictures

25 Tennessee Negroes Tried **In All-White Kangaroo Court**

The kangaroo trial of 25 Columbia, Tennessee, Negroes, facing 20 years' imprisonment on a trumped-up charge of 'attempt to murder," began on Sept: 19 before an all-white

jury in a courtroom in Law-

A race - hate atmosphere was established from the outset. The white prosecutor, Bumpus, threatened physical violence against Dr. Ransom, an NAACP defense attorney. "If that nig- sheriff on this attempted lynchger doesn't stop contradicting ing, Judge Ingram ruled that the me, I am going to wrap a chair around his . . . neck." Bumpus

of the trial. The State is at- of the defendants as guilty of tempting to whitewash the Jim-Crow pogrom it unleashed last also a state's witness, exonerated gro community in Columbia. More than 500 armed state DEFENSE WITNESS troops, police and white mob- Julius Blair, a leading defendsters terrorized and shot at the ant, was the first witness for the Negro residents and wrecked defense. The 76-year-old Negro their homes and businesses. The patriarch is charged not only terror followed the assault of a with attempting to murder the white radio repair man upon a policemen, but also with organiz-Negro woman, Mrs. Stephenson, ing the alleged attempt. Mr. and her son just returned from Blair testified that Mrs. Steph-

sulted not only from lack of after the Stephensons were jailed strike preparation; it was the and said a mob was forming to inevitable result of the whole hang them. lines. Moreover, members had Denton admitted he knew a mob mittee was not elected until the been threatened in the past with was forming. day the strike was called. No expulsion if they violated any of porters of the wartime no-strike over-all plan for strike action the false policies. So it is no court to permit them to introwonder the average NMU rank picket cards ready. The Organiand filer proceeded cautiously istrate Denton was a leader of a

of the Stalinist-created bureau-

By the time the strike was called off on Sept. 20, a picket-disdrive was directed by one of the have weakened the total tie-up tablished. The New York waterleading NMU Stalinists, Blackie voted by the AFL unions. The front had been divided into areas Myers. It now appears that the NMU strike committee adopted and responsible area commanders rival AFL Seafarers Internation- an effective policy to picket all elected. Mobile picket reinforcein the Isthmian Line election. | wide tie-up only after the CIO | portant of all, the way was clear-The second test was the NMU strike was called, But this was in ed for establishment of a strike Great Lakes strike in August conflict with the policy up to policy that the membership could understand and fight for. In this Because of this conflict, NMU way the great power and initiadirected by another Stalinist, Jo- pickets were issued conflicting in- tive of the NMU members were seph Stack. The strike was a fias- structions. Pickets calling from beginning to break through the INTIMIDATION co because it failed entirely in the line had difficulty in bureaucratic stranglehold of the

the AFL Maritime unions. Or- straight answer about where to how the NMU, despite its vast

the Navy. The Stephensons were

Former Sheriff J. J. Underwood, a state's witness, testified that two white mobs attempted to break into the jail to get the Stephensons. When defense at-'subject was immaterial."

The State tried hard to prove that the defendants were guilty of firing at four policemen. But Thirty witnesses for the State not a single one of the 30 witvere called in the first 10 days nesses was able to identify any the alleged shooting. Will Willsford, one of the four policemen. the defendants.

enson's mother came to his store

past Stalinist policy in the NMU. "I knew the jail didn't amount The Stalinist clique had collabo- to anything when a mob was rated with the ship operators and coming," Mr. Blair stated. He government. They had opposed proceeded to get the Stephensons strikes and militant action for out of jail, against the "advice" many years. The membership was of Magistrate Denton, who innot trained for defending picket formed him that bail was \$3,500.

duce evidence showing that Magmob in 1933 that lynched Cordie in Columbia. Throughout the trial the court has repeatedly re-This was a real crisis for the fused to permit any evidence regarding past lynchings.

witnesses clearly established the turned to help bring order out fact that the Negro community had real reason to fear lynch violence last February.

> patrol boss, state's witness, boasted that he had led the armed troops in the machine-gun assault upon the Negro people, and that he made no efforts to arrest or disarm white gangsters he saw with guns on the public squares. "Some foreign group or association might have done the 'Mink Slide' wrecking," he cynically concluded, inferring that the NAACP was guilty of the crime.

Damaging evidence of intim-

the killing took place.

Workers Throng To SWP Election **Street Rallies**

By David Weiss

to stream into the party.

ford-Stuyvesant area (a mixed Negro and white district) in Brooklyn last Friday. Three meetings broadcast the SWP program over loud speaker amplifiers along the main thoroughfare on Fulton St.

for Governor, Milton Richardson, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, and Sylvia Blecker. candidate for Attorney-General and other party speakers addressed a combined audience which at times numbered as high as 1,000 people. In addition to the crowds gathered around the platform, scores of persons listened to the speakers along the streets, from the elevated station and from the windows of their homes.

Placards denouncing lynch terror, protesting the conspiracy to bar the SWP from the ballot and calling for a Workers and Farmers Government were held aloft in the meetings by party comrades and sympathizers who had mobilized for the occasion.

LIVELY INTEREST

The results of the meetings speak volumes for the lively interest aroused among the workers: More than 500 Militants were sold, a total of \$60 was collected for pamphlets and papers, 125 interest blanks were signed, 15 subs to the Militant were sold and six workers joined the party.

out the city with equally excel- representatives into office. For ity, vote for the Socialist Worklent results.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30-The campaign to elect the Socialist Workers ticket in New York State is running in high gear. The party has taken to the streets in a big way. Thousands of workers listen to party speakers on the street corners and greet their message with great enthusiasm. Thousands of Militants and pamphlets are sold at the street meetings. Hundreds of workers have signed interest cards and recruits are beginning

A rally was held in the Bed-

Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate

This is the second big street meeting rally staged by the New York local of the SWP. The first was held in Harlem where over time for the United States to be 500 attended three rallies, 400 500 attended three rallies, 400 governed by the majority of the majority of the people, that is, the working peoerature were sold, and 150 workers signed interest blanks.

holding street meetings through- so that it can elect its own want peace, security and equal-

cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black

Summignum By William Bohannon Chiminican SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

sity, according

to these sourc-

went into business in New York

City where he attained "not-

sales manager." He is now a

erent. My mother brought our

family North when I was a small

child in the hope that we would

escape the degrading conditions

every Negro must sace in Geor-

gia. I had to quit school before

I finished high school so that I

could help support the family.

I have never had a business of

any kind and have always work-

ed in factories or shops when I

While not belonging to any

fraternities, I have belonged to

the CIO United Steelworkers of

America, the Workers Alliance

and the Socialist Workers Party.

ran for public office only once

-for the Newark City Commis-

sion in 1941—and I was not

elected. However, my fellow

vorkers have often chosen me

to represent them on various

Some people may ask: "Under

these conditions why do you

campaign against a man who

has had greater educational op-

portunities and experience in

had?" That is the question I

This country is now run by

representatives of a small min-

corporations who control most

We who belong to the Social-

ist Workers Party believe it is

ority of the population—the big

of the wealth and the two big

want to answer here.

political parties.

was not unemployed.

two terms in Congress.

What Counts In Candidates I am not personally acquainted with Frank L. Sundstrom, the incumbent member of the House of Representatives from the 11th District of New Jersey, but I have

> learned a few 3 -this has not yet been done. In the 1946 election campaign him from Who's in New Jersey's 11th District, Who and Fitz-Sundstrom represents the capitalist class and I represent the lative Manual. working class. Anyone who reads our respective party plato utstanding forms can see that very plainly. athlete and I ask to be elected on this basis graduate o f alone. No matter what Sund-Cornell Univer-

tative of Big Business and not able success as a salesman and the working people. Fortunately, we have his votpartner in a brokers' firm in ing record in the 79th Congress New York-Burton, Cluett and to prove this. Let us examine

strom's personal qualifications

may be, I advocate his defeat

in this election because he is a

représentative of the Republican

Party and therefore a represen-

Dana. He is a member of the some of it briefly: honorary journalistic fraternity, The Case bill was one of the Sigma Delta Chi, and a national worst anti-labor bills in the hisofficer of Phi Kappa Psi, whattory of this country. Sundstrom

ever that is. He has already had Sundstrom voted again and My own background is dif-

again for legislation to raise prices.

He helped to kill action on housing by stopping debate on it in the Banking and Currency Committee.

He helped to defeat an amendment which would have protected veterans from housing

speculators. On the basis of these four issues alone, not a single worker. housewife, tenant or veteran

ought to vote for Sundstrom. But the point I am trying to make is that no matter how he voted, no matter what his record was, no worker or Negro ought to vote for him anyhow. As long as a man is a candidate of the Republican Party, or the Democratic Party, no worker or Negro ought to vote for him. Because no matter how careful such a candidate may be to cover up his tracks, he is still a stooge for Big Business.

Some people say: "I don't pay any attention to the party label, I vote for the man." That is one public office than you have reason why conditions are so bad today. The thing to judge is not the man or his individual characteristics, but the man's PROGRAM. And you cannot determine what his program is without studying the program of his party.

What counts in candidates is their program. Ask yourself whom the candidate represents -the rich ruling class or the working class? Then make your decision. If you want continued ple of the cities and farms. We wars, depressions, Jim Crow and ascism vote for th Other local branches have been movement to form its own party or Republican candidates. If you a number of reasons-none good | ers Party.

Come and meet other 'Militant' Readers At these Local Activities of The Socialist Workers Party

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How Stalinist Leaders' Policies Paid Off In The Maritime Strike

bat engineers?

By F. J. Lang

The CIO National Maritime Union is the largest union of rates \$10 above the NMU scale. unlicensed seamen. It represents a majority of all men em- All maritime workers supported ployed in the U. S. Merchant Marine. The NMU has a model the parity demand of the NMU. headquarters in New York City, a real show-place. In all However, the poor organization

major ports, the NMU has 9 There all members receive equal the union. treatment. They are shipped to jobs on a rotary basis. Racial prejudice and job jealousy have been | the principles of "readin', writin'

All this developed from the 1936-37 strike struggles. The NMU was built in revolt against the corrupt and reactionary officialdom of the old AFL International Seamen's union.

During the '36 strike and the rank-and-file revolt in the moribund ISU the unlimited resourcefulness of the seamen on the East Coast forged this new and powerful CIO union. It inscribed racial equality on its banner and set out to unite all seamen with the promise that its program and policies would be developed by the rank and file, free from

clique control. AIMS BETRAYED

Nearly 10 years have passed. But almost from the beginning the NMU has been dominated by a clique. That clique is the Communist (Stalinist) Party. It has rudely betrayed the aims and hopes of the thousands of militant seamen who built the union.

Hundreds of these seamen joined the Communist Party in the prewar years. They thought the party was a safeguard against its objective to tie up all lake speaking with strike committee Stalinists. old-line reactionaries such as they had fought and defeated in two weeks later. the ISU. These seamen soon found that they were caught up 13, when the NMU voted to con- girls who work at union head- learned how close to a fatal crack- offered him money to tell all he in another reactionary clique. Many were expelled from the par- strike called a week earlier by Pickets could never get a their union. The members saw him. ty for opposing its false union policies. Some were expelled from ganization of this strike was the picket, when they were to be resources, was all but paralyzed the union. Others dropped away direct responsibility of the Or- relieved, what happened to their by the false and bureaucratic in cold blood in the jail for tryquietly during the war when the ganization Department, formerly improvised picket cards, where policies of the Stalinist leaders. ing to "escape" was blasted by

for the hated Coast Guard. The war years silenced the militant seamen. During this period, win wage parity for all seamen forcements in case of emergency, union for coming tougher strugthe Stalinists took over the en-lafter the AFL unions had forced | This inexcusable confusion re-les.

clean, well-kept union halls. tire administrative apparatus of

They organized a "leadership school" to teach new members and no strikin'."

They were the most brazen sup-

no-strike pledge. tration in establishing a pation-

and government hiring halls.

How these Stalinist anti-un-

against the open-shop Lake Car- then. riers Association. This strike was

tinue the nation-wide seamen's quarters.

the government to agree to wage of the CIO strike demonstrated once again how the Stalinists

have weakened the NMU.

NO CLEAR POLICY The rank and file strike compledge and advocated a postwar existed. There were no official rules, they offered to cooperate along the miles of New York the strike. with the War Shipping Adminis- waterfront. No plans were ready for transporting, feeding and wide government shipping pool housing the pickets. There was no centralized authority. Worst

of all - there was no clear strike policy. During the AFL phase of the ion policies weakened the NMU maritime strike, the Stalinists in has been demonstrated in three the CIO unions advanced an 11recent tests. The first was the point program, including a prounion's drive to organize the posal to permit exemptions for Isthmian Steamship Co. This troop and relief ships. This would patching system had been esal Union will receive a majority ships and continue the nation- ments were organized. Most im-

shipping and had to be called off representatives. Often they had

Finding it difficult to enforce zation Department provided no when confronted with the conthe government war shipping plan for distribution of pickets tradictory instructions during Cheek, 17-year-old Negro youth union. As always happens in time of crisis, new men came forward and some of the old-timers re-

Wage parity for all seamen

Defense attorneys asked the

Testimony of all the state's

Lynn Bomar, state highway

dation and bribery was revealed when one of five Maury County to take orders from one of the has been won. In the short week Negroes, witnesses for the state, The latest test was September hundred or so Stalinist office of their strike, the NMU members testified that an FBI man had up the Stalinists have brought knew, but that this only "scared" The state's contention that

two Negroes were shot to death Stalinist clique turned informers headed by Myers and now by to report the following day, whom They are now determined to state's witness Underwood. He to allow through the picket line, cleanse the leadership of Stalin- admitted that the two murdered The NMU strike was called to where to call for picket rein- ist influence and prepare their men had made their bonds and were about to be released when

The housing crisis has be-

come the key political issue

program as the Alan Kohlman

convenes in special session next

Monday to deal with the housing

The high point of the cam-

paign this week was the proposal.

to finance housing through a

two-cent tax on cigarettes ad-

vanced by Republican Governor

Edge at the beginning of this

week and hastily withdrawn yes-

terday to prevent a smashing

Republican defeat at the polls

The initiative in the fight

against the cigarette tax was

taken by Alan Kohlman, SWP

candidate for Governor, who was

soon joined in his attacks on the

proposed legislation by veteran

and labor organizations. Even

the man Edge picked to succeed

himself, Republican candidate

Exposing the purpose of Edge's

program — to tax the workers

while helping the profiteers -

Kohlman advanced the SWP de-

mand: Tax the rich and not the

He called for a fight to "in-

crease corporation taxes on the

profit-bloated trusts and mono-

polies to pay for long-range

housing:" use of the state post-

war reserve; higher taxes on

horse-racing, bank stocks and

Driscoll, had to repudiate the

cigarette tax program.

in New Jersey's

election cam -

paign, and the

Socialist Work-

ers Party candi-

thick of the fight

Increasing space

in the local press

has been given to

the SWP housing

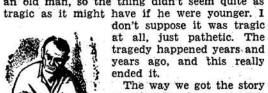
State Legislature

question.

in November.

The Story Of Stanley Barek -By Theodore Kovalesky-

His name was Barek, Stanley Barek. He was an old man, so the thing didn't seem quite as



The way we got the story was that Barek came to this country years ago. His father went to work in the mines in Pennsylvania, and young Stanley started there too at

the age of twelve. He worked with a lot of other little kids separating the coal from the stone and dirt in some sort of building above the ground. That was his childhood, long hours of work and hardly ever any play. The visions he might have tried to remember in later years were the desolate, dusty areas ruined by the collieries, the wind-swept shacks tottering on a hillside, the boggy, rutted mud-roads.

Stanley Barek grew up in the lean, tired way his friends and companions grew up in the town. There were layoffs, there were strikes, and there was violence. There were accidents in the mines that claimed the lives and mutilated the bodies of his neighbors. Life was hard and dangerous, and there was little fun in it.

.Then Stanley Barek put all this behind him and went to Pittsburgh. He knew very little of what lay before him, but he knew what he was leaving behind. He wanted no more of the mines or of the barren town that worked them. So he went to Pittsburgh, drawn toward the great stacks and ovens and furnaces that glowed in the sky at night. Stanley Barek found himself a room in the

Smoky City, and he found himself a job in the steel mills. Some time later he found himself a woman and married her.

A couple of years after that it happened. It.

seems that something had gone wrong with a shear. It snapped or tore loose, or else it was the steel being cut that tore loose. Anyhow pieces of steel were hurled around the mill . . . and one of them caught Stanley Barek in the middle of the forehead, just over the eyes.

It didn't kill him. He had fought hard for his life ever since childhood, and his body and system were tempered in that fight. So instead of dying he lay there in the hospital for months, his lean, tough body softening in the white hospital bedclothes. Months later they helped him to his feet and taught him to dress himself, taught him to walk all over again . . . for he

It's good to be able to say that he was not swindled out of all compensation like so many other workers. He wasn't. It was a lucky break. He got a settlement and finished the payments on the little house he was buying. And when his wife took in washing and he went out selling pencils on the streets, they didn't starve. They always managed to have enough to eat.

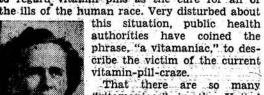
Only, they couldn't save anything, naturally. They heard of those wonderful dogs that blind people could buy, dogs that were almost human and could guide a blind man safely anywhere at all. Stanley Barek would have given anything for one of those "seeing eye" dogs . . anything he had to give. But it was money that was needed, and he didn't have that. So he kept poking along the streets with his cane, asking people, "Wanna buy a pencil?" He sat on a little pad on a corner downtown, asking, whenever he heard footsteps, "Pencils?"

And then one evening last week as he was tapping his way home, he walked into the way of a truck. It was very quick. When he heard the footsteps gathering around him in the darkness and sensed somebody bending over him. he murmured, "I no see . . ." and died.

When we heard the story, we all thought, what a lousy shame he couldn't have afforded one

Don't Be A Vitamaniac!

Increasing numbers of people are coming to regard vitamin pills as the cure for all of the ills of the human race. Very disturbed about



"vitamaniacs" in the United States is due, in the main, to the unprincipled and unscientific advertising campaigns of the country's vitamin pill manufacturers. Whether vitamin pills benefit the

patients or not, they certainly benefit the drug companies! Some \$200,000,000 a year is taken in by vitamin pill manufacturers. This is a third of all drug sales.

There is no doubt but that vitamin deficiencies create serious health problems for American workers. In 1940, there were 2,373 deaths from pellagra, beriberi, scurvy and rickets all vitamin deficiency diseases. And for every actual death from malnutrition; there are thousands who are seriously ill from diet deficiency diseases and millions who have mild or moderate vitamin deficiencies. A 1942 survey of the diets of the relatively well-paid workers in the Lockheed Aircraft Plant in Burbank, California showed that 87 per cent had diets which were unsatisfactory. Surveys of the diets of Southern sharecroppers and of North Carolina textile workers showed 100 per cent unsatisfact-

But attempts of individuals to make up for diet deficiencies by "doctoring" themselves with vitamin pills are frowned upon by medical men. U.S. Surgeon-General Thomas Parran has this to say: "The solution of malnourishment for the population as a whole is not that we become a nation of drug-takers but that there be readily available an adequate supply of all the foods we need at the prices we can pay. Occasionally, synthetic vitamins are necessary when acute illness develops and years of faulty feeding must be made up by a few weeks or months of addition to the diet of specific minerals and vitamins. This is a problem of medical care."

A balanced diet, which includes plenty of meat, milk, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables and whole-grain cereals - that is what human beings need. Despite all of the claims of the pill manufacturers, synthetic vitamins are no substitute for rich, nourishing food!

Fight for the kind of wage scale that can buy vitamin-rich food for you and your family! Don't be a vitamaniac!

Girdling The Earth With Bases

A 24-hour general strike, staged in Iceland, Sept. 24, protested granting U.S. imperialism the military bases it wants there. Lying directly on the highly strategic North Atlantic route to

the Soviet Union, this small island is important in Wall Street's projected war against the Soviet

Since the close of the Second World War, the Stalinists have actively opposed entrenchment of Wall Street's military machine in Iceland. The proposed deal over retention of air fields with

permanent skeleton crews of American troops is now up for consideration in the Iceland Parliament.

Iceland, however, is but one point in the vast circle of bases sought by Wall Street's militarists. Already American bases dot such strategic points in the West Indies as the Bahamas, Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Antigua, St. Lucia and Trinidad. The brass hats want an outer ring of bases from Iceland through the Azores down to South America. To put pressure on the Portuguese government to concede bases on the Azores, eight United States warships visited Lis-

bon August 16 during the negotiations. Around the Panama Canal American militarists project a perimeter of bases on a radius of more than 1,000 miles. During the war the U. S. armed forces held 130 bases in Panama. The brass hats want to retain the Galapagos Islands that belong to Ecuador, and build a ring of bases extending through Peru, Ecuador,

Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Nicaragua Salvador and Guatemala.

Wall Street is working overtime to bring Latin America into its military plans. U. S. military missions have visited 13 Latin American countries this year. In 20 U.S. Army missions some 500 officers and men have been involved. Toprank generals and admirals like Eisenhower and Halsey have made tours. Spanish and Portuguese editions of military publications and field manuals are distributed free of charge. Key Latin-American officers have been brought to the United States for study and indoctrina-

In the distant Pacific, the Wall Street militarists insist on retaining Manus in the Admiralties islands which have been under the Aus-

As for the Japanese islands seized during the war, the State Department has coolly announced it does not even intend to place them under a so-called "trusteeship agreement" with the United Nations.

These steps to convert the Western Hemisphere into an armed camp and the Pacific and Atlantic into U. S. Army and Navy ponds are part of Wall Street's preparations for another war. A five-member delegation of the House Military Affairs Committee upon returning from a 38,000 mile inspection tour of the Pacific made no bones about these war plans.

They demanded haste in ringing the Pacific with strong bases within striking distance of the

What Is Moral Turpitude?

-By Ruth Benson

The gigantic Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, whose food store chain reaches every corner of the country, was found guilty last week by

federal court of "conspiring to monopolize a large portion of the nation's food business." It had stolen millions of dollars from workers' pockets by short-changing, short-weighting, and priceboosting.

In 1941 alone, A&P profits amounted to \$26,125,000, and almost two millions of this sum came directly from cheating its

customers! Moreover, by its ruthless law-breaking, the A&P had wiped out competition, driving thousands of little grocers from the stores into which they had poured their life savings.

In Danville, Illinois, on Sept. 27, Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley passed sentence on these crooks. Under the anti-trust laws, the guilty heads of the corporation and its subsidiaries, were liable to fines and prison terms of two years.

But did they go to jail? Not on your life! You see, explained Judge Lindley, these thieves were not guilty of "moral turpitude"! To rob

workers' families of millions of dollars was "only an economic offense," Lindley claimed.

In fact, Lindley did everything but apologize to these silk-hat criminals. "It would serve no purpose to enter a sentence of imprisonment. he said. And since he was going to set them free, he excused them from even showing up in court to hear his decision! According to Lindley, it was "unnecessary to take them from their vocations" of robbing the poor.

Reluctantly he fined the corporation a mere \$175,000 - petty-cash compared to their loot. And then he hastily put a stay on the fines, so the crooks could appeal even that insignificant "punishment."

In the same week down in Pittsburgh, a strike leader, George L. Mueller, president of the power workers' union, was arrested, sentenced without bail or a jury trial, and thrown into jail for a year's term. Mueller, it seems, had shown "moral turpitude." He was "guilty" of leading 3,500 workers in a fight for higher wages so they could buy some of the food which the A&P and the other monopolists, had put beyond reach. That's no trifling "economic offense" like stealing millions from the working

New Jersey Candidates Fight For Housing To Be Financed By Taxing The Monopolies

California SWP Election Drive Goes Into High Gear This Week

THE MILITANT

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Sept. 26-The Socialist Workers Party's write-in election campaign in this state went Candidate for U. S. Congress into high gear this week with the signing of radio contracts in San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

fore factories.

TOUR PLANNED

A tour of whirlwind speeches

by the three candidates is now

in preparation. In addition to

covering sections where SWP

being urged to invite SWP can-

A series of mass meetings and

placed on the mailing list for

he Campaigner free of charge

by writing to the Los Angeles

Local headquarters, 3161/2 .W.

Hear Sylvia Blecker, SWP

candidate for Atty.—General

of N. Y., Friday, Oct. 4: Milton

Richardson, SWP candidate

for Lt. Governor, Saturday

Both on WLIB Public Pro

gram, 4:10 p.m. - 1190 on

Carlson Pledges

By Winifred Nelson

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 28.

Pledging Socialist Workers

im Crow, Grace Carlson, Min-

nesota SWP candidate for U.S.

Senator spoke at the local SWP

Tracing the growth of the

myth of racial superiority as an

instrument in the capitalist pol-

icy of divide - and - rule, the

"We in the SWP say that the

oppression of races is an integral

part of capitalism and that

equality of opportunity cannot

be attained unless we change

the capitalist system . . . We

have taken our place in the

great fight to free mankind from

oppression-to create a new

world where there will be no

discrimination and segregation

and inequality, only the human

Dr. Carlson reminded her au-

dience of the promise of the

Four Fr 'oms "everywhere in

the world" as a result of World

War II. "But the Negro veteran

"didn't return to the Four Free-

The very attentive audience, which filled the headquarters to

to a collection to aid the elec-

of police."

Join the Socialist Workers Party!

To obtain further information about your or-

To attend meetings and forums of the Socialist

To join the Socialist Workers Party.

Workers Party in my city.

POSTAL ZONE STATE

Fight Against

Jim Crow

Supremacy'."

speaker declared:

On The Radio

Pico Blvd.

Oct. 5.

didates to their own meetings.

The candidates, Steve Roberts? for Governor, Cynthia Rogalin page leaflet with the SWP's platfor Los Angeles County State form, a radio card and a special Senator, and Robert Chester for edition of The Militant will be 20th District State Assembly- distributed by the tens of thousman, will be heard on the air in ands in neighborhoods and bea total of nine 15-minute broadcasts. (See Page 6 for details.) A wide network of listening paries is-being arranged in all parts

An attractive two-color six-

Distribute Four Special Editions Of 'The Militant'

Last week's issue of The Militant was printed in five different editions - the regular issue and four special election issues which are receiving wide distribution in the Socialist Workers Party election campaigns.

Attractively prepared, the special editions center around the Socialist Workers Party national platform, and give a program of action on local issues.

The Minnesota edition, printed

in 30,000 copies, has a big headline, VOTE FOR LABOR CAN-DIDATES, and several articles dealing with the fight for a labor party, against war and fascism, The California edition's headline is: CALIFORNIA SWP

LAUNCHES WRITE-IN CAM-PAIGN. It has articles on local cuestions by all three of the Socialist Workers Party's candidates. 25,000 copies were printed. NEW JERSEY WORKERS GET CHANCE TO VOTE FOR A LABOR TICKET is the main headline of the New Jersey edi-

There are articles on the vital housing question, the labor party. Negro and labor's rights, etc. The Washington State Edition, printed in 5,000 copies, features the fight against war and the banner headline: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY TICKET

tion, issued in 15,000 copies.

LEADS STRUGGLE AGAINST NEW WAR. Most of the SWP candidates in these states had articles in the special editions.

SWP Candidates Hit Sales Tax In Washington

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 27. -Washington State sales taxes will still be pegged at three per cent according to the program set forth this week by Democratic Governor Mon C. Wallgren. The Governor is opposed to any lowering of the tax which is levied on the sale of all commodities in Washington, including food, The main burden of this tax falls on the working class.

Wallgren justified the continuation of this tax on the poor as necessary "if we are to continue the liberal program we have in social security, medical aid and the rest of the program we've started." This means that the working class itself is to foot the bill for the small social security concessions it has been able to

In sharp opposition to the Isaac Woodard," she continued, Democratic Governor's program, the candidates of the Socialist doms when he had his eyes Workers Party in Washington gouged out by a brutalized chief call for the outright repeal of the state's sales tax and the adoption of the principle "tax the rich, not the poor - no capacity, contributed generously taxes on incomes less than \$5,000

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

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New York 3, New York

Warren Creel

3rd District, Minnesota Warren Creel comes of Social-

ist parents. His father, H. G. Creel, was a writer and speaker of the Socialist Party, and circulation manager of the Appeal to Reason; later he was editor of the state newspaper of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, the Farmer-Labor Leader.

Creel, now 37 years old, i married and has a five-year old daughter. He was born in Chicago, spent his grade school years in Texas and Oklahoma branches exist, the tour will City, went to high school in cover such places as Stocktop, Omaha, Nebraska. He attended Sacramento, Santa Cruz, San the University of Chicago for Bernardino, Azusa, etc. Labor one year, 1928-29. During his and minority organizations are next two years as an office worker in Los Angeles, he was an ac-

neighborhood rallies in San Diego, San Francisco, Los An-Publicity is being released almost daily to the press. In ad-Farmer-Labor Association set up political activity. cition the party is issuing the Trotskyist Campaigner, with full an Educational Bureau to carry on further educational work. information on election activity. for the remainder of the campaign. Militant readers can be

In 1934, during the Minneapolis drivers' strikes, he came in- Workers, CIO, Local 1140, and a to contact with the Socialist Workers Party forces and he ty CIO Council. joined them in 1936.

Daniel Roberts

For State Senate

31st District, Washington

While attending the University

of Southern California, Roberts

was an active member of the

Socialist Party, trying to change

its treacherous position of sup-

porting the war. At the June,

1942 convention of the Socialist

Party, Roberts introduced a res-

olution setting forth the revolu-

tionary socialist opposition to

World War II. For this he was

ings, and was soon expelled by

ist League.

Party candidates to an un- barred from taking part in the

compromising fight to end rest of the convention proceed-

week on "The Menace of 'White program forward.

to go to Duluth, Minnesota, as business agent of the Duluth tive forum speaker on economic Teachers Association, Local 692 of the American Federation of In 1932 he went to St. Paul, Teachers. During his eight years Minnesota, and organized study in this post, the organization geles and San Pedro is already of Marxist economics in the made an outstanding record in Farmer-Labor youth organiza- the national teachers union. He tion. Because of the success of resigned in 1944, to take up these study groups, the state work which would allow more

with Warren Creel as secretary, neapolis factory. He is a mem-

The following year he left the contributor to The Militant and Farmer-Labor Party state office the Fourth International.

Today he is an assembler and

punch press operator in a Minber of the United Electrical delegate to the Hennepin Coun-Warren Creel is a frequent

Since the age of 14, Daniel Roberts has been active in the struggles of the working class. After three years of youthful study, he joined the Young Communist League in 1935. In 1940, he left the degenerated YCL to join the Young People's Social-

on the Los Angeles Executive Committee of the Socialist Workers Party. In May, 1945 he came to Seattle as the Socialist

Here he has been a member of the Executive Committee of coll asks only 41 million and the Pyramid Workers Alliance the Socialist Party. Immediately an organization set up in Seattle ent housing altogether. he joined the Socialist Workers in 1945 to win equal rights for Party in Los Angeles, and has Negro workers in local unions. headquarters, 540 Cedar St., last worked diligently to carry its He is a member of the National Association for the Advancement He was drafted into the Army of Negro People.

in 1944, and upon his discharge resumed an administrative post four-year-old daughter.

Workers Party organizer.

the railroads. Kohlman and William E. Bohannon, SWP candidate for Congress from the 11th District, spoke on the housing question last night at a well-attended meeting in State Campaign Headquarters. Here Bohannon showed that Negro workers and veterans were hardest-hit in the present housing crisis, and called for a vigorous fight to kick out the legislators who have stalled on this vital question.

Kohlman devoted part of his remarks to an analysis of the Driscoll program, which he branded as "even more conservative than Edge's on the matter of permanent housing." While Edge advocated a 106 million dollar program for both temporary and long-range housing needs. Dris-

shelves the question of pe

The SWP candidates are demanding a 500 million dollar program and have received wide. publicity for their proposals showing how this can be raised Roberts is married and has a without any additional taxes on

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 vererans 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!

4. 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!

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

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

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!