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Cynthia Rogalin Lashes 'Little Dies' Committee

California SWP Candidate Takes the Stand, Denounces "Un-American Activities" Probers

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 8—The California Senate Committee Investigating Un-American Activities, headed by Senator Jack B. Tenney, was denounced and exposed in its first day's session here yesterday by Cynthia Rogalin, Socialist Workers Party write-in opponent for Tenney's office of State Senator.

Mrs. Rogalin, who took the stand in the afternoon session, charged that the "Little Dies" Committee's presence here, "ostensibly to investigate the Klan and communist activity, is actually a red-baiting, Klan-whitewashing repetition of the Palmer red raids of the period following World War I."

Beginning with the recital of a long list of incidents "which show the hand of the Klan in this area in the past year," the Socialist Workers Party spokesman pointed out that the police have not made a single arrest in connection with these acts of terror and intimidation.

CONDEMNNS OFFICIALS

She condemned the Mayor and Chief of Police and Southern California county officials for providing hundreds of police for the protection of Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith's meetings, and not a single officer to protect members of minority groups threatened by Klan terror.

"The City Police Department should be investigated for connection with Klan and other fascist groups," Mrs. Rogalin continued. "Brutality and abuse against members of minority groups by the police have become notorious."

"There is a long list of incidents which show the hand of the Klan in this area in the past year, instances of threats, arson, intimidation, and one case of burning to death of a Negro family; but not a single arrest has been made, not a single culprit has been brought to justice."

Mrs. Rogalin demanded an investigation of "the sponsors, signers and advocates of race restrictive covenants. Their aims and the aims of the Klan in Los Angeles are identical."

Then Mrs. Rogalin struck close-



CYNTHIA ROGALIN SWP Candidate for State Senate from Los Angeles.

her home by demanding that "the chairman of this committee, Mr. Tenney, should be investigated for his connection with Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith," who has endorsed Tenney for re-election. She called on Tenney to openly state his position on race restrictions.

Labelling the Committee's activities here a whitewash, she challenged it "to investigate all of the individuals and public officials I have mentioned," and concluded by calling on the labor movement to unite against the Committee and the capitalist class it serves.

"NO EVIDENCE"

Following Mrs. Rogalin's statement, Tenney staged a well-prepared show in which a battery of public officials, including Mayor Bowron, the Chief of Police, and representatives from the Sheriff's office, stated that they had found no evidence of "organized Klan activity" and no evidence with which to prosecute any person.

See Page 6 for extracts from Cynthia Rogalin's statement to the Tenney Committee.

Acquitted Tennessee Negroes Face More Frame-up Charges

Although 23 Negro defendants in the Columbia, Tennessee Jim-Crow frame-up were acquitted of murder charges in a Lawrenceburg court on Oct. 4, they still remain in danger of being railroaded to jail, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People warned in a press release this week.

The 23 were acquitted of "assault with intent to commit murder in the first degree," which carried a penalty of 21 years' imprisonment. But a whole battery of charges are still leveled against the acquitted Negroes, some of which carry the same penalties as the maximum charge of which they were acquitted. Among these charges are "assault," "being accessories before the fact," "carrying weapons with intent to harm," etc.

TRUMPED-UP

All of these trumped-up charges grew out of a night of lynch horror last February, when 500 armed state troopers aided by an armed white lynch mob, invaded Columbia's segregated Negro community. They beat up and shot scores, ransacked homes and businesses, and murdered two Negroes in cold blood in the jail. The charges were based upon the fact that four white policemen were shot at during the night of the terror.

The maximum charge brought by the State against the victimized Negroes blew up in the vicious, race-hating court under the testimony of even its own 30 witnesses. Will Willsford, one of the four policemen, admitted that he could not identify any of the defendants as having shot at him. The three other policemen have failed as yet to place any charges against the defendants.

Two of the 25 who stood trial,

Robert Gentry and John McKivens, war veterans, were convicted by an all-white jury and given the maximum sentence of 21 years' imprisonment.

While the 23 acquitted defendants are out on extremely high bail, the State can at any time bring one or all of the additional charges against them whenever it pleases. On Oct. 18, the NAACP attorneys will present arguments for a new trial of the two convicted Negroes. Failing this, they will appeal the case to a higher court.

Meanwhile, in Columbia Tennessee, on Nov. 11 the trial of two more Negro defendants will begin. William Pillow and Lloyd Kennedy, also charged on the maximum count of "attempt to commit murder in the first degree" were separated from the main body of the defendants when defense attorneys asked for a change of venue from Columbia to another court because of the extreme racial tension existing in Columbia. These two were denied the change of venue granted to the others.

COLUMBIA TRIAL

Oliver Harrington, NAACP Public Relations Counsel, stated on Oct. 10: "These innocent men were acquitted after the southern court discovered that Americans in other parts of the country demanded justice. . . . If the Columbia defendants were innocent of the State's charges, then the State is guilty of having allowed Lynn Bomar's troopers to beat and kill innocent citizens."

TRUMAN GIVES PROFITEERS OKAY TO SOAK THE PEOPLE

Toledo Council Asks Seizure Of Meat Trust

By Harold Josephs (Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 7 — The Toledo City Council tonight adopted a resolution proposed by the Housewives Emergency Committee urging government seizure of the meat industry. This action followed a series of militant demonstrations at City Hall by the HEC, whose chairman is Mrs. Alice Patton.

Thomas Burke, local CIO auto workers leader and City Councilman, introduced the resolution, which provides for government operation of the packing houses with the unions' cooperation.

Earl Ordway of Spicer Unit, UAW-CIO Local 12; John Grupe and Ethel White, of Champion Spark Plug Unit, Local 12; and John Carver, member of the Toledo Area Council of Railroad Workers spoke in favor of the resolution.

Malcolm Walker, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor, who called for nationalization of the meat industry under union control, engaged in a sharp verbal exchange with Vice Mayor Di Salle. Di Salle, Democratic candidate for Congress, tried to smear the resolution by claiming it was being foisted on the Council and other organizations by the "Trotskyites."

Walker rebuked Di Salle for attempting to duck the meat issue by bringing in partisan political issues and stated that the SWP is the only political organization with a real solution to the meat crisis.

(See Malcolm Walker's statement and the City Council resolution on Page 6.)

Italian Jobless Storm Palace In Rome; Many Shot

Some 30,000 Italian workers, veterans and unemployed, enraged by mounting unemployment, starvation wages and high prices, stormed the Viminale Palace in Rome, seat of the government, on Oct. 9. The demonstration was led by 15,000 road workers, who had just been dismissed from work on a government project. Hundreds were injured, at least two killed.

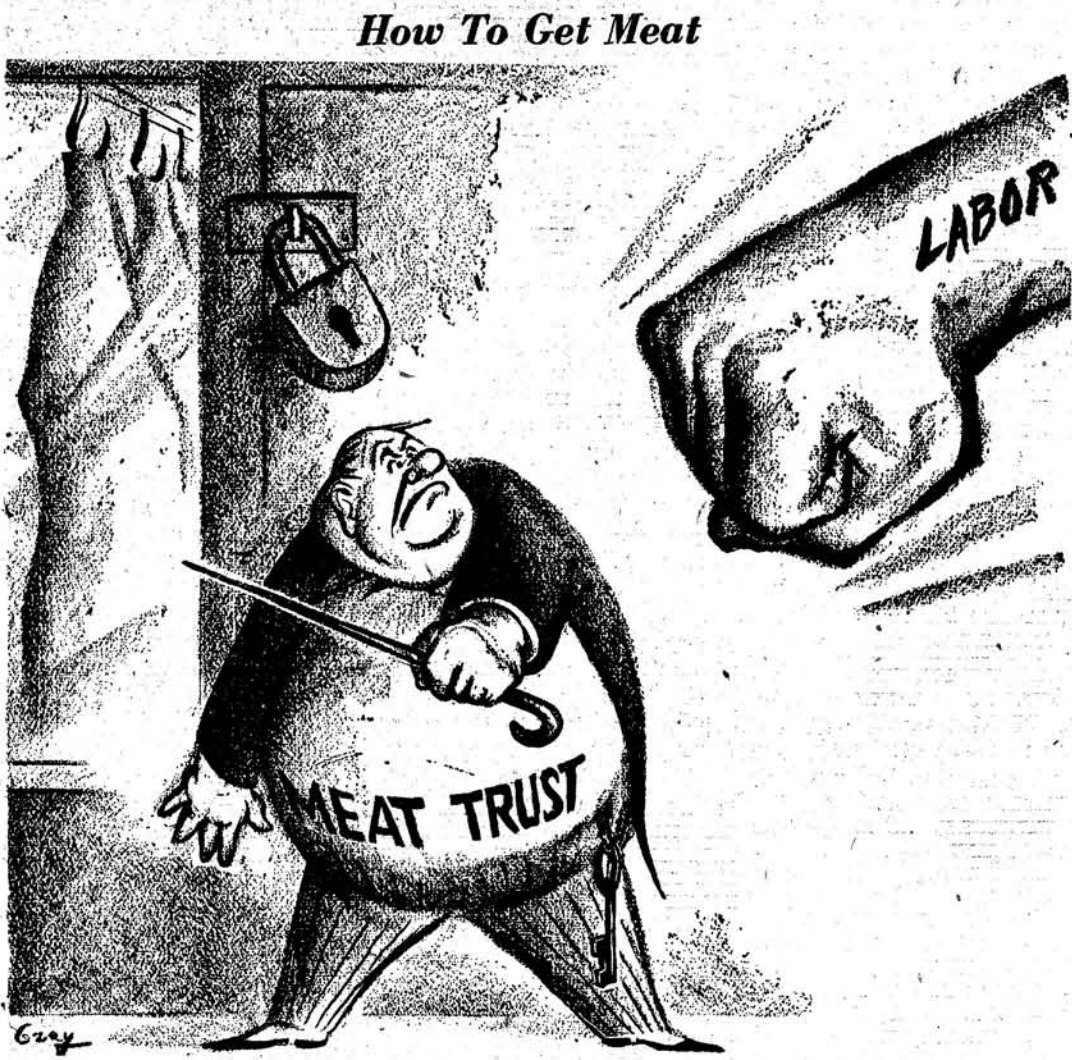
The government's last-minute retreat and assurance that immediate steps were being taken to suspend the dismissal order, failed to halt the demonstrators, hundreds of whom fought their way into government offices.

Police and helmeted carabinieri, using sabres, clubs, firearms, armored cars and tanks, attacked the workers milling around in the square in front of the palace. Some of the workers shouted: "This is no better than fascism!"

Demonstrators who forced their way through the iron gates of the palace and penetrated inside, smashed windows and furniture and attacked anyone who attempted to stand in their path. Outside the palace, crowds unhorsed mounted police and beat them up. They surrounded two police jeeps, disarmed their occupants and turned the captured automatic weapons on the police.

The demonstration marked the climax of a mounting crisis in Italy. Six million Italians are reported in dire need because of unemployment. Landless peasants have been seizing land holdings in protest against the government's do-nothing policy in carrying out its promised agrarian reforms.

Real wages, according to official statistics, have fallen from 50 to 60 per cent of the prewar level.



Effort To Bar SWP From N. Y. Ballot Is Based On Phony Technicalities

NEW YORK, Oct. 14—As we go to press no word has been received here of the State Supreme Court decision on the court action introduced by Spencer Young, for the Democratic Party, to throw the Socialist Workers Party ticket off the New York State ballot.

Decision is also pending in the Democratic Party case against the Communist Party (Stalinists), Socialist Labor Party and Socialist Party.

The "evidence" presented by the Democratic attorneys against the Socialist Workers Party in the Albany courtroom last Tuesday brought into sharp relief the flagrantly undemocratic nature of the New York election law. They rested their case entirely on technicalities — technicalities of the filiest kind.

The high-priced corporation lawyers representing Spencer Young (and Mead and Lehman) charged that there were irregularities in the listing of election districts in Cattaraugus County and errors in the notary public's signature on petitions for Steuben County. This

FORD CALLS STRIKE AGAINST GAS POISONING "SUBVERSIVE"

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, Oct. 12 — Billionaire Henry Ford 2d yesterday tried to cover up the wholesale gas poisoning of workers in his River Rouge open hearth furnace room by a red-baiting attack on 1,500 crane operators who, after repeated unsatisfied complaints, have refused to work in an atmosphere of deadly fumes.

The president of the Ford Motor Company went over the heads of the leaders of the CIO United Automobile Workers and addressed a lying letter to CIO President Philip Murray demanding that he intervene against the "subversive and insurgent factions" who, Ford claimed, inspired the week-old walkout.

Ford cited the notorious "company security" clause in the Ford contract against the workers forced to remain out of the open hearth room by murderous sodium fluoride fumes.

Richard T. Leonard, UAW vice president and Director of the union's Ford Division, this afternoon gave the lie to Ford,

and other minority parties off the ballot.

Socialist Workers Party attorneys vigorously attacked the postponement and announced they would appeal to the higher courts in the event of an unfavorable decision.

SWP Candidates Present Program Over The Radio

Socialist Workers Party candidates are bringing their program in the November elections to tens of thousands of radio listeners who have never before had an opportunity to hear the ideas of Trotskyism. From New York to California, SWP branches have purchased radio time and applied for a place on political forum programs.

The response received in New York City, where scores of listeners have written in for copies of speeches made by gubernatorial candidate Farrell Dobbs, is an indication that workers everywhere find these broadcasts a welcome change from the campaign lies of the Democrats and Republicans.

Militant readers are urged to tune in the station nearest them, for the remainder of the broadcasts scheduled here, and to watch their local papers for announcements of further programs.

CALIFORNIA — Los Angeles area, Sundays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, at 7:45 p.m. over station KGER, 1390 on dial. San Francisco area, Mondays, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, at 8:45 p.m. over station KSAN, 1450 on dial.

MINNESOTA, Tuesdays, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 at 10:30 p.m., over station WMIN.

NEW JERSEY, Sundays, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 at 3:45 p.m., over station WPAT, 93 on dial.

NEW YORK, Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10 p.m. over station WNEW, 1130 on dial; Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10:45 p.m. on station WJZ, 770 on dial. Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 10 p.m. on station WNEW, 1130 on dial. Thursday, Oct. 31 at 10:45 p.m. over station WJZ, 770 on dial.

WASHINGTON, Sundays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. over station KRSC, 1140 on dial.

Leonard charged that the walkout was due to "extreme provocation from the company." He revealed that "many crane operators" have been poisoned by sodium fluoride fumes.

Leonard said the crane operators refused to be further exposed to these fumes "following company refusal to take adequate action against this industrial poison." He denied the walkout was a violation of the contract.

"Let there be no mistake about it — this problem is not one which is created by any subversive and insurgent faction," stated Leonard. "It has been created by the company's legalistic attempt to force men to work at the peril of their lives."

As added pressure on the union, Ford yesterday laid off 100,000 workers under the pretext of materials shortages.

Blames GOP And Then Grants Meat Trust What It Wants

By George Breitman

Truman's Oct. 14 speech giving in to the meat trust's demands for higher prices represents the beginning of the end of remaining price controls. Encouraged by the government's acceptance of the packers' hold-up, Big Business will push forward all along the line, more aggressively than ever before, for the scrapping of every last restraint to higher prices and bigger profits. All-out profiteering and inflation are on the order of the day — and the working people will be expected to pay the costs.

It has been some time since the American people got such a bare-faced demonstration of the government's subservience to the capitalists.

Although every man, woman and child in this country knows that the meat famine was due to a conspiracy by the meat trust, Truman did nothing more than mildly criticize them. Instead he tried to make political capital of the meat crisis by placing "the real blame" on his political opponents in Congress, "the reckless group of selfish men who . . . have encouraged sellers to gamble on the destruction of price control."

But what did these "selfish men" want? They wanted an end to price ceilings, even high price ceilings, on meat among other products. And what does the "unselfish" Truman do? He gives them exactly what they want! And yet there are people who try to tell the workers about the difference between the Democratic and Republican Parties.

Truman admitted that there was an alternative to this capitulation. He admitted receiving many demands for the government to seize the meat industry — a step which could have led to the smashing of the meat trust conspiracy.

But Truman rejected this demand. First he exonerated the meat packers of virtually all responsibility for the meat crisis. Then he dodged the demanded seizure as too "drastic" and "impracticable." Truman finds it is more practicable to give the meat trust added billions in profit than to try to provide meat for the consumers at reasonable prices. The only time Washington takes such a drastic step as

Sure—On Both Capitalist Parties

"The American people will know where the responsibility rests if profiteering on meat raises prices so high that the average American cannot buy it."—Truman's speech, Oct. 14.

seizing an industry is when it wants to break a strike of workers trying to meet the ever-rising cost of living.

Besides yielding to the meat trust, Truman served notice that the administration is going to boost prices generally. Already, he admitted, his assistants are raising prices on "thousands of items" and now "their programs of lifting controls will have to be accelerated."

This means that while meat may now become available, the workers will not be able to purchase as much of it and other living necessities as they used to. To even maintain their living standards, the workers will have to fight now for wage raises.

But in reopening wage negotiations, the workers must now go beyond their usual demands. They must seek protection not only against past price rises, but against future price rises as well. Otherwise whatever wage gains they make will be eaten away in a few months, as they were last winter.

This means: It is the duty of every worker today not only to fight for wage raises, but also to demand insertion into union contracts of an escalator clause to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living. Without such protection the workers will have to fight again and again to recover the same lost ground in the coming period of unrestrained price rises.

Stalinist Goons Badly Injure 'Militant' Agent; Beat Women

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 — A Communist (Stalinist) Party goon squad, numbering almost 100 men, tonight assaulted a small group of workers distributing The Militant to members of the CIO National Maritime/Union here at Manhattan Center, beating one work-

er into unconsciousness and injuring several others, including four women.

The hoodlums included not only Stalinist members of the NMU, but many who were identified as never having belonged to the union. Leading the obviously well-planned assault were such known members of the Communist Party as:

Stanley Postek, ex-prize fighter and notorious on the waterfront as a professional Stalinist strong-arm man;

Kinkaid and Whitham, long associated with violence against opponents of Stalinism in the labor movement.

This attack followed similar use of Stalinist gangster methods last week when two other Militant distributors were attacked before the NMU hall and one was beaten unconscious. The Militant being distributed tonight contained an editorial informing the NMU members of the previous outrage.

The assault tonight came suddenly by pre-arranged signal.

From all sides the Stalinists descended upon the distributors who defended themselves courageously, although greatly outnumbered. Rank and file NMU members indignantly protested, denouncing the Stalinist interference with their right to read what they pleased.

This series of Stalinist attacks on Militant distributors, coming in the very midst of the Big Business and government red-baiting drive against militant labor, is a treacherous blow at the whole labor movement.

The Stalinist leaders are setting an example for terrorist methods against radical workers and the rights of free speech and press. These acts will inspire the fascists to similar anti-labor violence.

In self-defense and in defense of the democratic rights of all workers, the labor movement must publicly condemn and vigorously stamp out all such outrages as the Stalinist leaders are inciting and organizing against worker militants.

The Fight Against The Red-Baiters

Statement By The Secretariat Of The Socialist Workers Party



The anti-red drive is mounting in fury. Attacks upon "reds" and "communists" in the labor movement are becoming ever more insolent and unbridled. Who's behind this concerted campaign and what do they expect to achieve by it?

During three and a half years of war the American people made countless sacrifices as Wall Street's spokesmen assured them they were fighting for a better world. Now that promised postwar world is at hand. Who will dare say living conditions have improved? In fact, the masses of people are today worse off than they were immediately before World War II.

The richest country cannot provide food, clothing or shelter to its wage slaves. Thanks to profiteering meat packers and live stock speculators, the nation suffers a meat famine while tremendous herds of cattle roam the ranges. Butter is \$1 a pound. Sugar has disappeared from the shelves. Common articles of wearing apparel are either unobtainable, of poor quality, or extremely expensive.

The housing situation is a crying scandal. Millions are homeless while race-tracks, night-clubs, luxury dwellings are built for the rich.

Returning veterans are the hardest hit. "The land of the free has no homes for the brave," who bled in Wall Street's war. Many are forced to subsist on the miserable government handout of \$20 a week.

Soaring prices place not only luxuries but elementary necessities beyond the average worker's reach.

Meantime the corporations, swollen with war-profits, are grabbing even greater peacetime profits: U.S. business net profits for 1946 will total eleven billion dollars — the biggest in history!

Is it any wonder the working people are seething with anger and discontent? They are expressing bitter hatred of the system of capitalist misrule which so cruelly deceives and exploits them. In strikes and demonstrations they are taking aggressive action to defend their living standards.

Offensive Unleashed

Big Business and its agents have deliberately chosen this moment to unleash the red-baiting offensive. This is the most carefully prepared, extensive and ferocious campaign of its type since Attorney General Palmer's savage anti-labor witch-hunts after the first World War.

Now Wall Street and its government servants in Washington are plotting a return performance of these infamous Palmer "red raids" and persecutions of union militants. The current anti-red drive is being openly fomented by Big Business and its kept press. The National Association of Manufacturers began the hue and cry. Last week the U.S. Chamber of Commerce followed suit with a broadside demanding the ouster of all "communists" from government and union posts.

Day in and day out, the Scripps-Howard chain, the Hearst yellow press, the Chicago Tribune write inflammatory articles against the "reds". The N. Y. Times, mouthpiece of the Morgan interests, advises union officials to beware of "communism."

This vicious drive is being spearheaded by the highest government officials. Truman's Attorney-General Tom C. Clark gave the signal in a menacing speech before the Chicago Bar Association last June when he assailed "small groups of radicals" who "seek to capture the important offices in the labor unions, to create strikes and dissensions, and to raise barriers to the efforts of lawful authorities to maintain civil peace." J. Edgar Hoover, anti-labor chief of the F.B.I., speaking at the American Legion convention two weeks ago, gave clear warning that the Department of Justice is preparing to hound and prosecute "communists" regardless of civil liberties, and that even liberals are to be labeled "communist."

This snarling pack of witch-hunters and labor-baiters is on the warpath to scarp the union movement and destroy all democratic rights.

The capitalist rulers realize the terrific resentment and growing protest of the masses. They fear being called to account for the misery their exploitation inflicts upon the people. Their only answer to the demands of the workers for adequate food, clothing and shelter and for decent wages is to shout: "Look out for the reds!" They thereby hope to divert attention from their own shameless profiteering and criminal misdeeds.

These vile red-baiting methods are not new. Every union-hating corporation and boss has used them against labor organizations. These are the favored methods of fascism. This was the Hitler technique.

Big Business felt the colossal power of organized labor in the recent gigantic strike struggles. The efforts of the corporations and their government flunkies to break this strength were frustrated by the unprecedented solidarity of the workers and the growing unity between the unions, the veterans, white-collar employees and Negroes.

Unable to defeat the unions by direct assault, the American capitalists are now seeking to split the ranks of the workers. Along with their red-baiting, through fascists like Gerald L. K. Smith the capitalist interests are also spreading anti-Jewish poison. Government and police officials are shielding Jim-Crow vigilantes and Klu Kluxers who are stirring up nation-wide terror campaigns against the Negroes, including a wave of lynch murders. Capitalist spokesmen are trying to drive a wedge between work-

ers and farmers by unloading the blame for high prices and scarcities upon the strike struggles of organized labor.

These ultra-reactionary forces aim to sow dissension in labor's ranks, to isolate and weaken the unions, to render the workers helpless in the face of the capitalist offensive against their working and living conditions. The employers hope to cripple the striking power of the unions by pitting one section of workers against another so that they cannot effectively combine against their common class enemy.

This anti-red drive is at the same time an integral part of Wall Street's plans for a Third World War. Intensified assaults upon labor at home go hand in hand with large-scale preparations for atomic warfare abroad.

U.S. imperialism wants to gag all progressive opposition to its conspiracy to plunge this country into another war.

If pro-capitalist Wallace can be fired from Truman's cabinet for merely differing on the best methods for defending U.S. imperialist interests, all the more urgent is Wall Street's need to expel from the unions radicals and militants who are determined to defend labor's interests. Witch-hunts, anti-labor laws, and anti-red drives are as much part of imperialist war preparations as rocket-bombs, battleships and jet-propelled planes.

It is no accident that the same Big Business men and brass hats who want to "get tough" with the Soviet Union wave the big stick at labor. The drive against the unions and the diplomatic and propaganda offensive against the Soviet Union proceed side by side as two aspects of Wall Street's program of world domination.

The same sinister figures who are beating the drums for war are directly promoting the red-baiting campaign in the unions. For example, Undersecretary of War Royall brazenly informed the CIO Shipbuilding Workers convention that "slow downs and strikes" are "threatening national defense" and advised the unions to "purge the Communists." These government agents are not concerned with aiding the workers; they are interested in tearing down the house of labor for the benefit of the corporations and warmongers.

What are the top union officials doing in the face of these dangerous attacks upon the labor movement? Are they organizing action to repel the red-baiting offensive of the bosses?

On the contrary, many AFL and CIO leaders are lending aid and comfort to Wall Street's attempts to throttle civil liberties and union democracy and militancy. These bureaucrats express no less fervent loyalty to the capitalist system than the members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. They are publicly lining up with the warmongers against the anti-war forces. Prodded by such organizations as the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, the Social Democrats and other rabidly anti-Soviet outfits, they raise a rabid hue and cry against "the red menace." Instead of summoning the workers to join in battle against the bosses, they are themselves conducting red-baiting drives and purges inside their own unions.

Green Leads Pack

Leading the pack in this witch-hunt is doddering AFL President William Green. This evil old man, who has never willingly led the workers in struggle against their employers, has been barnstorming the country on a rampage against the "reds." In his eyes even the CIO is nothing but a "Communist organization."

But Green and his co-thinkers like Matthew Woll in the AFL bureaucracy have their red-baiting counterparts in the CIO. Such chief lieutenants of CIO President Philip Murray, as United Steel Workers Secretary-Treasurer David MacDonald and CIO Secretary James Carey have been busy behind the scenes organizing red-baiting moves in the CIO unions.

Reactionary cliques have been encouraged in witch-hunts to deny freedom of political opinion in the CIO Councils of Philadelphia, Cleveland and other cities. Recently, 34 CIO officers in New York announced the formation of a "Committee for Democratic Trade Unionism" (what a false label!) with the avowed purpose of "ridging their unions of Communists' control and influence." Resolutions have been passed recently in several local CIO Councils and in national conventions, like the CIO Utility Workers, barring "Communists" from holding office.

During the war these same weak-kneed bureaucrats worked hand in glove with the government and corporations to impose the no-strike pledge, wage freezing and the costs of the war upon the workers and hold them back from struggle. They are now playing the bosses' game again by participating in red-baiting attacks. This only helps the employers' drive to unload the burdens of peacetime chaos upon the workers.

But these attempts from above to carry the anti-red

drive into the unions are meeting with sturdy resistance from the workers in many places. The union militants have learned from bitter experience that red-baiting plays into the hands of the worst anti-labor interests. The General Motors workers in Flint decisively repudiated such a corporation-inspired "anti-Trotskyist" campaign during their great strike last winter. The Greater Buffalo CIO Council recently adopted a resolution by a 90 to 10 vote condemning "red-baiting in any form." Harry Block, captain of the red-baiters in the CIO Electrical Workers, was just defeated for president of the Philadelphia CIO Council.

These are encouraging signs. They show that the best union militants are on guard against the anti-labor tactics of the witch-hunters and determined to defend democracy within the labor movement.

The Communist Party is one of the main targets of the red-baiters, although these reactionaries know better than anyone that the Stalinist leaders are neither "red" nor revolutionists. Throughout the war the Stalinists and red-baiters combined to put over the no-strike pledge, hound the militants, support the speed-up in the plants. The red-baiters are attacking the Stalinists now solely because American imperialism is preparing war against the Soviet Union.

For their part, the Stalinist leaders do not intend to conduct any real fight against the red-baiters. In fact they are carrying on their own red-baiting campaign

against the most consistent defenders of labor's rights, the real communists, the Trotskyists. They are peddling lies and slander and instigating physical assaults upon Militant distributors at union meetings. They are also expelling from the Communist Party critical-minded members who advocate more militant policies.

The Stalinist bureaucrats cannot combat the red-baiters because, under Foster as under Browder, they continue to grovel before the very Democratic Party politicians who are plotting war against the Soviet Union and organizing the witch-hunts.

The militants must fight to expose the treacherous Stalinist policies within the unions. At the same time the militants must not permit themselves to be entangled or in any way identified with the red-baiters. The militants must present a solid united front against poisonous red-baiting attacks, no matter against whom they are delivered.

It Can Be Stopped

The red-baiting offensive can be stopped. The same working-class solidarity, militancy and unity in action that set back the wage-cutting drive can defeat these new boss maneuvers. Wherever red-baiters raise their ugly heads, they must be answered with uncompromising opposition.

The militants must organize and mobilize to lead this fight. Nothing less than the future of the labor movement is at stake. The witch-hunts, although immediately directed against the advanced working class parties, are actually aimed at all labor organizations and especially the most progressive tendencies and ideas within them.

Every worker must understand the totally reactionary and anti-labor nature of the hypocritical outcries about the "menace of communism." The real danger to labor comes from the profiteering employers and their stooges, from their conspiracies to degrade living standards, to cripple the unions, to rule the world and drag the United States into dreadful atomic warfare.

Nothing and no one should be allowed to split the ranks of labor along racial, national or political lines. The slogan must be: On guard against the red-baiters! Unity of labor against all divisive tactics of the bosses!

The fight against the red-baiters is more than a fight to defend democracy and civil liberties. It is part of labor's struggles against the whole system of capitalist misrule, against low wages and high prices, against the threat of war. It is part of labor's struggles for adequate food, clothing and housing, for independent political action against Big Business domination, and for a better world.

That struggle can be effectively conducted only under reliable leadership and with a correct program. In labor organizations from coast to coast the members and sympathizers of the Socialist Workers Party stand today in the forefront of this battle against the forces of reaction. The best way to fight reaction is to join our party.

AFL Leaders Offer Witch-Hunt As Only Program At Convention

By Art Preis

Not a whisper of the rank and file was to be heard at the 69th Convention of the American Federation of Labor in its opening session last week in Chicago.

Some 600 well-nourished and well-heeled officials, a select crew from the top layers of the AFL bureaucracy, pretended to speak in the name of 7,151,808 AFL workers.

Far from representing the interests and sentiments of the ranks who pay their high salaries, these leaders of the AFL put on as reactionary a demonstration as any AFL convention has witnessed in years — and that's no easy feat.

No doubt there were some honest and progressive unionists present. But anything they had to say was drowned out in the flood of red-baiting oratory and crude attacks on progressive union policies.

The major points of AFL President William Green's keynote address, as well as the report of the AFL Executive Council, could have been cribbed from the Wall Street Journal of the convention proceedings of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Among the high-or rather low — points of the AFL leaders' views were:

1. The main enemies of the American workers are the "reds" and "communists." The CIO is "communist." There is nothing more urgent for the meat-starved, price-gouged, tax-robbed workers than a witch hunt for radicals inside the unions. The Chamber of Commerce agrees with this.
2. The reason for the soaring prices is that the CIO unions last spring fought for and won wage increases up to 18 1/2 cents an hour. If the CIO workers had been satisfied with less, prices would have been kept stable. The National Association of Manufacturers agrees with this.
3. The way to stop inflation is to do away with price controls and work hard for more production per worker. Stay on the job—boost production—don't ask for higher wages unless you increase production and profits first. The Wall Street Journal agrees with this.
4. Support the anti-Soviet war plans of American Big Business. Line up the workers for another world slaughter for "democracy" against "totalitarianism." American imperialism agrees with this. Green offered the convention only red-baiting as his program to win better conditions for

curbing the workers.

Green couldn't completely overlook the question of wages and prices. His contribution to enlightenment on this subject was: "What is needed now is not so much price control as the centering upon full production by the workers of the nation." Workers, he opined, should work harder, strive for a condition where "fewer workers would produce more goods." That sure gave the profiteering employers a happy moment!

The report of the AFL Executive Council went to the lengths of blaming the price increases upon the CIO workers who fought for wage-increases to try to catch up a little on soaring prices.

This report said: "Those unions which broke price ceilings to get 18 1/2 cents followed a shortsighted policy—an obvious reference to the CIO strikes last spring."

The report adds: "Had they (CIO unions) been really willing to accept smaller increases and adjust their demands by genuine collective bargaining to industry's ability to pay, they would be better off today and so would all American workers."

This employer-propaganda that high prices are caused by raising wages was voiced by the AFL leaders in the same week

Economic Stabilization Director Steelman put out his report that profits are the highest American capitalism has ever known; peacetime production is at an all-time record peak—and real wages are down nearly nine per cent from a year ago.

Naturally, the pro-capitalist and anti-labor sentiments of these "labor statesmen" were pleasing to the array of Big Brass invited into this labor convention to spew their poison.

Such spokesmen for the military caste and American imperialism as General Carl Spatz, Commander of the Army Air Force, and General Omar Bradley, head of the Veterans Administration, were on hand to whip it up for "national defense"—that is, all-out preparation for war on the Soviet Union. And, of course, they put in their plug for "full production" and no strikes. The system can't afford both high wages and another war, so, of course . . .

Bradley even had the gall to defend the policy of putting low ceilings on the amount veterans are permitted to earn in the "on-the-job-training" program for supplying cheap veteran labor to greedy employers.

The Greens, Tobins, Freys, Wolls and their fellow bureaucrats had a high old time, in between shooting off their own mouths, beating their palms at the remarks of their Brass Hat guests.

We don't think the more than 7,000,000 members of the AFL, who want a fighting, progressive program to better their conditions, have much stomach for the nauseating spectacle put on at the AFL convention. There are signs of revolt already in such unions as the AFL Longshoremen headed by the notorious Joseph Ryan, and the AFL Teamsters, headed by Daniel Tobin.

Conditions of food shortages and rising prices are becoming so unbearable for the AFL workers that they are looking for militant action to protect their living standards. This conflicts with the conservative, do-nothing policies of the AFL leaders. Their answer to the needs of the AFL workers is to suppress any show of militancy and victimize militants as "reds."

It is fear that the rank and file are going to revolt and boot them out which is behind the violent red-baiting of the AFL top leadership. Those big salaries and shake-downs would be missed by ex-"labor statesmen."

Tobin Takes A Leaf From Hitler's Book

The sewer-level of reactionary filth to which some of the AFL leaders descended at the AFL convention last week was best illustrated by an anti-Semitic leaflet distributed to the delegates by Daniel J. Tobin, Czar-President of the AFL Teamsters, largest AFL union. This leaflet, opposing the entry of homeless refugees into this "land of the free and home of the brave," reads in part:

"The prelude to the deluge from abroad is the campaign to admit 50,000 homeless Jews. Probably most of them, suffering from their persecution at the hands of the Nazis (Tobin forgets they are suffering now at the hands of American and British imperialism in the former Nazi concentration camps), are Communist sympathizers.

"Once they were safely settled inside the U. S. they would be

told by plausible agitators that they must support the Communists in this country to protect themselves from the fascist persecution they experienced in Europe.

"The mere arrival of 50,000 Jews, even if they were not subversive (Hitler's propaganda that all Jews are 'communists') would fan the fascist organizations like the Ku Klux Klan into activity. Demands for the admission of 50,000 or 100,000 Germans, Spaniards, Argentinians and others from fascist lands would follow . . . the restrictions on immigration must not be weakened."

Under the guise of "anti-fascism," Tobin spreads the fascist-like propaganda against Jews, against foreign-born workers, against the traditional democratic policy of asylum to the victims of persecution in other lands.

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Help The Greek Workers!

An Appeal To The Workers Of England And Europe

Comrades: Scarcely two years after the war of "democracy against fascism," military and police dictatorship is being established in Greece.

A terrible repression, reminiscent of the methods that Mussolini, Hitler and Franco used to crush the labor movement, has been smashing down on Greek labor and grows steadily worse. After the monarchist government of Tsaldaris replaced the leadership of the Greek national trade-union federation and of all unions by its own straw men, and placed all trade union organizations under police control, we are now on the eve of its outlawing of all independent working-class organizations.

So that the country will welcome in "calm" and "order" the royal dictator whom the trumped-up September referendum has put back on his blood-stained throne, martial law has been extended throughout all Greece, and combined operations by the army, the police and the reactionary armed gangs of the cities and mountains have been launched for a final "mop-up."

The Greek capitalists, who emerged from the war exhausted and politically and economically decomposed, would never have been capable of undertaking such a reactionary offensive if it had not been from the beginning actively supported by British imperialism.

The revolutionary assault of the Greek masses against native reaction in December, 1944 was broken by British tanks, guns and Spitfires.

Since then the Greek capitalists have been able partially to reconstruct their own forces of repression, thanks to the security inspired by the presence in Greece of the troops of British imperialism, and thanks also to its financial help, to the arms it delivered, and to the instructors who took in hand the organization of the army and police.

The fact that the present British Labor Government supported in Greece — by the presence of British occupation troops, by its material and technical aid, by its diplomacy — the forces of the worst reaction against the exploited masses of the country, will remain on its record as a stain of blood that nothing can efface.

In order that Greece may serve as a spring-board in the Balkans of Anglo-Saxon policy against the USSR, in order that it may remain a strategic and military base of British imperialism in the Eastern Mediterranean Basin, protecting the route of Middle Eastern petroleum and the route to the Indies via Suez, the Labor Gov-

ernment has undertaken to consolidate a new dictatorship in Greece.

Workers of England, workers of Europe: A total victory of reaction in Greece will have repercussions far beyond the frontiers of that country. Two years ago the Greek workers and peasants were in the vanguard of the struggle to bury all reaction and fascism for good, genuinely to guarantee democratic liberties, to keep open the road to socialism. Today they are withstanding the blows of a coalition of reactionary forces which threatens to crush their resistance for many years. Out of the partial defeats of the proletariat, world reaction draws an ever-greater strength to break proletarian resistance elsewhere, and gradually to replunge all Europe and the world into fascist barbarism and war.

The struggle of the proletariat everywhere is one and the same struggle, and international proletarian solidarity must not be an empty phrase. All working-class organizations should set up a united front to:

1. Demand the immediate withdrawal of the British occupation troops from Greece!

2. Protest to their own governments and to Greek diplomatic authorities:

Against the Terror in Greece! Against the beheading of the elected leadership of the trade union movement and its submission to police control! Against the projected outlawing of working-class organizations!

Workers of England:

You raised the Labor Party to power as a working-class rampart against exploitation and capitalist reaction as represented by the Tories, and the Labor Government has forged the chains which have bound the hands of your brothers in Greece.

Start in your trade unions, your political organizations a veritable storm of protests against this reactionary policy; be first to demand the immediate withdrawal of the British occupation troops!

British soldiers:

Refuse to carry out imperialism's aims of rapine and exploitation! Demand to be sent home, fraternize with the Greek workers and peasants fighting for their freedom!

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAN SOLIDARITY!

Executive Committee of the Fourth International Revolutionary Communist Party (British Section of the F.I.) International Communist Party of Greece.

September 20, 1946.

Referendum Has Not Ended Instability Of French Politics

Nazis Freed In Nuremberg



Letters certifying freedom are presented by Col. B. C. Andrus (second from left) to Hans Fritzsche, Franz Von Papen and Hjalmar Schacht at Nuremberg, Germany, after the three Nazis had been exonerated by the War Crimes Tribunal. Throughout Germany hundreds of thousands of workers protested the acquittals.

Japanese General Strike To Cap Labor Resurgence

By Larissa Reed

Climaxing the greatest series of labor struggles in Japanese history, involving seamen, railwaymen, miners, newspaper and radio workers and others, the Japanese CIO has scheduled a general strike for Oct. 15.

The strike is a protest against the conspiracy by the Japanese employers and the Yoshida puppet regime, backed up by the American occupation authorities, to crush the resurgent labor movement.

The general strike will be a test of strength between the CIO, with a membership of 1,630,000 covering 20 unions, and the government. Union leaders have called the strike to force the removal of the anti-labor Yoshida Cabinet.

Their demands include a halt to mass firings initiated by the government; workers' participation in the restoration of industry; protection of the right to strike and collective bargaining

who remained at work as "true representatives of democracy," although many of them admitted they had been threatened by the management if they dared to strike.

As a consequence of these strikebreaking actions by MacArthur's staff member, only a portion of Japanese newspaper workers went out on strike. However, the workers of Radio Tokyo, Japan's only network, went out solid, silencing the radio for three days. They did this in defiance of threats by SCAP Radio Division officials, who called in the radio workers and told them that if they struck they would be imprisoned.

The solidarity of the workers was demonstrated when government communication workers belonging to the CIO who were ordered by the government to take over and operate Radio Tokyo, reported for duty, but refused to serve as strikebreakers.

A large force of Japanese police moved into strikebound Radio Tokyo on Oct. 7, ordering strikers out of the building. Their first efforts failed as strikers refused to move.

Five strike leaders were arrested. The general strike called for Oct. 15 is designed to support the newspaper-radio strike which is still going on.

An Allied directive last year gave Japanese labor — on paper — the right to organize and bargain collectively. MacArthur proclaimed a "hands-off" policy in labor and capital disputes. But these rights are constantly violated not only by the Japanese puppet government but by direct strikebreaking intervention of the American occupation authorities.

Imboden's act of bribery followed upon threats and reprisals against employees of the Tokyo newspaper, Yomiuri, where 31 workers were fired after the management tried to replace the CIO with a company union. Imboden publicly praised the men

By a close margin — over nine million to eight million — the French voters on Oct. 13 adopted a new constitution, drafted and supported by the government coalition of the Popular Republican Movement, Communist Party and Socialist Party, and opposed by de Gaulle, the Radical Socialists, Republican Liberty Party, Gaullist Union and other right-wing parties.

The constitution was a watered-down version of the draft rejected last May when the MRP opposed it. The defeat in May strengthened the hand of the MRP with the result that the Stalinist and Socialist Party members of Parliament made numerous concessions along the lines demanded by the MRP and de Gaulle — a second chamber, stronger powers for the President, etc.

DE GAULLE'S POSITION

Despite the concessions, de Gaulle chose to lead the opposition to the three-party draft for the purpose of pushing forward his candidacy to head a "strong man" government in the future. The adoption of the constitution will not be a deterrent to his ambitions; the no vote was extremely strong, and de Gaulle now stands forward as the outstanding political figure in opposition to the government.

The three-party coalition's failure to solve the pressing problems facing France will surely rebound to his political credit. Thus the affirmative decision on the referendum does not all remove the threat of a Gaullist attempt at dictatorial power.

By and large the French capitalist class did not go along with de Gaulle on Oct. 13. The Big Business press expressed sympathy with de Gaulle's ideas but felt that he was going "too far" at this time. This is not the first time de Gaulle has acted

impatiently; he stepped down from the government early this year because his program then was also premature for the capitalists.

The difference between de Gaulle and the dominant section of the capitalist class is over tactics and will not at all separate them in future anti-labor actions. De Gaulle feels that he has sufficient prestige to be able to rule without the aid of the Stalinists.

The capitalists on the other hand feel that conditions are still so unstable that they can not rule for the present without the aid of the workers' parties, who still retain great support among the masses. With the aid of the CP and the SP, the capitalists can still put over unpopular and reactionary measures.

Responsibility for the government's acts at the same time serves to discredit the workers' parties and lays the basis for the creation of a mass apathy which can be utilized at a later stage for dispensing with the workers' parties — that is, for establishing the "strong" government demanded by de Gaulle.

National elections next month will pick a five-year Parliament. Present indications are that the three-party coalition will continue in the government, with the Gaullist opponents in a strong position to win new revisions in the constitution. France's political situation remains marked above all by instability despite the adoption of the constitution.

Peruvian Trotskyist Group Denounces U. S. Imperialism

Calling on the workers of Peru to form an "authentic party of the working class," the Marxist Workers Group of Peru (Trotskyist) published the first issue of its paper, *Revolucion*, in August.

The Manifesto of the Peruvian Trotskyists begins by describing the economy of the country, which keeps workers and peasants in dire poverty. "Capitalist and feudal elements are combined," it declares. "But the very base of our capitalism — that is, oil, essential transport, a large part of our manufacturing industry, our financial relations — are all the exclusive property of imperialism, and not of the native capitalist class."

The real 'big capitalists' are in Peru but in Wall Street, the bitter enemy of a democratic and national revolution which would deprive it of one of its semi-colonies.

U. S. CONTROL

The grip of American imperialism upon Peru is tightening, the Manifesto continues. "If during the War Peru was an integral part of the economic and diplomatic machine in the service of Wall Street, in the coming period the country will pass under the direct control of imperialism, and our youth will be converted into cannon fodder."

"That process is now taking its course. When Truman's plan for unification of the Latin American armies under Yankee tutelage has been effected, we will have lost even the appearance of national independence. The contract with 'International Oil' . . . is a new link in the chain of our final enslavement."

Imperialism cannot be fought by the false policy of "national unity," the Manifesto points out. "The fate of our pathetic national capitalists is intimately tied to the fate of the world capitalist system . . . The triumph of the democratic revolution, the achievement of national independence in countries like ours, would deal a mortal blow to the world capitalist system, and in the end, to our own capitalists."

The program of the Marxist

control of the poor farmers; nationalization of the large industries under workers' control; industrialization of the country; the sliding scale of wages.

The Manifesto closes with a ringing call: "workers who suffer capitalist exploitation; farmers exploited by the landlords; poor middle class men and women in the miserable workshops, in the little trades, in the office and in your miserable existence, you are also victims of the capitalist oppressor. Your only salvation is in the program of the Marxist Workers Group and in the program of the Fourth International!"

Further demands include a unicameral legislature; abolition of the presidential veto; democratization of the army; expropriation without indemnification of the huge estates, under the

LESSONS OF THE LOCAL ELECTIONS IN GERMANY

By K. Manfred

BELGIUM — We have often stated that the policy of the occupation forces strengthens the reactionary capitalists who have done so much damage to Germany and to the whole of Europe. This is sharply confirmed in the local elections which were recently held in the four occupation zones of the former Reich.

In the Russian zone, half the population voted against the United Socialist Party (Stalinist). Whereas many of the small farmers and agricultural workers voted for it, because they had benefited from the recent dividing up of the land, the population of the large cities on the other hand, disgusted with the Stalinist methods and the GPU, turned toward the capitalist parties, agencies of Anglo-American imperialism.

This is the result of the "forced unity" that we denounced several months ago. Nevertheless, the United Socialist Party had at its disposal huge quantities of paper and every imaginable facility and privilege for propaganda.

In the American, English and French zones, a great victory of the Christian Social Party took place. The Social Democrats came out of the electoral battle weakened. The Catholics — in Germany as everywhere — enjoyed the support of pro-fascist elements.

REMOVE DISGUISE

The disastrous policy of the occupation forces strengthened them more and more, and they now began to remove their disguise. Let us give a significant example:

In the little town of Soettingen, in the American zone, the local council, composed of Social Christians, refused to aid little Otto Hockenberger, 13 years of age, who escaped from Auschwitz, stating: "We cannot be bothered with political refu-

gees." (!!!) No comment is necessary.

In the name of innumerable victims of Nazi camps, we protest against the policy of the occupation forces, who gain by pro-fascist reaction. Must Otto Hockenberger and his numerous comrades die of hunger?

Now more than ever, we demand the immediate withdrawal of all occupation forces and the restoration of all workers' rights in Germany. Only the German proletariat is capable of dealing with the German reactionaries. To do this they must be freed from the chains of the imperialist and Stalinist occupation.

(Reprinted from Oct. 5 issue of *La Lutte Ouvriere*, Belgian Trotskyist paper.)

Lessons Of Strike In India

In the powerful wave of strike actions which swept over India during the summer, 14,000 textile workers most of whom belong to the Madras Labor Union, walked out

of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills. The newly-elected president of the union was S. C. Anthonypillai, a Trotskyist recently returned from jail, according to the Mid-July issue of Spark, the Indian Trotskyist paper. It was under this leadership that the textile workers conducted their grim and long-drawn-out struggle.

The strike was precipitated when a company watcher manhandled a worker. Efforts of the company to organize strikebreaking failed, and the mills remained at a stand-still. Workers' solidarity remained unbroken despite the arrest of some of the union leaders and "legal" interference with the pickets.

At one stage a secret ballot was taken on the question of continuing the strike. It resulted in some 5,000 votes cast for continuation of the strike against a mere 37 against. No one was

lying across the road . . . slogans or gestures which offered physical obstruction," etc.

"How slogans can offer physical obstruction is beyond our understanding," says Spark. Moreover, "lying across the road" is a "standard form of satyagraha" — (non-violent civil disobedience, preached by Gandhi). "Is it that what is sauce for the Gandhian gander is not sauce for the working-class goose?"

What the Madras ministers wanted, Spark points out, was for the workers to look on while the scabs marched in to break their strike.

"We have no doubt, however, that the workers will know how to fight this treacherous move. Have not the workers of America invented the mass picket line thrown around the entire factory as a counter to the violent breaking up of separate picket groups at the approaches to the factory? The workers of India will not be found less inventive

der this communique included

Workers Fight For Democracy Inside Italian Stalinist Party

Ferment inside the Italian Communist (Stalinist) Party in Resina has led some of its members to an open struggle for democratic rights inside the party.

At the CP's Provincial Organizational Conference in Naples on July 27, the Resina militants presented a resolution demanding the re-establishment of internal democracy and freedom to criticize for all members of the party. They also demanded that internal committees be elected by democratic and secret vote, without influence from the bureaucrats above. They called for the formation of a school to teach revolutionary Marxism and Marxist-Leninist tactics and strategy.

The Stalinist leaders tried to prevent these militants from speaking, but failed. When the resolution was read, they cried: "This is Trotskyism!" The militants retorted: "This is Communism!"

Then the Stalinists launched an attack on the Trotskyist, Rosa di Bartolomeo, falsely accusing her of being anti-Soviet and complaining that many militant workers in Resina were following her.

A number of the delegates rose to defend Rosa di Bartolomeo, pointing out that she had participated in the struggles of the armed workers against monarchist reaction, and that she had always fought for the cause of the workers. The Stalinists then

called for an investigation in Resina to expel the militants from the party. At the investigation in Resina, many oppositionists declared that they supported the resolution. They state: "This resolution for us is Communism, and if Communism means Trotskyism, then we are Trotskyists." The Stalinists were unable to expel the militants, but continued to threaten and harass them.

In answer to the Stalinist slanders, Rosa di Bartolomeo issued a public letter to all the members of the Resina section of the Stalinist party. Thanking those who had defended her, she stated: "I, personally, and the whole Fourth International are in full political opposition to the line of the Italian Communist Party. This opposition is not held through caprice, but is founded on the proletarian defeats which Stalinism has organized in all the countries in the world."

The letter continued with a clarification of the Trotskyist explanation for the lack of democracy in the Stalinist parties; the Fourth International's position on the defense of the Soviet Union; and the need for an independent revolutionary policy in Italy.

Seaman Reveals Marines Impose Martial Law In China

By Sam Randell (Special to The Militant)

Tsingtao, China, where our ship was docked for three weeks last Spring, is virtually under martial law. Everything is controlled by American Marines, who shut the town up at 10 p.m. so far as American seamen and servicemen are concerned. The American Consul denies the city is under martial law — they say

it is only semi-martial law.

A lot of the seamen were picked up and thrown into jail on the flimsy excuse that they violated some law or other laid down by the Marines. There are continuous arrests of enlisted men for similar minor infractions. These arrests are nothing but reprisals against enlisted men because they are discontented and fed up with being kept in China without knowing why they are kept there. There is no form of recreation for them and they have nothing to do and above all they know the war is over.

The seamen on the American merchant marine ships protested against the discriminatory arrests of many seamen. They asked why the law is not being applied to American businessmen and others.

A petition was sent by the men on four ships to the American Consul protesting against this molestation. The Consul gave the petition to the Provost Marshal of the Marines who ignored it. The Consul told us that the Marines were there to control "communists." He warned us that they could become even more severe in their restrictions. When the rank and file Marines in the town heard about our protest, they backed us up and encouraged us, because they feel their situation is even worse. All of us felt that the Marines were there for no other reason than to interfere with the internal politics of the Chinese people. The people in China are literally starving on the streets, especially the children. Diseased people walk around, their legs decaying, with no medical attention whatever. Filth is widespread. The influx of American troops caused a tremendous rise in the cost of living. Graft and black markets prevail. Poor girls turn to prostitution in order to eat. Everybody knows that the Marines are there to act as guardians for the Chiang Kai-shek regime which is responsible for all this misery.

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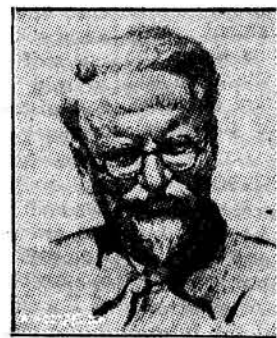
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—Leon Trotsky

Defeat Red-Baiters

We want to direct the attention of all readers to the important statement by the Secretariat of the Socialist Workers Party, "The Fight Against the Red Baiters," printed on Page 2 of this issue. It presents an analysis and guide to action on a problem that concerns every American worker fighting for a better world.

But here we wish to call attention particularly to that idea in the statement which asserts not only the necessity but the possibility of defeating the red-baiting offensive.

We have no desire or need to underestimate the power and resources behind the current Big Business drive to divide and split the workers in preparation for an all-out anti-labor offensive. But while fully recognizing the dangers presented by labor's enemies, we must also understand that the situation is quite different from 1919, when labor's cause was sharply thrust back by a similar red-baiting drive.

Most of the changes that have taken place since then are to the advantage of the workers. After the first world war there were about 3,000,000 workers in the unions; few of these embraced the basic industries of the country; and most of these workers were divided along craft union lines. Today there are five times as many unionists as in 1919; they include all of the important heavy industries; and industrial unionism has come to stay.

After the first world war it was comparatively easy for the corporations and the government to smash the workers' strikes and organizational drives. In 1946 the corporations and the government had to retreat all along the line, except in the case of the railroad strike, and to fall back on flank maneuvers and attacks.

A consideration of these changes alone is proof that victory for the Big Business red-baiting drive will not be easy or automatic in 1946. And there are many other factors to bear in mind:

1. The vast majority of the veterans, whom the capitalists depended on to play an anti-labor role as in the period following the first world war, took their stand decisively with their brothers in the unions in the strikes early this year.

2. The Negro people, spurned and denied union membership, could be used in many instances as strikebreakers in 1919. Today 2,000,000 Negroes are firmly entrenched in the unions (two-thirds of the entire union membership of 1919) and it is well known that they are the staunchest fighters in the struggle against the employers.

3. New winds are blowing in the South, the last big stronghold of the open shop.

4. There is in general a very definite radicalization beginning inside the American working class. The experiences of the depression, the CIO organizing drives, the broken promises of the war period, the grim realities of the postwar period have all combined to instill in the workers a very healthy attitude of skepticism toward capitalism.

For these reasons the Secretariat of the Socialist Workers Party is 100 per cent correct in saying: "The red-baiting offensive can be stopped. The same spirit of working class solidarity, militancy and unity in action that set back the wage-cutting drive of the corporations can defeat these new boss maneuvers."

Strikebreaking

Several weeks ago Pittsburgh labor gave an inspiring demonstration of working-class solidarity when it united in smashing the strikebreaking injunction against the power workers.

Now, unfortunately, some short-sighted union officials, motivated by narrow jurisdictional aims, are trying to split the independent power workers union in the very midst of its valiant strike.

All the anti-labor forces in Pittsburgh are trying to crush the power workers. A small group of company stooges is being used to spearhead a move to split the strike front.

Officials of District 50, AFL United Mine Workers, have treacherously stepped in to aid this strikebreaking move. They have lent the good name of the UMW to the stooges for

purposes of an NLRB election designed to split and weaken the strike front.

We are not in favor of small, isolated independent unions cut off from the main stream of organized labor. We have consistently urged such unions to join with the great national union bodies, particularly the CIO.

But the action of the District 50 officials is nothing but strikebreaking. It must be denounced as such. They have set a precedent that can work incalculable harm in the struggles of all unions.

Such strikebreaking actions will never convince militant workers in independent unions to join bigger union bodies. It will only persuade them that the leaders of these bodies are agents of the employers.

The best and only argument for affiliation which District 50 or any other union can use is all-out support to the striking power workers.

Railroad Unity

The tragic division of the railroad workers among 21 different craft organizations fighting against each other in the interests of 21 union bureaucracies, was underscored during the railroad strike last May.

Truman was able to undermine the resistance of the three striking railroad unions by getting 18 other unions to make separate settlements under-cutting the demands of the strikers.

The lesson of the broken railroad strike has been deeply imbedded in the minds of the railroad workers. The sentiment for industrial organization is growing swiftly.

The Militant has consistently advocated industrial unionism on the railroads. We have supported the program of the militants inside the railroad unions who call for progressive amalgamation of the railroad unions looking toward industrial organization.

It is gratifying to observe that an important step in the direction of industrial unionism is now being considered by the convention of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, headed by A. F. Whitney.

From all indications, the Trainmen appear to favor affiliation with the Congress of Industrial Organizations. CIO President Philip Murray was a key speaker at the BRT convention last week. He was accorded a hearty ovation by the delegates when he pointed out the identity of interests between the CIO and the BRT and their similar industrial outlook in policy and structure.

Affiliation of the BRT with the CIO will give tremendous impetus toward the movement for industrial organization of the railroad workers. It will crack the crust of craft union bureaucracy that has restricted the progressive development of organized railroad labor for so many decades.

Every militant and progressive-minded railroad worker will welcome and support the entry of the Trainmen into the CIO. The workers in the other railroad unions will look on this move as a signal to intensify their growing efforts to achieve industrial organization.

Anti-Labor Laws

Taking time out from their own orgy of red-baiting and witch-hunting against union militants, the top leaders at the AFL convention devoted a few moments to complaints about the government's attack on them and their unions.

Joseph Padway, AFL general counsel, told the convention that he could not recall any previous two-year period "where so many anti-labor measures were brought before Congress." He cited two laws passed by Congress and signed by Truman that were aimed directly against the AFL—the Lea "Anti-Petrillo" Act and the Hobbs bill that lays the basis for frame-ups against picketing truck drivers. He warned that there are bills like the Case Bill which are coming up again.

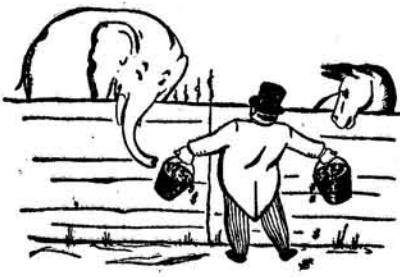
We can agree with the AFL leaders when they condemn anti-labor laws. But it sounds hypocritical for the AFL leaders to complain about such laws when they themselves support the policies that lead to such laws.

Big Business, aided by its Democratic and Republican politicians, is engaged in a red-baiting drive. It is mounting in ferocity. The purpose of this drive is to terrorize the labor movement, split it up, sow division in its ranks, silence all opposition to Wall Street's policies. This anti-"red" drive is part and parcel of the general offensive against labor that is pushing through the anti-labor laws.

The AFL leaders themselves support this Big Business red-baiting drive. They are calling for witch-hunts against "communists" in the AFL. They demand intensified war preparations and a "get-even-tougher" policy of American imperialism against the Soviet Union. Imperialist war preparations and anti-labor measures go hand in hand.

How can the AFL leaders fight against anti-labor laws when they themselves support the very policies that lead to such laws? And how can they prevent such laws when they support the capitalist parties and politicians who put through these laws?

The AFL leaders' complaints against anti-labor laws are so much hot air so long as they continue to give aid and comfort to the labor-haters by red-baiting attacks on union militants and by supporting the reactionary political policies and control of Big Business.



Build The Labor Party!



"Have you heard those awful Trotskyist candidates on the radio?— You'd think WE people didn't count at all!"

Workers' BOOKSHELF

AMERICA IS IN THE HEART, by Carlos Bulosan, Harcourt, Brace & Co., 1946, 326 pp., \$3.

This autobiography was written by a self-educated Filipino, who struggled against his harsh life as a poor peasant boy in Luzon, and his even harsher life after he came to this country. He wrote this book as a plea for his people.

Bulosan's description of his youth in the Philippines gives intimate glimpses into the lives of the impoverished, downtrodden masses. The author does not name the American imperialists and native capitalist-landlord class as responsible for the ruthless exploitation which crushes the people. But through his tragic story, the enlightened reader will better understand the reasons for the heroic fight of the Hukbalahap peasants against their oppressors, which is still going on.

It was in the United States that Filipino immigrants like Bulosan encountered the worst forms of degradation and shame added to exploitation. When the author arrived in Seattle, together with other newly-arrived immigrants, he was shanghaied to Alaska to work in a fish cannery. At the end of their labors, they were cheated out of their wages. For years thereafter, Bulosan was forced to ride the rods from state to state, a migratory worker, always hunted and hungry, in search of low-paid jobs on farms and factories.

In the cities of California and elsewhere, Filipinos are condemned to live as social outcasts in segregated sections. Gambling, depravity, prostitution and crime are the only alternatives offered to starvation wages and unemployment. Tuberculosis and other diseases claim them by droves.

Bulosan fought against being sucked into this life of vice. He participated in the struggles of the unorganized West Coast agricultural workers to form unions and fight for decent wages. During this activity, he and others were captured by vigilantes, tortured, maimed and almost killed. His work was interrupted when he contracted tuberculosis. Facing death on a hospital bed, he educated himself and became a poet.

Although at the end of his book, Bulosan goes easy on American ruling-class brutality, appealing for its reform, his own story constitutes a damning indictment of the barbarous treatment of the Filipino masses not only in their homeland but in this country.

Reviewed by Larissa Reed

DRAGONWYCK, by Anya Seton. Pocket Books, 1946, 375 pp., 25 cents.

In a colorful, romantic novel, Anya Seton has dramatized the class conflicts of the pre-Civil War period on the great landed estates of upper New York, and in the teeming metropolis of New York City. "All over Europe at that time," she writes, "there were riots and insurrections born of class hatred. The same unrest trickled to America, where to be sure there was a democracy, but was it working this democracy? That was the ever-recurring doubt of the people. From this fear sprang many manifestations of revolt; large and far-reaching ones like the Abolitionist movement; smaller and less important ones like the anti-rent wars on the manors, and the Astor Place riot."

This is the framework for her tale of poor Miranda Wells, who falls in love with wealthy, hand-

some Nicholas Van Ryn. He is a patron—a landlord whose estate was received as a grant from royalty 200 years before.

On these semi-feudal manors, farmers were obligated to pay a share of every product as rent to the patron, who lived like a lord.

When Nicholas contemptuously evicts one of "his" farmers who joins the anti-rent movement, the farmer commits suicide. When Nicholas falls in love with Miranda, he murders his fat wife who had failed to fulfill the "duty" of bearing a son.

A year later, Nicholas and Miranda are married. During their New York City honeymoon, the workers are demonstrating against a British actor who symbolizes to them all the snobbery and pretensions of the rich. Nicholas seizes a gun and shoots a young boy, setting off the massacre of 20 workers by militia guarding the theater.

When Miranda's infant son dies, Nicholas adds opium-smoking to his many vices. Miranda finally flees. But the steamboat on which she is escaping stops for Nicholas, who owns the ship. A fatal race down the Hudson begins when Nicholas urges the captain to beat another steamboat. Lives were often squandered in such races, designed to thrill wealthy travelers.

Nicholas drowns, acclaimed as a hero. The story closes happily as Miranda later marries a young doctor who had helped lead the anti-rent struggles.

Hollywood recently made a picture from "Dragonwyck," in which much of the interest of the book is lost. Miss Seton makes Nicholas a summation of all the evils of his class. But Hollywood converts him to an exception, a psychoneurotic for whom no class is to be blamed.

Reviewed by Ruth Benson

Lament Of An Inkwell Admiral

By Art Sharon

The current strike of merchant marine officers for wage increases and union security has aroused an ominous chorus of fear and hate from the scribblers of the capitalist press.

Not the least of these scribblers is Hanson Baldwin who added his voice to the attack in his N. Y. Times column on Oct. 9. Baldwin, the military writer for the Times, is considered a semi-official spokesman for the big brass in Washington. What he writes reflects the feelings and opinions of those circles. Thus it cannot be dismissed as the simple nostalgia of a shipowner's stooge who has just returned from an evening at the cinema watching Alan Ladd get the works with a cat o' nine tails in Hollywood's hash of Dana's Two Years Before The Mast.

"Where now are the bucko mates of yesteryear? Where the hard hearted, hard fisted, leather lunged 'sundowner' who could split into the teeth of a gale?" Baldwin asks. "There were giants in those days—stout seamen who ran taut ships and good ones." So wails the inkwell Admiral.

Sitting at a comfortable desk in the offices of the N. Y. Times, our Admiral dictating to his stenographer asks "where are the giants of yesteryear?" Nearly seven thousand seamen perished in agony during the past

four years. Ships plowing through the dark seas became flaming furnaces of hell in the matter of minutes.

Were those giants—the men who went aboard ships knowing full well that they could very well be taking their final trip in a steel coffin? Even at this moment ships are still being sunk by floating mines that once covered the coastal waters of five continents.

Tens of thousands of merchant seamen suffered torture and misery. They were hailed as heroes then and the Baldwins and others wrote that they were carrying out the finest traditions of the American merchant marine.

That is all forgotten. The literary fusillades that Baldwin once turned against Nazi submarine skippers or breaking the traditions of the sea by machine-gunning survivors are now turned against the "master mariners who carry union placards," "skippers who pace the picket line instead of the bridge . . . whose eagle eye keen from searching the far horizons, is reserved now for signs of scabs and goons."

The merchant seamen of today have come a long way. Their conditions at sea more closely approximate the conditions of a working man ashore. This has come about because of their

strong union organizations. The officers aboard ship have had their conditions improved through the struggle put up by the unlicensed seamen. Now the officers are fighting to achieve union security.

In the Army and Navy officer club rooms and in the high offices of the Pentagon in Washington, this is the red flag. And Baldwin betrays their real fear when he writes that "American sea power" is being threatened by the union organizer. The planners of World War III must have a thoroughly regimented merchant marine. Union organization is a threat they cannot tolerate. And the last stronghold aboard ship that they could rely on is being taken over by "the enemy"—as they see it—the union organizer.

Seattle

Election Rally and Dance

Sat., November 2

Orchestra . . . Refreshments
Socialist Workers Party
Campaign Headquarters
1919 1/2 Second Ave. 8 p.m.
Admission Free

More Testimony On Court-Martial System

The War Department's Advisory Committee on Military Justice, after holding about a dozen open hearings in different parts of the country, has now concluded its final hearing in Washington, at which the top brass hats testified on the Army's court-martial system.

General Courtney Hodges of the First Army strongly opposed proposals to withdraw the power of field commanders to appoint courts-martial. Under this system commanders appoint subordinate officers and can make things unpleasant for them if they don't return decisions wanted by the commander. Hodges denied that defense lawyers in courts-martial "got in bad" with their commanders if they secured many acquittals.

General Omar N. Bradley of the Veterans Administration joined Hodges in opposing any changes in this set-up.

Other high officers, coming from the National Guard, presented an entirely different picture however. Major General Milton A. Reckord of the Maryland National Guard admitted the truth of the often-made charge that courts-martial are not intended to dispense justice but to maintain discipline.

"All the present trouble" comes from commanders' habits of using courts-martial "as an arm to chastise rather than to weigh evidence," Reckord said. He also declared military courts treated enlisted men more harshly than officers, and that prohibition of enlisted men from courts-martial bodies was "not according to the American idea of equity and justice."

Major General Ewart G. Plank likewise admitted many "inequities" and declared, "We have a theory of protecting the officer in the Army."

Testimony by Lt. General Wade H. Halslip of the Seventh Army refuted the assertion by Hodges that commanders did not interfere with decisions made by courts-martial they had appointed. He admitted with a smile and no attempt at apology that he had sent a letter strongly rebuking a court-martial which had sentenced an alleged deserter to "only" five years imprisonment.

None of the brass-hat critics of the court-martial system had a basically effective program for eliminating its injustices. "The only remedy would be a change of attitude in the people running the Army," said Plank.

The Advisory Committee is now scheduled to meet and make its recommendations to the War Department. While the committee is expected to recommend minor reforms, there is very little likelihood that it will propose fundamental changes such as were advocated by two Socialist Workers Party spokesmen, George Breitman and Milton Richardson, before the Committee's open hearing in New York on Sept. 10.

The main SWP demands were: For serious offenses—trial by civilian court. For less serious offenses—military trial by a jury of peers, that is, juries would be made up of enlisted men when enlisted men were being tried, instead of the present set-up where only officers sit on juries.

The new conscription plan made public by Secretary of War Patterson on Oct. 2 has some significant proposals intended to appease public dissatisfaction with the court-martial system. Patterson promised that the draftees, whom he calls "trainees," instead of being ruled by the Articles of War or Army Regulations, would be governed by a new "Code of Conduct." This code, he said, would be "administered by specially provided trained tribunals for misdemeanors, and by civil courts for more serious offenses." (N. Y. Times, Oct. 3.)

This appears to be a watered-down adaptation of the SWP proposals, although not enough information is available for a full judgment. At any rate, Patterson does not propose it for the Army, but only for the draftees.

James A. Wechsler of the N. Y. Post revealed last week that the Navy had suppressed a minority report from a Navy board similar to the Army's Advisory Committee. Drawn up last June, it recommended granting victims of Navy courts-martial the right to ask review of their cases in U. S. District Courts; protection of people involved in courts-martial "against influence, coercion or intimidation;" abolition of bread and water punishment, etc.

Big Brass 'Explains' \$134,000,000 Waste

The \$134,000,000 of government money poured down the wartime drain of the Canol oil project by the Joint Chiefs of Staff was all a clever maneuver to fool the Japanese, according to inspired "informed sources" quoted by the N. Y. Times, Oct. 8. This stewed rabbit has been pulled out of the Big Brass Hat a year and a half after the War Department, under fire from the Senate War Investigation Committee, admitted that the U. S.-financed Canadian oil-pipe line project was a "most colossal blunder."

The "informed sources" claim that it was necessary to continue the project in the wilds of Northern Canada, after it was denounced as "waste" in 1943 by the Senate War Investigation Committee and Petroleum Administration, because it was intended to fool the Japanese into thinking the U. S. was planning an attack from a far-north base.

Why shipment of oil by tanker at one-tenth less cost couldn't have done the trick, particularly since it was publicly known that the project couldn't be completed in years, has not been explained by the Big Brass.

Actually, the Canol project was only a waste for the American people who footed the bill. But it wasn't a waste for the Imperial Oil Company, Canadian subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey.

The 600-mile Canadian oil pipeline, refineries and other facilities were built for Imperial Oil. The Senate committee probing the case in 1943 revealed that the War Department had contracted to pay Imperial Oil an amount of \$1.25 per barrel solely for the privilege of drilling on the company's property under the company's supervision. Two of its five wells were dry.

The Senate report stated further: "The \$1.25 per barrel is in substance a royalty and should be contrasted with royalties of 15 to 20 cents per barrel paid for oil in the United States . . . In addition to being paid the royalty, Imperial Oil at the end of the war will own the wells drilled and the oil reserve improved at the expense of the United States."

For the third time the Senate investigation committee has demanded to examine the Joint Chiefs of Staff files on Canol. Two similar demands during the war were rebuffed with the explanation that the files were "secret."

WORKERS' FORUM

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Prices Up—On What Meat?

Perhaps the OPA hasn't heard of the meat famine. It has just raised the price of veal chops nine cents a pound — and raised the price of other cuts of veal, too. So now the veal chops we can't find in the butcher shops, will cost us 57 cents a pound. I suppose that's to console us that we're saving even more money by not eating meat! Or could it be that it's a way of boosting black market prices even higher?

Housewife New York City

Grandmother Dies On N. Y. Meat Line

Here in New York, where one store in each borough has meat occasionally, men, women and children stand in line for hours in all kinds of weather, hoping they'll get into the butcher shop in time to find some food. Many of them wait all night long for the stores to open in the morning.

Last Friday, Oct. 11, a 61-year old grandmother, Mrs. Bernadette Sargeant, waited patiently to get into a butcher shop in Queens. As she finally reached the door, she collapsed — dead from fatigue that caused her heart to fail.

Will this tragedy have to become commonplace before we put a stop to the packers' conspiracy? Let's have more ACTIONS — like that of the Toledo housewives.

R. J. New York, N. Y.

Longshore Pickets Like "Militant"

Yesterday two of us distributed The Militant to longshoremen picketing the piers in San Pedro. What a warm and friendly reception we received!

There had been a few men who were hostile to us at the regular Thursday night longshore meetings, and who would make cutting remarks to us in front of the other workers, but yesterday the men were most friendly. There was a definite absence of flippant remarks that we had so often heard from them.

One of the picket captains took 10 Militants and distributed them to his men. We came across a number of young seamen who asked us for a copy of the paper. One of the longshoremen said that he already had a paper — the Hearst Examiner. "In that case," my fellow-distributor said, "you'd better take our paper and read it." The men around him nodded approvingly and said, "That's right." One of the pickets, we noticed, already had a Militant in his back pocket which he had brought with him to the picket line.

M. Roberts San Pedro, Calif.



Politics Control Food, Fuel, Clothing

The Republicans claim the Democrats are poor managers. Result—scarcity of foods, fuels and clothes. The Democrats claim the Republicans control the shortages. Result—scarcity of foods, fuels and clothes.

When politics control foods, fuels and clothes to get more votes IT IS TIME for the workers to produce for use instead of for profit (as under Socialism) and have a distributing station in each community to deliver foods, fuels, clothes and other necessities to our homes. And GET RID OF the systems of low wages, unemployment, high taxes, monopolies, chain stores and other insecurities disguised as "FREE ENTERPRISE" to stimulate the sales for Black Market profits.

A politician is a lawyer or equivalent who is SUPPOSED TO manage government business for the taxpayers. When did Washington sell out to Wall Street?

Jarvis Dusenbery Perry, N. Y.

Protests Arbitrary Removal From Ballot

I will be 76 years old on the 8th of November. I have been on the firing line in the class struggle for almost 40 years, but am too old to be active now. I enclose \$1, however, to use as you please.

I wrote letters of protest to Truman and Congress, asking who took the Socialist Workers Party candidates off the ballot in Ohio. I don't expect to pick figs from a Hawthorn tree, or coax a dog not to eat warm meat, but I think we should make our voices heard against those Slime-Twin parties, Democrats and Republicans.

We workers have to have our own party or go down and see what the grave looks like.

L. B. Courts Hamilton, O.
Editor's Note: Malcolm Walker, now running as SWP write-in candidate for Governor of Ohio, was nominated by petition for the office of U.S. Representative. He and Paul Wylie, SWP candidate for state assembly, were barred from the ballot on a technicality — that signatures had been filed in two batches.

Potatoes Rot While Millions Starve

The rich get richer and the poor get robbed. We poor suckers have to pay sky-top prices to food profiteers for everything we eat. But that isn't enough. We have a government that makes us pay through the nose for the privilege of keeping prices up.

Out here on Long Island, thousands of tons of potatoes are rotting away — at a time when people aren't getting enough to eat, and millions are starving in other countries.

The government paid for these potatoes, \$1.67 1/2 a hundred pounds. Now the government is deliberately letting them rot. We're the ones who paid out hard-earned money in taxes for this "subsidy." But that doesn't mean we can get these potatoes for the money we paid to grow them. No matter how plentiful a particular food is, the profiteers have their government to help them keep their prices up — even if the food rots.

I read in the paper where one of the farmers who has to shovel these putrifying potatoes off his land so he can get to work harvesting his cauliflower said: "The whole thing stinks!" I say what-ever stinks should be buried. And when a government begins to stink it should be buried too.

L. R. Long Island

Is Our Face Red!

Editors' Note: Typographical errors have always been a source of embarrassment and regret for the staff of The Militant, and we devote a good deal of time trying to prevent them. Sometimes such errors are even more troublesome to our distributors and readers.

The special Minnesota election edition of The Militant, Sept. 28, contained a picture of Warren Creel, candidate for U. S. Congress from Minnesota's Third District, incorrectly labeled as candidate for the U. S. Senate. Part of a sentence in a biographical sketch of Creel, which should have read "His father, H. G. Creel" was printed to read "Hit father, H. G. Creel."

The following letter illustrates what happens on such occasions:

I am now the most hated man in the Twin City branches. All the comrades turn away with loathing when they see my face, because they are so sick of pasting stickers under thirty thousand pictures of it.

They read in my biography in the election issue that I hit my father, and they think that's about my style.

In my October 5th column they read that national production doubled from 88 million to 200 billion, and they say that's the kind of arithmetic you might expect.

At the election carnival last night they put up my picture, complete with sticker, to throw darts at, ten cents for three throws.

Warren Creel Minneapolis, Minn.

Now Is The Time To Live

Editor: Last Sunday I went to see an old Socialist, Max Winkle, to ask him to renew his subscription to The Militant. His daughter came to the door. When I told her why I had come, she very quietly said that her father had been dead since January. I did not know quite what to do at that point, but she very quickly told me to come in, as she and her mother wanted the subscription.

I asked her what her father's illness had been. She told me in a few simple words that he had suffered for 15 years from a kidney condition, and that doctors had predicted his death in 1929. As I was ready to leave, she said, with a sort of mist in her eyes,

"I guess it was his socialist tradition that kept him alive as long as he did live. That tradition, in spite of his physical condition, kept him going. For now is not the time to die but to live."

June Carey Allentown, Pa.

Rejects Lies Of "Great Conspiracy"

A Stalinist called to see me last week and wanted to sell me Sayers & Kahn's book, Great Conspiracy. I was wise to this book and I informed Mr. Stalinist that Sayers and Kahn are a pair of irresponsibles peddling Stalin's lies. The Stalinists are using the Hitler-technique of telling lies, believing if they keep telling them, they will be believed. But I informed Mr. Stalinist that if it was possible to sell three millions of these books it wouldn't harm the Trotskyist movement one iota.

J. C. Chicago, Ill.

"Stevedore" Presented By Chicago Group

A stirring, action-packed drama of lynch terror on the wharves of New Orleans is being presented in Chicago by a young interracial group of amateur actors. Although produced on the usual shoe-string, the Chicago Negro Art Theatre presentation of Stevedore packs a strong wallop.

A quarrel between a philandering white married woman and her ex-lover opens the play. When he strikes her, she screams for help, and tells her husband she was attacked by a Negro.

The "law" immediately starts rounding up all Negroes in the town for questioning. Among them is a young militant dock hand, Lonnie, who has been active in organizing a union. The play shows the connection between this attempt at legal frame-up, and Lonnie's efforts to convince the other Negroes of the need for organizing with the white workers.

One of the high points of the play comes when the Negro stevedores rally behind Lonnie to protest the short-changing of their paychecks. They win this demand, but Lonnie is arrested on a frame-up charge. He escapes the lynch mob which is organized to capture him, and Negro and white workers defeat the mob in a gun battle. More important, however, is the realization on the part of the Negroes that to win their fight for human rights they must be organized with the white workers.

The performance of the players is extremely competent. The play is directed by Frank Greenwood, a young talented actor himself. It is being shown at the Chicago Negro Art Theatre at 708 E. 47 St., Chicago, and will be sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party Chicago Local on Sunday evening, October 27.

From Naples, Italy, a worker writes: "You would do me a great favor if you would send me regular packages. I am in need of many things because I have been deprived of everything. The many years I have spent in prison and confinement have seriously affected my health and physical condition. My lungs are no longer healthy. I need rest and serums in order to effect a cure. I would be grateful if you would send me some vials of calcium and vitamins in order to inject intravenously. I turn to you and the friends for this because the necessities of life cost too much. Do not believe I am a crank for circumstances compel me to ask for these dire necessities.

NEEDS LARGE COAT
"My wife also has need of everything. What I have received for her up to date has been of no use for a large woman. She weighs about 200 pounds, she has very large shoulders, nothing has fitted well. The coming winter will be critical and for this reason I am very worried about her. If you possibly can, send her an overcoat."

The ACEWR sent the vitamins and calcium for intravenous injection to this anti-fascist hero immediately upon receipt of the letter. However, it still has not

Europe, 1946



This picture was taken in Poland, but it is a common scene in Europe today. . . . a barefoot mother cooks a meager meal in front of the ruins of her home, now just a hovel of dirt and straw. You can help relieve the terrible misery by sending food, clothing and funds to the American Committee for European Workers Relief. See story below.

Letters From Europe Tell Of Workers' Need For Aid

The American Committee for European Workers Relief announced this week that it is receiving more requests for food and clothing every day. Although it has just completed a very large shipment of foodstuffs to Europe, these food shipments will have to

be larger and sent more frequently if anti-fascist workers of the European countries and their families are to survive the winter.

The ACEWR, therefore, is making a special appeal for financial contributions to defray the large expense of food purchasing, mailing and shipping. Contributions of food and clothing and medicines (especially vitamins) are also welcome.

FROM HOLLAND
Among letters recently received from Europe is one from Leden, Holland, which states in part: "The writer of this letter



is a transport worker who has seven children; five daughters of ages 16, 14, 12, 10 and 4, and two boys of 13 and 10 years. . . . I and my family must get along on 40 guilder and my family consists of nine people and everything is so high that sometimes we don't eat.

"For a coat I would have to pay from 10 to 13 guilders, at such a price my family would not eat for a week—that is if we could scrape the money together. So when you send clothes to different places you can bet that for a worker in Holland it makes no difference if these clothes have seen better days. . . . Have you friends that have anything to spare in clothing? Then send it to us. . . . My hearty thanks for what you have done for Holland and still intend doing."

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THE MILITANT ARMY

Seattle Election Drive Boosts "Militant" Subs

The Seattle Branch of the Socialist Workers Party is utilizing its election campaign to get new readers to The Militant. Clara Kaye, Campaign Manager, reports: "Enclosed are 21 subs. All but one are new subs. Eleven comrades went out — yesterday, some today, and some both days — into new areas never covered before. We distributed our election campaign platform and propagandized the campaign as well as asking for subs to our paper. I am sure that we will catch up and make our subscription goals for August, September and October in the five-week period remaining to the end of the campaign."

St. Paul reached its monthly goal, writes Literature Agent Paul Chelstrom: "Enclosed are seven subs to The Militant which puts us over our quota for September. One of them, especially, is interesting because this person previously had refused a sub. On this second contact he became interested and decided to give The Militant a trial."

Pauline Ryder, Literature Agent for Philadelphia, reports a successful social held at the headquarters where seven subscriptions were obtained. She adds: "Yesterday a few comrades covered a meeting at which Ikes spoke sponsored by ICCAS — you know, the Stalinist front organization plus liberals — which was attended by petty-bourgeois Stalinists and their fellow-travelers (not a worker in sight), but we sold 30 copies of The Militant and 16 pamphlets."

Subscriptions have speeded up in Flint according to Literature Agent, El Snyder: "We have now in the Flint branch a Militant Scoreboard and will add the number of subs submitted by each comrade to create more excitement. And I must admit that it's working wonders too."

Comrades in Marlboro, Mass. are doing good work in getting renewals. J. D. sent us 10, hoping "in the near future to have many more."

Fred Martin, Milwaukee Militant Manager, calls our attention to the fact that they are selling subscriptions among Stalinist sympathizers: "The new sub is for a colored worker who was contacted on a street sales

campaign. He has attended some CP meetings but sees through the loud talk and no action of the Communist Party in its work among the Negroes. One renewal is for a worker who is president of his local and who was formerly sympathetic to the Stalinists but now seems to be changing to our point of view. Three of the other renewals are for subscribers who were acquainted with the Stalinists but still were eager to renew their subs to The Militant."

P. Carroll, Literature Agent for Toledo, sent in five subscriptions, three of them for railroad workers.

John Boulds of Plentywood, Mont. keeps tab of the subscriptions in his area, making certain that expired subs are renewed. He just sent in two more renewals.

Beverly Wise sent in four subs for the Oakland Branch, stating: "We are trying to clean up our lists by call-backs, which is naturally a slow process. I might note that very few are actual refusals to renew."

Some comrades have suggested that we list the total number of subs received from the branches each month. We think this is a good idea and list below the subs sent in by each branch during September.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Number of Subs. Includes entries for New York (268), Boston (139), Philadelphia (41), St. Louis (35), Connecticut State (35), Seattle (34), Los Angeles (30), St. Paul (28), Newark (25), Minneapolis (24), Chicago (23), Detroit (22), Flint (21), Milwaukee (18), Akron (16), Pittsburgh (16), Cleveland (14), Buffalo (12), Oakland (10), Youngstown (10), San Pedro (9), Toledo (8), Reading (6), Bayonne (4), Rochester, N. Y. (1), San Francisco (1), General (15).

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PIONEER NOTES

Workers readily buy the popular pamphlets of Pioneer Publishers, partly because their very titles spell answers to the immediate problems of unionism, political action, veterans' questions and racial issues. And the contents justify the titles.

Aima Seton of Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party reports: "Two successful mobilizations recently are the main causes of our depleted stock. One of them was at our regular distribution at the RCA plant gate in Camden.

"Three comrades sold 70 pamphlets in a short time while the workers were leaving the plant: 30 Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow, 30 Build a Labor Party Now and 10 The Struggle for Negro Equality. Comrades Stone, Clement and Johns readily did a bang-up job.

"The other mobilization was at a veterans' meeting which was protesting the lack of housing for veterans and the doing nothing policy of the city government.

"The meeting was considerably weighted with Stalinists, but there were certainly plenty of non-Stalinists also, because our comrades sold 78 pamphlets and distributed a number of Militants. Comrade Johns was the star of the evening, selling 23 Veterans & Labor and 5 Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow. Comrades Ryder, Clement, Grant, Shelten and Pierce followed close behind him in successful salesmanship and distribution.

"Total sales for the evening were 47 Veterans & Labor, 18 Build a Labor Party Now, 12 Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow and one Only Victorious Socialist Revolutions Can Prevent the Third World War! At this meeting the Stalinists sold no literature at all, but distributed a pamphlet on Greek democracy."

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Conspiracy Against Democratic Rights In New York

Radio Address by Farrell Dobbs, SWP Candidate for Governor

Text of the radio speech by Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York, over Station WJZ, New York City, Thursday, Oct. 10, 10:45 P.M.

Tonight I am going to tell you about a conspiracy against democratic rights, the like of which has never been seen in the history of New York. An evil plot to disfranchise tens of thousands of New York voters has been cooked up by the Tammany-Hall-Flynn gang of corrupt, ward-heeling Democratic politicians. These political strong-arm men for Wall Street are trying to rob the minority parties of their constitutional right to appear on the election ballot. They are trying to turn the New York elections into a Hitler-like plebiscite in which the people could only vote "Ja" for the Wall Street candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties.



FARRELL DOBBS

William H. Murray, sitting in the city of Troy. Judge Murray is notorious for his biased and arbitrary decisions and for his association with the foul-smelling O'Connell Democratic machine in Troy. It was this same Judge Murray who high-handedly ruled the Communist Party off the ballot in 1940. The Wall Street lawyers know their man.

Judge Murray hastily issued a sweeping court order holding up the certification of the Socialist Workers Party and three other minority parties for the ballot. The Liberal Party was exempted from this court order because it supports the entire Democratic ticket. Even the Stalinists of the Communist Party, who are supporting the major Democratic candidates, did not win exemption for their boot-licking service to Wall Street. Because they have two minor candidates for office, the Stalinists were included in the court order.

understand that the decision was already signed, sealed and ready for delivery before the proceedings got under way. Judge Murray has arbitrarily overruled every defense motion. The corporation lawyers have called to the stand witness after witness who has been intimidated and coerced.

Names of many petition signers have been published in daily papers, with the obvious intent to intimidate and terrorize them. This is a signal to their employers to threaten and bulldoze them. Witnesses have testified that they came to court upon the urging of Democratic machine politicians who hold public office.

The testimony is strikingly uniform. Witness after witness, obviously testifying under stress, repeated parrot-like that he didn't know what he was signing, that he is a good Democrat, that he will always be a good Democrat.

A Slick Dodge

Then the Democrats stopped calling in witnesses and just threw a batch of affidavits on the table. You must admit that was a slick dodge. Nobody can cross-examine affidavits to expose the intimidation and terror that went into securing these affidavits.

Against the Socialist Workers Party the Democrats claimed they had the very last word in the most fool-proof unchallengeable evidence ever brought before an American court. What was it? These legal sleuths had discovered that on the petitions for one county the notary public had signed her name over her stamp instead of under it.

Mind you! We submitted 25,000 signatures. The Secretary of State found every one of these signatures to be in good order and certified the Socialist Workers Party to the election boards. Now we face the danger of being thrown off the ballot because a gang of high-priced legal sharks claim to have discovered hair-splitting, insignificant flaws in petitions covering less than 200 of the 25,000 signatures. Thus 24,800 people—against whom the Democrats could find no complaint whatever—may be denied the right to vote for candidates of their own choosing.

And what are the Republicans doing while the Democrats trample justice underfoot? The Dewey Administration—like Pontius Pilate—has washed its hands of the whole dirty business and proclaimed: "The State is neutral."

The Wall Street conspiracy against the voters in this election is so filthy that even former Mayor La Guardia has felt impelled to voice a protest.

Attacking the undemocratic election laws in a signed article in PM, La Guardia said: "There are many unreasonable requirements now in the law, but there intentionally to make difficult, if not impossible, independent nominations by petition."

La Guardia ridicules the myth of impartiality of the judges who—in his words—"with a pretended attitude that the Court—I mean the Judges—have never heard of a political party

or know anything about politicians or the workings of political machines, pull out their judicial microscopes and look for fly specks and apply legalistic technicalities to complete the job of disfranchising thousands of citizens and throwing candidates off the ballot."

The misleaders of the American Labor Party have nominated the whole corrupt, machine-controlled Democratic gang as their candidates. Yet even they can't stomach the rotten mess cooked up by Tammany Hall. Hyman Blumberg, state chairman of the American Labor Party, has issued a statement denouncing the court attack on the minority parties. "Free, democratic elections should be won at the polls," Blumberg correctly stated, "and not in the courts."

The protest against the conspiracy is steadily mounting. More than 60 leaders of CIO and AFL unions have joined in the demand for free elections in New York.

But Mead and Lehman, the principal Democratic candidates, are silent, just as Dewey and Ives, the Republican standard bearers, are tight-lipped about Wall Street's plot to impose a Nazi style plebiscite on the New York voters. By their silence they brand themselves as parties to the conspiracy.

The so-called "bi-partisan," Democratic-Republican "get tough" foreign policy is also a "get tough" domestic policy. The Wall Street bullies are tough against labor, tough against racial minorities, and tough against democratic rights. They have unleashed a campaign of terror and persecution against minority parties.

Mortal Fear

Wall Street stands in mortal fear of a big protest vote, a big vote for the Socialist Workers Party in this election. They fear a big vote for the Socialist Workers Party's fighting program. They fear heavy support to our demand for an 18 billion dollar appropriation for new homes; for nationalization of the meat trust under workers' control; for an automatic increase in wages to meet every hike in prices; for taking the war making powers away from Wall Street's politicians and giving the American people the right to vote on the question of peace or war.

That is why they are trying to keep the Socialist Workers Party off the ballot. I call upon the voters of New York to answer the challenge of Wall Street. Join with the Socialist Workers Party in the fight for its constitutional right to appear on the ballot. Be sure to register. Go to the polls on November 5 and vote the Socialist Workers ticket.

Wages, Prices and Profits — How Competition Produces Monopoly — By Warren Creel

Capitalist anarchy rules the economic system by blind laws, and not by the wishes or decisions of men. The chief law is the law of value, which controls capitalism through the process of competition.

The great corporations of today are not little competing companies, they are monopolies. Yet we know that even these monopolies do not escape from capitalist anarchy and the law of value, which work through competition. They do not produce goods in abundance, and pay high standards of wages, like industries set free from the old economic laws. But why don't they escape from the laws of competition?

The reason for this appears when we look at the true relation between competition and monopoly. The first part of this is: **competition produces monopoly.**

We can see this from the history of any industry; oil, for instance. In the early days many different companies were refining and selling oil and gasoline. They used to cut prices and use every trick to get business away from each other.

The aim of competition is to get business away from the competitors. The one who succeeds forces the losers out of the field. Then the winner alone remains. That is

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a monopoly. The winner built the monopoly by competing against the losers.

The oil industry went through that stage, which business men call "cut-throat competition." It could end only one way. After a while there was only one throat left, and that was the Standard Oil monopoly.

Under the anti-trust law the government pretends to do the impossible job of "breaking up monopoly" under capitalism. The courts were supposed to do this with Standard Oil by forcing the monopoly to go "back to competition." Since competition is the seed of monopoly, this was like trying to get rid of oaks by spreading acorns. The big corporation was split into many smaller ones, such as Standard Oil of New York, and Standard Oil of Indiana, and so on. But the parts still worked together as a group. They agreed on prices and cooperated as if they were one corporation. And since they were owned by the same financial interests they were a united business group in fact. So this cooperating group remained the Standard Oil monopoly.

Suppose instead the split parts had gone back to real competition. Suppose they had set to fighting each other in the old-fashioned way. The result would have been the same as the first time. One of the lot would have to come out as the winner, and competition would have produced monopoly again.

One Or A Group
 A monopoly can be one big corporation in an industry, like the Aluminum Company of America, which stands alone in its field. Or it can be a group of corporations, organized together enough to agree not to cut prices on each other. The big meat packers and the big auto manufacturers are group monopolies like this. Or a monopoly can be formed out of many corporations, all controlled behind the scenes by the same financiers or banking group. The radio manufacturing industry is the latter type.

One thing is sure. All monopolies were built by competition, in one of two ways. Either one competitor cut all the other throats and won out alone. Or else several competitors decided it was wisest to merge or organize a cooperating group before the throat-cutting went too far. In either case, single company or group, the result was monopoly.

Monopoly grows more and more under capitalism. There is no reverse process that leads back to competition.

In 1935, one-tenth of one per cent of the corporations in the United States owned 52 per cent of the assets of all corporations. That means one corporation out of a thousand was bigger than the other 999 put together. Less than 5 per cent owned 87 per cent of all the assets of corporations. One-tenth of one per cent of the U. S. corporations reported earning 50 per cent of all corporation profits. Less than 4 per cent of the corporations reporting to the government earned 84 per cent of the corporation profits. We also must remember that the few giant corporations are not really separate, either. They are owned in groups by a few financial organizations which are the real powers of monopoly capitalism.

Those statistics give the situation eleven years ago. Monopoly has grown further since then, especially during the war. So the process of competition keeps on building more monopoly. This is the one side of the relation between competition and monopoly: **competition produces monopoly.**

The other side of the relation is: **monopoly produces competition on a higher level.**

As we shall see, competition takes on a new form in the stage of monopoly. The monopolies start competing against each other in various ways. Competition and capitalist anarchy still rule capitalism, even more fiercely in the monopoly stage.

Next week: Competition in the Stage of Monopoly.

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Cynthia Rogalin Takes Offensive At 'Little Dies' Committee Hearing

Extracts from the statement by Cynthia Rogalin, Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for State Senate from Los Angeles to the Senate Committee Investigating Un-American Activities, Oct. 7:

As a resident of Los Angeles and an active participant in the struggle against the Ku Klux Klan and other fascist elements in this community, I wish to present certain evidence to this committee and to make certain charges.

First, I wish to call your attention to incidents which the Mayor of this city has dismissed as pranks, and which the Attorney General of this State has condemned as acts of the notorious Ku Klux Klan, but which neither of them has done very much about.

There is a long list of incidents which show the hand of the Klan in this area in the past year, instances of threats, arson, intimidation, and one case of burning to death of a Negro family; but not a single arrest has been made, not a single culprit has been brought to justice.

HAVE NOT TRIED

The Mayor and the Chief of Police have claimed they are unable to place responsibility. I charge they have not tried. They have collaborated with the culprits by refusing to investigate those who obviously should be investigated.

Any honest investigator would immediately ask: What was the aim of the night-riders and vigilantes in the incidents we have witnessed? It becomes apparent immediately that the aim was to threaten and intimidate members of minority groups, Negroes, Jews, etc.

Investigate Gerald L. K. Smith and his collaborators if you are serious about this thing. Investigate America's No. 1 Fascist, who has repeated visits to California in the past year to spread his race-hating propaganda and to build his fascist movement.

This is the man the Los Angeles School Board granted the use of the high schools! Investigate the School Board! This committee investigated school authorities in the North for permitting the use of the schools to working class groups, yet here you have not said a word about the use of schools by fascists. I condemn Mayor Bowron for permitting the use of the schools for Smith's meetings, and the

use of the city police for his "guard of honor."

I charge that Mayor Bowron and the Police Department and county officials in Southern California have collaborated with the Klan and Smith by providing hundreds of police for the protection of Smith, but not one officer to guard the homes of Negroes and other members of minority groups threatened by the Klan. The most horrible example is the case of O'Day H. Short and his family in Fontana, who were warned and threatened, but not protected. For a full account of this terrible affair I refer you to the pamphlet by Myra Tanner Weiss, *Vigilante Terror in Fontana*.

I charge, further, that the City Police Department should be investigated for connections with Klan and other fascist groups. Brutality and abuse against members of minority groups by the police have become notorious.

AIMS IDENTICAL

And now I want to make another major point: If you seriously analyze the cross-burning incidents in the Los Angeles area, you see a direct connection between them and the attempt to restrict Negroes to ghettos. Both the Hickersons and the Aubreys live in areas where they are the object of legal and illegal intimidation.

Investigate the sponsors, signers, and advocates of race restrictive covenants! Their aims and the aims of the Klan in Los Angeles are identical. It is a simple matter to secure the names of all the signers of restrictive covenants. They are all recorded.

Investigate the Southwest Realty Board and others which have actively fostered the spread of race restrictions.

Investigate the Merchants and Manufacturers Association and its connections with these real boards and sponsors of race restrictions. Investigate their use of hired thugs in their open shop, union-busting drive, as charged by the American Federation of Labor.

I challenge this committee to investigate all of the individuals and public officials I have mentioned unless you are prepared at the outset to admit that this so-called investigation of Klan activities is actually a fraud and a whitewash. I charge further that any member of this committee who

supports restrictive covenants in theory or in practice should be disqualified from hearing testimony on Klan activity since he comes to the investigation with dirty hands and is incapable of judging the evidence against the persons I have named.

INVESTIGATE TENNEY!

I also charge that the chairman of this committee, Mr. Tenney, should be investigated for his connections with Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith, who came here to campaign for him in the coming election. And what is Mr. Tenney's position on race restrictions, I should like to know?

I hold Mr. Tenney, and the entire State Legislature responsible for the ghettos in California and the racial antagonisms which they breed, because

they have not lifted a finger to outlaw race restrictions.

And finally, I wish to state that this committee's presence here, ostensibly to investigate the Klan and communist activity, is actually a red-baiting, Klan-whitewashing repetition of the Palmer raid raids of the period following World War I.

With all of our differences with the Stalinists in the Communist Party, we of the Socialist Workers Party, the Trotskyists, will gladly unite with them and with all sections of the labor movement for united independent political action of the working class to replace the servants of the capitalist class like this committee, with a labor government capable of representing the interests of the vast majority of the people.

Solution To Meat Crisis Offered By Walker

Text of the statement by Malcolm Walker, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of Ohio and SWP State Executive Secretary, before the Toledo City Council, Oct. 7:

Our party supports the demands of the housewives and union organizations and their fight for nationalization of the meat industry. Our party has the solution to this meat famine. We have the only solution. We pioneered in advancing the demand for nationalization of the meat industry in 1938.

Today every workers' family is concerned about the fact that there is no meat for their tables. Housewives stand in line for hours waiting to buy bologna. And if they are fortunate enough to get even that, they stand in line to pay for it. It is our national shame that in a country so rich and productive as the United States, such degradation is possible.

MONOPOLY

Let us understand why these things are so and then we will have the key to the solution of the problem. In the first place the overwhelming and controlling bulk of the meat industry is one gigantic monopoly. It is this monopoly which controls arbitrarily meat production and meat prices and which has it in its power to supply or withhold meat from the 130 millions of this country. A small clique of profiteers has the power to starve the American people. This

same clique swindles on the one side the working farmer and on the other side the city worker.

This is not the first time these pirates have created a meat famine. Prior to the expiration of price controls on June 30 we saw meat suddenly disappear from butcher shops. And it reappeared just as suddenly when price controls lapsed. Again, when price controls were reintroduced on September 9, meat entirely disappeared from meat counters and the tables of our workers. For a second time the meat barons had struck in complete disregard of the health and welfare of the people of this nation.

What is the solution to a situation where a few people can exercise such power against the great majority of the people? The Socialist Workers Party, in common with many unions and other organizations, says that the solution is for the government to seize these plants and

to run them in the public interest.

However, government seizure is not enough. It will be no solution to this crisis to pin epaulettes on these same robber barons, call them generals, raise the flag over the meat plants, and let the same profiteers run the meat industry. If this is done, we can be sure that it would not be long before they would again try to bring the people to their knees by engineering another meat famine.

UNION CONTROL

That is why we demand government ownership under union control. The meat industry must be taken out of the hands of this clique of profit-mad monopolists.

What is meant by union control? It means that instead of the profiteers running the industry, or refusing to run it, siphoning the bulk of the meat off into the black market, paying themselves fabulous profits and bonuses, and creating famines, the meat industry would be operated by the workers who know how to produce meat and have a vital interest in producing it.

Under union control millions of dollars of advertising waste would be eliminated. All meat would be sold in the legitimate market at prices people could afford to pay. The black market, kept going by the meat trust would be eliminated. The possibility of further meat famines would be eliminated. The unions

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Stock Market Slump Shows Wall St. Fear Of Coming Depression In U.S.

By Art Preis

Where is American capitalism heading? One strong indication has been the sharp slump in the stock market. This expresses Wall Street's own estimate of its long-range future.

This Big Business vote of no-confidence in the prospects of its profits system isn't based on mere moods. It is based on hard economic facts.

A summary of some of these facts is contained in the report of War Mobilization and Reconstruction Director John R. Steelman. The report was released by Truman on Oct. 3.

"As the second year of peace begins," says the opening sentence, "the national economy is in a position of great promise, and of great danger." But the figures of the report show that the "great danger" immeasurably outweighs the "great promise."

America faces an "acute threat," in a further rapid price rise. If this happens — and the report strongly indicates it will — "business and agriculture will find they have priced themselves out of the market and into a depression."

The report shows that employment, production, profits and total income payments are the highest in U. S. peacetime history. But it also shows that the standard of living of the working masses is rapidly deteriorating. Inflation is raging unchecked; real wages have declined phenomenally.

COLLAPSE COMING

In short, diminishing mass purchasing power is paving the way for a collapse.

The total of civilian employment, according to the report, was 58,000,000 in August — 10,000,000 veterans included. Adding the armed forces, this would be about 60,000,000 total.

But this is five million less than peak employment, civilian and military, in July 1944. That means five million less income earners, despite the growth of population. And during September, the latest figures of the U. S. Census Bureau show, employment fell by 600,000.

Unemployment in August, according to the report, reached a low-point of two million. This figure is achieved, however, by wiping four million former wage-earners, mainly women and youth, off the books. The report lists them as "voluntarily withdrawn" from the labor market.

About 600,000, nearly half the total of admitted unemployed, are veterans. "In addition, about 1 million veterans — aside from those in school — have not yet started to look for work."

Production has reached the annual rate of 172 billion dollars, a peacetime high. But this is in terms of inflated money figures. Digging into the report's charts of actual number of units produced, we find that production is only slightly above 1941 levels for certain smaller household durable goods, and considerably below 1941 levels for housing, automobiles, refrigerators, gas ranges, etc.

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But what's happened to wages? "The popular belief that 18 1/2 cents per hour is the 'national pattern' of general wage increases has served to obscure essential facts concerning the level of increases . . . Between February

15 and June 30, 1946, the NWSE approved to more than 4 million employees an average increase in basic wage rates of 14.7 cents per hour."

But due to reductions in overtime, shifts to lower-paying jobs and decline in piece-rate earnings, the average of hourly wage increases in all manufacturing was only 9.6 per cent from V-J Day to July 1946. Actually, gross weekly earnings—take-home pay—"decreased between April 1945 and July 1946 by approximately 8.5 per cent."

But even that doesn't show what workers' real wages are today. "With the rise of 11 per cent in the prices of consumers goods between April, 1945 and July 1946, real weekly wages have decreased that much further. In comparison with 1941, greatly increased personal income taxes paid by workers constitute another significant factor."

Keeping in mind that the claim that prices have risen only 11 per cent in a year is a gross understatement, we find that in the past year of rising production and profits, workers' real incomes have declined by more than 20 per cent.

What this has meant in terms of the workers' living standards is just barely hinted at in the report. Purchases of nondurable goods — that is, food, clothing, shoes, tobacco, etc. — "have been comparatively level since the first quarter of the year. In fact, taking into account price rises, THE PHYSICAL VOLUME OF THESE GOODS ABSORBED BY THE PUBLIC IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS MAY ACTUALLY HAVE DECLINED SLIGHTLY."

That, as every worker knows, is a real understatement. The decline in real mass purchasing power is adding up to the beginnings of "over-production"—the inability of the masses to buy back what they produce and the piling up of unmarketable surpluses at present price levels. The report states that business inventories "are currently increasing at the rate of \$6.5 billion a year." One day this pile-up of goods will mean shut-down factories.

In the face of these facts, however, the report draws the fantastic conclusion that the workers "must support the labor leaders who are working toward industrial peace, and not pushing for uneconomic wage increases which might precipitate a wage-price spiral."

Truman's answer to declining real wages and soaring prices is — Keep wages down!

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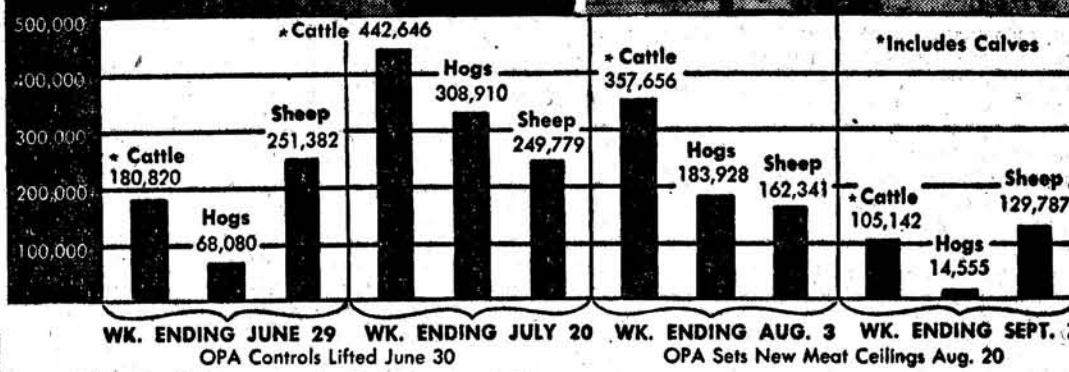
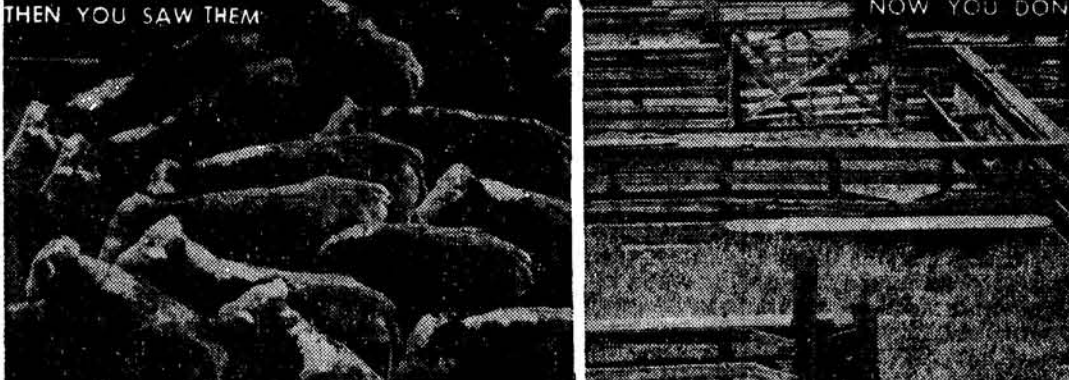
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How Meat Has "Disappeared"

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The chart above reveals that the meat shortage is deliberately engineered by the packing trust to extort still higher prices from the workers' families. Plenty of meat went to market when prices were uncontrolled.

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Operators' Deadlock Broken In Maritime Officers' Strike

By Art Sharon

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 — The way was opened this week for a partial settlement of the 14-day old nation-wide maritime tie-up when the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association announced its willingness to sign a separate agreement with East Coast and Gulf operators.

This announcement broke a deadlock created by the operators when they walked out of negotiations last week, after MEBA-CIO refusal to sign separate agreements with the Eastern and Gulf operators unless the Maritime Commission consented to put the new agreement into effect upon all its vessels. This move would have forced the Pacific Coast operators into line.

The change of the MEBA's strike policy brought it into accord with the policy of the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots, the other striking officers' union. At the same time a meeting here of leading MEBA officials with the AFL Maritime Trades Council brought promises of further intensification of the strike to force the government and operators back into negotiations leading to an early settlement.

The MEBA statement said that "it anticipates that with the establishment of a pattern for Eastern and Gulf Coasts the Maritime Commission will in accordance with its established practice direct the application of such pattern to all its general agency ships." However, there was no indication in Washington that the Maritime Commission would take this step.

The Pacific Coast Operators have bitterly fought the demand of the officers for union security. They have charged that granting such a demand would remove the last stronghold of company "discipline" aboard ships. At present, mates and engineers get their jobs through company offices and are not required to maintain membership in the officers' union.

Should the union win its key demand of union security, all personnel aboard ship, from the mess boy to the Master, would carry union books. Relations among unlicensed and licensed personnel would greatly improve with the elimination of the unlimited company right to hire and fire the officers.

Even if the Maritime Commission should grant the demand for union security upon government-owned ships on the West Coast, the Pacific Coast operators have threatened to keep the privately-owned vessels tied up until the strike has been settled "in our way."

BRASS IS HOSTILE The extreme hostility in top military circles to the demand of the merchant marine officers for union security is reflected in an article by Hanson Baldwin in the Oct. 9 N. Y. Times. Baldwin, an unofficial mouthpiece for Wall Street's Big Brass, used the officers' demand for union security as the basis for an all-out attack on maritime unionism.

Sighing for the "good old days of bucko mates and hard-hearted skippers with free flying fists," Baldwin claimed that the unions have caused the "rapid deterioration of the American merchant marine." What Baldwin indicated the war-planners in Washington have in mind is to regiment the American merchant seamen in preparation for World War III.

It is generally conceded that the striking union, headed by George Mueller, stands the strongest chance of winning the election. Having twice had their proposals for a return to work rejected by overflow-meetings of the streetcar operators, AFL street car union officials are now attempting to get a vote by mail on the question, "Shall we return to work, picket line or no picket line?" The picket line is maintained by the powg workers and is respected by the street car men.

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Swett Presents SWP Program In Washington

ELENSBURG, Wash., Oct. 9. — Overshadowing other Washington State candidates for national and legislative offices, Charles R. Swett, SWP candidate for U. S. Senator, spoke here last night at the Ellensburg College Elementary School at a forum sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

Representatives of the other parties present were Simpson and Young of the Democrats, Smith and Rose of the Republicans, and Morton of the Socialist Labor Party.

Each presented his party's policies, but Swett's hard-hitting talk, in contrast to the apologetic and vague presentations of the other candidates, made the deepest impression on the audience.

"Ours is a party dedicated to the emancipation of all the exploited and underprivileged peoples of the world!" Swett declared. "A party unrelenting in its struggle against capitalist depressions and wars. A party that is out to build a socialist society."

"The agonizing condition of this world is the sum total of the best that a capitalist heritage can manufacture," he asserted. "There can never be a real peace under capitalism, for capitalism cannot live except by draining the basic rights of the workers and colonial peoples. Capitalism must expand or die."

Swett showed how the Democratic and Republican Parties are owned completely by Wall Street. To continue supporting these barbaric parties, "even their liberal stooges," means that "you endorse a system that will lead us to atomic destruction. Only insofar as the working men and women of this nation learn to think and act in an independent political manner and build a party of their own will we be able to throw off the yoke of capitalism."

The audience was composed of women teachers of Ellensburg, a college community approximately 100 miles from Seattle. Their sympathetic and interested reaction to the principles of the SWP and their desire to know more about its program and literature is, according to Swett, "a clear indication of the growing awareness on the part of middle-class intellectuals that the only answer for their own and the world's problems is a socialist society."

The NEGRO STRUGGLE

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

By William Bohannon

SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

The Decisive Vote in 1946

According to the CIO, Negroes hold the "margin of victory" in 58 non-Southern congressional districts in the November elections. According to Walter White of the NAACP, they



hold the "potential balance of power" in 17 states with 281 electoral votes. In any case, everybody agrees that the vote of the Negro people this year can have a decisive effect on the aspirations of both capitalist parties.

That is the reason why so many friendly speeches are being made nowadays by politicians who have knifed us in the back again and again. Ward-healers are even beginning to pay social visits to our homes. From now until Nov. 5 our mailboxes will be stuffed with all kinds of Democratic and Republican literature, explaining in three different kinds of ink about their undying love for us.

RUMORS SPREAD

Things have reached the point where the Democrats are conducting a whisper campaign to the effect that Truman is considering naming a Negro to the U. S. Supreme Court—especially if the Negroes support the Democrats in this election. There are even hints of this demagoguery in the Negro press.

The Republicans are spreading the same kind of lies in the city where I live. It seems that after Nov. 5 they too are going to make all kinds of appointments and pass all kinds of legislation favorable to the Negro people.

There is no use in asking the question whether these capitalist party politicians will love us in January the way they said they loved us in October. Past experiences give us the answer to that one. Everybody knows the meaning of the phrase: "election promises." Everybody knows their value too.

Nevertheless, how the Negro people vote in 1946 is an important question, and the capitalist politicians will study the returns very closely. They will have a sigh of relief if the Negro voters continue to support the parties of Wall Street and Jim Crow. They will know that they have nothing to fear and that they need not make any important concessions.

On the other hand, a sharp break by the Negro people from the two old parties will strike

terror to their hearts. This will be a sign that the Negro masses are wise to the false promises and are preparing for an all-out fight against capitalist party policies and politicians.

In this sense the Negro vote in 1946 will really be decisive for the future of the struggle for Negro equality.

RED-BAITING

No Negro should underestimate the significance of the present red-baiting drive in this country. The capitalists certainly don't underestimate it. They are not spending millions of dollars whipping it up for nothing.

They know what they are doing when they try to drug the people with tons of propaganda in the daily press; when their government officials incite lynch violence against "reds"; when their servants in the leadership of the unions rant and rave about the "red danger" more than about the need for housing, decent wages, and equal rights.

The Militant has already explained the reason for these attempts to arouse hysteria among the people. In part, it is designed to frighten into silence everybody who wants to prevent a third world war — this time against the Soviet Union. In part, it is also intended to create such a hue and cry against anybody with a militant program that the workers will find it difficult to carry on their necessary struggles for decent living conditions.

If this red-baiting drive is successful, reactionary legislation will be passed and the democratic rights of the masses will be whittled away. It will become much harder to organize and fight against Jim Crow and the lynchers.

The Negro people must not permit their attention to be diverted away from the pressing problems that face them. They must denounce the red-baiting drive as an obstacle put in the way of the fight for a better world. They must speak out against it, and help to defeat it. If the red-baiters succeed, the struggle of the white and Negro workers will be paralyzed and undermined. But if the red-baiters are exposed and repudiated, these next few years will witness great advances for the cause of the working people of all races.

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Steve Roberts, Governor
Cynthia Rogalin, State Senate, Los Angeles County
Robert Chagar, State Assembly, 20th District
- Minnesota**
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Grace Carlson, U. S. Senator
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Dorothy Schultz, Congress, 4th District
- New Jersey**
George Breitman, U. S. Senate
Alan Kohlman, Governor
William E. Bohannon, Congress, 11th District
Arlene Phillips, Congress, 13th District
- New York**
Farrell Dobbs, Governor
Milton Richardson, Lt.-Governor
Joseph Hansen, U. S. Senator
Sylvia Blecker, Attorney-General
William Kitt, Comptroller
- Ohio**
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- Washington**
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Daniel Roberts, State Senate, 31st District

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- Hear The SWP Candidates! New York Street Meetings**
- DATE TIME PLACE
- Friday, Oct. 18
8:15-9:15, Burnside & Walton
9:30-10:30, 170th & Walton
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- Monday, Oct. 21
8:00-9:15, Fulton & Nostrand
9:15-10:30, Fulton & Albany
- Tuesday, Oct. 22
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9:30-10:30, Second Ave. & 12th St.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23
8:15-9:15, 161 St. & Prospect Ave.
9:30-10:30, Freeman & Simpson
- Friday, Oct. 25
8:15-9:15, Norfolk & Delancey
8:15-9:15, 4th Street & Avenue C
9:30-10:30, Rivington, bet. Attorney & Clinton
9:30-10:30, 6th St. & Avenue B

Diary Of A Steel Worker

Little Johnny O'Hara

By Theodore Kovalesky

All the girls fell for Johnny O'Hara the very first day, Mrs. Robbins told us. He was so very little, he had such big eyes, and he was so affectionate and so starved for affection.



Johnny had come into the Sisters of Mercy Hospital with a very ugly fracture of his left leg, the result of tumbling off a railroad trestle where he and a gang of other kids were playing. He looked so tiny and pale, Mrs. Robbins said. "He was such a little shaver, it like to tore your heart out, just to see him laying there like he was dying. He didn't cry none, either," she added admiringly.

As his leg knitted, Johnny became happier each day. The youngest and smallest of a family of ten, he had never had the attention or affection that the nurses showed him, as they called him "honey" or "sweetheart," and ran their fingers through his hair and played simple little games with him. It was a new life, full of surprises, full of joy. Home was not like this! At home a fellow was scolded and swatted and yelled at. At home there were nine others, and he was the last, the one that got the last of the left-over, made-over clothing, in fact the last of everything.

One day Johnny's mother came to see him. "Imagine that!" Mrs. Robbins said indignantly. "In all the time he was there she just came one day!" She was a tired, pregnant woman. Mrs. Robbins admitted that it probably wasn't just lack of interest that kept her from the hospital, "what with the nine other ones at home,

and the eleventh—imagine that!—on the way! "When I seen her condition, I told her right out, 'Seems like you got enough on your hands as it is with the ten of them!' And she says, 'Well, what you can do? The Lord keeps sending them every year.'"

"Imagine that!" snorted Mrs. Robbins. "In this day and age!" "Well, about two weeks ago we sent him home," she continued. "Oh, it was a shame the way the little tyke took on. He didn't want to go, you see. He cried and begged, but of course it was no good: he had to go.

"He had some cookies from me, and some books and things the nurses got him, and we packed them all up for him, and all the nurses came in to say goodbye. Well, we thought that was the end of it. All the girls were talking about him for about a week, but you know how it is. You get busy with something else, and you forget.

"Well," she went on, "I walked into the ward yesterday, and there was Johnny! His little chest was all done up in bandages like a little mummy, and he says, 'Hello, Aunt May.' I says, 'Why Johnny, what on earth are you doing here?'"

"I burnt myself!" he says. "I spilled the teakettle over myself."

"Oh, Johnny!" I says, like that. And do you know, Mr. Kovalesky, what that child said to me?"

"No. What Mrs. Robbins?" I asked.

"Well, he looked at me sort of sly and says, 'Don't tell Sister Bernice' (she's in charge of that floor, and she is a terror) 'but I done it on purpose,' he says. 'I spilled it on me so I could come back here.'"

Poverty And The I.Q.

By Grace Carlson

Another school term has opened up and millions of new students are being given intelligence tests of various kinds. Many working-class parents are learning about intelligence tests and the I.Q. for the first time. It is important for them to know what the I.Q. is — and what it is not!



We should first examine the basic assumptions of intelligence testing. Psychologists do not measure intelligence directly but indirectly. Mental tests measure only what the child has learned. The child who is being tested is asked a number of questions and given a number of tasks to perform. He is given a mental age rating on the test by comparing his performance with that of other children of his own age. For example, suppose the average four-year-old can pick out and name the four colors, red, blue, green and yellow. If a three-year-old can do this and also pass the other tests on the four-year level, he is said to have a mental age of four.

The I.Q. or Intelligence Quotient is the ratio between the Mental Age and the Chronological Age. I.Q.'s below 100 are below average; above 100, superior.

Psychologists used to think that mental tests measured sheer native intelligence and that they were completely uninfluenced by any factors in the environment. But most psychologists will now admit that if a child has not had normal educational and cultural opportunities, he will rank below average on the intelligence test. This proves only that the present intelligence tests are not valid tests of native ability.

An interesting study by Dr. Irving Lorge of

Columbia University bears out this point. In 1941, Dr. Lorge re-tested 131 men, who had first been tested in 1921, when they were in the 8B classes of New York City schools. He found that the mental age of the men who had gone on to college was two full years more than those who had stopped school after the 8th grade. In terms of I.Q., this meant that the college-trained men had average I.Q.'s of 115 as compared with an average of 103 for the others. Both groups started with the same average I.Q. in 1921.

Does this mean that the men who did not have the chance to go to college became less intelligent as the years went by? Not at all! It merely means that intelligence tests measure what the individual has learned and that these tests are unfair to individuals who come from poverty-stricken environments.

Rich people like to think that they are rich because they are smart and that poor people are poor because they are unintelligent. Some psychologists even back them up on this! In her book, Heredity and Environment, Dr. Leta Stetter Hollingworth writes:

"Individuals of surpassing intelligence, as measured by intelligence tests, create national wealth, determine the state of industry, advance science and make general culture possible."

There is no doubt but that there are native differences in intelligence. But the rich do not have a corner on all of the native intelligence! In vast majority of cases, bright children from working class homes are cheated out of an education. Because these superior people are deprived of the chance to make the most of their intelligence, society is deprived of its intellectual and cultural contributions. Some day it will be different!

Packers Threaten Sick And Injured

By Ruth Benson

Hundreds of thousands of men, women and children face suffering and death as the packing trust continues the meat famine. "This isn't a scare survey," wrote Robert H. Prall in the N. Y. World-Telegram last week—but the shortages he described will strike terror into everyone whose life depends upon insulin, liver extracts, glandular extracts, enzymes, or surgical supplies.



These medical supplies are by-products of meat. But the packers, who deliberately impose hunger upon 140 million people, care nothing for the desperate needs of the sick. Hundreds of thousands of diabetics cannot live more than a day without insulin. People suffering from anemia may sicken incurably without liver extracts. Glandular extracts are vital for patients with heart disease—which kills more Americans annually than any other illness. Hormone treatments mean the difference between health

and invalidism for countless women. Other glandular products give children a chance to grow properly. And those in need of operations are told that "rationing of gut sutures for stitching by surgeons . . . has become necessary in some cases."

"These are just the most widely used medical products which are already becoming scarce. There is also a shortage of a new drug—streptomycin — because "The enzyme supply from which cultures are obtained to make science's latest wonder-drug, streptomycin, has been reduced." Even accurate diagnoses are imperilled; a physician in a large New York hospital declares that "We don't have enough meat to make cultures for our laboratories."

Thus the list of victims of the meat packers' greed is mounting. To increase their loot, the monopolists issue virtual death sentences to the sick. It is the literal truth that the robbers who have stolen the nation's food from its table, are telling thousands of its victims: "Your Money—Or Your Life!"

Veterans' Problems

Bradley Finds A Friend

By Alvin Royce

Until the other day General Bradley, head of the Veterans Administration, had very few friends who would defend his bureaucratic agency before the veterans. Even such reactionary journals as the N. Y. Times had to admit that things weren't going right with the VA. The situation came to a head recently when Bradley sliced veterans' subsistence payments to a starvation level. Veterans and labor organizations throughout the country were holding demonstrations protesting Bradley's policies.



However, the Daily Worker's veterans' columnist, Joseph Clark, came to Bradley's rescue on October 8. Clark thinks Bradley is a misunderstood man.

He says: "Bradley has a large fund of public support in the nation." He goes on to plead that Bradley's action at the American Legion convention has won him "nation wide applause."

The Legion Convention was just about what could be expected from an organization that is run by brass and is financed quite enthusiastically by Wall Street. Speeches were made by a General, an Admiral and the head of the FBI. They spurred on the drive to World War III, attacked the Soviet Union and red-baited everyone and anyone who isn't kow-towing to Wall Street. The convention rejected the bonus and elected a corporation vice-president, Paul H. Griffith, to the post of National Commander. The brass hats in the leadership of the Legion

do not represent the needs of the veterans anymore than William Green truly represents the needs of the workers in the AFL. There is, of course, a great difference between the Legion and a trade union. But the leaders of the Legion sometimes have to respond to the pressure of the veterans just as Green has to respond to the pressure of the workers. John Stelle, former commander, criticized Bradley for his "starvation ceiling" on veterans' subsistence because of the pressure of millions of veterans. If the Stalinites were interested in fighting for the veteran, they would expose Bradley and not applaud him as they did when he tried to defend his reactionary record.

The mass of veterans don't have such rosy impressions of the Veterans Administration. They have waited on endless lines only to be told there is no on-the-job training or the schools are all full. Bradley has told them they must get off the unemployment compensation rolls even if it means taking a \$25 a week job. Countless veterans have applied for surplus material only to find that the big corporations get first choice on the worthwhile items. Unlike the Daily Worker, the veterans can not think "highly" of Gen. Bradley.

Before V-J Day the Communist Party supported the American Legion; today they attack it. Throughout the country the Stalinites are supporting the capitalist politicians that helped send us to war. These hacks who pretend to be "communists" should blush a little when they pose as "champions of the veterans."

Shop Committeemen Enter Labor Candidate In Cleveland Congressional Election Race

By V. Foley

(Special to The Militant)

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 14 — Unlike most cities, Cleveland has an independent labor candidate. Mathew DeMore, president of District 54 of the International Association of Machinists, has been drafted to run on an independent ticket for Congress from the 22nd Ohio District.

This action was initiated by the Collinwood Conference of Shops Committee, an organization of representatives from the various Railroad Brotherhoods, AFL, CIO, MESA and IAM shops in the Collinwood section of Cleveland.

Faced with the impossible task in the coming elections of choosing between the Republican incumbent, Frances Bolton, and the Democratic nominee, Earl Hefele, the workers in the Collinwood Committee decided to run an independent candidate against both. When DeMore agreed to run, the Collinwood Conference of Shops Committee formed an 18 man steering committee composed of the top officers in various local unions.

Obtaining the required 3,500 signatures proved to be the easiest part of the campaign. So well did the idea of a trade union candidate appeal to the workers that more than 7,000 signatures were acquired in about three weeks. More significant, all these signatures were obtained in the shops and no doorbell pushing was needed!

In the early weeks of the DeMore campaign, the Stalinites were active and influential. However, as the campaign progressed, their influence declined because of their efforts to submerge the trade union character of the campaign. They were opposed to having the steering committee composed largely of trade unionists; their aim was to pack it with representatives from fraternal, church and civic groups. They fought in every conceivable manner to keep this campaign from taking on any semblance of an independent labor campaign.

The militant unionists answered the Stalinites by showing that DeMore could hope to make a good showing only by campaigning as a labor candidate with a program for labor. They further stated that such a program would attract the support of the small businessman and other middle class groups because a program beneficial to labor would also be beneficial to them.

Still adhering to the bankrupt policy of refusing to endorse any candidate not in either of the two major political parties, the Ohio CIO-PAC has not endorsed anyone for Congress from the 22nd District. Nevertheless a great number of Cleveland CIO locals have endorsed DeMore.

The Cleveland Socialist Workers Party branch is supporting the DeMore campaign as a step in the direction of a Labor Party. SWP members here are also campaigning vigorously for Malcolm Walker, SWP write-in candidate for Governor.

Dorothy Schultz Scores Thy As Anti-Negro

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 12 — Demanding that Republican and Democratic politicians do something more than make demagogic speeches against discrimination, Dorothy Schultz, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Representative of the Fourth Congressional District challenged Governor Edward Thy to move out of the Hotel St. Paul.

Mrs. Schultz issued her denunciation last Sunday evening, at the Golden Hour forum of Camphor Church.

The St. Paul Recorder reported on Oct. 11: "Mrs. Dorothy Schultz told her audience that neither of the major parties, Republicans nor Democrats, are sincere in their protestations against segregation and discrimination in the nation.

"She stated that all Governor Thy (Republican) did when he was asked by the St. Paul NAACP to 'do something tangible' in protest against the reported practice of discrimination in the hotel where he and Mrs. Thy live, was to write a letter to the management.

"Mrs. Schultz suggested that if the Democratic Farmer-Labor Party really wanted to make an effective protest against the hotel, that Mr. Harrington, the party's state treasurer, should move his office from the hotel which is facing a suit for alleged discrimination on Oct. 15.

"She pointed out that neither the Republican nor the Democratic party had done much to abolish segregation in the armed forces, or in governmental offices in Washington, D. C. She scored the government as being one of the greatest discriminators in the country."

Candidates Speak At Seattle Rally

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 10. — Socialist enthusiasm and carnival spirits, plus top-quality entertainment, marked the cabaret-style Election Rally and Dance held here last Saturday evening at the Campaign Headquarters of the Washington State Socialist Workers Party.

Charles R. Swett, SWP candidate for U.S. Senate, and Daniel Roberts, candidate for State Senate, 31st District, spoke on the issues in the campaign. Music was furnished by a seven-piece orchestra. A floor show featured a male vocal trio and orchestral instruments. A 10-minute skit satirized the U.S. method of spreading "democracy" throughout the world.

Steve Roberts Hits Jim-Crow Terror

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 7. — Speaking to an audience of several hundred called together by the Ocean Park branch of the NAACP to protest recent outbreaks of terror against Negroes, Steve Roberts, Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for Governor, attacked both the Democratic and Republican parties as sharing equal responsibility in condoning outbreaks of racial terrorism.

"Neither Democratic nor Republican politicians have done or are willing to do anything about this terror," declared Roberts, "because both depend on the white supremacist terrorists for their political support."

He concluded by calling for the establishment of an Independent Labor Party which would act only in the interests of the oppressed workers and minorities.

MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES

Malcolm Walker Candidate for Governor of Ohio

Malcolm Walker was born in the state of Maine 27 years ago and it was there that he was educated and spent the first 18 years of his life. After finishing school in 1936 he worked as a lumberjack in the Maine woods for two years. He had become acquainted with "radical ideas" in school and was curious to find out more about the Marxist solution to the poverty and degradation of which he and his family had been victims since he could remember.



Malcolm Walker

In the fall of 1937 he went to Boston, Mass. where he joined the Young Communist League, believing that that organization represented struggle against capitalism. A few months later he left the YCL because he disagreed with the Communist Party's opposition to a fight for socialism in Spain.

In 1938 he joined the Young Peoples Socialist League, youth organization of the Socialist Workers Party. After a short period of work in the YPSL in Boston, he joined the party and shipped out as a merchant seaman. He worked at this trade until 1944 except for periods spent ashore doing party work in various ports of the Atlantic

and Gulf coasts. Walker was and is a member of the Seafarers International Union; he often represented the ship's crew as "ship's delegate" on the ships he rode during his six years as a sailor.

Malcolm Walker took his final certificate of discharge in the merchant marine in 1944 following which he went to Toledo, Ohio as organizer for the Socialist Workers Party branch there. He has worked at this post since March 1944.

Mac, as he is known to his friends and comrades, intends to conduct a vigorous campaign around the ideas and program of the Socialist Workers Party. He is running as write-in candidate for Governor after the capitalist politicians ganged up to rule out his petitions as a candidate for Congress.

Robert Chester Candidate for Assembly, 20th District, California

At the age of 33 Robert Chester is organizer of the Bay Area Local of the Socialist Workers Party and candidate from the main waterfront district of San Francisco for the State Assembly.

Continuing in the union tradition of his father, who is a charter member of an AFL Painters Local in Los Angeles, Chester joined the Painters Union in 1930 and was an active member until he joined the UERMWA-CIO in 1940 as a wireman in a radio plant. From 1940 to 1944, when he became SWP organizer, he shipped as an oiler and was a member of the MFOW.

He was a delegate to the national convention of the Workers Alliance in 1936, and joined the Trotskyist movement in 1937 when he saw the good work being done by members of that political organization in the unemployed workers' organization. He participated in the Madison Square Garden anti-fascist demonstration in New York City and was campaign manager of the SWP mayoralty campaign of James P. Cannon in 1941 during the period of the Minneapolis Labor Trial.



Banquet Held In San Francisco

By Russell Morgan

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Oct. 11. — Bay Area workers crowded the San Francisco headquarters last Saturday night to attend an election banquet and extend a hearty welcome to the Socialist Workers Party's California candidates. After an excellent dinner, the candidates presented the SWP program.

Steve Roberts, of Los Angeles, Candidate for Governor, spoke on the activities of the Los Angeles section in its effective fight against fascist threats and race terror. He sharply attacked the hush-hush policy of the Communist (Stalinist) Party. He called on the workers to smash Smith and other fascists in the same manner as the trade unionists did in Minnesota.

Robert Chester, San Francisco's own candidate for Assemblyman from the 20th District, charged that the Democratic and Republican Parties were representatives of Wall Street. At present, Chester stated, Wall Street's main effort is to strengthen its domination over world markets in preparation for World War III. On the national scene Wall Street is attempting to smash the powerful trade union movement and through unbridled inflation to rob labor of whatever gains they may win.

Tori Price, California state campaign manager, called attention to the coming radio programs and stressed the need for organizing listening parties.

Our Program:

- 1. Defend labor's standard of living!
 - A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
 - Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!
 - Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!
 - For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!
 - Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!
 - Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!
- 3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!
 - No restrictions on the right to strike and picket!
 - No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!
- 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!
 - 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!

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