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# PRICE-GOUGERS ROB THE WORKERS

# SWP Fights N. Y. Ballot-Ban "Meat-For The Rich Only" Is Packing Trust Slogan

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 19 - State Supreme Court Justice William H. Murray today did the bidding of Wall Street by ruling the Socialist Workers Party off the New York State ballot. His decision will be appealed to the Appellate Courts, the State Committee of the SWP announced today.

ELOISE GORDON

Hits labor-haters in mili-

tant testimony at hearing of

House Committee on Un-Amer-

Took \$25,000

As War Gift

a war contractor.

"inflamed mouth."

**Pittsburgh Power Union Ends** 

Strike, Accepts Arbitration

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21-After courageously resisting

for four weeks a terrific strikebreaking offensive of the

employers, press and government, the striking workers

at a meeting here this afternoon voted 1,197 to 797 to end

demands for a 20 per cent | would be abolished soon and that

plained that he had conferred rump group, the company-in-

with Secretary of Labor Schwell- spired stooges went to court and

enbach in Washington and that unsuccessfully sued the union

the feeling that the wage freeze on arbitration."

wage policy.

by secret ballot.

investigation on Oct. 14.

ate Committee, said the charges

against the poison - mouthed

lynch-inciter from Mississippi

are "serious" and "involve war

profits and contractors." He said

be limited by the government's

This was important to the un-

ion as it is asking for an increase

over the 18 cents an hour won in

the February strike and in ex-

The motion to accept arbitra-

tion was first presented by the

leader of the back-to-work move-

ment and was hooted down. It

was then presented by a loyal un-

ion member and finally adopted

favor of representation by the

Independent Union of Duquesne

Light Company Employes, which

led the strike. A small group of

company stooges had asked and

promptly received an NLRB poll

On the basis of a vote by the

in the midst of the strike.

cess of the wage formula.

"revelations can be expected

ican Activities.

Murray's decision, depriving @ the SWP of its constitutional rights, was based on the most insignificant technicality. On petitions covering 57 signatures in Steuben County, Murray "discovered" that the notary's signature accompanying her stamp was absent. This "defect" was found sufficient to invalidate almost 25,000 signatures presented by the SWP, against which there was no complaint

In the same decision, Murray also threw the Socialist and Socialist Labor parties off the ballot. Here too he "discovered" similar fly-speck flaws.

Of the four parties originally challenged by Spencer Young, Democratic candidate for Comptroller, only the Communist (Stalinist) Party was permitted to remain on the ballot. This decision revealed that Judge Murray's rulings were based on the principle: Only those minority parties which support the candidates of Wall Street's Republican and Democratic parties Charge Bilbo are to be permitted a place on the ballot.

The Communist Party withdrew its candidates for Governor, U. S. Senator and Lieutenant-Governor last September and announced its support of Mead, Lehman and Corning, the Negro-baiter from Mississip-Democratic candidates. The CP slate consists only of canditered as a maneuver for the ceiving a \$25,000 handout from purpose of driving better bargains with Wall Street's major

The Liberal Party was also permitted to remain on the ballot, because it supports the full state ticket of the Democratic Party. It was not challenged.

Judge Murray threw out of court the challenge of Norman Thomas' Socialist Party against the right of the Socialist Workers Party to use the name "Socialist" as part of its ballot designation. He ruled that the question is "political and not one | within two months." for judicial determination. Who are socialists and who are not from the usually talkative Senainvolves many matters not with- tor Bilbo at Jackson, Mississin the purview of judicial ac- ippi. His secretary told reporters

(More on New York ballot because of an operation for an

their strike and submit their 3-

provements to arbitration.

The decision came on the eve

of a scheduled hearing tomor-

row by the anti-labor House

Committee on Un-American Acti-

vities, which has summoned

George Mueller, the union pres-

ident, to face a quiz on alleged

"communist" inspiration in the

strike. Mueller, who agreed to go

to Washington, denounced this

move as an attempt to wave a

On entering their meeting hall

today, the strikers were greeted

by a bristling display of uni-

formed city police, the Allegheny

County Sheriff and practically

his whole staff of deputies who

President Mueller reported the

events of the strike up to date

and urged arbitration. He ex-

"supervised" the voting.

red-herring at the strikers.

## Party To Appeal Judge's Ruling Barring Its Ticket From Ballot Eloise Gordon Lashes Witch-Hunt Committee In Washington Hearing

#### **Defends Power Strike Against Red-Baiters**

By Joseph Hansen

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21 - Eloise Gordon, Pittsburgh reporter for The Militant, today turned a hearing here of the House Committee on Un-American Activities into an offensive against the antilabor, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic activities of the committee members themselves.

She was subpoenaed for questioning about the Pittsburgh power strike which members of the notorious witch-hunt committee had alleged was "communist"-inspired.

All reporters were barred from the star-chamber hearing conducted by Representative Wood, Negro-baiter from Georgia, and the committee's legal counsel, Ernie Adamson.

I was physically ejected from the hearing with the aid of a policeman summoned by Wood, after I refused to leave the hearing room and protested the outrageous action of the committee members in barring the hearing

#### PRESS BARRED

When Eloise and I entered the hearing room in the House Offices Building at eleven this mornpi, is being investigated by ing, it was crowded with reportdates for Comptroller and At- the Senate War Investiga- ers from many parts of the torney-General. This slate is en- | tions Committee on charges of re- | country. One of them said that this hearing was expected to be an "exceptional session." It was. they didn't get to hear it. No details of the charges have Apparently afraid to hold been made public by the Senate public session that would reveal

committee, which announced its how it conducts its hearings, Wood ordered an executive session barring all members of the Senator Homer Ferguson, of Michigan, a member of the Sen-

I protested against this because of the notorious record of the committee members in opposition to anti-lynch legislation,

(Continued on Page 2)

#### **Cost-Of-Living** No comment could be secured **Bonus Won By** Bilbo couldn't talk on the phone **Amalgamated**

The principle of a cost-ofliving bonus to compensate has been incorporated into cent higher in December than last January. contracts of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers covering 250,000 workers. The bonus goes into effect starting Nov. 4.

150,000 workers in the men's and boys' clothing industry are to receive a \$5 a week cost-ofliving bonus based on an estimated 10 to 11 per cent rise in wage increase and other im- an arbitrator's decision would not the cost of living since last December when the last wage increases were granted. 75,000 cotton goods workers are to get a \$4 weekly bonus and 25,000 laundry workers are to get a flat 10 National Maritime Union, per cent general increase.

> ADDITIONAL The cost-of-living bonus is in

addition to the established con- on distributors of The Militant Postek has tried to block the dis- dent are the most fundamental tractual wage rates. The ques- outside Manhattan Center on tribution of The Militant at NMU democratic rights in the labor union who can hear the evition of additional increases to Monday, Oct. 14. Several of our meetings by brute force. Nor is movement: the right of free compensate for further living distributors, including four wo- this the first incident in which speech and free press. The fas-Earlier in the week, the strikers cost increases will be taken up had voted overwhelmingly in in six months.

This is the first major union contract embodying the principle of upward wage adjustments based on the cost of living.

Other unions, including the

CIO packinghouse workers and the Chrysler Division of the CIO auto workers, have also demanded cost-of-living bonuses. The packinghouse union is now negotiating for regular cost-of-living Schwellenbach, although he did and Mueller for "ownership" of bonuses periodically adjusted hoodlums was one Stanley Pos- with the National Maritime Unnot commit himself, gave Mueller the union and the "right to carry upward with the rise in living tek. Among the others associat ion in its struggle with the ship- that you will not countenance



## **DEFEND LABOR'S LIVING STANDARDS!**

-An Editorial ·

sault against the living standards of the ford the most elementary necessities of fits. American people.

Truman's complete surrender to the profiteers on the issue of prices has signaled a tremendous intensification of the drive to slash the real wages of labor.

Prices are bounding up so fast that no cost-of-living index can keep up with them. And as prices shoot up, the corporations are raking in profits on a scale never known before. At the present rate, the monopolists are stealing billions of dollars more than they did even in the lush war years.

Nobody can honestly argue today that the soaring prices are due to the meager wage gains won last spring by a few million industrial workers. Actually, the weekly wages of the best-organized workers, the factory workers, have declined an average of 9 per cent in one year. Prices, according to the statement of the CIO for the rising cost of living Auto Workers, are expected to be 25 per

> Big Business wants real wages to decline more and more. This means higher and higher profits. Wall Street and its government are now waging an offensive to side-track any struggle for higher wages and to disrupt the unions. That is the meaning of the all-out red-baiting drive and witch-hunt going on today.

For the workers whose standard of liv-

Big Business is hurling a ferocious as- 1 ing is deteriorating daily, who cannot aflife, higher wages are rapidly becoming a life-and-death question. It is a question not of this or that section of labor, but of the whole working class.

American labor must face the stark fact: It is confronted with a fight for its very ing since last May, stocks ad- with all rises in living costs, existence. It can defend itself only by a standards from dropping to coolie levels.

protect living standards from steadily mounting prices. That is by forcing the employers to grant escalator clauses in union contracts providing for automatic increases in wages, above the contract scale, in direct proportion to every rise in the cost-of-living.

Flat hourly increases are not sufficient in themselves today. These increases can be wiped out almost overnight if there is not the additional protection of escalator clauses.

The demand for the sliding scale of wages must become the slogan of the whole labor movement. The fight must be launched in united fashion. The crying need is for a National Conference of Labor, representing all the unions, to map vide the workers and their famout a joint program of action and resist the liles with a decent standard of Big Business assault with the united power living." of the labor movement.

"Meat — For Millionaires Only!" That is the slogan of the meat packers and livestock speculators since Truman surrendered to their demands on Oct. 14.

Overnight, meat hoarded to force up prices suddenly appeared on butcher counters and flowed from hidden stocks in warehouses.

at a dollar a pound for hamburger! Truman broke the meat black market - you

can now buy meat in big cities like New York at legal prices higher than the former black market extortions.

Meat, at prices 25 to 100 per cent higher than the former high OPA ceilings, is leading a general march upward of prices. The worker's dollar bill is fast shrinking to the size of a postage stamp.

The Dun & Bradstreet index of wholesale prices on Oct. 15, the day after Truman's radio talk, hit \$6.15 for 31 basic foods, compared to \$5.40 the week before. This is a 50 per cent rise since a year ago — a 14 per cent spurt in one week.

And from Washington, immediately after Truman bowed to the meat trust, came the sinister threat of removal of rent ceilings or a big boost in rents.

A group of Senators, representing the big real estate interests, promptly announced they are going to introduce a bill to abandon rent control by March and boost rent ceilings 15 per cent in the meantime.

Removal of price ceilings on virtually all foods will not result and Swift. in lower prices as supplies increase. The meat, dairy, baking and packaged foods trusts continue to withhold goods and success in busting price ceilings for higher prices and higher pro-

The monopoly profiteers' joy

But it's not meat for the working people -

**Bell Local Condemns New York Ballot Ban** BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 20-A meeting of UAW-CIO Bell Local 501 today adopted a resolution vigorously condemning Supreme Court Justice Murray's reactionary decision yesterday to bar the Socialist

and Socialist Labor Party from the New York ballot. A united front meeting opposing this attack on labor's democratic rights will be held in this city next Tuesday under the auspices of several unions, liberal organizations and the three parties con-

> vanced 1 to 6 points the day after Truman's speech. This was the biggest single day's rise since Sept. 5, 1939, at the start of World War II.

Workers Party, Socialist Party

LEAD PACK Leading in the stock market. advances were the shares of the big meat packers like Cudahy

Wall Street's drive to slash the living standards of the American people is on in full force. The myth that the zooming cost maintain artificial scarcity. Their of living is due to the meager hourly wage gains won last has only whetted ther appetites spring by a few million industrial workers, is smashed to smither-

Before the American labor in anticipation of the biggest movement is posed squarely the profits steal in history was question of a counter-offensive promptly recorded on the Stock for higher wages and, in parti-Exchange. After a steady slump cular, for the sliding scale of in stock prices and heavy sell- wages that rises automatically

## er wages to prevent the workers' living UAW Executive Board Starts There is only one way to immediately rotect living standards from steadily Move For Substantial Raises

A CIO United Automobile Workers campaign for "substantial wage adjustments" to meet the "continued sharp rise in the cost of living" was announced by the union's international executive board® in a wage policy statement | increases is demanded. "Any

meeting on Oct. 20. The statement charged that an "unholy alliance between big business and their political henchmen" has caused "com-

plete destruction of effective control of the cost-of-living." "Under these circumstances." the UAW board states, "we have but one clear course—to demand a wage increase that will pro-

No specific amount of wage

adopted at its Cleveland forecast at this time is necessarily tentative and will be subject to revision as negotiations proceed," the statement says, pointing out that "by December of this year, the cost-ofliving will have risen 20 to 25 per cent or more above last January.'

The statement points out that auto manufacturers have been granted OPA price increases of 40 per cent over prewar prices. Wage increases were not the cause of these price increases." the UAW board shows.

Immediate negotiations are scheduled first with the Chrysler corporation. The Chrysler contract contains a 60-day notice renegotiation clause. Notice was served two months ago.

## Nor is this, Mr. Curran, merely political tendencies in the labor

#### We propose that you establish a commission of members of your dence of our distributors and can call upon the Stalinist elements who assaulted them for an exby Stalinist gangsters is no less planation. Such, an impartial body can then, after hearing the testimony, present its findings to the membership of the National

Our request, therefore, is not that you necessarily act at once, although the facts cry out for ing cover behind the protection such action, but that you first before arriving at a decision.

Awaiting a prompt reply, George Clarke,

Organizer, Local New York Socialist Workers Party

#### **Corporate Profits** At 'Fantastic Levels'

What bounding prices have meant in terms of profits for the big corporations was shown in the CIO News, Oct. 14. It gave official government figures to prove that present profits are running far higher than the highest wartime rake-in.

"Corporate profits by the fourth quarter of 1946 will be running at an annual rate of 25 to 50 per cent above the war years. Total corporate profits for the years 1942-45, after taxes, averaged \$9.5 billion. The best estimates available indicate th . corporate profits, after taxes, will be at the fantastic level of almost \$14 billion by the fourth quarter of 1946."

## Letter To NMU President Curran

Joseph Curran, President, New York City. Dear Sir and Brother:

You have undoubtedly been in- the Communist Party. formed of a brutal assault made men, were seriously injured by our distributors have been asthis attack. Blackjacks, brass saulted by this hoodlum Stalinknuckles and other lethal weapons were employed by the hoodlums to prevent the distribution

harm to the distributors. dence that this assault was Mr. Curran, as . bor... fide trade planned, organized and directed union organization. On the conby members of the Communist trary, we have militantly defend-(Stalinist) Party who belong to ed it in the pages of The Milithe National Maritime Union.

ham. These men are known to a factional struggle between the movement. We are therefore us, as they are to many members Stalinists and Trotskyists in urging you to take speedy action of your union, as members of which the National Maritime that will bring a halt to these,

ist mob.

This is not a quarrel between the Socialist Workers Party and of The Militant and to do bodily the National Maritime Union. We have no \_ ievance against We have unimpeachable evi- the National Maritime Union, tant, and we have in all our ac-The leading figure among the tivities proclaimed our solidarity ed with him in the assault were owners and the government.

Union as a union has no interest. hooligan assaults. This is not the first time that What is involved in this incicist-like attack on these rights threatening to the labor movement than fascist attacks made against workers by red-baiters, Ku Kluxers and other fascist Maritime Union for action. elements in the pay of the em-

> The Stalinist gangsters are takof your union. This would not hear all the testimony of all sides only be a blow to the National Maritime Union but to the labor movement as a whole.

We are confident, Mr. Curran these fascist-like actions against Oct. 19, 1946. Union Proves Packers' Guilt

# Housewives In N. Y. City Market Voice Indignation TRADE UNION At Soaring Prices On Meat And Other Necessities

By Evelyn Atwood

Housewives from all parts of New York City take long subway rides to the City Market at Delancey and Essex Streets on the the lower East Side of Manhattan, hoping to get food and other necessities at cheaper prices. When fusing to buy meat at outrageous

I visited the market on Oct. 18. I saw men as well as women, wandering around among the heavily-laden stalls, shopping bags swinging from their arms. Their faces were solemn, their purchases were

"Prices are double what they used to be," said Mrs. Katherine Slonevsky who lives at 163 Avenue B. "Even in this city market you can only save a few pennies here and there." She was leaving the market with her shopping bag only half full.

"I walked away from the meat counter because of the prices they are charging," she went on indignantly.

"Last week, when most of the butchers said they didn't have any meat, I stood on line for seven hours at a 14th Street butcher store. Now look, right after the controls come off there's meat everywhere - but who can afford to buy it?" CAN'T BUY MEAT

Mrs. Slonevsky is the wife of a railroad worker, and has two marked at prices close to \$1.00 s children. "On \$45 a week," she pound. The cheapest item on the pointed out, "I can't afford to counter was a tray of revoltingbuy meat. The cheapest cuts of looking bloody sheep skulls stripbeef, veal-even beef liver is 98 ped clean of all meat except for cents a pound. I spend my days the bulging dead eyes. The skulls from morning to night just shop- were marked 14 cents each. Many ping around, trying to make ends customers walked away and went meet, but it gets worse all the to the fish stalls. But meat was

I walked around the meat stall, piled up with cheap cuts of meat | which is nourishing, for 20 cents

Among the main resolutions.

tary conscription; payment of

terminal leave time in cash or

negotiable bonds; voting rights

overseas service; a special ses-

sion of Congress on housing and

requisition of hotels and build-

ing materials for veterans' hous-

each child, and an escalator

clause that would provide an

increase every six months in

proportion to the increased cost

The conference voted for an

intensive campaign for approval

by the voters on Nov. 5 of a

bond issue to pay the state bonus.

The delegates at the same time

bonus, but called for more taxes

on corporations and high-income

The conference protested the

present low ceilings of \$175 and

\$200 a month for single and

married veterans respectively in

"on-the-job" training, and call-

ed for ceilings of \$300 and \$400.

peal of Section 800 B of the ser-

vicemen's readjustment act that

strike and demanded retroactive

payment of unemployment ben-

long General Motors strike.

demand of GM veterans for va-

cation pay now refused because

of their time spent in service.

It was also proposed that the

UAW international executive

board adopt a plan making

available to auto workers a per-

centage of the cars they produce | erans.

efits denied veterans during the

A resolution also backed the

Other resolutions called for re-

TAX PROGRAM

(Special to The Militant)

ers held a conference of 200 Michigan veterans here last

Sunday and adopted 15 resolutions on veterans' problems

for all citizens 18 years old or ed protesting the lynch drive

over; a national bonus of \$3 per against the Negro people. It de-

day for stateside duty and \$4 for manded passage of a federal

Of immediate importance be- are now being used by the gov-

cause of bounding prices was the ernment as forced labor. It de-

resolution for an increase of \$30 manded immediate freedom of

a month in the veterans' sub- those imprisoned for striking

opposed any sales tax to pay the with a report telling in detail

forces.

sistence allowance, plus \$10 for against forced labor.

passed were opposition to mili- for purchase at cost.

DETROIT, Oct. 18-The CIO United Automobile Work-

a pound-now it costs 89 cents," a housewife from the Bronx told me. Women standing near us spoke up on the question of re-

"My husband agrees with the women who just won't buy meat at these prices. So we get along on substitutes." said one.

Another remarked: "Well, my husband is a truckdriver - he says he needs a piece of meat, at least two-three times a week."

"Everybody is kicking," said another housewife from Brooklyn. "The day after controls went off I went into a butcher store on First Avenue for a pound of chop-meat. The man ahead of me asked for the same thing-he paid \$1.10 for one pound! I just turned around and walked right

The fruit and vegetable stalls, laden with oranges, plums, green beans, grapes and a multitude of others formed a colorful display. But even here, not much was finding its way into the customers' market bags. Selections were made carefully from only the most plentiful items.

"In Brooklyn I have to pay five cents a pound for white potatoes, but here I can get them five pounds for 20 cents," one of the housewives pointed out.

FRUIT COSTLY

the burning topic of discussion.

PROTEST LYNCHINGS

A special resolution was pass-

anti-lynch bill and establish-

ment of a state Fair Employ-

Another called for discharge

of conscientious objectors who

The resolution against military

conscription was opposed by only

one delegate. Several took the

floor, in fact, to indicate they

wanted the capitalist profit sys-

tem indicted as the cause of war

and not just the military system.

ber and the union's Veterans Di-

rector, opened the conference

how the state and federal gov-

ernments, as well as the em-

ployers, have failed to fulfill

their wartime promises to the

workers inducted into the armed

UAW President Walter Reu-

ther also spoke. He stressed the

importance of political action,

but failed to say what kind it

should be. When questioned by

a delegate, he made it plain that

he was opposed to real indepen-

dent labor political action be-

cause "workers are not yet ad-

vanced enough politically." Evi-

vanced enough" only to back the

parties and politicians of labor's

of the delegates who want ac-

tion now, Reuther offered little

by way of a fighting program

for the auto workers or the vet-

enemies, the employers.

Emil Mazey, UAW board mem-

ment Practices Commission.

"I used to get soup meat,

At the next stall a man was buying a pound of grapes. "I remember when they used to be 12 cents - now they cost 30 cents," he said. "But my wife is sick, and she's supposed to eat some fruit."

At the dairy counter a woman showed me a dozen eggs she bought for 90 cents. "These **Draft Opposed, Bonus Sought** aren't even as good as the Grade A eggs I used to get for 49 cents **At UAW Veterans Conference** 

At the next stall, a woman was examining a pair of child's shoes marked \$1.98. "They'd be worn out in three weeks," she said with disgust, putting them back on the pile. "It's a lucky thing I've got a relative who gives me clothes or I wouldn't have anything to wear. But what about the kids?"

Close by, another woman tossed two dish-cloths back into the basket snorting: "Thirty cents for a couple of rags!"

Most of the women were incensed that hours and days of time wasted in shopping did little to help them stay within their slim budgets. And most of them end, nobody knows!"

By Jim Long

(Special to The Militant)

FORT BRAGG, Calif., Oct.

solidarity that will long be re-

Four hundred people, representing 40 CIO and AFL unions,

travelled 170 miles from the San

Francisco Bay Area and sur-

rounding country to show their

One thousand people paraded

from the labor temple through

the main streets to the entrance

of the Union Lumber Company's

mill, where representatives of

The lumber and sawmill work-

ers, distributed over 200 miles

of the California redwood coun-

last January against the Red-

wood Lumber Association, one of

the last big open-shop groups

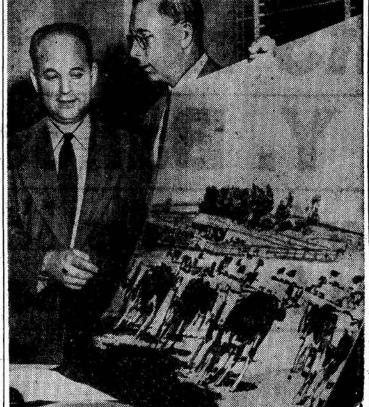
This association is composed

in Northern California.

participating unions spoke to the

support for the AFL Lumber and

Sawmill Workers strike.



CIO United Packinghouse Workers President Ralph Helstein (left) and Secretary-Treasurer Lewis J. Clark show who was responsible for the meat famine. Their photographic evidence shows part of the 600,000 to 800,000 head of cattle grazing in feeding lots owned by the packers themselves - while the packers were trying to unload the blame onto "independent" farmers for withholding cattle from the market.

Federated Pictures

## Shipowners Balk Compromise; Stall Settlement Of Strike

By Art Sharon (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 — The nationwide shipping tie-up continued this week as ship operators balked at the compromise demands of the two sea officers' unions, the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial

Association and the AFL end to the strike. Masters. Mates and Pilots.

Last week it appeared that lingness to sign a separate the Eastern and Gulf ship operators would come to agreement with the striking unions. They had previously broken off negowere fearful that prices would tiations charging that the Macontinue to rise. "Where it will rine Engineers demand for a national contract prevented an

CIO And AFL Unions Back

agreement on the east coast and gulf. Thereupon the ship operators found other pretexts for delaying settlement.

The MEBA later changed its

position and announced its wil-

It has become clear from the conduct of the operators, both here and on the west coast, that strument for such discrimina- against affiliation with the CIO they are following a deliberate strategy to weaken and divide the united front of maritime un-

At a national conference of the Propellor Club, an organization of shipowners, most of the talk was on ways and means to break the strength of the marinies, who operate in much the the shipowners will push legissame way as the coal barons of lation for a National Maritime 18- Last Saturday this little the middle west and the east. Labor Act similar to the Railway Labor Act. This would be the first step of a drive to destroy the maritime unions and regiment merchant seamen.

> Also revealed at the Propellor The unionists of Northern Club conference was the plan California have decided that this favored by some shipowners to transfer their ships to Panamaworkers must be broken. They ican registries in order to escape nian and other Central Amer-

Meanwhile the current strike In addition to funds already drags on into its fourth week given, the unions comprising the partly because an important ed outside the door of the hearsegment of shipping is still free Bay Area District Council of Car- from the strike. Foreign bottoms penters are holding a referen- now carry cargo that otherwise dum vote on the question of would go in American ships. Coal colliers, relief ships, tankers and troop ships still sail. Had these ships been tied up like most of them were in the genmade by the Brotherhood of eral strike of the unlicensed sea-Carpenters to boycott redwood men last month, the strike would

The threat of such a complete tie-up has kept the operators ported the strike by refusing to from completely breaking off negotiations. Should the negotiations remain deadlocked much longer there is good reason to believe that the remaining free ships will join the strike.

Death Ageny of Capitalism and the Tasks of the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

## **Hit Attempt** To Evict **Detroit SWP**

DETROIT, Oct. 19-Vigorous protests are being made by labor and liberal leaders demands will be discussed. here against the reactionary attempt to evict the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters at 6108 Linwood on grounds that Negroes attend its meetings. In the past week, statements Workers wage-policy commit-

have been received from Earl F. tee, scheduled for Oct. 21. The Wolfman, business manager of recent URWA convention set up CIO Bakery and Confectionary Workers Local 30 of the United creases to protect living stand-Retail, Wholesale and Depart- ards in this period of rising ment Store Workers; and John prices." Feild, executive secretary of the American Veterans Committee will hold regional meetings Michigan Area Council. Among starting the week of Oct. 27 to the prominent labor leaders who draft additional wage demands have voiced their protests are all "to cope with the rising cost of of the top national officers of living." the CIO United Auto Workers.

"The attempt to force a poitical party from its premises on the grounds that Negroes attend its meetings," Wolfman declared, "is a direct threat to the constitutional rights of all citizens, and is a threat which no individual or organization can afford to ignore. I especially protest the use of Detroit's zoning laws for the purpose of racial, religious or political discrimination."

#### ALL IN JEOPARDY

Feild wrote: "As veterans of bonus on a regular basis ad-World War II we feel called upon justed to price increases. to stand squarely against any attempt to abrogate our vital ing prices will turn more and American freedoms of speech and assembly . . .

"Such forces (those trying to evict the SWP) must be condemned as a threat to the entire citizenry. If the action of one group is allowed to infringe upon the constitutional rights of another it is obvious that we are all, individually and as groups, in Trainmen Reject serious jeopardy . . .

"We stand unalterably opposed to any form of discrimination on the basis of race, creed or color. As veterans we cannot condone the use of zoning laws as an in-

ferendum on the question. New Wage Demands

CIO Unions Chart

The all-out price gouging

signaled by Truman's removal

of price ceilings will spur new

and more far-reaching wage de-

mands by the unions. A number

of leading CIO unions have

scheduled wage-policy meetings

The CIO United Auto Work-

board meets Oct. 18 and 19. Un-

doubtedly, the question of wage

Negotiations with Chrysler Cor-poration open shortly. The

Chrysler locals have endorsed

a demand for a cost-of-living

bonus to compensate for rises in

A significant meeting will be

the committee to formulate de-

mands "for substantial wage in-

It was announced last week

that the CIO Textile Workers

The CIO shipbuilding, electric-

workers led off the strike wave

in September, 1945 and first

raised the slogan of "54 for 40"

work.

contract.

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With the reopening of the

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nual wage and a cost-of-living

It is expected that the zoom-

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only for higher basic wage rates,

but for escalator clauses provid-

ing a sliding scale of wage in-

creases automatically compen-

sating for all rises in living

costs during the life of a union

Affiliation With CIO

Despite the contrary impres-

sion created during and preced-

ing the convention of Brother-

hood of Railroad Trainmen, the

convention voted last week

living costs.

international executive

within the next few weeks.

CIO President Philip Murray had been accorded an enthusiastic ovation when he spoke to the convention on the benefits of affiliation with the mainstream of industrial unionism.

Although BRT President Whitney claimed after the vote against CIO affiliation that 'the delegates determined it." it would seem that the Trainmen's leadership had something to do with the decision. The bureaucrats of all the independent railway unions are very jealous of their powers. They would rather see the rail workers split up and divided than risk any possibility of infringement on the bureaucracies' unrestricted powers.

Militant and progressive railthat of the CIO United Rubber road workers had hoped that the BRT would join the CIO and thus inspire the movement toward industrial unionism on the railroads.

#### Green's Comment On WSB Resignations

Progressive unionists pointed out from the start that the Wage Stabilizai on Board, like its discredited predecessor the War Labor Board, was a government agency to hold down wages while prices continued to rise. They insistently demanded that al and oil workers internationals the AFL and CIO leaders scuttle are also expected to raise new wage demands shortly. The oil the WSB by removing the union representatives from it.

When the wage increases won in negotiations with the ship operators by the AFL seamen were cut by the WSB, the real role of this "impartial" agency could no longer be covered up by the presence of the union memgiven to the negotiations of the bers on the board. The seamen's unions demanded that AFL who are demanding \$1 an hour President William Green remove the AFL members from the WSB. Green ignored this de-

> Subsequently, the two industry members on the board, recognizing that its usefulness to the employers was about ended, resigned. Then, at the AFL convention; Green made so bold as o comment: "I hope this means not only their elimination from public life but the end of the Wage Stabilization Board as

But don't think Green proposed anything "radical." He still didn't suggest that the AFL end the wags-cutting WSB by the simple expedient of withdrawing its representatives from the board. They're going to hang onto the board until the last dog is dead, and Truman has forand against even holding a re- mally read the burial service.

## Gordon Defends Strikers

(Continued from Page 1)

the poll tax and all other progressive measures. I knew that this hearing was part and parcel of Wall Street's red-baiting drive against militant labor and was an attempt to smear the Pittsburgh strikers with a red herring.

## SOMETHING "HOT"

When the policeman, assisted by Adamson, "escorted" me out in front of all the other reporters, they knew something "hot" was cooking. They phoned their offices and other press agencies and soon a whole flock of more reporters were on hand and waiting room until Eloise came out.

After a half hour Eloise left the hearing and immediately was surrounded by reporters to whom she gave a full report of the questions she was asked and her answers. She was full of fight.

Eloise reported that at the very start she strongly protested not investigating such Un-Ameragainst the barring of the press and demanded witnesses to protect her against any attempt of the committee to misquote her and misrepresent her statements - for which the committee is notorious.

"I wanted witnesses to my testimony particularly because of the slanders which the Stalinists have hurled at us. I wanted it The next thing Eloise did, she

reported, was to protest the fact that the committee granted her only \$20 for her trip and all expenses to Washington from Pittsburgh. She told them that she was a low-paid worker and was losing two days from her job. So the committee, put on the defensive from the start, raised the ante to \$36.50.

#### CHALLENGES WOOD Then Eloise demanded a copy

of the stenographic report so that the committee couldn't get away ship to the strike was purely re-

man, Wood opened the question- was the honest reporting about implying that Eloise was a wo- only paper that has told the he missed."



man of loose morals.

"I asked why the committee is ican activities as the attempt to throw the Socialist Workers Party off the ballot in New York. And I asked Wood why they were not investigating the lynch murders in his own state of Georgia," Eloise said.

Adamson then tried to intimidate her by showing a picture of her in jail in San Francisco after she was arrested for picketing in to be clear that I spoke against the 1934 maritime strike. He the committee and attacked it." asked if she had worked for Harry Bridges, CIO Longshoremen's head.

"I told him absolutely not that I belonged to an organization that opposed the treacherous policies of the Stalinists in the labor movement."

The committee members then wanted to know her relationship to the Pittsburgh power strike and whether she was acting in an advisory capacity to the union president, George Mueller.

"I told them that my relationwith any false reports. Wood porting the truth about the strike promised to make this available. and that apparently what at-Like a true Southern gentle- tracted the committee's attention

ported it 100 per cent." STRIKES BACK

She struck back at the committee and demanded to know why it didn't subpoena for investigation the absentee owners of the Pittsburgh power company. who are responsible for the intolerable conditions that are the real reason why the workers were forced on strike.

Taken aback by her militant attitude, the committee members refused to answer her pointed question and blusteringly insisted that they were asking the questions.

Even though they were behind closed doors, the committee were so upset by the "hot potato" they had tried to grab that they hastened to close the questioning.

As soon as she left the hearing room, Eloise was surrounded by reporters asking her views about the committee. "It's fellowing the old technique of dragging out the red herring when there was no other means to smash the power strike," she said. "The purpose of this redbaiting attempt is to try to conceal the grievances of the workers, the real reasons for their

## LASHES BILBO

"If the committee were genuinely investigating un-American activities, it ought to start by investigating Wood's bed-fellows - the members of his own party and committee. I told them that and referred to Bilbo who boasted of his membership in the Klan.

"I also demanded they investigate conditions in Mississippi. I said I was sorry Rankin wasn't there so I could tell him to his face what I thought about his anti - Negro and anti - Semitic

One reporter laughingly said: "Rankin would have proved of better mettle than Wood in crossing swords with you."

With eyes flashing, Eloise shot ing with an insinuating slander the strike in The Militant — the back: "Rankin deesn't know what

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Sawmill Workers Strike of several large lumber compalumber town of 3,500 people In the main, they own everywitnessed a display of labor thing from the big redwood trees, to the mill, to the grocery store,

> association's power over the are backing up this decision with wion organization. all possible support to the strike.

to the houses the workers live in.

assessing each member \$1 each per month for the next three months. An attempt is being lumber throughout the U. S. have been much more effective. The railroad workers have sup-

pass picket lines with trains containing cars of redwood. For the first six months no attempt was made to open the mills. The companies were no doubt feeding on fat tax rebates. In the last four months, some of the mills have been operating

at low capacity. The companies are attempting to recruit scabs throughout the country. They make glowing promises and provide transportation money. So stay away from the California Redwoods - a strike is on!

The employers are trying to intimidate the strikers with all sorts of terrorist tactics. For example, on Oct. 11 a fire broke out in one of the mills here. One of the strikers was pulled out of his home in the night and taken 20 miles out in the country for questioning.

This kind of action will not break the strike if the Lumber and Sawmill workers continue to receive the kind of support they

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## Dutch Soldiers' Committee Urges United Action Against Imperialism

by a Soldiers' Committee in Amsterdam on Sept. brothers of the anti-revolutionary paper Trouw 5. condemning the Dutch government's order to (Dutch newspaper). This paper acted in the ship thousands of Dutch soldiers to suppress the sharpest manner against the Indonesians, regu-Indonesian struggle for independence. This same larly issuing provocations against the "extremonegration which culminated in a 24-hour general gone to Indonesia are our best citizens." Trouw

This leaflet and another which was issued to constantly shouts: "Butcher the Indonesians." the Dutch workers created a tremendous impact upon the city. The Revolutionary Communist Party, Dutch section of the Fourth International, was the first workers' organization and the only military machine was militarily defeated (and political party to openly proclaim its sympathy there were still no Dutch troops present) they with the soldiers and call for fraternization between them and the workers.

Comrade Soldiers:

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, the first detachment of the so-called "December Division" left for Indonesia. Herewith it became crystal clear that the government had reactionary plans against the wishes of the majority of the people. One thing is sure: the majority of the people — the working class — does not want it. And also the soldiers who left on the ship Klipfontein didn't want to go, For that reason they wrote on their train: "They want to send us to Indonesia. We don't want to go. But we must. We are going to help Soekarno." These few words say enough!

Not for nothing were the approaches to the embarkation watched by the MPs. They fear the will of the people, of the parents, of the wives and sweethearts. They fear the will of the soldiers themselves. That is why they forced the separation between the soldiers and their families.

What does the Government want in Indonesia? In the Chamber, they decided to send a Commission General to Indonesia. The Commission is to is necessary for two reasons: re-establish the "trust" of the Indonesians in the policy of promises of the government. But if this is really the honest intention of the colonial robbers, then why were the troop transports not halted?

facilitate the pressing forward of a policy of opoppressive policy in Indonesia. The colonial capitalists want their prewar position back. They on the backs of the workers and peasants.

you are not to be sent to Indonesia if you do not government. Together we will be able to prevent

Everybody knows this hypocrisy: The Indonesians would be "loyal to the Netherlands" except for the Japanese who are behind the whole plot; they are making all the trouble. These lies the Indonesians have been exploited, driven, ment! herded by the Netherlands capitalists, they have constantly offered resistance. To name only two instances of the last decades: 1926 and 1933.

The first great mass uprising took place in 1926. At that time our brown brothers fought sturdily for their freedom. But this just cause was put down with brute force. Through this inhuman oppression by the colonial rulers, that year became the provocation for the next explosion of re-

Then came Feb. 4, 1933, when the (Dutch ON! cruiser) Seven Provinces left the harbor of Oleh-Ieh, without the commander and his staff on board. The white and brown sailors captured the remaining officers who were on board. This was an action against colonial exploitation. Collijn, that notorious reactionary, ordered a bomb to be to your comrades, especially in other cities. But dropped on the ship. Brute force was utilized to be careful with it! FOR UNITED ACTION OF

Soldiers' Committee on Sept. 21 led a mass dem- ists." This paper writes: "The soldiers who have wike that paralyzed the city. (A full report of writes that they know what these soldiers are his strike was printed in the Militant of Oct. 12.) going to do and what they demand. The paper

> The resistance of the Indonesians has thus grown through the centuries and is not the result of the Japanese occupation. When the Japanese seized their opportunity and proclaimed the Republic. The brown masses themselves declared their independence!

> Comrade Soldiers! It is true you have a uniform which distinguishes you from the other workers, nevertheless that does not prevent you from belonging to the working class. And because you yourselves have felt the unbearable oppression, you can understand well enough that the Indonesians want to end the misery of colonial ex-

> What have you all experienced throughout the years of hunger and misery? You should easily be able to put yourselves in the place of the Javanese and Sumatrans, in the thoughts of 70 million people who have declared their independence and are watching the trap of reconquest through the bombs and grenades of the colonial capitalists. Their action against the white slavedrivers is the outgrowth of a mighty struggle against the the same capitalists who exploit us.

Soldiarity with our brown class-brothers, to go arm in arm with the Indonesian working class.

1. For their right of independence. 2. Because they fight against those who are

our daily enemies. Comrade Soldiers! Your unwillingness to play

the stooge in Indonesia has the sympathy of The Commission General (and also the Milano the workers. But it is necessary that this re-Conference) are only camouflaged means to luctance be translated into action, Action which must show the whole world: The working class is pression, because the government is using this united and does not let itself be used for the needs of Big Business. We must hold counsel over what is to be done

will again use the lash of colonial profiteering We must talk about it, consult each other, and organize. The waterfront workers of the Nether-It is in their interests that you soldiers are lands and the whole Netherlands' working class being sent out. It is in their interests that the law | must be called upon to help. Together we shall be is trampled on, Statute 192, which states that stronger than the colonial capitalists and their all opposition by force. We cannot delay any longer. The government is in a hurry — we must be in a greater hurry!

For that reason, the Netherlands' soldiers must take the lead in the fight of the workers against are put on too thick. In the three centuries that the colonial capitalists and against the govern-

> Paper action, such as the petition action of the Netherlands-Indonesia Association, is unsatisfactory. We must force them through our struggle. '.

Comrades, understand this! Those going to Indonesia are going in behalf of the interests of baiting campaign against the oil and sugar magnates. It will be a betrayal of your own class brothers who are fighting for their

SOLDIERS! SHOW WHICH SIDE YOU ARE

SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE INDO-NESIANS! RESIST TROOP SHIPMENTS!

Soldiers' Committee P. S. Our facilities are limited. Pass this on interests of Collijns and ALL SOLDIERS IN THE NETHERLANDS

## Danger Of Perfidious Deal In Dutch-Indonesian Truce

By Larissa Reed

For two weeks the Dutch despots, negotiating with the "moderate" representatives of the Indonesian Republic, have been trying to effect a perfidious deal which Dutch soldiers and workers took would reestablish their power®

peasants. Meanwhile the Dutch government is taking advantage of the in defense of their Republic.

amiable, bogged-down negotiations to spur troop shipments and strengthen the 70,000 soldiers already engaged in warfare against the Indonesian fighters for freedom. Another 30,000 Dutch troops are scheduled to be shipped to Indonesia by mid-That the Indonesian masses

are determined to oppose any rotten compromise that the Sjahrir government might try to make is demonstrated in the continued fighting during the

occupation troops spread to var- of the Soetomo kind. Soetomo's ious fronts in Java, Sumatra exhortations to continue fightand the Celebes. Although on ing against the Dutch were re-Oct. 14 a truce was agreed upon | broadcast over the official radio

over 70,000,000 workers and by the "moderate" government, this has failed to halt the armed struggle of the Indonesians nesian brothers. (See copy of Soetomo, 23-year-old leader of

> a militant Indonesian force calling itself the "Red Buffalos," made two radio speeches dearmed forces through a "stabilboth sides.

ed two-to-one against the Republic. On it are four British, four Dutch and four Indonesian Shooting war against Dutch so far to curb militant fighters

nouncing the truce, which calls ization" of military strength on The truce commission is stack-

representatives. Despite their policy of appeasement, the 'moderates" have not been able

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Meanwhile in Amsterdam, powerful protest movements of place last month against the transport of more Dutch soldiers to be used against their Indoleaflet issued by the Soldiers' Committee, above.

In the face of this uncompromising struggle for freedom in Indonesia and the mounting resistance in Holland, Dr. van Mook, representative of the for the reduction of Indonesian Dutch capitalists, is attempting the Indonesian compromisers by trymen officially retracting the slander ous propaganda spread by the Dutch rulers that the independence movement was a Japanese

> "Although we originally reported the Republic as too much of a Japanese invention—a sort of Japanese machination—it is apparent, looking back on the istory of the past years, that forces were at work in Indonesia which were more significant and had deeper roots than any mere surge of wild terrorism, forces which at the same time had on the whole resisted the Japanese fascist war."

In their anxiety to put over a sell-out deal, Dutch representatives are swallowing some of the lies they spread to smear the Indonesian masses.

For over a year the Dutch, backed up by British troops and U. S. guns, have been shooting down and imprisoning thousands of Indonesians. Now van Mook promises that Dutch forces will not be used to "subdue or repress, but only to assist in the restoration of law and order"the age-old lie of all imperialists who subjugate colonial peoples.

A Batavia dispatch to the Oct. 11 N. Y. Times gives the real score—that the "Dutch Commission General is not here to preside at the dismemberment of Her Majesty's Empire."

## **Japanese Mine Strikers Win Demands**

Another tremendous victory for Japanese labor was scored by the Hokkaido coal miners on Oct. 15. After a sixday strike, the All-Japan Coal Miners Union, affiliate of the Japanese CIO, won all of its major demands.

The coal miners not only obtained a 30 per cent wage increase, but forced the operators to agree to make the increases retroactive from the beginning of September. The wage boosts give under-

ground workers 1.250 ven a month and surface men 875 yen. as compared with the 808-yen average for male manual workers in manufacturing industry. The only concession made by

the union was in the case of 'winter aid loans" aggregating 14,000,000 yen. These will be repayable in monthly installments.

The Kyushu and Onoda district coal miners, who staged a the Hokkaido pattern. The triumph of the Hokkaido coal miners was achieved one month after a similar victory of the Japanese seamen, also organzed in the CIO, who won all of their major demands after a ten-

Some 80.000 Hokkaido coal miners walked out of the pits and shafts on Oct. 10, after 30 days of futile negotiations with the Japanese coal barons.

The reactionary Coal Indusry Control Association, which was supposed to be dissolved by American occupation authorities as one of the wartime Big Business monopoly agencies, openly intervened in the strike in behalf of the coal operators.

The anti-labor Yoshida government also tried to smash the strike through a vicious redwhole Japanese CIO movement.

## Indonesians Threatened With **Deportations**

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Oct. 17-With the refusal of the Supreme Court to hear the case of 217 Indonesian seamen who are now incarcerated in a Texas detention camp, these men may be deported within 30 days, John Andu, president of the Indonesia League of America, stated today.

Eight Indonesian residents, rounded up in New York by the U. S. Immigration Department and shipped to San Francisco on June 7. still remain in prison and also face the threat of deportation.

The Indonesian seamen were arrested almost a year ago, because they walked off Dutch ships in New York harbor. The ships were loading Americanmade arms and ammunition to be used by the Dutch despots against the Indonesian fighters for freedom. The seamen refusto pile deceit upon the policy of ed to transport arms designed force. He sought to conciliate to shoot down their own coun-

## LABOR PROTESTS

After six months' imprisonment in Ellis Island, the seamen were shipped to San Francisco, together with a score of Indonesian residents, rounded up by the U.S. government as reprisal against the seamen's courageous action.

Mounting protests from the labor movement and progressive groups forced the release of some of the residents, many of them married and with large families. Most of the residents have been in this country for a long time, some as long as 16 and 20 years.

The Indonesia League is continuing its defense of these victims of political persecution and will fight the case through to the end. It is demanding that the men remain here as political refugees pending the outcome of the struggle in Indonesia.

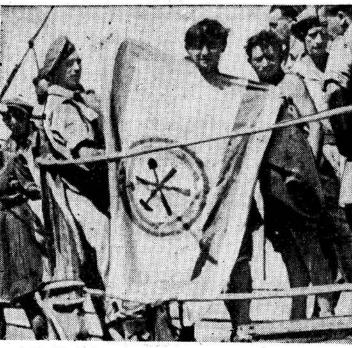
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British Atrocity Against Jews

Paris Conference Ends With

Peace As Remote As Ever



Jewish refugees, fleeing from European anti-Semitism to Palestine were forcibly transferred to a British prison ship for deportation to Cyprus concentration camps. They display the flag of the ship from which they were removed. Truman evades opening the U. S. doors to these victims of Nazi and

## 24-hour walkout on Oct. 14, expect their strike to be settled in Conditions Imposed **Upon Japanese Coal Miners**

The barbarous conditions | out of the mine shafts and pits. prevailing in the Hokkaido But they still work above ground coal mines in Japan, against under terrible conditions which the miners struck this month, are revealed in the Japanese CIO are directed a Tokyo dispatch to the not only against the capitalists, Christian Science Monitor, Oct. but against the anti-labor gov-12. The underpaid miners work ernment which completely backs under intolerable conditions up this ruthless exploitation of which "show vestiges of feudalism such as is rarely encountered even in backward countries."

Under the infamous centuryold "Kangoku Beya," or prisoncells system, destitute workers in the big cities are "cajoled, bribed and sometimes threatened into accepting job offers and then kept in barred cells under armed guard for a period up to three years."

Since the Supreme Command, Allied Powers (SCAP) took over in Japan, this dragooning of workers into slavery "actually is increasing."

## FORCED INTO DEBT

lished in cities like Tokyo, Yoko-

#### MacArthur Fails To Terrorize Miners

The biggest postwar air, land and sea military maneuvers by U. S. forces in Japan started on Oct. 14 in Tokyo, according to a UP dispatch. All combat units of the 5th Air Force unleashed a sham attack on the Sagami Bay area. "Combat aircraft went through the motions of an assault with rockets, bombs and strafing on the bay area, considered one of the main targets for Allied landings, before the atomic bomb ended the Japanese war."

This ferocious demonstration of MacArthur's military might was staged one day before a general strike was scheduled to take place and was designed to intimidate the Japanese labor movement. Despite this, the Japanese coal miners won their great union victory.

hama and Osaka. These agents "virtually shanghaied victims by such methods as inviting them into saloons and then loaning them money. In order to pay off the debt it was then suggested they accept a job in the coal

"Once shipped to Hokkaido, the victims were thrown into wooden shacks where they begin a nightmarish existence of long work hours, beatings by guards, and wages which are less than half the present subsistence levels, or none at all."

Many of these victims die through torture and beatings. The stiffest punishment, seldom used, against their murderers, is a year and a half in jail. But more often it is a light fine. The debt of the workers,

which chains them to the mines, is increased through such means as further loans of money and "encouragement in the use of alcohol and other similar pur-

## CAPTURED BY POLICE

Those who manage to escape are generally caught, mostly by demnation of the Labor Governgovernment police. They are "returned to receive savage beatings | Palestine and Greece were also from the strong-arm thugs who adopted. serve as guards."

The growing militancy of the miners has forced the coal opcent of the women and children ish Party to the international unconditional repatriation of the peal, Mid-September issue.)

The recent strikes called by Japanese workers.

> Hear The **SWP Candidates** On The Air See Schdule Page 6

War is not inevitable." Frequent repetition of that idea was the closest that the Paris "Peace" Conference came to peace. There was nothing peaceful about its 79day proceedings, and the prospects for peace were just

as when it had assembled in

Not only did the conference do nothing to bring peace clos- Kremlin. Stalin not only particier-it virtually did nothing period. The ministers of the "Big Four" had already drafted the major portions of the proposed treaties with the defeated satellite countries-Italy, Rumania, that the imperialists are enabled, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland. by comparison, to pose as The conference was able only to discuss them, and to offer the defeated countries. "Big Four" recommendations that have no binding character whatever.

To the question, "Why then was the conference held at all?" there can be only one answer. Partly, it was held to give a 'democratic" veneer to the treaties which the "Big Four" alone can approve. But chiefly, it was held as a public forum to exert pressure against the representatives of the Kremlin and to obtain concessions from them and to prepare the political atmosphere for eventual war against the Soviet Union.

#### DRAFT TREATIES

The draft treaties were as renations after the First World Europe. War. Crushing economic demands ARMED TRUCE and the transfer of border-lines without any regard for the ruin for many years to come. living standards of Europe as a One difference between this

and the 1919 conference is that sort of compromise here, as they at that time the leaders of the are trying to do over Trieste, it Soviet Union refused to have will be an uneasy and tempoanything to do with what they rary one. What lies ahead is not correctly called robber treaties. peace, no matter how often both On the contrary, they vigorously sides declare war is not ineviattacked and exposed the trea- table, but an armed truce which ties, the conference and the pro- will surely be broken unless the posed League of Nations and call- workers intervine and root out ed on the workers of the world the source of war by creating a to take power into their own Socialist United States of the hands and establish the condi- World.

as far away when the con-9 ference adjourned last week tions for a genuine peace. The policies of Lenin and

Trotsky had nothing in common with the policies pursued by the privileged bureaucrats in the pates alongside of the imperialists in formulating and executing attacks on the European masses. He even takes the lead in imposing reparations so great "friends" and "protectors" of the

#### BIG DIFFERENCE

Thus Stalin, far from coutributing to the defense of the Soviet Union by the territories and economic resources seized during and after the recent hostilities, actually weakens the Soviet Union in the coming war by alienating the sympathies of the masses who alone can de-

fend the Soviet Union. The scene shifts now to New York. The conferences and assemblies will continue for a long time. There will be further maneuvering and horse-trading around such issues as Trieste. These in turn will prepare the ground for the bigger disputesactionary in every respect as the the treaties for Germany and ones imposed on the defeated Austria, the heart of industrial

Here, in all probability, the differences will become sharper. rights of self-determination will Germany, devastated and ruinleave the defeated countries in ed though it is, remains the their present state of economic strategic key to Europe. United only on opposition to a socialist The reparations and indemnities revolution in Germany, the demanded of them will further Kremlin and Wall, Street will guarantee the lowering of the contend strongly for domination and influence over the country they jointly defeated.

But even if they can find some

## Trotskyist Party In Britain The miners are "recruited" by agents of the coal barons estab-

(Reprinted from Socialist Appeal, Mid-September Issue)

The Revolutionary Com- resolution adopted by the recent of the outcome of the war. These munist Party, British Section of the Fourth International, met in Annual Conference in London on Sept. 7, 8 and 9. Thirty-five delegates from the national branches and 13 consultative delegates assembled to debate a heavy agenda which included numerous resolutions on international and national problems facing the working class.

The Conference hall was crowded with workers from all parts of the country, who listened to the discussions and debates which took place in an atmosphere of complete democ-

The principal resolution under discussion is reproduced in this issue of the Socialist Appeal, edited for publication. It is a review of the economic and political perspectives of Great Britain, and a statement of the tactics to be adopted by the Revolutionary Communist Party in the coming year. Every regular reader of the Socialist Appeal will study this resolution with the object of gaining a clear and comprehensive picture of the attitude of the RCP towards the Labor Government and its fu-

## INTERNATIONAL REPORT

A representative of the Executive Committee of the Fourth International was present and conveyed fraternal greeting. He gave a report on the work and progress of the various national sections of the Fourth International, which in no less than 30 countries owe allegiance to and are in direct contact with the International. Of especial interest was an encouraging report of the re-formation of our German section inside Germany despite the years of terror under the Nazi

A resolution demanding the repatriation of the German prisoners of war (POW) to their homes was adopted with acclamation. Resolutions of conment's activities in the colonies,

Much of the discussion at the Conference centered around the amendments presented by the

International Congress of the will be issued for publication in Fourth Internationalist party our theoretical organ, Workers' embracing sections in all coun- International News. tries, which are enabled to freely After full and lengthy discusdiscuss and participate in the sions in the Party, the Conferadoption of a Bolshevik policy ence ended with a spirit of defor the national and interna- termination to carry the banner tional working class.

ts international obligations, ad- the working class, to participate opted a series of amendments to actively in the class struggles of be presented for international the working class and win the discussion, dealing with econom- most advanced sections of the ic perspectives in Europe, the British workers to the banner of role of Stalinism and Social De- Trotskyism. mocracy and the tactics of the Fourth International; the eco- Communist Party! nomic, military and diplomatic situation of Russia as a result tional!

of the Fourth International to The British Party, fulfilling the widest possible sections of

## Long Live the Revolutionary Long Live the Fourth Interna-

## **Express Solidarity With The German Prisoners Of War**

meeting in session on Sept. 7, 8 part of Germany they wish to be thy and class solidarity with the man worker-prisoners participaman working men who are prisoners of war in Great Britain or forethe job. under control of the British Government and its allies in other parts of the world.

forced imprisonment, confinement and maintenance of these soldier workers who are being used for the purposes of slave labor is contrary to the principles of socialism, which the Labor Government claims to embrace, and even to the principles of liberal capitalist democracy, and easts a dark shadow over the organized labor and trade union

Conference condemns the Labor Government for its continued all aspects of social life. imprisonment of these soldier workers. It calls upon the organized labor movement to remember the spirit of internationalism the widest possible contact with that impregnated the organized the German prisoners through working class movement in the the local and district organizapast and to protest against the tions with the object of fratercontinuation of this monstrous nization to help the German violation of socialist and democ- workers to re-establish socialist ratic principles by a government ideas and forms of organization which claims to represent organ- and to combat reactionary Nazi ized labor.

Conference decrares that the organized working class must de-

This Annual Conference of the prisoners in the hands of the Revolutionary Communist Party, British government to whatever and 9, 1946, expresses its sympa- repatriated; meanwhile all Gerhundreds of thousands of Ger- ting in productive employment must be paid trade union wages

Conference demands that the present Government policy of using ex-Nazi officers to discip-Conference declares that the line radical and left-wing German soldiers be ended and that the German prisoners be allowed to set up their own organizations of democracy and discipline.

Conference demands that the policy of segregating the German prisoners from the British population and the chauvinist policy of non - fraternization at present being enforced by the government must be ended and the German and British workers be allowed to fraternize together in

Conference further declares its opinion that all sections of the British working class must seek and nationalist propaganda and

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"The task of the European proletariat is not the perpetuation of boundaries but, on the contrary. their revolutionary abolition, not the status quo, but a Socialist United States of Europe!" -Leon Trotsky



## A Blow At Labor

Shortsighted persons will see in the State Supreme Court's decision to bar from the ballot the Socialist Workers Party, the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party simply a dirty maneuver in a dirty political campaign. Te be sure it is all that. But there is much

Unless reversed by the higher courts, Judge Murray's decision reduces the democratic provisions in the Constitution of the United States to a scrap of paper. The Fourteenth Amendment explicitly declares that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

Everyone knows that this Amendment, as well as other provisions in the Constitution, is a dead letter in the Southern states where ens of jokers have been written into the law to bar Negroes from voting. Only last week the Supreme Court of the United States condoned this trampling of democratic rights by sanctioning the right of Theodore G. Bilbo, the Negro-hating, Jew-hating, labor-hating dictator of Mississippi, to sit in the United States Senate.

Judge Murray's edict, if upheld, will produce a similar violation of the "privileges of citizens" in New York State. The right of citizens to vote for parties and representatives of their own choice-and therefore the right to make or change the laws of the state and nation-will be curbed and denied. This right will be usurped by a few crooked judges who are creatures of the capitalist parties and tools of Wall Street. With mock judicial solemnity they will declare that workers cannot vote for their own party—because a notary public's signature is missing on a petition

The Wall Street dictatorship over the economy of the country-and therefore over the well-being and security of the workers and farmers-is an established fact. The Democratic and Republican Parties, the courts, the armed forces stand guard over this economic tyranny. And now Wall Street is moving to deprive the masses of the right to protest and change. If they succeed, the brass hats will rule tomorrow and the fascists the day after.

Stop the Wall Street gang now! Preserve the democratic rights of the workers of New York

## Bosses' Weapon

What is the real purpose of red-baiting? Who benefits by the howls of "reds" and "communists" every time workers fight for their rights?

We need go no further than the examples of several recent strikes to get the clear answers to these questions.

Take the Pittsburgh power strike, for instance. This strike for decent wages and better working conditions couldn't be smashed by an illegal court injunction. It couldn't be disrupted by an attempt to deny the right of the striking union to represent the workers. So the company and the kept press screamed at the top of their lungs about "reds" and "communists."

This was a pretext for the notoriously antilabor House Committee on un-American Activities to step in and attempt to confuse the issues and intimidate the strikers. The strike leaders were summoned to Washington for cross-examination about their "communist" connections—an obvious move to bust the strike with a witch-hunt against its leaders.

Here is another case. Two weeks ago, billionaire Henry Ford 2nd charged that a strike in the open hearth room of his River Rouge plant was inspired by "subversive" elements. The truth was that Ford was too cheap to provide protection from deadly sodium fluoride fumes that had poisoned a number of workers, so the workers walked out. Ford tried to cover up his criminal indifference to the health and lives of the workers by redbaiting.

Or take the case of the truck-drivers' strike in New York City. Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer, who was elected last November with labor's votes, tried to try to force the men back to work with a rotten settlement. The strikers refused to accept his phony proposal. O'Dwyer struck back with that anti-labor weaponred-baiting. He yelled about the truck drivers being misled by "communists." Fortunately,

the truck drivers brushed this red-baiting aside and fought on to win a wage boost of 31 cents an hour. That was \$6.50 a week more than red-baiter O'Dwyer proposed.

In every case we see that red-baiting is instigated and inspired by the employing class. It is a sinister weapon to divide workers and bust strikes. If it succeds, it means more proffits in the vaults of the corporations and less money in the pay envelopes of the workers.

Wall Street and its government are now trying to whip up a red-scare and witch-hunt against "communists" on a nation-wide scale. This red-baiting drive coincides with a ferocious offensive against the living standards of the American workers. The real wages of labor are being slashed daily by soaring prices. At the same time, American imperialism is trying to line up and regiment American labor in preparation for war against the Soviet Union.

This red-baiting drive spearheaded by the government is represented as a fight for "democracy against totalitarianism," But it is plain to see that here too the motives and aims are fundamentally the same as in the red-baiting used to break strikes. It is an attempt to divide, disrupt and terrorize organized labor and to aid the profit interests and imperialist enrichment of American cap-

## Fighting Totalitarians

The AFL leaders last week at their convention unleashed a red-baiting attack on the CIO and shoved through a resolution claiming "communism at present is the most dynamic, reactionary force in our country."

At the same time, the convention passed resolutions that bitterly complained about anti-labor bills passed by Congress and warned that several vicious measures introduced into the last Congress "will rear their ugly

Thus, in one and the same breath, the AFL leaders echoed the red-baiting tirades of the worst enemies of labor and then complained about the anti-labor bills pushed by Congressional union-haters and red-baiters.

The AFL leaders, who claim they want to fight anti-labor legislation, treacherously lend support to the red-baiting drive that is part and parcel of Wall Street's general offensive against labor.

While the AFL top bureaucrats point to "communism" as the main enemy of the workers, the real enemies of labor — the employers - are striking blow after blow at the American working class under the very heading of "fighting the reds."

So long as labor is engaged in a witch-hunt for mythical enemies, it will never be able to fight effectively against its real enemies. That is why the employers raise the "red" issue.

The AFL leaders represent their attacks on "communism" as a defense of "democracy against totalitarianism." That's a laugh to anyone who has the slightest knowledge of how the AFL leaders run their own unions.

The "totalitarianism" the AFL workers face most immediately is the ruthless rule imposed on many AFL unions by craft-ridden bureaucrats, racketeers and even outright gangsters.

A good place for the AFL workers to begin the fight against "totalitarianism" is right inside the AFL — a fight to clean out the Tobins, Wolls, Freys and their like, who mercilessly throttle the rank and file and stifle the most elementary expression of union democracy.

## Stop The Fascists

A short item in the N. Y. Times of Oct. 20 deserves to be lifted from the obscurity to which it was consigned on Page 22. It was a dispatch from Demarest, N. J., a small town in which "a fiery cross, the fifth in two weeks, was found burning against the shingles of the local Roman Catholic Church, nearly setting fire to the edifice."

The local police chief blamed "juveniles" although he hasn't the faintest idea of who the culprits are, and seemed to be more concerned with denying "implications that apparently aren't intended" than in denouncing the cross-burners.

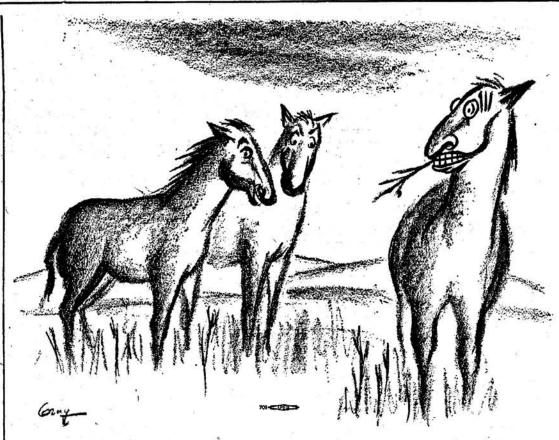
But, despite the police chief, we think the implications are the main thing to be discussed in this case. For its implications are just those which The Militant has stressed again and again in connection with the scores of reports we have printed about similar terrorist acts throughout the country since the end of the war.

That is-the recent "war for democracy" did nothing to elminate the threat of fascism in the United States. If anything, the native fascist elements have been encouraged by recent developments, they are getting stronger, and they are directing their blows against labor and minorities even more boldly. In one place Negroes are the victims, in another Jews; and here we see that Roman Catholics are the objects of fascist terror too.

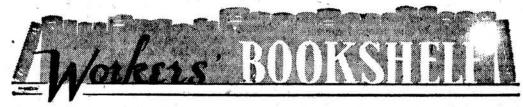
The Demarest incident is particularly significant because it takes place just a few days after the New Jersey state government got itself some good election publicity by announcing the banning of the Ku Klux Klan. It shows that while legal action against the racehaters and bigots is necessary, legal action by itself is not enough.

The fact is that the authorities are not interested in putting an end to the fascist gangs, or are directly shielding them. This has been demonstrated in the Fontana, California arson murder of the O'Day Short family; in the series of arson attacks and bombings in Chicago, including the Grace Hardy case; in the numerous cases of lynching in the South.

It is up to the organized labor movement to organize a fighting defense of these racial and religious minorities. This must be done not only to defend democratic rights, but to protect the unions themselves. The same vigilantes who attack the minorities today will be unleashed against the unions tomorrow. The sooner they are dealt with by an aroused labor movement, the easier it will be to crush



Now, remember, Harry's the first to go, if the meat crisis isn't settled!



Aldridge, Little, Brown and ful. Co., 1946, 307 pages, \$2.50. After a particularly heroic

This book-it is not really a novel, but a number of short tales connected together around the travels of a war correspondent -deals with the question of the fight against fascism throughout the recent war.

A British anti-fascist, Wolfe, helps Shaw, another loyalist fighter in Spain, to escape from a concentration camp in France in 1939. But Shaw vanishes into a British internment camp shortly after the outbreak of war. Wolfe finds the situation confusing; in Spain the issues had seemed much clearer to himyou were on one side or the other. Now "he felt nothing." The bastards were now fighting each

He gets credentials as a war correspondent and the rest of the book is devoted to what he saw in more than a dozen countries, beginning in Finland in 1940 and going all the way around the world to end in Germany in 1945.

The individual tales that make up the rest of the book are of uneven quality, but some of them stand out very clearly.

On the Libya - Egypt border

foray the enlisted man is faced with the choice of apologizing to the major and being cited for a Military Medal by the colonel, or of being court-martialed and getting three years imprisonment. When he again refuses to apologize, the colonel has to make the decision, and he orders the court martial "because we must have discipline.'

But the best incident in the book deals with the small town of Carbonara on the road from volt of the slaves in San Domin-Naples to Rome. After the Germans have been driven out of soon after the outbreak of the the town, a number of local antifascists take the opportunity to round up the worst fascists and execute them on the spot. Fab- of the hero, L'Ouverture, and iano, the leading anti-fascist, is arrested by the British and tion in France as well as in Haiti. American AMG officials.

When he is brought to a hearing, at first he cannot comprehend why he should be held: than exterminate the oppressors and assassins of the people; wasn't that what the war was being fought about?

of an impolite enlisted man who has nothing in common with had called his major a bloody what they call anti-anti-fascism. fool and refused to apologize. "Go back home," he cries at per. At the time of publication the colonel agreed with his estate end as he is led off for trial. it was being translated into

after all, he did nothing more rose against their oppressors-

But as the proceedings develop, Fabiano soon finds he was wives. It portrays the caste diwrong. His bewilderment turns visions between the Negroes and to bitterness under the question- Mulattoes, which led to shame-Wolfe comes across a British ing of the AMG officers and he ful betrayals of the revolutioncolonel faced with the problem perceives that his anti-fascism ary cause.

timation of the major, and he "Go home and leave us to decide French, to be produced with an knew that the enlisted man was our own justice and our own all-Haitian cast. the best soldier in his command standards . . . You will see in

**OF** MANY MEN, by James | —brave, intelligent and resource- | five years ten years sometime that you have started another You are the begin-Fascisti. nings of it yourself . . ."

At the end of the war Wolfe finds Shaw has still not been released and he decides to return illegally to Spain himself.

-George Breitman

THE REVOLUTIONISTS, by Selden Rodman, Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 1942, 195 pages, \$2.75.

This play is about Toussaint L'Ouverture, leader of the rego, Haiti which began in 1791, French Revolution.

The action covers a period of several years, includes the death the rise of the counter-revolu-

This drama is good supplementary reading to historical accounts of that heroic period, when half a million black slaves the first great successful slave revolt in the New World. It provides intimate glimpses into the lives of the rich white planters and their petulant, indolent

The book contains fine illustations by

-Larissa Reed

## The Conference Of Progressives

described the recent Conference Committee of the Conference of on the unions. Its ostensible proof Progressives in Chicago as "the most important conference of its kind ever held."

Action Committee have sponsored that kind of conference at all? That's the question that needs answering.

The 300 delegates were in the main representatives of the top layers of the CIO. There was an additional sprinkling of more or less prominent individuals who go under the broad label of "progressives."

## CHOICE EXHIBITS

The choicest exhibits were several leaders of the "New Deal" remnants in the Democratic Party, including Senator Claude Pepper, former Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Millionaire banker Morgenthau is noted chiefly as the author of the barbarous plan to gut Germany and reduce its people to a nation of agricultural serfs.

From this mixture of delegates came the usual broad and ambiguous program that goes under the heading of "liberal." The program was nothing new and it was not what made Murray call the conference "the most important of its kind ever held."

What he had in mind was the fact that the conference established itself as a continuing body. It set up a Continuation Committee with plans to hold another "Conference of Progressives" in Washington after the convening of the new 80th Congress.

An even clearer picture of what the CIO-PAC leaders have in mind was given by Murray on Oct. 15, when he announced in New York the organization of a new nation-wide movement

CIO President Philip Murray | headed by "The Coordinating | an organization based directly Progressives."

movement to expand and become in due course the most powerful movement for an independent But should the CIO Political liberal and progressive organiz- labor party. The CIO-PAC is diation brought together in the rectly subject to the pressure of history of the country." This the union members and has bemovement would "unquestion- gun to provide, on a local and ably" devote itself to political state scale, an arena for discusactivity.

## ITS ROLE

ation to play that is not already fulfilled by the CIO Political CIO leaders, tied to the capital-Political Action Committee?

policy" for "all liberal and pro- party. gressive groups." The CIO-PAC too, it is presumed, would be subordinated to this "common policlass elements and "progressive" capitalist politicians.

The CIO-PAC, despite its policy of supporting candidates of the Wall Street parties, Democratic and Republican, is still in need of a berth.

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gram is to advance independent Murray said: "We expect this labor political action.

Today there is a growing sion of the need for a labor par-

The politically conservative

## What role is this new organiz- FEAR LABOR PARTY

Action Committee and its off- ist political machines and polispring, the National Citizens ticians, are fearful of this development. They are afraid that According to Murray's an- the CIO-PAC will not continue nouncement, this new organiza- to serve as an effective brake tion would establish a "common upon the movement for a labor

What the CIO leaders are anxious to create, therefore, is an organization that the workers cy" to be determined by an or- will not be able to influence at ganization dominated by middle- all and in which the unions will have no independent role. Even the CIO-PAC will be merely a cog in a "broader" organization controlled by middle-class liberals, broken-down "New Dealers" and other capitalist politicians

Organized labor is the most powerful force, potentially, in America. The workers constitute the overwhelming majority of the population. United politically in their own party on the scale in which they are organized into unions, the American workers could unquestionably take political power.

Maybe, as Murray said, the Conference of Progressives is the most important "of its kind." But it's not the kind labor needs. It needs a Conference of Labor, based on the 15 million organized workers and representing all the unions, that will convene in Washington and launch a labor

## **How The Government** "Gains" A Billion

Last week the N. Y. Times headlined a story: "\$1,000,000,000 Gain On Ships Forecast." The story reports that in the three months ending Sept. 30, the Maritime Commission approved the sale of 385 government-owned vessels to private firms for \$335,-000,000. Vice Admiral William W. Smith, chairman of the Maritime Commission, forecast that, on the same basis, with 843 purchase applications awaiting action, the government will be a billion dollars richer.

To the average reader, this looks like the government is making money hand over fist by selling ships. But in reality, this "gain" represents a loss of many billions of dollars to the American people, who paid for these government-built ships.

The "Ship Sales" bill, authorizing these sales, was written by the ship operators themselves. It was quietly slicked through Congress last winter, and signed on March 8, 1946, by President Truman. It provides that the 55-million ton government-built merchant fleet shall be "disposed of" to private shipping combines and speculators at prices ranging down to 311/2 per cent of "prewar domestic cost."

The ships were built by the government with public funds on a "cost-plus" basis. The cost to the American people was 15 billion dollars at high wartime rates

Now, in the sale of these ships, prewar production costs are used as the basis for fixing sales prices to the private ship operators.

On top of that, the buyer takes off another five per cent for each year the ship has been in operation, and another three per cent for each year the ship was operated during the war. With most of the ships in excellent condition, the Act provides for still another discount - the cost of putting the ship in "condition."

Two thirds of the ship surplus (the government is reserving one-third for World War III) amounting to \$10 billions, could be knocked down for about \$31/2 billions — a theft for the shipping interests of

The gift of these ships by the government is heaped on top of the colossal war profits of the shipowners, plus the scandalous subsidies, outright steals on hauling government goods and the crooked deals of buying ships from the government and later selling them back at tremendous profits.

## **President Pardons Old Missouri Pals**

President Truman couldn't provide meat for the American workers and their families during the weeks of profiteer-made meat famine. He couldn't bring to justice lynchers responsible for the deaths and mutilation of scores of Negro victims.

But there was one thing Truman could and did do - he took care of his pals in Missouri's notorious Pendergast machine who in 1937-38 were convicted and sentenced to prison for vote fraud, graft and corruption. This year and last, Truman ground out 12 pardons to these Democratic crooks. Ten of them were previously pardoned by Roosevelt.

After the First World War, Truman was groomed for his political career by Boss Pendergast, also sentenced to prison in 1937. Truman became a loyal machine man in the Democratic Party councils of the big city bosses and Southern poll-tax politicians. rising from county judge through U.S. Senator to President. Now he is busy whitewashing the corrupt

politicians who lifted him to high office. All of these vote-fraud crooks had long ago served their sentences, which ranged from three months to two and a half years. But a federal offense brands a man for life and deprives him of a number of civil rights, even after he is freed. Thus, Truman's pardon was designed to restore all the benefits of citizenship upon them, including the right

to vote and to run for federal office. But no such pardons were granted by the Democratic administration to the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Teamsters Local 544-CIO, who were railroaded to prison in 1944 under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act. On the contrary, it was the Democratic administration which framed them up and sent them to prison because of their militant trade union activities, their fight against graft and corruption in public office, their opposition to the imperialist war.

## Addes Asks Reversal In **Court-Martial Of GI**

Asking for a reversal of the conviction and death sentence of Private Lemas Woods Jr., UAW Secretary-Treasurer George F. Addes told in a press release on Oct. 11 how an Army court-martial in the Philippines has suppressed important facts and ignored discrepancies in evidence.

Private Woods, a member of Detroit UAW Local 208, was convicted of murder several months ago. The union's investigation has established his innocence beyond question.

The Army's whole case against Woods was based upon a theory that he had bent down over the victim's cot, picked him up with one hand, and shot him with the other. Woods said the gun went off accidentally, and that an examination of the mosquito net covering the cot would show a bullet

Addes has recently been informed that an atterney at Manila "has obtained information to the effect that the mosqiuto net was examined by the Army investigators and that a bullet hole was found in it. If this is true, then Woods' innocence has been proved."

Yet that net was never introduced as evidence by the prosecution! That alone, Addes declares, would justify the inference that "it would have proved Woods' innocence."

The court-martial of Woods was so disgraceful that even the prosecutor regretted it. He wrote to the Commanding General in the Philippine area. pointing out "the weakness of the case" and "lack of supporting testimony," and that in his opinion. 'Woods' conduct was not that of a murderer."

The prosecutor's statement was suppressed. It never was forwarded to the Review Board in Washington. Why? The sanctity of the brass hats is more important than the life of a soldier and union

"The only explanation I can think of," Addes says in conclusion, "is that the examining officer had obtained a confession from Woods by third degree methods and sought to avoid the production of any evidence which might be inconsistent with the confession."

## 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 sadress. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

#### N. Y. Ballot Conspiracy **And The Liberals**

In reference to the editorial "Fight The Conspiracy" (to bar four minority parties from the New York ballot) which appeared in the Militant Oct. 5, you state "Most shameful of all is the attitude of such self - claimed progressive parties as the American Labor and Liberal Parties. Both support the Democratic candidates. Neither has raised its voice against the Democratic conspiracy."

This is in error. Both protested it. The Call Oct. 7, reported this in full, carrying both Dr. George S. Counts', vice-chairman of the Liberal Party, and the ALP statements. In all probability the slip up was due to press time, however I feel a correction is in order.

Many individual members of both parties (as did the writer, a Liberal Party member) also made their voices heard. As for Spencer Young, he has forfeited any right to any progressive's vote by his totalitarian action.

George R. Stryker Bayport, N. Y.

Editors' Note: Mr. Stryker is correct in stating that after the preparation of our Oct. 5 issue, the ALP and the Liberal Party's vice-chairman publicly protested against the Democratic Party's efforts to ban four parties from the New York ballot. Nevertheless, both these parties continue to support the candidacy of Spencer Young, in whose name this attack of democratic rights was introduced into the courts. It is wrong to think that Young is the only one to be condemned. Equally guilty is the whole Democratic ticket, including Mead and Lehman, because Young never took this step without consulting them and getting their approval.

#### **Arrested And Barred** From Cambridge Movie

On Saturday, Sept. 28, Mr. William R. Paris went to the Central Square Theater here to see "The Bells of St. Mary's." Two girls and a police officer were in the booth.

Mr. Paris offered one of the girls a \$10 bill, and when she said she couldn't change it, askshe had no change. He obtained change elsewhere, and returned.

ticket, but belligerently asked codes: money makes and buys the whether he wanted to fight. He laws. With all our laws, religsaid good-naturedly that he did ions, faiths, hopes, trusts and not, and went into the lobby. prayers we have only one law: There the theater - officer, a the law of the jungle-if you are man named McCoy, said he could big enough, take it.

Howard Street!" McCoy exclaim- moral codes. ed. Howard Street is a community where no color lines are

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drawn, and the races mingle in friendly fashion, as they should. "I'm from Howard Street, but what has that to do with it?" Mr. Paris asked.

McCoy remarked that if he had been present the evening of the Louis fight, he would have shot some of those "S.O.B.'s" and that the law would have done

As Mr. Paris left, he was accompanied by the box-office cop als as "cruel" and "criminal" and who handcuffed him and took him to jail on false charges of being appealed.

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## Capitalism Cannot **Be Reformed**

Wars are the mass murder businesses of capitalist governments. And we must have wars and sorrows so long as one nation wants to rob another nation to get more natural resources, more markets and more influ- paper," said one. "We'll see that ence for the personal gains of

Under a profit system specu-The girl then gave him his lation is stronger than moral

We need a government of Mr. Paris walked back to the Right in the place of governbox office, followed by McCoy, to ment of Might. Capitalism is whom he attempted to identify based on a profit system; caphimself. Mr. Paris has lived in italism cannot be reformed. So-Cambridge at the same address cialism, where we produce for on Howard St., ever since he use instead of for profit, where came from the British West In- the workers get their comfort and security from the stockpiles "You're one of that gang from built by labor, can have better

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## 4ASH War Guilt Of U. S. Imperialism

The Nuremberg Trial and the capitalist newspaper comments on it, show how imperialism takes pride in its own decay. I have in my hand an article which states: "In the future no military man will dare to give a surrender order for he will know that his defeat will cost him his head." Capitalism will no longer deal with conquered foes, as formerly; vanguished nations must now vanish from the map, and their leaders must march to execution. Of course no Marxist would

ed capitalists or their military or political errand boys. We would all rejoice if the German leaders had been tried and condemned by the ill-treated German workers, or by the helpless victims upon whom they had inflicted misery. Neverthless, history has never seen a more ridiculous spectacle than that of "our" costed by McCoy, this time ac- ruling class condemning its riv-

rise to the defense of any defeat-

"aggresive." While the trial was drawing to "disturbing the peace." On Oct. its close, the American press, ra-2. he was fined \$10. The case is dio and screen were brazenly showing us the horrors of Hiroshima . . . a picture of the most Cambridge, Mass. frightful tortures ever inflicted since time began. Wall Street does not attempt to deny or suppress it - in fact it is eager for its monstrous crime to be known to everyone! Feeling is running high against the atrocity, especially since John Hersey's story

> I think The Militant should point out this angle of the Nuremberg Trial.

Belle Montague Cambridge, Mass.

#### **Workers Indignant At** Stalinist Assault On 'Militant' Distibutors

I was present at the Militant distribution before the meeting of the National Maritime Union on Oct. 14. At least 100 hired Stalinist goons, some with blackjacks and other tools of their trade, attacked our distributors, including women. After the first attack six or seven rank-and-file members of the union formed a protective semi-circle around one of the distributers.

"Go ahead and give out that

there's no trouble." Militant at other NMU distributions. All of them thought enough of the paper to defend its distribution before their union. Indignation ran high against

the Stalinist hoodlums. I heard many comments from rank-andfile union men against these professional goons. It was significant that the

Stalinists waited until the meeting had started and most of the rank-and-file were in the hall before unleashing the next and rejoined his family since the fall more violent assault on our comrades.

Sandy Robertson

#### Negro Youth Locked In Irons

If this had happened to a dog, the humane society would be up in arms. But the victim was "only" an 18-year-old Negro boy, so the story is buried-or omitted from most papers.

In New York, a South Carolina sheriff captured young William Henry Harris, who had escaped from a chain gang after serving 140 days of a four-year sentence.

For the trip back, Harris was locked into a special device-26 pounds of irons, made so that heavy metal rings go around each ankle and a U-shaped steel rod runs under the arch of the prisoner's foot. The sheriff proudly explained that this torture-weapon made it impossible for the victim to run.

Think of how it feels to walk with a stone in your shoe—then multiply the pain several thousand times, and maybe it would be almost as bad as walking on that iron bar!

The barbarous treatment of Negroes has become so widespread that this outrage hasn't even raised a protest, so far as I know.

New York, N. Y.

**NEW YORK** Halloween Party Sat., Oct. 26 Central Branch, SWP 116 University Pl.

## Europe's Children Search For Food



Two French children were hunting through garbage pails for scraps of food, when this picture was taken last winter. Suffering throughout Europe is acute, and winter is near again. You can send food, clothing and toys to the innocent young victims of imperialist war by making a donation now to the American Committee for European Workers Relief.

centration camp prisoners, per-

secuted minorities, trade union-

# European Anti-Fascists Need ACEWR Aid To Survive Winter

The American Committee for European Workers Relief is receiving many letters from Austria and Germany, as the flow of relief. well as from other parts of Europe. Since it has been possible only recently to send food and clothing to Germany

children.

and Austria, these are the 9first letters of thanks for pendents, four women and four packages received and requests for food, medicine and clothing.

The letters from Austria express great joy over packages received. They tell how wonderful it is to have some food to put on the table for their children. They also say there is no prospect of an improvement in the food situation and that they look to the ACEWR for help to get them through the winter. Among the letters requived from Germany is one from a worker in Hamburg who spent

## **Boston Committee** Makes Xmas Toys

The Boston Committee of the ACEWR is the first to respond to a plea for Christmas toys for European children. Augusta Trainor, Boston ACEWR director, reports that the committee has met weekly to sew on stuffed dolls and animals. They are ready now to be sent in plenty of time for the holidays.

Solidarite Internationale Ouvriere, the cooperating French committee, writes us that children of workers have not had any toys since before the war. Since kiddy cars sell in France for about \$100, only the children of the rich have the hope of seeing any Christmas toys. Toys which are easily packed will be gratefully received now.

For further information write to ACEWR, 197 Second Avenue, New York 3, N. Y. Make all checks and money orders payable to ACEWR.

many years in exile and has only of Nazism. He writes in part: "Winter stands before the door my clothing has become thread-New York, N. Y. bare. Having been badly wounded three times in the freedomfight of the Spanish people against fascism in 1936 to 1939 I no longer have the resistance against hunger and cold which once had." He goes on to describe the dif-

ficulties of supporting his family, since his right hand was smashed by a bullet in the Spanish Civil War. He has eight de-

## Youth Group **Activities**

LOS ANGELES. - Socialist Youth Club meets every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educationals after every meeting. Refreshments served. NEW YORK. - For informa-

tion on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3.

Open Forum: Every Friday, p.m., at 116 University Place. Dancing, refreshments.

Sundays, 3 p.m.:—"What Is Socialism?" 116 University Pl. PHILADELPHIA.-For information call ST. 4-5820, from noon to 6 p.m.

Announcements of youth ac-

MILWAUKEE Halloween Dance Sat., Nov. 2, 8:30 p.m. 424 E. Wells Room 215 If you want to help ease the

suffering abroad send a contribution to the ACEWR, 197 Second Avenue, New York 3, N. Y., today, Remember \$10 puts 29 pounds of food in the hands The ACEWR is a non-profit of a hungry family! \$1.54 pays organization which specializes in the postage on an 11-pound ending food, clothing and medi- package to Europe! Send a concine to anti-fascists, former con- tribution today.

If you want to send packages to friends or relatives in Europe ists, and their families, in Eu- the ACEWR will gladly furnish rope. The committee is in ur- all information on the types of gent need of financial contribu- food most needed and the postal tions to maintain and increase and shipping regulations.

## What The Profiteers Are **Doing To The Veterans**



In 1944 Congress said that jobless veterans needed \$20 a week for unemployment compensation - that is, \$20 of commodities and services.

Of course this figure was far too low even then. But even this amount has been drastically cut by rising prices.

With that \$20 a week, a veteran today cannot buy more than \$10 worth of the things he could buy in 1944.

An overseas veteran's mustering-out pay worth \$300 in 1942 is now worth only \$105, according to Charles G. Bolte, National chairman of the American Veterans Committee, last August. "A veteran with 100 per cent

disability can obtain up to \$200 a month under law, but his real income is now cut to \$70 a month." Bolte also revealed.

The same situation affects veterans going to school under the GI Bill of Rights. The allowance of \$65 a month for single veterans and \$90 a month for married veterans was always inadequate. But now it is impossible.

That is why the Socialist Workers Party and several veterans' groups, including the American Veterans Committee, are demanding a sliding scale of allowances for veterans receiving unemployment, disability and student com-Only by raising allowances in accord with rising prices

can these veterans hope to escape the blows being delivered to them by Big Business and its governmental agents.

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## THE MILITANT ARMY

## Allentown Forges Ahead In Drive For Renewals

Bethlehem Branch of the Soc- months after the termination of falist Workers Party have scored the strike it is indeed encouraga fine success in getting renewals ing when we are out to get subfor The Militant. Literature scriptions that nine times out of Agent June Carey sent in 20 re- 10 the workers not only pay for newals last week for subscriptions the earlier sub but renew it for that had expired. Those who another six months or a year." know how the Allentown comrades have had to swim against the stream will appreciate what report for the Literature and this achievement means. Comrade Carey told us about Branch: "Issues 40 and 41 of The

his fighting heart going.

well that he asked for its full sue." publication in the Workers' Forum, where it appeared last week.

Cleveland likewise is energeponds favorably to The Militant 14 subs." these days."

renewal work. "We have been conducting a renewal drive and ing in. I think because of the overlooked is the fact that two many sub drives we conducted, of the subs in this letter were re-Hutchinson, Kansas, who sent Store." in six subs. A comrade at Roosevelt College obtained three subs."

Boston's subscription camgear. S. Brooks, Literature Agent, sent in 69 subscriptions, "the result of last Sunday's mobilization. Enthusiasm ran high after this latest success," he writes. new comrades. "Josie Hall has swept past An- craft."

nie Anders in the race for top scoring honors and now has 23 regain the lead shortly. My mon- to read The Militant. ey is on Josie, a grand competitop male honors, but a dark plus a 50 cent contribution. orse has appeared in the shape of Larry Trainor who came back from three of her friends in Sunday with 11 subs. An impressive showing, I must admit, but I think he has spent himself.

"Next Sunday will tell the tale. Our total to date - 179 subs. Our goal — 250 new subscribers, and four more mobilizations to

Branch, UAW workers are good was interested in the clipping credit risks. "During the strike," and said he would like to see the reports El Snyder, "subscriptions paper it came from. I suggested were obtained on a 'pay-after- he get a sub. He did." strike' basis because workers the truth that they obtained in uted 50 cents.

Comrades in the Allentown - The Militant. And now three

Dave Swenson and Joe Smith Library Committee of Akron very moving incident. She call- Militant containing the stories ed on an old Socialist for a re- of the Akron Central High School newal, but he had been dead strike have been read with intersince last January. The daughter, est and the articles we are told, nowever, renewed the subscrip- have been clipped and posted on tion. Her father, she said, had school bulletin boards by studlived 15 years longer than the ents. The younger comrades doctors had expected. It was his want additional copies of these "Socialist tradition" that kept issues for distribution among their school friends. Please send The Editor liked this letter so 30 additional copies of each is-

Fifteen subscriptions were obtained by the comrades in Philadelphia during the week. Literatically going after renewals, ture Agent Pauline Ryder re-Branch Organizer George Grant ports: "This month we hope to reports: "The Cleveland Branch come much nearer our goal, and has a one-month renewal cam- meet it if at all possible . . . Most paign under way and we expect of Comrade Stone's subs were seto clean up all our expired subs cured in Camden, N. J. in front and get a number of new Mili- of RCA and Campbell Soup. She tant readers. Eevry worker res- is leading this month so far with

Pearl Morris sent in eight subs The Chicago comrades are also for Connecticut State informing achieving good results in their us briefly that "All is well here."

St. Paul's Literature Agent, most of the subs enclosed are Paul Chelstrom, writes: "It looks renewals. However, we do have like we are going to make our a steady stream of new subs com- goal this month. And not to be the comrades have become very ceived at the Labor Book Store sub-conscious. Special mention in Minneapolis. Our literature is this week goes to a comrade in now going well in the Book

C. M. Hesser, Organizer of Portland Branch, reports on their renewal work: "We went out last paign continues to roll in high Sunday - the result, seven sub renewals. It won't be long before we will have to go out and get some new subs."

A brief note always accompan-"Sally Conti and Irene Webster ies the subs sent in by Pauline teamed up door-to-door and came Larner, Westside Literature Agent back with a new high total of 14 of Los Angeles: "Joe, a member subs. Incidentally, both are young of our branch, got this sub from a shopmate. They work in air-

Militant boosters are doing a subs. Annie has 20 but vows to good job in getting their friends

H. M. Sherwin, Solway, Minn. tor in the stretch. Yours truly again sends in a sub — this time has 17 and I am content to hold for a friend in Philadelphia -Helen of New York got subs

> Chicago while visiting there. V. Bement of Flint renewed his sub and asked us to send a sample copy of The Militant to six

friends. Joe Wells of Chelsea Branch, New York, cut an article by Leon Trotsky out of the paper and sent it to a friend in the south. In the experience of Flint Comrade Wells said, "My friend

Laura Brode of Houston, Texwere so eager and hungry to read as renewed her sub and contrib-

## PIONEER NOTES

International

By Leon Trotsky

By E. R. Frank

By E. Germain

By E. Germain

sold our pamphlets. First was a Negro struggle. rather large South Side demon-Six comrades sold 125 copies of ity at a meeting of the Sleeping A Practical Program to Kill Jim | Car Porters Union. We have only Crow. We would have sold at about 100 left, which we are sure least 100 more if we had had to sell at a downtown mass meetthem along. There was just a ing against Negro lynchings. So little taunting from a few of the please rush us more. Stalinists.

popular pamphlets.

"A week or so later four com-

To The Militant

The following recent reports of the same nature. from Chicago are typical of the "On Aug. 26 we sold 47 copies many coming from throughout of Build a Labor Party Now at the country, relating the mass a PAC meeting, and made a fine sales of Pioneer Publishers' most | contact.

"In all, during August we sold

Leon Forth, literature agent 670 pamphlets for a total of of Chicago branch of the So- \$65.70, and books to the amount cialist Workers Party, writes: of \$20.75, besides about \$20 more "During August we attended books on credit. Of the 670 three large meetings where we pamphlets sold, 319 were on the "P. S.: We just sold 93 copies stration against Negro terror. of The Struggle for Negro Equal-

Send for free price list and rades sold 95 of the Anti-Jim order these pamphlets from Crow and 52 of The Struggle for Pioneer Publishers, 116 Univer-Negro Equality at another meet- sity Place, New York 3, N. Y.

116 University Place New York 3, New York. like The Militant because it tells the truth. I want to help because I know it depends upon workers like me for support. Here is my contribution of \$...... (Please print) City ..... Postal Zone ...... State ......

A Handy Way to Help The Militant -

## tivities will appear in this column 25¢ a copy • yearly subscription \$2 Order from Business Manager 116 University Place, N.Y. 3, N.Y.

## San Francisco SWP Broadcasts Election Platform The Economic Laws Text Of Question And Answer Program On Station KSAN, Oct. 14 That Rule Monopolies

ANNOUNCER: The SWP is on the air. This is Anne Tilden of the Socialist Workers Party Campaign Committee, on the air in a series of four proadcasts to give you our answer to the vital issues of this campaign.

Since elections laws in the state of California make it virtually impossible for minority parties to get on the ballot, we are running write-in candidates - Steve Roberts for Governor and Robert Chester for Assemblyman, 20th district, San

Our party is campaigning on a platform of SOCIALISM. If you are interested in further information on how to fight for, and achieve, socialism, have a pencil and paper ready. We will give you the details at the end of this broadcast.

And now we have in the studio a typical member of the Socialist Workers Party, Ed Harris, an active trade unionist. Mr. Harris will answer a number of questions on the SWP.

QUESTION: First of all, Ed, tell us what is the Socialist Workers Party? ANSWER: The Socialist Workers Party is a

political organization of American workers that fights for the interests of the working class 365 days of the year. It is composed largely of workers in industry

and transportation. It welcomes into its ranks any worker regardless of race or color who agrees with its program. Many of our members are trade unionists, who

battle for labor's rights is sharpest and toughest. Our aims, however, are far broader than simple

capitalism. The decay of capitalism has brought forth fascism. It has inflicted two world wars on our planet; and a third slaughter is in preparation. After the present artificial boom, will come the worst of all depressions.

The Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) is dedicated to the great goal of guiding the working class out of this blind alley of capitalism into of it is ordinary printed money; the rest, printed the peace and plenty of socialism.

QUESTION: What is the position of the SWP employers pay off workers in dollars which have on the maritime strikes?

ANSWER: The Socialist Workers Party gives standard of living without wage increases now. But every time we ask for a raise the employers or the government say "No!"

On Sept. 5, the AFL seamen hit the bricks because the Wage Stabilization Board threw out profits are now higher than ever before, with a contract negotiated by the union — on the false basis that a wage raise was "inflationary." When the maritime workers stood solid, determined to get their wage raise, the administration backed

Then the U.S. Maritime Commission refused to grant equal pay to the other maritime unions, and the strike continued.

Now, other maritime unions are striking — the officers for a closed shop and the longshoremen for safety conditions and a wage raise.

Both the seamen and longshoremen are entitled to better wages and working conditions. Who took all the risks and hardship during the war? Who suffered the months and months of cramped quarters and bad food? Over 6,000 seaso-called shipowners take? What did they sacri-

Longshoremen worked 10 or more hours a day, day in and day out. They handled dangerous cargoes of explosives and other war materials. to the cost of living. A research agency, as for election promises. How much danger did the Waterfront Employers example, the AFL or CIO economic research bu- What have these politicians done in the past

SWP Candidates In California



(Above) Robert Chester, (right) Steve Roberts, candidate for Governor, and Cynthia Rogalin, for State Sen-



Association face?

government owns the overwhelming majority of agents, and guaranteed the cost-plus profits. Mattake a leading part in picket lines or wherever the son Company, for example, just about doubled its assets, from 65 million dollars in 1938 to 120 million in 1945.

Who deserves the benefits of the labor of the World society can no longer advance under maritime workers, the workers themselves or the cost-plus coupon clippers? To us this answer is clear; that is why the Socialist Workers Party gives full support to the maritime unions.

QUESTION: What causes inflation, Ed? ANSWER: Since the start of the war the printing presses have turned out over a hundred billion dollars worth of artificial buying power. Part government bonds. Both cheapen the dollar so

become worth only 65 cents. The government acts for the employers against full support to the maritime unions. Prices keep the workers. First, by wage control it openly rising every day. We workers cannot maintain our holds wages down. Second, through currency inflation and price regulation it causes concealed wage cuts. That adds up to a declining standard of living for all wage workers, and increasing profits for the employers. This is why corporation

> prospects of going still higher. QUESTION: What is the answer to rising prices? ANSWER: The main interest of employers is for bigger profits. It is no concern of theirs

> whether a worker lives well or just squeezes by. But we workers are interested in maintaining decent standard of living so that our families can be well fed, clothed and housed and even enjoy a few luxuries. But we have to pinch more

and more just to buy necessities. The Socialist Workers Party stands for the principle that every one who works has the right to a decent standard of living. In inflationary periods, like the present, we cannot constantly strike to maintain the standards of last year, or even three months ago. We therefore advocate that men lost their lives at sea. What risks did these all unions include in their contracts the principle of the sliding scale of wages. This is the only practical approach to the problem.

The sliding scale clause would provide that

reau, would calculate the change in the cost of I said so-called shipowners because actually the living in each area. If the basic wage in an industry in San Francisco was set at one dollar and the ships. The government built the ships, paid the cost of living rose five per cent during the for them, leased them to these companies as next month, then wages would be raised to \$1.05. Thus, the workers could buy the same amount with his pay as before.

The Socialist Workers Party will support this demand by every union and would work to incorporate it into legislation, nationally and locally. QUESTION: Has the labor movement, anywhere, demanded the sliding scale?

ANSWER: Yes, it is being discussed more and more in the labor movement — under two names, the escalator clause and the cost-of-living bonus. The United Packinghouse Workers, CIO, is including the cost-of-living bonus in its present demands against the meat packers. Resolutions have been brought up in the recent Rubber Workers Convention and other large unions.

QUESTION: What causes the present shortage of goods and housing?

ANSWER: The present shortages are one of the features of the profit system. In their urge to get bigger and bigger profits the manufacturers on the trade unions, takes the field, we will supand wholesalers are holding back many items. until they can get the price they want. They are not interested in human needs — only in profits. QUESTION: And what about housing?

ANSWER: Let me tell you of an incident that veterans were passing out leaflets in front of a big department store, which is having an extensive remodeling job done. This leaflet says, "Most of us have to rent a place to live in. We can't find places for rent. We can't buy homes at inflated prices and we can't buy the materials to build even if the black market didn't exist.

"We say," the leaflet continues, "essential construction consists of hospitals and homes. We protest building luxury bars, big department stores and the like, while tens of thousands of families are living doubled up in shacks and tents.'

Now that election time is approaching, the politicians of the Republican and Democratic Parties have suddenly awakened to the fact that there is a housing crisis. Yet the problem has been with them for a few years. When they had to have housing for war workers, they built it fast enough. But now when the workers and above a basic wage scale, wages would be tied veterans are not needed so badly, they get only

party, failed to pass a housing bill that even tion, only 15,000 homes have been built in this

It is clear that the so-called private enterprise under capitalism will not solve the housing crisis. As long as it continues, all talk about public health and juvenile delinquency will be so much camouflage. Give people decent homes to live in and a fair income and these problems will disappear!

The Socialist Workers Party advocates a full tary human needs?

ANSWER: The working class must break with the capitalist parties, Democratic and Republican. Both are parties of Wall Street. Both serve the needs of the bosses, not the workers.

organize on the political front. This means that friends and punishing your enemies." Labor has elected some sorry friends in the past year.

literature or information about our party and candidates write to our campaign headquarters, 305 Grant Ave., 4th floor, San Francisco 8, or call

the Socialist Workers Party and the international labor movement. Write us for a sample copy. Break with the capitalist parties on Nov. 5 by

ernor, Robert Chester for Assemblyman, 20th District, San Francisco. fight against race discrimination and the fight

against Gerald L. K. Smith, leading exponent of Ask your friends to tune in next Monday, same time, same station. Urge them to vote for social-

Opening bars of The "Internationale."

took the first step toward solving this problem. Under the Republican Warren state administra-

scale low-cost housing program, financed by the government, to meet the needs of the people. Eighteen billion dollars has been appropriated to continue the war program of Wall Street. Can not an equal amount be applied to meet elemen-

QUESTION: What is the next step for the work-

Labor is now at its peak of strength. To maintain and improve the conditions won, it must it must organize an Independent Labor Party, based on the trade unions, to oppose the two capitalist parties. This means a break with the method of the CIO Political Action Committee and the AFL method of "rewarding your

A Labor Party with a labor program could change the political picture overnight. Even as minority, labor representatives in Congress would be in a position to fight the anti-labor drive at its source. Labor could offer a program to prevent inflation and safeguard its standard of living by supporting the principle of the sliding scale of wages. Labor would expose the OPA frauds. Labor could expose the meat profiteers and timber trusts.

Advancing these needs, a Labor Party could rally the workers and farmers behind it to become the majority party. But first labor must break with the capitalist parties! If a labor party, based port it. We believe that a powerful labor party would be forced to move toward the objective of the Socialist Workers Party-the achievement of socialism. Since such a party is not yet in the field, we urge you to vote for the candidates took place on Market Street a week ago. Some of the Socialist Workers Party and our program of socialism,

ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Mr. Harris. For free Read The Militant, for news of the activities of

writing in the names of Steve Roberts for Gov-Next week we will take up the problem of the

ism. Urge them to vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

## **Creel Scores Boss Parties Promises To Veterans All Lies** Says Richardson In Radio Talk

Extracts from a radio speech by Milton Richardson, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Lt .-Governor of New York, over Station WJZ, New York City, Oct. 17, 10:45 p.m.

I was one of those sent overseas to fight for the promised "Four Freedoms"—without being given an opportunity to vote whether or not I wanted America plunged into the Second World War.

We were promised that fighting on foreign battlefields would bring the world freedom from want. A promise like that sticks in your mind when you're cold and miserable and wading in mud half-way around the world. knowing you may be the next one killed. You get to thinking meat available for the people at ting around the dinner table and a juicy steak sizzling on your

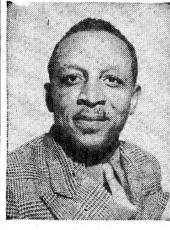
What did we get when we came back from overseas?

Instead of freedom from want, the Republicans and Democrats NO ROOF delivered a meat famine. Then they turned loose the wolves of the meat trust and gave them the freedom they've been howling for-freedom to hold up the American public. That means freedom to cut deeper into the shrinking budget of the working man's family. Why didn't the government

take over the packing plants, requisition the cattle and make

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MILTON RICHARDSON

about home and the family sit- prices they can afford to pay? That's what the Socialist Workers Party advocates. The answer is ABC. The Republicans and Democrats are political representatives of the profiteering meat barons.

One of the most acute problack of housing. All the odds out with your discharge papers surely somewhere you can find at least a roof to keep the rain off your family.

I wish the Republican and Democratic candidates had to go through that experience. But that's not likely to happen. The Republicans and Democrats are parties of the rich. Their candidates are linked with the bankers and big corporations. knots to the real estate interests. Some of them may even be land-

lords themselves. Take O'Dwyer's housing proright for the election. He proposes to patch up a few ratinfested tenements.

housing conditions in Harlem, dom from fear. They'll tell you I sometimes think a fox-hole in about the Ferguson brothers, the Central Park that I could call three Negro veterans who were my own would be more com- shot down in cold blood by pofortable than the crowded fire- liceman Romeika in Freeport, traps where the New York Negro Long Island. They'll tell you for shelter along with 20,000 policeman and hushed up this other Negro veterans stranded in shocking case. the Harlem ghetto.

Dewey's housing program is no better than that of the Demoseem to have priorities under

As for Truman's housing program, the less said the better. Truman's program is very simple. His lease on the White House lasts another two years. worry?

The Socialist Workers candiexpenditures.

As an immediate emergency measure, the Socialist Workers New York, the Democratic ma- old capitalist parties. Party proposes that the govern- chine politicians again demonlems facing the veterans is the ment make available all the strated their real views about boarded-up mansions of the rich. democracy. are against you when you start There was no trouble taking over big hotels for the draftees durhouse the veterans after they've of three other minority parties fought and suffered overseas?

FREEDOM FROM FEAR

Take freedom from fear, for example. That promise really sounded big and generous and worth hammering on, didn't 1t? What happened to that promise? You never hear it any They are tied by a thousand more. When the war ended, the to have to face the political con-Republicans and Democrats just sequences of an aroused and ang-

Ask that Negro veteran whose gram for instance. O'Dwyer eyes were gouged out by a pocooked-up a brilliant publicity liceman down South whether or from fear.

But why go down South? Ask the Negro veterans right ist Workers Party. Vote a the other. After my experiences with here in New York if there's free-straight Socialist Workers ticket. After the boss's politician is

veteran is condemned to hunt how Dewey whitewashed that Freedom from fear! Right in

the Senate of the United States sits Theodore G. Bilbo, a foulcrats. Highways and race tracks mouthed Democratic wheel-horse a program to meet the problems who boasts of his membership in the Ku Klux Klan. And just Court refused to prevent Bilbo of independent working-class from sitting in the Senate.

I call on the veterans to vote against the Wall Street parties, That gives him plenty of time to the Democrats and Republicans. look around. Meanwhile, why who permit such a blot on government in America.

The capitalist rulers of Amerdates advocate an 18 billion dol- ica who plunged us into the Secar government housing program. ond World War promised us free-That's the amount now ear- dom of speech. Was that prommarked for one year's military ise worth the paper it was written on?

They seek to deny the constitutional right of the Socialist in your pocket and the hope that ing the war. What's wrong with Workers Party to a place on the some emergency action now to ballot. And they attack the right

> to appear on the ballot in New York. The Republicans, naturally, rubbed their hands in silent Let the Republican and Democratic machines take heed. They can push the American veterans and American workers only so far. Then they're going

quietly threw that promise in the ry people. But why should the working class wait until it has been pushed beyond endurance? Why not organize now? Why not be-

## Over WMIN In Minnesota The following is a section of

the radio address by Warren Creel, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress in the Third District. Minnesota broadcast over Minneapolis Station WMIN, on Oct. 15.

Friends, everybody sees today that the Republican and Democrat parties are in a blind alley, getting no place.

The party I am speaking for the Socialist Workers Party, has that confront America. And we have a way to put that program a few days ago the Supreme into effect. That's the method political action, independent of both old capitalist parties. That's the program our candidates are running on: Grace Carlson for U. S. Senate; Dorothy Schultz for Congress in the Fourth District; and Warren Creel for Congress in the Third District.

In this campaign we are not only speaking for our party. We call for the organization of an independent labor party, based on the labor unions, and free of In this very election here in any alliances with either of the advance that it will take us

It is the capitalist program that has America by the throat now and is bringing on these conditions. That's why the old in capitalist politics has reduced parties, tied hand and foot to labor's political strength to zero program, can act.

WE HAVE MEANS

Would it be hard to organize labor party, or to set up labor political machinery? Not at all. We have it now, in our own labor unions. But as a political else use it only to line up labor tical party. votes for the Republican and Democratic parties.

Because the unions don't have a labor party, they merely choose between the candidates who cians when it's the whole capicome forward from the old parstunt on housing, timed just not the postwar world is free gin to put your political weight ties. After two bad choices are the trouble? It's like trying to tion. where it will count most? Vote set up, then we are limited to a make a choice between two kinds for the candidates of the Social- "labor endorsement" of one or of scouring powder for polishing working class. Only the working



elected and goes to Congress, he is still in the old party machine and in capitalist politics. Labor's program gets left out in the cold. It's what we might expect. If we keep hitch-hiking on the opposition's auto, we could know in where the opposition wants to go, and not where we want to go. This policy of tying labor up

the capitalists, are helpless to do Right now the capitalists think anything about them. Only a they have labor tied up so tight labor party, with a working class that they feel safe in carrying through the most barefaced attacks against our standard of living, by raising prices on our food and clothing, by creating shortages in housing and other necessities. They think they have The machinery is already set up. us so helpless that they don't even bother to hide what they are doing. We will stay helpless machine we let it stand idle, or until we form labor's own poli-OUR JOB.

> What's the use of choosing between two capitalist polititalist program that has caused barism, and into atomic destructhe brass on a sinking ship. Our job is to man the pumps, a new course.

Our last installment took up one side of the relation between competition and monopoly, the fact that competition produces monopoly. Now we go on to the other side of the relation. Monopolies stretch economic laws to get certain advantages, but they do not escape entirely from the economic laws of competition. The reason is that monopoly produces competition on a higher level.

- By Warren Creel -

Wages, Prices and Profits

It is well known that monopolies carry on competition. even after all basic industries have been organized into monopolies. The monopolies compete against each other, However, we leave that type of competition for a later column. Here we will take up monopoly prices, and see how much, and in what way, the monopolies can get away from the laws of competition.

We will find that monopolies can stretch the rules of the competitive system, but they can't break them. Monopolies are prisoners of competition. This is fundamental for understanding wages, prices and profits in the present age of monopoly.

Today all the basic industries in the United States are monopolies. The big corporations in steel, coal, autos, oil, power, electric appliances. meat packing, and so on, are united into monopoly groups. They are free from the old-

#### Socialist Workers Party on Radio California

Los Angeles: Sunday, Nov. 3, 7:45 p.m. Station KGER, 1390 on dial San Francisco: Monday, Nov. 4, 8:45 p.m.

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Station, KSAN, 1450 on dial

Sundays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 3:45 p.m. Station WPAT, 93 on dial Sunday, Oct. 27, 8:35 p.m. Station WNEW, 1130 on dial

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fashioned kind of competition. When they raise prices, they act together, and no one of the group tries to get more of the market by cutting prices below the agreed level.

But they are still in bondage to economic laws in several ways. The first of these is that they can't make the most money by charging all they want. They can only charge 'all that the traffic will bear." It turns out that the best price for the monopoly is a high price but not the highest

price they could charge. The electric appliance industry is a well-organized monopoly and it soaks the public with monopoly prices. Reports from the National Electrical Manufacturers Association tell us that in 1935 the average production cost on an electric refrigerator, covering all labor and material, was about \$58. The average retail price was \$156. This makes a spread of nearly \$100 between production cost and retail

Later figures, from the United Electrical Workers CIO. show that in 1939, on electric refrigerators selling for \$169, the factory's direct labor cost was only \$17.40 each. The material cost was not much more.

It is clear that other manufacturers could have made and sold refrigerators for lower prices and still have made substantial profits. But other manufacturers were not allowed to come into the monopoly's field. That's why it's a monopoly. It keeps comeptitors out.

The electric appliance monopoly could raise the price on their \$58 refrigerators to \$5,000 a box. They would make more profit on each one, but they would not find many customers who could buy at that price. Thus their total profit would go down.

A monopoly tries to sell at the best price, which always is far above the production cost. But it isn't just any high price. It's the price at which the market will pay the most total profit. It's just below the point where the sales would fall off and cut down the total profit. That's called "charging all the traffic will bear." A monopoly holds production down and limits the supply enough to hold prices up to

Monopoly prices and production move away from the normal competitive level not at random, but in certain definite directions. Monopolies hold prices up and hold production down from the competitive level.

. Today the war inflation has put money on the market, so the traffic will bear more. The best price is a higher price. Now we see monopolies in action, putting prices up and holding production down. These twin processes must go together. For all their boasted freedom from competition they aren't free from that.

Electric refrigerators are up to the \$200 level. The monopolists blame wage increases. Let's see. Wage rates have not gone up 18 per cent, in many cases they have been cut because of loss of overtime premiums. But suppose they had been raised that much. 18 per cent of the \$17.40 wage bill is \$3.13 per refrigerator. 18 per cent on the \$58 figure for all labor and material comes only to \$10.

Even the monopoly freedom to charge all the traffic will bear has certain limits. We will see that it soon meets these limits and then monopoly "freedom" turns into a

noose, choking the whole economic system. Next week: Monopoly and Competition, Continued

to keep the ship from sinking, to throw out the captain and pilots that steered the ship on the rocks. Our job is to take control, and set a new course that will bringing mankind to its great destiny, and not let humanity sink, sink down into economic collapse, sink into bar-

That job is the task of the class can take control and set

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# Renegade Stalinist Ex-Editor Joins In Wall Street's Red-Baiting Drive

Louis Budenz, ex-editor of the Daily Worker, faithfully served his boss Stalin as a red-batter against the Trotskyists for 10 long years. Then, in October, 1945, he sold his services to a new boss, the Vatican, as a red-batter against the Stalinists.

the Communist Party for the "faith of my fathers, the Catholic Church," Budenz last week reminded the world of his existence. He pontifically proclaimed that the Kremlin grave-diggers of working class revolutions want war with the United States and Great Britain "when Russia feels able" in order "to establish a world proletariat dictatorship."

make his "revelation" sensational and newsworthy, Budenz claimed to know the man "who is the agent of the Kremlin, who directs all Communist activities in the United States." He coyly added that he would tell the name only when "I can testify under oath' -a bid for the spotlight before the anti-labor House Un-American Activities Committee.

#### "REVELATIONS"

usual run-of-the-mine anti-"red" propaganda long familiar Budenz's anti-Marxism. to addicts of the Hearst gutter press. His utterances, in thembecause he speaks as an ex-ediwords can be peddled to the gullible as genuine 14-karat "inside

Far more significant than Budenz's stool-pigeon tales is the sition." response of the Stalinist leaders to his desertion and subsequent career. It is their unenviable task to explain how such a loyal servant of Stalinism could wind up in the totalitarian embrace of the "True Church" as a mortal enemy of communism and self-styled defender of "democracy" and capitalism.

Several days after Budenz's sudden desertion last October to greener pastures, including a comfortable berth at Notre Dame University, the Stalinist leaders worked out a formula. The presence of this graduate of Stalinism in the Communist Party had been an "error." They recalled that Budenz had been an "associate of Trotskyites as recently

#### as 10 years ago. WHAT THEY SKIP

that as recently as the day bemanaging editor of the chief orand that for 10 years he had the boot, just to make the shift lowers. been a leader of the Stalinist appear authentic. Budenz, as | pack in attacking Trotskyism, the genuine communism of our

Last week again the Daily Worker repeated this "explanation" of Budenz's desertion. "His was the extremely rare case of a Trotskyite — one of the most treacherous species in the ranks of labor - gaining admittance to Communist (read Stalinist) ranks." (Daily Worker, Oct. 15.) But this same article contains

a dead give-away on the real tutors of Budenz in anti-labor. red-baiting and anti-communism. Budenz, it mentions, "came to the Communist Party from est error" on their part, as they the ranks of the Trotskyltes, WHOM HE THEN DENOUNCED WITH THE SAME VEHEM-ENCE." (Our emphasis.)

The truth is here revealed. The Stalinist leaders invited and welcomed Budenz to their fold in 1935 precisely because he had revealed himself an enemy of international socialism, of Trotskyism, of Marxist theory which plain about is that he has gone Stalinism had abandoned in all but lip-service.

Back in 1934 Budenz was a ferent line of goods.

Celebrating the first anni- | leader of the American Workversary of his desertion of the Communist Party for the ing group, including many militant workers, which merged in December 1934 with the genuine Trotskyists, the Communist League of America, to form what

is now the Socialist Workers

Budenz had always been an anti-Marxist and American nationalist. He bitterly fought the AWP fusion with the Trotskyist organization. When he could not prevent the fusion, he remained for a few months inside the new party to fight Trotskyism from within. Against the ideas of international socialism, he countered his own reactionary nationalism that he termed the "American approach.'

While still formally a member of the Trotskyists, he attacked the Trotskyist ideas publicly in the Modern Monthly. March 1935, three months after Budenz's "revelations" are the the fusion. The Militant answered with a sharp attack against

Budenz was seeking allies for his anti-Trotskyist, anti-Marxselves, wouldn't bring a nickel ist fight. The Stalinists were on the saturated market. But, bent on the same search. Their line was "peoples front" collabtor of the Daily Worker, his oration with the "democratic" capitalists. Budenz joined the Stalinists in May 1935 with the boast that the Communist Party had "now come over to my po-

#### IDEAL STALINIST

Budenz remained for 10 years the ideal Stalinist, specializing in slander against the genuine communists, the Trotskyists. He carried out faithfully every order from the Kremlin, twisting agilely with each new turn, covering up every Stalinist crime against world labor.

He rose fast and high. He was put on the National Committee of the Communist Party, And when the Stalinists needed an especially qualified man to peddle their pro-imperialist-war pro-capitalist, anti-strike line after June 22, 1941, they found the ideal candidate in Budenz,

But the hasty "war marriage" between the Kremlin and U.S. imperialism began to founder in 1945. Stalin gave the order for They skipped over the fact a shift in line. The Communist Party was to talk a bit more Daily Worker editor under Browder, also saw the shadow of the

> got religion." He decided to offer his services to capitalist imperialism under the sponsorship of the Catholic Church. In that "older and more established" institution for spreading ignorance and superstitution, he sought greater security and a more promising future for his anticommunist career.

SAME LINE When the Stalinists embraced Budenz in 1935, it was not "honnow claim. They welcomed him for those very qualities and ideas which he is now putting to such

good use on behalf of capitalist reaction. The anti-Marxist, anti-Trotskyist red-baiting training he received in the Stalinist party, is

serving Budenz well in his new job. All the Stalinists can comover to a competitor. They cannot claim he is peddling a dif-

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Monday, Oct. 28 8:30-10:30, Columbia & Lorraine

8:30-10:30, 86th St. & 2nd Ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 29 8:15-9:15, Norfolk & Delancey 9:30-10:30, Rivington, bet. Clinton & Attorney California Cops Arrest Studio Strikers



More than 250 striking AFL film workers were hauled off the picket line at the Columbia studio in I'llywood, as cops tried to break the strike. As the arrested workers were put into patrol wagons, the remaining pickets carried on, defiantly singing "Don't Fence Me In:"

## 2,000 IATSE Studio Technicians Support Hollywood Studio Strike

(Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. 17 — Members of the striking conference of Studio Unions here, which includes 12 AFL locals, were greatly cheered this week by the solidarity of 2,000 members of the non-striking International Alliance

of Theatrical and Stage Employes. These IATSE studio technicians voted over-

This vote represented an open revolt against the strikebreaking orders of Richard Walsh, Interwhelmingly to respect the national vice-president, who has CSU picket lines "even if there threatened to lift the local's is only one man picketing a charter for refusal to pass the picket lines. Last year, Walsh

At the close of the picketing,

trade unionists swarmed toward

militant protests against Smith.

They attempted to enter the hall

to confront the fascist demago-

gue. Cries of "We Want Fascist

Smith" and "Drive Smith out

of California" were heard above

the indignant uproar of the

crowd. Police succeeded in bar-

The CIO leadership again tried

to quell the militancy of the

workers by blasting orders from

the sound truck, demanding the

pickets stay off school property

and quietly disperse. But many

after CIO picket captains called

their demonstration a militant

days in advance to picket lines

of the striking maritime workers.

On the waterfront and in union

halls, much of the talk concern-

ed Smith's meeting and the

their members away.

threat of fascism.

the iron gates.

## **Angry Oakland Workers Picket** Fascist G.L.K. Smith Meeting

By Russell Morgan (Special to The Militant)

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 18-Fifteen hundred tightly massed pickets, the bulk of them trade unionists, barred fore he still had been listed as militant and anti-capitalist. Earl every entrance to the Gerald L. K. Smith meeting here Browder, faithful servitor of last Sunday and turned back? gan of the Communist Party\_ Stalin for 16 years, was given all but a handful of his fol- there was real unity and solldarity on the line.

> CIO trade unionists assembled the school entrance shouting in the parking lot alongside Then he "saw the light," and their headquarters. They marched in an impressive body to the Westlake Junior High School and there formed a militant

picket line. Among the unions represented were the National Maritime Union, Marine Engineers, Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Warehousemen's Local 6, Longshore Local 10 and Machinists Local 1304.

Other organizations in the parade were the Socialist Workers Party, American Veterans Committee, Workers Party and National Citizens Political Action Committee, The Communist Party was not officially represented.

BANNERS AND SONGS Banners read: "Drive Smith Out of California;" "Smith Finks Today-Storm Troops Tomor-"America First — Means U. S. Fascism;" "Smith Hides the Swastika Behind the Cross."

The trade union songs, "Hold the Fort" and " Solidarity Forever" were taken up from time to time and sung with feeling and spirit.

The effectiveness of persistent labor picket lines here against Smith was obvious. A small group of Smith supporters waiting for the doors to open, huddled together nervously. One remarked, "This is terrible. We'd better do something about these pickets. We won't have anyone here."

Smith's meeting was called in the name of the Christian Youth for America, but only a hundred people, most of whom were over 50 years of age, attended.

Impetus for the picketing of Smith was begun at short notice by the East Bay Council AVC and the Longshoremen's Union. The CIO leaders, who controlled the demonstration through their sound truck, tried to keep the picket-line passive. Every time sections of the line shouted slogans or started singing the sound truck would blast. "Let's keep this a peaceful demonstration."

These same leaders tried in vain to divide the unity of the picket line. They proclaimed, "We do not take responsibility for the other organizations" participating, except AVC. However, took over the property men's local for similar reasons. He still runs that local as a trustee.

The present strike began Sept. 26, in answer to a lock-out instituted by the producers against CSU carpenters who refused to work on sets constructed by members of the IATSE. Producers are trying to use the IATSE to break the CSU.

DEFY INJUNCTION

This week's picket line activty culminated in a Monday morning demonstration at Columbia studios, when several nundred CSU'ers defied a court injunction limiting picketing. The pickets' voices as they sang Solidarity Forever drowned out the reading of the injunction. Immediately afterwards the police arrested 219, bringing the total arrests for the strike to over 300. Three days prior to this dem-

onstration, on Friday, the police had arrested 38 at the largest picket line of the three-week-old strike. Over 2,000 pickets at Technicolor studios braved the club-swinging police. As in four previous demonstrations, the courts rushed in with another injunction.

On Saturday a committee of veterans protesting the police brutality went to Mayor Bowron, who had been elected with the official support of labor.

## ring their entry only by locking BOWRON SNARLS

Mayor Bowron demonstrated his gratitude for this support. In response to the charges of popicketing, illegal mass arrests of veterans, and violent club-swinging attacks on a peaceful movcontinued to demand entry to ing line of veterans, Bowron the meeting. The crowd left only snarled, "The police are going to see that the people go where they damn please." Evidently The Socialist Workers Party Bowron was referring to strikebreakers and fascists only.

was a strong factor in making The brutal strikebreaking acprotest. It distributed leaflets tivity of the police during this strike has been described by SWP Gubernatorial candidate Steve Roberts as "part of the anti-labor campaign of the Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers Association."

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## **Hoarding Of Goods Forces Prices Up**

CIO President Philip Murray last week charged that "speculative hoarding" of nearly 40 billion dollars worth of goods and materials is one of the main causes of present soaring prices and shortages. Citing indisputable figures

from the Department of Com-

merce, Murray told an audience of women PAC members that industrial inventories of durable and non-durable goods now total more than 37 billion dollars. Commission report, issued the day of Murray's talk on Oct. 14, revealed that by the end of June 30 inventories totaled 28.9 billions. In three months since, these have risen nearly nine bil-

Murray stated that nobody in Washington will admit to knowing where these piled-up goods are. "I think that if we look into these inventories and find out who has them, we will find a great deal of speculative hoarding. But who is doing it-I don't

Pointing out that these inventories reflect the greatest production in American peacetime ence: "And yet you pick up your cars, no refrigerators and the a lack of interest on the part of | I have tried to figure out why

ica. A glut of goods in factory production and mass unemploy-

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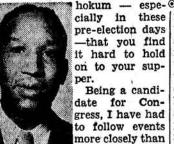
cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black

-KARL MARX

Auminianian By William Bohannon Chiminian Milliam SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

#### Even a Small Skunk Stinks

A man needs a strong stomach if he is going to be able to survive nowadays. Open the daily newspapers or turn on the radio and you get such a dose of bilge, drivel and



usual. As if that

ough, I recently got a book out of the library and made the going tougher by reading it at one A Securities and Exchange sitting. When I got done with it. I was ready to part with my dinner as well as my supper.

When you read a statement by someone like Bilbo or Rankin or Gerald L. K. Smith, you know what to expect and you harden lion dollars-a rate of three bilyourself accordingly. But this lion a month as compared to 1.2 book, written by a Negro, and a billion a month before June 20. Negro soldier at that, is about the most revolting thing I have read since the war began.

A Negro's Faith in America is the title, and the author, Spencer Logan, grew up in Elizabeth N. J., just a few miles from where I have spent most of my life. (MacMillan Co., 1946, \$1.75.) It is only 88 pages long, but even a small skunk stinks.

Until I read it, I had always had the mental image of Uncle history, Murray told his audi- Tom as an old man; after I read it, I realized that Uncle Tom papers and find that there are no must have been a young man at some time; and when he was other things you women want young, he must have been reand this scarcity is attributed to markably like Spencer Logan.

it was published because it This gigantic stockpile of doesn't have any particular litgoods, held back to create arti- erary merit. I can see a picture ficial scarcity and force up of the publishers discussing it: prices, will accelerate the forces One of them says: "Think we working to produce a catastro- ought to publish it?" And the phic economic crisis in Amer- other says: "Yes, after all, you've got to admit it's unlike most of store - rooms and warehouses the books about Negroes pubeventually means shut-down of lished since 1940, and it ought to sell on that basis alone.

It certainly is different from most books written by Negroes. Instead of being a call to action against Jim Crow, it is an attack place in our lifetime.

it is ever published, I am going ideas. For here is what Handkerchief-Head Logan has to say:

cially in these ing social equality rather than pre-election days the building of a strong Negro -that you find society." He attacks the "theorit hard to hold ists and agitators" for calling "belligerent mass meetings" and "using the threat of force" to demand economic rights, new laws abolishing discrimination, and "a world of justice and fair play." These people and their methods, he says, are responsible for such incidents as the Harlem riots of 1943.

And why, according to Logan, are these people wrong? Because the reality of the situation is that many Negro and white people are not ready to assume the responsibility of citizenship in progressive modern state. There you have in black and white the theory of the twentieth century Judas.

And since many Negroes are not ready" for the responsibility of citizenship, what is the good in fighting for equal rights? What is the good in demanding an FEPC, for example? Logan logically draws the conclusion that there is no good in it at all, and he condemns everybody who tries to achieve these things.

Obviously what is needed is to get the Negro ready for that faroff happy day when Logan will be willing to concede that the Negro is "ready." Until then what we need is "education" and a "strong Negro society" that is, segregation.

Isn't that what Bilbo says too? Wouldn't every Jim Crow artist in the South nod his head in agreement? You bet they would, and the fact that they would is in and of itself sufficient condemnation of this would-be misleader of the Negro people.

I say "would-be misleader" betimes. He might have sold these wares in the days of Booker T. Washington, but those days are gone for good. There is a new Negro now, and he won't be taken in by such garbage as this.

The new Negro is fighting for his second emancipation and he knows he has powerful allies in on all the militant struggles to the labor movement; while the abolish Jim Crow that have taken struggle ahead will often be difficult, the Negro will not be di-I understand that Bilbo has verted from it by such mothwritten a book recently too. If eaten treach i as Logan offers. P. S.: I would like to apologize to compare it closely with this to Uncle Tom for comparing Lobook by Logan because I have a gan to him. Perhaps a better sneaking suspicion that Bilbo comparison would be with those would endorse many of Logan's ignorant slaves who used to say, "But we are not ready for it yet." when their more courage-He attacks certain Negroes ous comrades advocated revolt and the Negro press for "stress- or escape from bondage.

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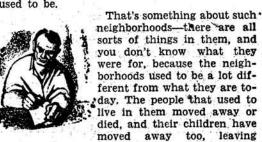
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Diary Of A Steel Worker

## The Building With The Tower – By Theodore Kovalesky –

You see the building from the bus on the way to the steel plant, and there's no telling what it



blocks and blocks, miles of shaky, worn-out houses and ghost-buildings where the poor live today. That's the sort of section this building is in, and there's no telling what it used to be.

The main thing about it that draws your attention is the tower. Up on the top of the big, square, five-story lump of brick is a tower or steeple that juts from the slate roof. And on all four sides of this tower are old, dirty clocks that haven't run for twelve years that I know of and probably twenty or thirty more I don't

The building squats solidly and rather sadly on the corner of Exchange and Farnol Streets. The ground floor is taken up by stores and saloons - Lee Sam's Hand Laundry, Homer Kelly's Tavern. Pete's Barber Shop, and two amazing second-hand places, dark, dirty little shops with dust-covered shoes, guitars, stoves, bicycles, porcelain toilets, greenish brass vases, and tool boxes piled in the windows. The front of the place is stained gray-white with pigeon drop-

Here and there between the shops you can

see dim halls with stairs leading up into the darkness toward the floors where the people live. Sometimes you notice people coming out. of the hallways, men with lunch pails or women with faded house dresses, carrying shopping bags. Sometimes as you look from the bus window dirty-faced kids will explode from the hallways and race out into the traffic.

And sometimes you notice blank-faced, middleaged women sitting in the windows staring To Cover Major down at the passing trucks, buses, and cars, staring out into the monotonous dirt and clamor of the streets.

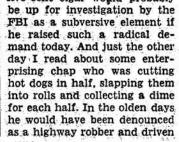
It is a very solidly constructed building, or at least so it looks from the outside, and it will probably last for decades more.

When you see it, especially when you see the tower and the clocks with only half the big gilt numbers left on the black faces, you wonder what it used to be when the people with the beautiful horses and expensive carriages used the state on Oct. 23, winding to live nearby, in the days long before Lee Sam began to do his laundry there, back when Homer Kelly was just the snub-nosed son of a cop, and the second-hand men had their dusty shops elsewhere.

But you know one thing. You know that it wasn't an apartment house, that it wasn't built for a tenement. You know it wasn't intended for people to live in. And you know the people with the carriages wouldn't have lived in it. and that their heirs or whoever else collects the rent today wouldn't live in it. You know that only workers, and the poorer ones at that, live in the dark, dirty, five-story lump of brickwork with the tower on top. And the only reason they do is that they can't afford to live in a Clinton, Sandusky, Dayton, Col-

## One Thing Hasn't Changed

Times certainly have changed. The politician who once claimed that what this country needed was a good five-cent cigar would probably



from the public scene. But one of the clearest signs of the changing times is the Monday morning papers. Partly because of the lack of news on Sunday, the papers generally devote a considerable number of columns to the words of wisdom delivered on the Sabbath by the more notorious men of the cloth.

It used to be on Monday morning that these columns were filled with reports of the exhortations to humility, brotherhood, docility, motherhood, obedience and love love love dispensed the previous day by assorted holy men.

Then came the war and the men of peace went to war too. A few of them became chaplains, but most confined their belligerence to the pulpit. Then followed several years of sermon and prayer, interspersed with bond-selling speeches, designed to convince the flock that killing was the sacred duty of Christians and slaughter the highest form of religion.

In all justice let me hastily add that these servants of God did not advocate slaughter and devastation in general; actually, it was only Germans, Japanese, Italians and the Axis satellites whom they selected as the targets of destruction. Because, they said, by killing enough

world would be ushered in - a world of eternal peace and understanding, amen.

Well, here we are in the new world, but you could never tell it by the Monday morning papers. Sometimes they resemble an Army orientation program more than anything else.

Instead of sermons of love, I see only harangues in favor of a get-tough policy that Byrnes would often have to reject as too harsh for diplomacy. Instead of hosannas to the new world they promised would come with the defeat of Germany, my eyes are blasted with the kind of agitation you get from a sergeant in charge of bayonet training. Not tolerance and trust in the Lord, but "firmness" and "a sound armament program" are the most common catchwords in current-day sermons.

Let me cite an example which came later in the week than Monday but which is typical of the better-publicized speeches by the clergy:

The U.S. "had better pile up armaments sky high and make bigger and better bombs" to deal with nations that "deny the existence of God and repudiate the moral law," said the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, president of Notre Dame University, in Oklahoma City on Oct. 17. "The only language such nations understand is force; the only argument that can convince them is power and more power."

Any of you guys who deny the existence of God will get a dose of the atomic bomb, see? And if that doesn't show you the holy light, there's always germ warfare, see? The moral law or a taste of Hiroshima, bibles or bombs -

that's your choice, see? Yes, the times and the customs are changing all right. But one thing hasn't changed at Rogalin Exposes still not the ones who will have to do the fight-

## A 'Spiritual' Way Of Life

It's hard for most of us to be Pollyannas who see a bright side to homelessness, soaring

prices, hunger and misery. But it's easy for Wall Street. Sulzberger talked to a confer-

Arthur Hays Sulzberger, wealthy publisher of the N. Y. Times, a newspaper known throughout the world as a mouthpiece of

ence of highly paid publishers in Boston last week. They listened raptly while Sulzberger described the glorious blessings of capitalism.

"In this dear land," he proclaimed with exultation, "freedom creates opportunity. Opportunity creates responsibility. We who, with responsibility, practice free enterprise, do far more than promote an atmosphere in which we forward an economic system. It is a complete way of life, including the spiritual."

For instance, the capitalist government has just given the meat packers full freedom to rob you to their greedy hearts' content. No one needs to tell you that they're grabbing the opportunity! What if it does make them responsible for forcing millions of families to exist on less food? Such responsibility helps round out the profiteers' lives - gives them a chance to show how "spiritual" they are by donating a dollar to charity, perhaps, out of their millions in

As for the rest of us, there's freedom not to eat. There's an opportunity to choose starva- whitewash of Ku Klux Klan tion instead of extortion. Our responsibility for the welfare of our families gives us a full life, too - full of worries, that is. And if we're not satisfied, we're just letting mere physical needs' destroy our "spiritual" attitude.

Who can forget the depression of the '30s, when twenty million jobless men and women stood on breadlines; hungry and cold, clad in rags, living in "Hooverville" huts or in open fields? Sulzberger, who was never a job-hunter, thinks it was wonderful.

If you didn't like Wall Street's depression he says, look at Europe and Asia. There capitalism has spread its advantages to the limit, keeping hundreds of millions in unrelenting famine, disease, and terror. In many parts of the world, Sulzberger says, "what was phrased as a reproach to American enterprise would be stated with pride — a boast that only one-third of the people were ill-housed, ill-fed and ill-clothed.'

Comforting thoughts - if you're the publisher of the N. Y. Times, with a palatial home, a full belly, and a "spiritual" outlook that can ignore human suffering.

Most of us want something better, though, than to be hungry, shabbily dressed, and housed in shanties. Sulzberger has made it clear once more that the capitalists won't give it to us. So we'll have to get it ourselves, by fighting for a socialist world of peace and plenty.

Veterans' Problems -

## Democracy And Hypocrisy

You might get the idea that the U. S. government's main concern in Europe is to build up democracy, there, if you believed everything you read in the capitalist press. Just the other day Dean Acheson sounded off as follows in his capacity as Acting Secretary of State:

"This government is resolved that the rights of religious, political and economic minorities shall be protected. In accord with other United Nations, this government is defending the rights of weaker peoples democratically to achieve, without outside interference, political stability, economic progress and social advancement."

Who could ask for anything more—if this is true? Unfortunately, it happens to be a hypocritical lie, the kind that Hitler used to broadcast. Let us take just one example from Europe today: Greece.

Why did the U. S. government send battleships to the Greek coasts when an election was taking place last month? Not to protect democratic rights, but to intimidate the Greek people so that the hated monarch could be restored in a plebiscite so bloody that Hitler would envy

Why does Acheson keep talking about opposing "outside interference" when this government supports the continued occupation of Greece by British troops and keeps sending supplies which are used in a monarchist-directed civil war to repress the majority of the Greek

Greece is an example of the "democracy" being fostered by U. S. and British imperialism. But it will be very difficult for the Greek masses. to distinguish between it and the "new order" imposed on them by German imperialism. The chief difference appears to be that the U.S. and British imperialists prefer to dominate the country through a king rather than through a

# Only Parties Backing Wall St. Candidates Allowed To Stay On New York State Ballot

## **Walker Tour** Cities In Ohio

(Special to The Militant) AKRON, O., Oct. 20 - Malcolm Walker, Socialist Workers Party Candidate for Governor, will begin a tour of up the day before election. At a special Ohio Conference of the SWP today, Walker outlined to delegates from all over the state the plans for the present election campaign, as well as the perspectives and plans of the Socialist Workers Party in the coming crucial period.

Walker will speak at election rallies in Cincinnati. Youngstown, Akron, Cleveland, Warren, Bellaire, Canton, Toledo, Port umbus and in many other industrial and mining communities throughout Ohio. Thousands of campaign leaflets presenting the SWP program to solve the pressing problems of the workers and small farmers of Ohio will be distributed along the

#### REACH THOUSANDS

"We expect in this campaign, and especially in the campaign tour, to acquaint thousands of workers with the socialist alternative to the empty promises and evasions of issues of the two twin parties of Big Business the Republicans and Democrats,' Walker stated.

"Thousands of workers who never heard of the Socialist Workers Party before, will read our clear-cut analysis of today's problems and will welcome the fundamental solution which our program offers.

"Our party stands on the threshold of the greatest period of its history. World capitalism faces economic and social convulsions which will shake it to its very foundations. "The entrance of the Social-

ist Workers Party into the election arena in six states marks a great step forward for the revolutionary movement in this country. This year's election campaign will be remembered as a milestone in the progress of American Trotskyism."

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Oct. dated in 1944. 19-The Los Angeles City Council this week combined with Mayor Fletcher Bowron and the Tenney un-American Committee to issue a complete activity in Southern California.

Completely ignoring the statement presented by Cynthia Rogalin, SWP write-in candidate for State Senator, which presented a mass of detailed evidence against the KKK, these government bodies hinted broadly that the cross burning was done by members of the Mobilization for Democracy, anti-fascist united front in which the SWP participates, in an attempt to obtain publicity.

The Tenney Committee revealed that it had sent "spies" into the MFD, but had sent no one into either the Klan or Gerald L. K. Smith's organization, although it was precisely the latter organizations which were supposed to be the objectives of the investigation.

Cynthia Rogalin, in a radio speech delivered here this week, exposed this whitewash and again offered the Committee facts concerning the Klan which now meets under the innocuous name of "Hearts and Hands"

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#### **Protest Court Decision**



Joseph Hansen, candidate for U. S. Senate, Farrell Dobbs. for Governor and Milton Richardson, for Lt.-Governor, are three of the five Socialist Workers Party candidates in the New York State election who will carry their fight to remain on the ballot to a higher court. Sylvia Blecker is SWP candidate for attorney-general, and William Kitt, for comptroller.

## **SWP Program Taken To All Of Minnesota Industrial Cities**

By V. R. Dunne

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 19 — Thousands of copies of the Special Election Issue of The Militant were distributed in cities and towns throughout Minnesota today. Cars carrying large Socialist Workers Party campaign banners toured scores of towns in all parts of the state. Prominently displayed on the banners was the slogan "Vote Labor!" Each sign listed the names of the SWP candidates: Grace Carlson for U. S. Senator. Warren Creel for 3rd District Congressman, Dorothy Schultz for 4th District Congressman.

Chief points of distribution were: Austin, Albert Lea, Winona, packinghouse centers; Red Wing, noted for its extensive pottery manufacturing plants; St. Cloud, a railroad division point and center of the granite quarrying industry; Willmar, center of the radical Farm Holiday movement of the Thirties.

#### GREAT INTEREST

The SWP campaigners handed out the election Militants in the downtown districts, crowded with Saturday afternoon shoppers. Great interest was expressed in the SWP election campaign by thousands of Minnesota workers and farmers. To many of these voters, the SWP program appears as the first note real militancy since the Farmer-Labor Party was liqui-

To anyone acquainted with Minnesota politics, it is clear stretch, the Minnesota SWP that the Trotskyist program has election campaign gives evidence made a deep impression. Many of developing real sweep and made of the Stalinists. people expressed a desire to drive. know more about the Socialist Workers Party. It is expected that a number of them will send in regular subscriptions to The Militant as a result of this cam-

paign distribution. Twenty thousand copies of the election edition have been allocated to the Twin Cities. A well-regulated delivery of these papers is proceeding in the working class neighborhoods of St. Paul and Minneapolis. In addition, the election issue is being distributed at the gates of the most important plants in both

Striking and colorful signs cover the windows of party headquarters in downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. Featured are such slogans: "End Company Unionism in Politics," "Strike a Blow at Jim Crow-Vote SWP," "For Peace, Security, Socialism-Vote SWP."

Quantities of election material and other party literature are being given out to the many interested workers who drop in at the headquarters. Election rallies have been

scheduled in the Minneapolis

## OHIO **Election Rallies**

Malcolm Walker WP Candidate for Governor IN TOLEDO

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headquarters on Oct. 20, 27 and Nov. 3. Warren Creel will-speak on the 20, Grace Carlson on the 27. Dorothy Schultz on Nov. 3. Dorothy Schultz will also speak

t an election rally in the St. Paul headquarters on Oct. 25. Listening parties have been rranged in both headquarters

for all of the radio speeches of he campaign. C. K. Johnson, SWP campaign manager, announced that arrangements are now being made to have Grace Carlson speak over

mar sometime during the last week of October. Plans are under way to distribute the Special Election issue to the delegates to the State MAJOR DEFEAT CIO Convention which meets in The Stalinists are hailing that lies in my being." tributions will also be made in "major victory"—because the

radio station KWLM at Will-

As it goes into the home

iron range.

Judge Murray's decision barring the Socialist Workers Party from the New York State ballot was a foregone conclusion. We predicted it in The Militant from the first day the case opened in the Supreme Court chambers in Troy,

By George Clark

hand in this crooked game from stay on the ballot because they the bottom of a deck of marked cards. This is plainly shown by all the facts surrounding this outrageous abuse of justice.

1. The Socialist Workers Party and the other minority parties entered the election campaign with two strikes against them. They were forced to adhere to one of the severest, most anti-democratic election laws in the United States. We knew in advance how hard it was to successfully evade all the boobytraps of the election law if Wall Street's parties determined to set them off.

2. The outlines of the conspiracy were clearly visible when the Democrats brought the SWP and the other minority parties into court after the Secretary of State had certified them for place on the ballot. The

Democrats wanted the minority parties off the ballot because they believed these parties held a balance of power in the state elections. So they chose as the judge an old Democratic hack they knew would interpret the law to favor the political fortunes of the Democrats. Throughout the trial he never once missed his cue.

#### COURT FARCE

3. The courtroom proceedings were a farce. Dozens of legitimate legal points made by defense attorneys were blandly dumped into the wastebasket by the judge. The case was dragged out for a month to make it as tough as possible for the minority parties to conduct their election campaigns and to appeal any adverse decision in time. 4. The Socialist Workers Par-

ty was knocked off the ballot on the flimsiest pretext. The law requires 12,000 signatures in the state and 50 from each of the 62 counties. Approximately 2,500 petition sheets containing 25,000 signatures with well over 100 in each county were submitted by the SWP. In true Sherlock Holmes style, the judge "discovered" that on six of these sheets containing less than 60 signatures the notary public's signature did not accompany her stamp. And this was considered adequate ground in "democratic" New York for a judge to deprive a minority party of its constitutional rights!

many mining centers along the Communist Party was permitdecision was a major defeat just because an exception was

The Democrats dealt every Liberal Party were permitted to support the Democrats. The Socialist Workers, Socialist and Socialist Labor Parties were thrown off because they are campaigning for independent candidates. Thus, the judge ruled, in effect, that only parties supporting Wall Street candidates can get on the ballot. That is the essence of the Stalinist victory.'

Here is how the Stalinists wung their dirty deal with the Democrats.

#### REAL CONSPIRATORS

On July 27, the Stalinists resented a full slate for the state elections. They offered, however, to withdraw these candidates if the Democrats opposed Truman's anti-Soviet foreign policy. Although the Democrats supported Truman's foreign policy 100 per cent and denounced the Communist Party. the Stalinists still withdrew their slate with the exception of two minor candidates.

The Stallnists continued to support the Democrats even after the Democratic Party began court action to throw the Communist Party off the ballot. They hollered it was a "Dewey Plot" and a "Flynn-Farley conspiracy." But never once did they mention the names of Mead or Lehman, the chief Democratic candidates, who had given their silent consent to the conspiracy.

Our appeal to the Communist Party for a united defense in the courtroom was never answered. The Stalinists went out of their way to demand that the judge consider the cases separately. When he granted their request t was hailed as a victory in the Daily Worker.

#### DIRTY BARGAIN

During registration week the Stalinists warned the Democrats that they could not get the votes out for Mead and Lehman if their candidates were thrown off the ballot. The Democrats, worried over losing the election, finally agreed to permit the CP to remain on the ballot. At the same time, to make it doubly clear that the Democrats were giving the Stalinists no concessions for their support, Lehman publicly declared: "I repudiate all Communist support, and I do not want any Communist votes. I say that with all the force

The Stalinists are now keeping their part of the dirty bargain ted to remain on the ballot. The to bring Hitler "Ja" voting to exact opposite is the case. The New York by hailing the decision to bar minority parties running independent candidates as a The Communist Party and the "major victory for labor."

## 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 profiteer-

ing 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!

Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!

No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!

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

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

- 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!
- 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!
- 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!

9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war. Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the

question of war or peace! Against capitalist conscription!

Abolish the officer caste system! Full democratic rights in the armed forces!

Trade union wages for the armed forces!

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!

10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands! For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

To join the Socialist Workers Party. To obtain further information about your organization. ☐ To attend meetings and forums of the Socialist Workers Party in my city.

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