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CONGRESS RENEWS WAR ON LABOR

Chinese Protest Against U.S. Role Union-Crippling Bills Placed At

Demand End Of Intervention Bills Against And Withdrawal Of Troops Lynch, Polltax

Mass student demonstrations against U.S. imperialism, beginning in Peiping, China at the end of the year, spread rapidly in the following week to such important cities as Tientsin, Shanghai and Nanking. The demonstrations, which involved tens of thousands of university and Measures Ignored *high school students, were

touched off by the rape of a constitution which General Mar- By GOP Legislators Chinese girl by U.S. Marines shall and Ambassador Stuart in Peiping on Christmas Eve. But persuaded Chiang Kai-shek to the slogans and demands raised in these demonstrations showed that they broadly express the pent-up rage of the Chinese masses against U.S. imperialist intervention in China and its support of the bestial Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship.

"Get out, you beasts!" read signs carried by the demonstrasigns carried by the demonstrators. "China is not an American Trotskyist Paper colony." "Get out, or we'll throw you out!" Resolutions and petitions raised the cry: "Send the GIs home!" "Stop military aid to the government." "End civil In Indo-China war in China."

The students marched before the U.S. Embassy, a delegation the Trotskyists in Indo-China calling on Ambassador Stuart to continue to function and to this country and \$5 a day for protest the assault. They also marched before Chinese government buildings, demanding that the case be tried by a Chinese court rather than by a U.S. Marine court-martial.

They further demanded the investigation of all previous atrocities of this kind, the withdrawal of all U.S. troops, and an end to U.S. military aid and intervention.

RED-BAITING

The government's Central News Agency on Jan. 3 tried to divert the wrath of the masses by means of a red-baiting campaign. Its statement blamed anti-democratic action aimed to gressive groups should give full "certain elements" who wanted stifle the voice of the laboring support to these bills. to arouse "anti-American feel-

Soong cracked down in an order skyists to organize protest demdirecting local governments to halt all student demonstrations. This order came, ironically enough, a few days after the precise is known about the forces adoption of a new "democratic" or activities of the Indo-Chinese constitution "guaranteeing" free_ Trotskyists. All of their prewar dom of speech and assemblage. leaders have disappeared, many These demonstrations showed of them killed in the guerrilla that the Chinese people - like warfare or murdered by the Stalthe majority of the American inists. people - are highly dissatisfied with the role the U.S. govern- active, particularly in Cochinment is playing in China.

It is now admitted that recog- of Ta-Thu-Thau, veteran Trotnition of this fact is the real skyist fighter against imperial-

groes attend its meetings.

Republican legislators are adopt. A liberal front for the trying to bury or sidetrack Chinese dictatorship, they hope, important progressive bills will increase their chances of introduced into the new Repub-"gaining the aid and support of lican-controlled Congress. News the great body of liberal opin- of these bills has been played ion within China, in the United down or ignored by the capital-States, also in the world at ist press.

large." (N. Y. Times, Dec. 30.) These progressive measures in clude several to abolish the polltax in Southern states and to punish lynchers and officials who aid them.

Several bills have been offered to permit veterans to cash their terminal leave bonds now, while they need the money, instead of waiting five years until they mature or inflation has destroyed their value. A bill for a veterans' bonus of \$4 a day for service in fight was received here in a overseas duty has also been en-

Another important bill, intro-The telegram, from La Lutte duced by Representative Celler of New York, would authorize the admission of 250,000 refuper, Tranhdau, had been sup- gees into the United States.

The anti-lynch bill offered by Representative Adam Clayton Powell, New York Negro leader, would provide fines and imprisonment for public officials who fail to protect persons in their custody from lynchers. It would also provide from \$2,000 to \$10.-000 to survivors of lynch victims Labor, Negro and other pro-

Plot To Swindle Workers Out Of Back Portal Pay

But illegal groups appear to be China, where the Struggle Group

> A number of decisions by the federal and state courts provide the basis for suits by unions which last week claimed more that employers systematically chiselled from pay envelopes

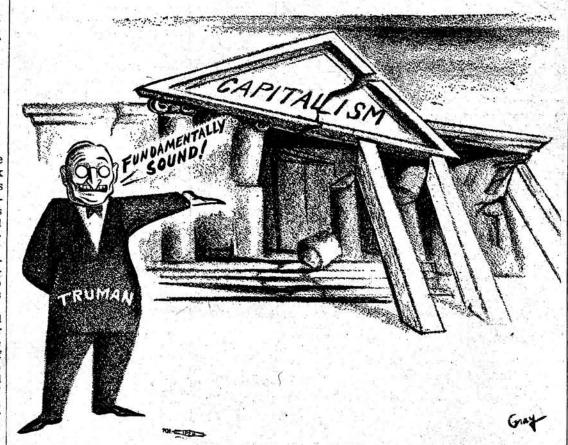
man, Michigan Republican and agent of the big auto corporations that face suits for hundreds of millions of dollars has readied a Congressional bill to void all suits for unpaid portal wages and to revise the Fair Labor Standards Act to make it illegal to pay for travel and make-ready time on the job.

WOULD ROB WORKERS

Employers would be prohibited from paying for any time that is not spent on what Hoffman calls "productive work." This, according to his bill, excludes payment for all time the company compels the worker to spend "Scores of prominent leading in clocking in far from the point cial work clothes, preparing and

> Simultaneous with legislative moves to rob the workers of their portal wages, the corporations and their newspapers are pressuring the Supreme Court to reverse previous decisions favoring the unions. The federal administration is also seeking to have the court "narrow" the basis for portal pay claims.

The State Of The Union



Compromise Checks Bilbo But He Still Gets Full Pay

By William E. Bohannon

The fight over the seating of Theodore G. Bilbo, Mississippi poll taxer and white supremacist, ended in a compromise on the second day of the new Senate's sessions last week. Both Republican and Democratic Senate leaders expressed satisfaction with the compromise, which consisted in accepting Bilbo's credentials and postponing

salary of \$15,000 a year, and so did his staff.

action on seating him.

The Republicans, after vacilwent through with an expression of opposition to the unpopular

For another thing, it was "smart politics," since it gives the have begun a drive in Congress Republicans the chance to pose as opponents of Bilboism while wages due for time spent on not really committing themselves company property in getting to at all on the principles Bilbo re-

The Southern Democrats. afraid of permitting any prece-U. S. Supreme Court, and lower dent which might later be used against themselves, began a filibuster designed to hold up the organization of the new Senate than three billion dollars in pay until Bilbo would be seated. For over a day this filibuster effectively prevented the swearing in of most of the Senators-elect.

The Republicans belligerently to \$302,000 per year. There replied that they would not be deterred by any filibuster, and threatened that if it continued slash in the tax on all inthey might even change the Sen- come in excess of \$302,000. ate rules so as to do away with Knutson, as the prospective on his 1946 income (although he filibusters.

But in the end they gave in and

Lynch Witness Beaten In Georgia

Two white terrorists, James and Tom Verner, were arrested in Athens, Ga. on Jan. 4 on charges of beating 19-yearold Golden Yamar Howard, a witness in the investigation of the lynch murder of four Negroes near Monroe, Ga. last summer. Both men were promptly released on bail.

Howard testified that the Verner brothers had approached him on New Year's Day, and asked what he had told the jury about the lynchings. He said he had given no information because he knew nothing. One of the white men hit him in the face; then he was taken to a shed and beaten again.

Meanwhile Bilbo went back accepted the compromise offer-strongly entrenched in the South ed by the Democratic Party lead-as ever. The Democrat replacing ers and concurred in by Bilbo. Bilbo would, like him, be sent sentatives that most of them grasp an effective weapon of po-It is rumored that the Bilbo to Washington by a tiny minority could not yet be codified and as- litical action and fight to wrest case is really ended, that after of Mississippi's voters, with the undergoing an operation Bilbo Negroes still barred by force and

> election for his seat. ceptable to the Republicans, who clous system of Bilboism would could then claim a moral vic- remain tory. But actually it would leave

settled.

lating for several days prior to will eventually claim that he is intimidation from participation the opening of Congress, finally too ill to serve in the Senate and in the voting. A face might be will withdraw his demand to be changed, and other Southern seated, opening the way to new Democrats might be a little less blunt in admitting how they op-That would be perfectly ac- press the masses; but the perni-

Bilbo has been checked temthe whole issue of Bilboism un- porarily, but the need to fight Bilboism and its protectors in It would leave all of Bilbo's the Republican and Democratic fim Crow colleagues just as Parties is as great as it ever was.

Bill Promises Tax "Relief" To Rich

Schemes to make the workers pay a bigger share of the taxes and reduce payments by the rich were proposed last week by Representative Knutson of Minnesota, under the fraudulent guise of an "across the board reduction of 20 per cent" on incomes up 9

would also be a 10 per cent chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, spoke with authority for the incoming

At the same time, Truman, by his proclamation declaring an end to war hostilities, wiped out - effective as of July 1, 1947 the excise taxes on furs, perfumes, liquors and other luxuries bought mainly by the wealthy.

Knutson's 20 per cent reduction would bring "enormous windfalls to the wealthy taxpayers, but workers and other low income groups would receive no real benefits," CIO General Council Lee Pressman declared in the Dec. 30 CIO News.

Pressman showed that the average worker in a manufacturing industry, supporting a wife and two children, was taxed \$28 in 1946 on an income of \$2,-383.16. A 20 per cent reduction would save him the princely sum of \$5.60 in 1947, or 10.8 cents

But his boss would save tens of thousands of dollars. For instance, Tom Girdler, getting \$275,000 as president of Republic Steel, might be taxed \$212,087 would actually find loopholes in the law to save plenty of that). With the "same" 20 per cent reduction, however, Girdler would pocket \$42,417 more of his pay in 1947, or \$816 a week. While the worker's take-home pay increased two-tenths of one per cent. Girdler's net pay would jump 67.4 per cent, more than two-thirds.

The meager reduction in the vorker's income tax won't make Congress is not concerned with the workers' needs. Its soak-the- capitalist government in the af- four years-while four million poor scheme is just one more example of how the Democratic and Republican parties legislate for Wall Street's benefit.

Top Of Agenda

While the Senate contest over the seating of Bilbo featured headlines on the Congressional opening, the machinery behind the scenes was working at top speed to prepare legislation carrying out the main objectives of the new Congress.

These objectives, on the domestic field, are two-fold: 1. To impose new restraints on organized labor in the interests of the employers. 2. To increase the wealth and?

privilege of the financial and industrial monopolists.

At the very opening of Conress, Republican leaders had their chief measures prepared to grease through committees and rush into law. The Republican conference in the Senate issued "labor program" as its first official act. This program was drafted by notoriously anti-labor Senators Taft of Ohio, Ball of Minnesota, and Smith of New

The main legislation they of Smith of Virginia. fer is a revised version of the Case bill. The bill provides compulsory mediation during a 60day no-strike period; denies supervisory employes the protection of the Wagner Act; prohibits various types of strikes under the heading of "organizing, secondary boycotts and jurisdiccional"; and subjects unions to narrassing employer suits for

action." At the same time, they a united, militant fashion. promise other anti-labor bills to amend the National Labor Rela-

Such a flood of anti-labor bills gram of fighting action. cratic Representative Howard Build the Labor Party Now!

Housing Relief —

For Congressmen "WASHINGTON, Jan. (AP)—Representative Adolph J. Sabath, Democrat, of Illinois, dean of the House in point of service, rushed to the aid of his home-hunting colleagues today. He said that he would introduce tomorrow a bill for a \$12,000,000 housing project for members of Congress, their families and employes." (N. Y. Times, Jan. 3.)

Simultaneously, the Republicans prepared to give more "relief to the greedy." Their first step is a bill, introduced by Representative Knutson of Minnesota, which would save the rich hundreds of millions of dollars in income taxes.

The corporation lawyers, employers and executives, publishers and editors, who form the bulk of Congress, are moving The Republican conference with arrogance and speed. They called for "brief hearings" on are emboldened by the failure of this bill "with a view to prompt organized labor to fight back in

The threat to labor was never more imminent and dangerous. tions Act, limit industry-wide It must be met by a counterbargaining and strikes, outlaw offensive. This can be organthe closed shop, weaken the Nor- ized only through a National ris - LaGuardia anti - injunction | Conference of Labor, uniting all unions behind a common pro-

poured into the House of Repre- At the same time, labor must signed to committees. Dozens of governmental power from the them are already listed, the most political machines of Big Business. The opening of Congress savage being offered by Demo- gives another urgent warning to

Labor-Haters Praise President's Message

Truman's "State of the Union" speech on Jan. 6 was the first down-payment on his post-election promise of his collaboration with the Republican-dominated Congress.

The reactionary essence of his 9 proposals was appreciated even tal anti-labor bill now before by the most ultra-reactionary el- Congress, thought Truman's ically.' Certainly the Republicans

couldn't be angered by proposals which, with but slight differences in detail, supported their own program for anti-labor laws. more benefits to the capitalists, and continued military preparations

The first and largest portion of the speech was devoted to

fairs of the unions.

Senator Taft, Republican anti-Virginia, author of the most bru- both of them

ements in Congress. As the N. speech "may be an indication Y. Times commented, his mes- that he is moving toward in sage "was digested with unex- position." Republican Senator pected warmth" and "had not Bricker of Ohio found "he made anyone angry, even polit- ticipated the Republican peogram." And Republican leader Senator Vandenberg considered the speech "very constructive."

This response from the most reactionary spokesmen of Big Business in Congress is a sufficient commentary on the true nature of Truman's speech and its objectives.

According to Truman, the economic "state of the Union" premeasures for restricting labor's sents "great opportunities for all." rights. Truman glossed over He touched only lightly or not these proposals with the usual all on the drastic decline in lablah about not wanting "puni- bor's living standards and wages tive legislation" or "vindictive the continued inflation and crease in profits; the monument-His proposals, however, are al war debt devouring the sub-

similar to many contained in the stance of the American people. notorious Case Bill, which the His demagogy was exemplified Republicans are presenting in a by his program on the housing revised form. Truman would es- crisis. After wrecking the vettablish the principle of compul- erans' low-cost housing program sory arbitration, limitations on only a few weeks ago, he now dent in his living expenses. But the right to strike, and far- talks of a program to build 500. reaching intervention by the 000 housing units in the next

veterans alone need housing. Truman's speech showed that labor leader, saw in Truman's there is no longer even a prelabor program no "substantial tense of a distinction between What is needed, and what a difference with our point of the legislative programs of the labor party serving the inter- view." Representative Case said, two capitalist parties. They ests of the working people would "We offered him some of those stand for the same things, and demand, is MORE taxation of objectives last spring in the Case they intend to work together to

the rich. Tax the rich, not the bill . . . I'm glad to see he is achieve them. Labor can defend poor! Repeal the payroll tax! No moving in that direction." Dem- its own interests only by uniting ales taxes! No taxes on incomes peratic Representative Smith of its forces in a struggle against

reason for the "democratic" ism, once had a mass influence. **Detroit SWP Wins Victory In** Fight To Keep Headquarters DETROIT, Jan. 4-The Detroit branch of the Socialist Workers Party has won its fight against the reactionary at-

tempts to evict it from its headquarters. The City Plan Commission this week ruled against fascist and anti-Negro elements who had tried for 9 six months to drive out the on July 25, 1946, while a meet-SWP on the grounds that Ne-

In a statement issued today, the local executive committee of the SWP reported: "The Detroit City Plan Com- Buildings and Safety Engineermission has approved the use of the Detroit headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party located at 6108 Linwood Ave. for edu- to have the Socialist Workers cational, recreational, social, Party ousted from its premises neighborhood and community

center purposes. This action Civic Association which brazenly was taken under section 5.1, par-submitted a petition listing as agraph 4 of the zoning ordinance of the City of Detroit. Negroes attended the meetings of the SWP.

SIGNAL VICTORY

"This represents a signal vic- WIDE SUPPORT tory for labor's democratic rights dividing and destroying the broad to the use of its headquarters."

The action of the City Plan defended at the Commission's Commission climaxes a lengthy hearings by Walter M. Nelson, battle which began when fascist prominent attorney and repreelements set fire to the Social- sentative of the American Civil ist Workers Party headquarters Liberties Union.

ing was in progress, thus endangering the lives of over 100 per-

PARIS, Dec. 27-News that

(Struggle) Group No. 3 in Sai-

gon, reported that its newspa-

pressed by the illegitimate Co-

chin-China government. This

government was appointed by

the French authorities in open

violation of a previous agreement

to permit a referendum to de-

cide the fate of that province.

The Struggle Group denounced

the government's move as an

masses and to sabotage the hold-

ing of the promised referendum.

telegram this week.

"The fascist arson attack was followed by a summary notice ing on Aug. 2, 1946 to vacate the premises within ten days. Spearheading this reactionary attempt was the Linwood and McGraw

as well as the rights of the Negro figures of the Detroit labor of operations, changing into spepeople for equality. It is at the movement and the Negro comsame time a stinging rebuke to munity, as well as numerous lothe Hitlerite elements in Detroit cal unions and civic organizawho seek to terrorize the minor- tions protested this anti-labor, ity parties and bait the Negro anti-Negro attack and backed people, as the first step toward the SWP in its democratic rights

its main complaint the fact that

The rights of the SWP were

It appealed to the French Trotonstrations against the suppres-Beside this telegram, nothing

> ington agents are conspiring Bilbo. For one thing, they needto swindle American workers ed a gesture of this sort to apout of billions of dollars in pease the Negro people, whom portal-to-portal wages withheld they had decided to double-cross over the past eight years in vio- on the issue of enacting FEPC lation of the Fair Labor Stand- legislation.

Corporation representatives to invalidate all legal suits for distant jobs and in work prep-

since 1938.

Representative Clare E. Hoff-

sharpening tools, switching on machinery, etc.

isions among the workers, that

they should come out in the

midst of Wall Street's anti-labor

drive to plead for a "fair deal"

A sign of the times is the

membership debate being con-

ducted in The American Teach-

er, organ of the American Fed-

eration of Teachers, AFL, on the

most burning issue facing public

school instructors — "Should Teachers Strike?". The main

argument of those opposed to

teachers' strikes is that teach-

ing is a "profession" and that

teachers aren't "workers." But

thousands of teachers, as the

wave of teachers' struggles is

demonstrating, have already de-

cided that it's more dignified to

stand up in labor's ranks fight-

ing militantly for a decent

standard of living than to grovel

before reactionary School Boards

Many union papers are get-

ting very thin due to the mono-

poly-created paper shortage. A

typical example is Electrical

Union World, published by New

of Electrical Workers. The Dec.

20 issue, reduced to four pages,

against this serious threat to the

existence of the free labor press.

The Union World points to the

"large and very powerful daily

publishers who have been grab-

begging for a pittance.

-for the exploiting class.

One of the groups that push- | Maurice R. Franks, editor of

ed the CIO's red-baiting Declar- The Railroad Workers Journal,

ation of Policy against the "out- organ of the Railroad Yard-

side interference" of the Com- masters Of North America, Inc.

munist Party is the Association His statement appeared last

of Catholic Trade Unionists, to week in full page advertisements

which Philip Murray belongs. It in leading newspapers. It's strict-

issues a slick 12-page tabloid ly in keeping with the record of

weekly published in Detroit, such bureaucrats, who live off

The Wage Earner, devoted to the dues of the workers, col-

influencing trade union policies. laborate closely with the em-

Its main objective is fighting ployers and maintain craft div-

Marxism, the most advanced

working class ideology, and

spreading the influence of the

Catholic Church, one of the bul-

warks of world capitalist reac-

tion. The Wage Earner is filled

with incitations for a heighten-

ed red-purge in the CIO. Mur-

ray's machine is partly based on

the ACTU. The Social-Demo-

crats also work with the ACTU

in the CIO against "outside in-

Certain members of the con-

servative labor bureaucracy, who

oppose labor militancy as much

as the bosses, are issuing sug-

gestions that labor itself help

write legislation regulating un-

ions. Charles J. MacGowen,

president of the AFL Boiler-

makers, proposed in the Decem-

ber issue of his Boilermakers

Journal that the unions them-

selves should "see if it is not

possible to pass legislation

which will make strikes unne-

cessary except in very rare ins-

wants to help the capitalist gov-

ernment adopt "good" laws re-

stricting labor, he is conducting

ing militants in Seattle Boiler-

makers Local 104, a progressive

fighting for trade union demo-

Another well-heeled bureau-

crat, who helps reign over an ex-

clusive independent craft-union

"unfair" to the employers. He is monopoly.

While MacGowen

an expulsion drive against lead- York Local 3, AFL Brotherhood

local, because they have been sounded an editorial warning

of 2,500 members, has issued a bing up all available newsprint."

statement complaining that the The CIO News has also warned

Wagner Act "protects only the of the imminent danger to the

unions and their leaders" and is labor press in the newsprint

terference.'

tances."

JOSEPH CURRAN HITS STALINISTS IN MARITIME TRADE UNION NOTES

Union President Joseph Curran as co-chairman of the Stalinist-dominated Committee for Martime Unity (CMU), gives promise of reversing a ten-year trend of inter-union hostility in the maritime industry. Curran coupled his res-

ignation with a blistering attack on the Stalinists as the greatest obstacle to united action on the waterfront. As against the CMU, Curran

advocated joint action of all maritime unions, regardless of affiliation, against the impending attack by the shipowners and their government. The first concrete step in this direction has already been taken. A meeting of all seafaring unions has been called in Washington this month to elaborate a program to fight the imposition of repressive leg-

The position of Curran and his supporters was upheld by a general union membership meeting of approximately 4,000 in the Port of New York which endorsed his statement of policy by an overwhelming majority. Prominent Stalinist spokesmen were repeatedly booed when they tried to smear the opposition as "traitors, sell-out artists, shipowners' stooges," etc. ANSWERS MORRIS

The "line" for the smear campaign against the Curran group has been laid down in the Paily Worker by Stalinist "labor expert" George Morris, pen-prostitute and author of numerous slander attacks against the Trotskyists and other progressives in the labor movement. According to Morris, it's all a "plot" take the CIO National Maritime Union into the AFL.

In his weekly column in The Pilot, official organ of the NMU, Curran lashes out at the Stalinists for the "instructions given by the Daily Worker" on the conduct of the smear campaign. The Communist Party is condemned, in the same article, for its wartime policy of "collaboration with the employers" and the union membership is warned that



(Stalinists) propose to continue the same tactics which have been used in our Union for the past two years, when they attempted to jam down our threats collaboration policy with the shipowners and anybody who voted against it was labelled as phoney and slandered and

In turning the helm sharply inter-union strife on th waterfront for over ten years.

Militant unionism was resur rected in maritime through the 1934 strike on the Pacific Coast. In that historic struggle the maritime workers withstood the combined assault of the shipowners thugs, police, militia and national government. Out of that experience there arose the consciousness of the need for joint union action against a common foe. This led to the formation of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific in 1935 with its official slogan consisting of the rallying cry: An Injury To One the local teamsters for aid, rec-

Is An Injury To All! The Maritime Federation embraced all waterfront workers on its of their cause. the Pacific Coast regardless of affiliation. While there was no CIO at the time, the seafaring unions were independent and the others were in the AFL. From the very beginning the Stalinists set out to capture the Federation in their typical rule-or-ruin fashion. After a few years they succeeded in driving out all opposition unions and having "captured" the Maritime Federation of the Pacific proceeded to dissolve it in 1938.

Thus ended the most promising movement toward unifying

history of maritime. For the past ten years open warfare has periodically raged on the waterfront. The whole magnificent strike action of recent months was clouded with the threat of jurisdictional violence. The CMU nourished this hostility.

Just as the 1934 strike provided the impulsion toward organized joint action, so did the 1946 strike give an impetus to the sentiment for united action of all seamen against the unionbusting shipowner - government combine.

The joint conference of hitherto hostile unions, to be held this month in Washington, can become the first step toward the formal constitution of a National Maritime Federation which would unite the maritime unions. regardless of affilation, for common action against a common enemy. The crumbling of the Stalinist machine is a good omen for future maritime unity!



Dave Beck's Strikebreaking Edict Rejected By Los Angeles Clerks

"Western Director Samuel

DeSilva told the members:

"The fight is now on. No quar-

ter will be shown and no mercy.

"If necessary, we will call ev-

ery labor man in Los Angeles,

at a time and make hamburger

they wanted to reduce wage de-

oration policies of the CP lead-

These dissenters are the vic-

The oppositionists, many of

them expelled for "Trotskyist

leftism," themselves spread typ-

ical Stalinist lies against the

genuine communists, the Trots-

A particularly dirty and crude

slander is being circulated by the

whose organ NCP Report serves

as a clearing house for the views

In a recently issued statement.

"Surrender By U. S. Commun-

of the Stalinist disease.

kyists.

When DeSilva at the union

Crisis In Communist Party -

(Stalinist) and wholesale ex- Coughlinites, titular leaders of

pulsions reflect a growing in- the Association of Catholic Trade

ternal resistance to the bureau- Unionists, ossified old-line bur-

tims of Stalinism. But they are expelled long-time Stalinist lead-

have learned a lesson.

of them."

By Harry Thompson (Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4-Six thousand grocery and fruit and vegetable clerks of all super markets including Safeway Stores, Ralphs and A&P, members of Local 770 of the AFL Retail Food Clerks, struck for a 20 dollar general wage increase last Thursday. The present wage scale averages \$40 weekly. The union is fighting for a minimum of \$60 weekly; the employers

have offered a maximum of their meeting today:

Dave Beck, national vice-presi- Meyers of the Retail Clerks has dent of the AFL Teamsters Un- been assigned to investigate and ion, entered the picture with a report on the Los Angeles situtrikebreaking ultimatum to the ation. Therefore disregard Broth-Retail Clerks, Stating that "the er Beck's ultimatum as he is ocal Retail Clerks Union has vi- without authority to speak for plated every rule of the AFL," the Clerks International." ne warned that unless the local eaders ordered the members back to work this morning, they would not receive any support When it's over the employers will from the Teamsters.

Local 770's secretary, Joseph DeSilva, answered Beck's strikebreaking order in the following and we will pick one employer

'AID TO EMPLOYERS'

"Your courteous and courageous gesture in your attempt to demoralize the fighting spirit of the Retail Clerks in Los Angeles, toward collaboration with the which has failed miserably, only AFL maritime unions, Curran is indicates your ever willingness breaking with the rule-or-ruin to be of tremendous service to policy of the Stalinists which the employers at a time when has fostered internal division the clerks are engaged in a struggle for decent living conditions.

"I am sure that you are not expressing the sentiment of the rank and file members of the Teamsters Union.

"In behalf of the retail clerks of Local 770, and as a result of your unwarranted intrusion and tactics with which you hope to aid and comfort the employers, cratic methods and class-collabwe must, with shame, consider you the No. 1 strikebreaker of America.

"Unselfishly, the Retail Clerks of Southern California have re- also, unfortunately, still carriers er, even puts the "Trotskyites" sponded to every call made by ognizing the right of the local teamsters to determine the mer-

"We shall continue such support of all organized labor, despite your very improper attempt to disrupt our autonomy. With this, the retail clerks shall refuse to be diverted from their New Committee for Publications, fight for a living wage and since there is much work to be done of various left-Stalinist groups. in fighting the employers, let us close this incident."

James A. Sufridge, president ist Revisionists," the NCP states of the Retail Clerks Internation- that the red-baiting, anti-Comal Association, sent Local 770 the adopted by the CIO convention following telegram, which was was put through "by a bloc of the waterfront workers in the read to the union members at CIO officials-composed of right-

Evictions Hit Peak In New York City

More New York families because of the housing shortage. On top of a new high in formal court orders for breaking number of petitions for eviction have been ap-Administration.

During the first 11 months combined.

issued the following statement in a telegram to the union mass Spark Plug and Fisher Body meeting asked the members if meeting:

mands and settle the strike, he Keep up the good fight. The Los Angeles CIO Council pledge fullest assistance."

than ever before are being evicted, with no place to go ousting tenants, a recordproved by the Office of Price

of the year 1946, municipal courts in the five boroughs issued 7,807 warrants for eviction. In the same period the Rent Division of the OPA granted 17,752 petitions for evictions and by the end of the year was expected to approve as many eviction petitions as for 1944 and 1945

"All support and best wishes for a complete victory. Your

Answering A Crude Slander

eaucrats and revisionist leaders

of the U. S. Communist Party."

William F. Dunne, a recently

red-baiters in the CIO with whom

form of red-baiting. In the Nov.

on the forthcoming CIO con-

sidious counsels of the corpora-

to direct the CIO's energies into

a witch-hunt against 'reds.' Un-

fortunately, there is a growing

effort of reactionary elements

inside the CIO to divert it from

a fight for the needs of the work-

ers to a red-baiting drive. These

elements must be halted . . .

first on the list of reactionary to lie about us?

the official Stalinists made a to fight off some of the symp-

bloc. (NCP Report, Dec. 9, 1946.) toms of the Stalinist disease,

The Militant knows we have us. The method of fasifica-

been the most consistent and tion infects their blood. This is

outspoken fighters against any how Stalinism corrupts even

"It is especially vital that the rabid anti-Trotskyism then the

CIO delegates brush aside the in- CP members, who are poisoned

16, 1946 issue, a special article revolutionary Marxists.

tions and their political agents them a better hearing.

Now, every regular reader of they are still ravaged by its vir-

(Our emphasis.)

vention warned:

Flint SWP Refutes **Red-Baiting Slanders** By Jeanette Lane

(Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 2-Sol Dollinger, Socialist Workers Party organizer here, this week sharply answered a red-baiting statement and slanders against the Trotskyists made by two Buick union members and given prominence in the General Motors-controlled Flint Journal. Dollinger's reply was quoted in the Journal, the Detroit Times and in local news? proadcasts.

Moore, criticized actions of CIO United Auto Workers Buick Local 599 and the international union and claimed that Trotskyists and Communists are "doing great service to employers by their constant efforts to create Woodard Hits dissensions within the union."

Dollinger said: "Our Party is attempting to forge the unity of the entire working class against Buick Local the industrial magnates, Since ist movement in the United States we have inscribed in our program: For the unity of the entire labor movement. In reized this in our slogan for a ion's wage raise policy. United Congress of Labor-AFL, CIO. Railroad Brotherhoods, etc. -to meet in Washington, D.C., to beat back the employers' offensive against labor in Congress. Our program speaks for

STIR DISSENSION

"On the contrary, it is these two individuals who are creating dissension in the labor movement by their wild, poorlythought-out red-baiting charges. Red-baiting is the prime weapon from the arsenal of the employers. During the GM strike it was properly labeled an instrument of General Motors by the official union leadership of this city. It is no less today."

The attempted red-scare is 61% Raise Won The attempted red-scare is office in Buick Local 599. A prime mover behind the scenes is Jakie Waldo, former PAC By Teachers in Regional Director, who was custed last week by the Flint Central St. Paul Strike Political Action Committee. This followed the vote for his removal by the Greater Flint CIO Council and recommendations for such action by Chevrolet, AC UAW locals.

His ouster reflected dissatisfaction of the workers in this received a thunderous roar of cause is just. Victory certain, area with the PAC's false poli-We cies in supporting Republicans and Democrats during the last

those who sincerely want to be

No doubt, these oppositionists

think that if they demonstrate

against Trotskyism, will give

But resorting to the dirty

corruption of these leaders. Fals-

ification, slander, Trotskyist-

baiting are hall-marks of Stalin-

Marxist program. That is the

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of the lie.

elections. The large auto workers The authors of the red-baiting locals, including Buick 599, have attack, Marlon Butler and Bert now initiated a drive to build a local Labor Party. Waldo and his supporters are trying to use a red scare as a smoke screen for their false political policies.

Branding this charge a lie, Red-Baiters In

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 3 the organization of the Trotsky- Ben Woodard, president of CIO United Auto Workers Buick Local 599, hit back at two union members who issued a redbaiting statement in the press cent months we have concret- along with an attack on the un-

The red-baiting attack was made by Bert Moore and Marion Butler, spokesmen for what they call the "Rank-and-File Group" in Local 599. It was widely reported in the capitalist press, including the N. Y. Times, along with their wage and price policy program directed against the union's program.

Woodard said in his press reease answering the red-batters hat his local "will follow union policy in the matter of wage raises instead of the phony setup advocated by Rank-and-File eaders and the National Association of Manufacturers."

(Special to The Militant)

ST. PAUL, Jan. 4 - Public schools re-opened here Monday after a five-week teachers' strike-the longest and largest school strike in the history of the United States. Called by Locals 28 and 43 of the American Federation of Teachers, the St. Paul school strike forced through wage increases of approximately 61 per cent for the city's 1,166 teachers.

City officials were also forced to take favorable action on a school betterment program for St. Paul's long-neglected public The rise of an organized op- wing social democrats, TROTS- selves. Only, they are trying to position in the Communist Party KYITES, Christian Fronters and turn it against the Stalinist lead- teachers had demanded that ers. They are using the method school equipment and facilities be modernized and that improved health and recreational Why does this opposition, services be supplied to St. Paul's which claims it is fighting the school children. Parent-Teachcorruption of the American Stal- er Associations and organized inist leaders, use Stalinist meth- student groups were in 100 per ods of falsification against the cent agreement with the teach-Trotskyists? Why do they have ers' strike demands and gave the teachers active support on the Even though they are trying picket line.

Because of the "red tape" surrounding the city's finances, the teachers' wage increases and the school betterment program will not go into effect immediately A City Charter amendment to finance the better schools program will be presented to St Paul voters next month. If the amendment is passed, the teachers will receive retroactive pay increase from Jan. 1.

Understanding that powerful taxpayers' groups will try to sabotage the better schools program the Teachers Joint Council has methods of the Stalinist leaders declared that their strike has won't convince the best worker only been "suspended." In anelements in the CP about the nouncing that teachers would return to their classrooms while awaiting the results of the special election, Mollie Geary, AFT spokesman, said that the teachers had refused to sign a "no-

"The teachers will not break faith with the school children and their parents by foreswearing their right to continue in every possible way the fight for of articles on The Crisis in the better schools," the teachers' statement said.

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slander against the Trotskyists. the very weapon being used against the oppositionists them-

convention, the Nov. 30 issue of The Militant denounced the CIO Declaration of Policy. We charged that this declaration was adopted "under the proddings of reactionary red-baiters led by the Social-Democrats and the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists." We scored the "cowardly capitulation of the Stalinist leaders to the red-baiters."

We said they made a "behind-

the-scenes deal with Murray, instead of fighting this concession to the red-baiters and demanding a forthright condemnation of red-baiting in any form." What the NCP group has done is to imitate the official Stalinists, whose classical weapon is

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How Revolutionary Party Should Act In Waging Election Campaigns In the recent French elections policy. That resolution was pilicitly condemned in the resolution of the PCI French printed in last week's Militant. Intion of the IS." French Rulers Act To Drown Indo-Chinese Revolt In Blood

section of the Fourth International, sent letters to the Communist and Socialist Parties, proposing in the interest of a united labor front against reaction at the polls to withdraw the CC rejected the position takall but one of the PCI lists of candidates if these parties in return would support that one list on the following grounds:

Committee of the Fourth International, meeting last October, in the particular situation we called attention to "serious political errors" in the formulation of the above-mentioned letters, ditions (the existence of a comand instructed the International mon minimum electoral pro-Secretariat to draw up a docu- gram), while stating that these tion was being interpreted erment summarizing its criticism conditions cannot be realized, roneously by the Majority of the

This was done after the elections, in an IS resolution, The Lessons of the Nov. 10 Elections in France and Italy, which an-

On Nov. 24 'the Central Com-

en by the IS on the electoral Communists in Chapter Nine of bloc offered to the CP and SP 'Left-Wing' Communism: An In-"1. This position (of the IS) is sectarian inasmuch as it con-

The International Executive demns in principle a tactic were in; and inasmuch as it subordinates the tactic to conand which if not realized would CC, which still failed to arrive at constitute an incontestable demonstration of opportunism.

affirms the correctness of our drew up an appendix to the resoalyzed "opportunist errors and position, consisting of an appeal lution printed in last week's dangers" in the PCI electoral to vote for the workers' parties Militant. The text of this appolicy and urged the French in the areas where we presented pendix is printed below.—The party to seriously discuss that no lists, a position which is im- Editors.

In defense of this resolution mittee of the PCI met to an- a member of the Majority group alyze the situation after the elec- of the CC declared that the tactions, and to discuss the IS res- tic followed by the PCI leaders fantile Disorder.

In the voting that followed, 12 votes were cast for the position of the Majority group, 12 for the clearly justified in general and Minority group (which agrees with the IS position), and one abstained. Such a vote under the French system goes to the old Majority. Considering that its own posi-

a correct understanding of the tactic of the united front and "2. On the other hand the CC electoral arrangements, the IS

Everywhere the French working class gave evidence of its sympathy with the Viet Nam workers. Only the cowardly policy of the Communist and Socialist Parties prevents organized expression of this widespread sentiment of solidarity.

Labor Party.

On Dec. 12 the London papers

reported that the trade union

from New York complained

about the activities of British

The delegates were particular-

ly bitter about the British UN

representatives joining hands

with the Americans in combat-

ting the demands of the World

Federation of Trade Unions

Bevin was completely surround-

ed by professional Tory diplo-

matic experts, and demanded a

"clean-up" of the whole Foreign

Office personnel. Will Lawther,

president of the powerful min-

ers' union, was spokesman for

A similar protest had been

issue with Bevin directly at the

next meeting of the Parliamen-

fraction in the House of Com-

delegation of the TUC, it was

chairman and secretary of the

TUC. In the meantime, it was

learned, Tewson had left for

movement there.

EARLIER PROTEST

Indo-Chinese In

PARIS, Dec. 27-Indo-Chi-

nese workers and soldiers

who live in camps in South-

ern France, held several pub-

lic demonstrations on Christmas

Day against the French imperial-

ist massacres of their country-

The Indo-Chinese marched in

organized formation through

city streets in Lyons, Toulouse,

Bordeaux, Montlucon, Moulins,

Mont de Marsan, Fontenay le

Comte. At Bordeaux over 1,000

took part in the protest. More

demonstrations are planned.

Massacres

men.

Japanese Workers Protest



Thousands of Japanese union members gathered outside Tokyo's Imperial Palace last month to protest and demonstrate against the anti-labor policies of Premier Yoshida's cabinet. The regime is propped up by MacArthur and U.S. occupation troops.

and most of these had added a

demand for a special Labor

Party conference to settle the

It appears that the Stalinists

had a big hand in influencing

the Spelthorne document. The

Daily Worker here has been giv-

ing it a big display. It is notable

that the Stalinists concentrate

in the Labor ranks is also begin-

ning to concern itself with

domestic policy, although not as

yet to the extent that it does on

Thus, the miners' executive

passed a sharp resolution pro-

testing against the naming of a

military man as head of the

Coal Board for the nationalized

mining industry in the region.

Lawther and the Stalinist gen-

eral secretary of the miners'

come down into the area and

display all their talents of "per-

suasion" to get the miners to

The rebellion of the ranks

against the treacherous policies

of the Labor Party leadership, as

evident from these incidents, is

beginning to grow and take

shape. The most immediate

danger is that the Stalinists will

direct this movement into the

deceptive channels of a policy

dictated by the needs of the Sov-

iet bureaucracy rather than

permit it to develop along the

Trotskyist Fined,

Scores English

Policy On POWs

When the prosecutor handed

copies of Solidaritat and Neuer

Spartakus to the three magis-

trates complaining that these

were "undesirable" for POWs to

the law discriminated between

prisoners. Also, when the magis-

The court refused to permit

apologize for having distributed

manded the right for English

workers to fraternize with the

German POWs. Cleminson's

statement, which he insisted

should be entered in the court

record, called for the return of

the POWs to their homes.

Fourth International."

rescind their action.

revolutionary path.

Socialist Appeal.

the Kremlin.

foreign affairs.

DOMESTIC POLICY

Indo-China, spokesmen of French imperialism indicated their intentions of completely suppressing the Indo-Chinese revolution for independence. "Before there is any ne-

gotiation it will be necessary declared the Socialist Minister of these have already landed and of Colonies, Marius Moutet.

This statement, and Premier Leon Blum's declaration that his cabinet would be "firm," signified that the French government is not willing to go even as far as it went last March, when it recognized the Viet Minh Republic's authority over part of Indo-China and agreed to a referendum permitting the province of Cochin-China to decide if it wanted to join the Viet Minh Republic.

A complete blackout has been clamped down on Indo-China by the French censors. Nothing is political developments in that and sometimes contradictory communiques released by the French military authorities.

VALIANT FIGHT

But even from these it is evident that the Indo-Chinese forc-Revolt Spreads In Ranks of the country, the southern areas as well as the northern.

For several days last week French sources circulated the rumor that the Viet Minh government, headed by Ho Chi LONDON, Dec. 27 — A whole series of incidents in- document, all but three wrote truce and the renewal of nego-Minh, was trying to arrange a tiations. The same Ho Chi Minh's vacillations and readiness to 'compromise" last year gave the French the breathing spell they needed then to prepare for the present campaign, which is waged under conditions far more favorable to them than were

> At any rate, whether these reports were true or not, the Minh. only on foreign policy issues, in French contemptuously wave line with ther role as agents of aside the possibility of negotiations at this time.

possible a year ago.

While the French authorities But the rank and file revolt know that they have bettertrained troops and better military equipment than the Indo-Chinese, they also know that the sympathy of the whole country is with the rebels. In addition, they realize that prolonged committee in Wales last week fighting in Indo-China will encourage the spread of rebellion in North Africa and other parts of the French Empire.

to get a military decision," Chinese bid for freedom. Many are in action, and others are on the high seas. A steady stream of war supplies is leaving French ports daily.

But the whole expeditionary campaign is possible only because the Socialist and Communist Parties permit it. None of these supplies or troops would be moving today if the Stalinist leadership of the unions would call on the workers to refuse to aid the imperialist butchers.

The war budget was supposed to be reduced beginning this month, as part of the government's so-called anti-inflationknown about the military and ary program, which includes firing of civil service workers country, outside of the biased and heavier taxes on the masses. In fact, the Socialist Party only last month had taken the lead in demanding less money for the brass hats.

SP. CP AGREE

With the outbreak of hostines are fighting back valiantly ties in Indo-China, the generand that the resistance to the als increased their clamor French has spread to all parts against reducing the military budget. The Socialist Finance Minister, Andre Philip, answered: "When it is a matter of defending Indo-China, far from demanding of the Minister of National Defense the least reduction, I am prepared to respond to all demands that he will formulate."

The Stalinists were no better. They joined the "socialists" in voting for military credits, and they joined them in voting to send a "sympathy message" to the French troops killing colonial slaves in Indo-China. They differ from them only in making piteous appeals that the French should negotiate with Ho Chi

When accused by the rightwing parties that they are still 'protecting" Ho Chi Minh, the Stalinists angrily defend themselves by pointing out that they have voted for the same measures regarding Indo-China that the right-wing parties did.

They want the government to deal with Ho Chi Minh, they point out. not because he demands complete independence from France but because he accepts the principle of a Viet Minh Republic "within the framework of the French Union," As a result, they are sending and that only in this way can as many additional troops as the other imperialists be prethey can round up for the pur- vented from snatching Indo-

The Electoral Policy Of The French PCI

The PCI motivated its proposal of electoral elected workers' delgates who could decide upon parties in order to "bar the road to reaction."

The resolution of the IS correctly states that united front proposals must be motivated by agreement on objectives or minimum program of joint action. That was not the case with the proposals made to the CP and the SP.

But the exclusion of proposals of a united front character without a minimum program of joint action does not at all signify the exclusion of any sort of electoral agreement nor of withdrawals.

The revolutionary party may at times voluntarily withdraw in favor of candidates of parties claiming to represent the working class, as for example in the case where weakness does not permit the presentation of lists of its own, or when it is interested in supporting a step forward on the road toward independent working class political action, or when it is a matter of defeating a bourgeois candidacy on the second ballot by supporting the most favored labor candidate.

Agreements are also possible with the other workers' parties such as, for instance, proposals for the holding of democratic meetings of workers to decide upon proportional representation in the elections for each workers' party.

No Responsibility

But in all such cases, whether it is a matter of voluntary withdrawals or of agreements, the revolutionary party takes no responsibility whatever for the program of these parties or for their candidates; it does not restrict its criticism in the least; it leaves not a shred of confusion as to the meaning of such withdrawals or such agreements; it leaves no illusion as to the treacherous character of the candidates and parties it supports critically in the elections; it concludes such agreements only at times and under conditions serving the development of the political experience of the masses. In the case of the PCI and these conditions were different.

The two traditional parties had not undertaken any action away from the politics of classcollaboration, but on the contrary were more involved in it than ever. What was the real reason calling forth the letter? The desire to reply to the accusation that by means of our lists we were dividing the proletariat, an argument capable of evoking a certain response among the working class. What should have been the reply of the PCI?

In the first place it was its duty to counterattack by replying politically to the accusation in its electoral proposals appears particularly danof dividing the working class; by demonstrating that the real breakers of the unity of the proletariat were those who sabotaged its anti-capitalist action and involved it in political collaboration with the bourgeoisie. Furthermore by pointin the demand for a genuine workers CP-SP-CGT Government, we were the real defenders of prole-

Incidental to this main political campaign, pro-

agreement (with the Communist and Socialist our proportional representation on joint workers Parties) by considerations having in view the lists, each party defending entirely its own proestablishment of a sort of united front with these gram and maintaining the full right to criticize the other parties.

What Was Wrong?

Of British Labor Party Our opposition to the letter of the PCI consequently concerns its content and not the proposal as such. What was wrong in this letter? First of all, the fact that without mentioning policy or program it speaks of the unity of the workers' parties in the elections as a means "of barring the road to reaction." British government's foreign policy, far from being quash-

That could only reinforce the illusions as to the character of these parties and the means of really forcing them to fight reaction, illusions which it is our duty to destroy among the masses. Secondly, the only concrete proposition put for-

ward to achieve such "unity" consisted in the delegation which had returned withdrawal of all our lists except one, in case these parties undertook to support one list. Thus we gave the impression of placing the diplomacy at the United Nations

whole question of unity on the basis of a trade, Assembly. by means of which to obtain a parliamentary Far from combatting the accusation of divid-

ing the votes thereby, this proposal reinforced it and at the same time raised suspicions among the advanced workers, disgusted by the parliamentary opportunism of the traditional parties, upon the UN, complained that that we were not any different from these parties, and that like them we too were interested in electoral trading.

It is necessary to add to all this that at the present stage our principal task is still of a propaganda nature, eyen where we are beginning to address the masses directly. Our participation in elections has as its main objective making our the group. program known to the largest possible number of workers.

From a realistic point of view, engaging in voted in the Foreign Policy electoral agreement already presupposes a party Group of the Labor Party earwith a solid and stable support, based not only lier. This group, a regular parlia. is the uproar created in the Laon program, but also on the experience which mentary body of the Party, an- bor Party top circles by the workers have gone through in a whole series of actions. That is not yet the case of the PCI, which is a young party that has not yet established a solid base.

The Main Task

Its main task is to prove to the workers the principled character of its task and activity as opposed to the opportunist character of the traditional parties, and that it is fundamentally different from these parties.

In this light the error committed by the PCI

Our broad participation in the electoral campaign in France has concentrated the attention of all the advanced workers in the Fourth International upon the PCI. Thereby the actions of ing out that with our entire policy, culminating the PCI become important not only for the French militants but for the militants of the whole International. The IS is consequently duty-bound to express its point of view on this question, that it considers the error committed as dangerously posals for an electoral agreement could not be opportunistic, and to initiate and open an inexcluded, such as for instance the proposal to ternational discussion which must be carried submit the question of our lists to conferences of through to complete clarification.

Faces Revolt

ed, is spreading over a broad front in the ranks of the

dicates that last month's revolt of Labor MP's against the back to signify their agreement



Spelthorne Divisional Labor Party, an organization covering the greater part of the Middlesex tary Labor Party (the party area, had sent out a "confidential" letter to other party or-On Dec. 19 the press carried ganizations setting forth in full news that the executive body of detail its criticism of the reacthe Trade Congress had met and | tionary Bevin policy in foreign

policy, with particular emphasis LP ATTACK

on its application in Greece. A Last week the Daily Herald, organ of the Labor Party, carannounced, would meet soon ried a front-page story attackwith the Foreign Secretary to ing this letter, accompanied by air the question. The delegation an editorial and a big article is to be headed by George carrying excerpts from a reply Thompson and Vincent Tewson, to it by Morgan Philips, the party's secretary, which it announced would soon be issued in pamphlet form.

Greece to gather information on The great to-do among the the recent repressive measures party tops over the letter, it betaken against the trade union came clear from revelations by the Spelthorne organization, is Throwing greater light on the due to the fact that out of some background of all these events, 40 other party organizations re-



joined the protest on foreign affairs.

MORE TROOPS

union, Arthur Horner, had to pose of putting down the Indo- China away from France.

International Notes

Conscription is in effect in 48 | to a report from Madrid, the Socountries, according to an Over- cialist, Republican, Monarchist last week. The total number of have met and agreed to accept countries enforcing conscription Prince Juan, now in Lisbon, in World War II, despite the dis- of a revolutionary overthrow of arming of the Axis countries and Franco. At the same time the their satellites. Not a single na- tenseness of the situation in tion has shown a sign of dis- Spain is shown in reports, recarding conscription since the ceived in Paris, that the workers adoption of the United Nations in Barcelona are discussing a disarmament resolution last general strike, and that news of

The French government has the Saar and the rest of Ger-Bill Cleminson, member of "preparatory' to economic anthe Revolutionary Commun- nexation" of this region. The ist Party, British section of the French imperialists are opposed to the unification of Germany, Fourth International, was tried for their plans to rebuild French court, Derbyshire, England and their ability to plunder the highfined ten pounds (\$40) for disly industrialized, heavy coaltributing Trotskyist literature to producing Saar basin. All German parties in all four zones German prisoners-of-war, acincluding the Stalinists, protestcording to the Mid-December ed the French move in the Saar, which was approved by the

French Stalinists.

"In the last few weeks about 7,000 German technicians and workers, together with their famread, Cleminson charged that ilies have been arbitrarily deread German, Cleminson retort- International.

It is the same in German as it already dismantled or 'earmark- 8,000,000. is in English or any other lan- ed' for dismantling in the Rusguage. It is the policy of the sian Zone, live in a dread of uncertainty, hourly expecting to be 'rounded-up' and deported to Postwar Economic Policy and Cleminson to make his speech Russia," the report adds. "The Planning last week called for in court because he refused to consequent feeling of helpless the restriction of private Amerdespair among the workers in the literature, and instead de- Russian - occupied territory of and the launching of a world-Germany generates bitter hos- wide trade war under U. S. lead tility towards their Stalinist overlords."

Spanish monarchy. According Communism.'

seas News Agency survey released and Catalan Autonomist groups greater today than before order to head off the possibility this discussion is widely known.

The British government came established its own customs forward with a new proposal for guard at the frontier between Palestine last week: the partition of the country into Arab many, a measure it describes as and Palestine states, British imperialism will naturally remain the real master of the land under this plan. If this plan doesn't serve to do the trick, the British on Dec. 13 at Bakewell village economy depend in great part on with others, many others. They are willing to do anything but withdraw their troops and get off the backs of the colonial people.

An inter-zonal conference of German trade unionists, held in Hanover last month, laid plans for the full re-establishment of the German Free Trade Union Federation abolished by Hitler in 1933, according to a conservative Berlin union spokesman named Lemmer. The next such ported from their homes in the conference will be held in Berjournals allowed to reach the Russian zone of Germany, to lin in February where formal Russia," reports the Dec. issue steps to reconstitute the old fedtrates asked if he knew what was of Socialist Appeal, organ of the eration will be made. Lemmer in the pamphlets, since he didn't British section of the Fourth said that already 6,000,000 belonged to unions in Germany, "All the workers employed at and that soon the figure would-"I know the policy of my party. industrial plants that have been surpass the pre-Hitler figure of

> The U.S. House of Representative's Special Committee on ican sales to the Soviet Union ership against the USSR. The committee also demanded better treatment for Germany because Efforts are being speeded up "on its fate mainly depends the to bring about the return of the future of Europe in relation to

International Plans World Congress The International Executive Committee of the Fourth Inter- must include information on sions with the official sections; liberative voice at the Congress

national is proceeding with its preparations for a World Congress, their political activity and nu- and resolve the question of uni- if it does not undertake in adaccording to a story printed in the Mid-Dec. issue of Labor Challenge, Canadian Trotskyist paper, which prints the text of the following resolution adopted by the IEC at its October, 1946 plenum: whether it is a matter of a coun-

1. The IEC reaffirms the de-9 eision of the last Plenum of June to be included within it. The IEC ists, the reasons, which have 1946 declaring open the discus- does not guarantee the publision preceding the World Con- cation of documents for internagress. As already indicated, this tional discussion after a closing pre-congress discussion proceeds date for the receipt of such docon the basis of the political resolution of the April Pre-conference as well as the resolution on the place for the convocation of the withdrawal of the occupa- the World Congress. tion troops of the last Plenum of the IEC in June 1946, but it should center more especially around the following points:

The question of the USSR and the policy of the Commu-

The meaning of the transitional program and its application at the present stage. The tactics of constructing

the revolutionary parties in

the present period. A report on the activity of the International during the war will be presented for discussion before the World Congress.

2. Every meeting of the IEC shall examine the development

uments has been fixed by it. The

3. The convocation of the World Congress shall be announced to all organizations and with full rights at the Congress, groups claiming to adhere to the or participation in the discusprogram of the Fourth Interna-

Only those organizations that recognize the foundation of the Fourth International in 1938 and which are considered as official sections by the International, shall be invited to send delegates with vote to the Congress.

The organizations which claim to adhere to the Fourth Interna- ed as official sections of the tional but have not been formally recognized by it, should immediately address to the IEC their of international discussion and requests to participate at the ficial sections before the World decide on new points eventually World Congress. These requests Congress, or to resume discus-

ry where an official section exmeasures proposed to overcome

The IEC shall report to the World Congress on all requests IEC shall fix the exact date and made to it, and the Congress snall decide upon each case

On every case the IEC shall present to the Congress proposals regarding participation sion of the Congress with deliberate voice under certain conditions, or participation in the entire congress, or in part of its work with consultative voice only, or proposals rejecting requests for participation.

The organizations which claim to adhere to the Fourth International but who are not consider-Fourth International in their respective countries, in order to facilitate their representation, are invited either to join the of-

merical strength, explaining the fication in a unified organization vance to accept the discipline of reasons for their non-affiliation of the Fourth International; or the majority of the Congress poto the Fourth International, in cases where an official section litically as well as organizationdoes not exist, to attempt under ally. the control of the IEC to arrange for the unification of groups discussion shall be conducted brought about a split and the either before or during the World publicly to the greatest possible

The IEC shall defend before the World Congress the following principle:

No organization shall have de- organizations.

4. The pre-World Congress extent as far as political documents are concerned, which by their publication shall not be harmful to the security of our

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"The question of the relationships between the party, which represents the proletariat as it should be, and the trade unions, which represent the proletariat as it is, is the most fundamental question of revolutionary Marxism."

Saturday, January 11, 1947

-Leon Trotsky

Time To Fight

At the very beginning of the renewed antilabor offensive in Congress, some union leaders are already sounding the call for retreat and compromise.

These labor leaders, "who do not wish their names to be used," are reported to be ready to "settle" for some restrictions on labor. They plead only that Congress not go "too far."

They have found a pretext for capitulation to Big Business in Truman's proposals for restraints on labor. These they find "not too

Step by step labor has been losing ground along the road of accepting the "lesser evil." The counsel of "compromise" means for these union leaders to surrender some portion of labor's hard-won rights while the corporations give up nothing.

Each failure to fight uncompromisingly against any infringement, however "mild", on the rights of labor has only encouraged further measures of repression. The idea that by agreeing to accept something "not too bad", labor will protect itself from something worse, is a dangerous fallacy. The "lesser evil" merely paves the way to the "greater evil".

Did the union leaders' agreement to surrender labor's most cherished rights during the war save the unions from anti-labor laws like the Smith-Connally Act? Did the wartime retreat and display of weakness appease the labor-haters?

Every show of timidity, hesitation and compromise by the union leaders has been a signal for the enemies of labor to demand new concessions from the workers to threaten harsher union-busting measures.

The readiness of these union leaders to retreat now, is all the more shameful because organized labor today has the power not only to beat back the Big Business offensive, but to win new gains.

Organized American labor is potentially the mightiest power on earth today. It embraces 15,000,000 workers throughout all industry. They make the wheels stop and go. The union men and women of today are tested, experienced fighters. United in militant action, no power on earth can defeat them.

Those who counsel retreat and compromise to this mighty force are scoundrels and traitors. They must be repudiated with contempt and scourged from the labor movement. The call for retreat is a call for surrender and defeat. Now is no time for retreat. It is time for la-

Open The Books

bor to fight.

A familiar bit of drama in Wild-West movies shows the crooked gambler claiming to hold the winning hand, tossing his cards face down on the table and reaching for the pot. In the movies, the villain who tries this trick usually ends face down himself.

Big Business is attempting to pull a trick somewhat along this line in connection with the Nathan report, which the CIO issued to prove that the corporations, on the average, can raise wages 25 per cent and still make big profits without raising prices.

Every corporation mouthpiece and newspaper has hastened to pooh-pooh the Nathan report. The National Association of Manufacturers, through its chief economist, Dr. Ralph Robey, last week proclaimed the Nathan report

is "an economic absurdity." The NAM cannot refute the main facts of the Nathan report, which is based on figures supplied by the government and corporation agencies themselves. These figures show that wages have drastically declined since the end of the war; prices and profits have soared to an all-time peak; and labor productivity

has increased enormously. But the corporations and their organizations like the NAM claim they have better and more reliable information than the data in the Nathan report. So far, all they've offered are claims and assertions larded over with a

few irrelevant statistics. Claims and assertions are not proof. The definite proof of whether or not the corporations can raise wages without raising prices can be found in only one place-the corporation books and records. Let the corporations put their cards on the table FACE UP! Let

them open their books to union inspection! But that's where the corporations act shyer

than a Victorian maiden about uncovering her ankle. Open their books! Why, they protest with a great show of outraged virtue, do we think they're a bunch of liars and crooks? Besides, think of all their sacred "business secrets!'

And that's just what we are thinking about. We're thinking about the hidden profits disguised as "depreciation" and "reserve" funds. We're thinking about the huge sums disguised as "costs" to gyp the government out of taxes We're thinking about the real facts on exactly how much the corporations spend on wages and how much more they get back through higher prices. In short, we want to know the real secrets which the corporations are most anxious to conceal.

The unions should answer the NAM's loudmouthed claims by demanding to see and examine the books of the corporations. Once these books are opened to the light of day, the American people would have absolute proof that the corporations are the ones who are lying. They can raise wages without raising

Truth About Greece

The people of the world have the right to know the truth about Greece. They have the right to know the details about the tyrannical government established there by British arms and American dollars — a government not much different from Hitler's and Franco's.

They have the right to know about the reign of terror instituted by that government; about its ruthless interference in the trade union movement; about the scores of villages wiped out by government troops and monarchist bands; about the daily courts-martial that condemn to death civilians as well as troops; about the hundreds of people executed and the thousands deported to punitive islands and concentration camps.

Above all, they ought to know that these attacks on the Greek masses have produced a new underground resistance movement which is struggling heroically in all parts of the country to restore democratic rights and elec-

The Greek premier, Tsaldaris, and his British advisors, unable to crush this opposition, are trying to justify the repressions and the continued presence of British troops in Greece, by blaming the underground movement on "foreign intervention." They have asked for an investigation and the UN Security, Council has voted to send a commission to the Balkans late this month to draw up a report on the situation there.

But the odds are a hundred to one that the people will not learn the truth about Greece from this UN commission. For this body is controlled by the same British and U.S. governments that "investigated" and approved the Hitler-like plebiscite staged last year as a cover for the return of King George II. It is far more likely that this UN commission will side with Tsaldaris and condemn the struggle of the Greek masses against his government as simple "frontier incidents" provoked by Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania.

The way for the workers to get the truth about Greece is by demanding the creation of Labor Commissions, selected by the great trade union movements in this country, Britain, France and other countries. The leaders of the World Federation of Trade Unions, instead of sucking around like lackeys outside the UN chambers, should select their own investigating commission, send it to Greece and widely publish its findings.

Only in this way can the people learn the truth about a country whose oppression and agony during and since the war have been surpassed by no other land. This in turn would lay the basis for world-wide labor aid to the suffering Greek masses.

Warning On Rents

Tenants have received a new ominous warning that rent control faces destruction. OPA officials on Jan. 5 reported that rent ceilings on apartments and homes are being raised at the rate of 20,000 to 30,000 per month.

Fifty-eight per cent of individual applications for rent increases have been approved. OPA has already granted landlords rent boosts on more than a million dwellings.

This follows the pattern of the flood of OPA-granted price increases that led up to the abolition of price control. OPA concessions to the profiteers only whet their appetites. Now all the rent-hogs are lined up at the trough. They are clamoring for the right to soak tenants as they please.

Landlords have been making a killing. They are making more than they ever did before. There are no vacancies. They no longer give services, repairs and redecorating as they did before the war. Their costs have gone down, their incomes up.

Their cries for "relief" are nothing but the demands of the rich and greedy who see a chance to squeeze more rent from the people because of the housing shortage.

The Administration has clearly indicated that such "relief" is coming. Already rents on new and remodeled dwellings have been pushed sky-high. With the wrecking of the lowcost housing program, the stage has been set for a final grand-scale assault on rent control.

There is only one way the workers can halt this assault and prevent another deep gouge in their living standards.

The workers, the tenants must be organized and mobilized for mass resistance to robber rents and evictions. Labor must take the lead in this fight. Unions and tenant groups must join in common action. They must let the government and landlords know that any general rent increases will be met by militant struggle, by rent strikes, demonstrations and other forms of mass action.



"But don't you have any striped or dotted mink? I'm afraid after the tax is reduced this ordinary kind will be dreadfully common!"

ER by Herbert J. Lahne, the textile workers. Throughout Farrar and Rinehart, 1944,

303 pp., \$3. "Past experience has demonstrated that the organization of pressed and underpaid sections the South is the key to the organization of the entire cotton manufacturing industry in this country," says Herbert J. Lahne, in summarizing the lesson of the cotton workers' century-long struggle for unionism.

This is so "not only by reason of the concentration of most of the industry in this section, but also because of the psychological advantage which the conquest of this traditionally nonin its efforts in other parts of the country."

of the Southern workers that the barred from school. No weapon than the specific peculiarities of area is "traditionally non-union." was too ruthless for the mill own- Japan itself, provide the key to Today the CIO Textile Workers its important share of "Operation Dixie." The recent CIO convention listed 250 victories against

As this book corroborates, the textile workers in the South as useful information in Lahne's example, he argues that Japanese in the North, have a record of book, which records nearly a business men in the recent past courageous and militant strike hundred years of the cotton were for liberalism and democaction. Previous losses of union workers' history. It is thorough racy; that the military cliques footholds in Southern industry and well documented. have been due largely to the craft-minded, timid bureaucracy tial" in the face of the evidence ism. In reality, the militarists of the old textile unions.

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The author's findings confirm

THE COTTON MILL WORK- | the reasons for the militancy of | JAPAN, PAST AND PRESENT by Edwin O. Reischauer, Knopf, 1946, 194 pp., \$2. the history of capitalism, they have been one of the most op-

> the mills notorious. Hourly pay igin up to the present. in the cotton mills is consistently the lowest in all manufactur- ful information and its imporing trades.

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equal unconcern.

he presents. Even his account served the needs and interests of Organizing drives were spor- of the heroic five-month strug- the big monopolist families who

the trade union movement.

-Ruth Benson

The author of this book, just off the press, was born in Tokyo and is today a professor of Far of the working class. Long hours, Eastern languages at Harvard agonizing speed-ups and stretch- and an authority on the history outs, and ruthless exploitation of of Japan. He gives a brief, popularly-written study of Japan's child labor, have always made history and culture from its or-The book contains much use-

tant points are illustrated with simple maps. The author doesn't Mill workers, especially in the lose sight of the fact that the South, often have been chained development of Japan was into their jobs by company-owner- fluenced by similar processes of union area would give the union ship of the whole town. Workers civilization occurring elsewhere who struck were evicted from in the world, particularly in adthe mill houses, refused food at jacent China. Thus the impact Obviously it is not the fault company stores, their children of world developments, no less understanding Japanese econ-Union reports steady progress in strikers and spilled the blood of omy and culture and its swift men, women and children with political rise as a world power.

The author interprets his facts Everyone who studies the new about modern Japan, however, organizing campaign of the AFL within the framework of Ameriand CIO will find a wealth of can imperialist propaganda. For alone were responsible for the Lahne tries to remain "impar- policy of conquest and expansion-General MacArthur is bringing forces, MacArthur is doing every-Despite its shortcomings, The thing in his power to throttle the agencies, the workers were de- Cotton Mill Worker belongs in labor movement and the long Japan.

-Larissa Reed

Congressmen At Work

Republican Leaders In Spotlight

The 80th Congress spent its first days in changing the cast of characters who will be in the spotlight during the months to come. Democratic Party committeemen were shoved out. Their Republican counterparts — like Taft and Vandenberg in the Senate, Halleck and Knutson in the House - took over the choice

Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, the arch - reactionary a member of the Finance Committee. He also grabbed the chairmanship of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. This is the Committee scheduled tion. Taft, whose family possesses a fortune estimated at between 75 and 100 million dollars. has been aiming at the job for the working people.

every other proposal to enslave ments. labor. He has been clamoring for an end to the Wagner Act. He Halleck of Indiana will be the doesn't like veterans, either; he Republican Leader in the House opposed any protection for vet- of Representatives. In 12 years erans who are buying homes; as a Representative, Halleck has during the war, he went on re- distinguished himself by opposcord against the soldier vote bill. ing labor and small farmers with His only friends are the profit- equal zeal. He voted against rural eers; he helped scuttle price electrification and against crop control and behind the scenes insurance. He fought the Lea he's now maneuvering for an rider which proposed recogniend to rent controls, too.



spokesman for the National berg, is just as firm an enemy Association of Manufacturers, is of labor, but he preferred to become Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, where he can better spout off against the Soviet Union. He's the out- wasted no time in showing what to draft new anti-labor legisla- standing Congressional expon-"get tough with Russia" policy. In previous sessions of Congress a long time. If there's one thing he was limited to "getting tough" he likes better than giving a with the workers at home. Like helping hand to his fellow mil- Taft, he supported the Case Bill, lionaires, it's striking blows at and voted to cripple even the weak "full employment" bill Taft was one of the loudest which would have raised unemadvocates of the Case Bill and ployment compensation pay-

Representative Charles the Senate, Arthur H. Vanden- ported the Case Bill, just as he movement.

had previously supported the Smith-Connally anti-strike bill. He voted to make the (Dies) Committee on Un-American Activities a permanent body, to harass and intimidate the labor movement. Faithful, consistent service to Wall Street earned him the promotion to Republican House Leader.

Halleck will be ably assisted by colleagues like Harold Knutson of Minnesota, the prospective Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. This is the committee which draws up and recommends tax bills for Congressional approval. Knutson his ideas on taxation are. His ent of the State Department's first proposal is to spare the rich and soak the poor. (See story on Page 1.) Knutson's voting record in

Congress has followed the same pattern as Halleck's. Although he nominally represents the agricultural state of Minnesota, he too voted against rural electrification and crop insurance. He has also voted consistently for anti-labor legislation, from the Smith-Connally anti-strike bill to the union-smashing Case Bill. His own bill supposedly designed to help veterans get jobs by giving them super-seniority for time in service, was in reality another attempt to cripple organized labor by nullifying the seniority provisions of union contracts. These are the top men in the

play as Congress opens for the tion of the bargaining rights of 1947 season, with the stage set The President Pro Tempore of agricultural workers. He sup- for new attacks upon the labor

Haymarket Martyr's Last Letter To Union

A hitherto unpublished letter by Adolph Fischer, one of the Haymarket martyrs, is printed in Industrial Worker of Dec. 28. Fischer, a printer who was framed up and hanged in 1887 for the bombing of the Haymarket protest meeting in Chicago the previous year, had been a member of the old German Local, Typographia No. 9 in Chicago. When this local was dissolved recently, Fischer's letter, dated Nov. 8, 1887 or three days before his execution, was found in the files and turned over to the Pioneer Aid and Support Association. It read as follows: To the President and the Members

of Typographia No. 9:

Dear Colleagues:

In view of the fact that the day on which, according to all human computation, I must ascend to the gallows is drawing close, I consider it advisable to inform you, as your colleague, of my last wishes. I would like that you, in conjunction with my family, arrange my funeral. I understand that the authorities will deliver my corpse to my family. I am indifferent as to the place of burial of my corpse, but I would request that all religious humbug be kept away from my funeral. I only mention this, because I suspect that certain persons may endeavor to bring pressure in this regard, upon my wife. If a number of us will be hanged, then it would be best that we be buried together, in the bosom of Mother Earth. I have a further wish that you place in my grave our beloved red emblem, the Symbol of Equality, Freedom and Brotherhood, for which I lived, and now must die. Do not sing any sentimental songs, but, when I am lowered into my grave, sing the words of hope and freedom, such as the Mar-

Colleagues, perhaps many of you will criticize my conduct, in refusing to ask for "Mercy." Perhapsit will be said: "He should have taken this step on account of his family." Very well, I love my family, but such an application for "Mercy" would be contrary to my sense of human dignity. No scintilla of proof of any wrong doing on my part has been forthcoming, and having done no wrong, I cannot sign an appeal for Mercy. So let them proceed to murder me! However, those people who are guilty of my impending murder, will some day bitterly regret their actions, and future generations will mention their names only with loathing and scorn.

In view of the great and noble cause, in which behalf I am to die, my trip to the gallows becomes easy. In my mind's vision I already see, in the far horizon, the dawn of a better day for Humanity. The day of the Brotherhood of Man is no longer distant. In that hope and in the hope that you retain a friendly remembrance of me, I embrace you as colleagues and friends, press your hands and call to you a hearty farewell. I remain true, even to the

Yours.

Adolph Fischer P.S. The certainty that the workers will provide for the existence of my family and the rearing of my children, gives me endless comfort and cheer.

Two Signs Of The U.S. **Policy On Germany**

- By Eugene Shays

German technicians and other "experts" are being sent to the U.S., presumably to introduce to the U. S. Army and Air Forces various inventions to kill human beings more efficiently. The press admits that some of these gentlemen are or have been Nazis. To which it may safely be added that every one of them must have been a very trustworthy Nazi-otherwise they would not have been allowed to work on highly confidential projects. Citizenship has been promised to them and their families.

This proves again that the recent war between U. S. and German imperialism had nothing to do with a struggle against fascism. Rather than open the doors to the hunted victims of fascism, who could make a genuine contribution to democracy in the U.S., the government is willing to let Nazi butchers settle down to a comfortable living here. The worst enemies of the German working class find themselves to be the good and helpful friends of American industrialists and army officers. It should be clear now that the latter are the class brothers of the Nazis, that they have fundamentally identical interests.

This welcome of Nazi technicians is only one indication of the trend of U.S. policy with regard to Germany-a trend that has been hidden under a lot of chauvinist, anti-German propaganda and under the fakery of the Nuremberg trials, but which is now coming to the fore. It is brought out, for example, by the recent visit which Pastor Martin Niemoeller paid to the convention of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in Seattle, at their invitation.

Niemoeller has always been lauded as a great anti-Nazi, as a courageous fighter for his religion, as the ideal anti-fascist. This, however, is an utterly false picture of the man. Niemoeller has always been a most rabid chauvinist in Germany. Nothing was more foreign to him than liberal thought, to say nothing of working-class sympathies. He helped drown in blood a Ruhr workers' rebellion in the early '20s and was among the early voters for the Nazi party.

After 1933 he was the darling of the wealthy Berlin-Dahlem set, and his opposition to the Hitler regime was based mainly on the latter's infringement upon the powers of the Lutheran Church. Under the conditions of fascism even the most conservative and mild opposition constitutes a potential danger to the regime; hence Niemoeller was imprisoned in a concentration camp where he fared none too badly, quite unlike most other inmates of concentration camps.

Niemoeller today fully accepts the falsehood of the "guilt" of the German people. He wants the Protestant Church to take an active part in politics in close alliance with other conservative groups, that is, the same ones that gave active or tacit support to the Nazis. At present, he finds himself opposed by a majority of the German churches' leadership, who desire a more cautious approach. to politics. According to World Report, "American Protestants, by bringing Niemoeller to the U.S., hope to strengthen his hand for this fight (the fight for active participation by the clergy in politics) when

he returns home." The aim here is to assure U. S. capitalism of a reactionary regime in Germany, once occupation troops are withdrawn.

National returns on the Fund to date amount

to \$3.456.24. The more than a thousand dollars

Buffalo Fund Director, Arthur Drummond, tells

how this branch proceeded to make itself pace-

we are using in Buffalo to raise money for the

Emergency Fund Campaign to keep at the top of

"In the local headquarters we have pinned on

the wall a large chart made by one of the com-

rades who is a sign painter. This chart shows

the pledges made by the individuals and the per-

centage paid. Through this open competition we

can urge the comrades to get their score up to

the 100 per cent mark as soon as possible. So far,

so fast. Other comrades prefer to budget their

payments and are making regular, dependable

progress. We have announced the campaign at

our Saturday evening open forums and are help-

ing comrades to contact the most likely pros-

Youngstown, Buffalo's closest contender, is

exerting strenuous efforts to maintain its high

airmailed an additional \$96 from the steel town

last week with a promise "to send in more in a

Los Angeles makes its first bow with a check

St. Louis and Rochester came through with

Pittsburgh encloses two separate payments

speaker on the 'Program of

Trotskyism.' This will be the oc-

casion for the public launching

of the party fund here. We hope

to make this a big meeting of

by an estimated 75 people.

by committee members) and

offering desirable merchandise

including books, sweaters, slip-

of the auctioneer was heard

later in the evening when a

beautiful basket of fruit, a maple

classical records were auctioned

business was done at the refresh-

ments table, where hot dogs, cof-

As a result of the local Com-

fee, and cake could be bought.

cent club by next week?

all our sympathizers."

"Of course, not everyone is in a position to act

National Fund Campaign Director

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

Asks Sliding Scale For Federal Workers Editor:

While in Washington, D. C. during the Christmas week-end, we heard several radio com- questions later." mentators discussing local labor questions. The picture of the future in store for the nation's federal employes should be interesting to all workers.

One commentator spoke of the Editor: plans to cut the number of government workers by 500,000, put. from Los Angeles went to San porters and consumers. ting half a million on the unemployed lists. In cautious phrases tions to The Militant. Almost all wages down. Conditions cannot he mentioned the "red purge" planned for federal workers only Spanish. Since none of us til the workers think for themthere will be an investigation of were able to speak Spanish, we selves, instead of allowing the "what they are thinking, which simply said, "Socialist paper" will hurt a great many innocent

Finally he told of the gap beers, who have not received even the meager increases which the nation's industrial workers won last year. His answer was the sliding scale of wages for federal employes, although he called it a "wage differential."

The hundreds of thousands of federal workers living in "the District" and their fellow-workall over the country are beinning to understand that laor's struggle is their struggle. Whether a worker wears a white collar or a denim shirt, "it's the ne difference.'

New York, N. Y.

Eyewitness Account of Postwar Manila

The following on-the-spot account of conditions in postwar Manila is quoted from a letter 40-Cent Dollars I just received from a friend now living in that outpost of U. S. Editor: imperialism.

there is talk about building 60 permanent bases from Okinawa to here. Manila is a terrific burden and 40 per cent actual Editor: shambles. Every big building purchasing power. I figure the was smashed, and it still is only depreciation of money, or the inthose belonging to MacArthur flation in prices (they both mean mansions, then night clubs and state and local governments. 2. ished. to keep them quiet.

"The people here are almost The intellectual and producwhat's happening here.

"There is a lot of friction be- answer: "Produce for use and around here, and shooting goes Under socialism there is no on almost every night. Damn unemployment; the more worknear everyone carries a rod. It ers, the shorter the work week.

Language No Barrier To 'The Militant'

Some time ago a group of us Bernardino to obtain subscripof the workers we went to spoke change much for the better unand held out The Militant.

About 90 per cent of the workers we visited took subscriptions; tween the rising cost of living their children will translate the and the wages of these work- paper for them. I personally sold 12 subscriptions in a little less than an hour, talking to only



Many times I read about the "From what I can gather, 66 or 60 cent dollar. The way I figure, the dollar is 60 per cent is World Question

value.

with Cuba which went If capitalism is unable to find ough an exact replica of a plan to restore the 100 cent dollar, world socialism has the

tween natives and whites and not for profit: end the exploitguards. Guards are like flies ing of humans by humans."

its \$700 quota.

is over .

two comrades are there.

pective contributors."

week or two."

seems you shoot first and ask All races, creeds and national- contributed last week boosted the total to 17 per ities work together and get their H. Daniels security and comforts from the Brooklyn, N. Y. stockpiles made by labor. Many intellectual comforts come from material security. And under maker in the campaign. "These are the methods socialism workers do not support parasites on profits, taxes, fees, fines, duties, etc., etc., all pen- the list, where we intend to be until the campaign alties on the producers, trans-

> Capitalism intends to force capitalist trinity of bankers, lawyers and clergymen to do the thinking for the workers.

> > Jarvis Dusenberry Rochester, N. Y.

Mexican Government's Strikebreaking Role

I thought you might be interested in this article clipped from rating, and, if possible, to take the lead. M. Jones week's Spanish-American paper, La Prensa. The Mexican government tried to break the oil strike. The article states:

"Nineteen workers' organiza- for \$127. "We will of course make every effort tions, in a firm declaration, said to go over the \$1,500 quota," the local Fund today (Jan. 1) that the govern- Director, Julie Miller, assures us. Here's hoping ment of President Miguel Ale- a slow start spurs a fast finish. man has 'initiated a political offensive against the rights of the working class which were won initial payments which put them among the first and established in the Constitu- five on the national list. tion and the law of the land.'

"The declaration promised the united support of the workers to amounting to 14 per cent of its quota. "Don't be the strike of the petroleum work- misled by our modest beginning," writes Eloise ers in their conflict with the gov- Gordon. "We are preparing our headquarters for ernment, which owns the Mexi- its grand opening on Jan. 12 with a national can Petroleum Company."

> L. Miller Philadelphia, Pa.

'To be Or Not Te Be'

The question posed in Hamlet's soliloquy - To be or not to be is the stern question now conthat have been repaired, it seems nearly the same) in three parts: fronting civilization. Civilization -including his supposed brew- 1. Income tax, direct taxes and could not survive another world ery. The only things they are indirect taxes take easily 30 per war. Consequently if civilization rebuilding are first some fine cent of wages to support federal, is to continue, war must be abol-

movies which open at seven a.m. Profits are easily 30 per cent on Plans for world peace emanatwith long lines waiting. I guess necessities. 3. Together, taxes ing from forums and conferences the Militant after Lewis ordered they had first priority to rebuild and profits take a 60 per cent notwithstanding, universal peace the miners pack. I stressed the as it's a cheap opium to make bite out of each dollar, leaving can be had only by freeing all necessity for a revolutionary people forget their misery and 40 per cent actual purchasing peoples, economically as well as leadership in the unions as t politically.

War is the greatest evil on fight to the finish against the starving, and big-hearted Uncle tion workers pay heavy direct earth. Riches is the root of all bosses and their government, I Shylock is waiting for parity and indirect taxes and get no evil. The quest for riches through gave news of the growth of our rights before relieving the fam- rebates on them. But Business profits is the cause of war. It party as expressed by our recent ine. People sleep in dog-houses gets advertising exemptions, de- follows that if civilization is to Convention and then asked for a and rat-holes and scrounge all preciation allowances, rebates survive, the peoples of the earth contribution to the \$20,000 Fund. day for food. Some papers are and subsidies, and figures taxes must live by an economic sys- He pledged to pay \$5." pretty outspoken against parity as "overhead costs," adding them tem in which all men will be ights. One mentioned an an- to the price paid by consumers. given equal opportunity to share in its bountiful resources.

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Milwaukee ACEWR Bazaar Nets \$150 For Relief

By Carol Andrews MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 3-The holiday bazaar held

by the Milwaukee American Committee for European

Workers' Relief was a highly successful affair. It netted Youth Activities over \$150 and was attended

AKRON. - Socialist Youth Club meets Sunday afternoon, 2 Barkers shouting at the game o.m. Followed by refreshments. ables, music, glittering gifts lancing. 8 South Howard St. (solicited from local businesses and floor.

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	ing interesting comment from	St. Louis	50	28.00	56
	Fred Riggs. "I relate the reac-	Boston	400	136.00	34
	tion of a Militant reader who is	Rochester .	75	25.00	33
	one of my contacts at an auto	Minneapolis	670	200.00	30
	plant here. He was formerly a	St. Paul	330	100.00	30
	miner in Illinois.	Reading	150	43.00	29
	"After the Lewis capitulation	Milwaukee	200	47.00	23
	to the Government pressure I ex-	Philadelphia Youth	25	5.00	20
	pressed the ideas presented in	New York Local	6,000	1,045.17	17
	the Militant after Lewis ordered	Toledo	300	50.00	17
	the miners pack. I stressed the	San Francisco	1,250	197.00	16
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	leadership in the unions as the	Pittsburgh	150	22.00	14
	only possible way of assuring a	Chicago Youth	25	3.00	12
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	bosses and their government. I	Philadelphia	500	56.70	. 11
	gave news of the growth of our	Flint	200	21.00	10
	party as expressed by our recent	Chicago Local	1,500	129.37	~ 8
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\$3,456.24 **Chicago Youth**

By Bill Stone (Special to The Militant)

Guard Organized

CHICAGO, Dec. 30-The Socialist Youth Guard, a militant organization of young people, was formally instituted here last night, and chartered as the official youth section of the Chicago branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

The members, nearly all high school students from 14 to 19 years of age, elected officers and formulated plans for future activities. Organizer Frank Roberts outlined the work which had built the group, and pointed out that conditions are favorable for its growth. Similar youth groups, with which the SYG will main-

ain close contact, are function-

ng in other parts of the country The Socialist Youth Guard offers the only program that can aid the youth, who are the first win young workers and students to this program, M. Michaels said their militancy from being di-

tionary ends. The meeting was concluded tion.

verted towards fascism's reac-

THE MILITANT ARMY

Top 'Militant' Goals



Five Socialist Workers Party [tained them from fellow workers branches went over the top in in the shop. O'Kenny is now in December on goals they set the lead of our first monthly Milthemselves in getting subscrip- itant Handicap with five subs ions to The Militant.

Connecticut State Branch more than tripled its quota with 78 Little Lenin Library (Winner subs. St. Louis doubled its quota. selects three from our available Boston, Oakland and Pittsburgh stock.)" reached their goals with a few subscriptions to spare.

month but it did not stop this ing December. This is an inrecord - making branch from crease over November, but we reaching its goal. We welcome are not yet hitting our pre-Con-Rena Breski who has stepped vention stride of 900 a month. into her new post without a The branches should study their Oakland Branch succeeded in

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eaching its goal for the first time. "We have recruited some people here and the branch is now on a firmer basis," explains Beverly Wise, "and I think we will do much better by our literature work."

Toledo Branch missed its goal by one sub, which probably means they will go over in January. Paul Carroll comments about the last batch of seven subs for December: "The Myers sub was sold by a railroad worker who is not a party member: he has only been reading The Militant himself for a few months. Two others were sold by a new trade union recruit. the only member we have in a shop employing 1,500 workers. This comrade, E. T., first came into contact with the party through Militant distributions on the General Motors picket lines in Detroit, and was thus won away from Stalinist Party influence. The following note from Paul-

PER CENT ine Ryder, Philadelphia Literature Agent accompanied 10 subs "There is nothing much or spectacular about our sub-getting here in Philadelphia. Comrades know the importance of the paper and keep plugging away at selling subs."

Akron Branch has instituted the system San Pedro finds successful in stepping up subs. "Comrade O'Kenny left these three subs for me at the office yesterday with the dough, without comment," writes Dave Swenson, Literature Agent. "Judging by the distances between the addresses it is a safe guess he ob-

to his credit. The prize this month is three volumes from the

Below are listed the subscrip-Boston changed Literature tions sent in by each branch of Agents in the middle of the the Socialist Workers Party dur-

sub record. DECEMBER SUBS

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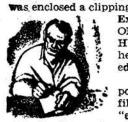
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Express of Dec. 5. "BONES OF MAN DISCOVERED IN HUGE TAR VAT," said the headline, "Evidence of tragedy found at steel plant."

After stating that local police are checking over the files of missing persons to "establish a connection"

with the human bones found in the tank in the huge Bethlehem Steel Plant, the article goes on to say: "The remains, according to Medical Examiner Rocco N. DeDominicis, consisted of parts of the jaw and skull, small fragments of limbs and minute particles. In addition, a belt buckle with no identification initials and a piece of badly burnt cloth were found in the tank.

"First suspicion that a workman might have toppled into the tank-30 feet high and the same in diameter-came last Thursday when employes cleaning out the vat found a piece of bone, reported it to the management, and then sent it to the Moses Taylor Hospital in the Steel City. It was identified as that of a man, and the morgue was notified.

"Those cleaning the tank, which is completely eleaned every five years, were warned to be on the watch for other fragments. These were found yesterday clinging to the cooling tar along

"Dr. DeDominicis said identification of the bones would be difficult. He said that he was informed that periodically a workman climbs to the top of the tank by an outside ladder, lifts the hatch and measures the tar.

"He said it was possible some person assigned

or unassigned to the task, may have gone through the same procedure, toppled in and never was missed during the war years. The temperature in the tank normally is 140 degrees Fahrenheit."

think you'll be interested in the enclosed clipping. These bones were found over in the Coke Oven, and this isn't the first fatal accident they've had over there. A couple of years ago

"You will notice that, according to the article nobody seems to have any idea who the dead man was, just some guy who fell into the tar 'and never was missed during the war years.'

"I wouldn't know, myself, who the poor guy was, but I can tell you this much: Over in the Blast Furnace Department the boys are talking about a man named Witherspoon, who went to work one day over in the Coke Oven almost five years ago and never punched out when the day was over. Besides that, he never took his clothes off his locker, just left them hanging there. He was never heard from since. I guess probably the company has forgotten about Witherspoon, and anyway, I guess you'd never be able to tell from a few tar-covered bones just who the man was. Besides, if the company never found out who he was, they wouldn't have to pay any compensation, would they?"

The letter doesn't say much more, except for a postscript, which reads, "In the whole steel plant, the Blast Furnace and the Coke Oven pay the lowest rates. In these two departments a man can hardly live if he doesn't work doubles'

The Negro Struggle -

Wolves In Sheeps' Clothing

Palse and reactionary ideas about the Negro struggle for equality keep cropping up again and again, sometimes from our admitted enemies,

sometimes from people who claim to be our friends. It is necessary to keep batting them down, no matter where they come from. .

Take, for example, the idea put forward by Winthrop Rockefeller, grandson of the oil baron, in a recent report to the Secretary of War on veterans' readjustment. He says that the Negro has a great responsibility in maintaining standards of per-

formance and dependability, for it is only through demonstrated capacity that the shackles of prejudice may be cut away."

In other words, the reason we suffer from Jim Crow is because we haven't "demonstrated" our "capacity," that is, we haven't proved ourselves. That is what Bilbo and Rankin say too, only they say it more crudely, and they add that we can't prove ourselves because we are "in-

The truth is, of course, that we don't have to prove ourselves to be as "capable" or "dependable" as the whites. Bilbo and Rankin know that we are: that's exactly why they are afraid to let us compete with them on equal terms. Rockefeller can keep his generous advice, or give it back to the Jim Crow artists he borrowed it from. We know that the only way to cut

away the shackles of prejudice is by organizing and fighting against the whole Jim Crow system, including its misleading ideas.

Or take the article about Marian Anderson in provided for all the present ten- his remarks were "off the recthe Dec. 30 issue of Time magazine. It says the ants. Negro problem can be "explained (and must in part be solved) in political, social and economic first priorities on the new apart- promises. terms. But it is deeper than that, and so must its eventual solution be . . . it is, like all the great problems of mankind, at bottom a reli-must be made before any other solutions could Authority and return next Fri- W. 115th St. They are expected to build 20,000 apartments over where we must live. I, for one, shouting: 'Go back to Africa' be effective.'

Here too the writing is slicker than anything gation included Gloria Wall, lance is necessary, that no con- now there are 750,000 veterans Hell's Kitchen! We will not we can get nothing by begging. Bilbo or Rankin would say; it even makes a bow in the direction of political, social and Glasgow, temporary Secretary- be acceptable as substitute hous- not to speak of all the other tees!" economic problems. But the thinking is right up Treasurer, Bishop W. R. Cruick- ing, and that rentals must not people. the alley of the Southern mob leaders. For if shank, Mrs. Julia Hernandez, we adopted this way of looking at things, then Rose Yates, Charles Bouldin, we would give up everything but religion, that Mrs. Charlotte Dew, Tom Lee is, we would sink into passivity and inactivity. Brown, Reuben Pepper, John The government in Washington persons' in this richest of all find a house than anyone else. was collected. The money will While we would be waiting and praying for the "religious solution" to take place, Bilbo and Rankin would have no opposition from us at all, and things would get worse than they are

thank you, Time magazine. Instead of shank, who donated the church housing commission to the big sitting back and waiting for the happy day as the meeting hall, Reuben Pep- real estate and landlord sharks, when Bilbo and Rankin will get religion, we propose to fight against them in alliance with the labor movement until we beat them to their Gloria Wall, and Milton Rich- months ago. Now they are goknees and win our second emancipation in political, social and economic terms. In the meantime we'd appreciate it if some of our "liberal" enemies would quit posing as our friends and trying to divert us from the real fight.

Indo-China And Stalinism

---- By George Breitman

I had, or tried to have, a discussion with a member of the Communist Party last week about the French CP and its attitude toward the Indo-Chinese struggle for independ-

The CP member was at a disadvantage because all he knew about the matter was what he had read in the Daily Worker. That meant he didn't know much, because although it runs almost daily dispatches on the fighting in Indo-China, it generally keeps a discreet

silence about the attitude of the French CP. "What you say is a typical slander," he declared. "The French CP stands for Indo-China's independence, or at least for recognition of the part claimed by the Viet-Nam movement. Why. the Daily Worker reported that the CP members indignantly walked out of the National Assembly Council on National Defense when it started to discuss sending a greeting of thanks to the French troops in Indo-China."

"That is true," I answered, for I had seen this story too. "That was in the Daily Worker of Dec. 21. But the Worker hasn't reported what happened after that." Then I showed him three newspaper clippings.

The first dealt with the meeting of the French National Assembly on Dec. 24. This body voted unanimously "for an unreduced military budget for the first quarter of 1947." (Foreign Policy Bulletin, Jan. 3.) That is, the CP deputies voted along with all other parties to appropriate money which they knew would be used to slaughter the Indo-Chinese masses.

That was in the French lower house. In the upper house, the Council of the Republic, on the same day, the chairman asked for a demonstration of gratitude to the French troops in Indo-China. All other parties rose and applauded vigorously for a minute while the CP members sat in their seats. Then "in a body the Communists slowly rose to their feet at a signal from their leader and joined in the demonstration." (N. Y. Times, Dec. 25.) Thus the CP did what it had refused to do only three days

Two days after Christmas, the CP members of this same body voted, along with de Gaulle's followers, for "a resolution calling for maintenance of French power in Indo-China in accordance with agreements freely reached and for pursuance of the civilizing mission of France in respecting the legitimate liberties of native populations'." (N. Y. Times, Dec. 28.)

The CP member's face was red as he finished the last clipping. "I admit I didn't know all the new stage in the forward march latest facts," he said, "but now I see what they are doing. Although they really favor independence for Indo-China, they are on the spot. If they say so, they will lose support in France. thereby strengthening de Gaulle. That would only weaken their own chance to win France genuine cross-section not only over to the side of the Soviet Union. You told of the organized labor moveme the Trotskyites are defenders of the Soviet ment, but of the American work-Union — well, after this, I know that you lie." Then he went to the door, slammed it and left.

Unable to answer him. I could only sit and reflect on the degeneration of a party which educates its members to defend the massacre of colonial slaves in the name of . . . Leninism.

Lenin taught the workers that the way to defend the Soviet Union was by extending the revolution begun in Russia, and he placed great emphasis on the need to support colonial revolutions as a means of weakening world imperialism the mortal foe of the workers' state. Lenin declared war to the death against Kautsky and the other "socialist" traitors who favored participation in a capitalist government. What then would he have said and done about people who call themselves "communists" and condone the brutal suppression of colonial revolutions for a few posts in an imperialist government?

Health And Welfare

"The health and welfare of the people come first!" declares an ad of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America in the Jan. 3 N. Y. Times.

"What's happened to prices?" it asks, "prices of milk, butter and eggs are 84 per cent higher than before the war. Clothing is up 65 per cent.

"What's happened to wages? The average worker has suffered a 17 per cent cut in buying power in the last two years while industry has raised prices \$10 for each \$1 granted in wage

"What's happened to savings? One-half of all families own only three per cent of the individual savings in the U.S.A. But the wealthiest ten per cent of all families own more than 50 per cent of the savings.

"What's happened to profits? Business profits after taxes are at the highest point in history. 1939 profits equalled 5 billion dollars; 1944 profits equalled ten billion dollars; 1946 profits will come the recognized leader of surpass 12 billion dollars."

The above figures are taken primarily from reports of government bureaus and fully support the conclusion drawn by the UE ad:

"Prices are high today not because of past wage increases but because big business is hungry

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the tank normally is 140 degrees Fahrenheit." "Dear Brother Kovalesky," the letter reads, "I mink you'll be interested in the enclosed clipting. These bones were found over in the Coke byen, and this isn't, the first fetal accident there was an explosion and fire, and a colored man named Abdullah, who was working a 16-hour shift at the time, was burned to death. Several others were hurt. "You will notice that, according to the article

By Evelyn Atwood

NEW YORK, Jan. 3-The first steps in a community action to block wholesale evictions in mid-winter of 2,234 Harlem families were taken by more than 400 indignant tenants at a mass meeting called tonight in the threatened area by the Harlem Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

Scores were turned away from the Universal Church of Christ, 44 W. 115 St., after the hall was filled to capac-

The meeting protested the action of the New York City Housing Authority, ordering the tenants to move from their homes on three square blocks between 112 and 115 Streets east of Lenox Ave. by Feb. 20, in order to clear the site for the Stephen Foster housing project. The projected apartments will accommodate only about half the num-

LEAGUE FORMED

The Lenox-Fifth Avenue Ten-

ments be given to occupants of the present site.

Williams, Milton Richardson.

meeting were George Clarke, Organizer of the New York Local TRUMAN'S SURRENDER of the SWP, Bishop W. R. Cruick-

applause from the audience. "But \$25 a month for rent. we know that the war is not over, "Republican Governor Dewey cause men and women are

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 - Under pressure today from the delegation of the Lenox-Fifth Avenue Tenants League, F. M. Didisheim, Secretary of the New York City Housing Authority. 220 West 42 St., gave verbal guarantees granting in part the demands of the newly - formed organized tenants' body.

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He promised that no evictions would be made on the Stephen Foster site and that substitute ber of families now living in the housing would be provided. He also promised that services in the present buildings, would be

Promises about what type of ants League, organized at the housing would be provided, or mass meeting, unanimously even where it would be found, adopted a resolution and pro- were vague. In fact, Didisheim gram of action to halt the evic- objected to a Militant reporter tions until adequate housing is taking notes on the basis that ord." However, the delegation is The League is demanding that prepared to hold him to his

is pouring billions of dollars into countries." Among the speakers at the atom bombs, poison gases, germ

"But Truman surrendered the per, World War II veteran, Tom just as he surrendered to the Lee Brown, tenant of the area, meat packing barons a few ardson, SWP candidate for Lieu- ing full speed ahead to build tenant-Governor in the last elec- night-clubs, gin-mills, big offices, race tracks-but no homes "Democratic President Truman for the working people. Why? declared the war was over on Because there aren't enough New Year's Day," said Clarke in profits to be made out of poor a fiery speech interrupted by workers who can pay only about

saving mone

SWP Convention Featured In January Fourth International

Fourth International fea- the "inevitable economic ex- essary institution under capiceedings of the Socialist Work- talist economy. "That crisis ers Party's 12th National Con- as Wall Street well knows vention, an event of historic im- will bear with it profound reportance. This convention, the volutionary implications," editors explain, "signalized a of American Trotskvism."

The convention brought to gether in Chicago, on Nov. 15-18, 1946, delegates from all parts of the country who represented "a ing class as a whole."

They constituted a working body which deliberated upon the revolutionary tasks and perspectives throughout the world, and adopted resolutions and decisions that "will make it possible for the SWP to take giant steps on the main highway that leads to the party of mass action." U.S. PERSPECTIVES

Summaries of the international, trade union, and organizational reports are presented by the editors of Fourth International. The Theses on the American Revolution, analyzing the traditions, strength, and changing composition of the working class in the United States, are printed in full. They explain the growing radicalization of the masses and the possibility which now exists for a rapid development of a revolutionary situation in our own country.

To successfully meet the coming crisis, it is essential that the Trotskyists increase and consolidate their forces, engage in mass activities, and bethe working class. These tasks are set forth in From a Propaganda Group to a Party of Mass Action, which is also published in italists are ruthless and brutal to carry on the work of the party. the country. The population The source of misery for

An article on Economic Trends in the United States, by Art laws to rob the people." Preis, confirms the analysis made in the convention docu-

tures the resolutions and pro- plosion" which will shatter capiauthor concludes.

the coming struggle, must un- as when they were first written. ings. They are forced to live in derstand the problems which will arise. The January issue of terests deliberately foster hous- coal bins. Their resentment has essential reading for every seri- force up the rents and raise real ous fighter for socialism.

versity Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y.

'Labor Looks at 1947."

increases.

Explaining the falsity of the he stated.

posses' claim that a new round of

enough to win significant wage

investment in the Second World

nal against the labor movement St.

Dunne Analyzes Labor's

Tasks At Twin City Forum

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 5 - by instituting a red-baiting drive,

V. R. Dunne, national labor Dunne said. "Under cover of the

secretary of the Socialist attack against the Soviet Union,

Workers Party and former or- the trade union leaders intend

ganizer of Minneapolis Truck- to crush the militants in the la-

drivers' Local 544, spoke before bor movement and shackle the

the Twin City Sunday Forum trade unions to Washington . .

this afternoon on the subject, this is the main danger confront-

wage raises will bring on a de- following the talk, Comrade

depression of 1929, when the talists have no right to look at

bosses' grab for profits contri- the books of the trade union

buted to the panic. At that time movement, because bosses pay no

the unions were not yet strong money to the trade unions.

collect on their 300 billion dollar the capitalist treasuries.

"The capitalists propose to books since they pay daily into

pression, Dunne referred to the Dunne pointed out that the capi-

Fourth International is therefore ing shortages so that they can risen to the point where gov-Single copies can be obtained aire owners of huge areas of old ease the crisis, America's homefor 25c, yearly subscription \$2, tenements and shabby houses from Business Manager, 116 Uni- | can squeeze exorbitant rents from tenants who have nowhere else

ing the labor movement in 1947,'

In the lively question period

Workers, however, do have a

right to look in the companies'

Grace Carlson, chairman of the

War - that's what they mean meeting, closed the forum by the war years that followed,

by winning the peace!" the thanking the audience for their hundreds of thousands of peo-



New York Tenants Lead Housing Fight

Part of the hundreds of tenants who jammed the mass meeting called last week by the Harlem Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. They formed themselves into the Lenox-Fifth Avenue Tenants League to fight the City's threat to evict them in mid-winter in the face of an acute housing shortage. Photo by Amsterdam News

have no homes. And Democratic per cent will never be able to to go to New Jersey, go to Con-

WILL NOT MOVE!

1,320 families will be built in 'kitchenette' apartments." the new project. "At least 60

The delegation will report on Mayor O'Dwyer and his city return. And even for the oth- necticut," said Milton Richa this visit to the Tenants League authorities? They labored in ers there is no guarantee they son. "Just go, whether we can A delegation was appointed to on Friday evening, Jan. 10 at the City Hall and brought forth a can return. We are citizens of find jobs or houses or not. How day to report results. The dele- to report that continued vigi- the next several years. But right will definitely not be shoved into We know from long experience temporary Secretary, Arnold demned rat-traps in slums will alone who need places to live in, move, until we have guaran- We intend to fight this out to

the last ditch."

Gloria Wall said: "What we Almost 300 membership cards "We are for better housing, of have here is certainly not the to the Lenox-Fifth Avenue Tencourse. But not for less hous- best-but at least it is home for ants League were signed, and 25 fighting for their homes tonight. ing. We don't want 'displaced us. It is harder for a Negro to cents for each membership fee We are pushed into Black Belts be used to defray the initial exall over the country. Rents are penses involved. Hundreds of Bishop Cruickshank pointed sky-high and we are crowded petitions in support of the out that apartments for only into small, dark and dingy League's actions were distributed for circulation among the other "They tell the residents here tenants and their neighbors.

Housing Shortage Goes Back To Pre-War Years

from their homes to serve in the

imperialist war, they were given

glowing promises for the postwar

ernment officials admit that un-

less some measures are taken to

less veterans are going to be

This country's housing is now

short by some ten million dwell-

ings. New York City alone, ac-

cording to the N.Y.C. Housing

Authority, needs 861,000 dwell-

This condition was not created

overnight. Nor will it be solved,

as the administration, contrac-

claim, by leaving it up to "pri-

Back in Dec. 1937, Monsignor

need for two million more homes

them could not afford to pay

Neither "private industry" nor

abundant, no agency, private or

state, undertook the necessary

job of building sufficient low-

During these years, as well as

more than \$30 a month rent.

driven to drastic action.

ings to fulfill its needs.

vate industry.'

NOTHING DONE

cost, low-rent homes.

By John Fredericks

Few people realize the true extent and chronic nature duction. of the housing crisis. The capitalist press systematically housing was maintained to keep spreads the idea that the housing shortage is a recent and rents high and raise real estate temporary product of the 9-

war years. Nothing could be to move. further from the truth.

Frederick Engels wrote in spotlight on the housing situa-1872 that: "The housing short- tion. When they were snatched The January issue of ments and draws attention to age is no accident; it is a nectalism, and can be abolished to- future. They returned to walk gether with its effects on health, the streets in a vain search for etc., only if the whole social or- decent dwellings. the der from which it springs is fundamentally refashioned." with friends or relatives or ac-Militant workers who will lead Those words are as true today cept the worst left-over dwell-

Landlord and real estate in- old garages, hen houses, even estate prices. The multi-million-

prices, the growth and shift of population, together with deterioration of property and fire The plight of millions of World War II veterans has focused the losses, finally resulted in the present intolerable housing crisis.

HARDEST HIT

As always, it is the most exploited and oppressed sections of the population who suffer most from bad housing conditions. The Negro people have always been and are now the They are forced to double up hardest hit.

In 1937, when there was plenty of materials and labor, Harlem was found to have an ave age of 671 persons crowded on each acre, compared to 200 residents per acre average elsewhere in Manhattan. Harlem rents for comparable dwellings were much higher than in white neighborhoods, devouring 40 per cent of family income as compared with the 25 per cent considered normal for white families. Today, overcrowding and rent-gouging are at a new peak in Negro

communities. The effect of the housing shortage is being felt by every worker. Tenants who complain about repairs, painting or heattors and real estate interests ing, are told, "If you don't like it here, move!" All tenants face the threat that the landlords, aided by the housing shortage, will win John A. Ryan, as Chairman of their demands to raise or abolthe National Housing Commit- ish rent ceilings. If ceilings are tee, reported that there was a removed, then a mad scramble will begin, with those bidding and that the people who needed highest getting the best dwellings. Those with low incomes will be forced to take what is

left at greatly increased rents. BY-PRODUCTS

the government seriously did Other evil by-products of the nousing crisis are becoming more apparent each day. When families live doubled-up and crowded, personal relationships deteriorate. Family quarrels break out; marriages go on the rocks:

er. Old, broken-down buildings speaker declared. "American cap- generous contribution of over \$25 ple were forced to move about are fixed up a bit and reto the end," he continued, "but | She invited everyone to attend shifted from farm to city. Child- masses becomes a source of prothey operate under their own Twin City Forums each Sunday ren were born, families increased fit for greedy landlords. They

anything to end this shortage. During ten depression years, when materials and labor were

ndividual health is impaired. But the landlords grow rich

at 3:30 p.m. in the Minneapolis in size. But the materials and like the housing shortage. Washington has given the sig-SWP Headquarters, 10 South 4th labor that should have gone to This is the first in a series of

build homes were diverted into articles on the housing crisis.