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100 ANTI-LABOR BILLS IN CONGRESS

A Call To Action! No Retreat! Defend Labor's Rights!

- By M. Stein -

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trade unions by curtailing their rights to strike, rights. by prohibiting industry-wide bargaining, by out- For Conference of Labor lawing the closed shop and maintenance of membership provisions. This campaign to destroy the unions as effective instruments for defending the workers' living standards has been carefully planned, well organized and energetically carried for-

What are the union officials doing to combat this ferocious assault? Nothing. They continue to rely on weak lobbies at a time when Congress is openly acting in behalf of the monopolists. They are seeking a rotten compromise when the advantage is wholly on the side of reaction. They are hoping and praying that Congress will not be

Strategy of the Monopolists

Controlling the destiny of the country by virtue of their monopoly of the productive machinery and the bulk of the country's wealth, the Sixty Families are in no mood for compromise. They are out to smash what they lyingly call "trade union monopoly control of American production." This demagogy may appear ridiculous, just as Hitler's demagogy did in its early stages. But it is deliberately designed to turn the wrath of the middle class away from the profiteering monopolists and direct it against the trade unions, the only restraint upon the capitalists' monopoly control of the country.

This strategy of the monopolists is borrowed lock, stock and barrel from Hitler's arsenal. Today it is in the propaganda stage and is passing over to the legislative stage; but it must not be overlooked that this paves the way for the next stage, that is, direct physical assaults to break up the unions by storm troops.

Criminal Policy of Union Leaders

The criminal submissiveness and do-nothing

The Big Business offensive against the labor alarm, shake the trade unions out of lethargy, movement, carefully prepared by press and radio imbue them with a fighting spirit. They must weld propaganda and by a ferocious red-baiting cam- the trade union locals in each city into a solid paign, has entered a new stage with the conven- front that will beat back all attacks on the trade ing of the 80th Congress. Anti-labor bills are now unions. They must demand of the trade union flooding Congress. These bills aim to cripple the leaders that they act in defense of the workers'

For some time now we have demanded that a Conference of Labor, embracing the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods, be convened for joint action against the anti-labor offensive. Numerous local unions have passed resolutions in favor of such action. CIO President Murray issued a call for such a Conference during the miners' strike. But the top bureaucracy of the AFL refused to respond. The CIO leadership for its part did not press the issue. The ranks are yearning for unity of action. They are eager to fight the antilabor bills before Congress. But the top bureaucrats of the unions have blocked this sentiment.

Congress must be made to feel the wrath of the working people. It must be told in emphatic terms that the trade unions will not submit to the legislation sponsored in behalf of the NAM by the arch-reactionaries, the Tafts, the Balls and the

Labor's failure to build a party of its own deprives it of a voice in the chambers of Congress. But this does not mean that labor has no voice in the country. It has a powerful voice, the voice of 15 million men and women organized in the trade unions. This voice can become a mighty roar if it is properly coordinated.

Alert the Trade Unions

The initiative for this coordination must be assumed by the local militants. They must band together into inter-Local committees, representing the whole trade union movement in each locality. They must organize joint protest demonstrations. They must send mass delegations to the hearings in Washington. They must organize their Labor Party forces NOW to oust the Democratic and Republican conspirators, and replace them with their own labor representatives.

It is the task of the most advanced militants policy of the trade union officials, their compla- to alert the trade unions, to unite them for comcency in the face of this war being waged against mon action, to put them on a war footing. The the trade unions, can spell disaster to the Amer- trade unions are facing a fight for their very lasm by militant Negro workican working class. The trade union militants who existence. No worker can remain complacent about ers, and many friends of the fought and sacrificed to build the giant trade the outcome. Only the maximum mobilization of party worked hard to secure sigunion movement in this country must sound the the power of the unions will guarantee victory.



Chicago SWP Candidate Files Nominating Petitions

By Robert L. Birchman

CHICAGO, Jan. 20-Petitions for Homer Lewis, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Alderman in the Third Ward, were filed today with the Board of Election Commissioners. The three Aldermanic candidates of Revere Copper and Brass Local 477, UAW-CIO were also supposed into full swing: Thousands of

to file their petitions today. 9 CIO Council here, are Frank Wesolowski in the 32nd Ward, Charles Chiakulas in the 35th Ward, and Sam Mazza in the

Homer Lewis' candidacy has been received with great enthusnatures to place him on the ballot. The Third Ward is located in the midst of the over-crowded "Black Ghetto" on Chicago's South Side, where thousands live huddled together in firetrap ten-

LEWIS' STATEMENT

"The need for labor representtention of the Negro people in



have been endorsed by the people lost their lives in fires dio broadcasts are being planned. that swept through the tinderbox firetrap tenement buildings the SWP will be held Sun., Feb. in which they lived," said Homer Lewis in a statement today.

> Democrats and Republicans in Secretary, Homer Lewis and the City Council have utterly Michael Bartell. failed to provide adequate protection against fires," Lewis con-"Serving the interests inued. of their capitalist masters, they have failed to enforce existing fire ordinances. Above all, they have completely failed to inaugurate a real low-rent public Political Action housing program.

"Only representatives of the workers themselves can and will take action to prevent further victims of fires. I advocate that Calling for united political ation in the City Council has been the city government immediately action by the CIO, AFL and During the past week, Jakie dramatically brought to the at- act to force the landlords to repair buildings and provide adequate fire escapes. Additional fire-fighting equipment and firenen must be assigned to the tenment areas. Immediate temorary housing must be provided for all families living in buildings that should be condemned s unfit for human habitation. Temporary housing must be built n the 161/2 square miles of vacant lots in the city while the fire-trap tenements are being torn down and permanent housing projects built.

> the city, state and federal governments immediately appropri-

ate sufficient funds for a largescale, low-rent housing pro-

The campaign to elect Homer Lewis and Michael Bartell, SWP candidate for Mayor, has gone leaflets will be distributed, These three union men, who the past two weeks when eleven neighborhood meetings and ra-

> The opening election rally of 2, 7:30 p.m. at 777 West Adams St. Speakers will include V. R. "The political flunkies of the Dunne, SWP National Labor

> > By Ed Davis

ter the recent general strike.

Oakland is especially ripe for the election of a labor slate. Here is the home of the notorious Warren-Knowland political machine, that dominates California politics and plays an integral part in the national antimachine is now using its police openly to smash any attempt of labor to defend its living stand-

During the CIO conference discussion of the political action resolution, an amendment was made to call for the selection of candidates from labor's ranks, rather than from among those

The Stalinists, who dominated the conference, cut off discussion before an adequate presentation of the differences could union elements, and replacing be made. The resolution was union men with non-union men. passed as originally presented. Ball's S.133 bill is the monop- Failure to provide for adequate oly corporation's delight. It bars control by the labor movement industry-wide bargaining. Im- of the candidates supported, is agine your local union in Gen- the chief weakness of the preseral Motors or U. S. Steel forced ent movement of the labor un-

is the indicated next step.

Union-Smashing Laws Rushed Into Hearings

By Joseph Hansen

More than 100 separate bills aimed against the labor movement have been submitted by Wall Street's political representatives in the first two weeks of the 80th Congress. This mass of proposed laws shows with what deadly intent the

powerful Republican steering committee is following version of last year's Case bill. It provides compulsory up the program of action mediation during a 60-day peragainst labor it announced iod; denies supervisory employes January 4.

and Ball submitted a revised strikes; provides for employer

Sentiment Grows pers with the government. For Pay Raises, **Poll Reveals**

A majority of American workers are convinced inwages without raising prices, ment. according to Gallup Poll fig-N. Y. World-Telegram.

boosts can be granted without ation machinery, overhauling of increasing prices has apparent- the National Labor Relations ly taken hold in the minds of Act, some amendments to the millions of Americans," writes Norris - LaGuardia Act, outlaw-George Gallup, Director of the ing of compulsory membership American Institute of Public Opinion.

"A substantial majority with management can hand out anout raising prices, the poll shows," says Gallup.

was: "Do you think pay in- apply to labor relations," creases could be given by most prices of the goods they make?" smash the American labor move-The national vote was:

Yes ... No opinion13%

This result is especially significant in view of the tremend- separate measures, sponsored ous propaganda campaign by the Ball in order to relieve Taft of Big Business press and govern- their onus. Taft is being groomed ment to fool the people into for the presidency in 1948 and thinking wage raises cause price may even try to assume a "lib-In the vote of the manual period.

factory workers and unionists- reaching measures, the capitalthe question was answered yes ist politicians rushed emergency by 55%; only 30% voted no. On the related question, "Do tal suits and cheat millions of

you think these factory work- workers out of the back pay due special expanded meeting of ers should get more pay?" the them. the Alameda County CIO response from manual workers The 80th Congress has opened was: "Yes", 50%; "No", 30%. with an onslaught against labor Union members gave a 59% ma- such as has not been seen for jority for more pay now; only decades. The existence of the

the benefit of the Wagner In the Senate, Taft, Smith Act; outlaws various types of

> pels unions to file financial re-This bill appears ear-marked for passage. Taft, Smith and Ball are pressing to rush it through public hearing.

suits against unions; and com-

OMNIBUS MEASURE

Republicans' in the House are concentrating on a single omnibus measure designed to cut dustrial employers can raise the throat of the labor move-

These bills embody the heart ures reported in the Jan. 13 of the January 4 program of actions, signed by Senators Taft. Smith and Ball, which called for "The endorsed theory that pay "creation of new Federal mediin unions, establishment of Federal standards for unions as regards finances, election of offiopinions accept the idea that cers, strike votes, etc., compulsory adjudication of major disother round of wage boosts with- putes, application of the Sherman Act to collective bargaining in certain cases and writing of a The question asked in the poll new anti-monopoly statute to

This program of action, if caractories without increasing the ried out according to plan, would

> Some of the most vicious and unpopular points in the GOP steering committee's program of action have been embodied in eral" hue during the coming

workers alone—that is, mainly While readying these farlegislation to ban portal-to-por-

unions is at stake.

Stalinists Block Vote By NMU Rank-And-File

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The division in the CIO National Maritime Union leadership has been widened by the refusal of the Stalinist majority on the union's National Council to submit the question of continued affiliation to the Committee for Maritime Unity to a referendum vote

of the membership. the membership, NMU president Joseph Curran charged that the Stalinist refusal to allow a referendum vote is "a deliberate wait until these delegates reattempt to split our union." In view of this bureaucratic action, Curran declared:

"The real issue is no longer CMU. The real issue is-Do you, the membership in a rank and file union, have the right to pass judgment in a secret referendum vote on the major issues in your They say NO. I say

STALINIST STRATEGY

the concentrated wealth and Despite this weakness, the call ranks. A flood of telegrams transparent, maneuver and is power of these giant corpora- by both county union bodies for from ships and ports endorsing pressing for a "thirty-day study tions. All the power of great unified action, marks a big step the position of the Curran group period and a sixty-day referendnational and international com- forward for Alameda County indicates they have the support um vote" of the entire membines could be thrust against iso, labor. What is most urgently of an overwhelming majority of bership. strike. For 60 days it would pres- call in some other group that union security, including the lated groups of workers. This needed now is an organized the membership. The Stalinist sure you to whittle down your would claim jurisdiction. Then closed shop, union shop and is a bill to chop industrial un- means for achieving this unity. strategy is to evade a final de-A joint, delegated conference of cision by maneuvering to post- further to do with CMU. By And if you violated S.133 the the local AFL, CIO and Railroad pone a referendum to the indefinite future and to avoid it ists serve to sharpen the in-

altogether if possible. Instead of a referendum on heading for a showdown.

In a statement distributed to affiliation, the NMU Council ma. jority voted to send 50 delegates to the March 15 CMU conference. Their decision was to ported back to the Council and then have the Council decide on the basis of this report, whether or not to have a referendum. In the meantime they are hinting that the question should properly be referred to the NMU convention in the fall. TRANSPARENT MANEUVER

Through their tight-knit ma-

chine the Stalinists intend to pack the delegation to CMU and get a "favorable" report. They The Stalinist refusal to grant hope to do the same with the a referendum is based on their convention delegation. The Curfear of being repudiated by the ran group can see through this

Pending a referendum Curran announced he will have nothing postponing a vote, the Stalinternal struggle which is fast

Flint Labor Party Movement **Develops Despite Obstacles**

By Sol Dollinger (Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 16 — After one month of activity, the local Labor Party movement presents an over-all picture of progress. It has made some big steps forward as well as receiving some setbacks.

This past week the meeting of • UAW-CIO Chevrolet Local 659, Labor Party now." campaign, voted by a narrow membership" who attended the margin to discontinue Kermit meeting to "work in the shop for bor party organizer. He will con- build a Labor Party. The official tinue on a part-time basis as Organizing Committee, it added, Myers, who said in a Militant organizer of the Local's Labor Party Committee established several weeks ago.

The most significant feature of the meeting, however, was the agreement of all speakers on the urgent necessity to build the program by setting up their own When questioned on his stand by Labor Party. Those who opposed maintaining a full-time organizer pointed out that they are paying per capita to the UAW International and the local CIO Council, which bodies, they felt, should send in full-time organizers to build labor's own party.

of Local 659, today commented would cripple your union and you could be fired under S.55 and company a blue-print of your editorially that "after the last leave you defenseless before denied the protection of the union's financial strength and membership meeting there can employer attacks. be no doubt in anybody's mind that Local 659 is in favor of a

Trotskyists Elected In Bolivia And Ceylon

Three Trotskyists were elected to the Bolivian Chamber of Deputies and one was elected to the Senate in the Jan. 5 elections. (See next week's Militant for complete story.)

Three Trotskyists in Ceylon-Doric de Souza, Indrapala and Aboubacker — were also elected by large majorities to the Colombo Municipal Council, according to the January issue of the British Socialist Appeal.

which initiated the Labor Party It urged the "enthusiastic cal to rescind its previous action Johnson as a full-time paid la- the organizing campaign" to referendum on the question.

> committees and carrying on dis- a Chevrolet local officer, Myers cussions of the subject at their

Take the main anti-labor bill

before the Senate - the Taft-

Smith - Ball measure (S. 55).

First, it proposes a five-man

hand-picked board of corpora-

tion-minded stooges would have

the power to intervene in any

After your employer stalled

dispute with employers and bar

and beat down union morale.

any strike for 60 days.

Federal Mediation Board. This

Labor Party and to vote for a

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rupt your union.

Jurisdictional strikes would be

PRYING EYES

would have 60 extra days to tional" strike and "illegal."

AC Local President Archie "must not let down on the job interview last year that he favorof spreading the good word to ed building a labor party, another liberal groups and unions nounced his reversal in the daily . . The most important thing press, asserting that the Labor now is to get as many other Party is being instigated by groups as possible to join in the "Trotskyites and Stalinites."

Waldo, a paid functionary in the UAW Regional Office who was recently removed as PAC Regional Director, has been stirring up the factional divisions in the auto locals. He succeeded in getting AC Spark Plug Loof reaffirming support for the

HOMER LEWIS

How Your Union Is Threatened Here's how the anti-labor, If the employer provoked you finances with the Secretary of ed. For violation of this law,

Wagner Act. If you called an expose its internal affairs to the organizing strike against em- boss's prying eyes. pany union, if you refused to form, is just a starter. It can handle scab products, you would be revised or amended to include be violating S.55 and could be any of the other vicious antifined \$5,000 and sent to prison labor bills before Congress. These for a year. In addition the em- include the two bills submitted ployer could sue you and bank- by Republican Senator Ball of Minnesota (S.105 and S.133) They give a vivid idea of how far Wall Street's Congressyour union as long as possible, barred. This clause could be men are prepared to go to de-

and just when you were ready used to break strikes for wages to strike, the Mediation Board and conditions. If your union UNDERMINES UNION

would step in and halt your went on strike, the boss could | S.105 would ban all forms of demands and tie you up in red he would yell for the law, claim- maintenance of membership. It tape. Meanwhile, the company ing your strike was a "jurisdic- repeals Section 8 of the Wagner Act which legalizes closed shop mobilize strikebreaking forces S.55 would make you file a contracts. All existing union complete report of your union's security clauses would be void- ion!

The Searchlight, official organ bills now before Congress into a so-called "wildcat" strike, Labor. This would give the you could be fined \$5,000 and sent to jail for a year. What | "friendly to labor." a field day the employer would then have undermining your unployer intimidation or a com- But this bill, in its present ion by hiring scabs and anti-

> to bargain single-handed against | ions into politics. ions to bits.

government would be required to Brotherhoods to select candidates slap an injunction on your un- and prepare for the campaign

Oakland Unions Call For United

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 12-Railroad Brotherhoods, a Council decided yesterday to enter the April municipal elections here. This decision follows similar action taken by the AFL Central Labor Union shortly af-

"The people forced to live in labor drive. Over a period of these inhuman conditions must years, this machine has manorganize tenant unions, fight for aged to secure a stranglehold on adequate fire protection and de- the cities of the East Bay. As cent housing, and demand that the general strike revealed, this

Proposal For Mass March On The State Capitol TRADE UNION Made To Delegates At Michigan EPC Conference CIO National Maritime Union The Jan. 3 Seafarers Low

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 18-The Conference for a Michigan FEPC, held here last Saturday, was highlighted by the proposal of Ernest Mazey, CIO Auto Workers Briggs Local 212 delegate, that "we immediately renew our efforts to gain united action of the whole labor movement to prepare a mass march on Lansing to take place when the FEPC petition hits the House floor."

The conference of over 400 delegates was a continuation of the drive for a state fair employment practices act. This drive forced the introduction of a bill before the Michigan legislature by initiative petition for the first time in history. The former Attorney General had ruled the petitions with 185,000 signatures invalid on a technicality, but the new Attorney General forwarded the petitions to the State Senate Labor Committee. Under Michigan law the legislature must pass the bill in 40 days, or it must be put on the ballot in the next state election for referendum.

After pep speeches by prominent CIO United Auto Workers, Detroit CIO and Negro leaders, as well as Democratic Party politicians, the State Steering Committee presented the conference paign, delegations to visit legmade for district mass meetings. FOR UNITED LABOR ACTION

the Negro people for a march on Lansing. He pointed to the need for mass action at the state capital as the best way to back up the petitions and win the For Labor Party

He also urged intensified efforts to secure united action of Shows Progress all labor in the fight. The need for more solidified labor support was emphasized because the FEPC campaign has become a is reported to have admitted creased pay for night and Sunfactional issue between UAW sheepishly, "Well, you know un-President Walter Reuther, Mich- ion elections are coming up." igan CIO President August | Chevrolet Local President Tex rather than three. Scholle and their followers, and Owens branded Myers' statethe Stalinists and their allies. ments about the Labor Party as De Silva stated at the conclud-The Reutherites boycotted to- "grossly inaccurate." He said ing strike mass meeing, "We

Stalinist machine went into ac- workers to represent over 11,000 encourage them to fight for tion. Hodges Mason, a leading organized workers in Chevrolet." similar wage gains.

cratically put the proposal to a | bor Party. vote before delegates favoring it | The Committee plans to send could speak. Under this pres- reports of the Labor Party pro-

FLINT "THE LIFE AND WORKS OF KARL MARX" Speaker: PAUL BAYER Sunday, Feb. 2, 8 p.m. 215 East 9 Street

NEW YORK Marxist Labor School Monday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m. "Washington vs. Moscow

in Europe" Speaker: CHARLES CORNELL N. Y. Organization Secy. Socialist Workers Party 116 University Place

Birds Of A Feather



Democrat Truman warmly clasps the hands of Republican leaders Vandenburg, President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, and Martin, Speaker of the House. Vandenburg said Truman's proposals for anti-labor laws and pledge of cooperation with the reactionary Republican majority in Congress were "very constructive."

some proposals for action along the lines of a letter-writing camislators and lobby in the state capital, etc. Plans were also Despite Tobin-Green Perfidy

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26-The two and one-half week At this point Mazey spoke for strike of AFL Retail Food Clerks Local 770 ended here last They certainly haven't grown transforming the campaign into Monday with a victory for the union. Despite strikea mass mobilization of labor and breaking ultimatums from the leaders of the Teamsters PROFITABLE FAMILY TIES Union and back-stabbing by AFL

> union won the following: An average \$10 weekly raise based on a 40-hour week for all clerk classifications; equality in pay scales; six days' sick leave pay per year; one week's paid

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Mazey concluded by urging the organizing committee is "intact, movement here, now we are the conference to set the tone for active and being enlarged." spearhead." The militant strike the campaign by adjourning for When elections for district or- of the retail food clerks has set a brief picket line before the ganizers in the plant's 49 dis- an inspiring example to the oth-

Stalinist in the UAW, com-! The big obstacle to the Labor plained about "picket lines and Party here is that it is being demonstrations even before we made a factional issue for purhave given the Governor and poses of inner union politics in the Legislature a chance to pass the coming union elections. Therefore, the Chevrolet Labor After another delegate was Party Committee is asking all given the floor to attack the factions in all locals to refrain proposal, the Chairman bureau- from factionalism over the La-

> Flint AFL. The Committee also decided to have a big streamer with a slogan urging the building of a Labor Party displayed across the front of the Chevrolet union hall.

Once the local union elections are over and the factional at- and Connelly and other CIO mosphere subsides, it is expected the Labor Party will cut across factional lines and make rapid

How the Labor Party will be able to fight for the interests of the workers at all times was demonstrated this past week when two members of the Chevrolet red-baiting drive in the CIO. Labor Party Committee, Kermit Johnson and President Tex the California CIO state execu-Owens, appeared before the City tive board and his own union, Commission to support the bus the Newspaper Guild, failed to drivers on strike here and to de- reelect him as one of its 10 delmand that the city take over egates to the Los Angeles CIO the trolley coach company.

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For CIO Leader

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18-

The picket line had been brok-

The CIO leaders failed to uti-

man with a dry-friendly wit, who likes to talk and mix whiskey with his soda." Whether or not Taft is as clammy as a shark's belly or is whiskey-guzzling wit, these personal traits are least important of the assets that won him political leadership in the drive

Robert Alphonso Taft, Re-

publican Senator from Ohio,

has been described as "cau-

tious, frosty and aloof." This

GOP boss, through whom

"all party decisions must be

cleared," according to the

New Republic, "is as clammy

as Coolidge." Even worse,

his ambition is "to be another

Cal" and move into the White

House in 1948. The Morgan-

backed Time magazine, opening

a campaign to "humanize" Taft,

claims he "is not a cold fish"

but an "amiable, approachable

Times. Ferdinand Lundberg lists | tracts." them in his authoritative book, in the dynasty of families who Taft have been dutifully kept up Lundberg estimated their fortune at \$54,000,000 in 1924, most of it derived from real estate. poorer since.

to develop him into a Wall Street tion. politician. His father took over the White House in 1908 with the World War, he was elected to steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie, vocated shifting the main tax Finance Committee. \$20,000 from banker J. P. Morgan, burden to the poor); and in 1939 and similar huge contributions from various Morgan partners. day work; payment of a \$55 the copper-trust Guggenheims, Senator. weekly maximum after one year, etc. U. S. Steel's Henry Clay Frick generously tossed \$50,000 PUSHED CRIPPLING LAWS munitions-trust du Ponts offered legislation in Congress to crip- sentative.

The Senator is a scion of the pending against his company for for low cost housing. fabulously wealthy Taft family, allegedly defrauding the War De-

The intimate and profitable slashed into low incomes.

appeared on the national politi-

sures that enjoy wide public support. Thus he helped guide the This is the ABC maneuvering ruary 10-12. engaged in by all capitalist politicians. For the sake of the re-

During the war Taft camowners of the Cincinnati Star- partment on gunpowder con- paigned for a 10 per cent federal sales tax, which would have

America's 60 Families, as No. 33 family connections of the elder SERVES GIANT MONOPOLIES Taft is one of the most powerare the real rulers of America. by his son. Lundberg reported ful Big Business politicians in him in 1937 as a Carnegie trus- Congress. He is chairman of the tee. Besides membership in the Republican steering committee effect has been to arouse ill-feelcorporation law firm of Taft, that decides on GOP strategy ing against labor" and will lead Stettinius & Hollister, he is a and tactics. He wields great to anti-labor legislation by Con- Tobin wants it known he did so director of the Central Trust weight in the Republican party, gress. According to this theory, Company, the Covington and having hand-picked Reece to be Robert Alphonso was reared Cincinnatti Bridge Company, and chairman of its National Com- and avoid "ill-feeling against just didn't give it in time to the President William Green, the in an environment ideally suited a fellow of the Yale Corpora- mittee. Today the dominant fi- labor" is for labor never to degure in the Senate, he chose the mand its rights. Don't wait for In politics since the First chairmanship of the Labor and the bosses to take your rights aid of a slush fund that included the Ohio House of Representa- most strategic post to wield the That's some union leaders' mot-\$110,000 from his half-brother, tives in 1921; moved up to the axe against labor. He is likewise to. Charles P. Taft, \$20,000 from Ohio Senate in 1931 (there ad- senior member of the powerful

In sizing up its political enemies, labor should pay careful atcal scene as a United States tention to Taft. Ever since he cut his teeth on a gold-plated spoon, he has been selected and trained to serve the giant monopolies as Local 770's, Secretary Joseph into the kitty and one of the He has consistently pushed their professional political repre-

that this is solely election tactics, a choice of the only available names for which you could vote, the CP not being on the ballot . . . if there were not illusions sown about the goodness of the chosen capitalist candi-

Some oppositionists, like William F. Dunne, now go so far as to admit that Roosevelt's propolitics reached its sharpest form independent Labor Party. At gram was imperialist and in the ism. But it is significant that not one of them directly contion policy in New York state. erals." They write that "the demns CP support of Roosevelt for president or Stalinist aid to

Dunne even speaks of a "repolice strikebreaking. Instead, that serves as a clearing house only this is "far from sufficient." visionist leadership for some 12 did its best to deliver its vote to classic term to cover up capital- leaves it at that. He does not the American Labor Party. The ist candidates who seek labor's want to explain how the lead-Another group, the expelled national failed in all that time

But Dunne, like all the CP discapitalist politics ends where it

Robert A. Taft -- Kingpin Of GOP Senate Machine of the wires, allegedly from membership meetings, condemning reserve of merchant seamen." Curran for resigning as co-chairple the labor movement. At the man of the Stalinist-dominated are asking free Americans to be same time he has cleverly asso- misnamed "Committee for Mari- drafted into the Maritime Serciated his name with a few mea- time Unity."

vicious Case anti-labor bill the progressive movement for through Congress last year, and consolidation of the Brotherthe Smith-Connally War Labor Enginemen and the Brother-Disputes Act. But he voted for hood of Locomotive Engineers a bill in 1940 to outlaw the use is the calling of a National Conof strikebreakers and labor spies ference of district leaders of the and he opposed the "forced-la- Consolidation Committee of Enbor" bill proposed by Truman ginemen. It will be held at the during last year's railroad strike. Midland Hotel, Chicago, on Feb-

Monopoly-created paper shortsentiment on certain popular ing the existence of the labor cially interested in. Taft is one been reduced in recent issues. of the sponsors of the Wagner- The last couple of issues of the Ellender-Taft housing bill, which International Woodworker, organ is supported by labor. Yet in of the CIO International Woodagainst labor now underway in \$20,000 but it "was delicately re- 1939 he proposed an amendment workers, have been cut to skimfused because there was a suit to cut in half an appropriation py 8-page tabloids from a fullsized paper.

> AFL and railroad union lead- page, where we read it is an "iners have sided with Big Business dependent" paper published "by in attacking CIO suits for por- the ACTU Publishing Corporatal-to-portal pay. Railway La- tion," The ACTU stands for Asber, published by 15 standard sociation of Catholic Trade Unrailroad labor organizations, ionists. No "outside interfercomplains that "the immediate ence", indeed! the way to fight anti-labor laws the Oakland General Strike. He Public Welfare Committee as the away — give them away first!

CIO National Maritime Union | The Jan. 3 Seafarers Log. President Joseph Curran related weekly of the AFL Seafarers Ina sidelight on Stalinist methods ternational Union, warns about at last week's meeting of the the Maritime Commission's de-NMU Council. He charged that mand that a proportionate part Stalinist agents in several small of the peacetime compulsory ports where the union has had military trainees proposed by the

The Log points out that "they vice just as they are into the Army and Navy. If you refuse to An important development in join this bell-bottomed scabbery you would be called a draftdodger and sent to a federal penhe was one of the supporters of hood of Locomotive Firemen and | itentiary. Once in, you would be governed by strict military law."

We warn again of a reactionary, red-baiting sheet, published in Detroit, called The Wage-Earner. It imitates the appearance of various regular union papers. The January 10 issue is devoted mainly to propagandizing for a more vigorous anticord they chime in with general ages are increasingly endanger- democratic red-purge in the CIO - particularly the implementameasures, the better to push press. We note, for instance, the tion of the CIO's declaration through the laws they are cru- page-size of the CIO News has against the "outside interference" of the Communist Party (Stalinist).

Uninformed unionists will be unable, by the most careful read. ing of the paper, to know who puts it out. The only reference to its publishers is in tiny type at the bottom of the editorial

AFL Teamsters Czar-President issue a statement denouncing press. He tells all about it in four pages of the January International Teamster, in answer to "considerable criticism" from "representatives of capital."

that Chevrolet local's 10-man used to be the tail of the labor Crisis In Communist Party -Dissidents Hit CP Election Policy

sure, the motion was defeated, gress and activities to all CIO Philip M. Connelly, local CIO of the dissidents themselves. Opposition of the dissidents of the dissidents of the dissidents themselves. with many delegates not voting. locals in the state and to the Council secretary, this week They themselves are still infectbegan serving a 60-day jail ed with Stalinism and reform pelled CP leaders, attack the ofsentence for activities on the illusions.

picket line in the U.S. Moen up by strikebreaking police tional elections. It centered wrong in just a little bit of col-

lize this case as a rallying point lications in its Nov. 11, 1946 is- to Congress in 1946 must be part for a vigorous protest against sue of NCP Report, a bulletin of our Communist Program," Connelly, a Stalinist follower, for CP opposition views, states: "The U. S. Communist Party

has been made a victim of the He recently was deposed from ALP in turn did its best to de- support. liver its vote to Mead and Lehman. Both Mead and Lehman openly proclaimed their support of President Truman's imperialist foreign policy." This same group, the NCP,

while condemning the class-collaboration politics of the Amermunist and Socialist Parties have political aim of bringing the Italian working class, in alliance with poor farmers and others, to political power . . . The French Communist Party is also clearly on the verge of an equivalent



state capitol a block away. tricts are complete, "we will have er unions here, especially the One of the major "crimes" for | Now, everybody knows the pelled California CP leader, an-Following Mazey's speech, the a Labor Party committee of 60 Teamsters, and will undoubtedly which many Communist Party Italian and French Stalinist swers charges of "leftism" (Stalinist) members have been parties are practicing class-col- against his criticism of CP elecexpelled in the past year is their laboration right in the capital- tion tactics in San Francisco, by criticism of the party's continued ist governments with the cap- explaining: collaboration with the capitalist italist parties, serving as major political machines and politic- props of the capitalist rulers. But the CP oppositionists delude The documents of these var- themselves that only the Amerious left - Stalinist dissident ican party is "revisionist" and groups give an inside picture of "anti-socialist." They conceal the dealings of the Stalinist the fact that the whole worldleaders with the most corrupt wide Stalinist movement is cut capitalist politicians. These doc- from the same cloth by that uments, at the same time, dis- master-tailor of betrayal, Stalin

> Oppositionists like Ruth Mc-Kenney and Bruce Minton, exficial Stalinist leadership for The criticism within the CP "tailing behind bourgeois allies" of Stalinist class - collaboration and call for the building of an during and after the last na- the same time, they see nothing particularly around the CP elec- laboration with "bourgeois lib-The New Committee for Pub- election of people's candidates (NCP Report, Nov. 4, 1946.)

"People's candidates" is the

leaders of the Bronx P. R. Club to take note of the American of the Communist Party, in their CP's revisionism. If Dunne foldocument "An S.O.S. To All lowed along that line of reas-Communists" complains only of oning, he would inevitably find the manner in which the CP sup- the source of the revisionist, ported Mead and Lehman. "Un- anti-Marxist, class-collaboration less the CP counsels pressure politics of the American CP not ican Communist Party, covers and only qualified support for in Browder or Foster - but in up the same type of politics in these men, it will encourage and Stalin who dictated the line of the European Communist Part- even hurry their reactionary the Third International until he ies. The Nov. 18 NCP Report plans," say these dissidents. liquidated it. thus claims "the Italian Com- They object primarily to the fact that the CP gives uncondi- sidents, is still a Stalinist. Therealready boldly announced their tional support to capitalist poli- fore his criticism of CP pro-

"Nobody would have objected to CP support of bourgeois liberal candidates, if it were made clear

dates." (NCP Report, Jan. 13.) Criticize capitalist candidates -but vote for them!

Roosevelt's war program.

years" in the CP. (NCP Report, Dec. 9, 1946.) But he carefully ership of the entire Third Inter-

Similarly, Vern Smith, ex- should really just begin.

Opening Election Rally

CHICAGO

Hear the Trotskyist Candidates! MICHAEL BARTELL for Mayor HOMER LEWIS for Alderman, 3d Word Main Speaker: VINCENT R. DUNNE National Labor Secretary, SWP SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

777 West Adams

Sunday, Feb. 2

7:30 p.m.

Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

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

against profiteering and price-gouging! Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers'

2. Full employment and job security for all workers

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours to prevent layoffs and unemployment!

Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unem-

3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreakina!

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

4. Build an independent labor party!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor! Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing! 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!

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

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

Against capitalist conscription! Abolish the officer caste system! Full democratic rights in the armed forces! Trade union wages for the armed forces! Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!

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

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

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I would like: ☐ To join the Socialist Workers Party.

☐ To obtain further information about your or-

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POSTAL ZONE STATE

What Zionist Groups Are Doing In Palestine

In the anti-imperialist struggle of the native masses in the Near East, the Jewish people can play an important and progressive role. But only on one conditionif they follow a correct program. A prominent Palestinian Trotskyist, in the article reprinted below from the December "Socialist Appeal" of England, analyzes the arch-reactionary character of Zionism and outlines the only policy that can lead the Jewish masses out of the blind alley into which it has led them .- The Editors.

By T. Cliff

Terrorist activity in Palestine has been revived on a larger scale than formerly. calling the attention of the entire press to the organizations of the Hagana, the Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Stern Gang and their activities.

Socialist internationalists must answer the question: what is the character of these organizations? Are they an anti-imperialist factor in the liberatory struggles of the colonial peoples?

The answer to this question is clear: the liberation of Palestine from the imperialist voke cannot be realized without the liberation of the whole East from imperialism. There are tens of millions of Arab workers and peasants in the Middle East, and any organization which does not drive towards unity with these masses can objectively not be anti-imperialist.

All the Zionist terror organizations, however, daily declare that their objective is to turn Palestine into a Jewish state. Their leaders are the main organizers of the boycott of the Arabs, which casts Arab workers out of industries owned by Jews, and prevents Arab peasants from selling their products to Jewish customers, etc.

As regards their relation to imperialism, there is somewhat of a difference between the Hagana and the other terrorist organizations, but this difference is in reality

Behind Terrorist Groups

Dr. Sneh, head of the Hagana, declared: "One of the bad principles of the traditional system (of British policy) is that the British authorities compromise only with the one who knows how to disturb and to break their peace, but are accustomed to treat lightly and betray a faithful, peaceful and patient ally. If this is the way to win the alliance of Britain, we cannot avoid trying to follow this path, as we are very interested in Britain's alliance with us. We cannot long maintain the present one-sided alliance in place of a mutual alliance. The Jewish population in Palestine does not intend to expel the British from the country and be their heirs. We do not see any contradiction whatsoever between mass immigration, a Jewish state, and wide and strong British bases in this country. On the contrary, we shall look upon it very favorably." ("The Essence of the Crisis," Ha'aretz, Oct. 26,

The other two organizations, the Stern Gang and the Irgun Zvai Leumi, demagogically declare that they stand for the full freedom of Palestine from imperialism in

attitude taken by the Grupo Communista In-

ternacionalista (GCI), Spanish section of the

Fourth International, on the question of ad-

vocating a Constituent Assembly in Spain.

The second and final part, printed below,

deals with the slogan of the Republic in Spain.

Concerning the slogan of the Republic, the

IEC does not find foundation in fact for the con-

tention that for the Spanish masses the term

"republic" means and can mean nothing but the

Republic of 1931, and that their experience under

that regime makes the use of the slogan detri-

mental. Experience in all countries and periods

shows that for the masses the term republic is

inevitably a highly varied concept which each

class, group and individual fleshes with its own

aspirations, and that Spanish exceptionalism, in

malistic the conception that such a slogan is ap-

propriate only in case of an immediate threat

of monarchical restoration in Spain. In any other

than a formalistic conception, the slogan of the

Republic is as antithetical to the fascist dictator-

ship of Franco as to the Bourbon monarchy of

Juan, and it is so understood by all the Spanish

Not only does our use of the slogan of the Re-

public immediately begin to differentiate us from

those workers' parties which, in their haste to

be rid of Franco "no matter how," are notori-

ously known to be flirting with the monarchists

to work out some unprincipled deal; but it is at

the present stage one of the most primary and

preliminary of the democratic slogans leading

to the slogans of the Constituent Assembly and

Short of the socialist revolution and on the road

to it, let there be no sectarian misunderstanding

concerning bourgeois democracy: we are for every

the Workers' and Peasants' Government.

No Misunderstanding

The IEC further characterizes as purely for-

this case as in others, is unlikely.

-The Editors.

declare:

"The British to the sea: the Arabs to the desert."

The leaders, knowing the incompatibility of the two parts of this slogan, choose

Do these organizations serve the interests of the Jewish masses of Palestine and the world, as they claim to do? Of course

Imperialist Aims

For more than 20 years British imperialism has been interested in building a citadel inside the Middle East, shut in economically, socially and politically from the Arab masses, a citadel which in its isolation and reliance on British bayonets will support an imperialist oppressive policy. British imperialism has accordingly allowed the Zionist leaders to settle tens of thousands of Jews in Palestine with this object: to use them as a buffer between itself and the Arab masses. The imperialists know that whatever the complaint of the Zionists against their master, in no case will they join with the Arab masses.

Sure of this, imperialism can use the Zionist movements, as it has done in the past and will do in the future, whenever there is an Arab-imperialist uprising in the Middle East, They will use the Zionists as a direct supporter; but they will also use them as scapegoats.

The stronger the activity of the Zionist terror organizations, the greater the isolation of the Jewish toilers in Palestine from their Arab brethren. Every bomb thrown for the Jewish state deepens the abyss between the Jewish and Arab masses and increases the danger threatening them.

The Zionist leaders, who say the solution of the Jewish question lies in Palestine, really precipitate a terrible new Jewish tragedy. The situation of the Jews in the Middle East is one of isolation in the midst of a hostile population. This is the result of the criminal imperialist policy of goading the Jewish minority to struggle for a Jewish State, of helping them to erect a closed Zionist economy which turns the anti-imperialist ire of the Arab masses against the Jews.

It is impossible for the Palestinian Jews to save the displaced Jews in Europe by bringing them to Palestine. Their task will be to save themselves from the abyss into which they are being driven. This can be done only by their renunciation of Zionism, by breaking down their isolation in the Middle East, and by extending their hand to the Arab masses who fight against

The Jewish terror movements in Palestine are antagonistic to the interests of the Jews and Arabs alike. Objectively, they help the interests of imperialism; help the policy of divide and rule, and justify the concentration of big armies in Palestine under the guise of protecting the Arabs from the Jews, while really fortifying the imperialist position in preparation for future uprisings in the Middle East.

Fosters Divisions

Slogans And Perspectives Of The

Revolutionary Vanguard In Spain

Resolution of The International Executive Committee

It is imperialism which is responsible for the cul-de-sac into which the Jewish

masses of Palestine are being driven. It did all it could to maintain the differences in the standard of life of Jews and Arabs. While Jewish workers work mainly in the closed Jewish economy, based to a large extent on Zionist subsidies, the Arab workers are mainly employed by the Government and foreign enterprises.

Imperialist policy was first to pay the Arab workers wages which are far lower than those received by the Jews in the Jewish economy; insofar as it employed Jewish workers, it paid them higher wages.

The reactionary anti-labor legislation, the police suppression of strikes, etc., harmed the Arab workers with their weak organizations and lower cultural level, much more than the Jewish workers, whose

labor organization Histadruth is on the whole supported by the Jewish capitalists. This organization serves mainly not the class struggle, but the boycott of the Arabs. There is no trade union where Palestine Jews participate with Arabs on equal terms; there is no common school or hospital; there is no political party in which Jews and Arabs are united (Trotskyists apart)—even the Jewish and Arab Stalinists operate separately.

The fact that the Health and Education Budgets together do not amount to 65 per cent of the Police Budget (in England they are five times larger than the latter). causes the standard of life of the Arabs to be dragged down much lower than that of the Jews, who have higher wages and receive large sums from the world Zionist movement for health and education.

Tool of Imperialism

British imperialism tries its best to keep the Jewish and Arab toilers in different compartments of the same train speeding toward destruction. The Zionists act in this as the tool of imperialism.

The fate of the country must rest in the hands of its inhabitants. The main leaders of the Zionist movement demand a Jewish state. The Left Zionists, Hashomer Hatzair, demand the control of the Jewish Agency over immigration, colonization and the development of the country. These demands cannot be realized without the support of British imperialism against the Arab masses.

The Arab feudal leaders also base themselves on the hope of receiving support from imperialism against Zionism Thus Jamal El Husseini, the relative of the Mufti and his right hand, declared in 1937: "We agree that Palestine will be an eternal crown colony on one condition only, that Jewish immigration and colonization will be stopped."

The Arab feudal leaders try to cover their crimes against the interests of the masses by diverting the fear of the Arab masses of Zionism-a justified fear-into reactionary channels of anti-Jewish baiting. The Zionist colonization evicted 3 to 4 thousand Arab tenants. The Arab feudalists try to cover the fact of their role in suppressing tens of thousands of Arab tenants and peasants by the cry: stop

The Zionist leaders help the Arab feudal

leaders in this job by opposing any agrarian reform, knowing that until now 90 per cent of the land bought by the Zionists was bought from Arab landowners with huge estates while the masses of peasants did not show any inclination to sell their

The Arab feudal lords are no more interested in the real independence of Palestine by the action of the masses, than are the Zionists.

One of Two Roles

The Jewish masses of Palestine can fulfill only one of two roles: either they will be the buffer between imperialism and the desires of millions of Arab masses in the East, or they can be the allies of the latter. Jewish and Arab unity in Palestine must be based on abolishing those causes which keep them apart. First of all the

which hold the key positions of the economy (three-fourths of the industrial and transport capital in the country), the abolition of the feudal estates and their transference to the committees of peasants and agricultural workers

This will give tremendous economic possibilities of raising the material and cultural level of the masses-Arab and Jews alike. The equality between the Arab and Jewish masses cannot be realized so long as feudalism and imperialism and Zionism continue to exist.

When Palestine will become a province in the Federated Arab Workers and Peasants Republic of the East, the Jews of Palestine being equal and free, will receive their right of territorial and national autonomy in the places and the regions where they are concentrated.

Tasks of Working Class

The tasks of the Palestinian working class are clear:

Building of common internationalist trade unions.

Equal pay for equal work, regardless of race or creed. Expropriation of the big landowners without compensation and transference of

the land to the committees of peasants and agricultural workers. Nationalization without compensation of imperialist enterprises and their opera-

tion under workers' control. Convocation of a democratically-elected Constituent Assembly to decide all the major problems facing the country, including

immigration and colonization. No immigration and colonization against

the wishes of the Arab masses.

British Strikers Jeer At Troops



Members of the Transport & General Workers Union in London, watch British soldiers deliver meat. Despite this strikebreaking action by the Labor Party Government, the union men stood firm.

"Socialists" Offer Deal **To Spanish Generals**

PARIS, Jan. 10-The Spanish capitalists were planning to replace Franco by installing Don Juan, son of Alphonso XIII who was dethroned in 1931, at the head of a new monarchy. This regime was to be based on the Army,

Bulletin

Paris confirms the news about osition and it has been dropped he strike at the Gerona plant for the time being. n Barcelona and adds that the troops fraternized with the strikers they had been sent to replace. The strikers addressed generals, but also including "rethe troops about the terrible publicans" and even "labor leadconditions which led to the ers." strike. Sympathy among the troops mounted and they finally refused to enter the plant, whereupon their officers were forced minister, Indalecio Prieto, leadto withdraw them altogether.

The strike and fraternization continue to be the chief topic of conversation in the workers' In a recent press statement he quarter, Poble Nou, where the stated it was necessary to arplant is located. In the evening rive at an agreement with the the main street of the section, generals and monarchists. This the Rambla, is crowded with workers discussing it. The police, sensing the danger of the situation, have refrained from inter- MAKING HEADWAY fering with the crowds.

which would "maintain order." But feelers showed the Spanish Additional information from people were cold to such a prop-

> Now they envisage a "bridge" government, still based on the

This proposal is being strongly backed by the former "socialist" er of the most opportunist wing of his party and a sly politician. is a resumption of the old People's Front policy.

Prieto's policy is making headway among the Spanish leaders who, from 1936 to 1939, led the Spanish workers to defeat, and thereafter proved incapable or unwilling to even aid the resistance movement inside Spain with the funds they had saved from Franco's hands.

Prieto's policy is definitely on the ascendancy in his own party. The press reports the truckdrivers may extend their dead- The Giral exile government is line a few days past Jan. 26 to therefore losing every vestige of give the Council time for study, authority. It was rumored rebut they are resolved to stick to cently that the "socialist" members had resigned from the Giral government. Prieto's paper, El Socialista, prints a correction which tends to confirm the rumor rather than to deny it. It merely says the news of the res-3 — 14,000 dock workers of ignation is premature, and that the big port of Antwerp have been on strike for three the party executive committee

weeks now, despite pressure has yet to act on the matter. In Spain itself the Prieto policy also seems to be gaining ground among the "republican" leaders. The last manifesto pubformerly was its main demand. A Socialist Party manifesto issued in Madrid also confines itself to the desire for the initiation of "contacts to conclude the political negotiations with all the struggle against Franco."

London Strikers Return As Government Pledges Action

Faced with rapidly spreading sympathy strikes in sup-9 port of the demands of 15,000 London truck-drivers, the George Isaacs to Parliament for British Government agreed to set up a Joint Industrial Council, charged with bringing in recommendations on the workers' grievances. On this basis 9-

the strikers agreed to go back government withdrew its striketo work until Jan. 26, and the breaking troops.

The truck-drivers went out on strike despite orders of union

heads to stay on the job. The men decided that only strike action could bring an end to the delay of the Government Wage Board in settling the contract negotiated last May. With wages following letter from a Ger- the only fighters against the about \$20 a week, the truck drivers demanded they be paid for the American Committee for solini and the dog Franco. We over-time in cash instead of in always considered ourselves one time off. They insisted on lewith our brothers and sisters in gal holidays and two-weeks va-

BRAZEN ACTION

The government mobilized

The Council met Jan. 16 and The ACEWR needs money and became hopelessly deadlocked clothing to continue its work. when employers' representatives be made out to ACEWR and sent set up a three-man Court of In-

were our constant companions, haps your face too is as ravaged incensed British workers that we were kept alive only by the from suffering as mine and the within a few days more than in time break through and that know each other, my brothers food warehouse workers and othour friends all over the world across the ocean, for in spite of ers joined the picket line. Strikes

International Notes

seige allegedly to forestall an up- main cities in that province. rising against the government.

Retiring Secretary of State

Hungary: 300 million. Rumania: 300 million. Bulgaria: 70 million. Finland: 300 million.

This kind of "peace" treaty

French officials now admit ism" at Bruges, Antwerp, etc.

The Communist Party in Para- | that fighting in Indo-China has guay and all communist activi- spread all the way down to the ties were outlawed last week in southern province of Cochina decree by President Higinio China. Officials there even con-Morinigo two days after he had cede publicly that the French proclaimed a 30-day state of have lost control of all but the

It is now recognized on all sides also that the French face a long and costly war. A French Foreign Legion officer in Saigon gloomily figured in an interview that it would take half a million men to subdue Indo-China, and economic disaster if it sent that many. The present French force is 100,000 men, equipped mostly with U.S. arms and supplies.

The second issue of the monthly La Jeune Garde, organ of the French Trotskyist youth, vigorously condemns the French imperialist war on Indo-China and denounces the obligatory military three years' "preparation" or training for service in the Army.

Widespread expulsions are taking place in the Flemish secmunist principles, not only signs tion of the Belgian Communist such treaties but takes, in the Party. A whole group of stuname of the Soviet Union, the dents was expelled in Ghent last month. Many others, including national and local functionaries, have been expelled for "Trotsky-

and against oppression in Spain 3, N. Y. **Cold Intensifies Misery,** Halts Plants In Germany

LONDON, Jan. 10 - A wave of below-zero weather 3brought misery to a pitch and industry to a virtual stand- | Jack London (probably The Iron still in all parts of Germany this week.

The authorities in the U.S. has paralyzed 60 per cent of industry. Factories closed Dec. 22, which were to reopen Jan. 4, have only a four-day supply of

In the British zone, the situais plunged into total darkness every other day. Special coal pillaged en route by the freezing population.

been turning in Vienna since Dec. 24. Lack of heating facilities is felt most sharply by workers living in half-demolished

The food situation is deterior- Gandhi and Tagore's National-

zone announce that lack of coal | freezing of rivers and canals prevents water transport.

Meanwhile, the farce of the "re-education" of Germany is are still shut down. Railroads described in a series of articles DRASTIC DIRECTIVES in the Manchester Guardian Weekly by the well-known pubtion is just as critical. Hamburg just returned after a long stay in Germany.

One aim of this "re-education" trains sent to Hamburg have been is supposed to be the uprooting of militaristic ideas. But everywhere are signs of privilege for Most seriously hit is Austria, the British military. Gollancz where the government has or- says that the Germans, observdered all plants closed until Jan. ing this, answer when they are 20. Practically not a wheel has lectured on the evils of German militarism: "But British militarism is just as bad."

impedes railway transport, the Face of Bolshevism; a book by above?"

Heel, which is directed against American Big Business); and Lenin's Imperialism. The reason? The directive bans books containing "propaganda against the United Nations."

The directive controlling cur-

rent literature is even more licist, Victor Gollancz, who has drastic, says Gollancz. Under it "a serious study of Potsdam by a German economist or objective comparison between Soviet Communism and Western Democracy . . . a novel or play about the frustration of German youth -these are a few of the pamphlets or books the issue of which is unthinkable."

The "denazification" proceof totalitarianism. An example One directive on literature has of the hundreds of questions that removed the following works must be answered in periodic from libraries and bookshops: questionaires is: "Have you any Romain Rolland's Mahatma relatives who have held office ... in any of the (proscribed) or- parations.

the strikers has included visits lished by the National Alliance to individual dock workers and of Democratic Forces (the new attempts to demoralize their People's Front) doesn't say a families and to recruit scabs word about a republic, which

by employers, union bureaucrats, reformists and Stalinists. An organized campaign of intimidation and pressure against

14,000 Antwerp

Dockers On Strike

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan.

from nearby villages. But despite the pressure and the fact that the strikers, receiving no relief at all, are forced to depend on their own slim savings, not one of them has forces disposed to collaborate in gone back to work.

Byrnes signed the final "peace" treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania this week. The final signing of these and the Finland treaty will take that France would suffer an place in Paris on Feb. 10. Besides taking territory from most of the defeated nations and drastically limiting their military power, the treaties exact the following reparations from them within the next seven or eight years:

Italy: 360 million dollars.

was denounced and exposed by Lenin after World War I as a dure for individuals itself smacks robbers' treaty. Stalin, besmirching the most elementary comhog's share of these crushing re-

democratic right we can wrest from and defend from the bourgeoisie. We are in England in favor of a republic just as we were always in France for the abolition of the Senate. We are for freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, every such liberties neither increase democratic illu-

dures, solve the masses' problems,

Of The Fourth International, Adopted October 1946 The first part of this resolution printed in | it would be false, implying an unconditional suplast week's "Militant," was a criticism of the port of a bourgeois republic. But, utilized in the closest conjunction with our entire program, it takes on rather the character of an algebraic formula. The class content of that formula will be filled in, in the final analysis, by the resultant of our efforts and of the objective developments. It goes without saying that we will make every effort to push beyond the bourgeois regime, to the end that that content be proletarian, and the

eventual republic the workers' republic. But the possibility that those efforts may in the immediate stage prove insufficient to bring about the consummation cannot, unless we are hopelessly sectarian, make us abandon the slogan of the Republic on the grounds that the historic process may stop half way with some more or less advanced form of bourgeois republic. Trotsky's words of 1931 here retain all their validity and timeliness: "The more boldly, resolutely and implacably the proletarian vanguard fights in favor of democratic slogans . . . so much the sooner will the democratic republic become identified in the consciousness of the masses with

the workers' republic." The IEC therefore recommends to the GCI on this point also to reconsider the decision of its recent Congress, and to inscribe the slogan of the Republic among the most elementary and preliminary of its democratic demands.

Concretizing Warnings

In the application of the recommended slogans, two concretizing warnings are useful, because needless and obvious though they may seem to Marxists - centrists, ultra-lefts and opportunists are quite capable of deforming in their own way the principles enunciated above. First, regarding the slogans of the Republic and the Constituent Assembly as typical transitional weapons in mobilizing the masses for the socialist struggle, we in no way believe that they can in and of themselves solve the masses' problems and bring about socialism. And, second, there is implicit in this entire tactic not the slightest support, conditional or otherwise, of any provisional government that the Spanish bourgeoisie may set up.

Considering, finally, that these two questions are only symptoms of a tendency on the part of the majority of the GCI to create an artificial other liberty we can obtain. Our demands for antithesis between on the one hand the democratic and transitional demands and on the other the sions nor conceal mere demagogy: even as we full socialist program, and thereby to tend to struggle side by side with other workers, for the reject the former as incompatible with the latter. fullest rights obtainable under bourgeois democ- the IEC recommends to the GCI a general reracy, we honestly explain to them that the bour- examination of its policy in the light of this geoisie neither will nor can accord them, and criticism and the preparation of an immediatethat even such liberties as can be wrenched from action program wherein by the correct and timeit cannot of themselves, so long as capitalism en- ly application of the democratic slogans, it can FOOD SITUATION WORSENS endeavor to bridge the present gap which sep-If the slogan of the Republic were to be used arates it from the Spanish masses, and emerge ating steadily. While lack of coal ism; Fulo Miller's Mind and ganizations listed from 41 to 95 alone, divorced from the rest of our program, from its current comparative isolation.

"After a fight for freedom' the entire world and that is cation with pay, and a 44-hour which went badly in Spain, we why I have known you for such were brought to semi-fascist a long time already, even though France in the middle of the deep- I have never seen you. You too, est peace. Behind barbed wire in my friend and brother, must the concentration camp of Gers, have looked misery and death crack regiments to smash the where hunger, misery and want and persecution in the eye. Per- strike. This brazen action so

German Worker Sends

NEW YORK, Jan. 21-The knew always that we were not

man worker was received by brutal hangmen Hitler and Mus-

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knowledge that our ideas would faces of our friends. Yes, we 50,000 dockworkers, bargemen, would come to our aid. We were suffering, our faces show the and stoppages occurred in 15 never destroyed. It is true that unshakable belief in a better fu- other cities. it is a hard road before we ture for all working people." achieve the victory, but the day is perhaps nearer than we think.

European Workers Relief.

The day which will bring free- Make a donation today. All refused to concede to the drivers' dom and justice for all toiling checks and money orders should demands. The government then "We fighters against fascism to 197 Second Avenue, New York | quiry, whose recommendations

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"At those crucial moments when the old order becomes no longer endurable to the masses, they break over the barriers excluding them from the political arena, sweep aside their traditional representatives and create by their own interference the initial groundwork for a new

Saturday, January 25, 1947

-Leon Trotsky

End Secret Diplomacy

The House Committee on the Armed Services announced January 14 it would make "no start" on extending the draft beyond March 31 and ordering universal military training until the State Department reveals the present state of foreign relations, including information about "what, definitely, are our commitments," and "what are the prospects for success of the various disarmament proposals."

The Committee's request underlines the utterly reactionary role of secret diplomacy. Congress does not know what the United States government has been committed to. It does not know who committed the government. It does not know to whom the government has been committed.

Yet on the basis of this ignorance, Congress is preparing to vote on a budget that demands some \$15,000,000,000 for military expenditures for the coming fiscal year alone!

The American people, of course, know still less than Congress does about the secret commitments Wall Street's agents have made. That is the purpose of secret diplomacy-to keep the people in ignorance of the rotten deals and imperialist plans that are paving the way to another world slaughter.

The labor movement should put the heat on Congress. End the draft! Block militarization of American youth! Not one cent for the war machine! That is the correct response to secret diplomacy.

The Ranks Must Act

Instead of attacking Truman's proposals for anti-labor legislation, both the AFL and CIO leaders have given clear indications that they are considering these proposals as a basis for a "compromise" on union-busting laws.

The Big Business press and the Republican leaders in Congress generally voiced approval of Truman's program. They understood its real essence. Their only criticism was that it didn't go "far enough."

Under the guise of attacking jurisdictional and sympathy strikes, Truman proposed to incorporate into law the principles of compulsory arbitration, the right of employers to sue unions for strike "damages" and restriction s on the right to strike. These principles are the heart of the Republican anti-union legislative program.

AFL President William Green had not a word of condemnation against Truman's proposals. His statement was one of general praise for Truman's "objectives." He promised to give "careful and sympathetic consideration" to Truman's specific recommendations for restricting unions. He withheld a definite opinion pending "further study."

But Green did indicate he is prepared to accept Truman's proposals for anti-labor laws. It all depends, said Green, on "whether the lawmakers will reject the constructive recommendations and limit their actions to the passage of restrictive legislation." Just give labor the few crumbs of social legislation Truman included in his speech as window-dressing, and Green won't object to legislative shackles on the unions.

Scarcely different, was the response of the CIO leaders. CIO President Philip Murray has not seen fit to pass opinion on Truman's proposals. The CIO News, in reporting Truman's speech, played up all the liberal phrases that covered up the reactionary content. On his anti-labor recommendations, the CIO News devotes exactly one paragraph, without comment, telling how Truman "limited" himself to a few specific proposals.

The union leaders' game is clear. They are afraid of a militant fight of the labor movement against the anti-labor laws. They are seeking a "compromise" that will enable them to avoid a fight. All they want is an "honorable" basis of capitulation. Truman has given it to them, they think, in the form of his proposals for "mild" anti-labor laws.

There is an added element of treachery in the union leaders' position. The truth is, they are not unsympathetic to restrictions on the right to strike. Many of them are bitterly opposed to militant unionism. Some would welcome legislation that would help them curb the militancy of the rank and file.

A real fight against anti-labor laws will be made only if the union ranks themselves initiate the fight and push it forward. A beginning along this line has already been made in several key cities. The unions in Roch-

ester last week set up a joint AFL-CIO-Railroad Brotherhoods committee to mobilize all unions against the Congressional drive to crush labor. Leaders of the Chicago CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods are meeting to formulate joint action. In Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Twin Cities Committee for Railroad Unity has invited the local AFL and CIO to form a joint body to resist union-busting legisla-

Against the top union leaders' plans for capitulation, the union ranks must press for militant united labor action. The workers must demand uncompromising struggle against any and all anti-labor bills. No deals! No

Warning In Georgia

"Coup d'etat" is a French political term of sinister meaning. Webster's defines it as "a sudden decisive exercise of force whereby the existing government is subverted." Napoleon III pulled a coup d'etat in 1852 to become Emperor of France. Mussolini gained power through a coup d'etat when he marched on Rome to become Premier in 1922. Hitler likewise took the road of the coup d'etat after he became Chancellor of Germany in 1933.

Now this political term is becoming Americanized. In Georgia former Governor Ellis Arnall charged he was ousted by a "military coup d'etat."

The "pretender" to the Governor's chair, as Arnall calls him, is Herman Talmadge, son and heir of Eugene Talmadge. Talmadge the First died before he could take office, after winning in a primary that weighted the rural vote against the cities to preserve the minority rule of Georgia's white supremacists. In the subsequent election less than 700 write-in ballots were cast for Herman Talmadge. On the basis of these few ballots, Talmadge the Second claims he represents the people of Georgia.

The Georgia usurpation of power has many of the elements of a coup d'etat. A docile legislature supported the claims of the pretender by a vote of 161 to 87. The pretender followed up with the use of force and violence against the incumbent Governor. He had the locks changed on the Governor's office in the dead of night and State patrolmen, acting the part of storm-troopers, barred Governor Arnall. The so-called "liberal" forces represented by Arnall meekly acquiesced and moved out, leaving Talmadge in power.

How this dispute finally turns out remains to be seen. At present the elected Lieutenant Governor, M. E. Thompson, claims office, since he would have succeeded to the Governor's chair had Talmadge the First died in office; and the dispute has been laid before the judges of Georgia's courts.

The American workers must consider the Georgia developments as another important link in a series of ominous events. The Ku Klux Klan openly backs Talmadge. So does the fascist outfit, the Columbians, which was recently uncovered in Georgia. The Columbians, advocating the same race-hatred doctrines as the Talmadge forces, deliberately patterned their drive for power on the lines followed by Hitler.

Along with these alarming manifestations in a single state is the increasing influence of the reactionary military caste over the entire nation. Already a brass hat has been made Secretary of State, the second highest office in the land.

These happenings coincide with the brutal legislative assault against labor unleashed by Wall Street in the halls of Congress.

Such storm signals show the mounting strength of reaction in the United States. Unless the march of reaction is halted, what happened in Atlanta, Georgia, can happen in Washington, D. C.

If the labor movement wants to avoid going down under the heel of an American dictator, it must vigorously set about organizing an independent Labor Party and put a Workers' and Farmers' Government in power

"Sanctity" Of Courts

When a federal judge slapped an illegal injunction on the miners and then fined them \$3,500,000 for "contempt" of his illegal decision, the mouthpieces of the employers praised the judge to high heaven.

The miners had defied the "sanctity" of the courts, they declared. The federal courts are the "bulwark of free government," irreproachable in their wisdom and judgment. Anybody, especially a union leader, who showed contempt for a federal judge, should be locked up and the key thrown away.

Then, along came the court decisions on portal-to-portal pay. A federal district judge, basing himself on Supreme Court interpretations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, ruled in favor of portal-to-portal pay in the case of the Mt. Clemens (Mich.) Pottery Company. This has established the basis for suits against many big corporations.

Now spokesmen of the National Association of Manufacturers are howling about the "judicial law making" of the Supreme Court and lower federal courts. When it comes to justice for workingmen, to paying him the back wages due under law, the NAM spokesmen before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee last week found that the decisions of the courts, including the Supreme Court, are founded on "an unrealistic judicial conception."

It was all right for a federal judge to make his own law, act as prosecutor, judge and jury, and fine the miners millions of dollars. It's another thing for a court to force the employers to pay up according to laws passed by Congress. That's "judicial law making!"

Judge Goldsborough who handed down the miners decision is hailed as a savior of society. Judge Picard who handed down the Mt. Clemens ruling, is now being threatened with impeachment by anti-labor Senators.

Yes, indeed! Big Business is always ready to uphold the "sanctity" of the courts-except in those rare instances when the courts render a decision favorable to labor.



"Oh dear —if the worker's take over France where will I buy my perfume?"

THE NATURAL HISTORY this section is more intelligent pp., 1946, \$3.

All the old-wives' tales and popular misbeliefs are taken apart in this delightful and witty book. Marxists, who search for truth in all fields and at all costs, will find it valuable.

Mr. Evans explodes hundreds of common errors from trivial misconceptions like those about birds' family life and snakecharming to the most dangersuperiority. He examines facts, unanswerable demonstration, uncovers truth.

ination of evidence and historby comparing human customs too closely looked into." with bird or animal life, often at the expense of the human entific observation, and with faulty reasoning.

The myth of racial inferiority the differences in mentality beestablish is not that this race is years." more intelligent than that, or that

OF NONSENSE by Bergen than that, but that poverty is Evans, Alfred A. Knopf, 275 reflected in the intelligence quotient of a whole people. The correlation established is not between pigmentation and intelligence, but between diet, educational facilities, housing, and the general economic situation, and intelligence."

Appalled at the ignorance and prejudice of people with whom he came into contact in all walks of life, the well-educated as much as the uninformed. Mr. Evans ous myths like those of racial set out to disprove legend and put truth in its place. "No erexplores authorities, and with ror is harmless . . . Obscurantism and tyranny go together . . . It is very convenient for any-The origins of many of these one who profits by the docility myths are given. Careful exam- of the masses to have them believe that they are not the masical data shows that even the ters of their fate and that the Encyclopedia Brittanica is not evils they must endure are besacred or infallible. Also the rea- youd human control . . . The sons why many people like to mist of mysticism has always believe certain fallacies are shown provided good cover for those . . Some like to point a moral who do not want their actions

An error Mr. Evans himself makes is in quoting from Pearrace. But, alas! without sci- son's Studies in Murder. The facts in the Sacco-Vanzetti Case disprove conclusively the contenis used to justify the oppression tion that "there is no well-es- bank Fund for medical research. and exploitation of men. The tablished and undisputed instance The AMA is Rorty's villain-and author tells of the Army tests of the execution of the death villainous it certainly is! Howwhich were given to determine penalty on an innocent person' ever, his evidence also shows that tween Negroes and whites. "What in England or America during villain which motivates all who the Army tests seem really to the past fifty or one hundred bar the road to better health

-Ethel Preis

AMERICAN MEDICINE MO-BILIZES by James Rorty, W. W. Norton, 358 pp., 1939, \$3.50.

Rorty hoped, when he wrote this book eight years ago, that the "mobilization" of liberal doctors would force the American Medical Association to change its reactionary character. Although time has proved that the title was wrong, the book is packed with valuable information on the need for more clinics, more hospitals, and government financing to make them available to the workers and farmers from coast to coast.

Out of 3,000 counties in the United States, he shows, 2,500 are rural. Less than 50 of these rural counties have facilities "in any sense adequate." Conditions in the cities are only slightly better. The result is needless sickness and suffering, and hundreds of thousands of premature deaths. Rorty points to the American

Medical Association as the main barrier to wider medical care. He exposes its monopolistic practices, its connections with drug manufacturers and food corporations, its control of "philanthropic" ventures like the Milthe profit system is the main and longer life for the masses.

-Ruth Benson

Congressmen At Work -

Lobbyists On Union Pay Rolls

As we reported last week, Big Business supplements its monopoly of Congress with a powerful group of lobbyists well-supplied with "expense" money besides salaries as high as \$65,000 a year.

Labor does not have a single man in either the Senate or the House of Representatives. Nevertheless, the trade union bureaucrats have been forced to recognize the necessity of at least token political representation in Washington, This is shown by the fact that both AFL and CIO unions pay lobbyists to compete at \$7,280 a year and W. C. Hushwith the well-heeled Wall Street Street's Congressmen, hat in hand, begging for favors.

The CIO United Automobile Workers, for instance, lists personal and travel expenses" does other work besides lobbying); and Irving Richter ("\$80 ing and other work).

ence of the Big Business lobby- plus \$3 per diem away from home "legislative" activities.

States Department of Labor."

pays James Mark, Jr., \$7,000 a ciation lists Geraldine Shandros a lobby to put pressure on Conyear plus expenses and Robert as a part-time lobbyist at \$43 a gress from the outside, how E. Howe, Jr., \$7,500 a year plus week plus expenses.



ing at \$140 a week. The CIO pays lobbyists and to tag after Wall Nathan E. Cowan \$4,820 a year plus expenses. Stalinist-dominated unions

maintain an extensive lobby. The CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter as lobbyists, Anna Berenson Workers pays Virgil Akeson \$265 ("\$70 weekly plus personal and a month, and Herman Clott \$3,travel expenses"); Richard T. 900 a year. CIO United Electri-Leonard ("\$269.24 biweekly plus cal, Radio and Machine Workers pays Bruce Waybur \$80 a week and expenses, Ruth Roemer \$70 plus expenses, and Russ weekly" plus expenses for lobby- Nixon \$80 a week plus expenses. The CIO longshoremen keeps Like the Auto Workers, most Harriet Bouslog at \$84 a week other unions pay their represen- (\$28 of it for lobbying) plus extatives at rates which make it penses. The CIO United Office ers lists three lobbyists. Robert estimates one-fourth of Donald a Congressman. K. Lamb at \$8,000 a year and Murray's \$4,000 salary goes for expenses; Edith C. Pratt, \$3,240 lobbying. The CIO Internation- come out of the union treasura year and expenses; and Frank al Federation of Technical Engi-C. Fernbach, \$341.67 a month neers states that part of Foster italist politicians, on the other and \$10 per diem expenses to J. Pratt's \$600 a month goes to- hand, are maintained on the work for "the passage of a bill ward lobbying. The CIO Food, public pay roll through taxes to establish a Labor Extension Tobacco, Agricultural Workers largely taken from the workers. Service Division in the United pays Elizabeth Sasuly \$3,600 for | It is high time the unions The AFL United Mine Workers | American Communications Asso- than lobbying. If a union needs

The AFL lists Lewis G. Hines gage in lobbying are District No. | tle for labor!

44 and District No. 66 of the International Association of Machinists, the National Women's Trade Union League, the Retirement Federation of Civil Service Employes, the CIO Textile Workers Union, the National Federation of Post Office Clerks. the National Association of Post Office Mechanics, CIO United Rubber Workers (T. R. Owens, \$3,640 a year plus expenses), CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Government Employes Council of the AFL, Hotel and Restaurant Employes, CIO Oil Workers, American Federation of Government Employes, National Federation of Telephone Workers. The Railroad Brotherhoods list

eight officers as lobbyists with salaries ranging from \$4,836 to \$12,180.

The Townsend Old Age Pension movement maintains 31 lobbyists. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has Leslie S. Perry at \$3,600 plus expenses and the National Council for a Permanent FEPC pays Manly A. Milo \$75 a week.

Without a single labor representative inside Congress, these difficult to see how they can and Professional Workers lists lobbyists have demonstrated litsuccessfully counter the influ- Diana Farnham at \$55 a week the effectiveness in securing legislation favorable to the labor ists. And like the lobbyists of plus expenses. The CIO Mari- movement. Even more serious the Auto Workers, most union time Committee lists \$50 quar- is the inability of the union representatives in Washington terly of Hoyt S. Haddock's sal- membership to check up on devote only part of their time to ary for lobbying and \$10.50 week- their activities since a lobbyist ly of the \$105 paid Seth Levine. works behind the scenes instead The CIO United Steel Work- The CIO United Public Workers of in the public spotlight as does

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Food Company Heads Gloomy About Future

-By John G. Wright-

The food industry is confronted with a return to "normalcy;" a readjustment is taking place from a "sellers' to buyers' market;" this "readjustment" is bound to be a painful one, but not "necessarily calamitous;" there will be a "moderate downward trend." This was the keynote of the publicity material prepared for the Jan. 13 Journal of Commerce by the "best minds" in the food industry whose processors, brokers and grocery wholesalers were preparing to hold their annual conventions in Atlantic City this week.

The most optimistic of these food executives, experts and analysts do not bother to hide the fact that there is alarm in their own ranks. A race is on to slash the admittedly huge inventories. The packers have resorted to an unprecedented device, namely, they have in many cases rushed with the processing and deliveries of an entire year's crop. The trend among the distributors is not only to cut inventories but to cancel many of their contracts because there has been a filling up, if not clogging, of virtually all the distribution channels.

PRICE STRUCTURE TOTTERING

The price structure of the entire industry is now tottering. Prices in citrus juices have already tumbled. The situation in dairy products, after a series of sharp breaks in the price of butter, is verging on critical. The frozen foods branch, whose prospects were deemed quite rosy only a short while ago, is in the throes of a "shake-out." Operators in those branches of the food industry which remain as yet unaffected are asking themselves "why can't it also happen to us?" and they are obviously preparing to unload while there is still time.

In the face of these ominous developments, Wm. T. Stewart, regional director of the National Food Brokers' Association, laments the "bearishness" prevalent among his colleagues and pleads that "we smother this temporary panic, stop this breaking

your own markets."

The best argument this expert is able to muster is not drawn from economic facts but from psychology. There cannot possibly be a depression, he claims, precisely because everybody is expecting it. "Depressions usually come," he argues, "when you least expect them, not when everyone is looking for them." The inability of the capitalists to foresee crises in the past is now being offered as the best guarantee against another crisis.

The dominant mood among these captains of industry is perhaps best expressed by R. B. Caywood, "a prominent wholesale grocery industry leader" from Kansas City. He takes his place boldly among the most optimistic, with the proviso that his optimism is purely "near-term." "The long range outlook," he writes, "is black indeed," and he then goes on to add that "it would be an optimist, indeed, who couldn't see serious trouble eventually."

The "best minds" in the food industry are now obviously suffering from an acute attack of the jitters. Far from being temporary this condition is likely to prove chronic.

Some Doubts On The Army-Navy "Merger"

By George Breitman

While the press was ringing with praise for the new Army-Navy-Air Force "unification" plan last week and hailing it as a move that would save money and personnel and increase efficiency, I could not help feeling just a twinge of skepticism. Man and boy, I have seen some remarkable things

in my time. But the most amazing operation I have ever witnessed on land, sea or in the air is an Army "unification" or "consolidation." Everyone else who spent some time in the armed

forces must have had some experience with similar moves in the interests of greater "economy." To illustrate what happens in such cases, I cite one example from a letter to the editor in the Jan. 30, 1946 issue of The Stars and Stripes (European edition), long after hostilities had ceased and the Army could no longer fall back on its time-worn excuse that such things can't be avoided in wartime. It is a letter from a lieutenant in the Transportation Corps in France:

"Recently Seine and Oise Base Sections (of the Army) merged to form Western Base Section. Ostensibly this was a move designed to reduce personnel. I am not familiar with the procedure followed in other services, but if the Transportation Section is an example, there certainly wasn't any noticeable economy effected.

"Before the merger, Seine Section Transportation Office handled Paris and surrounding area; Oise took care of Reims and the surrounding area. Under the new setup there is a Paris District Transportation Office and a Reims District Transportation Office for these duties. In addition there is a Western Base Office to supervise the other two offices.

"Where originally two offices existed, we now have three. Each office has its transportation officer, chief of administration, personnel officer, chief of passenger, chief of freight, etc., ad nauseam. Western Base Transportation Office could easily handle the transportation duties of Paris, but too many officers would be out of jobs and the empire wouldn't be half as grand as it is now."

That, in many ways, is how the highly-touted Army-Navy unification plan will work out in practice. Where before there were two Secretaries (War and Navy), there are now four (War, Navy, Air Force and over them all a Secretary of National Defense). Where before there were two departments, there are now three (War, Navy, Air Force). And so on, down the line. Where formerly the Army at every level had one officer for liaison with the Navy, it will now need an additional officer for liaison with the Air Force. And so will the Navy, etc., etc. Even the most cautious ex-servicemen will give you odds that in the end the armed forces will cost more and be wrapped in more red tape than before.

Incidentally, the Transportation Corps lieutenant who wrote the above letter was roundly reprimanded by his senior officer and transferred to the dirtiest job in the section.



"We expect to get quite a bit more," wrote Dick

Clarke when he enclosed the money that put St.

Louis over its quota. That promise was made good

a few days later with the arrival of another pay-

We journeyed to Pittsburgh on Jan. 12 as a

substitute speaker for Farrell Dobbs to help launch

the SWP fund campaign in that city. The most

impressive feature of this meeting was the spirit-

ed discussion by the audience on the problems

of the American working class which followed

the speaker's exposition of the Socialist Workers

Party program. Representative members of the

steel, coal and meat packers unions took the

floor and related their personal experiences in

the mines, mills and shops to verify the need for

"I don't have to tell you, since you saw it with

your own eyes, that the Pittsburgh Headquarters

House-Warming last Sunday was a real political

success," writes Eloise Gordon, "As a result of

the meeting we immediately added two recruits

to the party and have drawn a number of friends

closer who should be willing participants in mak-

ing our headquarters a real workers' center. En-

closed is \$41 collected at the meeting which should

bring Pittsburgh to the halfway mark on its \$150

Boston has been moving along at a fast clip.

This branch followed up a hundred dollar pay-

ment the week before with a check for \$92 last

week, reaching 82 per cent of its \$400 quota.

Together with the sizeable sum of \$135 towards

these reassuring remarks about the Twin Cities.

"Chester Johnson asked me to tell you that the

"Attached is a check for \$175 to be applied on

our National Fund quota," writes Fund Director

Julie Miller of the Los Angeles section. "Money

to 73 per cent of its \$500 quota.

is starting to come in now and we

"Total branch pledges add up

to \$1,602 as follows: Central

\$450; Westside \$427; Eastside

hope very soon to eatch up.

militant action to improve conditions.

ment boosting St. Louis to the head of the list.

Bu William F. Warde

National Fund Campaign Director The 100 Per Cent Club received a new member when St. Louis joined Buffalo in

the top circle of contributors to the \$20,000 Emergency Fund Campaign for the So-

cialist Workers Party. Last week's returns came to \$799.12, bringing the total up to

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The Workers Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters e 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.

"Safety-Conscious" After Death!

In the recent cold spell huge icicles formed on the roof of the factory where I work. We noticed them, and several workers commented that something had better be done about them.

For three days the company did nothing about this dangerous hazard. On the third day a young millwright was repairing the sidewalk under these icicles and was hit by one. His skull was crushed and he was killed instantly. He had been working at the plant for six days when he was killed.

Right after this terrible acremaining icicles. As one of cialists, supported by the Stalin- Christmas rush. "These rats get safety-conscious dictates of French imperialism. ness of their lack of confidence at the expense of our lives."

> Subscriber Chicago, Ill.

Scores Imperialism In Indo-China

Michael Bartell, Chicago candidate for Mayor and organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, sent the following letter to the Consulate of France in Chicago: The Socialist Workers Party igorously condemns the campaign of the French government For Government Aid to crush the movement of the people of Indo-China for inde-

"Under Viet Nam the Indo-Chinese are waging an heroic newspaper hit my eye and last to be hired and the first to collection of funds is coming along very well in struggle for self determination prompted this letter. and independence.

"French imperialism is conducting a full scale war with all mas charitable institution that in this policy. the horrors of tanks, flame- drains from the workers' pockets throwers, and planes against the people of Indo-China.

Youth Activities

AKRON. - Socialist Youth Club meets Sunday afternoon, 2 p.m. Followed by refreshments, dancing. 8 South Howard St.

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

tion on the Trotskyist Youth Group seno name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3. Open Forum: Every Friday. 8 p.m., at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway (near 14 St.) Dancing, refreshments.

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events discussion every Satur-

day, 8:30 p.m. Admission free

ner Halsted). Open 11 a.m. to

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"This war being waged against colonial people struggling for freedom exposes all the hollow pretense of the Four Freedoms. "The fact that this war of op-

pression is being conducted by a government headed by Leon Blum and others masquerading as Socialists doubly betrays the cident the company started a colonial people and workers of call upon the USES for even one big campaign to clean off the all lands. These so-called So-additional employe for the the workers commented later, ist leaders, are carrying out the And as proof of the correct-

workers everywhere. American labor cannot remain indifferent Christmas season. to this attempt to re-enslave the Indo-Chinese people.

expresses its full solidarity with addition to pointing out to me the Indo-Chinese fighters for that employers had failed to put freedom. We condemn all at- in for extra Christmas help, he tempts of imperialism to reassert its rule."

To Worthy Causes

The Good Fellows Drive is a defeat of the FEPC bill here, that we will go over the quota. And St. Paul is local affair. An annual Christ- employers are becoming bolder facing the same happy possibility!" nickels and dimes. This Christmas it fell short of its anticipated fund drive. Newspapers immediately came to its rescue

with the following editorial: The Good Fellows Drive lacks Editor: \$60,000 from making its quota. There will be many children who one would have done his part ren could have a happy Christ-

Although the government favors and morally supports these institutions, do they give aid?

tutions? 1. Red Cross, 2. March Marshall really have a different its comparatively low position of Dimes, 3. Community Chest position than the other officers? Fund, 4. T. B. Christmas Seal Drive. 5. Cancer Drive. 6. Good Fellows Christmas Drive, etc.

No matter where one turns, Marshall as chief of staff dursome money-soliciting enterprise ing the war was the man responstares him in the face. It is sible for implementing and obvious that capitalism is not strengthening the Jim Crow reinterested in spending money for strictions which dogged Negro such needy causes but will spend soldiers from the day of inducbillions for the production of tion to the day of discharge.

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There is but one system that | \$5,811.57 or 29 per cent. can and will pull the financing of worthy spending from the streets and appropriate the necessary funds from the Workers and Farmers Government. That system is socialism.

Scarce Jobs A Sign Of Coming Depression

Editor: As a sign of the approaching (if it isn't already here) depression, the stores in this community found it unnecessary to

"Oppression of the masses of in any buyers' spree, we noted any country is the concern of that sales volume appeared to remain at the level of the pre-

I had an interesting discussion with the interviewer when look-"The Socialist Workers Party ing for a job at the USES. In showed that no part time jobs have been available for almost a year now. That all jobs were Youngstown, its closest competitor, mailed in a scarce and the prospects were money order for \$81 which brings the steel city steadily growing worse.

For my own part, I note the steadily increasing lines in front of the building, and also note a the Minneapelis quota, Grace Carlson sends along very high preponderance of Ne-An editorial in a capitalist groes and Mexicans. They are be fired. Especially since the the Minneapolis Branch. Present indications are

San Pedro, Cal.

Gen. Marshall and **Army Jim Crow**

I was glad to see that you quickly showed where General will go without, whereas if every- Marshall stood on the trade un ion movement when you quoted as a loyal citizen; more child- him as saying the railroad workers' threat to strike in 1943 was "the damnedest crime ever committed against America."

But where does he stand on Negroes and their fight for demo-They content themselves by cracy? In this week's Pittsburgh spending billions for actual de- Courier its executive editor, P. L. struction of life rather than as- Prattis, tells a story of how as \$300 quota of \$54 with the hope sist in elevating these appalling a lieutenant-colonel Marshall ful comment from Mary Glad once sided with two Negro sold- stone that "this takes us a little Why doesn't the government iers at Fort Benning when some further from the cellar." Akron appropriate the necessary money crackers tried to get them re- encloses a check for \$32 with an to inance these following insti- moved from training there. Did

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Jeff Thorne of New York: This size, or even smaller, would be good for all our pamphlets. I'm sure workers would

taining the famous "Transitional

The Suppressed Testament of Program" of the world Trotsky-Lenin, with an explanatory ar- ist movement. It also is 25 cents ticle by Leon Trotsky, recently a copy. In less than eight months republished as No. 2 in the Pion- more than 2,000 copies have been

Jarvis Dusenbery of Rochester ordered a second 20 copies of floor open from 12 noon to ing extensively to dealers and Build a Labor Party Now, (10c) the public. It was out of print by George Clarke, and wrote: This booklet is a great piece of Hugh G. Cleland of Cleveland, organizing literature, according ordering four copies, commented: to my way of thinking. It is Your pocket library is an ex- small, cheap and explains so much in a clear way. It is George Rock of Brooklyn: "The very convincing and has no surplus to tire the reader. I have no cal or flowery phrases, or large

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THE MILITANT ARMY

Persistent Sub-Getters Boost Score For Phila.

rapidly increasing Militant cir- ideas and viewpoint." culation in the Philadelphia area. Pauline Ryder, Literature Agent, reports the work being done by Militant is breezing along at a the comrades of that branch: "These 23 subs are the result of White, Literature Agent for the consistent work by the comrades. Connecticut State Branch. "Our Six of them are renewals Comrade Newell got from his shop. 14 subs enclosed in this letter, is Four were gotten by Comrade 110 new subs. Clara Raymond Irene, who is our steadiest work- still leads the Pace-Setters with er on visiting people whose subs 38, followed by Pearl Spangler have expired. Comrade Polen, with 30 and L. Morris with 23." who is also a steady worker for Militant subs, is canvassing a small veterans' housing project, on his own initiative, with excellent results. Comrades Garber, Stone, Blake, Vernon, Cutler, all helped make this a good beginning for 1947."

Supper - hour sub - getting Branch, according to information received from Libby Jones. "Last Wednesday evening we had a mobilization of our Literature Committee," she writes, "which includes 15 comrades. Twelve turned out. We got 8 renewals. The mobilization was for renewals only. We met at 5:30 p.m. so as to catch people at home during supper time. It was a good plan, as we found 8 out of 10 at home—better than at any other time of the day. Our comrades were quite willing to postpone their own suppers until after the mobilization, especially as we explained this would happen only once a month and was really very little hardopean comrades are enduring. Afterward we all had supper together at headquarters, which PER CENT | mobilization. Perhaps other branches might find a supperhour mobilization successful."

> A. Arbeiter of St. Louis is also out to get renewals. He states: "These three subs are for Militant readers who want to get the paper for another year. I visited 9 subscribers today. Those who did not take a renewal asked me to come back next week. All of them think The Militant is Beverley Wise writes: "Last

Branch too are making sure Mil- ernment postcards to The Miliitant readers in their area con- tant. The subscriber could drop tinue to get the paper regularly. | the card into a mailbox request-Rena Breshi sent in 9 renewals ing that his sub start and that with the following note: "We re- | an agent call to collect the monceive a good number of our subs ey. We got 5 subs out of a dis-

Regularity in sub-getting is | friends who sympathize with our

"Our drive to get subs to The normal pace," writes James total to date, which includes the

Seattle Branch has been doing a bang-up job on subs the last couple of months. Clara Kaye, Literature Agent, reports: "Enclosed are 10 new 6-month Militant subs. Five of these are last-minute December subs, upping our last month's total to proves successful for the Buffalo that!) We're certain that with

three weeks to go, we can obtain the rest of our January quota of 35. The final winner for December was Comrade Johnnie B. with 9 subs, and he has already obtained three this month. Our December goal was achieved by 12 comrades and one sympathizer."

May Manning, Section Literature Agent for Los Angeles Local, passes along a new idea being tried there: "The Eastside Branch is experimenting on a novel idea, which may also be considered by other sections, in order to obtain subs to The Militant and to build discussion ship compared to what our Eur- groups. A number of comrades are each given three names in a housing project or in a neighborhood. These are names of was a pleasant finish for the contacts or former Militant subscribers. The paper is delivered to them for the regular price of 5c, for a period of 5 weeks, at the end of which time they will have to pay only 25c to obtain the sub for the remainder of the 6 months.'

Comrade Manning will keep us posted on results.

Oakland Branch obtained concrete results from a distribution. month we obtained 5 of our subs from a distribution to the comrades of Boston NAACP where we attached govthrough shopmates and personal tribution of 75."

Philadelphia Union Leaders **Address Militant Labor Forum**

By George Clement

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18 — James Price, president of the Eastern Pennsylvania district of the CIO United Electrical Workers, and Cazz Miller, business agent of the CIO United Steelworkers of America, outlined labor's demands for 1947 to an attentive audience 3

Turner, Negro veteran, and Rose ers Party to the SKF workers F. Carey, member of the ILGWU during their 3-month strike last

last week.

campaign to swing the public to its views, he promised that the electrical workers would vigilantly defend the union against any attempt to destroy its gains.

Cazz Miller expressed the gra-

at the Militant Labor Forum here | titude of his union for the aid extended by the Militant Labor Other speakers included Ben Forum and the Socialist Workyear. In its national contract. Less than a year after the now being negotiated, the United hard-won strike against General Steelworkers union is demanding Electric and Westinghouse, "all severance pay, a guaranteed anof our gains have disappeared nual wage, social insurance and like chaff in the wind," said greater benefits for ex-GIs. Des-Price. Declaring that the bosses pite the outcry of the reactionare engaged in a propaganda aries in Congress, he said the union will carry on its fight for the closed shop, the check-off and portal-to-portal pay. Miller concluded with the hope that labor would soon begin its own independent political action.

Rose Carey reported that the ILGWU workers are looking forward to substantial wage increases. At the present time the union is demanding a 20 per cent increase. She emphasized the value of the "escalator clause," and also stressed the immediate necessity for labor's independent political action. Ben Turner took up the ques-

tion of the desperate need for low-cost housing, particularly for veterans. He pointed out that although the so-called war against fascism in Europe is over, native fascists are growing bolder here. "Although Bilbo is not in the Senate at present, the Bilbonic Plague continues," he declared, calling attention to the growth of Jim Crow in this country. Turner concluded by emphasizing the need for united action on the part of unions, minority organizations and veterans' groups, if labor is to go

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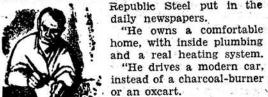
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A Letter To Truman's Committee

By William E. Bohannon -

Jan. 16, 1947

"He lives better, eats better . . . yes, and sleeps better . . . than most of the blue-blooded aristocrats of other lands," says the big ad that Republic Steel put in the



"He is his own boss, and, if he wants to badly enough and is willing to try hard enough, he can get to be boss of his department. his company, or his country.

"His children can have college educations, and can go into any business or profession they choose. (There aren't many other places on earth

"He's an American working man, living and working under the American system of free choice, free speech and free opportunity. "Thousands of men like him work at Re-

public Steel." Well, brothers, that's us! We're the men the whole world envies. Doubtless you feel you lead an enviable life. Still, it shouldn't hurt to inspect this ad a little closely. What about eating and

sleeping better than the aristocrats? I don't know what they eat, but here's the way I make out. At home we mix a little butter into a pound of margarine. Maybe that has more food value than caviar. We eat hamburger, heart or chuck. (Remember how steak used to

taste in the good old days?) I guess I sleep better than the blue-bloods, After I do eight hours on a blast furnace, I certainly sleep. If you work on a furnace, I guarantee you won't have insomnia. You'll just have trouble crawling out of bed for the next day's

- How about the comfortable home with inside plumbing and a real heating system? Well, in

The President's Committee on Civil Rights,

Yesterday, after President Truman asked your

to protect the civil rights of

citizens, you invited everyone

to write you their views on "the

basic causes of civil rights vio-

lations." I take advantage of

this request to give you the So-

cialist Workers Party's views

on why the civil rights of Ne-

These violations are, as every

groes are violated.

Negro knows, part of a bigger crime committed

every single day in the year: the Jim Crow sys-

tem. The constitution and its amendments re-

cognize that the Negro people have the same

rights as other citizens. But in most parts of

the country that recognition is confined to the

House or Congress or the courts. Or by the daily

press, the schools, the churches, the movies, the

radio, the armed forces. And above all, they are

not recognized by the big corporations, such as

There are 2,260,000 veterans who are enrolled

the Vocational Rehabilitation

Act (for disabled vets). The

GI Bill was inadequate when

it was adopted. Today, how-

ever, \$65 for a single man or

\$90 a month for a married

veteran will hardly put crumbs

in schools and colleges or are taking on-the-

job training under the GI Bill of Rights and

on the table.

ter of the American Veterans Committee points

very sharply to the plight of the veterans on

the campus. Out of every 100 veterans respond-

ing to the AVC's questionnaire, 92 felt that the

present subsistence allowance was inadequate.

were forced to work part-time to meet expenses,

while 67 per cent said they would be forced

to do so in the near future if they wished to con-

tinue at the university. Seventy-six per cent

said that their part-time work impaired their

studies. One-third reported that they had to

dig deeply into their War Bonds and savings

to supplement the GI Bill allowance.

Thirty-two per cent of the veterans said they

A poll taken recently by the Columbia chap-

General Electric which you run as chairman.

These rights are not recognized by the White

committee for recommendations on legislation

The Negro Struggle -

Charles E. Wilson, Chairman,

paper it is written on.

Veterans' Problems -

Washington, D. C.

1943, just 84 per cent of the American steelworkers had inside water, and only 68 per cent had an inside bath, leaving 32 per cent with the good old fashioned privy. Heating? A man named Lopez lost his wife and two little children when his oil stove exploded one night while he

And about that modern car . . . If any blueblooded aristocrat wants to get rid of a charcoalburner or an oxcart cheap, and if he's willing to take small payments over a long period of time, I might be interested. The last jalopy I had was laid to rest years ago, and I haven't been able to afford any kind of car since,

And now we come to the part about being your own boss. (I wonder what the steel companies pay all those foremen for!) It's true that you can get to be a boss (unless you're a Negro). if you're willing to be a scab and a stoolvery strange if you get to be boss of your whole department. I never heard of such a case, except years ago when things were different in all industry. As for getting to be boss of your company or your country by trying "hard enough" -are they kidding?

And while you are thinking about Republic get union recognition.

The same hypocrites who paid for this ad were in control of the company in 1937. And they or others like them will continue to control it until it is torn from their greedy fingers by the workers and operated to benefit all the

When that happens, we'll all begin to lead enviable lives!

And that brings us directly to the basic causes

which you discussed. The corporations do every-

workers will not unite against their common

When we try to exercise our rights and demand

equal treatment, then the corporations resort

to violence against us. Either they use "the

KKK to beat us down and keep us "in our place."

causes of our misery.

THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1947

HARLEM'S FIRETRAP TENEMENTS OF DEATH

Fear Haunts Every Household pigeon for years, but of course you have to have a little luck as well. Even then, it will be very, As Eight More Die In Flames

By George Clarke

(Extracts from a speech to a public meeting of the Harlem Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, Imperial Hall, New York

Eight lives were snuffed out in Harlem a week ago, and a Steel, remember the 1937 Memorial Day mas- few weeks before that, 37 men and women and children perished sacre in Chicago, when men, women and chil- in an explosion. We are gathered here tonight to express our dren were shot and clubbed to death for the mourning at their departure, because these people, whether we crime of picketing this benevolent company. knew them or not, whether we are related or not-these people They weren't even fighting to be men "the are our kin. They are working people like us. They live where whole world envies." They were just trying to we live, the same poor lives, the same suffering, the same troubles. We know them as though they were our own relatives. We are gathered not only to mourn, because of mourning there is plenty for our kind. We are gathered to understand why, and having

understood, then to see what we can do to stop these murders. They teach methods of fire prevention in the schools. The methers teach the kids not to play with matches. When you travel on the roads, they warn you not to be careless where there

But in general these warnings are useless in this city of ours. They are wasted breath. Because New York City today is like a big sun-dried forest and the least spark ignites a fire. How can you teach effective fire prevention in a city where there are at least 600 thousand families living in slum dwellings, that is, in houses that catch fire easiest?

One Room For Four Persons!

In some parts of the city as many as four persons live in one room. One room for four persons! I recently read an article thing in their power to maintain this Jim Crow warning New Yorkers not to smoke in bed because a great many system because it helps to keep the workers fires result from people falling asleep or getting drunk with lightdivided along color lines. They use the govern- ed cigarettes in their hands. What must a man, living in a ment, the press and all the other institutions crowded house, do when he wants to smoke? Can he retire to they control, to foster and strengthen the idea the drawing room? Or to a spacious living room? How can he avoid that bed if he would seek a little comfort in his house? of "Negro inferiority" so that Negro and white

This is peace, they say. This is peace where there need not be any fears, there need not be any dread. But the people in the slums live in the constant dread of who will make the first mistake in the house, who, because of bad conditions, over-crowding, inadequate garbage disposal, faulty electrical connectionswho will make the first mistake and start the fire.

law" or they use illegal organizations like the And there was plenty of fear at 167 W. 129th St. when the McKenzies, in the early morning, smelling the smoke rising through the building, raced from their apartment to the roof and found That, Mr. Wilson, is the basic cause of Jim Crow the door to the roof barred by wire. They came back, but not And that also is why we can have no con- alive. Out of seven in the family, four burned to death-Mrs. fidence whatever in your committee, which is Lillie McKenzie, William, Arthur, Betty. Only four-year old Shirjust a stooge outfit set up by the president to ley and two others are alive and she hovers between life and help him regain prestige and votes among the death in the hospital. The Daniels family fared no better. Mrs. Negro people and the whites who are sick of Daniels, her son Joseph and her grandson Joseph all perished. And on Amsterdam Ave. a few weeks before while the families We will fight for our civil rights all right. But were asleep—this time not Negro families, but white ones, for to get them, we will depend on our own strength, | fire and poverty never respect colors or races—the building collapsed and 37 people perished under the stone and the mortar. on the power of militant labor and Negro organ-Who is responsible for these deaths? Could it be negligence

izations, united in struggle against the basic of the people when the fire raced through the dumbwaiter on 129th Street? The question is asked-was the City negligent? Yours truly. We know some facts about this. We know that 10 to 15 years William E. Bohannon ago, gas seeped through from the ice-house on Amsterdam Ave. that the building inspectors had condemned, but it remained to crumble on the bodies of people.

Cutting Down On Fire Protection Now when congestion is worse than ever, they are

down on the Fire Department staff. I have here an official bul-At the last session of Congress the Langer Bill letin of the Fire Department. Here in Harlem the 91st Engine was introduced and quickly forgotten. This bill | Company, which had 1,745 runs to 614 fires last year, was cut provided for a blanket \$35 monthly increase in down from a double company to a single company. That means that all veterans' allowances. The AVC pointed out when the company goes out to a fire and another fire takes place that it made no provisions for veterans' depen- at the same time, there are no fire engines in that station for dents and urged that the bill be amended to the other fire. The 26th Truck Company, which made 2,183 runs to 1,270 fires in the last year, was also cut in half in the interests of "economy." Why are there cuts here in Harlem? Because If the 79th Congress forgot the bill while the the insurance underwriters have noted the fact that insurance rates are lower in Harlem than in other parts of the city and therefore the fate of these dilapidated, run-down buildings is not so important to them.

You contrast this with the new cops that are being put on the beat. You see all the young rookies-by the thousands all over town. So many of them, they send a few to snoop around in this meeting tonight. They are cutting the fire department, when firemen work more than 8 hours a day in many parts of the city. Meanwhile they are increasing the police force. We wonder what is the meaning of this? Perhaps because when the people get tired of these fires, when their anger and indignation forces them on to the streets in protest, there will then be enough cops to club them back into the fire traps.

and housing as they are about running down the fellow that million people need homes. What is the slogan every Negro organization, in every veterans organfixed the football game a while ago? Don't be misled. There on as they do today. Because there are more than a million people up. The Mayor is fiddling while the city burns. ing program will save the people from fire and in the city who are forced to live where fires are inevitable.

Homeless Veterans Camp In Park



mese veterans and their wives settle down for the night in a Los Angeles Park. Their protest placards were used in a demonstration against the critical housing shortage. Scores of cops were rushed to the scene for possible use against the hundreds of ex-GIs. Federated Pictures

Slums you know are inexpensive to maintain. They We say that the city, state and federal adminisdon't bother about fixing up the buildings. The trations — O'Dwyer, Dewey and Truman — will taxes are low because the buildings have deterior- one day be held responsible for every life snuffed ated. But the rents are high because there is over- out by their negligence, carelessness, callous discrowding in the city and people must live some-

No, it is much easier for the landlord to main-Under these conditions the landlords are satisfied the production for death. with the housing situation. They make millions of profits every year from such conditions.

Look to the building companies. Look to the insurance companies. Look to the banks. That's they don't send this kind of fire-bug to jail. If you want to find out who was guilty of murder, you companies that force people to live in rat-traps erect homes for one million New Yorkers. will find them in the same banks and insurance and death holes.

Guilt Shared By Politicians .

guilt is shared by the politicians who cover them up, who act as their accomplices in high office in federal and state and city government. How would you know this? You only have to see what they 120 thousand persons, but no new buildings have been erected for 40 years. Neither Truman in now? The slogan is now to send the people into ziation. the boarded-up tenements which will be patched

We brand the politicians of the Republican and disaster.

New Yorkers are condemned by the tens and Democratic Party, together with the banks, equally hundreds to die in these disasters. Condemned guilty for the death of the people of a few blocks by capitalist greed! Condemned by rapacious land- from here and on Amsterdam Ave. They are tied lords! They are responsible for this situation. in, body and soul, with the real estate interests. regard of the workers' housing needs.

There is much that can be done in this city. They could build homes. They have the facilities tain a tenement than to build. It is much more now to build playgrounds and gardens for the profitable. But don't think because of that, there workers of New York -large roomy, airy apartis no building going on. I picked up the N. Y. ments with trees and playgrounds for the children Times this morning. Look at these beautiful of- to play in. They have methods to set up prefabrifice buildings and new apartments being erected cated housing in a short time. They had the "know on Fifth Ave. They are spending 200 million dol- how" during the war. They had plenty of money. lars for these apartments and office buildings. billions of dollars, and they showed miracles in

Plenty of Money for Homes

The money is in the same place today. And If you want to look for the fire-bugs in the city of New York, don't look for the kids on Amsterdam Ave. Don't look for a few children who didn't There is plenty of money there for homes. There is plenty of money there for homes. dam Ave. Don't look for a few children who didn't know how to use matches. Look to Wall Street. could re-assess the value of real estate in A York. They could get large subsidies from the where the fire-bugs are. The only trouble is that state and federal governments. They could put a tax on people who pay \$200 and \$300 rents or more. In Washington they are appropriating 11 billion for war, and it would take only 7 billion to

Billions are needed and they are not found because the wealth of America rests in the hands of a few plutocrats. The question for you to think But they don't stand alone in their guilt. Their about, if you want to think in deep terms about these disasters and tragedies, if you want to think in terms of how they can be overcome by a good housing program — the question is, to whom shall the wealth of America belong? You must also ask, have done in the face of this great danger. In the last three years Harlem's population increased by try? Who will prevail? A handful of plutocra or the great majority of the people?

It is possible for us to struggle effectively for our Washington, nor Dewey in Albany, nor O'Dwyer program. We can take the idea that billions must in New York have lifted a finger to correct this come out of Wall Street and from taxing the rich situation. They have built 16,000 apartments since and by subsidies from the government to build 1936 in this city. And they have a housing pro- homes for the working people. We can take that gram that will build 20 thousand more while a idea and plant it in every union in New York, in

Only a militant fight based on an effective hous-

Notes From The News

Caught Short On The Campus

The UAW Veterans Conference to be held in Washington, next week will press for federal action on housing; a federal bonus (\$3 for each day's service at home and \$4 for each day overseas service); cash payment on terminal leave bonds; higher subsistence allowance for on-thejob training; unemployment compensation for veterans during strikes, etc.

Banker Herbert Lehman, former New York Governor, has joined the new Americans for Democratic Action. This strengthens the ADA financially and ties it still more closely to the Democratic Party.

The demonstrative indictment of former State Department employe Carl Aldo Marzani, on charges of having fraudulently concealed membership in the Communist Party, is regarded as only a warm-up for the much bigger attacks planned by the government against the CP and militant workers.

The Michigan Supreme Court this month upheld restrictive covenants barring Negroes and other minorities from certain neighborhoods.

The Labor Health Institute run by the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes in St. Louis, and financed in part by the employers, is a model health project. Besides providing excellent low-cost medical services to members and their families, it treats Negroes

on a completely equal basis in a town where they are segregated in the municipal hospitals and clinics.

grant \$25 a month for each dependent in addi-

veterans were still supposed to be "heroes," the

80th Congress will now most probably attempt

to bury the bill next to the graves of the bonus

and Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bills. None

of these bills would really solve the major prob-

lems of the veterans. Even extremely modest

bills meet deaf ears, however, when they are

The passage of the Langer Bill even with the

AVC amendment would only be a start on the

needs of student veterans. Only the sliding scale

of benefits can give any assurance of economic

protection against the rising cost of living. An

automatic rise in subsistence allowances to meet every rise in prices—that is the need of the

hour for every veteran depending on an allow-

placed before capitalist politicians.

tion to the general increase.

A fire last week burned out the New York apartment of James T. Farrell, noted author, destroying scores of unpublished manuscripts and stories. Farrell is advertising for an apartment for his family, any kind, "furnished or unfurnished, temporary or permanent."

Food prices will go still higher, according to low-rent housing. They have plans. the Department of Agriculture: "Prices received deliberately obstructed every by farmers during the next few months may average slightly below the mid-November levels. The general level, however, as well as the level of prices paid by farmers is likely to continue upward during the first quarter of 1947."

The NAACP, whose goal in 1947 is a million members, plans a mass demonstration for an anti-lynching bill some time next month in crisis. But the federal adminis- and only \$225 million next year. pite a 500 million dollar sur-Washington: es begin egygy •jess

One out of every five persons in Gadsden, Alabama is a member of the CIO.

universal military training, published at the Housing Bill, which was supposed trol order, President Truman re- These grants ranged from \$300,- the city. Moses, in turn, annountaxpayers' expense, states with a straight face to solve the housing problem. moved all restrictions from build- 000 for Utica down to \$6,000 for that its plan to give military training to all Under the direction of Wilson ing and thus scuttled even the the State Teachers College. The male youth 18 years old "is not 'conscription' Wyatt, the program set up by inadequate housing program latter appropriation will scarcely as practiced by European powers" and that in this bill produced only about adopted by the last Congress, build a row of out-houses at tofact "it is a preventive for Prussianism." 100,000 dwelling units over and The new policy allows private in- day's prices.

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By John Fredericks

move to provide decent new dwellings for millions of deswith low incomes.

tration, serving the interests of \$15 billion will go for war.

The last session of Congress 1944.

became unlivable during the building program of penthouse program, Dewey cannot brag that a complete fraud. According to Private real estate and construction interests, as same period. Contrasted to the construction interests, as shown in a previous article, need for ten million homes, this buildings. Far from producing quonset huts and re-habilitated 900,000 persons. The city will have completely failed to figure plainly demonstrates the any housing under private spon- structures have been completed. provide actually for only 4,450 nave completely lailed to complete inadequacy of the fed-produce needed low-cost, eral administration's housing low-pent housing. They have

SPENT MORE FOR WAR

Government Does Little In Housing Crisis above the number of homes that | terests to proceed with their | Yet, even with this inadequate | persons in a four-year period; is little private home building was to complete the initial plan.

taking place. In the year ending June, 1946 Nor can we expect any pro- administration has failed in every the federal government spent gressive home-building program way, either to make adequate perate workers and veterans only \$158 million for housing from the Republican Congress. plans, or to carry out the inadeas compared with \$431/2 billion A sample of the Republican con-These millions are now look- for war preparations. President cept of a housing program is ing to government agencies for Truman plans to spend \$525 what New York's Governor FRAUDULENT PROMISES a solution to the terrible housing million for housing this year, Thomas Dewey has done. Desthe profiteers, has failed to take | The administration is actually has appropriated only 35 million | Stalinist, and Republican memeven the minimum measures re- planning to spend less for hous- for housing 7,500 persons. One bers, has not assumed responquired by the scale of the crisis. ing next year than in 1943 and million dollars were divided sibility to build new homes. The War Department pamphlet, advocating passed the much-touted Patman In his recent housing de-con-veterans' temporary housing. ert Moses as Housing Director for

New York state's Republican quate plans that were made.

Likewise, the Democratic administration in New York City. plus in the state treasury, Dewey aided by American Labor Party, among the State Universities for Mayor O'Dwyer appointed Robced a four-year plan to end the city's housing shortage.

> The plan, which is supposed to provide homes for 1,268,400 on the housing crisis.)

1,500 new dwelling units over a four-year period.

A sample of Mayor O'Dwyer's 'veterans housing" is the Elmhurst project. A garbage dump, containing a fill of garbage 15feet thick, has been covered with earth and on this quonset huts, for veterans' families have be built. Approaching this mu hole, you can smell decayed garbage from blocks away. Veterans are supposed to wade through this muddy hole and bring

their children in a stench t will turn any normal stomach. This is the best answer the New York city administration gives to the housing crisis,

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