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UNION CHIEFS PUSH 'APPEASEMENT'

Protests Assault On PCI

NEW YORK, Feb. 1-In a vigorous protest to French Premier Paul Ramadier this week, the Socialist Workers Party served notice of its intention to give the widest publicity to the repeated attacks by the French government on the Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French section of the Fourth International.

This protest, signed by SWP National Secretary James P. Cannon, condemned the following specific violations of the PCI's right of assembly and right to publicly uphold the cause of Indo-China's independence:

"On Dec. 6 your government banned a meeting in defense of the Viet Nam Republic called by the PCI, and then launched your police against the thousands of French and colonial workers there, beating and arresting numerous par-

"Since then we have learned that on Jan. 24 your government again banned a meeting on Indo-China called by the PCI at the 'Salle de la Mutualite' in Paris, 300 police agents again forcibly dispersed the audience, beating up and arresting several members of the PCI, including its general secretary, Yvan Craipeau.

"On behalf of the American workers opposed to the imperialist expedition against the Indo-Chinese masses, we demand the immediate release of all PCI members and supporters of Indo-Chinese independence, and an immediate cessation of attacks on their right of assembly and the most elementary democratic liberties."

SWP Rally Opens Chicago Campaign

By Robert L. Birchman

in candidate for Mayor, and Homer Lewis, candidate for

SWP National Labor Secretary, are "two sides of the same coin and Bill Stone, representative of who do not now and never have the Socialist Youth Guard, Trot- had anything good to offer the skyist youth organization here. | working man and woman."

tion Commissioners on his peti-

ceeding rapidly.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 — Homer Party on the South Side are increase. Lewis, Socialist Workers Party urged to attend the Campaign candidate for alderman in the Committee meeting on Thursal ruling of the Board of Elec- the campaign activities.

Homer Lewis and Michael Bartions to be placed on the ballot. tell, Socialist Workers Party for issuing the order. He feebly tage of the acute housing short-No challenges to his petitions write-in candidate for mayor, claimed complete ignorance of age. were filed with the Board of Elec- | will speak over radio tion Commissioners by any of WJJD, Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2:30 The campaign to elect Homer be made over the same station himself," he said. Lewis to the City Council is now on March 23 and 30 at the same in full swing. Every residence in hour. This is the first time the FOR RENT INCREASE the Third Ward will be covered Trotskyists have been on the rawith campaign literature. House- | dio in Chicago.

to-house canvassing and organ-Hayden Perry, has issued a six- howler. Washington correspond- higher rents. Campaign headquarters for page folder containing the party's ents believe that Truman first Homer Lewis have been estab- election program. Copies of the tried to get the jump on Con- 10 per cent blanket increase, on revision in the state eleclished at 4643 South Michigan program may be obtained by gress in raising rents, thus win-Avenue. All Militant readers and writing SWP, 777 W. Adam St., ning the acclaim of the land- hikes. The formula is that landfriends of the Socialist Workers Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3—One hundred and fifty workers last night attended the Socialist Workers Party election rally that opened the campaign to elect Michael Bartell, writein candidate for Mayor, and Homer Lewis candidate for Alderman in the Third Ward. In addition to the two candidates, principal speakers at the rally were Vincent R. Dunne, ocratic and Republican parties For 15 Per Cent Increase

Pleading Instead Of Fighting

The real estate sharks got a tantalizing taste of blood last week when the OPA mimeographed an announcement together. Senate hearings have print industry and determine boosting rent ceilings a blanket 10 per cent. Reporters were already been opened. A measure production, prices and distribuwaiting for the freshly inked sheets when Truman suddenly got cold feet and at the last moment countermanded the

Banking and Currency Commit- \$2,300,000,000 in 1940 to \$4,300,-Third Ward, is awaiting the fin- day nights and to participate in tee, Philip B. Fleming, brass hat 000,000 in 1946, they feel they porary Controls, took the rap these figures by taking advan-Truman's alleged opposition to At present OPA is handing

The general was so obviously covering up Truman that no one lords. Then he got scared of the decided to resume the attitude some time — to let the Republican Congress take political responsibility for the scheduled

By Eugene Varlin

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 — The Chicago CIO Council has is clamoring for a rent increase. The powerful real estate lobby prior to 1942.

Testifying before the Senate landlords in America rose from Director of the Office of Tem- can skyrocket profits far beyond

the eight opposing candidates. p.m. Additional broadcasts will that the President had expressed the rate of 30,000 a month, N. Y. SWP ASKS granting 6 out of 10 landlord granting 6 out of 10 landlord applications. The average rent To Be Heard On boost per tenant so far is between \$5 and \$6 a month. These rises are granted on any one of Election Laws The Socialist Workers Party believed him. The episode was 15 grounds available to landization of the precincts are pro- Campaign Committee, headed by chalked up as another Truman lords as "reasons" for wanting

lords must demonstrate "hardwage boosts. And so finally he redefined by OPA to include landlords whose current profits he has maintained publicly for do not compare "favorably" with their grab during the boom war years of 1944 and 1945. Formerly, the basis of comparison was the take in any year

Bills have been introduced in thrown full support behind the three union candidates Although the yearly income of Congress to end rent ceilings al-

(S. 415) that seems likely to be tion. backed by the Republican machine has been introduced by tion of all rent controls on April

demand for the right to Despite his about-face on the speak at the public hearing ments which cut small users out." of appeasement. They are re-ter-offensive. Truman favors granting rent tion law, which will be held in Albany on Feb. 11, was made possibility a rent increase would ship." To make it easier to show here last week by George Clarke, mean redoubled pressure for "hardship," this term has been state secretary of the Socialist Workers Party in a letter to the chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Revision and Re-

codification of the Election Law. Recalling that in the 1946 election campaign the SWP and two other minority parties were arbitrarily thrown off the ballot cover for a powerful entrenched other minority parties who nomdates our democratic right to appear on the ballot."

"The workers of New York suffer from one of the most antilation of democratic rights.

NEED REVISION

"Instead of measures to lib-"Big Four" agreement, but are tion laws, the committee which make the arbitrary requirements The International Policy com- now burdening independent parvere candidates. In taking this Free and adequate dental and mands at this time. Details of mittee has already voted to reties still more dictatorial and unstep, the CIO Council is depart- medical care for all who need it. the progress of negotiations are open the wage question. Any democratic. These measures were attempt to accede to the inevit- obviously inspired by bosses of These negotiations come im- able request of the corporations the Democratic and Republican candidates and is laying the Organization of all Chicago mediately after the discouraging to extend the present wage struc- parties anxious to make still easgroundwork for city-wide elec- workers for independent labor retreat of Philip Murray in ex- ture will no doubt be fought vig- ier their practice of denying mi- Dewey's henchmen, likewise set of the unions succeed in com- tinue to hammer for speed in orously by a majority of this nority parties a place on the March 15 as the deadline for pelling the union bureaucracy to

Elimination of slum areas and have united campaign head- no inclination to follow Mur- President Buckmaster will at- en by the State Legislature to lic hearings February 5, the the Big Business assault. fire-traps and their replacement quarters in each of the three ray's example. George R. Bass tempt to foist a replica of Mur- change the election law will vit- House Labor and Education wards in which they are running. and I. H. Watson, who will rep- ray's action on the rubber work- ally affect the Socialist Workers Committee expects to shotgun ate Committee on Labor and Party, we request that you hear through this stage of the drive Public Welfare last week were a The rubber industrialists are our representative at the public in record time. hearing on Feb. 11."

Bow To Big Business Demands; Fail To Fight Anti-Labor Laws

AFL and CIO top leaders are beating a cowardly retreat before the Congressional anti-labor offensive. They are handing one concession afteranother to the employers in a futile attempt to appease the labor-haters. Ultra-conservative bureaucrats of the AFL last week made two especi-

ally craven gestures of ap-

Paper Monopoly Endangers Free Labor Press

scored last week by the dis- | cers and members. closures of Senator James E. the Congressional drive for antiing Senate Small Business Com- tion and other measures to crip-

Murray charged that monopoly-created shortages are preventing small and independent publications from securing adequate paper supplies. His charges were KNUCKLE UNDER contained in a report for the guidance of the new Senate comsoon on the paper shortage.

The free press is being menaced by "three groups of corporate giants," Murray stated. These three corporate groups are "the big newspapers, the mass magazines and the great mill operators." They control the news-

first time data contained in a pressing the right to strike. Senator Albert W. Hawkes of secret report of the Federal New Jersey and three other Re- Trade Commission on the prepublicans. This measure calls for war operations of the paper inan immediate rent increase of dustry. He supplemented this while he deals savage bureaucra- to more ferocious assaults. For 15 per cent and final termina- with the more recent findings of his committee.

"There is almost no such thing NEW YORK, Feb. 4 — A ternal, foreign language, are de- halt union-busting legislation. fenseless in the face of growing

ment, keystone of the AFL craft- making no preparations for a union structure. imposed an in- real fight to win their announcdefinite no-strike arbitration ed demands for "substantial pact on some 2,000,000 building wage increases." On the contrary. trades workers, who were not CIO and Steelworkers President

One day later, the AFL Teamsters Executive Board formally urged all CIO affiliates to extend announced a drive of repression The grave danger to the against union militants who go on so-called "wild-cat" strikes. continued existence of the threatening the bureaucratic free labor press was under- suspension of local unions, offi-

Coming in the very midst of Murray, Chairman of the expir- strike laws, compulsory arbitraple the unions, these latest moves by the heads of leading sections of the AFL are calculated and demonstrative acts of surrender to the demands of Big Business. This was made explicit in the

case of the AFL Building Trades mittee which is holding hearings arbitration by the fact that it was publicly announced not by union leaders but by President Truman. He hailed it as a pattern of "voluntary" surrender for the whole labor movement.

AFL Teamsters Czar Daniel J. Tobin and his lieutenants, through their anti-strike drive, have openly proclaimed themselves allies of the employers in Murray made public for the curbing union militants and sup-

Tobin has not lifted a finger anti-labor legislation. sional his own union.

The CIO leaders have merely and ultimately destroy the whole as an open newsprint market in made the record with verbal pro- organized labor movement. which small papers may bid for tests and objections to anti-laand buy the paper they need," bor laws. Murray wrote a letter union leaders is a warning sigsaid Murray. "During the war last Dec. 5 calling for joint ac- nal to the militants in all the the government protected their ton of the CIO, AFL and Rail- unions. They must redouble their supplies and held the price for road Brotherhoods. But the top efforts to forge a united front them. But now thousands of CIO leaders have done nothing of action in every locality for a small publications, daily, weekly, to mobilize their own members determined fight against the anreligious, farm, labor, trade, fra- for any serious mass struggle to ti-labor offensive. It is up to

peasement. Leaders of the AFL Building Trades Depart- treating on the wage front and even consulted on the matter. Philip Murray not only extended the U.S. Steel contract, but their old contracts and avoid a genuine struggle for higher wages. U. S. Steel promptly answered Murray's conciliatory gesture by aiming a solar-plexus blow at the union with an arrogant demand for the total elimination of union security and re-



storation of the wide-open shop. The cowardly appeasement policy of the union leaders will in real opposition to Congres- not soften Wall Street's blows. It will embolden the labor-haters tic blows at the rank and file of the ruling capitalist class is determined to permanently cripple

The ominous conduct of the the ranks to call a halt to the At the same time they are leadership's retreat and to set big-publisher-big-mill arrange- laying down their own pattern in motion labor's mighty coun-

Anti-Labor Law Timetable Stepped Up By Senator Taft

By Joseph Hansen

Wall Street cracked the whip over Congress last week with a curt command to move still faster in its legislative after meeting all of the legal drive against the labor moverequirements, Clarke denounced ment. The order came from the present law "as a convenient Robert R. Wason, chairman of the board of the National Assopolitical machine to deny us and ciation of Manufacturers. On January 29 at a public forum inated independent labor candi- in New York, Wason made the sneering remark that the Republican - dominated Congress had "sold out" to organized labor.

Wall Street's political repredemocratic election laws in the sentatives in Washington retillery horses stung by a lash. publican machines utilize this After meeting with his lieutenlaw to preserve their monopoly ants, Robert A. Taft, boss of the in state politics in brazen vio- Senate, told reporters January 31 that the deadline for passage of the union-busting legislation had been moved up to March 15. Previously Taft had declared he hoped to have the legislation reported out of committee by March 1 and passed by March 31. Thus Wall Street's command for greater speed resulted in zero hour being advanced a

full two weeks. REASONS FOR HASTE

The House Republican machine, dominated by Governor their omnibus anti-labor bill to put the heat on Congress and to forts of top union bureaucrats to "Inasmuch as any action tak- reach the floor. Opening pub- tighten union defenses against

Sen. Ball Hurls New **Anti-Labor Knife**

Senator Joseph H. Ball, Republican of Minnesota, threw another legislative knife at the union movement January 27 when he introduced a bill (S. 360) to severely penalize strikers.

If S. 360 becomes law, a striker who refuses a company offer of "substantial equivalent employment" loses his legal status as an employe under the Wagner Labor Relations Act. The employer can then fire him or bar him from voting in subsequent plant elections.

S. 360 also redefines "bargaining" unit, to help weak craft and disruptive company unions in moves against the large international unions.

Street's insistence on such haste is its fear the miners will renew their demand for wage increases to meet the rising cost of living But more important is Wall Street's hope of greasing the measures through Congress before the outraged rank and file

The hearings before the Senfield day for the union haters. One of the reasons for Wall Manufacturers, corporation law- basic labor laws."

yers, and assorted flunkies of Big Business turned loose with everything they had against the labor movement. Even where they displayed differences, it was only over how sharp a knife they needed to cut labor's throat. Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, for instance, opposed some of the most vicious measures before the committee, but nevertheless advocated the far-reaching union restrictions proposed by Tru-

CRAVEN LEADERS In the face of this savage bar-

rage, spokesmen of the union bureaucracy have done little outside of issuing public statements complaining that the bills are 'unjustified" and "unnecessary." Off the record these craven "leaders" passed the word to Wall Street that they "are ready to accept some of the milder restrictions," and a meeting of AFL lobbyists tipped off the press they are ready to make "concessions." Top CIO and AFL leaders even go so far as to feel complacent over certain proviswhen the United Mine Workers ions which they believe will deal contract expires on March 31. greater injury to the rival organization.

Meanwhile the NAM, the Chamber of Commerce and the entire Big Business press conthe drive against labor. The efappease Big Business only brings a redoubling of blows. As the Journal of Commerce coolly puts it: "The new trend will not prevent Congress from enacting a series of far reaching changes in

Committee of ten, appointed by ment's strikebreaking detail. the CIO Council, has drawn up an election program for the Re- | the unions. ing from its traditional policy of supporting Democratic Party unity. tion campaigns by labor candi- political action.

the Feb. 25 city elections. 9-

placing all its facilities at the

disposal of the labor candidates.

make financial contributions in

campaign. Substantial sums have

textile workers and several UAW-

CIO locals.

by new low-cost housing.

made available to veterans.

Michael Mann, Executive Se- increases.

Chicago CIO Supports

who have been nominated by the Revere Copper and Brass

Local, CIO United Auto Workers, to run for aldermen in

3 Labor Candidates

cretary of the CIO Council, is Maintenance of rent controls. Abolition of the sales tax. Unified modern transportation The various affiliates of the system under municipal owner-Council have been instructed to ship.

turn over files of their members Support to the teachers' deliving in the 32nd, 35th and 36th mand for substantial wage increases.

In addition, the Council has Federal subsidy for needy stucalled on all affiliated locals to dents. Free meals for underprivileged

support of the Revere workers' school students. already been received from the nomic equality for minority groups

An extremely significant new enants.

Promotion of complete labor not yet known.

The Revere candidates filed workers. Included in the program are: their petitions on Jan. 20 and But the rubber unionists show ed, however, that International Unused public housing to be Many workers in these wards resent the union's Goodrich and ers. have already volunteered their Firestone systems in the nego-Wage increases without price support.

Rubber Workers To Press Demand For 26-Cent Raise

By Joseph Andrews (Special to The Militant)

AKRON, Feb. 1 — Despite CIO President Philip Mur- United States," Clarke contin- sponded to this charge like array's signal to all CIO affiliates for a retreat on wage de- ued. "The Democratic and Remands, the United Rubber Workers are proceeding with their negotiations for a 26-cent an hour wage increase from the "Big Four" rubber corporations, Goodrich, Good-Full social, political and eco- year, Firestone and U.S. Rubber. The negotiating committee

Outlawing of restrictive covweek in Cincinnati with the com-Stop use of injunctions against ternational Policy Committee had other concessions. determined to push wage de-

tending the contract of the steel

tiations, have alreadly publicly

representing the "Big Four" stated that they do not intend URW locals began meeting this to agree to an extension of the eralize the New York State elecdevelopment is the fact that a Abolition of the Police Depart- pany representatives. A prev- determined to fight for immed- you head has before it for conious meeting of the union's in- late wage increases as well as sideration only bills that would

policy committee. It is expect- ballot.

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Briggs Auto Local Militants Fight Against Inclusion 'Daily Worker' Slanders Of Reutherite Red-Baiting Plank In Caucus Program

(Special to The Militant)
DETROIT, Feb. 1 — The fight against the rightward trend of the Reuther caucus supporters at CIO United Auto Workers Briggs Local 212 was climaxed this week when Ernest Mazey, candidate for Vice-President on the Pioneer Caucus slate, was forced to wage a battle against the red-baiting program which was foisted on the caucus.

When the caucus accepted the red-baiting plank in its program, Ernest Mazey withdrew his name as a candidate on the Pioneer slate. At a later meeting, Harold Fox, another union militant, also withdrew as a candidate for the Executive Board for the same reason.

The Pioneer Caucus has from its inception been the scene of sharp conflict between those who sought to confine it to an election machine for Emil Mazey. present International Executive Board member, and those interested in building it into a fighting caucus of union militants. A new feature has been added in the past year with an important section of the caucus and its chairman, Art Vega, aligning themselves with the Thomas-Addes group in the International Union.

Because of these conflicting tendencies a year ago, the caucus had been split, with a section going over to the main opposition group in the Local which is predominately under the Stalinist influence. During the course of the year a reunification had taken place, but now the Reuther-Thomas rivalry was added to the conflict between the Emil Mazey machine men and those militants grouped around Ernest

Reflecting the steady rightward evolution of the Reuther forces in the UAW, Emil Mazey and his lieutenants have been in- ing campaign against Ernest triguing against the militants in Mazey and insisted that plank the Pioneer caucus. This intri- No, 1 of the Pioneer program gue led to an attempt to make consist of a red-baiting clause: not once taking the floor in a the International union."

New York Teachers Picket



Continuing their campaign for higher wages, thousands of New York City teachers picket the building where a budget hearing is in progress. Members of the Teachers Salary Conference, to which both AFL and CIO teachers unions belong, participated in the recent demonstration.

Federated Pictures

year history of the local union. | a special meeting of the Pioneer He also had been a supporter of caucus. Ken Morris, Recording Secretary of the Local, spoke for the steering committee and atnounced by the militants at a tempted to pose the issue as though "Ernest Mazey thinks he is bigger than the steering comceeded to select its slate, head- mittee or the caucus." After the ed by Tom Clampitt for Presi- chairman arbitrarily ruled an amendment by Ernest Mazey out of order, the latter took the floor and launched into an impassion-

inaugurated a vicious red-bait-He pointed to the issue of redbaiting as one of the most cruan election deal with Art Vega, "We support CIO policy. We will cial issues confronting the labor a Thomas-Addes supporter, and oppose the attempt of any minor- movement today. He answered to cut Ernest Mazey from the ity political party or group to the slanderous personal attack in 1934 becoming treasurer of this he voted to table FEPC, to slate. Vega has the distinction of interfere or control the local or against himself by reviewing his the New Jersey Republican State emasculate the Railroad Work- mark satisfied Prudential's polmembership meeting in the ten- The issue was thrashed out at one of consistent militant union-

who tried to foist false policies upon the labor movement. He pointed to the all-out campaign against labor of the present Congress and how it all was proceeding under the cover of an antired crusade. He scored the Murrays. Greens and Reuthers who the labor movement. He pointed troying not only those against ist war. whom it is used today but the la-

He posed the issue in these words; "What kind of a campaign shall we conduct? Shall it be a constructive campaign on a real anti-war struggle and is, program - on issues which will in fact, aiding U. S. imperialism. dispute exists with the compan- S. Rubber locals which have help educate our membership and strengthen our union or shall we permit ourselves to become part of an anti-red campaign which can only injure or

Ernest Mazey concluded by declaring that if the caucus should uphold the proposal of the steering committee, he would be forced to withdraw his name as a candidate on the Pioneer slate. He withdrew his candidacy when the caucus voted 61 to 22 to inits last convention. This means in no uncertain terms that the clude the red-baiting plank in

> has already provoked a sharp reaction from the militants in the shop. The militants are convinced that they have scored a moral victory and that the groundwork has been laid for a regroupment of the progressive forces on the basis of a militant program to meet the issues of

Smith -- Prudential Life's **Congressional Watchdog**

bill now in public hearings, bears the names of three Senators who sponsored it. Taft-Ball-Smith, Taft and Ball long ago achieved notoriety as Wall Street politicians. But who ever heard of Smith?

The oldest cog in this wellgreased combination, H. Alexander Smith will be 73 when he completes his present term in 1953. Yet he has the least senority, having been elected to the Senate for the first time in 1944 to fill the unexpired term of W. Warren Barbour of New Jersey.

Preserved for decades in the Republican Party warehouse, Smith reminds people of a worn-out gear wheel still in service years after it should have been scrapped. However, the publicity experts of the Repubican Party present Smith as a liberal statesman with the interests of the people at heart. from a man so thoroughly worn

and coming shyster lawyer, Smith | Congress stampeded the Case left his native state of New York | bill through both houses last and nailed up his shingle out year, Smith joined Taft and west in Colorado Springs, Colo- Ball in steering it through the rado. By 1918 he had advanced Senate. While it lay on Truhigh enough in the Republican man's desk, Smith did his utmost hierarchy to win a post on Her- to high-pressure Truman into bert Hoover's U.S. Food Administration staff.

SMITH'S RECORD

Having extracted all the juice of this political plum, he next became chairman of the committee on organization of trustees and faculty of Princeton bill as no more than "a whole-University. (The powerful National City Bank controls the tive assault on labor. policies of this rich man's school.) Smith stayed at Princeton from 1919 to 1930. Then law in New York City,

up in the Republican machine, on existing housing. into the chairman's seat.

Committee, and in 1941 moving ers Retirement Act, and to put itical watchdog; he joined the

SENATOR SMITH

Way back in 1905, as an up in the Republican groove. When signing it, putting his name with Taft, Ball and three Democrats on a 7,500 word document urging Truman to disregard labor's angry opposition to the sweeping measure.

> Smith considered the Case some beginning" in the legisla-

In his short period in the Senate, Smith has already proved his value to the real estate intefrom 1932 to 1941 he practiced rests, having pressed tirelessly for an end to rent controls and Meanwhile he inched higher voting to remove price ceilings crippling amendments in the representative of the railroad precisely what could be expected | Senator Taft moved to cut the | measure.

by more than half, Smith back-To this Wall Street politician

belongs the distinction of a

blunder rarely committed on the

Senate floor - revealing the name of his Big Business patron. The incident occurred June not happen to know, and I called my office to see if there had been any correspondence on the subject, but there is none."

Wheeler had picked a Saturday near the end of the session for his move when not more than a handful of Congressmen would be present. Wheeler wanted speed and no opposition. "Was it the Metropolitan?" he asked Smith

"I am thinking of the Prudential," said Smith, "I should like to be advised about that." "Frankly," responded Wheel-

er, "I think Mr. Stedman, of the Prudential, disagreed with some features of the bill, not with all of them, but I believe that there are one or two points in the bill which will have to be worked out later on.'

Smith still felt uneasy. "They may hold senior obligations. Would the position of those senior obligations be jeopardized?"

"Under all circumstances the senior bondholder gets his pound of flesh," Wheeler cynically assured Smith, "regardless of what Besides | it does to anybody."

The cool brazeness of this re-Smith's record in the Senate is Full Employment Bill. When interests in shoving through the

Steel Union Militants

poison-pen attack on the Trotskyists in the unions. Its latest slanders and misrepresentations are contained in two articles on "Steelworkers' Wage Negotiations" by Axdrew Onda, printed in the Daily Worker, on Jan. 28 and 29. Onda's lies are served up in a 9

stew supposed to be an analysis terference of the Communist of the CIO Steelworkers current | Party." Murray personally ramnegotiations. He tries to make med this declaration through this dish palatable for workers without debate at the opening of by seasoning it with a pretended the CIO convention. The Daily desire for a militant policy. He Worker hailed this reactionary even speaks about the need "to declaration as a "great statesprepare the steelworkers and the union machinery for any eventuality including a strike!" But these bold words disguise a different and opposite aim.

COVER UP MURRAY

Onda's aim is to cover up Philip Murray, who is responsible 4, 1946, when Senator Wheeler | for leading a retreat on the wage of Montana was high-balling a front and the failure to prepare genuine union militants who are measure through for the rail- the union for a genuine wage opposing Murray's retreat on the road companies. Smith was not struggle. Thus, the Stalinist arsure how his backers regarded ticles contain only lickspittle Wheeler's measure and so he ask- praise for Murray. They go so far ed: "There are in my State some as to attribute the reactionary very important insurance com- red-baiting campaign of Murray's neglect of the piled up grievpanies which have large invest- own machine to "those forces ments in railroad securities, and who wish to undermine the in-I am wondering whether those fluence and prestige of the union companies favor the bill. I do and of President Philip Murray."

Who are "those forces"? Why, of course, "the Trotskyites"! Onda carefully explains that the Trotskyites are insignificant within the Steel union." But "they are able to play a damagng role because, and solely in those locals and districts where red-baiting is permitted to flour-

We read further, however, that this red-baiting flourishes most of all in the union's official organ, the chief mouthpiece of-Philip Murray. Onda complains about "red-baiting carried on in every issue of Steel Labor since the May convention.'

RABID RED-BAITING

He should have added that the red-baiting in Steel Labor has been most rabid since the Nov. 1946 CIO national conven-

manlike move.'

On the other hand, it was the Trotskyists of the Socialist Workers Party and The Militant who denounced both this declaration and the Stalinists who

capitulated to the red-baiters. Onda's purpose is to pin the label of "red-baiter" on the

wage front. His chief complaint is "that the weakness in adequately preparing the union for struggle, and particularly the ances, results in the Trotskvites in the union working more boldly among the membership."

ESCALATOR CLAUSE

He complains further that the "Trotskyites counter the union proposal inside the union with their 'demand' for a sliding scale." This refers to the proposals of the New England and Youngstown, O., area steel conferences for an escalator clause providing automatic wage increases for every rise in prices. This was not a counter proposal to the basic wage rate demands, but an additional demand to protect these new rates from rising living costs.

Onda exposes his hand completely when he charges that the Trotskyists want "to weaken the support for the (union's) demands . . . by ridiculing them as too mild, saying 'nice words' and 'they are all right as far as they go." In this way, Onda hurls tion, where the Stalinists them- stinkbombs at the militants who selves helped draft and unani- are demanding an adequate wage mously supported the red-baiting program and a fighting policy, CIO Declaration of Policy that | while protecting Murray and per-'resented and rejected" the "in- fuming his program of retreat.

Rubber Workers To Press **Demand For 26-Cent Raise**

the no-strike pledge.

President.

This back-door deal was de-

membership meeting of the Pion-

eer caucus. The caucus then pro-

dent and Ernest Mazey for Vice-

The Reuther forces thereupon

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in a position to give sizable wage | night-shift differential. increases. The Wall Street Jour- Militants in the local unions bosses and were spreading it in resentative of a big rubber com- stalling tactics followed by Inpany stated that the industry is ternational President Buckmast- paign of red-baiting, if not of the official party leadership gram." They now admit that "lousy with profits." The fact er. For the past three months is that the industry as a whole he has been conducting corporadoubled its profits in 1946 over | tion-wide negotiations with the 1945. It is therefore one of the most vulnerable industries from the standpoint of wage demands. negotiations. The end result of All local unions in the "Big this move was an agreement Four" have already sent in no-

tice to the government that a ies, thus clearing the way for strike action if necessary. NO MOOD FOR STALLING The Akron locals are in no mood for stalling. Already three

demanding 26 cents an hour. Also open for discussion are program. the general questions covered by one-half for all hours worked pare for action.

six hours in one day. includes the following demands: and the Wall Street profiteers. Double time for six designated The time for a wage increase is holidays when worked; straight now. Decisive action by the rubtime for six designated holidays ber union can be the signal for

are already indignant at the U. S. Rubber Company, which took precedence over "Big Four" which continues for another year the eight-hour day in those U. worked eight hours in the past. IMPORTANT PROVISION

Thus, when the unionists meet with the "Big Four" they will confront a U.S. Rubber agreemonths have gone by since the | ment with an eight-hour day International Policy Committee provision. This prejudices the announced that the union was negotiations on this exceedingly important point in the union's

The task of local unions is to the union's seven-point wage pour the heat on the top officers and hour program adopted at of the union and let them know that the negotiating committee workers expect a wage increase. can and should demand the six- If the companies do not come hour day, 30-hour week through- to terms within a set deadline out the industry, with time-and- period, then the union must pre-

over 30 in one week and over The rubber union can break the traitorous truce which now The seven-point program also exists between top CIO officials when not worked; a 10-cent an advance by all labor.

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ed speech against the attempt to convert the caucus into a reactionary pack of red-batters.

record in the labor movement as ism and struggle against all those had picked up this poison of the

bor movement itself. destroy our union?"

its union program.

The action of the Reutherites

Crisis In Communist Party-

Line Of CP Dissidents On War

One of the chief questions | Today, we find some of these from McKenney and Minton agitating the growing opposition opposition groups criticizing the about the Stalinists' support of in the American Communist CP leaders for calling for "resurout that this reactionary cam- Party (Stalinist) is the position rection of the Roosevelt pro- the CP's strikebreaking during smashed, would succeed in des- on the struggle against imperial-

> Virtually all the documents of the dissidents, who are conducting an organized attack on the CP leadership, charge that the Foster group is not conducting But on this, as on every other point of criticism, the CP oppositionists attack only superficial manifestations of CP policy. They themselves put forward only a more "leftist" expression

> of the fundamental Stalinist line. A document put out by the expelled executive committee of the Bronx P. R. Club of the CP, "An S.O.S. To All Communists," asks: "What has the CP leadership done about the danger of war? Very little-and logically so-because it does not believe

APOLOGY FOR STALIN

But this document can't get around the fact that Stalin himself is the author of the statement that there is "no danger" of war between the imperialist powers and the Soviet Union. Since the oppositionists claim to be "better" Stalinists than the official American Stalinist leaders, they invent an ingenious apology for Stalin's disarming of the masses:

"Stalin's bold, confident, but not complacent answers come at a high point in war preparations and deliver a subtle, complex blow for peace. It is unfortunate that our National Committee has misinterpreted and misused these answers in order to justify an election policy which supports too many 'military and political adventurers'."

ITS ONLY COMPLAINT

But what has this group to say about the greatest and most monstrous crime of all-the CP's support of U.S. imperialism and Roosevelt's war program? Its only complaint is that "during the war, we had the opportunity to explain to a sympathetic America the meaning of socialism" but "Browder scuttled this opportunity." The Bronx P. R. Club leaders complain that Browder prevented them from using their support for Wall Street's war to gain "sympathy"

Roosevelt was the leader of U.S. defend the greatest crime of all. imperialism and that the United States before and during World War II remained an imperialist capitalist country.

Thus, two of the leading expelled CP'ers, Ruth McKenney and Bruce Minton, attacked the present CP National Secretary, Dennis, for talking about "mobilizing the pro-Roosevelt forces.' They say:

NO CRITICISM

"Dennis embraces most of Browder's reformist positions . . . lived, the United States would gram'." (original emphasis) . not be pursuing an imperialist policy? . . . Is it true that with would act in the interests of the American working class? Do Communists believe that a bourgeois-liberal politician is the an- loyal Stalinist, shuts up. swer to monopoly reaction, that a bourgeois-liberal outlook will wipe away the realities of the moribund era of capitalism?" But not one word of criticism

Events Driving U. S. **Toward Revolution** A combination of objective

forces is driving the United, States inexorably toward the socialist revolution. The nature of these forces and their inter-relationships were soberly and incisively evaluated by James P. Cannon in his speech at the 12th Convention of the Socialist Workers Party held last November. The conclusion of the speaker is: "He who doubts the socialist revolution in America does not believe in the survival of human civilization, for there is no other way to save it. And there is no other power that can save it but this allmighty working class of the United States."

Every reader of The Militant can now acquaint himself with the text of this important speech which is contained in the Feb issue of Fourth International, Single copies can be obtained for 25c, yearly subscription \$2, from Business Manager, 116 University Pl., New York 3,

the war! They still support and

William F. Dunne, another CP leader expelled by Foster, now states: "The Democratic Party has been the operative war party of finance-capital in two world wars. It is still one of the two capitalist war parties- and it still has the executive branch of the government machinery. The Roosevelt program made it possible for U.S. imperialism to secure its present premier position in the postwar capitalist world. These were the major ob-Is it true that had Roosevelt jectives of the 'Roosevelt pro-

Yes? But what about the CP's support of the Roosevelt war Roosevelt alive, imperialism program? we ask Dunne. Silence -dead silence. That was Stalin's program-not just Browder's and Foster's. So Dunne, the ever-What about Stalin's participa-

tion in the United Nations, that instrument for mobilizing world capitalism for war on the Soviet Union in the name of "peace"? What about Stalin's continued efforts to deceive the masses into believing that it is possible for the Soviet Union to live indefinitely in imperialist encirclement?

THEIR ANSWER

The answer of the CP dissidents is - line up some more countries to strengthen the "veto power" of the Kremlin in the UN. "The increased following of the French Communist Party registers the approach of the time when Russia will not be the only anti-capitalist nation holding veto power in the United Nations organizations . . . So long as Russia has the veto power, Russia can veto any attempt to use the power of UNO against the working class or against colonial peoples." That is what is stated in the

Nov. 18, 1946, NCP Report, published by the left-Stalinist New Committee for Publications. In short, like the official Stal-

inist leaders, the CP opposition too proposes to halt imperialist war not by the Leninist method of international proletarian revolutionary struggle against capitalism, but - by the "veto power" in the United Nations! Maybe they can "veto" the atom

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breaking!

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trade unions! 9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism

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but under control of the trade unions! 10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!

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Lenin's Method, Party, Program Important For Workers Of U. S.

Text of speech delivered at the Lenin Memorial Meeting held by the Socialist Workers Party in New York City on Jan. 24:

History willed it that industrially backward Russia should be the first to experience a successful workers' revolution and the establishment of the Soviet system. But the industrial base, inherited from backward Czarism, and in addition shattered by the imperialist war and the civil war, was too narrow for this new social order. Lenin knew that the Soviet system could not long survive on this kind of base. He placed his hopes on the extension Soviet power means socialism. of the Russian Revolution to oth- What Lenin meant was that the er countries, on world revolution. Soviet power of itself could not

ed. The country's poverty, the must in addition have the techfailure of the revolution in other | nical facilities, the skill, to pro- | a break with the parties of capicountries, ushered in a period of | duce enough of the necessities of

was usurped by a privileged bu- In the United States this probreaucracy, with Stalin at its lem is reversed. We have enough head, which maintains itself by factories, enough natural rebrute force. It maintains itself sources, a large and highly skillin power with the aid of the ed working class. We can provide GPU, repeated police purges, not only for the 140 million frame-up trials and firing squads. Americans, but also help raise To those who see in the Soviet the standard of living of the Union only Stalinist reaction, to entire world, especially if atomic those who counterpose to it cap- energy is really applied to proitalist democracy, we say take a duction. look at the capitalist world. What happened to cultured, industrial- ers Party, is dedicated to this ly developed Europe? It failed to great goal, the goal of educating POWER LIMITED make a revolution after World and organizing the American War I. It remained under capi- workers so they can liberate the talist rule. How have the masses great American productive mafared under this rule? In, Europe chine from the fetters of capithere was no shortage of in- talism. The American workers dustry and of industrial prod- will liberate America from the ucts. There the situation was re- control of the Sixty Families versed. The capacity to produce and take it over themselves. They was many times greater than the are the only rightful owners. people's capacity to buy back The workers will put this great the products. The productive ma- industrial machine to work for chine, the factories, the techni- the benefit of mankind. cal personnel, the industrial

PRODUCED FASCISM

It was capitalism which produced the monstrosity known as port. fascism! The over-expanded capitalist economy, unable to operate profitably, brought into our shores. Attlee came for a being armies of storm troops, Blum came here to get a loan, tions and set nationality against and so did De Gasperi of Italy, nationality and race against race, and then threw the world into another war, destroying untold wealth, killing millions upon millions of men, women and children and dragging all of Europe

The lesson of Europe, a lesson INTERNATIONAL-MINDED that must penetrate the consciousness of every worker is: it national-minded. It dragged this is utopian to think that democ- country into two world wars and racy—even what little we have it emerged the only victor in both talism. Just look around you and with every struggle in every corsee what is happening even in ner of the globe. It is time the this country, the richest and the American working class became

are depressed by inflationary every struggle in every corner prices. And at the same time the of the earth. And when we apcapitalist-controlled press is peal today in behalf of the spitting venom at the trade masses of Indo-China, we must ers must in the end lead to the nine months' negotiation, the ing an arbitration decision. unions. It is campaigning to crip- understand that their fight is political awakening of the Amer- haulage workers came out on ple the unions, to destroy them. closely connected with our own ican worker. This is also the meaning of the struggles. When the Indo-Chiferocious red-baiting campaign. nese, the Germans, the Japanese, Congress meeting in Washington the Filipinos, or the Puerto Ri- ing class is the task of the work- the top officials of the Transport sion by them to appear during jected to attacks both from the right now is flooded with anti- cans fight for their freedom, it ing class itself"—and he filled it and General Workers Union that sweeping the country. This reac- direct bearing on them. The extion is aimed at the trade unions. ploited and oppressed the world months ago we held a conven-The monopolists are out to smash over take heart from our strugwhat they lyingly call trade gles. an American Hitler.



life to provide the whole of the In the Soviet Union the power people a comfortable living.

Our party, the Socialist Work-

The world power of American workers, could not be put to imperialism makes it the main work because it wasn't profitable prop of all reaction. Neither to the capitalist hierarchy to England nor Holland nor France could maintain their colonial empires without American arms. without American financial sup-

Look at the parade of statesmen who have come recently to four billion dollar loan. Leon and the premier of Greece. The discredited, tyrannical Greek monarchy, the decrepit capitalist regimes in Italy and France, as well as His Majesty's Labor Government in England, must come here for hand-outs

Wall Street has become inter--can long survive under capi- these wars. It concerns itself newest of all capitalist countries. international-minded. They too The workers' living standards must concern themselves with

American production. This dem- props up all that is reactionary delegates, to witness the discusagogy is borrowed from Hitler. abroad, is at the same time be- sion, saw convincing proof that demanded that Deakin leave the case they wanted to publish a incitement to mutiny. Its object is to incite the middle- coming more reactionary here at ours is a party of workers, workclass against the unions, to turn home. Wall Street seeks to crush er-militants active on the battle- in shouted: "Are you going to showed their appreciation of the use of radio and film to sugtheir wrath away from the profi- the workers' oganizations. It lines in the trade unions and in teering monopolists. This kind of does not want a working class the factories every day of the by irresponsible Trotskyists?" fusing the 100 francs premium ed by Trotskyists. propaganda paves the way for that is organized in trade unions, week. that fights for higher wages, that FOR THE OPPRESSED In the early days of the Rus- strikes for social benefits. It sian Revolution Lenin proclaimed needs a working class that is the slogan: Electrification plus atomized, helpless, ready to work

knee before the master. But the power-drunk American imperialst rulers will not have it their

Lenin was the first revolutionary leader to lead a successful workers' revolution. It is incumbent upon us to study carefully Lenin's method, Lenin's program, Lenin's 'party. It is incumbent upon us to apply his method, his program and his teachings to the American conditions. Our party has dedicated itself to this task. Lenin's method was the method of class struggle. He was mercilessly opposed to all forms of class collaboration. And so are we. We fight against the trade union bureaucracy and the Stalinists who subordinate the work-Lenin's hopes were not fulfill- create the socialist society. It ing class to the Democratic and Republican parties. We call for

> ing of labor's own political party. Lenin was against subordinating the working class to the liberal capitalists. And so are we The trade union bureaucrats and the Stalinists, who clung to Roosevelt and now to Wallace, have no confidence in the working class, in its own power, in its ability to rule in its own name We dedicate our work to the awakening of the workers to a realization of their power, to the struggle for a Workers and Farmstruggle for a Workers and Farmers Government.

talist reaction and for the build-

The American working class is organized in a powerful union movement. Fifteen million men and women belong to unions today as against some three million after the First World War. But this power is as yet limited to the economic field. Once this body of men and women, plus the millions of unorganized, build port workers produced the would have been smashed by the strikers to their knees. their own political party, no quickest negotiations in union bosses and the Labor Governpower on earth can stop them. Once they are imbued with a socialist consciousness, the rule of capitalism is doomed.

This awakening is bound to come. The workers will be driven to struggle on the political field. They are learning through bitter day to day experience the limita- gles of one section of the work- strike experience has given an tions, the insufficiency of pure and simple trade unionism. The arity of wide sections of the is, rank and file, movement in brutality of the ruling class, their masses. Dockers, porters, and all all sections of industry. The exuse of all the institutions under engaged in the transport indus- perience and lessons of this



their control, against the work-

Lenin took Marx's slogan -"The emancipation of the workthing in this country. Only two retary, had to have a police estion of our party in Chicago. rank and file. On another oc-Those who were privileged to be

Like Lenin's party, ours is a party of activists, made up of men and women who have dedicated their lives to the struggle for the Communist future of mankind. Like Lenin's party, our party fights the working-class battles on all fronts. Wherever there is oppression, wherever men are exploited we participate, to the best of our strength and ability, in the struggle in behalf of the oppressed, in behalf of the exploited.

Like Lenin's Bolshevik party, ours is the only party that fought consistently against the imperialist war. While the Stalinists wrapped themselves in the flag and shouted patriotic slogans, while they denounced militants, while they denounced strikes, while they acted as strikebreakers, our party fought the imperialist war. This is why our party was singled out for persecution. minor branch officials, since the This is why our leaders were imprisoned.

There is no mystery about Lenin, his method and his program. It is available to anyone who wants to study it and follow it conscientiously. Anyone who wants to be a Leninist must find his or her way into our Central Strike Committee, which party. It is our conscious aim to was not even elected, played difollow in Lenin's footsteps and rectly into the hands of the Stal- about "capitalist democracy." we have done this to the best of linists and the union leaders. our ability. We are today the This committee took a decision only true disciples of Lenin, the to return to work without even only ones worthy of his name. | consulting the rank and file, and

Italian Strikers March



When Italian Premier de Gasperi returned to Rome from his recent visit to Washington, he was greeted by these hundreds of striking housekeepers demanding higher wages. A short time later he resigned, but has since formed a new cabinet again including Socialist and Communist Party members.

and militancy of the transport workers has compelled the

government and the employers to grant a 44 hour week

and a regulated day without any reduction in pay. The

history. The solidarity of the or- ment. The responsibility for

ganized workers has taught the these weaknesses, which border-

Labor Government that the ed on treachery, rests entirely

working class will not lightly with the Stalinists who in their

tolerate the use of troops as public organ, the Daily Worker,

try stopped work as soon as the strike will profoundly affect the

troops marched in. Other sec- future struggles of the British

petroleum workers, shop assist- the Labor Government replied

The strike originated from the action of the road haulage work-

Wages Board to consider their PARIS, Jan. 16-The print-

demands only to be offered the ers' strike for a wage raise of

most insulting "concessions," 100 francs daily, which halt-

union representatives on the ly every French - language

ers in the central London markets. For nine long months they

capitalist press itself recognizes

For the first time since the promise.

tions, railway workers, passenger workers.

General Strike of 1926, the strug-

transport workers, gas workers.

ants and caterers, were ready

had patiently waited for the

foisted upon them, or another

So bitter are the rank and file

cort to protect him from the

allow yourselves to be influenced

unanimously rejecting his "re-

It was by no accident that

Deakin, at one of the delegates'

meetings, made a violent attack

upon a leaflet distributed by the

Revolutionary Communist Party

(Trotskyist). This leaflet called

upon the workers to "stand

firm" and to boot out the treach-

erous union leadership which re-

fused to carry out the decisions

of the rank and file. It called

for a struggle within the unions

for the annual re-election of all

officials, and the replacement of

the present leadership by mili-

tant rank and filers, subject to

recall and to be paid the wages

of the average worker in the

The entire power during the

committee was composed of

decision to strike was an official

decision taken by the union

branches and delegate commit-

top clique. Strike committees

were formed in all areas and

COMMITTEE IN POWER

industry.

markets.

turn to work" plea.

With the prospect of

for strike action if the use of

FACTS BEHIND STRIKE

troops was extended.

the transport workers.

strikebreakers.

LONDON—The magnificent demonstration of solidarity whipped up a panic campaign

this as a "complete victory" for had it not been for the dockers, provoke public hostility to the

The direct action of the trans- to do so, the haulage workers breakers and thus force the

called upon the workers to com-

Despite this, however, the

To the strike of the workers

La Verite, the Trotskvist

weekly, was the only paper to

with the reactionary policies of printers, and was given permis- Fourth International, was sub-

The editorial board of La Ver-

Paris Printers

who came out on strike despite strikers and to prepare the way

the Committee's instruction not for the use of troops as strike-

Poll Reveals Most Japanese Are Opposed To Yoshida Government

newspaper Asahi and released last week. At the same time the Socialist Party is shown to have made great gains and now appears as the strongest party in the country.

First General Strike In Japan

Broken By MacArthur's Order

every, 180 voters in Japan—or. the questions: "Do you support the Yoshida Cabinet?" and "For which party will you vote in the next general election?"

through the capitalist press,

which welcomed with joy this

"firm stand in the interest of

the public." By these methods

the Labor Government helped to

The use of troops provoked a

wave of indignation and protest

among all sections of the work-

ing class. The dockers, porters

and all sections which threaten-

Although the most carefully

selected and trained section of

the army was used, the sym-

pathy of the soldiers could not

be suppressed. Among themselves

and the Royal Air Force, they

took money collections which

In 1945 the Labor Government

the struggle of the workers

The Revolutionary Commun-

against the capitalists.

A further decline in sup- 48.7 per cent indicated opposiport for the Japanese govern- tion to the present government, ment of Premier Yoshida was 26.4 per cent supported it, and revealed in the nation-wide the rest had no opinion. Only poll taken by the Tokyo last July 32 per cent had supported the government in a similar poll, and 37 per cent had been opposed.

The Socialist Party is now supported by 45.3 per cent, according to the Asahi poll. The Liberal and Progressive Parties, More than 200,000 men and which now control the governwomen were polled—one out of ment, received 26 and 12.9 per cent respectively. The Communof 38.9 per cent while opposition In reply to the first question, parties got 61.1 per cent.

ist Party received 5.1 per cent. very important prop for the re-Government parties got a total actionary Yoshida government.

MACARTHUR

mediate economic demands, the ed strike action did so against movement developed into a dithe use of troops. The labor rect challenge to the Labor Gov- workers who thronged into the movement understood that to ernment and its reactionary inpermit this reactionary inter- tervention. The solidarity of the such advanced slogans as workvention to succeed would under- workers defeated both the govers won the sympathy and solid- impetus to the "unofficial," that mine the whole labor movement. ernment and the employers. the sliding scale of wages, have This demonstration will profoundly affect the political and cial theories about the backindustrial struggles of the workers. Already the Labor Govern- es. ment has been exposed as a capitalist government to the ad-

vanced workers. After a year of industrial were handed over to the Strike Committee. Fearing mutiny and faced with wage demands from ernment which acts as Macfurther spread of the strike, the main sections of the workwhich would have produced a "miniature general strike," the government limited its use of are already engaged in a strugtroops to only one or two cen- gle to enforce the 5-day week; leadership to their own unions the railway workers and builders and the Socialist Party. have wage demands before the employers. The complete victory used troops to smash the dock- of the transport workers will in- just as he has retained the Emers' strike. Then the mass of spire these sections to struggle peror. His strikebreaking interthe workers were indifferent or for their full demands, and this vention in the latest crisis will which had been accepted by the ed the publication of virtual- apathetic. Today the situation is they will do without either il- inevitably have the result of inchanged. The workers will not lusions in the degenerate union creasing mass resentment against

Nine and one-half hours before the beginning or a general strike which was sure to paralyze all of Japan on Jan. 31, General MacArthur issued an order prohibiting the strike. MacArthur's aides had tried for several weeks behind the scenes to prevent the strike, but the unions of government employes and public utility workers refused to withdraw the strike threat until MacArthur himself issued the strikebreaking order and alerted U. S. occupation. troops to see that the order was obeyed.

MacArthur's anti-labor action is not only a good example of the kind of "democracy" which the U. S. government is exported ing to Japan, but represents a This government is now opposedoverwhelmingly by the Japaneses masses and would be overthrown with ease, if it did not have the support of MacArthur's bayon.

The strike was aimed above all at the government, first because of its opposition to the unions' demands for a 300 per cent wage increase for 2,500,000 workers, and secondly because of its stubborn refusal to adopt a program of social legislation demanded by the entire labor movement.

The government had offered a 43 per cent wage increase which was rejected as grossly inadequate in the light of the terrible inflation in Japan since the end of the war. After Mac-Arthur's crackdown, negotiations were resumed, with the possibility that a 100 per cent raise might yet be won.

The 17 months since V-J Day have witnessed the growth of a very powerful labor movement in Japan. The five million unions and brought to the fore. ers' control of production and completely refuted the superfiwardness of the Japanese mass-

These unions are now without doubt the strongest social, force in the country, and their demands have precipitated one crisis after another for the gov-Arthur's puppet. This govern tige while the workers look for

MacArthur has shielded this government against the masses, Board. With the prospect of publication here, has been permit any government to un- leadership or the Labor Govern- the occupation forces as well as the government.

International Notes

unmistakable wave of reaction here, on the other hand, has a party. We are doing the same strike Deakin, the General Section the paper were put out and Daily Telegraph gleefully decoration, "Collar of the Librepeated the attacks made by erator," Franco repaid the honor Deakin in between their lectures by knighting Peron with the ite not only told the truth about on trade union "unity!" The "Great Cross of Isabel the Cathcasion, at a meeting in the the printers' struggle in these Tory Evening Standard even olic." The ceremony was atunion monopoly control of American imperialism, which at that convention, to observe the Stratford Town Hall, London, a special issues, but put itself at went so far as to suggest that tended in Buenos Aires by the thousand delegates revolted and the disposal of the printers in the RCP should be charged with Soviet Ambassador who congratulated Peron on receiving meeting. Above the uproar Deak- paper themselves. The printers The capitalists did not spare the decoration from Franco.

> The Catalonian Regional Committee of the CNT (National Confederation of Labor, which is now underground) has recently flection of the fact that of all been arrested by Franco's police.

It was recently disclosed that policy. Also indicated is a re-Francisco Piquer, one of the mil- newed drive against the Stalinand distributed to the union de- itary chiefs of the Stalinist ists by Yankee imperialism and legates were greeted and dis- forces in the Spanish civil war its Latin American puppets. tributed widely. The party's and commander of the Karl transport members played a Marx Division which helped to leading role in the strike as disarm the workers' militias on members of the strike commit- the Aragon front, was an agent of the Gestapo and Franco.

Despite the Bengal government's order that the case be the Socialist Party, helped to arbitrated, 6,000 conductors in Calcutta went on strike last month for three pounds (\$12) a month pay, and two months' deported to Ireland, where he wages as bonus. Electric supply workers in Calcutta were bor movement. Although he op scheduled to strike last week, and posed the first world war, he the dock workers threaten to come out early this month.

The Mexican Labor Confederation (CTM) is in a crisis as the result of its leaders' capitulation to the government order cracking down on the oil workers union and expelling 50 of its leaders for engaging in a strike. The following important unions have withdrawn from the CTM tory Toledano leadership: 12 unions, including the railroad workers (70,000), the sugar workers (60,000); four state federations and 4 regional federations.

6,400 municipal workers in

After Peron had knighted last month. The government union legislation. There is an is our fight as well. Our struggle with life through his Bolshevik on one occasion during the issue of Jan. 10, two special is-Japanese prisoners - of - war to man the municipal services. The strikers appealed to the POWs not to permit themselves to be used as strikebreakers. To prevent any manifestations of solidarity, the government is using armed police and has patrols on constant duty.

> Better relations between Washington and the Peron government in Argentina are indicated as the result of Secretary of State Marshall's approval of Ambassador Messersmith's

James Larkin, Irish labor leader and collaborator of James. Connolly, died in Dublin last week at the age of 70. He came to the U.S. in 1914, was one of the leaders of the left wing of found the Communist Party was arrested in the "red raids" of 1919, pardoned in 1923 and continued to be active in the lasupported the second.



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Marxist Attitude To Civil War In Poland

are analyzed in a brilliant article by Ernest Germain in the Feb. issue of the monthly magazine, Fourth International.

Written as a polemic against the false position taken on this question by the Workers Party in this country, the article which is sub-titled From Abstentionism to Active Intervention - In strike was in the hands of the the Camp of the Class Enemy, thoroughly demonstrates how the Central Strike Committee. This WP has abandoned the Marxist method by adopting a position of critical support to the Mikolaiczyk camp in Poland.

But equally important is the light which Germain throws on the complicated situation in Poland — the class nature of the Polish state, the role of the Stalinists in the occupied countries, the aims and composition of the Mikolajczyk opposition, the meantees and only opposed by the ing of the current pogroms, the tactics and program of the Polish Marxists.

> "capitalist democracy." This, the author shows, represents a capitulation to imperialism and acceptance of petty bourgeois illusions Single copies of the magazine are 25 cents, a year's subscrip-

tion costs \$2. Write to Fourth International, 116 University Pl., New York 3, N. Y.

These attacks were only a re-La Verite's circulation experienced a great expansion during parties, only the RCP came out this period. In the Paris area in support of the strikers. The alone, more than 100,000 copies leaflets produced by the RCP were sold out.

called off temporarily, pend- dermine the labor movement and ment.

voice its solidarity with the ist Party, British section of the

the strike. Besides the regular union bureaucrats and the cap-

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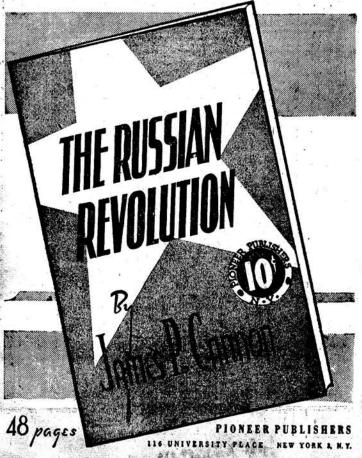
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The civil war in Poland and the Marxist attitude toward it

As a postscript, Germain has contributed an analysis of the WP's position of favoring the adherence of Trieste to Italy on in protest against the concilia-But the inexperience of the the ground that Yugoslavia is a "dictatorship" while Italy is a



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"Partial reforms and patchwork will do no good. Historical development has come to one of those decisive stages when only the direct intervention of the masses is able to sweep away the reactionary obstructions and lay the foundations of a new re-

-Leon Trotsky

AFL Unity Proposal

The AFL Executive Council last week rejected CIO President Philip Murray's appeal for immediate joint labor action to fight antilabor laws. They countered his plea for a united front to beat back the imminent peril to all unions with a proposal for "organic

At first glance, the AFL proposal sounds like a good thing. It would certainly be the greatest advance to have an organically united trade union movement combining the strength and resources of all unions in a struggle against the monopolists and their government.

But is this what the AFL big-wigs have in mind? Let's examine the record. It will shed a different light on the AFL Executive Council's unity proposal.

The CIO came into existence 12 years ago in a revolt against the AFL. The AFL craftunion moguls refused to organize the great mass of unorganized mass production workers. They opposed and obstructed industrial union organization. The AFL leaders were ultraconservative, craft-ridden bureaucrats, content to rest on the "aristocracy of labor." the relatively highly-paid skilled crafts. That is what they remain today.

These AFL leaders have waged a relentless war against the CIO since its foundation. In recent months they have stepped up their jurisdictional raids on CIO unions. Tobin, head of the AFL Teamsters and a member of the AFL's unity negotiating committee, at this very moment is warring in every city against the CIO Brewery Workers Union, seeking to break up its industrial structure by taking away the heer drivers.

Right now the AFL leaders are publicly attacking the CIO's demands for higher wages and its suits to collect portal-to-portal pay. In this, the AFL chiefs are echoing the NAM's propaganda against the progressive demands of the CIO.

While Big Business conducts a red-baiting drive to split the labor movement, the AFL leaders come to the corporations' aid with redbaiting attacks on the CIO for the purpose of splitting the industrial unions.

The CIO, organized on industrial lines and based upon the mass production workers, has made and is continuing to make a great contribution to the advancement of American labor. It has taken the sweated and disorganized workers of the giant monopoly corporations and forged them into a mighty industrial union army. It has welcomed into its fold hundreds of thousands of Negro workers who in the past were denied the benefits of organization by the AFL's discriminatory

Any unity proposal which is designed to destroy the CIO's industrial form of organization and its progressive policies is reactionary to the core.

The whole past record and present actions of the AFL leaders are proof that their "unity" proposal is a slick formula to cover up their moves to split the CIO. It is not a unity proposal at all. It is a smokescreen for their campaign to destroy industrial unionism and for their refusal to unite labor in immediate struggle to defend its rights. Organic unity of the AFL and CIO will never

be achieved through such phony maneuvers. While organic unity is not in the cards at this time, the need for united labor action to defeat anti-labor laws is more urgent than ever. Such united action is feasible and real-

Real unity can be forged through a program of joint action against labor's common enemies. It is precisely through unity in action that a solid foundation will be laid for ultimately building an enduring structure of organic unity.

"Withdrawal" In China

General Marshall's first important announcement as Secretary of State concerns "withdrawal" of the greater part of American troops now in China.

As the capitalist press emphasizes, this announcement does not indicate a change in Washington's policy toward China. As before, Wall Street's imperialist aims in China are to inherit the holdings of imperialist Japan and Great Britain and to extend its economic tentacles deeper into this great prize of the

Second World War. Wall Street's military and political aims

likewise remain the same in China - to bolster Chiang Kai-shek's dictatorship, stifle the aspirations of the Chinese masses, and prepare the Asiatic bases for attack on the Soviet Union in the projected Third World War.

Marshall's announcement signifies a tactical shift in carrying out long-range strategy in China. After V-J Day, it will be recalled, Wall Street rushed military supplies to the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship. This hated regime, confronted with vast discontent and spreading civil war, was obviously on the verge of collapse.

United States equipment revitalized Chiang's armies. From V-J Day up to the present, Chiang has been handed more than twice the military equipment given him in the entire previous eight years of the Chinese-Japanese war. United States officers trained Chiang's forces in the use of the very latest weapons. United States ships shuttled Chiang's armies to strategic positions.

While Chiang equipped, trained and developed his armies, American diplomats did their utmost to help him get the necessary breathing space for recuperation by "mediating" with the Chinese Stalinists at the head of the insurgent forces. General Marshall himself spent more than a year in China directing this policy.

Now apparently Chiang has been strengthened sufficiently so that his backers believe him capable of going ahead by himself to crush all opposition. By the maneuver of "withdrawing," Wall Street ends its role as moderator. While still backing Chiang, it has cut off relations with the Chinese Stalinists.

The implications are obvious. "The absence of a restraining influence on the extreme Right-Wing in the Kuomintang," says the Feb. 2 N. Y. Times, "might lead to an all-out 'war of extermination' against the Communists."

By the tactic of ostentatiously "withdrawing," Washington hopes to evade political responsibility for the streams of blood which Chiang may now turn loose on Chinese soil. "If the civil war continues," points out the Christian Science Monitor, "the blame will be on the Kuomintang extremists. In anticipation of this turn of events, Washington has lately even been criticizing the Kuomintang and calling for more democracy in China. This of course is primarily intended for the record. Washington will continue to recognize and support its puppet, Chiang Kai-shek.

The curtain is rising on a new bloody phase of the civil war in China.

Tax "Relief"

If your income happens to be in the \$1,000,000 bracket, Republican Representative Knutson's tax reduction bill (HR 1) would save you a cool \$110,891 a year, or about \$2,132 a week.

But if you are trying to keep alive on \$12 a week, Knutson's bill would cut your income taxes only 2 cents each yer day. This is not enough to buy a postage stamp for a letter to tell Knutson what you think about him and his "soak the poor" measure.

The tax laws obviously need revision—but not along the lines now being considered by Wall Street's Congress. The income of the average worker has steadily declined in terms of purchasing power. Yet the outrageous taxes on the lower income brackets continues. Despite skyrocketing prices, Congress has not even provided more generous exemptions for dependents. In fact, as HR 1 proves, the leaders of Congress are only concerned about rushing tax "relief" for the rich, now enjoying the greatest profits in history.

The Socialist Workers Party has long advocated revision of the tax laws. Our proposals are designed to bring relief to those who really need it-those millions of hard-pressed families trying to skimp by on meager incomes. The Socialist Workers Party proposes that all incomes below \$5,000 be exempted from taxation. The Socialist Workers Party proposes that the payroll tax be abolished and along with it, all sales taxes.

These necessary adjustments in taxation should be supplemented by a 100 per cent tax on all incomes above \$25,000 to help finance necessary public expenditures.

The only just program of tax relief is to tax the rich, who can afford it-not the poor!

Encouraging Signs

If the actions of the top labor leaders were all that counted, the labor movement would indeed be in a bad way. Fortunately, it is the actions of the union ranks which are decisive. On a local scale in a growing number of key centers, there are encouraging developments in the unions.

The sentiment among the workers for united action of all unions against the Congressional anti-labor drive is beginning to find organized expression. In cities like Chicago, Rochester, Indianapolis, Minneapolis and St. Paul, and elsewhere, joint action committees of the local CIO, AFL and railroad unions have been established or are in process of forma-

Along with this movement in the union ranks for joint action, there has been a significant development of the movement for genuine independent labor political action.

An outstanding example is Flint, where several CIO auto locals and the CIO Council have launched a campaign to build a local Labor Party as a step in the direction of forming a national independent Labor Party. CIO unions in Chicago and Los Angeles are running union candidates, independent of the capitalist Republican and Democratic parties, in forthcoming city elections. These are heartening signs of the trend away from company unionism in politics.

Here are examples for the unions in every community to follow. It is along the road indicated by labor in the above-mentioned cities that the American workers will reach new heights of independence and power.



"Why the fuss about dumping twenty million bushels of potatoes? They're too fattening anyway!"

By Theodore H. White and dreds of thousands of additional Sloane Associates, 325 pp., 1946, \$3.

This book gives an inside story of what has been happening in China over the past decade. "Americans must realize now one of the hard facts of Chinese politics-that in the eyes of millions made in America . . . Our mashek's government . .

point to U.S. imperialism as the nally low figures." chief prop under the bestial Chiang regime. So hated is this

peasants and workers.

Japanese imperialist invader. But up his regime. under Chiang "corruption in the the money that should have reaucrats pocketed the appropripunished, even "killed at a commander's whim . . ." Whole divisions were decimated by deaths, disease and desertions. Armed with primitive weapons, victims ed war weapons of the Japanese. today." But so vast is the population

Congressmen At Work -

Representative Wright Pat-

man, Democrat of Texas, has in-

troduced a measure in Congress

(HR 6) providing for cash pay-

ment of the terminal leave bonds

given veterans on discharge from

Why Patman sponsored this

progressive measure is not clear.

He may have sought the favor-

able publicity it would give him

or he may fear the political pres-

sure of the veterans in his dis-

trict. Often the most reaction-

ary politicians in Congress will

sponsor some worthy measure,

knowing that after all no bill

can become law unless earmark-

ed for passage by the Wall Street

machine that runs Congress.

(About 18,000 bills are introduced

bond amounting to \$208.60.

Officers are entitled to cash

payment. But the enlisted per-

sonnel cannot cash their bonds

for five years. If a man is en-

titled to less than \$50 he is paid

in cash. But if he is entitled to

\$199, he is given bonds in mul-

tiples of \$25 for \$175 and paid

\$24 in cash. Interest of 21/2 per

cent is provided, but most veter-

ans need the money now when

they are readjusting themselves

in the average session.)

the Armed Forces.

Annalee Jacoby, William Chinese men were virtually kidnapped into service to plug up the gaps. It is not known even tcday, the authors state, whether China has 400,000,000 or 550,-000,000 people. This disparity alone is as large as the entire population of the United States!

The famine in Honan, an area of Chinese their civil war was populated by 30,000,000 is one of the Chiang-created disasters derines were moved into North scribed in detail by the authors. China and remained there to The masses perished by the tens support Chiang's regime-though of thousands. The authors exfiction succeeded fiction to ex- plain how easily grain could plain their continued presence in have been diverted from neighto all that the chief duty of our from Sian and Chengchow, small marines there is to preserve, pro- government officials, army offitect and defend Chiang Kai- cers and rich landlords . . . were engaged in purchasing the peas-In these words the authors ants' ancestral acres at crimi-

Repelled by Chiang's misrule, some 90,000,000 Chinese peaslong since have been overthrown | Yenan regime, controlled by the

The authors, correspondents Chinese forces was a cancer at for Time magazine, are support- It was good, it was just; she had the heart that infected every ers of American capitalism. But avenged her people, the rogues limb." Chinese soldiers starved they are aghast at the conse- and the vagabonds from whom while Chiang's generals stole quences of its imperialist poli- she sprang." cies. "Asia today regards Amerbought them food. They rotted ica as the last great bastion of small-pox. The novel concludes with disease while Chiang's bu- reaction," they report; "a na- with a vividly repulsive picture tion that speaks of freedom but of Nana lying in her hotel room, ations for quarters and medical in the ultimate analysis always supplies. They were brutally aligns itself on the side of the status quo.'

In conclusion they warn: "It is impossible to halt the revolution going on in China and in Asia . . China is the most advanced of indifferent war planning at politically of all the Asiatic nathe top, masses of Chinese tions. What will be happening in

Cash Payment On Terminal Bonds

-Larissa Reed

THUNDER OUT OF CHINA of China that tens and hun-NANA by Emile Zola, Pocket Books, 489 pp., 1946, 25 cents.

In reprinting Zola's novel of sensational reputation, the publishers refer to it as "a case history of a courtesan." However, Nana is more than a courtesan; she is a symbol of the corruption of the upper aristocratic crust of French capitalist society in the time of Napoleon III.

The novel begins with Nana's theatrical debut. Zola brilliantly describes the feverish first-night atmosphere, the garish splendor of the theater, and the fashionable audience, drawn from the world of letters, finance and noble words. These fictions hold boring regions. Instead, for the pleasure. Unable to dance, act or only for the American people rich this was an opportunity for sing, Nana nevertheless takes themselves; in China it is clear land speculation. "Merchants this mixed assemblage of jaded aristocrats, cynical journalists and libidinous bankers by storm, holding it enthralled by her magnetic sexual attraction.

From this time on, the girl from the slums of Paris is sought by all. Zola describes her affairs and her life of wanton luxury bloody dictator that he would ants have been attracted to the with an exactitude of detail which almost becomes monotoexcept for the military and fi- Stalinists. The authors give am- nous. Gradually, however, she nancial intervention of Wall ple evidence to show that the ruins her lovers so that the end Chinese Stalinist leaders have of the novel rises to a climax The book is banned in China not gone beyond small agrarian with a series of catastrophes, because it exposes the misery reforms, such as reduction in She bankrupts financiers, diswhich Chiang and his cut-throat rents and taxes, while preserv- honors officers and degrades gang have inflicted upon hun- ing the landlord and capitalist aristocrats. "Her work of ruin dreds of millions of Chinese system. They have prevented any and death was accomplished, the revolutionary class action by the fly that had taken its flight The Chinese people fought masses and have made repeated from the filth of the slums, carheroically in the war against the deals with Chiang which propped rying with it the ferment of social decay, had poisoned those

In the end Nana succumbs to her face eaten away by decay. as if the virus with which she had poisoned a society had taken possession of her, Meanwhile outside a crowd is shouting: "To Berlin" in a frenzy for war. This Franco-Prussian war of 1870 saw the destruction of the regime of the last Napoleon and the es-"doomed men" were mowed the rest of Asia tomorrow is be- tablishment of a republic, which down by the modern, mechaniz- ing worked out in blood in China was to become as corrupt as the regime which had preceded it. -Paul Schapiro

The Republicans however,

shunted it aside, and made HR 1

a bill to reduce the income-tax

payments of the rich by 20 per

cent (for additional income over

\$300,000 a year they will get

"only" a 10 per cent reduction

Patman's bill to pay terminal

leave bonds in cash was assigned

to the Committee on Ways and

Means, as was the bill to reduce

the taxes of the rich. Since this

Committee is headed by Harold

Knutson, Republican of Minne-

sota, sponsor of the tax-reduc-

tion measure, it is not difficult

ferential treatment in his com-

In fact, unless the veterans and

the labor movement really put

the heat on Congress, HR 6 to

pay terminal leave bonds in cash

may never emerge from the

files of Knutson's committee

if the bill goes through.)

Hand-Picked Committee On Youth Conscription

On Dec. 19 Truman appointed a nine-man commission to make "recommendations" on peacetime conscription. Conscription News, published by the National Council Against Conscription, reveals how carefully hand-picked this body is:

John Ohly acts as Executive Secretary for the commission. While not counted as a member, he is in charge sof all its work. By strange coincidence John Ohly happens to be Special Assistant to the Secretary of War.

Dr. Karl T. Compton, President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is Chairman, Compton's views can be judged from the following testimony which he gave before the House Military Affairs Committee on Nov. 21, 1945: "Universal military training will help to relieve the unemployment that apparently looms ahead during the reconversion period and would be far more wholesome than doles or any other form of government subsidy for not

working." Dr. Daniel Poling, editor of the Christian Herald, evidently was appointed because of his devout belief in the gospel of Prussianizing American youth to save them from "physical deterioration." On Apr. 10, 1945, he declared: "In my journal, in my own pulpit, and in every opportunity as a citizen, and in my faith as a Christian I shall support this principle.

Charles E. Wilson, President of General Electric. another prominent member, feels strongly about putting American youth into a military strait-jacket. "The role of Congress is limited to voting the needed funds," Wilson maintains. "Industry's role in this program is to respond and cooperate . . . in the execution of the part allotted to it; industry must not be hampered by political witch-hunts, or thrown to the fanatical isolationist fringe tagged with a 'merchants of death' label."

Samuel I. Rosenman, another Truman choice, is said to be the ghost writer of many of the speeches delivered by Roosevelt when the late President was campaigning for universal military training.

Truman K. Gibson is known to favor peacetime conscription. He also happens to be a former aide to the Secretary of War.

Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, Vice-President of Georgetown University, was apparently selected because. as a former Army instructor who taught geopolitics to brass hats above the rank of major during the war, he can be counted on to see eye to eye with the Wall Street war-mongers.

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, once a member of the White House palace guard, was appointed, it appears, for her consistency in parroting Roosevelt's phrases about the need for conscription.

Harold W. Dodds, President of Princeton University, did not wish to consider peacetime conscription during the war. But now that the fighting is finished he has revealed himself as favorably inclined to introducing American youth to the goose-

Joseph E. Davies, former Ambassador to Moscow, who thought Stalin was 100 per cent right in shooting all the men who once constituted Lenin's general staff of revolution, is the ninth member of the commission. His views on conscripting youth in peacetime are not known, but apparently the brass hats believe he can be had.

This is the commission appointed by Truman to bring in "recommendations." It does not take much imagination to guess that those recommendations will be nothing but a rubber-stamp approval of Wall Street's plans for converting America into the greatest peacetime military camp in history.

Capitalist Propaganda In AFL Monthly Organ

The government estimates that profits of the big corporations in 1946 reached the astronomical sum of \$12,000,000,000, or 20 per cent higher than the sharpest peak during the lush years of the Second

At the same time the income of the workers has steadily declined when measured in terms of what wages will buy. The 18-cent increase in 1946 was quickly liquidated by mounting prices; and the great bulk of workers who did not get this increase found their living standards still further depressed.

What is the connection between the sharp increase in profits taken by the capitalists and the decrease in real wages paid the workers? It is so obvious it would seem unnecessary to explain it to anyone who went far enough in school to learn how to add and subtract. What is added up in the profit column is subtracted from the payroll column.

Yet the January AFL Monthly Labor Survey takes a different view. "The business man's profit," claims this so-called labor journal, "in a free enterprise economy serves two useful purposes, both of which raise workers' living standards. It creates better products at lower costs and expands production, increasing productivity, creating more jobs, more consumer goods and making higher wages

This is typical Chamber of Commerce swill. You wonder how it happened to get into one of the leading AFL journals.

If profits "raise workers' living standards," why wasn't the 12 billion shaken down by the monopolists in 1946 reflected in a year of unprecedented prosperity for the workers? Why did their standard of living sharply decline?

If profits "create" better products at "lower costs," why did prices skyrocket to unprecedented heights precisely in the year when profits reached unprecedented heights?

If profits expand production, create more jobs. etc., etc., why did the enormous profits of 1929 only lead to closed-down factories and endless lines of unemployed in the thirties; and why now have officials of 17 governments predicted—in the very year profits reached an all-time high—that we are on the verge of the "severest economic collapse" the

world has yet seen? Could it be that the Chamber of Commerce propaganda in the Monthly Labor Survey is off base?

The answer, for the sake of the editors of the AFL journal, is-yes, it is off base. You can't pump away real wages and build up profits without lowering the workers' living standards and paving the way for a shattering economic crash.

The capitalists run the economy not to raise the living standards of the masses but simply to raise the level of profits, or at least keep profits up. The greater the proportion of profits, the smaller is the proportion of wages. The more the capitalists rake in for themselves, the harder it is for the masses to maintain their relative standard of living and the sooner the economic depression occurs.

So far as the capitalist is concerned, the worker is nothing but a means to a sordid end-pyramided profits. And if a worker's family lives badly, that's no skin off the boss's back.

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Patman filed his bill last August with the Clerk of the House. would give it additional public-

Patman is undoubtedly aware He hoped that this would entitle that one of the sore points with it to be numbered HR 1, which veterans is the refusal of the 79th Congress to grant them the option of cash payment on their bonds. To date, 2,915,000 such

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Likes Articles Exposing Congress

Congratulations on that series of articles you are running on various prominent anti - labor hatchetmen in the new Congress. You got Taft and Ball perged just right, and I hope you will cover their pals too. Those caricatures by Gray are also

> T. H. New York City

Exposes Capitalist Press On Fascism Editor:

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the Minneapolis Star Journal last week:

On August 21, the labor movement of Minneapolis organized a magnificent anti-fascist demonstration against the race-baiting demogogue, Gerald L. K. Smith. In the Sept. 9 issue of the Minneapolis Star-Journal, an editorial attack was made on this demonstration. This editorial

said in part: "The resulting encounters gave Smith and his fascist-like movement the attention they crave." But G. L. K. Smith doesn't share saulted or spit upon or attacked Wake Up

'they crave!" In an editorial in the Janu- upon our enemies." ary issue of that pernicious jour-

smith says: appearing in the various Jewish "Only one thing could have brok- what is going on in Washington. journals in the nation advising en our movement - if the ad- Too many people fail to undervarious communities how to fight versary had understood its prin- stand how immediate this dana rabble-rouser. Of course, ac- ciple and from the first day ger is. cording to their definition the had smashed with the most exrabble-rouser they are fighting treme brutality, the nucleus of happened in Germany, when is Gerald L. K. Smith. The cur- our new movement." rent strategy is to use silencedo not picket, do not protest, do not publicize, let him alone, and if you let him alone, he will die and the cause he leads will die. Well, that is fine. Can I count on it? If so, just give our people one year to peaceably assemble without the fear of being as-

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the opinion of the Minneapolis by Jewish extremists and we will tar editorial writer as to what thank the writer of this article in A Hurry! for the influence he has had Editor:

In this, G. L. K. Smith is folnal, The Cross and the Flag, lowing the program of Adolf know we will have some laws Hitler himself. In 1933, shortly passed that may cripple the un-We have just put our hands after Hitler came to power in ions for years to come. Too many n an article which has been Germany, he said at Nuremberg, workers are complacent about

Fortunately, the Minneapolis labor movement did not follow the advice of the Minneapolis Star-Journal or of the Minneapolis "liberals", who advocated the "silent treatment" against Much more realistic, Smith. Minneapolis trade unionists showed that they learned something from the tragic experience of the German workers. Minneapolis trade unionists are going to fight race-hating, union-busting fascists wherever they rear their ugly heads!

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I think we should wake up in a hurry, or the first thing we

We should remember what many people underestimated the danger of fascism. I am not saying that fascism is an immediate prospect in this country today. But if we permit them to forge these new anti-labor chains and to bind us in them, then we will be in a greatly weakened position when fascism begins to develop.

When I say that too many workers are complacent, I mean in the sense that they are not putting pressure on the union leaders. These leaders are acting in their usual cowardly fashion, sucking around the anti-labor congressmen and politi-Grace Carlson, Organizer cians, and doing nothing strong-Socialist Workers Party er than praying. What we have Minneapolis, Minn. to do is build a fire under them fight or kick them out. Leaders who can't lead now are not worth

> Finally, I want to say this: All over the world the workers have parties of their own - all over except in the United States, which has the strongest labor movement. If we don't begin to use our strength on the political field beginning right now, we mày soon be in a position where we cannot use our strength in any way. Subscriber

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Bronx, N. Y. sections to have the pledges paid Oakland up," writes Julie Miller, Cam-paign Director. "The next pay- Akron Youth ment should be a large one."

> and still going strong. We hope Tacoma to send in more very soon," they

Worker Forum columns are open to the coinions of the readers of "The Militant", Letters Youngstown Joins 100 Per Centers; Total Hits 45% In SWP \$20,000 Fund Campaign

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By William F. Warde
NATIONAL FUND CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

Fifteen local branches in all sections of the country pitched in to add \$1,419.50 last week to the \$20,000 Emergency Fund Campaign for the Socialist Workers Party. This amounted to a seven per cent boost in the national total which now stands at \$8.944.64 or 45 per cent of the goal. \$20,000

These encouraging returns show that the branches are beginning to respond to the need for quickening the pace of collections in the campaign. This was well expressed in both word and deed by Youngstown which entered the 100 Per Cent Club by hastening to send in two payments totalling \$133.

"We read your letter on the way the fund is lagging with concern and took special trouble to see to it that our payments were brought up to 100 per cent at once," writes Harry Braverman, branch secretary. "We are sure that the branches will take your alarm signal seriously and make a great effort in the closing weeks of the campaign that will bring us over the top. We don't want to break our record for always oversubscribing any fund or campaign decided upon.'

Two more branches, Connecticut State and Houston from the deep South, have removed the zeros from their record. "We are bending every effort to complete our quota before the deadline set for the end of the drive," writes Anne Reese from Texas. "One of our plans is to contact subscribers to The Militant with the purpose of having them contribute to our fund."

"Here is an initial contribution of \$70 toward our \$120 quota." remarks M. Morris of Connecticut. "From the beginning of our work for the fund we took the view that the proper way to raise our quota was to raise it from our sympathizing circle and Militant readers who can directly aid the Socialist Workers Party through such financial support.

"At our social gatherings, the Lenin Memorial meeting, and through personal contact this month we have received the bulk of the money forwarded from the industrial workers in this area who have come to appreciate the work we are doing for Socialism here. We find that these friends of ours understand why we must come to them for help in this emergency. They accept the fact that the worker members of the Party must carry the burden of ordinary expenditures and are not in a position to take care of this extra load by themselves alone."

Thanks to a big donation from the Chelsea ranch, the New York local passed the halfway mark in its \$6,000 quota, New

YOUNGSTOWN

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Milwaukee

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St. Paul

San Francisco

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Allentown-Bethlehem

Chicago Local

Philadelphia.

Rochester

San Diego

Toledo

Detroit

Baltimore

York has been striding along in fine style from the start of the campaign.

In the mail today comes \$2 from J. P. and P. P. of New York with the following heartening BRANCH message: "A contribution from a Branch class-conscious worker and wife ST. LOUIS to the \$20,000 fund of the SWP. BOSTON We are with you in your fight for BUFFALO a better world!"

Through Chester Johnson Minneapolis encloses a check for \$100 which brings that branch up to 65 per cent. "Payments on and FORCE them to put up a very well," says Chester. "We individual pledges are coming in are confident of completing our before the close of the campaign. Our hope is to be in the 100 per cent column before long. In fact we have hopes of being in the 100 per cent plus class!'

> So far St. Louis is the only city in that super class. This General outstanding branch mailed in Cleveland another \$12 and says it expects to double its assigned quota.

Los Angeles applied \$145 to its Akron \$1,500 quota last week. "Last Houston week we launched a drive in the Philadelphia Youth

The Chicago Youth is way out Bayonne in front of all the other youth Los Angeles Youth groups. "Here is five bucks more New York Youth which puts us around 50 per cent | Portland

THE MILITANT ARMY

Socialist Competition Steps Up Sub-Getting

branches of the Socialist Work- their campaign to date: "We ers Party have stepped up sub- have obtained a total of 151 getting through socialist com- in the lead with 57 subs, P. petition among the comrades.

nore subs to The Militant during January than any previous four months. "We now have at us 7 subs, stating: "The reason our headquarters," writes Leon I send in these subs directly is Forth, Literature Agent, "a real- that we comrades are in the ly swell looking race track with midst of setting up our own race cars, etc., to show who the branch here in Lynn, although leading Militant sub-getters in we are not yet officially estabthe branch are. The track has lished. Our renewal campaign is been up only a few weeks and so well underway and we are pleased far Helen S. is in the lead with 6 to report almost a 50 per cent subs. Prizes of \$5, \$3, \$2, and \$1 in trade in our bookshop are to be given to the winners. A great interest has been stimulated in the race and the subs are coming in. So far since the race started, 40 subs have been turned in."

The Akron Branch has already eached the sub goal it set for January. Guilford Pennington reports: "Our Handicap" race has been an incentive for more comrades to participate in subgetting. We are confident that we will go over our quota this month." Comrade Pennington sent in 7 subs with this report.

Paul Shell, Literature Agent for St. Paul, and Winifred Nelson, FI Campaign Director, sent what a little work and effort can the following joint report: "Enclosed are subs to apply on our Militant and F. I. quotas. These bring our F. I. score up to 16 and our Militant quota over the top siderable spirit to its sub-getting for January. We have had by using a poster. "The Militant many interesting experiences on poster shows a worker reading our Sunday callbacks for F. I. the paper," writes Clara Kaye, and Militant subs. Paul Shell obtained 8 of these Militant subs in scores on the paper. The worker PER CENT his shop where he works. One of is standing beside a plant bacatthe comrades reported tonight ing two tremendous smokethat one of the women (a Mili- stacks, each a thermometer-c e tant subscriber) she called on for January and one for Fcb.u-Sunday for an F. I. sub told her, ary. Comrade Frank conceived I just love that paper,' and asked and made this poster, and it is her to come back in a week when she had enough money to get a sub to the F. I."

> "The Buffalo comrades know the importance of procuring sub- erything they can to get more scriptions," says Charles Carlson, people to read the paper. and we know that in ture you can count on us for her own sub for six months and more subscriptions. We are con- sent in new subs for three of her ducting our regular mobilization friends. drives and each and every comrade knows the full importance of the results of these drives." Fourteen subs to The Militant City sent us \$3 with the following accompanied this report.

24 subs during the week. James way you see fit."

The Akron and Chicago | White gives us a brief report of Spangler following with 42 and The Chicago comrades sold L. Morris with 34."

> Hilda Webster of Lynn sent renewal in this area."

Today's mail brought in 8 subs from Rena Breski of Boston, and 12 from E. Brent of Detroit. Comrade Brent says, "I can't tell you how good it is to go out and get these subscriptions. Not only do you meet nice people, but we are building the circulation of The Militant."

El Snyder reports for Flint Branch: "We have had several mobilizations and all of those comrades who went out have obained their quota of subs. Although I have 7 subs to my credit this month, two of them were obtained at our Saturday night open house, which goes to show

Seattle Branch has added con-"with the comrades' names and excellently done. We are trying to emphasize the individual quota of two subs a month."

Militant boosters are doing ev-V. O. of

E. J. Carmona of New York notation: "Please continue my subscription to The Militant for a year and use the extra \$2 for Connecticut State Branch sold the benefit of the paper in any

Akron Tenants Demand War On Rats In Federal Housing

By Milton Genecin (Special to The Militant)

AKRON, Jan. 31 - Armed with petitions demanding immediate action to wipe out the growing danger from rats, representatives of the newly founded Tenants Defense League yesterday saw Mayor Slusser in an effort to find out what the city?-

James Carmichael and John Matthews, spokesmen for 260 tenants of the flimsy Federal Housing mobile units, described the situation as an emergency and demanded that the Mayor take the following steps immediately:

1. Clean up all city dumps Fridays at 8 p.m. Discussion on and stop using them altogether. CONTINUE ACTION 2. Build incinerators to burn all garbage, trash and rubbish. 3. Arrange for adequate pick-up of rible conditions in their areas garbage and trash from homes. 4. Institute a widespread campaign of rat extermination and

RESPONSE NEGATIVE

The response from the Mayor was rather negative. Insisting tinue to organize tenants in all that there was no emergency, he parts of the city and solicit the told the tenants' spokesmen that "Akron always had this rat problem . . . We are doing better than of rats invading homes were we used to . . . We have ap- made by Carmichael whose home propriated \$10,000 to be spent has been entered many times. during the year for rat control

Saturday Nite House Parties: having the city pick up trash routine attitude to the entire For information about Queens taxes," and so on and so on.

However, the Health Depart- the rat danger.

to the same of the same of

administration planned to ment authorities are reported to be dissatisfied with the \$10,000 appropriation and would like more money to do a real job in rat control. They report that Akron has half a million rats, much higher than the national average, and that they do a million dollars worth of damage a year in addition to carrying a dangerous health hazard.

The spokesmen for the ten-

ants, after describing the terwhich are heavily infested with rats and demanding action, left the Mayor's office with the promise to return if conditions do not take a turn for the better. They said they would con-

support of other organizations to get some action. Further reports

It was clear from the inter-. . That should be enough view with the Mayor that the money . . . I'm not sure that city authorities were taking a and rubbish in addition to gar- matter and that great public bage and burning it would be pressure would have to be the best way . . . It is impossible brought to bear to get any real to allocate more money to the action to prevent an outbreak of Health Department . . . The Fed- an epidemic and further danger eral Housing Authority pays no to residents of federal houses that offer no protection against

St. Paul SWP Exposes Bosses' Man, Labor-Baiter

es' Man" was the subject of with an active, militant, free laa public meeting sponsored floor open from 12 noon to by the Socialist Workers Party in its local headquarters at 540 Cedar Street last night.

Denouncing Ball as "a man with a working class background who sold himself to the highest bidder," Charles Scheer, speaker of the evening, declared that the Senator's anti-labor legislation is designed "to hogtie the labor movement."

"The plans of American capitalism for world domination include a shackled, subservient labor movement," Scheer stated. "U.S. imperialism's strongest enemy now is at home — America's

San Francisco American History Class Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Beginning Feb. 13 \$1.50 for 10 sessions

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Club meets Sunday afternoon, 2 ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 1-15,000,000 organized workers. p.m. Followed by refreshments. Senator Joe Ball—the Boss- World domination is not possible dancing. 8 South Howard St. bor movement at home," he con-CHICAGO. - Youth meeting tinued.

> Condemning the "weak-kneed attitude" on the part of the pamphlet Socialism On Trial. leaders of the labor movement Games and refreshments. 777 W. as "fatalistic," the speaker declared the union heads are more susceptible to the interests of the capitalist class than to the interests of their own members. day, 8 p.m., at SWP headquart-This is so because the top leaders, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educaership believes that capitalism guarantees the privileged posi-

tion of the union bureaucracy, he

The interested audience bought tion on the Trotskyist Youth literature, and the meeting net- Group send name and address the Fourth International cam-

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ted additional subscriptions for to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3. Open Forum: Every Friday. 8 p.m., 116 University Pl., Dancing, refreshments.

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lucky they are to have been born in the Twentieth Century. According to them, this is the Golden Age for housewives, when science and technology have taken all of the drudgery out of housework. And the working class housewife who reads these columns and sees the pictures of the entrancing, new laborsaving devices could almost be-

lieve that this was true — except that she doesn't have any of this new household equipment!

There's the Dishamatic, for example. The machine holds 95 pieces, including china, glassware and silver. Once the dishes are stacked on a tray, the whole process from washing to drying is completed without any further effort on the part of the housewife. The Dishamatic sells for \$224.

And there's the Dual-Temp Refrigerator. Its chief virtue is the two-temperature control, one of which keeps the compartment for frozen foods and ice cubes at the desired degree; the other, governing the regular open storage space. The Dual-Temp does not require defrosting and foods such as soup, celery and meat may be stored uncovered without danger of spoiling, drying or wilting. Still another advantage of

the Dual-Temp is the Steri-Lamp. The ultraviolet rays of this lamp discourage mold, the development of bacteria and the transfer of odors. The price is \$365.95.

AGE SIX

Since recent terrific price rises

old propaganda that wage raises

are firing a new-type ammuni-

ALL-TIME HIGH

On Jan. 23 the U. S. Bureau

average primary market prices

The only decline noted is in

to destroy products outright.

velt's New Deal program of crop

and livestock destruction to keep

BOLSTER PEAK PRICES

them higher."

Bu Art Preis

Big Business is hurling a eral price decline actually make

new propaganda barrage its appearance? First we heard

against wage increases. This it would be no later than this

wiped out the limited pay in the cost of living during the

raises of last year and CLOSING HALF of this year

and all-time record profits have rial Conference Board Forum," reduced the effectiveness of the reported the N. Y. Times of Jan.

They are now claiming that ish to bank on lower living costs.

the cost of living is declining and One of the biggest living-cost

will speedily drop much lower, boosts is in the offing-rent in-

ready in full flood. According to of the sliding scale of wages re-

the nickel beer is just around the tial purchasing power by failing

A cold study of the facts shows inclusion of escalator clauses in

that the general cost of "ing all union contracts. These would

of Labor Statistics revealed that the cost of living. During the

in the week ending Jan. 18— war, the Big Business govern-

after three months of a cam-

paign about prices declining— prices would be kept down, and

per cent above mid-January 1946. the Jan. 1942 level. But prices

deceptive because it is weighted When price control was elim-

with a few outstanding items like inated, we heard that the cap-

butter which had a sharp dip. italists would practice "self-re-

Food prices fell 1.1 per cent in straint" and that "free enter-

four weeks; but were still 47.1 prise" would lead to speedy "re-

per cent higher than a year ago. adjustment" of prices. Prices

enabling them to withhold com- been protected against this infla-

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cause price increases, the bosses | RENT RAISE LOOMS

eleven leading economists at a

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For the immediate period

ahead, then, labor would be fool-

Labor lost billions in poten-

to fight before the war for the

have provided automatic wage

increases, above the basic min-

imum rates, for all increases in

therefore wages should be frozen.

Wages were frozen at 15% above

The workers have nothing to

guaranteed minimum incorpor-

soared about 50 per cent.

But the most miraculous of all is the Radarange. Operated by the magnetron tube, which is the basis of radar, the Radarange will cook a six-pound beef rib roast in two minutes; a hamburger in 35 seconds and gingerbread in 29 seconds. When energy from the magnetron tube is beamed to food, the heat penetrates at once to the interior, and so, cooking periods are cut amazingly. But, despite the complicated electronic principle on which they are built, Radaranges are easy and safe to use. The cost of the Radarange is \$600.

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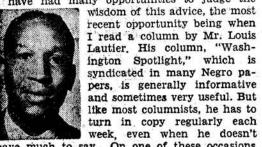
Now, it may surprise the "home-making" advisers to hear it, but working-class housewives don't have that kind of money to spend. If the Ladies Home Journal and Woman's Home Companion experts made a survey of working class homes, I bet that they wouldn't find many Dishamatics, Dual-Temp Refrigerators or Radaranges. But they'd find a lot of old-style ice-boxes and refrigerators, antique gas ranges and wood-burning stoves and millions of plain, oldfashioned dishpans.

And, if they wanted to investigate further, they would find that for the big majority of dragged real wages below was predicted unanimously by housewives, there is still an awful lot of drudgery last year's levels.

The Negro Struggle -The Kind Of Action We Need

- By William E. Bohannon -

My mother often used to tell us: "When you don't have anything to say, hold your tongue." I have had "many" opportunities to judge the



have much to say. On one of these occasions last month he decided to offer some advice instead of information, and he went way off the

"One of the techniques employed by minority groups to bring about pressure to bear upon members of Congress is questionable," he declares. "This technique is variations of the 'March-on-Washington' idea . . . a history of marches on Washington shows that in most instances they have been failures."

Then Lautier goes ahead to list a whole series of these marches-Coxey's Army, the hunger marches in the depression, the Bonus Army march, and the recent visit to Washington of an organized group calling for the ouster of Bilbo. His conclusion is that none of them was

But this conclusion is 100 per cent false.

As a member of the unemployed organizations during the depression, I know that no bills for unemployment relief were enacted while the hunger marchers were in Washington. But their eventual result was to force the administration to provide unemployment relief-not adequate relief, but much more than they had previously intended to provide.

The Bonus Army was driven out of Washington empty-handed; but every historian admits that the resentment which was created by this brutal action against the veterans was responsible for the bonus bill passed a few years

And while the small group that went to Washington last month was not alone respon- Every slight dip in this or that creases. That is the premise on sible for stopping Bilbo at the door, this group super - inflated commodity is which labor must base its fight as the representative of millions of people op- blazoned in headlines. "Price for higher wages. posing Bilbo helped to exert pressure which adjustment" we are told is alshaped the final decision.

And even Lautier admits that it was the threatened Negro March on Washington in 1941 italist "economists", the era of which forced Roosevelt to create the FEPC.

If all Lautier was trying to say is that marches corner. on Washington by themselves cannot solve our problems, I would have no quarrel with him. But while pooh-poohing such mass action, here is not falling. is what he has to offer at the very end of his

"The orderly way to go about influencing legislation is for interested individuals and organizations first to interest themselves in getting a hearing on the measure in which they are interested. They may then request the committee chairman to allow them to appear before the committee during hearings on the bill. This will then afford them an opportunity to express their views for or against the measure and answer any questions that may be in the minds of committee members. Their statements will be printed in the hearings and will be before every member of the House or Senate when the measure comes up for de-

That may or may not be "the orderly way." But it certainly isn't the effective way to get capitalist politicans to pass legislation they are opposed to. "The statements will be printed ily, by government measures, in- sliding scale of wages, the wage grant a referendum on disaffiin the hearings" all right and then they will be dropped into the waste basket.

The only kind of language that really gets over to them is fighting language, and the only time they act on such language is when it is backed up by fighting action. A militant March on Washington is one form of such action, and what we need is more and not less

On The Railroads -

Can You Spare A Billion?

-By Henry Adams-

After months of crying the blues, the railroad companies got a 17½ per cent increase in freight rates - an estimated cool billion dollars dropped in their



Are the railroad magnates happy? Not in public! Gloomy predictions for 1947 issue from every railroad president's office because the ICC did not grant the full 25 per cent increase

asked. As one Washington correspondent wrote: Should you be at the Union Station, Washington and happen to notice a portly gentleman with coat out of elbow and a battered hat, suppress the kindly impulse that might lead you to spare him a dime. He is probably only a railroad president (salary \$100,000 plus) on his way to the ICC, where he will argue that the railroad industry is doomed unless freight rates are immediately raised 25 per cent." (The Nation, Oct. 12, 1946.)

The kind of money the railroads actually make is graphically illustrated by a report in the November issue of Trains on the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac. The RF&P has 118 miles of track. It is owned jointly by five other roads (Atlantic Coast, B&O, C&O, Pennsy, Seaboard

Air, Southern) and the State of Virginia which order to "dump" 20,000,000 bushstarted. On that original investment of \$275,000, Jan. 31 U. S. News comments: their attention and energies just put up \$275,000 in the 1830's to get the line els of "surplus" potatoes. The the state has drawn five million dollars in pro- "Even now, farmers are to be trying to catch up with elusive tack upon the Negro union mem- to create friction between races, fits. In addition, the original investment of given checks for destroying poprices. With real wages autobers. Vice-president Joseph the membership, both in Mobile \$275,000 has grown to two million - all on 118 tatces, just as they once were matically kept abreast of the Stack, leading Stalinist spokes and New Orleans have made it paid to kill little pigs in order miles of track!

This kind of loan shark profits is what the to try to support prices or push railroad bosses call "normal business." So when the Class I railroads make only 961/2 million net profits in the first nine months of 1946, claimed but non-existent gen- provement in living standards. | was used by Stack to launch a Stack and the Editor of the Pilot Union. they all start wailing that the railroad industry is going to the dogs.

But the railroad magnates have method in their madness. They know that the railroad workers are being squeezed every day by the rising cost of living. They know that the measly 181/2 cents award of last spring was and is completely inadequate. They are working feverishly to head off the growing demands of the men for decent wages.

As the ultra-conservative Barron's Financial Weekly says of their complaints and dismal predictions: "Such expressions of opinion must be problem. considered in the light of the motives prompting them. Without doubt, the most important motive is to try to ward off further wage increases."

(Dec. 30, 1946.) Pity the poor railroad bosses! Brother, can you spare a billion?

Notes From The News

The New York County Republican Committee is fighting an eviction notice from its landlord, the National Republican Club, which ordered the former to vacate its fourth



floor office space in the national club's building. The landlord complained the county committee "was not a good tenant, paid a low rental and occasionally fell behind on that." co.

The NAACP is demanding that the Department of Justice investigate and prosecute the Mississippians who testified before a Senate subcommittee in Dec. that they practiced intimidation and fraud to bar Negroes from the Democratic primary which nominated Bilbo last July.

Minneapolis now has a city FEPC law, thanks to the pressure of the unions, Negro and veteran organizations.

The UAW Veterans Conference in Washington last week threatened to organize tenant strikes if rents are boosted.

The unions in Kenosha, Wis., are sponsor-

city council primary this week.

A suit asking \$47,500 in damages for the murder of the two Ferguson brothers, the wounding of a third and the arrest of a fourth, was served on the village of Freeport, L. I., last week. The brutal assault on the Negro servicemen by the Freeport cop, Romeika, took place a year ago this month.

"A genuine Labor Party in Akron" is advocated by Air Bag, paper of United Rubber Workers Local 5.

The Social Democrats are getting ready a new by the government, that the monthly magazine, Modern Review, which will workers can expect any immebe published in the name of the American La- diate easing of the housing probbor Conference on International Affairs.

W * * The increasingly important role of Negroes in the UAW in Flint was shown recently when from the working class, however, the United Rank and File Caucus nominated the capitalist government will union representatives, plus rep-Marie Norman for recording secretary of AC only continue with its present Sparkplug Local 651 and the Progress and Ac- hopelessly inadequate program. veteran' organizations and tention Caucus nominated Harrison Johnson for The workers, through their un- ants groups. It is the working

home building. Yet, it is only government to immediately conthrough an emergency program struct 10 million homes, regardof building modern, permanent less of cost. The government, ing four independent labor candidates in the homes for workers, that the which had the power to spend housing crisis can find a solu- hundreds of billions and rigidly On the other hand, the gov-

building materials.

diate action in this acute housing crisis rests with the government. It is only through a full scale program of home building

LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

the executive board of Chevrolet Local 659. ions and political organizations, people, veterans and low-in-

Congress must be compelled to regulate production and allocation of materials for imperialist war, has the power to obtain the necessary land and materials for building homes.

real estate, construction and building materials interests must be brushed aside. The land and materials of these obstructionist owners must be seized if they stand in the way of the completion of the building program. Plants of materials manufacturers who withhold materials should be taken over by the government and operated under workers' control.

ment for the 10-million homes Without tremendous pressure building program should consist primarily of workers' trade resentatives of rank and file

New York Tenants Picket Mayor



These tenants, now living in a New York low-rent project, picket the offices of Mayor William O'Dwyer to protest attempts to evict all tenants with incomes above the present very low limit. "Out of the Foxhole into the Park," one placard reads.

Stalinists Try To Sow Division In NMU Ranks

By C. Thomas

With President Joseph Curran carrying the fight to the membership, the internal struggle in the CIO National carried in the Pilot. Many mem-Maritime Union is sharpening over the question of contin- bers, including myself, take the ued affiliation to the Stalinist-dominated Committee for position that Stack wrote this Maritime Unity.

Curran is touring the ports, calling on the membership to thinly veiled attack implying that supports Curran's suspicion that force the Stalinist majority of those who oppose affiliation to Stack, or one of his henchmen. This slight dip has already were "re-adjusted"-upward. If the NMU National Council to the CMU are capitulating to wrote the so-called anonymous been halted, at least temporar- labor had fought for and won a liating from the CMU. He The publication of the letter The letter very conveniently cluding subsidies to rich farmers gains of last Spring would have lose and everything to gain by control over the union appara- Stack alleges was sent to him by of the vilest sort, and a prefer-

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Bosses Invent New Lies.

Cotton prices, which recently wages. If prices rise, such a winning the sliding scale of experienced a sharp drop are clause will protect their living now rebounding as the result of a big inoculation of government standards. If and when gena big inoculation of government standards. If and when gena big inoculation of government standards. If and when gena big inoculation of government standards. If and when gena big inoculation of government standards. Stalinists have given the dispute ganization." (The Pilot, Jan. 31.)

Stalinists have been beating the opposition. price - bolstering funds. Roose- wage rates will not go below the a sinister twist by deliberately President Joseph Curran, writsowing the seeds of Jim-Crow ing from the Gulf in his weekly indicates that division and race hatred in the union column in the Jan. 31 is-

duced. Thus, Secretary of Agri- Once the escalator clause is In flagrant violation of union culture Anderson has issued an embodied in union contracts, the policy, the Stalinist editor of the out this week with a statement By tying the race question to the workers won't have to direct all NMU Pilot published an un- by Joe Stack and the vicious dispute on CMU affiliation, the cost of living, labor can then man, alleges he received the let- very clear that these tactics are fight for basic wage increases lustrate a dangerous "trend" in and split our union. When will the already pro- that will mean an outright im- the union. The anonymous letter "They have condemned both control of the National Maritime

sue, declared:

ter and ordered it printed to il- part of the scheme to confuse

for their complete violation of the policies of the Union, that

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The circumstantial evidence letter.

charges that the Communist Par- aroused the indignation of lead- contains the three main elements ty is using the CMU in an effort | ing NMU officials. Vice-presi- | in the Stalinist campaign to disto tighten its bureaucratic grip dent Jack Lawrenson charged: credit the opponents of CMU: on the NMU and perpetuate its "The anonymous letter, which red-baiting, Jim-Crow prejudice a member of the union, is in ence for the AFL. These are the In their reckless drive to re- my opinion, a direct incitement three dirty sticks with which the

The internal evidence strongly pecially manufactured to provide the Stalinists with "ammu-"As soon as the Pilot came nition" against the Curran group. containing an unspeakable at- printed in the Pilot attempting race hatreds which can tear the union apart.

This latest incident demonstrates that the reactionary Stalinist clique is prepared to go to any extreme to perpetuate its

A Program To Meet The Crisis In Housing

By John Fredericks

Every worker today is acutely aware of the housing and are most interested in the to halt the housing crisis. crisis. If 10 million homes were to be provided at once, this would be just a beginning in the solution of the

My previous articles showed? how greed for profits has delibe- must launch an all-out campaign rately fostered a scarcity of for government housing. This homes. Only through scarcity can means a nation-wide fight for a scale of high rents be main- the following full-scale building tained. Private industry has program. shown no intention of relieving

ernment, which spends countless billions for war preparations, siphons the few millions appropriated for housing into the coffers of the capitalists controlling the manufacture of

The responsibility for imme-

housing program.

The interests of the greedy

A national board of manage-

come tenants who need housing. This is the minimum program subsidies running into billions. speedy completion of a real

MINIMUM PROGRAM

this crisis through a program of adopt a bill authorizing the more than \$30, to permit all tions, shipping lines, air lines,

managed by their tenants. The ther scores of billions being profits. rents charged should not exceed spent on new war preparations, OTHER MEASURES \$50 per month, the maximum then you can see that a 10-mileven the best-paid workers can lion unit housing program is afford. But the majority of easily within the means of the dwelling units should rent at not government. Countless corpora-

These Federal Housing Proj- the hundreds of billions spent program must come from taxing ects, when completed, should be for World War II, and the fur- those who grew bloated on war

workers to have a decent home. etc., are receiving government

Arne Swabeck Analyzes Housing Shortage

What are the real causes of the housing shortage? Will this shortage continue and why? What is the solution for the housing crisis? Scientific answers to these and other burning questions are contained in a survey of the housing situation by Arne Swabeck in the February issue of Fourth International.

The article deals with fundamental aspects which are deliberately slurred over by the capitalist press. Pointing out that scarcity is the chronic condition in housing, the author shows how this enables huge profits to be made, especially by the mortgage bankers who charge interest rates three and four times the actual cost of "building financing, 'including risks of depreciation, loss or foreclosure."

The real reasons for the soaring building costs are to be found in the profit motive. This industry, like the others under capitalism, is "infested with a veritable wolfpack of profiteering speculators and gamblers in real estate." Land prices have skyrocketed. Concurrently the mortgage sharks have enjoyed unprecedented prosperity. In 1946 mortgage investments set an all time high. "The total of new mortgages made on homes may reach 8 billion dollars" which is "almost 40 per cent more than in 1928, the peak year of the building boom in the Twenties."

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It is just as possible for the gov-Will such a program be ex-ernment to subsidize homes for pensive? Some people might workers at rents within their think so. But when you consider means. The money for such a

While this all-out housing program is being organized, there are many measures that the government can take to alleviate the more pressing needs of homeless workers and veterans. All unoccupied space in the mansions of the rich, hotels, clubs and resorts, should be taken over for housing veterans. The government should halt the wrecking of all suitable housing that is being destroyed to make way for stores, theaters, office buildings, super-highways, etc. These latter projects consume scarce materials for the profit of the capitalists, with no regard to housing needs.

The government should also make available converted structures, but as an emergency measure only. It should be clearly understood that converted structures are no part of a permanent solution to the housing crisis, and those forced to liv in converted structures must be provided new permanent housing as soon as available.

The main task is for the workers to demand the immediate full-scale government building program that alone will provide decent and adequate low cost