Workers Of The World, Unite!

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By George Lavan

The acquittal of 28 lynchers in Greenville, S. C., last week served notice on the country that lynch law is still supreme in the South. It means that race-hating white supremacists can brutally murder any Negro they wish and

Many newspapers hailed the forward because it is the first time such a case has been brought to trial in the south. Green Light To But there was nothing new about the Jim-Crow atmosphere pervading the courtroom. The rights and lives of the Negro people were under discussion, but the Negro people had no voice in the prothe jury, nor was any Negro on the panel from which the jury was drawn, nor did either side in the case even comment on this matter.

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While the holding of a trial was somewhat unusual, there in Jackson, N. C. was nothing extraordinary about the kind of justice dispensed at the trial. It completely conform-Southern lynch law justice. Willie Earle, the Greenville vic-Twenty-eight members of a mob tim. He broke away from the that sadistically tortured and mob and hid in the woods. After then murdered Willie Earle, a 24 year old Negro, were cleared of all charges. In fact, they em- he surrendered to the FBI and erged from the trial as local was taken to the State prison.

The South Carolina state authorities, the judge and the FBI South. A white woman was went through the motions of walking along a dark row of toseeing that justice was done, but bacco warehouses when someonly the motions. HANDY LOOPHOLE

ant witnesses were put on the lynch mob. stand by the prosecutor.

individual maker of the state- since verified this fact. ment and not against other de- In contrast to the trial and the defendants named Roosevelt

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Greenville trial as a great step forward because it is the first

Acquittal of the lynch mob in Greenville, S. C., gave new ceedings. Not one Negro was in encouragement to lynchers in other parts of the South. This was shown 28 hours after the Greenville trial, when a mob of armed men took Godwin Bush, 24-year old Negro, from the jail

Only Busch's quick thinking and action saved him from the ed to the general pattern of torture and murder that befell going without food for 48 hours

The charges against Bush are typical of the rape cases in the body stepped out of a doorway behind her. Immediately she The state with the help of the started screaming. A group of FBI drew up a case that had a white youths scoured the vicinhandy loophole. This loophole ity and seized young Bush. was the fact that the prosecu- Charged with attempted rape. tion's whole case rested on state- he was put in the jail and shortments of the accused. No import- ly thereafter kidnaped by the

Bush often waited near the Then Judge J. Richard Mar- warehouse to walk his girl friend tin accommodatingly ruled that home from the place across the the statements of the accused street where she worked. Some could be used only against the white citizens of Jackson have

fendants named in them. This acquittal of the 28 Greenville meant that although seven of lynchers was the trial of James the death shots, the jury could rape, Brown was sentenced to not consider this evidence die in the electric chair after the Naturally each statement pic- minutes. The whole "trial" lasted three hours.

Call On Labor Of All Lands **To Help The German Workers**

An important manifesto by the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International, calling for the creation of a "free, united German republic of workers and peasants," has been received in this country. Addressed to the workers of Europe and

America, it urges opposition "The resounding failure of the

Moscow Conference." declares the manifesto, "leaves the German problem temporarily 'unsolved.' But Germany is still covered with ruins, cut up into four occupation zones, under four final pauperization of the Gerdifferent military dictatorships. The toiling masses are still the | colonization of its riches by your prey of ruin, famine, lack of own monopoly capitalists - the clothing and housing. Their most very ones against whom you elementary needs are still unfulfilled after seven years of strike struggles since the end of war and privation. And the most elementary democratic rights are still denied them after twelve years of Fascist dictator-

man people are collectively re- talist exploiters to use against sponsible for starting the war! | your own standard of living. the Big Four, far from laying your generals want to perpetuate the foundations for a lasting in Germany is a training school peace, only prepares the starting for future would-be dictators of point for the race towards the the United States. Third World War, Don't forget that a new robbers' treaty, pare the anti-labor laws in ion was polling its membership announced that the NFTW was of rent boosts. Such inflationary just like the Versailles Treaty Washington also want to reduce on CIO affiliation. Moran indiafter the First World War, will the German working class to cated he meant business by statonly create very fertile ground abject slavery. Your struggle ing he was submitting his resigfor the rebirth of another vio- against the greedy and reactionlent wave of chauvinism in Ger- ary policy of the American trusts NFTW.

the peoples," continues the man- plans." ifesto, "the Fourth International of the German people to self- the magazine, Fourth Internadetermination."

The manifesto calls on the to annexations, reparations and workers of various lands to opthe dismemberment of Germany. pose the reactionary plans of their rulers in regard to Germany. To the workers of the United States, the manifesto

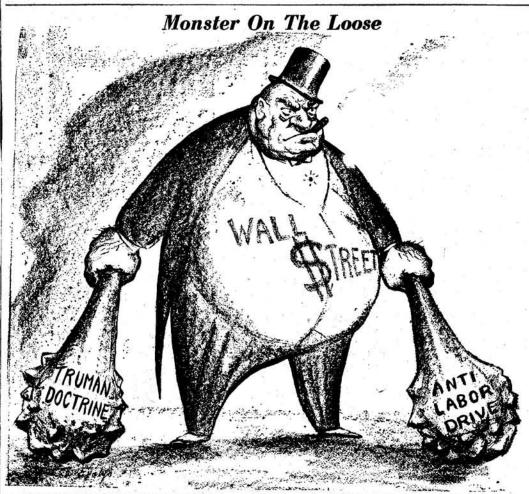
> "The oppression of Germany by American imperialism, the man workers, the definitive have carried on such admirable the war — all this must soon bear down heavily upon the furclass struggle.

"The lowering of the stand-The manifesto appeals to the ard of living of the German Committee which will receive fi- demands. They feel that only a joint committee, it is virtually workers of the world: "Destroy workers will give a powerful the myth that the entire Ger- means of pressure to your capi-Understand that the policy of The military dictatorship that AT&T employes.

"The same hyenas who preis one and the same with the In opposition to the secret dip- struggle for the recall of the other leading NFTW affiliates is evidenced by the fact that the low-cost building situation lomacy of the powers "who are American troops from Germany met with Murray and Haywood approximately 100,000 of the with the analysis that "the encarving up the living flesh of and against all the reparations

The full text of the manifesto filiation and organization. re-affirms the inalienable right will appear in the June issue of

Lynch Mob Of 28 24-HOUR STRIKE DEMAND Set Free By Lily-White Jury MOUNTS THROUGH NATION By George Lavan



Ramadier Decrees Military Rule For 85,000 Utilities Workers

MAY 27 - Although the years in prison. by their strike continues.

Following the lead of the for wage increases. Renault workers, 85,000 workers While the government pre-Brown, 25 year old Negro, in in the nationalized gas and elec-C. Hurd as the man who fired Sylvania, Ga. Charged with tric power services scheduled a one-day strike for May 28 to jury had been out only three 23% wage increase to meet the skyrocketing cost of living.

The Ramadier regime, however, is committed to a policy of wage freezing and "sacrifices" by the workers. Although Ramadier and his associates call themselves "socialists," actually they are running the government for the capitalist class of France.

Ramadier therefore met the demands of the gas and electric workers with a typical weapon from the arsenal of capitalist governments. He invoked a 1939 warfime law that does not lapse until next July and placed these industries under military con-

The Ramadier decree calls for the use of troops if the workers go ahead with their 24-hour

tor, has been named head of the 9-

Formal announcement of the

CIO developments came two

nation as a vice-president of the

In addition, representatives of

discuss the problems of CIO af-

CIO Now Organizing New

Phone Workers International

Telephone Workers Organizing at levels far below their original

days after John J. Moran, pres- president of the NFTW, which

termination of their recent strike, week-end in Philadelphia.

MAY 26—The CIO is proceeding to organize a phone

of their recent strike.

vention scheduled for June 9.

pared to use troops, the rank and file of the union went ahead with emphasize their demand for a plans to carry out the strike. "The government's decision Landlords Await makes no difference to us," one Landlords Await spokesman is reported to have said: "and we shall go through with our plans to the bitter end."

> The leadership of the union. however, happens to be Stalinist. Jacques Duclos, top shot Stalinist leader, has announced that only "imbeciles" would call a general strike. And L'Humanite, the Stalinist paper, said there never was any question of a "strike" but simply of a "demonstration."

The Stalinists have suffered a great decline in the eyes of the without new legislation, landcapitalist government.

inflicted on strikers-up to 5 ity fund. The CGT (General

Renault workers are back at Ramader claimed that the by Stalinists) received only 800,work after winning signifi- current wave of strikes in France | 000 votes although it lists more cant gains, the government were "incited" by "anarchists than one million members of crisis that was touched off and Trotskyists." The truth is the books; while the Catholics that the rise in the cost of liv- received more than 300,000 votes, ing is forcing workers to battle far more than their book membership. The Stalinist leaders Henri Raynaud and Eugene Hen. aff, who head the CGT list, came

Rent Hikes As Congress Stalls

Millions of workers are faced with the threat of rent increases as the June 30 expiration of existing rent control nears without any Congressional action.

If Congress should adjourn French workers as a result of lords would have a holiday of their continued support of the rent hikes, backed up by eviction threats. At the present time, This decline is reflected in the the House has passed the weak vote for officials to administer Wolcott bill which, while claimstrike. Savage penalties can be the government's workers secur- ing to preserve rent control, also contains the main idea of the real estate lobbies for "voluntary" 15% increases.

Meanwhile the Senate has pushed to the sidelines the Buck bill which gives regional and local boards the right to increase rents. The longer the Senate delays action, the more concessions the real estate lobby will workers international union, it was announced by Phillip be able to wring from a joint ther development of your own Murray today. Allan S. Haywood, CIO Organization Direc- Senate-House Committee. In the event that the Wolcott and Buck bills are pieced together by a nancial and material assistance strong centralized union can certain that so many loopholes from the CIO in building a pow- match the power of the highly and provisions for increases erful industrial union capable of centralized AT&T - Bell trust would be made, that rent conembracing the 500,000 Bell and Their interest in the CIO wid- trol, while retained in name. ened as a result of CIO support, would be smashed and at least 15% increases slapped on to the Meanwhile, Joseph Beirne, rising cost of living.

Both the CIO and numerous ident of the long-lines telephone had previously considered affili- consumers committees are soundworkers, announced that his un- ation to either the CIO or AFL, ing the warning on the dangers proceeding with plans to launch moves would bear down doubly the Communications Workers of hard on the workers because of America as an independent na- the critical housing shortage that tional union at a Miami con- worsens with every development. The National Public Housing The strength of the CIO move | Conference has just summarized in Atlantic City last week-end to 260,000 members of the NFTW tire home construction industry were represented in the first is falling apart rapidly."

meeting with Murray and Hay- All bills providing for the full Many phone workers have ex- wood. A second and larger con- retention of existing rent conpressed dissatisfaction with the ference is being scheduled next trols have been pigeonholed in both houses of Congress.

Truman Weighs Slave Labor Bill

Truman's continued sil-House lieutenants and the Senate-House conferees, and you get a clear indication that Truman is seriously weighing signing the bill to wipe out decades of hard-won labor gains, or letting it become law without way among AFL unions as well. his signature.

MIGHT SIGN

nal reports Truman's attitude as

ate labor bill.

"White House intimates have changed their tune. They're now 10,000 Protest privately peddling the idea that the 'milder' Senate version is 'not too bad a bill.' Truman, Anti-Labor Bills they say, is not dead-set on a they say, is not dead-set on a veto and might sign a measure In San Francisco along the lines of the Senate

". . . Truman's counselors say an over-ridden veto-likely if he vetoes the Senate's bill-would hurt him more than union opposition. They discount union votegetting power in '48."

conservative Business Week (May 24) says that a veto s "assured if the President can count on more than a third of the Senate's votes." While the veto may come anyway, it appears clear that Truman would could not line up even 7 Senators in his own party.

COULD BE SWUNG The 7 needed Senators, mean-

while, are waiting to see what in the way of post-offices, contracts and jobs," according to Business Week. This Wall Street mouthpiece does not mention that they are also waiting to see what kind of demonstrations and anti-union legislation.

Some Senators could be swung, a substitute.

AFL Unions Join CIO In Call Putting Okay On For Nation-Wide Stoppage

While Senate-House conferees worked this week to merge the Taft-Harley legislation into ence over whether he will a single union-smashing bill, more trade union

veto the Taft-Hartley slave bodies joined in calling other SIU branches for considerlabor legislation is an om- for a nationwide 24-hour ation. inous sign. Couple this with strike to express workreports about "busy rushing ing class opposition to back and forth" between White any form of slave labor explaining that such a work stoplegislation.

demonstration by all sections of the labor movement, which was first proposed by CIO international and local unions, is now beginning to make head-In New York City members of

the AFL Seafarers International Union voted last week to ask The May 23 Wall Street Jour- AFL President William Green to arrange a one-day work stoppage in conjunction with the CIO "Whispering galleries echo talk | and the independent unions. The that Truman will okay the Sen- proposal was also referred to

plus one independent union, the Marine Firemen, paraded cide this question. The individup Market Street to protest ions, however, were permitted to anti-labor legislation last make their own decisions on the Saturday. The parade ended kind of protest demonstrations in a demonstration at the Civic they want on June 10. Center where a resolution was adopted calling on President Trades and Labor Council will Truman to veto the Hartley-Taft hold a mass protest meeting slave-labor bill.

find it distasteful to reveal he attack and the June deadlines 4. AFL President Green will be on contracts with the CIO wa- the main speaker. terfront and warehouse unions brought the workers out in num- Local 107 of the CIO United bers. Parading was on a voluntary basis, with the largest mously at a membership meetturnout coming from CIO Ware- ing not only for a national 24-Truman "might care to tender house Local 6, which is set for hour labor holiday but also for strike on June 1.

At the Civic Center the marchers were addressed by Paul the country. Schnur, San Francisco CIO Council secretary; Eugene Pat- UE local executive committee ton, president of the Warehouse- advocated a one-day stoppage how much political pressure the men; and Scott Weakley, one and the organization of joint labor movement is capable of or- of the victorious councilmen of mass meetings like the Cadillac ganizing in protest against the the Oakland Voters League Square rally in Detroit last which won the recent elections | month. in Oakland. In his address. says Business Week, if Truman Weakley called upon San Franwould outline precisely the type cisco workers to repeat what was ions made plans for additional of measure he would approve as accomplished in Oakland. He received a rousing hand.

In Trenton, N. J., the Mercer

County AFL Central Labor Union adopted a similar resolution, page would dramatize labor's de-This demand for a huge mand for a presidential veto of the Taft-Hartley legislation.

In New York a special meeting of the CIO National Maritime Union voted in favor of a 24hour strike. This places both wings of maritime labor, AFL and CIO, on record as favoring a national protest action.

In Albany, N. Y., a state conference called by the State CIO Council voted unanimously to designate June 10 as "New York State CIO Veto Day," and to hold meetings and parades against the anti-labor legislation. A number of delegates proposed that the day be marked by a statewide work stoppage, declaring that the workers in the factories favored such action.

But State CIO President Louis Hollander would not let this proposal come to a vote. As "justi-SAN FRANCISCO, May 23 fication" for his bureaucratic -10,000 members of the CIO action he declared that the conference had no authority to de-

The New York AFL Central against the anti-labor bills at The threat of congressional Madison Square Garden on June

> In Philadelphia, Westinghouse Electrical Workers voted unania simultaneous march on Washington from every local union in

In Buffalo, the Westinghouse

In scores of other industrial centers both CIO and AFL unjoint or separate local actions

THE RANKS WANT ACTION!

· An Editorial·

The Taft-Hartley slave labor legislation ators have indicated by a word that they hangs over the American trade union move- will sustain a veto. ment like a razor-sharp sword. The thin The public already knows how vicious the

these 7 Senators.

their answer to this burning question. They bill; and that in the Senate the Democrats have sent appeals to Truman to please re- split evenly on the Taft bill (21 to 21). ject this legislation. And the AFL officials public about the evils of this savage anti- Truman and Congress. labor measure. That is about all.

These advertisements have made some with specifications of the National Associlined how the bills violate the 13th amend-strike. ment to the Constitution. They have disclosed how the platform of the Republican Party championed "free labor" while the candidates of the Republican Party in office have championed slave labor.

contemptuous silence. None of the 7 Sen- | bor's own representatives in office!

strand that may keep it from falling is a Taft-Hartley bills are. The public already possible presidential veto and a possible knows that the Republicans consider camswitch of 7 Senators from support of the paign promises nothing but scraps of paper. measure to support of this hoped-for veto. The public knows too that the Democrats The immediate question facing labor is share the guilt, although the AFL adverhow to assure this veto and the switch of tisements say nothing about this. The public knows that in the House a majority of The trade union bureaucrats have given Democrats (93 to 84) supported the Hartley

The great mass of workers start from have ear-marked \$1,500,000 for an adver- these conclusions. What they want now is tising and radio campaign to inform the action. They want to exert real pressure on

This pressure can come only from dramatic demonstrations and mass actions intelling points. They have told how the Taft- volving millions of participants. Resolu-Hartley bills were written in accordance tions passed by union bodies throughout the country show that what the union ranks ation of Manufacturers. They have under- want is a 24-hour nation-wide protest

Moreover, this action is only the beginning of the militant steps they want to take to fight Wall Street's anti-labor drive. They want a definitive answer to the Taft-Hartlev legislation. The way to do that is to But this is utterly inadequate. Truman organize an independent Labor Party! has responded to the prayers up to now with Mobilize on the political field and put la-

Notebook Of An Agitator

A Blood Transfusion

who lynched the Negro Willie Earle and admitted it with ample detail in signed statements, were put to the inconvenience of a trial in court. That is something new. But it turned out to be a very small point, for the lynchers were all triumphantly acquitted and the dead man is still dead. That's the same old story. Lynch law is still riding high; the courtroom "trial" only added a touch of mockery.

Well, that's one way of handling the race problem and advertising the American way of life to the benighted peoples of the world, who were looking on and listening in through the press and radio, and it may be safely assumed that the lesson will not be lost on them.

But I have seen it done another way-here in America, too-and perhaps it would be timely now to report it as a footnote to the South Carolina affair. This incident occurred at Sandstone prison during our sojourn there in the fall of 1944. I wrote about it at the time in a letter as fully as I could in the rigidly restricted space of the one sheet of paper allowed for prison correspondence. This left room only for the bare facts, a strictly news report without amplification. But I believe the factual story speaks well operation. enough for itself as then reported, without any additional comment.

Here is the letter: "I have seen a triumph of medical science here at Sandstone. When I went up to the hospital at 'sick call' one day to have my sore toes dressed I immediately sensed that something was missing, something was wrong. There were no nurses in evidence, the door of the doctor's office was locked and the other convicts on sick call were standing in the corridor in oppressive The reason soon became manifest. Through the glass door of the record office, and beyond that through the glass door of the operating room, we could see the masked doctors and the double door. Now a doctor, now a nurse moved | get a little of it back."

Things are not exactly what they used to be | in and out of view, only their heads, rather their in South Carolina. The mob of 31 white men drawn faces, showing, like figures on a silent movie screen.

"The word was passed long the 'line' in hushed whispers: A colored man was dying. A desperate emergency operation was failing; the poor black convict's life was slipping out of the doctors' hands like a greased thread. But we could see that the doctors were still working, still trying, and one could sense the unspoken thought of all the men on the line; their concern, their sympathy, and in spite of everything, their hope, for their comrade on the operating table.

"After what seemed an endless time, the prison pharmacist who was assisting in the operation came out through the double door into the corridor. His face was the picture of exhaustion, of defeat and despair. There would be no 'sick' call,' he said; the doctors would not be free for some time. The case of the colored man was apparently hopeless, but the doctors were going to make one final desperate effort. They were sewing up the abdominal wound on the slender, practically non-existent chance that, by blood transfusions, they could keep the man alive and then build up his strength for the shock of another stage of the complicated and drawn-out

"Then came a new difficulty. The sick man's blood was hard to 'type.' The blood of the first colored fellow-convicts who volunteered was unsuitable. But the sick Negro got the blood he which was also a triumph of human solidarity needed just the same. The white convicts rose up en masse to volunteer for transfusions. I think every man in our dormitory offered to give his blood. The sick man hung between life and death for weeks; but the life-giving fluid of the white convicts, steadily transfused into his body. eventually gave the strength for a second, and successful operation.

"I saw him line up with the rest of us for the yard count yesterday, this Negro with the along by the mob and did not because it could not abolish its blood of white men coursing through his veins, and I thought: The whites, over the centuries, nurses moving back and forth around the oper- have taken a lot of blood from the blacks; it is ating table. Not a sound reached us through no more than right that one of them should

Lynn AVC Chapter Pushes Militant Fight For Housing

LYNN, Mass., May 23 - The Lynn Chapter of the Amer- 9 ican Veterans Committee is engaged in a bitter struggle petition campaign to the public. with the city administration over the issue of housing. The

fight began when the Mayor face of the acute need for and the city politicians. housing, the Mayor labelled his project a "memorial" to the war

memorial to the dead than a new City Hall, since it would

presentatives of the AVC pleaded for the establishment of a desperately-needed dwellings for in Seattle uptown shops won veterans and civilians. The meet- wage increases of 121/2 cents ing ended with the city politi- an hour, six paid holidays cians refusing to take any action whatever.

The Mayor replied to the AVC letter through the local press, de- these increases from the powernouncing the proposers of the ful group of Metal Trades emhousing plan as "saboteurs" ployers. and "insidious perpetrators" of a "plot" to obstruct the building demands, negotiations and strike. of a "memorial" to the war dead. He blustered that he would not ions affiliated to the Metal be deterred from his plan to build Trades Council - Boilermakers

16 pages

proposed the erection of a new a new City Hall no matter how Out of a population of 100,000 City Hall. To avoid a political newspapers headlined the dif- 000 signatures, with 5,000 already what the intrigues were, the re-

for booths, public address ve- house drive.

black eye for such construction in ferences between the veterans collected. The response to this cord of the FBI in other lynch knew the mob was being organ-For the past two weeks the dividual members of the AVC really tried to build cases that to prevent it. AVC has undertaken a big peti- are able to collect 100 signatures get convictions against lynchers. tion campaign. Since all permits in a day through this house-to-

The AVC sent a letter to the hicles, etc. are issued by the City Moreover, as a result of its necessary permits to bring the membership.

serve the needs of the living vet-This letter followed a meeting with the City Council where re-

per year, and two weeks yearly vacation with pay after four years of employment. They won

Nine unions coordinated their These include eight AFL un-

Build A Labor Party Now!

by George Clarke

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cal 387, Molders Local 158, Welders Local 541, Warehousemen race prejudice and in praise Local 117, and Blacksmiths Lo- of lynch action. Culbertson, the cal 106 - in addition to Hope Lodge 79 of the International I wish more like him were dead Association of Machinists (inde-

This year the nine unions tory to all locals concerned.

SEATTLE, May 20 - After Local 104, Iron workers Local Permanent Housing Authority to a militant two day strike, 506, Auto Mechanics Local 599, facilitate the construction of 10,000 metal trades workers Auto Sheet Metal workers Lo-

> step forward over the procedure followed by these unions in the turn these boys loose. You are past when individual negotiations not expected to convict them." and settlements were the rule. The result of each union going off on its own was smaller wage all the counts. gains all around, and the praccharges and countercharges of cribing the acquittal as an "outamong the unions.

an arrogant and unyielding atti-Trades bosses, who in a few cases united union action speedily brought the employers to terms and won settlements satisfac-

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Lynchers Set Free



The 31 lynchers of Willie Earle in Greenville, S. C., leaving the county jail for court. An all-white jury turned these mur-

Detroit UAW-CIO Unions Hit State Anti-Labor Bill locals throughout the state went to Lansing last Tuesday delegation had persuaded their to lobby against the anti-labor Callahan Bill, which had representative to vote against already passed the State ceptable to the State officials. Senate by a large majority. Ceptable to the State officials. At p.in. an open heaving Speaking imprisonment and \$5,000 fine. for it were Homer Martin and "This bill would place the li- Larry S. Davidow, expelled form-

conference, Richard T. Leonard, UAW Vice-President and PAC Director, said: "Under the Callahan Bill passed by the State Senate yesterday, hundreds of organizations, including labor unions, are stigmatized as foreign

agents. They are required to register and file any information requested by the Secretary of State. Bill would give the U.S. Attorney General and the Michigan Attorney General power to determine that an organization is a foreign agency. Bill specifically authorizes court to deprive labor unions of their bargaining rights and to appoint a receiver over unions and their funds until officials are elected who are ac-

guarantee its enforcement. The

Fourteenth Amendment to the

Constitution has been on the

books since 1868. It is supposed

to guarantee the "life, liberty

mainly to protect the property

But the fight to obtain a fed-

workers who will smash the Jim-

Crow system itself by ending the

capitalist system that fosters and

sustains the oppression of the

Negro people. That is why every

worker must join the fight to

cials. This bill is naked fascism." sure.

The 400 UAW delegates met in HEARING ADJOURNED the Olds Hotel to hear speeches from Tracy Doll, PAC Director from Wayne County and others about the political weakmade of the reason for this: instead the blame was placed on the rank and file who failed to vote in the fall elections. It was also pointed out how Governor Sigler and the capitalist press had whipped the legislators into a hysteria over the Red issue.

After the meeting these UAW members marched across the street to the State Capitol where would also make communities to vote against the Callahan where lynchings occur liable to Bill. The House was in recess suit for damages by the families and many of its members had already left. Those who remained were surrounded individually, not enough, of course. The mere | by ten or fifteen of their autoworker constituants.

In some cases the legislators professed ignorance as to the contents of the bili. Many declared they did not want to discuss the measure, saying that they had already made up their minds. Others were openly defiant, saying they were going to vote for the bill.

All in all, one got the impreseral bill punishing lynching will sion that these representatives mobilize the forces to fight for did not have minds of their own, its enforcement. It will also serve or if they did, they were pretty to organize and mobilize the well set on how they were going great army of Negro and white to vote. In some few cases there

the measure.

At 7 p.m. an open hearing was berties of the people at the er president of the UAW and mercy of the State. It would his attorney. They sounded as if make the very existence of labor they were seeking revenge for unions, groups, clubs, leagues, having been fired by the workers. societies, committees, associa- The American Legion and the tions, political parties, or com- Veterans of Foreign Wars also binations of individuals depend- had representatives who spoke ent upon the will of State offi- in favor of this fascist-like mea-

Speaking against the measure were State CIO President August Scholle, Richard T. Leonard ness of the UAW and the CIO and a representative of the Lawin Michigan. No real analysis was yers guild. The public hearing was adjourned when the workers booed the traitor Homer Martin. Other speakers were heard in committee.

The UAW delegates left Lansing with a disgust for the people who were supposed to be their representatives. The labor representatives asked that the bill be killed in committee, but few expected that this would be done. Regardless of what happens to they were to try to persuade this bill, it has already convinced their respective Representatives many auto workers that the next legislature must have some auto workers to represent them. Several expressed their demand for independent political action.

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onlooker who had been swept tion could not abolish lynching actually participate in cutting cause - the Jim-Crow system chunks of living flesh from Earle, itself - its adoption and rigid nor in crushing his skull, nor in enforcement could serve to disfiring repeated shotgun blasts into his tortured body. The co- accomplices by making it easier wardly types who make up lynch mobs never make confessions of their own guilt but always name

the judge. Some sources now try Undaunted, they embarked up- wanted to get actual witnesses ordered them out of the case bepopular cause is so great that in- cases is proof that it has not

Judge Martin not only made the ruling on the non-applicability of the defendants' state-Mayor insisting that a housing Hall, the AVC found itself block- militant leadership, this chapter ments, but he also freed three project would be a more fitting ed at every turn in getting the of the AVC has already tripled its of the accused and reduced the charges against seven others before the case went to the jury. INFLAMMATORY APPEALS

In his final speech to the jury the chief prosecutor for the contemptuous word "nigger" when referring to Willie Earle. Throughout the trial the de-

fense attorneys engaged in

defense lawyer, shouted to the jury: "Willie Earle is dead and . . If a mad dog were loose in my community, I would shoot This year's action marks a big the dog and let them prosecute me . . . Not a soul in South Carolina would criticize you if you

The lily-white jury quickly brought in unanimous verdicts of not guilty for each lyncher on

After the trial Attorney Gentice invariably gave rise to bitter eral Clark issued a statement des-"under-cutting" and "sell out" rage" because "a local jury freed all the admitted participants in the lynching."

But after using such strong found themselves confronted by language, Clark added only that the Justice Department "may" tude on the part of the Metal go into court to prosecute the 28 lynchers. No one took this even threatened wage cuts. But half-promise seriously, however, least of all the lynch mob inciters in the South, who tried to lynch another Negro in North Carolina the day after the Greenville trial ended.

The trial itself, the circumstances surrounding it, and its conclusion all combine to raise the question: Why was it staged? One important reason was that

it was intended to strengthen the hand of the Southern Bourbon congressmen who have been fighting for years against the adoption of an effective federal anti-lynch bill, and arguing that the states are capable of punishing lynch murderers. It appeared that the state administration and the judge had hoped for a few convictions on minor charges, not on the murder charges.

But they could not get even a few token convictions. The Jim-Crow system, which in large part rests on lynch law, cannot afford to sentence a murderer for even a month if his victim was a Negro and his defense was white

Instead of disproving the need for federal anti-lynch legislation, the Greenville trial fully proved how important its immediate

tured the maker of it as a mere | adoption is. While such legislaof the victims. A federal anti-lynch bill is passage of legislation does not

ANTI-LYNCH BILL NEEDED

courage the lynchers and their

Such a bill has been recently and property" of the Negro peointroduced in Congress and has ple. Up to now it has been used Thus the prosecution brought the backing of the labor movein a case that it knew could be ment and Negro organizations. It of the corporations. undermined by a single ruling by | would not only punish the lynchers but the local sheriffs and polto explain that the FBI agents ice and jailers who usually hand who secured the statements the victims over to the mob. In the Willie Earle case, for examon a house-to-house campaign, to testify but that Washington ple, the jailer offered no resistance other than to ask the mob to stop swearing in his wife's presence. Several deputy sheriffs ized but did nothing whatever

A federal anti-lynch law punish the lynchers.

Chicago Tenants Union Halts Mass Eviction Of 6 Families

By Robert L. Birchman

Union

CHICAGO, May 23 — The Chicago Area Tenants Union won a victory when the suit of Mrs. Mary Porter Adams for the mass eviction of six families 9 ing attorney repeatedly used the from 1733 Washburne Avenue was ing Negro, Mexican, Italian, etc. dismissed last Friday by Judge organizations. Hermes in Renters Court. These tenants have been on a rent strike since January when a fire inflammatory appeals to race swept the building in which four

children of James Hickman lost The tenants then organized into a unit of the Chicago Area Tenants Union and refused to pay rent until the landlord made adequate repairs. They have not the building, since the city water fuse to provide facilities until the wiring and water pipes are re-

License Court for violations of sent a mass delegation to the the city fire and building codes. The court room was packed by members of the Tenants Union and of organizations that of LaMarr and Katheryn Norhad rallied to the support of the man, who had been leading a families facing eviction. Support partial rent strike and were ilwas given by the West Side legally evicted by the landlord, NAACP and NAACP Youth Council, West Side Civic League, Na-

held and raised funds to aid in paying the court costs. The Chicago Area Tenants

is growing rapidly

throughout the West Side area. They have organized the 40 ten-2639-45 West Adams St. where the landlord converted fiveroom flats previously renting for had any water, lights or gas in \$37 a month into five separate "kitchenettes" for which tenants department and the utilities re- are charged from \$12 to \$18 a week. All five families must share the same bath room. Complaints to the OPA brought no Mrs. Adams has been fined in results until the Tenants Union OPA office. An investigation followed. Indications now are that retroactive rent reductions will be ordered and that the family will be reinstated in their apartment.

In another militant action the tional Citizens Congress, Ameri- Tenants Union, upon learning can Youth for Democracy, Na- that the family of John Gordon, tional August American League, 1830 West Roosevelt Road, had CORE (Committee of Racial been evicted, immediately organ-Equality), and the West Side ized a committee and set the Coordinating Council, represent- furniture back in the apartment.

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Workers' Revolution And Bureaucratic Degeneration

-By James P. Cannon -

on American Stalinism and Anti-Stalinism.)

Will the American workers lose the revolution after they have won it? Will they overthrow capitalism with all its power only to fall victim to a new bureaucracy and be subjected to a new form of slavery?

The people who ask these questions - and there are many of them — have in mind the post-Lenin develophas already been completely destroyed there - which is far from the truth-and taking the Russian experience as a universal pattern-another serious mistake - they fear that Stalinism or something like it, with its totalisuppression of all democracy will be the eventual outcome of the workers' victory in any case. This line of thought and revolutionary cure for capitalism will turn out in the end to be worse than the disease. It is the perfect formula for passivity leading up to capitulation and renegacy.

Those who take this gloomy view of the ultimate outcome of a victorious proletarian revolution sound something like the worker who refuses to join a union and prepare a strike for higher wages because of previous bad experiences with bureaucratic sell-outs and betrayals. "How do I know the leaders won't sell us out as the others now. How do I know the union will not fall into the hands lution. of racketeers and be more of a detriment than a benefit to us?" Every organizing campaign has run up against this wrought such a profound change in the whole labor movekind of defeatist logic. In spite of that, many new unions have been organized in the past ten years or so - more than in all the previous history of the organized labor movement - and they have greatly benefited the workers.

Those who demand guarantees as to the eventual outcome of a strike — or a revolution — ask more than we can give. Defeats and set-backs are always possible in every struggle. Naturally, as revolutionists we should look ahead and take into account the possible difficulties and dangers of the future and consider how to deal with them. But we must do this without exaggerating them and without permitting ourselves to be diverted from the task of the day. That task is the struggle against capitalism, and with that the struggle against the reactionary labor bureaucracy. This bureaucracy is a powerful obstructive force based on the privileged and more conservative sections of the working class, and has in addition the support of all capitalist institutions, including the capitalist government, against the great mass of the workers.

The Real Danger Today

It is this bureaucracy, as it exists today, which must first be dealt with and overthrown. Only then will we confront the possible danger of a new bureaucracy of the future, which no longer has any privileged section of the working class to lean on and no capitalist government to support it. In our view this problem will be much simpler and easier to cope with in the United States.

The real danger of bureaucratism with which we must concern ourselves first of all is not one that will arise on the morrow of the workers' victory. Rather, it is the burning reality of the present day, and of the whole period between now and the American workers' revolution. The break-up of the bureaucracy in the labor movement and the freeing of the working masses from its strangulating grip, is the indispensible condition for the overthrow of American capitalism. Can this be done? Those who doubt it, or those who skip over the problem in favor of gloomy speculations about the dangers of bureaucratism after the revolution, are no good for the struggle.

In the early years of the Comintern some extremely interesting and instructive discussions took place on the trade union question between the Bolshevik leaders and some "Left" Communists. The specific point at issue was posed as follows: Should Communists accept the reactionary trade unions controlled by the reformist bureaucracy as they were and work within them to overthrow the bureaucrats, as the Bolsheviks said; or should they abandon these unions to the bureaucracy, withdraw from them and build new unions of their own, free from the presence of the bureaucrats, as the "Lefts" maintained? This was also the position of the American I.W.W., and was one of the reasons for its failure.

The "Lefts" of that time were unquestionably serious and sincere revolutionists—that is why Lenin took the trouble to debate with them at great length and with the utmost patience. They were confident that the workers could overthrow the capitalist regime and reorganize society on a socialist basis. But they seemed to be equally convinced that it was impossible to "reform" the reactionary trade unions—that is, to win over the majority, throw out the bureaucrats and transform the unions into militant organs of the class struggle.

Lenin pointed out that the "Lefts" lacked the sense of proportion. Look, he said, you are confident of being able to defeat and overthrow the power of the bourgeoisie concentrated in its state apparatus, its army, its police force, etc.; but you consider it impossible to overthrow the reactionary trade union bureaucracy, which is only one of the agencies of this bourgeois power which you expect to defeat in its entirety. This, said Lenin, shows a glaring inconsistency on your part; an overestimation of the power of the bureaucratic rabble which has seized control of the trade unions and an underestimation of the power of the masses of workers who constitute the membership of

The same inconsistency, on a thousand-fold greater scale, is today manifested by not a few people who have been demoralized by Stalinism and horrified by its crimes. consolidation of the workers' victory, once it has been the atmosphere of the British letariat so long as they continue The same doubts and fears formerly advanced in support of attained, will be all the easier. the discredited theory of the "Left" Communists with respect to the trade union bureaucracy under capitalism based on the foolish belief in its invincibility — are here expressed again in connection with the broadest problems of socialism, with far more dangerous implications than when they were first revealed in the limited field of trade union tactics. They underestimate the mass power of the workers — the motive force of every revolution and surrender the field to a possible future bureaucracy before it has even made its appearance.

Genuine revolutionists who have confidence in the ability of the American working class to overthrow capiability of the workers to dispose of the conservative bu- The thing is, to make the revolution.

(Ed. Note: This is the ninth and last of a series of articles reaucracy, which serves as an agency of capitalism in the labor movement. The struggle of the rank and file workers against this bureaucracy is one of the surest expressions of their instinctive striving to settle accounts with capitalism and solve the problems of poverty and insecurity which haunt their lives.

As far back as 1931 Trotsky directly linked the coming tion," that is, four disintegrated of life are determined exclusiveradicalization of the American workers with a determined fragments of what was formerly by by the interests of the occuand irreconcilable fight against the trade union bureau- one nation, with each zone uncrats. He wrote: "With the first signs of a rise in the ments in Russia. Rashly concluding that the revolution (economic) conjuncture, the trade union movement will acutely sense the necessity of tearing itself loose from the claws of the despicable AFL bureaucracy." This was written when the bureaucracy seemed to have an unshakable grip on the existing unions, which then had less than three million members, and an unlimited power to prevent the tarian police state, forced labor camps, and terroristic organization of the unorganized outside of their control.

There were many croakers who scoffed at Trotsky's "optimism." But within the brief space of less than a decspeculation has led not a few people to conclude that the ade, the movement of the masses proved itself to be strong enough to break this bureaucratic grip and achieve the organization of the unorganized in the mass production industries under the independent auspices of the CIO. The "new unionism" took shape in struggle against "the despicable AFL bureaucracy." This example shows how ridiculous it is to make a fetish of the power of the labor bureaucracy - or any other bureaucracy. The bureaucracy can dominate the masses only when they are passive. But the masses in motion can smash any bureaucracy. This is the law demonstrated in every great revolution. It will be demonstrated once again, and finally we think, in the did? If the strike is lost we will be worse off than we are greatest revolution of all - the coming American revo-

This magnificent movement of the CIO, which has ment and in the position and outlook of the American working class is only the beginning. So far we have seen only the first tentative steps of the American workers on the road of radicalism and class militancy. Considering this, it does not require much imagination to foresee what a genuine, deep-going revolutionary movement of the working masses will do to the bureaucratic barricades still standing in their path.

The American workers can and will make their revolution; and, as is quite obvious, they will smash the present trade union bureaucracy in the process. "But," say the defeatists, "what then? After the victory, after the expropriation of the capitalists and the consolidation of a workers' government and the organization of socialist production — will not then a new bureaucracy arise? What guarantee do we have that power will not be usurped by a new bureaucracy, as happened in Russia, which will oppress and enslave the workers and rule by totalitarian terror?"

Such a thought indeed opens up "a perspective of the profoundest pessimism," as Trotsky once remarked, and is all the more to be condemned because it has no real justification. It can only debilitate the movement of the revolutionary workers by robbing them of their will to tion of the Arab masses which within the framework of the restruggle, which must presuppose the prospect of victory will achieve the national and actionary aims pursued by the and the emancipation of the workers. An aversion to the Stalinist regime in the USSR is quite justified, for it is in- dle East. deed a horrible monstrosity, but the fear of its duplication here, after a victorious revolution, has no basis in

There are profound differences between America and gram of immediate action to the the mass of poverty-stricken documents and secret minutes American hands, or indirectly Russia, and these differences create different problems masses which shows them a con- peasants. They will make stren- of this organization would im- where German purchasers were both before the revolutionary victory of the workers and crete way out of their present uous attempts to gain the peas- mediately dispel the feeling of used as false fronts. when the problem of consolidating the victory difficulties. comes to the fore.

Why Soviet Union Degenerated

Russia was the most backward of the big capitalist countries. The proletariat, although highly concentrated, was numerically weak in relation to the population as a whole. Its industrial development and technique lagged of British imperialism. Finding the Jewish capitalists, rather far behind. On top of all that, the victorious workers' revo- no solution, British imperialism than unleash the agrarian revolution inherited from Czarism and the destruction of war and civil war, a devastated, ruined, poverty-stricken country and a frightful scarcity of the most elementary necessities. The disrupted productive apparatus taken over by the revolution was incapable of turning out a volume Zionist leaders and the Arab of goods sufficient to overcome the scarcity in a short

The Russian Revolution was not an end of itself and could not build "socialism" by itself, in one backward country. It was only a beginning, which required the supplementary support of a revolution in more advanced Europe and a union of the European productive apparatus as its point of departure this and technology with the vast natural resources of Russia. The delay of the European revolution isolated the Soviet Union, and on the basis of the universal scarcity a privileged bureaucracy arose which eventually usurped power in the state and destroyed the workers' organizations—Soviets, trade unions and even the revolutionary party which had organized and led the revolution. A horrible degeneration has taken place, but for all that the great revolution their own fate! For the imhas not yet been destroyed, and its ultimate fate has not yet been decided.

Socialism can be constructed only on the basis of a highly-productive economy capable of producing abundantly. Where there is scarcity, with the consequent scramble for the meagerest necessities, the fight for privileges takes place; the material basis for a privileged bureaucracy appears, as was the case in Russia. We cannot the fate of the country in acsee any prospect of such a situation in richly productive cordance with the wishes of the America once the power of the capitalist class is broken population! and production is organized, under a workers' government, for use and not for profit. America is a much more of the imperialist occupation advanced country than was the Russia of the Czars, and consequently the American bourgeoisie is much stronger than was its Russian counterpart. Because of that, the overthrow of the capitalist regime in the United States pression of the most elemenwill be much more difficult. But for the same reason the

Thanks to the extraordinary development of American industrial technique, its vast resources and skilled working class, the organization of production on such a scale as to ensure plenty and thereby economic equality for all, can be assured almost immediately after the consolidation pression. The Arab and Jewish of the victory. This is the main point to keep in mind; masses are capable of governit is the greatest assurance that neither capitalist coun- ing themselves. Out with the ter-revolution nor bureaucratic degeneration can find a firm material base here. Once the American workers have made their revolution, the decisive factors of American resources and technology will provide the material basis for the broadest workers' democracy, leading to the fultalism do not and cannot have the slightest doubt of the fillment of the revolution in the classless socialist society.

The Four Germanies

Having brought their war for the "freedom of the peoples" to its logical conclusion, the American, British and French imperialists and the Soviet bureaucracy began the "peace" by completely crushing the sovereignty of

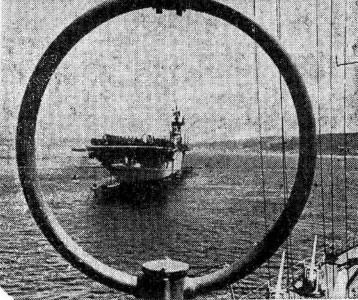
the German masses and viodismembering the lently country. Although the same desolation reigns everywhere, there exists today not one Germany but four "zones of occupader the military dictatorship of

The Second In A Series Of Articles On Germany—1947

that in each of them all aspects pying power.

Because of the marked geoone of the Big Four. These four graphic differences between the Germanies have this in common, | four zones and the enormous dif-

Truman Doctrine In Action



Entering the Turkish port of Istanbul is the U.S. aircraft carrier Leyte, part of the fleet engaged in maneuvers to terrorize all opponents of Wall Street's drive for world Federated Pictures

The Russian zone is the largculture. Before the war it produced 57% of the potatoes, 44% as a result of the lack of ferti- el. lizer and agricultural machin-

On the other hand, insecurity is greatest in this zone. It is to raise the level of agriculture still a regular occurrence for men and women to disappear THE BRITISH ZONE suddenly or to be "collected" in the streets for deportation to

ual famine here.

Dismantling of industry has been the most extensive in this part of Germany, but this special method of looting was a dismal failure since most of the machinery removed was damaged in transportation and the skilled manpower for the necessary repairs was lacking in Russia. The bureaucracy next made several attempts to transplant entire factories along with their personnel - among these, the Leiss optical instrument plants in Jena—but this method got no esults either.

Then in February, 1947 came

four occupying powers, the pres- state property - "Soviet Jointent situation in the four Ger- stock Companies" (Sowjetische manies offers an extremely var- Aktiengesellschaften). This giied picture.

est in area and richest in agri- locomotive and engine construcof the wheat and 40% of the full production. In contrast, inlivestock of Germany. Despite dustry which is state-ized in the the large levies imposed by the hands of German states (Laenoccupation troops and the sharp | der) is working at considerably fall in agricultural production less than 50% of its prewar levery, the food situation in this largest part of current produczone is the best and, with the tion is going to Russia in the exception of Berlin, there has form of reparations. An import-

Marshall Sokolovski's statement putting a stop to the dismant-Two hundred factories which had been designated for dismantlement were to remain in

gantic trust includes all the foundries, the entire industry for tion, 70% of the optical industry, etc. At present it is working at

It should be added that the been the smallest amount of ac- ant exception is the Leuna factory, where the production of artificial fertilizers is being used in the Russian zone.

The British zone is the most important industrially. Before the war it produced 87% of the coal and 65% of the iron in Germany. Its agricultural production, on the other hand, is very low, and in this zone the distributed rations are the lowest.

All the efforts at "reconstruction" on the part of British imperialism and its lackeys, the working class leaders, have been concentrated here on increasing coal production-and this raising of production is nothing more than the special form of looting of Germany by British imperialism and its Western European satellites. But the catastrophic results of regularly exporting the largest part of the Ruhr coal production were not long in coming.

The zone's entire economic lifeindustry, transport, gas, electricity—collapsed almost completely as a result of the scarcity of coal, and the British capitalists themselves were compelled to finance the feeding of the miners, for otherwise all production of coal would have become impossible.

The subsidy of 80 million pounds sterling, which the British capitalists had to pay annually to maintain the present miserable level of existence in their zone, was more effective than all the humanitarian arguments in forcing them to change their policy

THE AMERICAN ZONE

The American zone, the least touched by war destruction and the least densely populated of the four zones, is the one where reconstruction has made relatively greatest progress. Nevertheless, in this zone also a number of factories were dismantled. The return to private owners of a Their breaking with the Arab large part of industry has re-

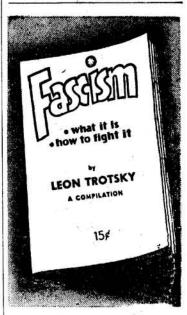
The English and American capitalists, by uniting their occupation zones economically. have attempted to reciprocally "neutralize" the most conspicand the Arab League would deal | uous economic weaknesses of

Finally, the French zone is the one where food rations are the smirched with horsetrades and lowest, where exploitation of the deals with the great powers, how | natural resources is carried out the most cynically in the interestinian population to the high- ests of the occupying power, and where the military dictatorship -exercised by a gang of Vichy their own forces and to pass officers—is conducted the most

The French imperialists, seeing their "empire" crumbling everywhere, have thrown themmoment for the mass of Jewish selves avidly on the Saar, the annexation of which has become of their privileges. But their final a life-or-death question for

These are the Four Germanies of 1947. But if there are four Germanies, there is only one common misery, and everywhere one common oppression.

(Next week: "Democratic Reeducation.")



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Revolutionary Solution To Palestine Question

The analysis of the social forces on the Palestinian Arab feudalists. chessboard has disclosed how vitally the imperialists are interested in maintaining control over this part of the world. It has likewise shown why neither the terrorists, nor ruling classes if they remain the Zionist leaders, nor the great landowning and bourgeois

Arabs, nor even the Zionist labor social emancipation of the Mid-

But a Marxist analysis cannot

ian masses to decide their own of Arab peasants conscious of

Arab High Committee for Pal- revolution. estine and the representatives ican imperialism and the emissaries of the Kremlin assure the chiefs of their disinterested to the Palestinian masses themselves about their freely determining their own fate!

A revolutionary socialist program for Palestine should take and to perpetuate the tension

basic proclamation: Down with the plans of "compromise," of "partition" and of "gradual independence" elaborated by the UN and the conferences of oppressors and exploiters! For the right of the people of Palestine to decide mediate election of a Constituent Assembly, for universal and secret voting by all the men and women over 18 years of age and living in the country before January 1, 1947. The Palestinian Constituent Assembly as the sovereign body must determine national lines, who will take

For the immediate withdrawal

troops! But "free" elections cannot be held in an atmosphere of police terror, espionage and suptary democratic rights. That is occupation. The replacement of the British occupation by American or Russo-American or "international" occupation troops would further intensify this atmosphere of insecurity and optroops and the imperialist government, the main instigators of Jewish and Arab masses!

Committees! Palestinian masses is not men- mortal blow to the reactionary by George Lavan.)

movement is capable of organiz- aced by foreign imperialism ing and unleashing the revolu- alone. It cannot be realized dominant classes of the Arab and Jewish communities.

The Arab effendis and the limit itself to a criticism of ex- heads of the great feudal "paristing relationships. It should ties" will do their utmost to ant vote through intimidation insecurity For the right of the Palestin- and coercion. To make the mass ish Agency, the emissaries of the by the slogans of the agrarian

puts the Palestinian question lution, which would stop all sales before the Assembly of the Unit- of land, and rather than risk ed Nations. The envoys of Amer- facing the revolutionary action of the toiling masses, which would forever dry up the source of their profits - they will enter into alliances with the Arab "sympathy." But no one speaks landowners. Continuing their ganda they will attempt to pursue their work of dividing the Arab and Jewish toiling masses in the country.

To combat these reactionary tendencies effectively, it is necessary to give a new impetus to the proletarian struggle which must relegate the tendencies of national and racial struggle to the background.

For committees of poor peasants, who will confiscate the lands of the effendis and will supervise free elections in the countryside! For Jewish-Arab workers committees, who will organize the

over the administration of industry and will guarantee free elections in the cities. These are the two slogans which make possible the revolutionary mobilization of the Jewish and Arab Break with the Jewish Agency! Break with the Arab League!

The Jewish workers, however, cannot unite with the Arab proto participate in the same organization with the Jewish capitalists. And above all they cannot pursue the common aims of the Palestinian revolution if they continue to pursue the special aims of the Zionist "national" movement.

the fratricidal war between the -these are acts which would im- the masses of Africa, Asia and mediately convince the Arab the Pacific. For Workers and Peasants workers of the sincere reorientation of the Jewish workers; But the sovereignty of the and which would also deal a Palestine Question. Translated

anti-Semitic propaganda of the The Arab workers and poor

peasants cannot for their part effectively combat their own united with them in the Arab High Committee for Palestine and in the Arab League. They cannot struggle effectively for the complete independence of Palestine if they remain within the Arab League, which is the instrument of imperialism for perpetuating its domination of the Middle East.

first and foremost present a pro- prevent the politicalization of League and publishing of all its sulted in its passing directly into Jewish masses and would show production in this zone, the scarthem that never again will the city of potatoes renders it detheir interests and to get them Arab toiling population engage ficient from the point of view Successive conferences bring to really participate in political in pogroms against the Jews. of food; and the complete lack together the heads of the Jew- life, they must be set in motion Such acts would show, on the of coal is an unsurmountable contrary, that the Arab toilers handicap for a real increase in in city and country are ready industrial production. As for the Zionist leaders and to really unite with the Jewish workers on the road to their emancipation.

> The publication of the secret documents of the Jewish Agency death blow to both these or- their zones. ganizations. It would show the THE FRENCH ZONE Arab and Jewish masses how these two organizations are beready they are to sell the Palest bidder. It would teach the masses to place trust only in resolutely from nationalism to brutally. internationalist unity of all the workers against their exploiters. Of course it is difficult at the workers to abandon the defense experience with terrorism and its them. futility, along with other equally futile methods of struggle, is preparing them for the revolutionary road.

Only one revolutionary party of the Middle East, the section of the Fourth International is proletarians regardless of their capable of advancing this program of immediate action and of achieving on this basis the unity of the Arab and Jewish workers. This party is at present in its formative stage, with nuclei in Egypt and Palestine. It will more and more attract the advanced elements of the Jewish and Arab workers who become aware of the blind alley into which nationalism has led

This revolutionary party will know how to organize the antiimperialist struggle within the framework of the Arab revolution of the Middle East and will prepare the fusion of the revolutionary forces of the Middle East with those of the whole Their breaking with the Jew- insurgent colonial world. This ish Agency and publishing of all fusion will assure the final vicits documents and secret minutes | tory over world imperialism by

them.

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"The contradictions which rend Europe and the entire world asunder will find their natural and peaceful solution within the framework of a Socialist United States in Europe as well as in other parts of the

Leon Trotsky

Accept No Substitutes!

As the demand for a Labor Party becomes increasingly popular, the enemies of the movement for independent labor political action devise new techniques for heading it off.

Those who fear to oppose the Labor Party movement outright are trying to divert it into ineffective channels by proposing a "Third Party" in its place. Such a new edition of a capitalist party, mislabelled a "People's Party," is to be headed by "progressive" capitalist politicians like Henry Wallace, Ickes, Pepper and

The principal advocates of this "Third Party" in the unions are the Stalinists, skilled in the art of sidetracking and wrecking promising mass movements. At both the CIO Packinghouse Workers and CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards Conventions this month, Stalinist spokesmen sought to switch the sentiment for genuine independent labor political action into the "Third Party" dead-end.

The Stalinists oppose the formation of a real Labor Party so bitterly because they themselves want to maintain their connections with Democratic and Republican politicians and make new deals with them at the expense of the workers. The Stalinists trot behind Wallace, Pepper and their like - and they in turn remain loyal to the Democratic Party. Even if some of these "progressives" should quit the old machines, they have no fundamental differences with the other capitalist politicians and offer no program that can solve the problems of the workers.

The proponents of such a "People's Party" argue that a clear-cut stand for a Labor Party would repel other sections of the population. This is totally false. The politically organized workers must seek support from the poor farmers, shopkeepers, Negroes and all who suffer from monopolist rule. But how can labor win their support? That is the heart of the ques-

Labor will never command confidence from others, if it does not display confidence in itself, its own power, program and party. The unions have already shown that they are the only organized force capable of combating the industrialists and their government stooges on the economic arena. Once the organized workers undertake to lead the political struggle against the monopolists, they will win increasing sympathy and support from all other oppressed sections of the American people.

The Stalinists have no confidence in the capacity of 15 million unionists to create their own party and provide a leadership and program for the entire people. That is why they paint up Wallace, Pepper and other demagogues who serve the monopolists as representatives of "the common man."

"The Third Party" peddled by the Stalinists is NOT the Labor Party the workers need and want. It would only be another capitalist party with its face lifted and its name changed.

Militants should beware of this fraud. Accept no fake substitutes for an independent Labor Party based on the trade unions.

Stop The Lynchers

Officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People correctly cite the acquittal of 28 lynchers in South Carolina last week as additional proof "that state action cannot be expected to punish the crime of lynching. Notice has been served on Negroes in South Carolina and throughout the South that they are now at the mercy of mobs, and that the law is powerless to defend them or to punish their murderers."

The main stress of the NAACP statement was on the need for an effective federal antilynch bill, such as The Militant has advocated for many years. But this paper vigorously disagrees with the following part of the NAACP statement:

"Unless we can secure federal legislation, it is entirely possible that some Negroes, abandoned to mobs by the law, may be forced, in their desperation, to devise some means of protecting themselves. This would be a lawless and futile gesture, but logical and understandable in the circumstances."

Why would it be "lawless" for Negroes to protect themselves against lynch terror? Why would it be "futile" for them to defend them-

selves against murderers? Do the NAACP leaders really advise the Negro people to sit back passively and make no efforts to protect their lives and rights? If that is the kind of advice they have to offer, it is more than worthless - it is positively harmful.

A federal anti-lynch bill will discourage lynching, but it will not by itself prevent lynching. A federal bill will make it easier to punish lynchers, but it will not restore life to the victims of the lynchers. A federal bill is necessary, but there is no contradiction at all between such a bill and defensive action by the Negro people against lynch mobs, both before and after a federal bill is adopted.

The fight against lynching takes many forms. It requires legislation in Congress: political action to secure adoption of legislation and election of officials who will enforce it; mass action to end the capitalist system which spawns Jim-Crow terror. No less important is the organization of effective action by the people themselves to stop lynch mobs before they can kill their victims.

Arms For Dictators

President Truman is again asking Congress for authorization to transfer vast amounts of arms and other military supplies to Canada and Latin American countries.

The Secretaries of State, War and Navy not only strongly favor his recommendations but have actually been conducting their activities in Latin America in accordance with them since the end of World War II. Congress will in reality only be legalizing military missions and the handing over of certain arms now barred by law.

The money to finance this expensive military scheme will, of course, be taken out of the U.S. Public Treasury as in the case of arms for the Greek monarchy and Turkish

The proposed measure casts a most revealing light on the purposes of U.S. foreign policy. By selecting the recipients of American arms, Wall Street can bolster up the most reactionary forces in the Western Hemisphere.

Along with the arms goes military missions -officers to oversee the indoctrination of troops and give advice on their use. The press cynically points to the example of the German militarists who helped spread Nazi doctrines by such means.

Since the arms are manufactured in American plants, the ammunition designed for use in them must come from the same source. By granting or withholding these supplies, the brass hats in Washington exercise effective control. This reactionary military program is called "standardization" of arms.

Truman's recommendations consequently serve to draw the Latin American regimes more tightly into Wall Street's net. This scheme adds military links to the economic and financial bonds already in Wall Street's

Wall Street is organizing the entire Western Hemisphere into a vast military camp—the largest peacetime military camp in history. When the time comes, Wall Street plans to turn loose this military machine on the Sovall resistance in the colonial areas and rule the entire earth with the atomic bomb as scepter.

Trumans' plan for turning over huge military supplies to the Latin American dictators thus stands as another milepost on the road to World War III.

In Economy's Name

In the name of economy the House Appropriations Committee last week lopped almost 400 million dollars from the 1948 budget of the Department of Agriculture. These cuts virtually liquidate the food and land measures introduced by the New Deal.

Federal funds for crop insurance, soil conservation and farmer loans have been slashed to the bone. Such measures as federal loans to tenant farmers were completely eliminated. Inflated farm values, coolly explained the Committee, were "certain to collapse" in the near future. This means, as the Committee itself acknowledges, that many tenant farmers "will surely come to grief." For precisely this reason the Congressmen who serve Wall Street not only refuse to increase assistance to these farmers, but, on the contrary, expedite their ruin by depriving them in advance of any government aid.

Millions of school children were accorded similar treatment. A cut of more than 50% was made in appropriations for the school lunch program, which provides cheap lunches for children, with one child out of nine receiving them free. Withdrawal of federal subsidies will in most cases mean suspension of the school lunch program.

These same "economy-minded" Congressmen behave in an entirely different manner when it comes to serving the interests of their masters. Without hesitation they continue to pour billions of dollars into Wall Street's "peacetime" war machine. Poor farmers and undernourished children get short shrift, while bloody dictatorships in Greece and Turkey are granted hundreds of millions in pursuance of

the Truman Doctrine. Nor are Wall Street's own pockets ever forgotten. Thus in 1946 tax-rebates to corporations amounted to more than 3 billion dollars. These same corporations, who have been raking in unheard-of profits, will receive additional rebates of more than 2 billions in 1947 and approximately the same huge sum in 1948.

This striking contrast in Congressional behavior is another demonstration of the true class character of the present government. It is government of the rich, by the rich and for the rich. From it the poor can expect nothing but blows.



"But Senator, if we did away with the unions, the Reds COULDN'T capture them, could they?'

Ziff-Davis Publishing Co., 459 pp., 1947, \$3.50.

This book purports to be an informal history of the Communist International from its foundation by Lenin and Trotsky in March 1919 to its dissolution in May 1943 on order of Stalin. The anonymous authors claim to have been intimately connected with the inner workings and leadership of the Comintern during the first 15 years of its existence.

They reveal considerable familiarity with the operations of the Communist International as well as with the principal administrators of its policies both in the period of its rise and in the years of its decline. They relate information, not always trustworthy, about the personal traits and activities of such figures as Zinoviev, Nicolai Bukharin, Karl Radek and others who formed part of Lenin's general staff for the world revolu-

As the Stalinist bureaucracy gained ascendancy in the Sogained ascendancy in the So-gered by the Stalinist leaders viet Union, Lenin's International themselves. became converted into its opposite. From the organizer of the struggles of the world working class for socialism, it became the disorganizer of the revolutionary movement. When the Communist International no longer served the interests of the workers but became an unprincipled agency of the Soviet bureaucrats, it acquired a totally different type of leadership.

All those pioneers who remained loyal to the original Communist program and purposes were expelled, crushed, selves into servile and unscruputhey injured the revolutionary cause.

the careers of such notable Ger- fering to them. man Stalinists as Ernst Thael-Stalinists Jacques Doriot, Andre in the Action Party of Count ture of the oppressed. Marty and others. They show Sforza. He found himself in a

letarian fighters was destroyed forgot, except for taxing purdownfall of the Communist International under Stalin's misleadership.

Despite their former connecthe authors do not use the materialist method to explain the real reasons for the process of political degeneration they describe. Instead of viewing the life hisclass forces, ideas and programs | feuds among themselves and to on the international arena, they retail superficial and disconnected anecdotes about them.

The authors put forward the thesis that today the "Stalintern," as successor to the Third International, is a political instrument of Stalin's totalitarian Stalinism, this interpretation of the Kremlin's foreign policy essentially coincides with that of-

'socialist" in the policies of the Stalinist parties. The record proves that they do not strive his last chapters. He lumps fasto overthrow capitalism but to cists, Marxists and liberals toat the expense of the welfare of the workers and their fight be no solution, since "there will for socialism.

CHRIST STOPPED Straus, 1947, 268 pp., \$3.

This is the story of the authframed-up, or murdered. Those or's year of exile, because of his no means to be found to relieve who remained in the Comintern anti-fascist activity, in the re- the poverty, which is partly apparatus had to remake them- mote village of Gagliano in back- caused by previous interference ward Southern Italy. It is the by the state. The chief enemy is lous functionaries dependent year of Mussolini's war for em- not the landowners (peasants upon Stalin's dictatorship and pire in Ethiopia, another of the who own their own land are no carrying out Moscow's mandates endless series of wars which have better off than the tenants) but without question, no matter how always been going on outside the the parasitic gentry and the world of the village and of in- peasants' own hopelessness! It terest to the peasants only be- is not surprising, therefore, that The authors seek to portray cause of their dismal certainty the author is unable to present this process of transformation in that it will mean death and suf- any effective program for ending

Bevi is a doctor, painter and

REVOLUTION by Ypsilon, how an entire generation of pro- | country that time and the world and corrupted by the decay and poses. The peasants had a saying that they were not even Christians (i.e., human beings) because Christ never got to Gagliano. He stopped at Eboli. on tion with the Marxist movement, the plains of Campania. The middle - class gentry, doctors. lawyers, officials — degenerate and incompetent—lived as parasites on the peasants, justifying their incomes not by service, but tories of the Comintern leaders by a theory of feudal rights. as part of the conflict of basic | They devoted their energies to jealously guarding their petty privileges

The peasants lived out their lives, devoured by disease and poverty. Their only memory of glory was the futile, reactionary rebellion of the brigands back in the 1860's. Their religion was Eurasian empire which aims at more pagan than Catholic, and socialist encirclement" of a the priest complained bitterly hostile world capitalism. Not that they neglected him and their withstanding their opposition to duty to the Church (which was primarily to see that he was well fed and suitably honored). Politically, the peasants were helpless, because they had no knowledge themselves, and no way of In reality, there is nothing learning of any solution to their troubles.

Levi's politics are exposed in compromise with its upholders gether as "worshippers of the state," and asserts that there can always be an abyss between the -John Marshall state and the peasants." It is a conflict of two civilizations, he says, country and city, one pre-EBOLI by Carlo Levi, Farrer Christian, the other no longer Christian.

> It is a dilemma of poverty, with the power of the landowners.

Despite its false politics, this mann and Willi Muenzenberg, a leader of the liberal under- book is worth reading as a realthe Czech Smeral, the French ground, which is now organized stic, sympathetic, moving pic-

-John Hudson

Congressmen At Work

Wall Street And Wool

How Wall Street's Congressmen fight for the special interests of the capitalist class was well illustrated last week in the debate on wool. Wall Street wants a flexible

tariff policy to lower trade barriers for countries taking huge amounts of American exports. About 95% of Australia's shipments to the U.S. consist of wool, 40% of New Zealand's and 37% of South Africa's. With dollars obtained from these shipments, such countries can buy manufactured articles in America. A tariff acts like a wall cutting off international trade.

The woolen goods manufacturering tariffs. Their objective is to increase their profits by lowering the price of wool. Astronomical profits during the war only whetted their appetite. American Woolen of New York, a typical company, cleared some 3 million dollars in 1940, 8 millions in 1945 and 20 millions in 1946. above 40c). The antional City Bank of New York reports an average of 25.2% return on net worth for 1946.

During the war the U.S. government bought the entire clip for dies and for a high tariff. 4 successive years, and now has in stock about 480 million pounds entire country's needs for a year record for a tariff increase. at the prewar level. The clip this



million pounds. And the British pool amounts to some 2 billion an orderly way."

precipitately if it were not artitariff on wool now selling slightly that support takes."

growers, who produce about 20% in - the capitalists in Wall of the wool used in American Street's sphere of influence There is no shortage of wool. textile mills, are fighting tooth abroad, the textile manufacturand nail in Congress for subsi- ers at home and the wool grow-

economic policy. The ruling clique acted swiftly. Will Clayton, attending an economic conference at Geneva of representatives of various governments. immediately returned to Washington. He is one of the Wall Street spokesmen in charge of working out policy for the Truman Administration.

In a letter to Representative Cooley of North Carolina, Clayton outlined the policy he proposed: (1) That the Secretary of Agriculture be empowered to impose a "fee" on imports if he deems it necessary. (2) That the pounds. Experts figure that it U.S. Government be permitted would take an entire decade to to dump its wool stocks at any dispose of the present world price it sees fit, no matter what ers are likewise interested in low- stockpile of 4 billion pounds "in the cost to the public or the gain to the manufacturers. (3) With these mountains of wool | That the wool growers be taken available, the price would plunge care of by some form of subsidy - "The cost of supporting reficially maintained by govern- turns to wool growers must be ment support of domestic prices borne by the public of the Uniand by tariff walls (34c a pound ted States regardless of the form

Thus Wall Street plans to take Consequently the western wool care of everybody it is interested ers out on the western ranges. Last week their representatives | The only ones forgotten are the in the House succeeded in getting | workers and poor farmers who — almost enough to satisfy the a majority of 151 to 65 to go on must foot the bill. But then what can they expect without repre-But such legislation would sentatives of their own to fight year will be probably around 300 hamper Wall Street's foreign for their interests in Congress?

Wall Street Tycoons Run U. S. Government

Who runs the American government? According to the civics text books used in the schools, it's the American people. The May 23 United States News, however, presents facts that lead to a different conclusion. This conservative businessman's magazine declares that "a new team of top-ranking officials is taking charge of affairs in Washington."

These men were never elected by the people. They were all appointed to office. Yet they both "shape and execute" government policy. "All have Wall Street connections.' "Top policy is being influenced by Commerce

Secretary W. Averell Harriman and Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal." Harriman is one of the wealth-

iest men in the United States, a tycoon in banking, railroads, mining and aviation. Forrestal was head of the investment-banking firm of Dillon, Read & Co. before his appointment by

Roosevelt as an "advișer" on national defense. As a banker he was involved in such financial manipulations as the purchase of Dodge Brothers automobile company for \$150,000,000. The new Under Secretary of State, Robert A.

Lovett is another Wall Street figure. He is a close friend and former associate of Harriman, having been a partner of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. and a director of many railroads, banks and insur-

W. L. Clayton, another member of this "team." founded Anderson, Clayton & Co., the largest cotton firm in the world. Lovett and Clayton, says the U.S. News, "are to be responsible for shaping and administering foreign policy" for the United States.

At the head of the World Bank is John J. McCloy. He was a former partner in the Wall Street law firm of Cravath, deGersdoff, Swaine & Wood. Like Lovett, McCloy is a director of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. which is controlled by the Harriman family.

McCloy has two assistants to help him disperse dollars in carrying out Wall Street's foreign policy. These are Eugene R. Black, a former vice-president of the Chase National Bank and Robert L. Garner, former vice-president of General Foods Corp. and a former Guaranty Trust official.

In addition to these top figures, Wall Street has other key men holding posts in The World Bank. Among them are E. Fleetwood Dunstan, a former vice-president of the Bankers Trust Co. and Chester A. McClain, one of McCloy's former law partners.

In the International Monetary Fund, Wall Street has such men as Andrew N. Overby, formerly of the Irving Trust Co. and the New York Federal Reserve

Other key figures in this new team directing the government are Marriner Eccles, a western banker who is now Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and William McChestney Martin, Jr., former president of the New York Stock Exchange.

Not since the days of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover has Wall Street dared exercise such flagrantly open control over government affairs. As "advisers" to Truman and the Republican-Democratic coalition in Congress, they are the ones back of the "doctrine" of supporting reaction throughout the world and the current drive to wipe out labor's hardwon gains with the most savage anti-union legislation in decades. As the U.S. News observes approvingly, "there is not the faintest tincture of left-wing reform in any member . . . '

Capitalists Bewildered About The Depression

– By John G. Wright –

Capitalist thinkers are greatly perplexed about the economic situation. From the most informed cricles comes the cry: "Where is the recession?"

Polls of economic experts continue to give conflicting opinions. The majority still say the "recession" is only on its way. A doughty handful believes there will be none. One nameless expert in a recent poll astounded his colleagues by refusing to speculate about a future bust because "we are busted already."

Congress is now conducting a special poll of 800 largest business enterprises, whose replies will supposedly resolve this ticklish problem. It is safe to predict that after this poll is taken, all these gentlemen will be little wiser than before.

They remain so genuinely puzzled because they tend to approach all questions, in the first instance, from the standpoint of dollars and cents. They do not fully realize the important role they themselves and their policies play in expediting (or retarding) the course of the economic cycle which they are utterly impotent to prevent.

Had prices hit the skids, there would be no doubt whatever among them now about the present state of affairs. But prices by and large continue to stay up. Truman's price reduction program fizzled miserably. Hence the bewilderment.

They do not understand the operation of their own system and how it is possible under this system to temporarily maintain high prices-as they are doing-in the face of stagnating or declining physical volume of sales, in the face of stagnant or declining production and growing unemployment. Yet these are all unmistakable signs of unfolding depression.

But the main reason for their confusion lies in their mechanical thinking about economic cycles in general, and their downward phases in particular. They do not understand, among other things, that this is a process which must pass through several distinct stages.

The downward phase of the economic cycle does not begin with declining production or declining prices. This is actually the second stage of the process whose beginning we now witness. It is preceded by a period of peak production and peak prices in the course of which most of the factors which underlie the boom are liquidated. This stage set in toward the end of last September, paving the way for the plunge downward. The third and final stage is the crisis itself, which is in reality the lowest point of the depression. This is what the capitalists mean when they talk about "recession."

There is no reason whatever why the crisis itself should come swiftly. To be sure, the capitalists' are wishfully hoping that the unfolding economic convulsions will fall into the patterns of 1920-21 when there was a sharp price break accompanied by an equally abrupt break in production within the space of a few months, after which there came recovery. They prefer to forget what happened in 1929 when it took almost four years before the de-

pression touched bottom. Meanwhile they have thus far acted to speed up and aggravate the situation. They permitted the boom to be liquidated in less than seven months, when it could have lasted much longer provided some checks on the profiteers had been enforced. They are now permitting the economy to skid into the

second stage with the same reckless abandon.

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

Candy Store Reflects Capitalist Anarchy

Editor: For the past few months I've been forced to work in a small to see a few more of the countless examples of the mismanagement of society under capitalist rule.

The small store of almost any type, inefficient to the core, is a clear reflection of capitalist anarchy. In my neighborhood, within the space of one short block, there are three candy stores. None of the storekeepers can afford to keep a really sanitary store with the most upto-date equipment and the latest labor saving devices.

None of the storekeepers can carry a sufficiently varied stock to satisfy the needs of the community. In addition to the three candy stores in my block, there are four groceries, each of which carries many of the items which the candy stores carry.

In addition to the tremendous waste of space and equipment involved in such a set-up there is a great waste of labor First, there is the waste of the storekeeper's labor, since each one keeps his store open 18 hours a day, 6 days a week. Secondly. number of stores instead of vestigate the possibility of such one. Not only that, but in most cases a different truck must CIO and AFL unions. make deliveries to each store since they carry brands which differ in name but are almost

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There is a Socialist Workers have been stirred and troubled Party branch located in every important industrial city. Visit the branch nearest you today and learn what socialism is, what it stands for, and how we can build a better world through it.

Adopt Resolution For 24-Hour Strike

On May 22 at a membership meeting of the Libraries Chapter of Local 111, United Public-Workers, CIO, a resolution was adopted calling for a 24-hour work stoppage to protest the anti-labor legislation now in Congress. The resolution requested there is the waste involved in the Executive Committee for the he delivery of merchandise to New York area of the UPW to ina step in conjunction with other

> The resolution passed with action. This is labor's 11th hour." men, women and children!

To Program Box

Allow me to suggest a subsidiary slogan under item 4 in the that they, too, have always been program box on page 2 of The impressed by the terrible injus-Militant, that now reads: "Build tice of so-called "law enforce-

This is excellent, of course, but | ed any newspaper would have by adding: "End company-un- on this subject, and they all wish

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At the risk of being told to cease writing letters, I must

I am referring to the "Notebook of an Agitator" which contains the splendid review of Verdoux."

Always my family and myself by this monstrous contradiction which has existed since the dawn of civilization—the frightful injustice inflicted by the so-called law courts upon individuals guilty of so-called crimes on a small scale, while the ruling class Flint, Mich. perpetrates the same crimes on a scale magnified a million times.

> Think of a man or woman serving a prison term for robbery or kidnapping in the days of slavery, while millions of stolen, kidnapped human beings were forced to toil in servitude all their lives by the criminal. bandit slave-owners!

Or think of a man or woman serving a sentence for theft under capitalism, while the bandit capitalist is allowed to rob every worker of a part of his justlyearned wages!

And, above all, think of anyone-anyone-being executed for murder, no matter how horrible the individual case, while the practically no opposition. The decadent, bestial, monster-capsentiment expressed by the mem- italist of today roams over this bership was unusually militant. unfortunate world like a relic "Postcards and petitions have of the age of reptiles, a destroyer Brooklyn, N. Y. failed," said one member. "This of mankind, the murderer of is the time for more aggressive millions of helpless, innocent

> M. R. But no other newspaper, to New York my knowledge, points out this contradiction. That is why I was so glad to read The Militant this week.

> > Many friends of mine wish to join me in this letter of appreciation. They wish to state also ment." But they never expectto thank The Militant very much

My mother, too, wishes to ex-A. W. H. how glad she is that you agree

> In closing, let us all demand to be allowed to see Chaplin's picture, "Monsieur Verdoux" in our neighborhood movie houses. Every one should see it; every one has a right to see it!

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World Labor Experiences New Upsurge As Resistance Mounts Against U. S. Imperialism

By Arthur Burch

After their upsurge at the end of the war, the workers aggravated it in the extreme. of Europe and Asia were forced temporarily to retreat before the might of Anglo-American imperialism and the masses and to crush the remtreachery of Stalinism. But the workers have utilized the nants of the Russian Revolution intervening period to regroup?

the Soviet Union but to turn over

exploitation of their colonies to

their forces. Evidence is ac- the road lies their only hope for cumulating that today they are peace. once more beginning to move into action against the Amer- ican capitalists insist on harsh ican colossus and its capitalist terms from their beneficiaries. They want France and England agents throughout the world.

The greater part of Asia is al- not only to orient for war against ready in revolt while the deepening economic and political erisis in Europe and Africa is the American monopolists. So the precursor of new revolutionary situations in the coming jected loans that even the hardperiod. The recent demonstrations and threatened general strike in Shanghai indicate that the Chinese workers are moving Chiang Kai-shek, the tool of man Doctrine and a halt, for the Chinese masses are savagely bat- the foreign Quislings. But the revolution. tling for their freedom against need for bolstering their econtheir French overlords who are omies is so urgent that the forbeing aided by American arms eign capitalists are being forced and money. Korea insists on in- to submit to the conditions departitioned between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The French workers are striving to break out of the straition leadership. The strike of 30,000 Renault auto workers encouraged workers throughout economic gains, the Renault far from solving the European party. workers compelled the Communist Party leaders to withdraw their opposition to their strike action in order to maintain their hold upon the metal workers union. This led to the ousting of the Stalinists from the government and precipitated a profound political crisis.

In England dockers, transport workers and miners are among those who have defied their bureaucratic leaders by striking The Labor Government is beset less by the Tories than by the leftward-moving workers. Demonstrations and riots have brought about the collapse of the De Gasperi government in Italy. The German workers have staged powerful hunger demonstrations throughout the entire British zone. To head off similar outbreaks in its zone, U. S. imperialism threatens reprisals reminiscent of Hitler's bloody

Even in fascist Spain workers for the benefit of each and ev- housing," or words to that ef- moved by this same thing. Al- have staged strikes that have ways she has expressed great in- shaken Franco's rule to its The answer is well stated in Paragraph 11 calls for a Work- dignation at every imprison- depths. Revolt is spreading Karl Marx's slogan, "Workers of ers and Farmers Government. ment or execution of a human throughout French Africa. Mad- when you reached the Camp," wrote: "It was inspiring to see grand prize. ne world, unite. You have noth- To this could be added: "For being by the hypocritical rulers agascar has already risen while wrote Militant columnist these workers, young and old, ing to lose but your chains." You the genuine rule of the major- of this or any other country, and Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria Theodore Kovalesky, after a Negro and white, men and wo-

> The Truman doctrine is their starving, demonstrative masses tion a memorable event." of Europe and Asia. In essence,

side the Soviet Union and its small periphery of satellites. But Camp is the educational pro- munication. the contradictions facing American imperialism are greater than ever. While the United States succeeded in crushing its hostile imperialist rivals and subordinating its capitalist allies, it likewise succeeded in el-SAN DIEGO—Headquarters 623 iminating important markets for the American productive machine. U. S. exports last year were nine billion dollars in excess of its imports. To avoid an impending economic collapse, this country must continue exfloor open from 12 noon to ports on this large scale and even extend them. But the rest of the capitalist world is ruined SEATTLE-19191/2 Second Ave and heading toward bankruptcy. Open 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foreign countries can continue Mon. through Fri., 12 to 5 p.m. to buy only with "peacetime lendlease" from the U.S.

That is the meaning of the economic phase of the Truman Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Basic Doctrine. American industrialists are willing to grant billions ST. LOUIS - 1023 N. Grand to their capitalist allies, which Blvd., Room 312. Forums must be paid of course by taxes on the American workers. The latter are expected to acquiesce on the false assurance that along

> BROOKLYN Preview of Life At Mid-West Camp

Guest: WILLIAM F. WARDE Educational Director of Mid-West Camp Sat., May 31, 8:30 p.m. 635 Fulton

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italism from overthrow by the the prime factor in precipitating new revolutionary situations At the same time the Amerthroughout the world.

All the objective conditions

for social revolution either exist or are fast developing. Capitalism has for some time exhausted its possibilities for further prolonger solve its problems and is ed to ring up even better scores onerous were the terms for profast losing confidence in itself. in the next two Sundays to Such is the misery and desperapressed French government tion of the peoples of Europe thought twice before accepting. and Asia that they desire at all Now Secretary of State Mar- costs a radical change. The shall has announced that there demonstrations sweeping the forward in the fight against would be a brake on the Tru- world outside of the American continent are proof of this over-American imperialism. The Indo- time being, in further loans to whelming sentiment for social Only one condition for a suc-

cessful revolution is absent - a strong revolutionary party that can lead the masses to victory. dependence and refuses to be manded by American imperial- But it is in precisely such turbulent times that revolutionary The European masses are bit- parties grow. The role of the terly hostile to the Truman doc- French Trotskyists in the Rentrine. They know that it means ault strike shows the advance jacket of the Stalinist trade un- war in the near future. They made by the workers in the short gain little from the economic aid period since the end of the war. granted to the Quislings for it The deepening of the world crisis is just enough to prop up decay- in the coming period will offer every comrade is determined to branch as a member of the So-France to follow their example, ing capitalism and keep them in even greater opportunities for get that week-end at the Sum- cialist Workers Party." In addition to achieving certain a state of slow starvation. Thus, the growth of the revolutionary mer Camp?"

Fun At Little Pleasant Lake



How One Vacationer Viewed Benefits Of Mid-West Camp

she says to be sure to tell you are on the verge of erupting. stay at the Mid-West Vacation men, joining in the discussions of the so-called "American Cen- ious summer season. "You saw of Marxist economics, history tury"-and at the peak of the the beautiful little lake framed and politics, or trade union polpostwar boom—the grim specter by soft trees and low hills; you icies and organizational quesof rising revolt haunts the are saw the sleeping quarters and tions, straining to learn the maxrogant American industrialists, the dining and recreation hall imum that they could absorb." answer to the demands of the it, that it alone made the vaca- al Educational Director, is in

the peoples abroad, prospective 29, is located on Little Pleas- and Fourth International. war against the Soviet Union ant Lake, 60 miles from Detroit,

. . . There was fun, so much of William F. Warde, SWP Nationcharge of the educational pro-The Mid-West Camp, opening gram. Instructors include wellthis means an offensive against for its fourth season on June known writers for The Militant Those who wish to be assured

and economic aid to the capital- and easily reached by train or of a fine vacation should write ist forces who are being enrolled bus. The camp is operated on now to Oscar Coover, Manager. as assistants in this bestial cru- a cooperative basis to give work- 116 University Place, to make ers and their families a good reservations, or clip the coupon The postwar world finds the vacation at reasonable rates. on this page. Full directions for American colossus dominating There are varied sports. The food reaching the camp and any othevery section of the globe out- is well prepared and plentiful. er information desired, will be One of the best features of the | mailed upon receipt of the com-

THE MILITANT ARMY

nants of the Russian Revolution in the USSR, the United States is Detroit Sub Campaign Starts With Good Score

rades went out last Sunday and brought these in. They angress. The ruling class can no nounce that they are determinbring their campaign for 200 subs to The Militant to a successful conclusion.

The branch has been organized into several teams. The winning team gets treated to a free lunch at the headquarters after each Sunday mobilization. After lunch a movie in the headquarters rounds out the day.

The competition in Chicago's 8-week campaign for 300 subs is getting hot. According to their special bulletin, the Militant Sub Campaigner, "The leading four contestants remain the same as last week, but the Comrade Frank B., Sr. has moved into first place with a comfortable lead." Comrade Frank has 19 points to his credit. Comrade Howard is his closest conby Hoot with 9 and Rosalie with rades during the week. 8. The brisk competition in Chicago's campaign is not surprising when you know that the top Literature Agent for the New Pace-Setter will be awarded a Haven branch. Welcome into the whole week at Mid-West Vacation Camp and School. In two weeks the Chicago

comrades have piled up a total of 103 subs to The Militant. And, according to the Campaigner, the South Side team is still leadclosing up the gap. Calumet branch has decided

to get into the running too. This branch has challenged the four "You noticed many things gram. About this Kovalesky chicago teams as well as the We wonder who will BE THE

CHAMP AND GO TO CAMP!

Today's mail brought in 25 subs from Buffalo, Charles Carlson explains that 24 of these along some of the remarks made by these shop workers: "The main phrase they use is that finally they are reading a newsthe Bosses and Big Business in short, it is a truth-revealing tion of any amount-no matter newspaper that doesn't pull any punches and prints the truth about the workers, their participation in various union activities. They appreciate the articles in The Militant pertaining to the anti-labor drive that is being conducted in Congress. This anti-labor drive is manifesting itself in the workers' minds that Big Business and its associates are out to crush the entire labor movement and the workers realize that they have to come to the fore, unite and show the Bosses that they, the workers, have a solid front.

"Another phrase the workers

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Milwaukee's Militant Manager. Fred Martin, breaks down the composition of the 97 new subscriptions they obtained in their campaign: "The new subs are practically 90% workers in the factories and various trades. Included are 8 railroad workers. The Pace-Setter getting the two union officers. One submost subs will be awarded a scriber is a Socialist Labor Parweek-end at Mid-West Vacation ty sympathizer who is getting Camp and School for Workers. rather disgusted with the in-"The spirit of competition in activity of those sectarians and the branch," says E. Brent, Li- is trying The Militant to get terature Agent, "is fine and the some action. One of these submorale is very high. Need I tell scribers is a former seaman who you that the teams work hard is now in a CIO steel union. He to get that free lunch or that expressed a desire to join our

Boston was rained out of its sub-getting expedition Sunday, but Rena Breshi reports that "Comrade Josephine Joyce sold three subs last night at our social. Comrade Joyce has been inactive due to having a baby. order has definitely changed, in getting subs now that she is but she didn't waste any time back with us."

Winifred Nelson, Militant Agent for St. Paul branch, mailtestant with 13 points, followed ed in 8 subs secured by the com-

> Zeke Abel has been elected the ranks of the Militant Army, Com rade Abel.

L. C., Militant booster of Southgate, Cal. sent in a sub "for a fellow in the shop."

M. B. of Kennewick, Wash. ing although the North Side is made sure that his friend continues to read The Militant by sending in a six-month renewal for him.

Our appeal for financial aid is bringing a gratifying response. showing how highly Militant boosters value their paper. The following have made threemonth pledges or contributions: 1. S. H. Spring Valley, N. Y \$5 2. W. T., Buffalo, N.Y. \$5 a week 3. W. S., New York, N. Y., \$1 the comrades work. He passes 5. H.C., Roanoke, Va., \$2 a month 6. G.W., Bronx, N.Y., \$4 a month If you have not yet done so, we ask you to join these friends paper that is not catering to of The Militant in sending what you can. A pledge or contribu-

how small, or how big-will help The Militant.

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Columbiana Strikers' Morale High Despite Vicious Attack By Court

By Art O'Brien

YOUNGSTOWN - At a hearing in the Columbiana County Common Pleas Court, a group of F. C. Russell Co. strikers were tried for contempt of court last week. Two

strikers were found guilty and @. fined \$200 and costs, plus one | fighting for a renewal of a union week in jail was also suspended. shop clause in their contract. pended \$150 of each fine, leaving a fine of \$50 to be paid. The week in jail was also suspended. Attorneys for the defense filed a eral locals have made donations. motion for an appeal, whereupon The CIO Council donated \$100 the defendants were released under \$200 bond each.

As The Militant reported last week, 150 workers are on strike at the F. C. Russell Co., a small steel fabricating plant in Columbiana, Ohio. The workers are

> Gay Nineties Review Corn-On-Cob Feast Sat., May 31 1034 Prospect Ave.

BROOKLYN Wall Street's Plot Against Labor" Speaker: MAX GELDMAN Phila. SWP Organizer Thurs., May 29, 8 p.m. 635 Fulton St.

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ment is coming to their aid. Sev-

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as a holiday each year by the trade unions in honor of. those ten Chicago workers who gave their lives in the fight to organize the steel

On this May 30, it's just ten years since the Memorial Day Massacre, ten years since the Chicago cops shot and beat ten of our brothers to death in a field before the Republic

Maybe some one would ask, "Well, how about Philip Murray? He owes a lot to those martyrs. Maybe he'll recognize their sacrifice in some way

as head of the union.' Well, in a way he did. On the eve of the tenth anniversary of the workers' Calvary, Murray laid down a policy for the CIO Steelworkers. A policy of renewed militancy? A proud and resolute struggle against the reactionary Congressmen who want to kill the labor movement? No! A new two-year no-strike pledge. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, he said, must there be

We saw the no-strike pledge operate during the war. We saw how it gave the companies a free hand to do as they wished. We heard the superintendents and managers say in grievance meetings, "Well, what are you going to do about it? You can't strike, you know.'

Murray wants it "made clear that the company and union officers, whose duties involve negotiations of this labor agreement, are not antiunion or anti-company . . . "

How do you like that! Grace, Fairless and Girdler aren't anti-union, he tells us! It's a small world: you meet new "friends of labor"

every day. And how about us? I can tell you, brother, I'm anti-company, and I think you are too. And I think every good union man is anti-company. Too many of us have been beaten or killed in the class struggle for us to love the companies as passionately as Philip Murray seems to.

Here's my idea: I think Murray was worried to death when he saw all the steelworkers in the country close down the mills last year, particularly those tough Lackawanna boys who went out a week early and left the blast furnaces half full of iron when the company not only rejected the union's offer to maintain the plant during the strike but also brought in food and started arranging to get scabs. I think Murray felt his throne shake with the vibration of the marching pickets.

Then too, Murray might have got the wrong idea about those ten union men who died ten years ago. He may think they died for him. Perhaps he sits in his easy chair in the twilight at the close of day, perhaps he sits quietly with tears in his eyes and muses, "Those ten martyrs died for me. If it weren't for men like that I couldn't lead the life I do . . . and I love the

Only I don't believe so, brothers I believe they died for us. I believe they died as fighters in the hope of building a strong union as a step toward making a decent life for the working people. And I'd like to honor them in the militant spirit in which they died - and not by collaborating with, and surrendering to, the greedy monopolists that murdered them.

The Negro Struggle -

The Case Of Jackie Robinson

-By Larry Carter

People in other countries who read the American press are probably scratching their heads to figure out why so much space is given to the case of Jackie Robinson, first



baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Most of them, we can be sure, do not understand what is so remarkable about a dark-skinned athlete becoming a big league player, or why he should become the

target of nasty remarks and even a threatened But that is "the American way." Many an

athlete has been barred from the big leagues no matter how talented he is. America's favorite sport is just as tainted with Jim-Crow practices as America's capitol. It is no wonder in this country that the Robinson case has attracted so much comment and that the Negro press devotes so many columns to it.

It is their hope that the acceptance of Robinson, and a good playing record on his part, will prepare the way for other capable Negro ball players, thus knocking open still another door always closed to the Negro people. We cannot exclude the possibility of a few more Negroes being admitted to the big leagues (especially because such acts will bring many more Negro fans out to the ball parks), but even that would represent only token representation.

The rub is that organized baseball today is not a sport played out of sheer love for the game. It's a fairly well-paid profession, another way of making a living. Many of the players, chiefly the Southerners, are resentful about a Negro "infringing on a white man's job," no matter how able he is at it. This fact is at the bottom of the many jibes directed at Robinson. It's not so much a case of his playing on a

white team so much as it is a case of his working for a big money team. Many colored athletes perform with mixed teams in high school and college sports without any undue comment in many parts of the United States. However, such activities do not pay off for the individual player as in organized baseball. That is the reason why the Jim Crowers are riding Robinson, trying to un-nerve him and cut down on his batting and fielding average.

Jackie Robinson is another proof that Negroes can vie with the best of them in any field, if given the chance. He is in that sense a living demonstration of the falsity and hypocrisy of the doctrine of "white supremacy." That is why the Jim-Crow elements want to get him out of the public eye. That is why the Negro people and their allies want him to be given the opportunity to show that he can succeed.

The individual fight over Jackie Robinson is therefore important and significant, even though it does not and cannot resolve the larger question. In sports — as in monopoly-controlled in dustry, the officer corps of the armed force: etc. - when they can't exclude us entirely from the better-paying positions, they give us toker representation, hoping thereby to quiet us. Bu token representation is not enough. It mean that the great majority of qualified Negroes are

just out of luck. We must and will continue to fight Jim Crov in every field - in the arts, the professions sports and every other sphere of human activit which reflects the unfair economic practices o employers toward minorities. The thing to re member is that the organized labor movemen is our team. When we strike the bosses out ir the factories, we will have beaten Jim Crow of its home grounds, and guaranteed its defeat

Brothers Under The Skin"

- By Grace Carlson -

The other day, a friend came into the Minneapolis headquarters of the SWP asking for some help in combating a Jim Crower in his plant. It seems that this individual

-a Southern-born white-had been agitating for separate washroom facilities for white workers. In trying to defend this reactionary policy, the Jim Crower had mouthed the stock argument that Negroes are "different," and had made the triumphant assertion that the Red Cross keeps "Negro blood" separate from "white blood."

So, I dug up the July 4, 1942 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association to demonstrate that the Red Cross segregation policy is completely unscientific. In this issue, the Committee on Race Relations of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists denounced the Jim-Crow policy of the American

Evidence was given by the distinguished scientists of the Committee of Physical Anthropologists that successful transfusions of blood from white persons to Negroes and vice versa had been accomplished hundreds of times. "There is no evidence that the blood of Negroes differs in any significant respect from that of white per-

sons," the Committee stated flatly. Reference was also made by the Committee

to the widespread use of vaccines, serums and other preparations from the blood and glands of horses, rabbits, sheep, etc. The Red Cross never encourages any foolish prejudices which patients might have against treatment with substances of such origin, the Committee points out.

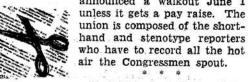
Knowing that the Red Cross officials act under pressure of the Southern Bourbons, the Committee also recalls the custom of "bettercircumstanced families" in the South of using Negro women as wet-nurses for their babies. Many of the same substances that were circulating in the blood of the Negro wet-nurses were imbibed by the white babies along with the nutritious elements of the milk, it was

"In view of these facts," the Committee states in its summary, "it seems improbable that any soldier or civilian so seriously wounded as to require a blood transfusion will insist that it come from a person whose skin is no darker than his own.'

My friend was very glad to get this information as to the unscientific character of Jim Crow and he seemed very sure that he would be able to convert his shopmate to a policy of brotherhood. I hope so! It's a sad thing to think that the bosses can get white and Negro workers to fight each other. Our interests are all the same. Scientists, Marxists and poets - all proclaim the triumphant refrain - we are "brothers

Notes From The News

Congress may soon have a strike in its own backyard. The District of Columbia Shorthand Reporters Federation, a new independent union. announced a walkout June 1



Carl A Marzani, former State Department employe, has been convicted of concealing membership in the Communist Party. Maximum penalty is 110 years in prison and \$110,000 in fines. His trial was marked by the testimony of police spies who had been sent secretly into the Communist Party.

Representative Sabath of Illinois told the House that "outrageous, crooked dealings" are going on in Wall Street.

Kenneth Romney, former sergeant-at-arms of sentenced to one to three years. His accounts were \$143,864 short. The money had been used quarter of 1946.

by him for speculations dating back to the

Representative John E. Rankin last week told the House that it should prevent Henry Wallace from making any more radio speeches.

Samuel Hyder of Pawtucket, R. I., Jas arrested and fined for laughing oo much and too loud. Police Chief Mills invoked an ancient law against "reveling." Hyder got his fine back after a retrial defending the right to laugh as part of free speech.

As the anti-labor drive to pass the Taft-Hartley legislation mounts, the big industrialists have increased their donations for anti-labor publicity. \$330,000 was contributed in two weeks to the NAM's publicity wing, the National Industrial Information Committee. Its quota for 1947 is \$3 million.

In the first quarter of 1947, American steel the U.S. House of Representatives, has been workers produced 78% more steel but received only 44% more total wages than in the first

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Dump Surplus Potatoes As World Goes Hungry

Unemployment Rises To Half Million In New York

New York is witnessing something not seen since prewar days. Crowds of workers clustered around bulletin boards in employment offices.

work" plan.

In August 1945 some 70,000@ were on relief in the country's are doing virtually nothing about largest city. Today the estimates it. The Greater New York CIO of jobless range from 400,000 to Council is reported to be urging

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According to a survey taken by the Daily News more than 140,000 members of AFL and CIO unions are hunting work. Tens of thousands of others are on a part time basis.

In the garment industry at least 33,000 are jobless. Employers explain that shelves of the stores are filled with goods, warehouses are jammed, people are unable to pay the high prices demanded, and so they have slowed down production.

Retail clerks have been hard hit too, with some 2,500 recently lopped off payrolls.

Among the bakery workers. 4.000 are pounding the pavements. People simply can't afford the cakes and candies stacked in retail cases and bakery shelves.

Restaurants, cafes and night clubs are likewise feeling the first squeeze of the slump-6,000 workers in this industry are no longer "needed." Hatters and millinery workers

are searching with fear in their hearts for non-existent jobs -7,000 of them. The toy and jewelry industry

has felt the slump with particular severity. Here 17,000 have been given discharge slips. Some 9,000 fur and leather workers are combing the lofts in the city's by-streets hoping

to find openings that will enable

them to meet rent and grocery Shoe workers are likewise well - represented among the jobless. More than 5,000 pass well-filled displays in countless

shoe store windows in their search for an opportunity to make more shoes. As for furniture workers, esti-

mates of job-hunters range The News reports that there

"sizeable" unemployment in other fields too. "Machinists longshoremen, building service workers, musicians, newspaper employes, textile workers, wholesale and warehouse workers, seamen, truckmen, cigar makers and paper products workers could use an aggregate of 35,000 or 40,000 jobs in New York."

The News ascribes most of this unemployment to sky-high prices that have cut down purchases, but adds, ironically enough, that doorman and elevator operators are out of work because "building owners cut staffs since they cannot raise rents."

Unions in New York are worried about mounting unemployment. Up to now, however, they press - avowedly Republican - proposal of the labor movement trolled by the trade unions."

Strikers Against Camels



Their morale high, these members of the CIO Food Tobacco Agricultural & Allied Workers sing with gusto as the strike against R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. continues in Winston-Salem, N. C. To help their struggle for higher wages and decent working conditions, don't buy Camels or Prince Albert Tobacco.

membership from the growing **Dunne Calls On Unions** To Build A Labor Party

MINNEAPOLIS, May 24 -Vincent R. Dunne, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor in the recent primary, today issued the following statement:

'lower prices" and a "share-the-

Appeals to "lower prices" have

proved to be so much wasted

plan could accomplish some-

thing if it were pushed energe-

tically. The proposal of the

Packinghouse Workers, for in-

stance, for a 30 hour week at 40

hours pay is a step in the right

direction. Still better would be a

sliding scale of hours which

would divide all the available

hours in industry among all the

Such concrete proposals must

be energetically advanced by the

unions today to protect the

available workers, but at no re-

duction in take-home pay.

threat of unemployment.

breath. A real "share-the-work"

"Mayor Humphrey will quite probably be elected to a second term on June 9. Frank Collins, the only other candidate, has scarcely an outside chance.

"In reality, there is no difference between the two, so far as their fundamental views are concerned. The fact that they have different party affiliations is a secondary matter. At this juncture in their political careers, Humphrey, a Democratic Party hopeful, and Collins, a Republican Party climber, consider

Street. "Intent on launching another HIS PRISONERS war to put the working peoples American imperialists choose their right to speak for labor in gram of 'company unionism' in both the Republican and Demo- mer-Labor Party. It was these cratic parties.

been indorsed for re-election by bor's tent in Minneapolis. And Minneapolis trade union movethe entire trade union movement, the Democratic Party has taken ment must force a change of he has the tacit support of all full advantage of the opening. course. Labor must build its three daily papers. The daily Humphrey today defies every own party, based upon and con-

nothing more than a convenient out with very substantial sup- sonal political machine. instrument. Between the parties port for this outstanding Demthey represent, the struggle is ocrat. All of the 'labor leaders'

their atom-bomb diplomats from politics. They scuttled the Far- politics!

Humphrey decides what is good and what is bad for labor. Humphrey decides which of the labor-endorsed candidates should be permitted to run. And why not? The trade union officials are his prisoners now! "In 1943, the Socialist Work-

ers Party warned of this danger. A public statement issued during Humphrey's first mayoralty campaign said, in part:

workers' movement nor does he supply. base himself upon it. When elected, he will serve the work-

"We were not concerned then | 000 bushels. -we are not concerned now-

"A break must be made with "Although Humphrey has Party—the camel's nose—into la- along the line. The ranks of the

When the Truman Administration poured kerosene over a mountain of potatoes down in Alabama the other day, public resentment rose ligh. Didn't the capitalists and their political representatives declare last summer that if controls were removed rices would come down as soon s production got under way? dn't Truman just get through emanding general price reducions? If production will bring prices down, then why did the Truman Administration destroy hese potatoes? Doesn't he know hat the food trust is socking he public as much as 10c a cound for potatoes?

To counter this criticism, the Department of Agriculture issued an explanatory "Memorandum." This document should be reuired reading for anyone who still believes that the capitalist system is the best of all possible systems.

The Department explains that it is under statutory obligation to keep prices at not less than 90% of parity (a figure equal to purchasing power of prices before World War I). Under this law, no one should be "surprised," says the Memorandum, if potatoes are destroyed.

It then describes Department of Agriculture efforts to keep prices up. In 1946 it deliberately lowered production goals in hope of keeping the crop down. But unfortunately for the Department, the wily American farmers used better seed, new and improved insecticides and got a lucky break in the weather. So they produced a record crop of 475,000,000 bushels. This was almost 100,000,000 bushels above the goal set by Washington, and 50,000,000 bushels more than

To get rid of the potatoes, the Department did its utmost to popularize the vegetable and inrease its consumption. But this "'Humphrey does not know the didn't make a dent in the huge

So they pushed all the potse toes possible into charitable iners' cause only if the organized stitutions and into the governlabor movement builds a labor ment - sponsored school - lunch party. Such a Labor Party, con- program. But these consumers trolled by the trade unions will didn't make much headway eiththe working class electorate as has 'crossed the line' and come Humphrey from building a per- the potato mound, only being able to account for about 3,000,-

The government then decided only that of vying for the favor of the city know the meaning of with the question: Does Hum- to try potatoes as stock feed, of the true master—the power- this but they don't dare to ex- phrey have 'good' or 'bad' in- giving them to feeders of beef ful financial clique of Wall press their real thoughts in pub- tentions? The facts are that cattle and hogs at prices as low Humphrey is an active member as 1c for 100 pounds. That's of one of the bosses' parties. And right - one cent! The cattle "These trade union officials he has the backing of all of the were more successful than the of all countries in chains, the have completely surrendered trade union leaders' in this pro- school children and institutions. consuming 11,000,000 bushels. As a further gesture, the gov-

ernment earmarked about 10,men who guided the Democratic political company unionism all 500,000 bushels for export, giving the starving millions of Europe and the Far East a tantalize ing taste of American abund-At an unspecified price the

> Government dumped another 10.500.000 bushels into starch mills. And another unspecified amount at an unspecified price to distillers of alcohol. After these Herculean efforts.

the government was still left with about 20% of the surplus on its hands.

The net cost of this program to the people was \$80,000,000. In the light of this experience, "the Department tightened its potato program for 1947." It ordered acreage reduced from 2,-669,800 to 2,517,000 acres, and set working people. So far, they have tain a complete silence. For them the 1947 goal at 375,000,000 bushels.

Now comes the pay off. It appears that the government again underestimated the productive capacity of American farms. Astute farmers are increasing the the ability of the people to make vide leadership in the matter of vield per acre far above what had been expected.

And so the Memorandum ends up pessimistically, warning that it will have to destroy a lot of potatoes again this year if prices are to be kept up. In fact the 7,500 bushels destroyed in Alabama are only the beginning.



SWP Candidates Wind Up Campaign For N. J. Constitution Convention Election

By Alan Kohlman NEWARK, N. J., May 27 -One week before the June 3

election for delegates to the New Jersey Constitutional Convention, the issues have been clearly posed by the contending political parties. In marked contrast to the Republican and Democratic coalition, the Socialist Workers Party candidates have presented a straight-forward platform in the interests of the working people.

The SWP has advocated amendments to the Constitution

(1) For full protection of labor's rights to organize and strike; end state intervention and strikebreaking.

(2) For expropriation of all public utilities and their operation by the state under workers' the Republicans and Democrats.

(3) For full economic, social Negro people and all other racial and minority groups. For an ef- tent to make a backstairs deal fective state FEPC with real power to enforce the laws against publicans and Democrats, with come increasingly fed up with discrimination.

methods of election to provide was gummed up, and only the them. The chief responsibility dates of the SWP.

VOTE FOR THE SWP CANDIDATES

for the New Jersey Constitutional Convention from Essex County

In the June 3 Election William E. Bohannon George Breitman Alan Kohlmon

for election to the Legislature by strict proportional representation and a single-house Legisla-

These measures are designed to protect and extend the democratic rights of the workers and the vast majority of the people. They point up the immediate democratic needs of New Jersey workers which are under attack by

These boss parties for the most part have nothing to say and political equality for the on what should be done. In most by and large, do not see what workers now have the opportuncounties they have been conproviding for joint slates of Rethe former in a majority. In Es- the Democrats, the workers do for a working class program — (4) For revision of present sex County, this bi-partisan deal not see anybody representing by voting for the three candi-

cratic parties has uttered a word ed to put up any independent about any type of amendment labor candidates. to protect the interests of the The union leaders now maintheir demands heard in the Leg- the Constitutional election. islature, and strengthen the office of chief executive.

is to centralize executive power with the Labor Party and emadministration to its own needs. Labor Party now.

For a number of reasons, interest in the Constitutional Convention is much less than in regular elections. The workers, strikebreaking regime and be-

Republicans are running a full for this rests with the official union leadership who have ut-Not a single spokesman of terly failed to explain to the either the Republican or Demo- ranks what is involved and fail-

been content to let former Gov- to speak on the issues would ernor Edge and his successor only call attention to the fact Governor Driscoll speak "from that they have nobody to supexperience" on the need to port, no "good" Democrats or strengthen the power of the gov- Republicans to endorse. The unernor. That is, to further restrict ion leadership has failed to pro-

This points up the need for the Labor Party. Throughout its Such a "platform" is equiva- campaign, the SWP candidates lent to the announcement of Big have explained how the issues in Business that its chief concern the Convention are connected in order to streamline the state phasized the need to build the

Especially in Essex County, where only a full slate of Republicans is in the field, the issues are at stake. As they ity to strike a ballot protest turn in disgust from the Driscoll against boss class rule, for independent working class action,