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Facts To Jury

Tells Grand Jury That Stalin's GPU Made **Assassination Preparations In New York City**

Worker editor and Communist Party National Committee member, appeared on June 5 before the Grand Jury to tell what he knew about the conspiracy to assassinate Leon Trotsky which he himself? confessed was hatched in this Poyntz was "liquidated" by the city by agents of Stalin's GPU. The delegation which urged secret police. Long delayed the investigation called the

revelations confirming that Grand Jury's attention to other Stalin murdered Trotsky were political assassinations commitmade by Budenz in his autoted by or attributed to the GPU biography This Is My Story pubsuch as the murder of Ignace lished in March this year. Reiss in Switzerland, the series The Grand Jury hearing folof murders of Trotsky's secrelows the demand for such an taries and members of his faminvestigation made on March 17 ily, the slaying of Carlo Tresca, by a delegation headed by So-Anarchist leader in New York, cialist Party leader Norman and many others. Thomas, New York City Councilman Louis P. Goldberg and novelist James T. Farrell. This

judicial action as the facts may

Prior to going before the

Grand Jury, Budenz was ques-

tioned for an hour by Assistant

District Attorney Jacob Grumet.

Budenz stated to the press that

not disclosed in his book.

mit the crime.

SAME PATTERN

killing followed the same pattern

used by the Stalinist murder ma-

FIRST OF A SERIES

warrant."

Since the publication of the clared: damning admissions in Budenz's book, the Daily Worker has delegation presented a statemaintained total silence regardment signed by scores of proming these new proofs of Stalin's inent citizens, asking that "Earl guilt in Trotsky's murder. Browder, Jack Stachel, Budenz himself, and all other Commun-

ist Party leaders, past or present, who are known to have been involved in the activities of the Soviet Secret Police in our community, or who are declared to 5% Of Vote In have had knowledge of such activities, should be subjected to official examination and such

NEWARK, N. J., June 9-Essex County polled 5% of fering from inflation, lack of 3rd Constitutional Convention election.

Out of 48,000 votes cast in the his appearance is the first of a County, Alan Kohlman received series in which he proposes to 2,438; George Breitman received reveal many aspects of the preparations made in America 2,393 and William E. Bohannan received 2,378. The referendum for the assasination of Trotsky for the holding of such a Con-The statements in his book vention carried 43,422 for, and provided new and hitherto miss- 4,757 against. The 13 candidates ing links in the chain of evi- of the "Clean Government" Redence presented during the trial publicans were all elected.

of Frank Jacson, the assassin, whch showed him to be a GPU election was the small turn-out agent. In his book, Budenz ad- at the polls. All press and pomitted that he himself worked litical commentators were agreed with GPU agents here to weave that this light vote reflected their web around Sylvia Ageloff, wide-spread lack of interest a friend of Trotsky's household. throughout the state. This was Jacson used Sylvia Ageloff to especially true of the Essex vote gain access to the house to comwhere the majority of workers staved away from the polls. The Budenz also told reporters that cially on record for constitution— at Rockefeller Plaza this af a firm stand. trade union leaders, while offithe preparations for Trotsky's

rouse the ranks. The average SWP vote was chine in other political assassina- about 500 votes higher than that tions. Budenz's book refers to the of the two Stalinist candidates. mysterious disappearance in 1937 On a statewide basis, the coalition of Juliet Stuart Poyntz, former Republican - Democratic slates Communist Party leader. He carried in all counties, thereby says that he was told by "Com- leaving Constitutional Revision rade H." a national committee completely in the hands of the member of the CP, that Juliet boss parties.

Attacks On India Trotskyists Spread As Strike Continues

BOMBAY, May 16 — Attacks on the Trotskyists in India have spread from Madras to Bombay. Yesterday the Bombay office of the Bolshevik Leninist Party of India was

searched and two members - Indra Sen and Ananth grasp of the police.

Mandekar — were arrested. whose arrest and detention have been earlier reported, has been externed (deported) to Ceylon final desperate attempt to crush the 68-day-old strike of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mill workers. The striking workers, however, remain solid.

out official authorization. His tranquility of Greater Bombay." ships-in the world. case comes up for hearing on rupees bail.

since his student days in Calcut- that is, to the very man who has ta. He was arrested during the detained him. ever, he managed to elude the are employed.

Indra Sen is a member of the Meanwhile C. S. S. Antony Bureau of the Central Commit-Pillai, president of the Madras tee of the BLPI and of the edi-Labor Union and member of the torial board of the party's Eng-Central Committee of the BLPI, lish-language newspaper, New tional who fought the Nazis dur- the entire industrial system. Spark. (He is the author of a ing the German occupation and pamphlet which is printed in have continued the struggle for the June issue of the American a free Socialist Greece against by the Madras government in a Trotskyist magazine, Fourth In- the reactionary governments supternational, under the title of The Road to Socialism in India.) and by the Truman Doctrine.

Mandekar is detained without Indra Sen is charged with be- to commit acts of violence and eral democrats - with all those ing the editor of a Marachi- thereby acting in a manner pre- who have dared to criticize one language bulletin produced with- judicial to public safety and the of the most reactionary dictator-His detention is empowered by May 30, and in the meantime the Bombay Public Security Greece persecuted its opponents he has been released on 1,000 Measures Act No. 6 of 1947, under which he may "make a re- for the benefit of the Nazis. Sen has been in the thick of presentation to the Police Comthe anti-imperialist struggle missioner against the Order" -

NEW YORK, N. Y., SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1947

Budenz Reveals MINE STRIKERS PROTEST Trotsky Murder TAFT-HARTLEY SLAVE BILL

NEW YORK, June 11 — Louis Budenz, former Daily Favor People's **Referendum On** War Or Peace

Flint Chevrolet Local **Hits Truman Doctrine**

FLINT, Mich., June 7 -UAW Chevrolet Local 659 this week urged the coming Michigan State CIO Convention to go on record in favor of a people's referendum to decide the vital questions of war and peace. The resolution de-

Whereas: Congress, controlled by Democrats and Republicans, is rushing this country towards a third World War, and

Whereas: All the public opinion polls indicate that the American people are opposed to the Truman Doctrine and a new war,

Whereas: The War Department has made plans to regiment labor in the event of a new war, depriving labor and the people of this country of our democratic rights, and

Whereas: Millionaires became The three candidates of the billionaires in World War II Socialist Workers Party in while American workers are sufthe votes cast in the June homes and depressed living standards.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That Chevrolet Local 659 requests the Ninth Annual Convention of the State CIO to go on record demanding that the war making powers be taken out of Congress and that a referendum vote of the people of this country be taken to decide all questions of

Outstanding feature of the Pickets Protest **Greek Regime's Reign Of Terror**

al revision, made no effort to ternoon in protest against the If Truman acted in the interimos government. Three of those arrested in Salonika are to be brought to trial by court mara demonstration against the no-

torious Truman Doctrine which buttresses the reactionary regime and gives financial and military Nationwide Strike Paralyzes assistance to the reign of terror assistance to the reign of terror by the Greek government.

For one hour the streets surrounding the Greek Consulate Railway System In France echoed with the shouts of the picketers: "Free the Political Reign of Terror" - "No Arms were not authorized by the official heads of the railway Against Greek Workers"-"Down union. But they swept along the 9with the Truman Doctrine."

The joint statement of the two way system at express train the Renault strike, which broke parties read in part as follows: "The Trotskyists in Greece are tire railway system was complete- spread throughout the plant and a section of the Fourth Interna- ly tied up. Paralysis threatened into surrounding areas. Like the ported by British imperialism

"The Greek government has trial for an indefinite period, filled the jails and concentration charged with "inciting workers camps with trade unionists, lib-

"The Royalist mob ruling under the German occupation

"The Truman Doctrine now gives moral aid and financial assistance to this murderous dictatorship in Greece. Under the madier regime, against the will civil disobedience movement in Two days ago, another worker, guise of stopping 'totalitarianism' of the people, has moved to the 1931. In 1941 he was first ex- Rajaram Krishna Bilye, was ex- the Truman government is upterned from Calcutta, then terned from the city on the same holding a vicious dictatorship. placed under house arrest in charge. He had worked with Encouraged by this support the Calcutta and finally warranted. Mandekar in the New-Kaiser-i- Greek Government has scorned bitter resentment among the Until the end of the war, how- Hind Mills where 6,000 workers all demands for a general am- workers over the continued wage of the arbitrator on their previfreeze and of their readiness to ous demands. nesty of political prisoners."





Political Expediency To Decide Truman Stand On Anti-Labor Bill

the President favored the men in Congress.

by the reactionary Royalist Max- could have announced when the The picket line, organized proponents of the measure by jointly by the New York locals the threat of a sure veto, he of the Socialist Workers Party could have taken the lead in and the Workers Party, was also publicizing its dangers to the union movement. He could have hard-headed political gangsters

the Renault auto plant a few

weeks ago, this general railway

strike arose out of the burning

impatience of the French work-

ers to have done with the gov-

ernment policy of shifting the

costs of the war and reconstruc-

tion onto the backs of the work-

ing class. The demands of the

railway strikers are directed

squarely against the wage freeze.

They ask a minimum monthly

wage of 5,500 francs (\$46.20).

The Ramadier regime thus

found itself floundering in the

worst crisis that has yet struck

it. Since the announcement of

the Truman Doctrine, the Ra-

right, counting on Wall Street

The first major sign of the

support to keep it in office.

Will Truman veto the Taft- labor bill the moment it was propers the bill further. Hartley anti-labor bill? If posed by Wall Street's hatchet-

answered some time ago. As have mobilized against these soon as the threat appeared ser- anti-labor cut - throats. In a ious that a majority in Congress series of nation-wide radio ad-NEW YORK, June 7-Two wanted to place this legislative dresses, he could have informed hundred pickets paraded be- hangman's noose around labor's every voter of the diabolical profore the Greek Consulate neck, Truman would have taken visions of the proposed legislabill was introduced that he would coast to convince the tools of the least of the steps he would that they had better think twice tial and face the death sentence. have taken. Besides hampering through such a law. And he could have utilized his vast power over the disposition of patronage to convince the more

railway workers, the Renault

men were no longer in any mood

costs without putting up a stiff

Ramadier granted the Renault

strikers a wage "bonus" but has

refused up to now to make any

concession to the railway strik-

ers. When 85,000 utility workers

called a strike for May 28 to em-

phasize their demand for a wage

boost, Ramadier invoked a war-

time law, "requisitioning" them

to stay on the job under threat

of savage penalties. He has not

yet attempted to invoke this

measure or similar ones against

On June 9, the utility workers

strike. In St. Etienne and Mont-

workers walked out without wait-

the 150,000 railway workers.

fight for wage increases.

Like the strike that flared in to endure skyrocketing living

By Joseph Hansen mobilized every power at his in Congress that it would decid-

Yet Truman did none of these things. He did not take a public working people and opposed It is not difficult to visualize stand against the bill. He did (Continued on Page 2)

Workers Of The World, Unite!

the giant monopoly interests, the kind of pressure the Presi- not mobilize a fight against it. official strike action. The Krug- the threat of fierce court reprithis question would have been dent of the United States could He did not lift a finger to stop Lewis agreement bans demon-sals and fines, have demonstrait. Even with the bill on his strations such as this one. The tively shown the correct way to desk he has not uttered a single | coal operators can demand the | fight the projected anti-labor word to organize Congressional imposition of fines of \$1 or \$2 law. Their example should serve support for a veto. This course a day.

Rank-And-File Miners Lead Fight On Union-Busting Law

coal miners have downed tools in protest against

in the Fayette-Greene County area decided it was time to take action against the Taft-Hartley anti-labor bill

Their strike was not official. Andrew S. Rayner, president of the Gates Mine local of the United Mine Workers, declared: "The men refused to work for some reason but the local did not call any strike."

STRIKE SPREADS

The strike rapidly mushroomed

As the spontaneous protest acwork, but up to now appeared

So far the rank and file strike throughout the country.

June 9 — More than 11,000 Pennsylvania soft the Taft-Hartley bill. The stoppage began three

now on Truman's desk.

throughout the Pittsburgh area. "The men think President Truman will veto the anti-strike bill if all the men come out on strike," said John Ozanich, president of the Robena local. "The men went to work Saturday morning, but the word was spread around that there was no work on account of that bill."

tion swept from mine to mine, action has been confined to the United Mine Worker officials "captive" mines of certain steel tried to get the men back to to have no success. At Uniontown, Pa., William J. Hynes. President of UMW District 4. who reported the official efforts to halt the protest action, said the walkout was due to "unrest" over the Taft-Hartley bill. labor ranks is to the Taft-Hart-SAVAGE PENALTIES

down, Capt. N. H. Collisson, Coal file are that effective action be Mines Administrator, ordered an taken to halt enactment of the "investigation." Under govern- bill. ment operation of the mines, the | The coal miners, despite the United Mine Workers are sub- shackles of government adminect to savage court penalties for

days ago when 400 men BULLETIN

LOS ANGELES, June 11 -The AFL Central Labor Council, in an emergency meeting

last night, voted to launch a Labor Caravan which will march on Washington to protest anti-labor legislation. The Caravan leaves Los Angeles on Thursday, June 12, and is scheduled to arrive in Washington Thursday, June 17. AFL President William

Green has approved this action. All Labor Councils are invited to join this march. The CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods, Independent unions and other organizations are urged to make it a united labor demonstration. The AFL Central Labor Council has also called for a nation-wide work stoppage next Tuesday to support the Labor Caravan.

companies in Pennsylvania, but federal authorities expected the protest strike to spread into Kentucky and West Virginia.

This militant action of the coal miners, taken on their own initiative, is a dramatic index of how profound the opposition in ley bill. Their action likewise With 20 mines already shut shows how insistent the rank and

as an inspiration to labor

at Rockefeller Plaza this afternoon in protest against the arrest of Trotskyists in Greece ests of the working people, he by the receifment Plaza this afa firm stand. If Truman acted in the interhead on. He could have summoned the people to meet this menace head on. He could have called for demonstrations from coast to **Urged By Union Groups**

Four more powerful union groups have joined in call- tional CIO to take steps to iniing for a nation-wide 24-hour work stoppage to demon- tiate a national 24-hour protest strate labor's opposition to the Taft-Hartley bill. Requests stoppage against the Taft-Hartfor a national protest strike have poured into the CIO office from about 100 different places, according to reliable

have been adopted by num- | hoods, the Telephone Workers, erous AFL and independent and all other labor organizations

reports. Similar resolutions 9-

LOS ANGELES, June 7-The Sporadic strikes were reported on the railways in the night unanimously went on rec- hour period, this demonstration Region 9 of the CIO United Auto Prisoners in Greece"—"End the vicinity of Paris on June 6. These rank and file strikes ord for a national work stoppage to be carried out as soon as can Workers this week resolved national CIO that 100,000 worksteel lines of France's entire rail- enage in militant struggle, was ers in this area would join the man to enact it into law." speed. Within four days the en- out in two departments and then protest.

The vote in the Council followed an investigation of strike make their strength felt and sentiment throughout the local show Congress and the White labor movement. Numerous lo- House that labor is not going to cals have voted for such action take this vicious attack lying during past weeks.

downtown Los Angeles next tions of this sort. Saturday. This will be the second local CIO rally against anti- for a 24-hour demonstration labor legislation; over 10,000 were later reported to have reparticipated in one in front of scinded their stand when they City Hall two weeks ago. The learned it would throw them in-AFL has also held one, and plans to opposition to CIO President another. These separate demon- Philip Murray. Their feeling was underscore the need for united the public the impression that labor action.

AKRON, June 5-The Akron CIO Council has come out for that the only way for the labor a 24 hour demonstration against the pending anti-labor legisla- break sharply with the do-nothappeared ready to strike again, tion. The AFL Typographical ing policy of the Murrays and to plause from the whole audience. doubtless inspred by the railway local took similar action last unleash the mighty power of 15

week. lucon, the gas and electricity The CIO resolution urged "the officers of the National CIO to ing to hear the recommendations immediately contact the officers Labor, the Railroad Brother- Council has called on the na- tertain such a motion."

that are sympathetic to the continued life of organized labor, to set a common day for a na-Los Angeles CIO Council last tionwide demonstration of a 24against the Taft-Hartley bill. possibly be done, but in any Over 400 delegates pledged the event prior to the time set for the signature of President Tru-

The sentiment among the workers is to fight back now, to down. However, it is reported The Council is also organizing that the national CIO leaders parade and demonstration in are opposed to any demonstra-

Local labor leaders who voted labor was divided. However, these leaders as well as many others elsewhere, must learn movement to survive is to

of the American Federation of convention of the Passaic CIO had "no legislative power to en-

enemies.

ley slave labor bill.

Pressure from the unions this area has also persuaded the Passaic City Council to petition President Truman to vete the bill.

BUFFALO, June 6-A conference of 125 shop stewards, committeemen and others called by "that Region 9, UAW-CIO, representing a membership of 15,-000, call upon the International UAW, the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods to declare & one-day national holiday" to protest the Taft-Hartley bill and to demand that President Truman veto it.

"It is plain," the conference resolution declared, "that only immediate action on the part of the million-fold labor movement of America can prevent this bill from becoming law."

The chairman, Sub-Regional Director Edward Gray, ruled out of order a section of the resolution calling for a united labor demonstration by all Western strations for the same purpose that they did not want to give New York labor organizations. He declared the conference had "no legislative power to issue a call for the demonstration."

Regional Director Martin Gerber came out in support of an independent labor party, for which he received hearty ap-But when a delegate introduced million workers against their a motion putting the conference on record for a labor party, Gray again ruled it was out of PASSAIC, N. J., June 7-The order because the conference

Notebook Of An Agitator

A Rift In The Iron Curtain

ciety finds its expression in all fields, and not to do that was all, the sort of thing that might the least in the degradation of the noble art of embarrass the associates of a young politician. portraying life through fiction. The novelists, to That might give them pause as to his future be sure, are freer and far superior to the pro- reliability." fessional writers in other fields, but they too find it necessary to consider the money angle and keep not realizing what he was doing—secured a friend away from themes which are excluded from hon- of his to act as attorney for a struggling union est treatment by an unspoken censorship.

The Catholic Church, for example, with its vast ramifications, and its reactionary power ever | It gave him the double satisfaction of helping out more brutally and arrogantly asserted, is virtually unexplored territory. Since James T. Farrell wrote his Chicago novels, I do not know and in need of the fee of \$3,000 a year which the have not heard of a modern American writer job paid. But this good deed also boomeranged. who has touched the Catholic Church without slobbering over it and bending the knee before reactionary and therefore more respectable orit. An iron curtain of silence and suppression ganization on the docks run by Bernie Brosnan has shielded the doings and misdoings of this colossal institution from true report ,as effectively in fiction as in the press and on the radio

All the more welcome and important, therefore, is the publication of a new novel last week | The net result was that the young lawyer got which chips open a chink in the iron curtain and in bad with his wife's family for going to work throws some light on an underworld of avarice, for an outlaw union and had to give it up; her obscurantism and privilege, dominated by an in- old man was a power in the political machine perlocking directorate of Tammany Hall and the and he couldn't afford to antagonize him. As Catholic hierarchy. In Moon Gaffney (Henry for poor Moon, he got tagged definitely as a Holt & Co., \$2.75) Harry Sylvester tells the story man whose reliability could not be depended on. of a young Irish Catholic made and trained for Then his father, the influential "commissioner." politics. He was doing well at it before he reached died and the wolves closed in for the kill. Before the age of 30, and was scheduled to go higher, Moon Gaffney knew what had struck him, he much higher, with the assured support and back- was out on his ear, his promising career as a ing of the Church and the "organization", as the Tammany banditti innocently describe their selfserving machine.

BELIEVED IN BOTH INSTITUTIONS

The going was all the easier for Moon because he fervently believed in both institutions, and to my knowledge. Politics, of course, including thought politics was the ordained way for a sensible young fellow with the gift of gab and a liking for people to do favors for his friends and make something for himself at the same they can get out of it is not a new revelation in time. As for the Church, which he also took for American fiction. What is new is the thoroughgranted as God's representative on earth, it not only raised no objections to this somewhat dubious philosophy and practice, but took a big hand every concern of the daily lives, in the manners, in the business and shared in the privileges.

Moon, the son of a deputy fire commissioner who was a power in the "Hall," and well-liked on his own account, was already a favored man in ly comes from the inside. The book is not written the inner circle of the organization, holding down a sinecure clerkship which gave him plenty of clerical point of view. The characters whom the time to get around. He was entrusted with con- author has created to deliver the most blisterfidential errands for the higher-ups and deferentially treated by the lower orders who were istic clergy are all Catholics who aim at the aplooking for favors; slated for the Party's nomination for the State Assembly at the next election, with higher honors and offices looming ahead; drinking plenty, like all the others in his crowd, and having a good time.

The world looked rosy and the future assured until he stumbled over a cherry stone which he didn't even see and broke his neck. Moon's faults, which eventually disqualified him, were good nature and a strain of conscientiousness which he didn't fully understand and didn't fully believe in, and a glimmering-although only a glimmering-of social consciousness.

One night after a drinking bout he was steered alized Catholicism with genuine charity, justice, human brotherhood, etc. This is quite a large its people until they mistake black for white, labor might strenuously resist order, and the group is not favorably regarded by the well-heeled hierarchs who prefer the flesh pots of Egypt to the locusts and wild honey of the desert. The meek and lowly Jesus stuff that its ultimate fruits compare with those of sure that the law is desirable at is all right for preaching, but these high priests of mammon want no part of it in practice; it smacks of "communism," something they are very

THE BEGINNING OF HIS DOWNFALL

Worker office and the next morning, feeling pages of the book are scorched with his anger. made in decades of bitter strugrather heroic, helped the volunteer staff to pass out hot coffee and day-old bread to a line of derelicts who showed up there regularly for that there were hungry people around. At the Catholic Worker office he was told that a block of slum tenements owned by the Church was profitable buildings, and that the poor tenants had been given only thirty days to get out.

didn't know that the Church owned and collected rent from slum properties; and he couldn't a priest for electing to serve as a volunteer in studied by the political experts a significant indication of what poor families, some of whom were Catholic par- with "Ginny babies," in preference to the more AFL, CIO and Railroad Brother- Finally, there is the immediate plead for a delay in the eviction notice.

On a generous impulse he used his political charity work in the preparation of bandages and such an action would have been consequences in next year's elecinfluence to arrange a meeting with the Mon- the dissemination of gossip. signor for a spokesman of the tenants and he time. The Monsignor didn't like this sort of money, in which the prospect of bringing more Overriding all is the devastating picture of the interference in the business affairs of the Church. money into the parish of the interested priest is Catholic hierarchy's subservience to wealth and Later, when it was already too late, a priest ex- shrewdly calculated. What could be more hor- power; their selfish and brutally avaricious parplained to him: "Oh, I know you didn't do it rible than that? The book reveals a priesthood ticipation in the privileges; and their callous dis-

The decay and corruption of present-day so- | a restraining hand. "It was an impolitic thing

Not satisfied with this faux pas, Moon-again in which the Catholic Worker group was interested. Moon felt very good about this gesture. some poor people, and at the same time doing a favor for his young lawyer friend who was badly The union was in a fight of some kind with a (a thin disguise for Joe Ryan). Brosnan was in solid with the Church, which had written the other union down in its black book as a "communist" front.

WOLVES CLOSED IN FOR THE KILL

politician at an end.

The story part of the novel is integrated with a moving panorama of an upper middle-class Irish Catholic community, with priests and politicians working in cahoots, dominating the scene. Such a job has not been done before in this country the malodorous municipal variety, has been quite adequately treated. The fact that Tammany politicians, like the others, are in politics for what going treatment of the role of the Catholic clergy in politics and their totalitarian interference in morals and incentives of their parishioners.

The author's account of all this bears all the greater stamp of authenticity because it obviousfrom an anti-Catholic, but simply from an antiing phillipics against the greedy and material- admit that he is a political serparently modest but in reality unattainable goal of restoring organized Catholicism, with its huge property interests and uncounted funds, to the simple ideals of Christian charity and justice which inspired the barefooted Christians of an- erations must be weighed by the fend their gains, then passage cient days.

INDICTMENT OF THE HIERARCHY

But even within this narrow framework a terrific indictment is brought against the higher ranks of the Catholic clergy of New York in general, and its Irish section in particular. "I'm half Irish," says the Catholic newspaperman Schneid- itself is not completely united in or face the prospect of replace- daily lives. Then they will ask er, "and I hate the way they've bitched up the the demand for passage of this ment by a more militant lead- what the Democratic Party did one night after a drinking bout ne was steered into the office of the Catholic Worker. This is Church, perverting her doctrines and twisting far - reaching measure now. A ership that would arise from the in Congress and what Truman a little sheet put out by an unsponsored lay her teachings and then patting themselves on section would prefer postponing ranks. The failure of most of did in the White House to stop grouping of Catholics who are worried about the the back. I hate their insane pride of race and enactment of a law designed to the fat, slothful old-time bureauthis legislation besides the token sufferings of the poor. It appears that they of religion and their incredible fatuousness . . . strangle the labor movement. want, somehow or other, to reconcile institution- What I hate is a priesthood that lacks both char- They fear that labor will not

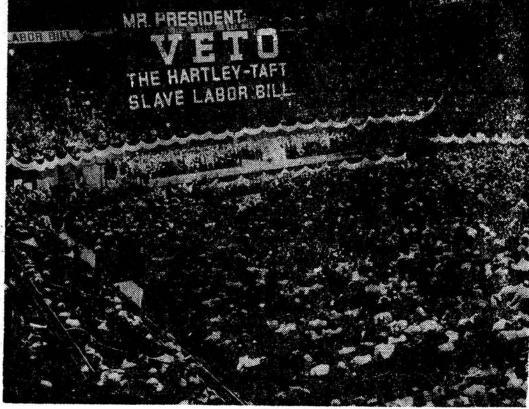
ity and humility and has misled and confused strangle so easily. Indeed, that hate for love and darkness for light. A priest- being strangled. Because of the hood that has substituted chastity for charity and unsettling effect it might have new, revolutionary union leader- compare what Truman did to frequently a chastity so warped and misinformed on labor relations, they are not

The author of this book is no Fancy Dan, and If a militant mood prevails he doesn't spar with his antagonists when he gets among the rank and file of the them into the literary ring. He is strictly a unions, then it can be expected slugger; he hauls off and lets them have it with- they will put up a tough fight out euphemisms, allusions or indirections of any to defend their organizations Moon slept off his drunk in the Catholic kind whatever. This man is blazing mad. The and preserve the hard-won gains

nounces the ignorance, malice, hatred and greed gins, it can have far-reaching of the Irish clerical big-wigs, and their reaction- consequences, thoroughly harm- toward independent political achand-outs. Up to then he had scarcely noticed ary hostility to every progressive thought. He ful to the capitalist class. exposes their vicious anti-Semitism openly ex- The existence and extent of a tinuation of the great union orpressed, their vicious prejudice against the Ne- militant mood among the union ganizing drives of the Thirties. groes and their megalomaniac race theory, rem- membership can be gauged by It was postponed by the war. But about to be torn down to make room for more iniscent of Hitler's, that the Irish-of all people! the size and character of dem- recent developments show that -are the chosen ones and the greatest of the onstrations against the Taft- this trend is now gaining moearth. Even the Italians who belong to the Hartley bill. The protest strikes, mentum. The victory of the la-This was a double jolt to Moon Gaffney. He same church are despised and openly derided as parades, public meetings, and bor movement in Oakland over "Ginnies." A well-to-do Irish girl is scolded by rallies are weather-vanes closely an entrenched political gang is believe their story that it was impossible for the the maternity ward at the hospital, helping out in Washington. Had the top can happen. ishioners, to get a hearing at the chancery to rarefied atmosphere of "the sewing room" where hood bureaucrats called a 24- consideration of what can hapthe select circle of Irish Catholic ladies do their hour nation-wide protest strike, pen in 1948. It is fear of the

Moon Gaffney is a horror story if there ever deliberately, Moon," the priest said, holding up obsessed with sex repression, thunderously ex-

N. Y. Protest Rally Against Slawe-Labor Bill



50.000 AFL men and women jammed Madison Square Garden and the streets outside on June 5 to voice their protest against the Taft-Hartley slave labor bill. The bill, passed by both houses of Congress, is now on President Truman's desk.

Political Expediency Guides Truman On Anti-Labor Bill

High Command as a most ser-

Moreover, if the union mem-

bership appear determined to de-

vent this struggle from develop-

ship might come to the fore.

WOULD HASTEN TREND

law against it.

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has had the effect of a green light on the anti-labor crew.

Truman's course demonstrates how far he is from being a political representative of the working people. Truman is the leading executive of the capitalist class. Consequently he has no basic objections to the Taft-Hartley bill becoming law.

Why, then, does he not come out clearly in support of the measure? The answer is - for tactical reasons.

He must pretend to represent the people. He cannot frankly vant of Wall Street. In fact he ious warning of grave trouble must give the illusion of oppos- ahead if they insisted on passage ing Big Business. To reveal the of the Taft-Hartley bill. truth would be political suicide. Besides this, other grave consid-High Command of the Demo- of the bill can unsettle internal a drastic law against the labor

NOT UNITED

First of all the capitalist class this time.

In scene after scene he describes and de- gle. Once such a struggle be-

interpreted by the Democratic tions that has moved the Demo-

sign the measure, it would hasten the trend of the working class tion. This trend is a logical con-

Besides this, if Truman should

in favor of a veto.

far - reaching consequences, the ninth. high circles of the Democratic Party are faced with a grave de-

ulent, reactionary core of the capitalist class who insist on enactment of the law now.

To count on such a shallow cratic Party before enacting such | relations in the labor movement, | maneuver fooling the working to the detriment of Wall Street, class, however, is a long gamble, The top union bureaucrats would Workers, aroused over the bill feel their present easy position now, will study how it came to completely undermined. They be passed with tenfold attention would have to begin producing once it begins to affect their

crats to struggle would not pre- gesture of registering a veto. They will have a simple standing. At most it could only delay and by which to judge precisely it with more explosive final con- what lengths Truman went to sequences. And in the process a stop the bill. They need merely ensure approval in Congress of This consideration undoubtedly his foreign reactionary doctrine weighs heavily with the Demo- last March when, it will be recratic pundits. They know that called, he cracked the whip and a powerful labor movement can- Congress lined up like trained not be wiped out by passing a seals.

2 Political Wings Of Wall St. Vulture

Passage of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Bill by both Houses of Congress was a bipartisan action. A majority of Democrats lined up with a majority of Republicans to put over the measure.

In the Senate, 37 Republicans and 17 Democrats voted for the bill; 15 Democrats and 2 Republicans against.

Previously, in the House, 217 Republicans and 103 Democrats supported the bill, with 66 Democrats, 12 Republicans and one American Laborite against.

went along. That was the beginning of his was one. It depicts a priest-supervised system pounding the hateful dogma that sex is sinful, formidable and uncompromising enemy in the downfall, although he didn't suspect it at the of marriages for convenience and marriages for dirty, unnatural, something to be ashamed of. hierarchy of the Catholic Church. There is inregard for the bitter consequences the whole sys-Harry Sylvester deserves praise and his book tem has for its innumerable victims.

> they designate every kind of progressive thought and evil institution. And that is what the people or protest against the most flagrant discrimina- need-light and more light. tion and injustice. They tolerate no encroachment on property rights or privileges. Even the pathetic Catholic Worker group, with their Christian meekness and their utopian idea that humility and charity can conquer greedy privilege armed to the teeth, is hated and persecuted as

a "communist group." There is a savage irony which the author most probably didn't notice in the circumstance that his Catholic protagonist came to grief, with the consent and connivance of the priests, for doing no more than the mildest liberal or any decent man of good will would do without attaching any great importance to his actions. The bare fact that a man only half consciously performing a few simple humane deeds can be presented as the hero of a novel in an Irish-Catholic setting, bringing the unrestrained wrath of the clergy down on his head, gives a certain measure-perhaps more than the author understood or intended-of the black reactionary mentality of these ecclesiastics who wear the cloak of religion to serve and support a system of exploita-

tion and discrimination. Moon Gaffney is a warning to all those who strive for social progress that they confront a

creasing evidence of this in every field. It is high time to take note of it and to speak out loud about it. It will take more than charity and humility to cope with this monster.

deserves a wide reading. He has thrown some They insanely hate "communism," by which light on the unpublicized inner workings of a dark

> Essential to an understanding of the present policies of the Stalin bureaucracy in the Soviet Union.

The End Of The Comintern By James P. Cannon

Manifesto Of The Fourth International On The Dissolution Of The Comintern

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operators associations were brok- strike. en off last week. UMW representatives halted talks with the southern operators charging the made by the progressive caucus Anti-Labor Bill.

eral law to supersede the openthan the federal bill.

operative in 29 states, including th BLFE. such major industrial states as Michigan, Wisconsin, Minne-New Jersey and Delaware, on June 15. CIO Steelworkers Closed shop and union shop Secretary-Treasurer David Maccontract bans now exist in Donald spoke pessimistically of 13 states. The Iowa state leg- the PAC's financial situation at islature recently enacted the a meeting of CIO editors recratic machines in such cities as thirteenth open shop bill. Corp- cently. He said it must become New York to make the record oration and land-owning inter- self-sustaining or fold up. Rankagainst the Taft-Hartley bill and ests in Texas have pushed and-file enthusiasm for PAC has through eight union - busting waned because of the anti-labor bills, already signed by Governor record of Democratic and Re-In view of all these possible Jester, and are working on the publican congressmen PAC sup-

20,000 CIO United Automobile Worker members in six Detroit and one Evansville, Ind., plants all-time peak, according to re-These clever machine politi- of the Briggs Manufacturing cent Labor Department figures. cicians are undoubtedly schem- Company are scheduled to go on 14,800,000 American workers are ing how they can let the bill strike June 11 if the corporation covered by union contracts, 41% become law and still avoid direct "does not yield" on contract de- under closed shop or other forms responsibility. If Truman, for mands for retroactive wage in- of union security. If this mighty instance, were to veto the bill creases, improved grievance pro- union army were united politibut his veto were to be over- cedure and contract coverage for cally in a labor party, Congress ridden, then they could claim salaried employes. Briggs is no- today might be passing a law to that Truman was against the torious as an anti-union outfit, safeguard union security conanti-labor bill. At the same never ceasing its provocative tac- tracts instead of the open-shop time they would please the truc- tics. The Briggs workers, how- Taft-Hartley bill.

Wage negotiations between the ever, have a reputation for mili-AFL United Mine Workers and tancy. The UAW International the northern and southern coal Executive Board has approved a

Two big strides forward were latter with breaking an agree- of the Consolidation Committee ment on "no publicity." Gov- of Enginemen at the convention ernment control of mines ends last month of the Brotherhood July 1, raising the possibility of of Locomotive Engineers. The strike thereafter if contracts CCE is working for amalgamaare not signed. Operators are tion of the dual railway unions, stalling, awaiting their advan- the BLE and Brotherhood of tages under the Taft-Hartley Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (BLFE). The BLE convention Committee on Cases unani-To leave no loopholes for labor, mously voted down charges the Taft-Hartley bill contains a brought by Grand Chief Johnsection providing that nothing ston against a member and offiin the bill shall permit the fed- cer of the CCE, Paul J. Goodsell. Charges were dismissed on shop laws in the various states. the grounds that the CCE is not That's to uphold state laws that a dual labor organization, as may be more viciously anti-labor Johnston tried to contend. BLE delegates also voted to empower the BLE Conference Committee Union restricting laws are now to meet with representatives of

The CIO Political Action Com-Indiana, New York, mittee begins its annual dollar Massachusetts, voluntary contribution campaign ported as "friends of labor" last November.

Union membership is at an

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FROM POTSDAM TO MOSCOW

- By Ernest Germain

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important step toward total seiz-

potential by American capital-

italists from buying up the Ruhr

plants.

It is historically fitting that the present enslavement | ance with orders from the three of Germany was decided on at Potsdam, the former capital imperialist chancelleries! of the Prussian kings who in their day sought to reduce to slavery not only the "sister" German principalities but having adopted the previously-Poland and Holland as well. But what bitter irony that the described system of "Soviet final agreement on this en-9" in its

final agreement on this en-9_ siavement was worked out at Moscow, former revolutionary capital and seat of Communist Interna-American capital and its recontional.

At Potsdam the conquerors ing it into an arsenal and a came to agreement on a joint stronghold for the projected war program, de - industrialization, against the Soviet Union, By rereparations, dismemberment, constructing German economy. long-term occupation. Since then, American imperialism seeks prihowever, this general agreement marily to attract into its orbit has given way to a situation the countries of the "Soviet buf- pursue their own aims of plunwhere each of the four brigands fer zone," which are desperately is putting up a furious defense in need of the industrial equip-

This development is to be ex- them. plained by the catastrophic results which a rigid enforcement of the Potsdam policy would have had on Germany and European economics and politics; by the sharpening antagonisms between imperialism and the Sotry, British imperialism atviet bureaucracy; and by the domestic difficulties of each of the "conquerors," difficulties which are growing and which they seek to resolve by exploiting prostrate Germany-each in his own way.

PLAN ABANDONED

industrialization of Germany, ful penetration" by means of political control. which fixed the productive cap- the gold dollar! From now on, 25% of 1939) and limited annual and more limited. production to 5.5 million tons, cupying power after another.

do this, because they saw the ure of the Ruhr coal. The Stalinimpossibility of the economy ist deputies roam and run around of the Eastern boundaries. making even the slightest recov- the streets of Paris just like ery at that level and were afraid simon-pure de Gaullists, with of the costs involved; because placards screeching that "we" they began to feel the loss of have to have the Ruhr coal. the German market; and because they wanted to add a more or less revived German productive potential to their own potential, in order to offset the portant for American imperialoverwhelming supremacy of both ism in order to assure however shall deal later, summed up the American and Russian indus-

few first hesitating steps, seems That is why the American and total responsibility." As could be to have finally abandoned the British imperialists, after many expected, the imperialists and vided for the complete trans- set up a "united front" with been incapable of assuming this ton, and indeed the whole Labor formation of Germany into an their weakened French partner responsibility. While they conagricultural country. This pol- and arranged to share among tinue their interminable quaricy has now yielded to one of themselves the Ruhr coal. These rels, a country of 66 million peoimitating, with regard to Ger- brigands no longer make any ple is slowly dying of asphyxiamany, the tactics followed to- bones about it and have openly tion.

The Soviet bureaucracy after occupation zone, now demands control of the Ruhr by the Big Four and reparations payments out of current production in the Western zones, in order to share equally in the loot of the most struction for the purpose of turnimportant sector of German industry, which the British and Americans had assured to them-When the latter oppose the

plans, it is simply to be able to der. They retort sharply by demanding economic unification of of its own case for brigandage. ment that Russia cannot furnish the four zones, so as to drain off the agricultural production of the Russian zone and begin The unification of the British their economic penetration there. and the American zones is an As for the future political

structure of the country, the ure of the German industrial disagreement, remains fundamental. The Soviet bureaucracy ism. By "nationalizing" indus- is demagogically for "unity" of Germany—but it excludes from tempts to prevent American cap-this unity the 20% of German territory which was ceded to Poland. The Anglo-Ameri-But the joint economic ad- cans are against "annexations" ministration will fall into the by Poland. But they propose hands of people like Brigadier a complicated federative system General William Draper, of the which would make it easy for firm of Dillon, Reed & Co. of them to combine their seizure The plan for complete de- New York, specialists in "peace- of the economy with permanent

Molotov seeks to win the symacity for steel at 7.5 million tons the possibilities of an "indepen- pathy of the workers in the (39% of the 1936 capacity and dent" British policy will be more Western zones by demanding the true "democrat!"—a "plebis-As for French imperialism, it cite." The Anglo-Americans anhas been abandoned by one oc- is pursuing, with the desperation swer by a campaign of agitation of a starving man, its mirage - in favor of the Silesian and The British were the first to annexation of the Saar and seiz- Pomeranian refugees and by bringing up again the question

This game of chess might seem tiring to follow; but the pieces being played with are the lives and the misery of millions of human beings! No one is really concerned with asking them A certain degree of economic their opinion. . . .

reconstruction in France is im-The Social-Democratic leader Schumacher, with whom we slightly the "stability" of the situation in a beautifully concountry and to prevent it from cise sentence: "The total vic-'Morganthau plan" which pro- months of bickering, have now the Soviet bureaucracy have

ward Japan; seizure of the Ger- announced that German produc- (Next week: The Great An-man productive apparatus by tion will be allocated in accord- guish of the year 1947.)

The Party leadership, that is, creased pay and improved ra the Labor government, was not tions for workers in the "essenoverthrown or seriously threat- tial" and "undermanned" inened by the conference. That is dustries as incentives to solve the indisputably true. For those who continuing coal crisis around sweeping storm would emerge bles. from the rumblings of discontent in labor's ranks this past HAD TO CAPITULATE ed middle classes for—Bread and year, this fact naturally is looked While the corrupt regime and reassure them somewhat. But of belts, etc., the leadership had profiteering capitalists get in actual fact, the ferment— to capitulate and accept the brought to the verge of star- the revolt in Parliament and step despite an open threat by such incidents as the Spellthorne Arthur Deakin of the Transport ships.

the Margate conference.

NO PRINCIPLED LEADERS triumph for Mr. Bevin, as a dis- To no avail. comfiture for his Left-wing crit-

his mouth.' a privileged group. Most of amphibious landing craft. A U.S. pursued, the "improvements" of ness?" she challenged. them come from the pauperized Army advisory group has been his "Keep Left" critics were

students live in dormitory rooms Russian-held Port Arthur, and easily able to throw the Krem-18 by 20 feet. The mess halls strategic port for support of lin's whole book of crimes at only inviting the inevitable storm never have enough food. The Government armies fighting in them in self-defense. Their case sooner. food allowance of 48,000 Chinese Manchuria. Since December 1945 was so discredited that they redollars is the equivalent of \$4 U. S. Naval forces there have ceived a mere 12 votes for their the highlights of the conference, sassin of Leon Trotsky, who be- a conference in Ludenscheid last crimes of Stalinism strike heavy

very obligingly withdrew even "victory" is tenuous and super- privileges and a secret but reuniversities. The middle schools | Chiang Kai - shek's regime its milk - and - water resolutions ficial indeed. It can safely be cognized authority" at the Mexi- bers under the obligation to rewhose older students participat- could not have lasted these past when the platform requested said that what has kept the La- can Penitentiary. ed in the demonstrations have two years without the aid of them to do so in order to "save bor misleaders from losing their rection of their own grievances. tyranny can remain in power oblige, and insisted on putting fighting, genuine left wing lead-

Picketing Greek Consulate In New York

Tense Conflict Over Hungary

Mirrors Trend Toward War



Some of the 200 pickets who marched around the Greek Consulate in New York on June 7, protesting the arrest of Trotskyists by the Monarchist government in Greece. (See story

Mood Of British Workers Shows Rise In Militancy

against 2,300,000 for the govern-

ment supporters. That is, a

mustered against the government

even by this weak, spineless and

unprincipled opposition of car-

eerists exploiting the discontent

delegation was forced to fight

for a resolution calling for in-

of the rank and file.

By T. J. Peters

MARGATE, England, May 31—Although the annual spoiling for a fight to make their conference of the British Labor Party, which closed here recent electoral victories genuine marched in, it would have been last night, is generally held to have consolidated the party victories for their class. In this italist state apparatus with a in the country. Prodded from

Attlee and Co. are pretty much confined to the newspaper headlines. The articles below the third of the conference could be headlines show a much more serious and sober view. Thus, for American imperialism, after a falling "prey to communism." tory of the Allies has given them instance, the conservative Observer, in an article headed "Bevin Is Stronger After Margate," concludes that "Mr. Dalmovement (what is meant is the whole reformist leadership) may live to regret his easy victory."

Wherein lies the "victory" of the Labor Party misleaders? And what are the causes that will make them "regret" it?

leadership, a closer analysis a "review of foreign commitof its proceedings reveals a different situation. Indeed withdrawal of occupation troops, withdrawal of occupation troops, their fight against the Bevins picked four-party coalition cabinet. This Popular Front comit time and again. Their experi- bination of Stalinist, Socialences with these fake "lefts" un- Democratic and capitalist polidoubtedly are a cause for frus- ticians was used as a conven-

"Keep Left" parliamentarians, on bor Party. Both in the unions standards of the masses. But servient regime in Hungary and domestic policy the situation was and in the Labor Party the rise the redistribution of the land eliminate elements hostile to it more difficult. Under rank and of a genuine left wing leadership and the limited nationalization and friendly to the Anglo-Amerfile pressure, the miners union is on the order of the day.

The workers of England are perialists.

World politics is today dominated by the cynical and open preparations for a bloody showdown between the Anglo-American imperialists and the Soviet Union. The recent coup d'etat in Hungary is part of this gigantic struggle.

By William F. Warde

It is sheer hypocrisy when the party regime left the basic capitalist relations of production the Trumans and Vanden- and property intact. bergs denounce Russia's intervention in Hungary's affairs. These indignant champions of democracy for Hungary are themselves sponsors of dicte torial regimes in South Ameica, Asia, Greece, Turkey a

Western Europe.

the democratic rights and inter- demanded \$300,000,000 in repests of small and weak peoples. arations. Occupation and repgogy and hypocrisy.

gary is the latest link in a chain but is plunging again toward disof its crimes beginning with the winter of 1944-1945. At that time Hungary along with the rest of Eastern Europe was ripe for the socialist revolution. The workers and peasants greeted the Soviet armies as a herald of their liberation from capitalist rule.

SECRET DEALS

But they suffered cruel disillusionment. The Big Three had liberty nor economic improvesecretly agreed to hand over ment. Their revulsion was first Eastern Europe as the Kremlin's special sphere of influence provided capitalism was maintained Stalin was willing to comply since the Soviet bureaucracy feared the independent revolutionary movements of the masses as much as did the im-

When the Russian armies easy to replace the despised cap-

measures undertaken by the four-

Far from bringing freedom and prosperity, the Kremlin and

mary the methods of police terplunder and parasitism by the Stalinist gang mainpower within the USSR it-

The Russian occupation In their contest of power poli- nas driven this poverty-stricken tics, none of these antagonists and war-shattered country ever displays the slightest regard for deeper into ruin. The Kremlin On both sides tyranny and op- aration costs consume 65% of pression is screened by dema- all state expenditures. Under these burdens Hungarian econ-The Kremlin's coup in Hun- omy could not possibly recover

WORKERS DISHEARTENED

The majority of the workers have been disheartened and demoralized by these reactionary political and economic policies of the Kremlin. The peasants have increasingly turned against the Stalinist - controlled regime which gave them neither political expressed in the results of the November 1945 elections when the conservative pro-capitalist Small Holders Party received 57% of the votes while the Communist Party got only 17%.

Taking advantage of these sentiments among the population, the most reactionary elements of the possessing classes have since then moved to strengthen their positions withbehind the scenes by the Anglo-American imperialists and encouraged by the proclamation of the Truman Doctrine, they have been working to swing Hungary away from Russian domination into closer connection with Washington and London.

The Kremlin has replied to these maneuvers in its typically brutal bureaucratic manner. Its agents have engineered a little ican imperialists, the Kremlin has not appealed to the selfaction of the workers and peasants. It relies exclusively upon the military power of its occupying forces and the repressive measures of its police apparatus.

This contemptuous disregard of the masses can only serve to intensify their revulsion against the regime and feed the demagogy of the Western powers who masquerade as the protectors of democracy in Europe.

In any event, Stalin's reshuffling of the puppet regime and tightening of his dictatorial hold over the country will not help solve a single one of the problems confronting the Hungarian ening conflict between the great powers, crushed and drained of ts life blood by the rapacious tools of Stalinism, this little country can only sink deeper into "Trotskyites started the strike degradation so long as the massernment and is now willing to minated in the Communists' ex- the road of socialist revolution.

Nor will these desperate meas-

ures in the occupied countries accomplish the aims hoped for by the Kremlin. Stalin seeks to build up a ring of friendly governments in the buffer zones surrounding the Soviet Union as a means of defense against Anglo-American aggression. But those pro-capitalist elements which today line up with the Kremlin as the strongest power can change their allegiance tomorrow as quickly and easily as many of them previously switched from Berlin to Moscow. The leaders who is organization secretary of of the Small Holders Party represent an advance detachment of these treacherous forces.

The sympathy and support of the workers and peasants is the one force the Soviet Union could depend upon to counteract the encroachments of Anglo-Amerand its agencies provokes dispeople and the security of the

Thus, while it might appear fuse every type of work that has for the moment that Moscow Since international conditions as its object the dismantling of has fortified its position in Hun-American imperialism. The the government from embarrass- hold over the fermenting rank have shifted to the disadvantage plants, and we assure them of gary, in reality Stalin's moves The students have not been latest events now raise the ment." But when one among and file is merely the absence of the GPU, the authorities be- the trade union's full support if and methods foster sources of demonstrating solely for the cor- question of whether the bloody them, Harold Davies, refused to of a coordinated, principled, came alarmed that "Jacson" they suffer any kind of disad- hatred and hostility which can would escape. So on May 12 vantage from refusing such assert themselves with explosive force in the future.

Mass Demonstrations Rock Bloody Kuomintang Regime

IMPERIALIST UNITY

By George Lavan

The Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship is faced with the greatest revolutionary threat to its existence since the end of the war with Japan. Giant protest parades and demonstrations led by students are organizations led by students are organizations. The pressure leaves have been dependent organizations are organizations led by students are organizations. movement.

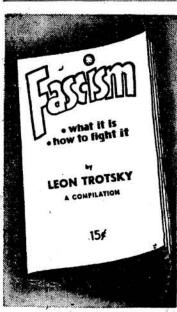
the invader.

an enrollment of 1,400,000.

The bloody Kuomintang regime has met these demands with beatings, torture and ex- method was employed: the arecutions. So bestial have been dents that entire city populations have rallied to their side. Even foreign correspondents pings, censorship, etc. friendly to the regime have been eigners in China are "shocked" past greatly influenced events shek's henchmen.

dent demonstrations have swept barometer of Chinese society. In that the Stalinists are not in through the major cities of 1915 student demonstrations the leadership. The demonstra-China. In Nanking students roused the country against im- tions are spontaneous mass stormed and occupied the Min- perialist Japan's 21 Demands movements of the rank and file istry of Education and the Executive Yuan buildings. In out. In 1919 student strikes and The Chiang Kai-shek regime Tientsin martial law was declared as the police and army Treaty, which handed Germany's Confident, that with unlimited fought the students. Large demonstrations and clashes took place in Shanghai. In other cities students commandeered

by the treatment of students.



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of the workers and impoverish-

capital in order to join the lower middle classes have been vation by the unparalleled in-The government repressions were fierce. Every dictatorial Tientsin last month were 16,790 times higher than before the my, the secret police, paid inthe reprisals against the stu- formers, hired thugs, early war. The billions poured into China by U. S. imperialism have morning arrests, mass jailings, gone into the war against the martial law, beatings, kidnap-Chinese Communist Armies or Student agitation has in the into the pockets of Chiang Kai-

in China. For the last 30 years The government has branded the student movement has been the student movement as "com-Beginning last month, stu- the most sensitive political munist." All observers agree and led the government to hold students.

agitation against the Versailles is in a precarious situation. concessions in China to Japan, American aid, he could wipe out stiffened the government's atti- the Stalinist-dominated Yenan tude and the Treaty was never regime, Chiang announced early signed. After the Japanese in- in May that decisive victory vasion of Manchuria in 1931 the would be won by September. But protest which helped build the Yenan armies in Manchuria are nation's resistance and forced shaking Chiang's rule.

the declaration of war against the National Central University weapons and tactics.

in Nanking, which is typical of The U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet is per student per month. There been training Chiang's Navy. resolution. are now more Chinese students The Navy does not expect to than ever before—125,000 in the leave Tsingtao until 1951.

feared that an immediate and which all British economy wob-

flation. For example, prices in Letter on the one hand, and the Workers Union that adoption series of "unofficial" strikes and and application of the resoluprotest movements on the other tion meant a new wave of strikes -found substantial expression at by the workers in the "unessential" industries to obtain sim-

ilar improvements.

The leaders then used all their What saved Bevin and Co. in talents to get the withdrawal their defense of British foreign of the next resolution, demandpolicy was the lack of a prin- ing equal pay for women in govcipled leadership to give a clear ernment-controlled jobs. They lead to the discontented rank expressed their agreement with and file. The same Observer, it "in principle" and warned its already quoted above, comments: acceptance would add 50 million The foreign policy debate at the pounds to the budget, leading to American Republic Affairs, has having a hand in the 56 food Labor Party conference on a possible collapse of the budget Thursday was not so much a and the wrecking of all plans.

The mover of the resolution, ics. Their case had broken down Mrs. White, an inveterate fighteven before Mr. Bevin opened er for women's rights, refused to oblige like the spineless "Keep In their pre-conference pamph- Lefts." Knowing most unions let, Keep Left, the "loyal" oppo- had endorsed the resolution, she sition headed by Crossman and put the leaders on the spot, and students began a campaign of the recent major victories of the Mikardo merely sought to "im- flayed them in militant terms prove" on Bevin's imperialist pol- that stirred repeated applause. icy without taking up the cud- "What other name is there for Washington has propped up gels against it in principle. Bev- people who are in principle for Chiang with huge military sup- in could easily show that if an one thing and for its opposite in The Chinese students are not plies and many naval vessels and imperialist policy were to be practice - except unprincipled-

The resolution was carried by middle class. Their living condi- reorganizing the army and in- simply ridiculous and that he a 5-to-1 majority against the tions are unbelievably low. In structing it in the use of new himself knew best how to apply leadership. According to late reports, the government intends As to the pro-Stalinist oppo- to ignore this resolution. If the other universities, six to eight in Tsingtao, 190 miles south of sition led by Zilliacus, Bevin was proportion in the vote is any indication, such callousness means

The "Keep Left" opposition examination that the leadership's

tration, and if continued could ient mechanism for enforcing open up the road for reaction. the orders of the Kremlin. But for the present the mood | It would have been equally of the British workers is one easy to take over the banks, inof ever-greater militancy. They dustries and landed estates and coup d'etat by ousting the lead-If on foreign policy the lead- express it first and foremost proceed to reorganize Hungary's ers of the Small Holders Party ership could be helped to an through their trade unions, economy on socialized foundaeasy victory by the obliging which form the basis of the La- tions in order to raise the living moves to secure an utterly sub-

leadership last week suspended close observation. "one of its youth organizations The Stalinists both in and out In spite of their speeches for closely with the Trotskyite Com- raised such a violent protest

> world-wide boycott of Dutch to the Mexican people. Strikes are spreading in Cey-

Colombo.

Washington has called off its dispute with the Argentine gov- at the Renault plant which cul- es cannot find a way out through been kicked out.

Negotiations for an end to the war in Indo-China fell through last month when the French imperialists demanded that the Viet Nam leaders agree to turn over all arms and let French troops move freely about in all parts of the country. The Viet ions.) Nam government rejected these demands and called on the Indo-Chinese to continue their struggle against the French butchers.

The Polish Ambassador in Mexico has just decorated Nes-strike. It is desirable and postor Sanchez Hernandez, one of sible, but not probable, because the Stalinists arrested in Mex- the great Communist machine ports in the June 7 New Leader. France."

Serge's article also reports on "for years enjoyed numerous declaring:

many of his privileges were with- work."

The French Socialist Party drawn and he was placed under

for having affiliated itself too of the prison administration upon as a "victory." It serves to greater austerity and pulling in munists." (N. Y. Times, June 6.) against this that the press called it a "mutiny." The CP press The Indonesian trade union complained that Jacson's Stalmovement at a conference in inist activities in the prison repdomestic and foreign policy by was so great that they took this Malang last month asked for a resented outstanding services

"The name of Leon Trotsky began to be heard again in people. Caught in the sharplon, the AP reported last week. France," says Time magazine, About 25,000 industrial and gov- June 9, in commenting on the ernment employes were out in French Communist Party's loss of support because it opposes a militant labor policy.

help arm and consolidate the pulsion from the Government," TREACHEROUS FORCES Peron dictatorship. Spruille Bra- according to Time. "Ramadier den, who opposed this policy as accused "Trotskyites, anarchists Assistant Secretary of State for and Cagoulards' (i.e., fascists) of riots that took place throughout France in the past fortnight. The Trotskyite Front Ouvrier has now managed to infiltrate such diverse organizations as the teachers' union and the machinists' section of the book-publishing union." (Front Ouvier is the paper of the left wing in the un-

> Time also reports an interview with Albert Demaziere, "a handsome, young (32) ex-teacher" the French Trotskyist party, quoting him as follows:

ico in 1940 for participating in has betrayed the workers and the first murder attempt on is holding them back. A very im- ican imperialism in Hungary. Leon Trotsky, Victor Serge re-portant era is opening for us in But the conduct of the Kremlin Trade unions representing content and distrust among the

the present situation of "Frank about 80,000 metal workers in masses, alienating them from the We have here touched only on Jacson," the convicted GPU as- the British zone of Germany held Soviet Union. The abominable but it is clear even from this cause of Stalinist support, has month and adopted a resolution blows both at the Hungarian "We hereby put all our mem- people of the USSR.

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"Before exhausting or drowning mankind in blood, capitalism befouls the world atmosphere with the poisonous vapors of national and race hatred."

Leon Trotsky

An Appeal For Aid

The Militant is not "impartial" in the conflicts between Big Business and labor. It takes its stand foursquare on the side of the working man against the profiteers and warmongers. Week after week The Militant carries on its fight to protect the living standards of the workers against the price-gougers and profit hogs. It defends their right to strike and better their conditions.

The Militant exposes the sinister plans of Wall Street and its government in Washington to try to shackle the labor movement and clear the road for its imperialist conquest of the world. The chief aim of The Militant is to teach the American workers that only through socialism can they achieve peace and plenty and create the kind of world they want for themselves and their children.

Big Business has a virtual stranglehold over the country's press and all its vital instruments for shaping public opinion. Through this vast propaganda machine it grinds out lies against labor, distorts and suppresses news, whips up red-scares and labor-hating sentiment. The Militant fearlessly exposes the criminal activities of the monopolists and counteracts the lying propaganda of the laborhaters. That is why The Militant is feared and hated by all enemies of the working class.

But The Militant is respected and admired by the people for whom it speaks—the workers and their families. For them it is a beacon light of truth and courage. It gives them new hope and inspiration.

To these devoted readers and friends, The Militant must now turn for financial aid. It appeals to you for help. During the past year printing and paper costs have skyrocketed. This extra cost has become a severe handicap, for The Militant is not subsidized the way the capitalist press is subsidized through lucrative advertising.

Will you send a contribution today to the Business Manager of The Militant, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.? If you can, we urge you to follow the example of those Militant boosters who have already pledged to send a regular monthly contribution, as reported in "The Militant Army" on page 5.

Help maintain a free labor press! Help spread the liberating message of Socialism! Help The Militant.

Green's Politics

50,000 AFL workers crowded in and around Madison Square Garden in New York City last week to protest enactment of the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Bill. They came full of fight and eager to do battle. They came, many of them, in high hopes of hearing their top leaders, including AFL President William Green, offer a real program of action to halt the menacing assault of Wall Street's govern-

Above all, they wanted to get a new and vital political answer-a program of labor political action. They were bitterly disappointed.

They received from Green only a rehash of the AFL leadership's traditional policy of political subservience and cowardice—the philosophy of "reward your friends and punish your enemies." This has always meant in practice that when labor's "friends" in Wall Street's Republican Party stab labor in the back, then the workers should turn and embrace labor's "friends" in Wall Street's Democratic Party. Or vice versa.

What's happened to labor's "friends" that AFL votes helped to send to Congress in November 1946? That's the embarrassing \$64 question the top union leaders fear to answer. Most of their November 1946 "friends" have gone the road of the "friends" of previous elections. As agents of the parties owned and controlled by Big Business, they have taken their orders from the big bosses. They have openly joined the wolf-pack howling at

labor's heels. The workers have no effective independent political party of their own to smash Wall Street's political monopoly enforced through the capitalist two-party system. Why then should the corporation stooges in Washington worry about Green's loud words and threats? He still promises to deliver labor's votes to some more capitalist political flunkies when the workers can no longer stomach the pres-

Union workers today are sick and disgusted with riding the capitalist political merry-go-

ent batch.

round. The answer the workers expected to get at Madison Square Garden—the answer they should have received long since—is a fighting call for a complete break with the capitalist political machines, for an end to company unionism in politics, for the formation of a Labor Party based on the trade unions and a program of irreconcilable struggle against the rule of the Wall Street bankers and coupon-clippers.

Who are labor's real and only friends? They are the men and women from labor's ranks who built the unions, organized and led the picket lines, brought the bosses to their knees in militant actions. These are the men and women to put in Congress. These are the friends whom the workers should reward with their votes and their political confidence.

Pentagon Conspiracy

Drew Pearson, the well-known columnist. revealed June 4 that "one of the most secret meetings since war days was held behind tightly barred doors in Washington's vast Pentagon Building this week."

The meeting was shrouded in this heavy secrecy for two reasons: (1) It concerned a blueprint for mobilizing American industry in accordance with Wall Street's plans for another war; (2) the participants were highly anxious to avoid the spotlight of publicity.

"The secret Pentagon meeting, called by Secretary of War Patterson," declared Pearson, "was attended by a number of prominent industrialists and labor leaders, including representatives of the Edison Electric Company, the National Association of Manufacturers, American Federation of Labor, CIO, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the railway labor brotherhoods, the Association of American Railroads, Radio Corporation of America, the aircraft industry, the Petroleum Institute and

The purpose of the meeting was to outline "in detail" the projected "establishment of an industry reserve corps of American workers and employers" with "units in every major manufacturing plant in the nation."

That the NAM, Chamber of Commerce, power trust, railway moguls, oil barons, and so on, should be actively engaged in this conspiracy against the people, is to be expected. They are the forces who launched the anti-labor drive now reaching a high point in the Faft-

But what were representatives of the AFL, CIO and Railway Brotherhood bureaucrats doing in this conspiratorial gathering of capitalists and brass hats?

The answer is that they were betraying the American workers and the American trade union movement. They participated in the war plot as labor lieutenants of the capitalist class. They were being instructed on details of the reactionary scheme in order to help put it over with greater finesse.

Who gave these top union officials any mandate to work out plans for regimenting labor and shackling it to a new war machine? Who gave them the right to barter away the lives and libertles of the working men and women?

This kind of secret diplomacy between the heads of the trade unions and the political representatives of Big Business is a menace to American labor.

The full light of publicity should be directed on the discussions that went on in the Penta-

Double Standard

During the same days the Stalinists were putting the squeeze on Premier Nagy to force his resignation, a Wall Street puppet down in Nicaragua was pulling a similar coup d'etat. If the Nicaraguan coup d'etat differs from the Hungarian, it is only in its greater boldness and contempt for public opinion. And that's not much of a difference.

Anastasio Somoza, one of the brutal dictators from which Latin America suffers under Wall Street's shadow, had expected newlyelected President Arguello to act in office like a humble foreman who would carry out orders with jumping-jack promptness. But Arguello, the first president to be elected in ten years in Nicaragua, proved to be too independent for Somoza's comfort. So Somoza ordered out the National Guard, told the Nicaraguan Congress to hold an immediate session (3 o'clock in the morning) to declare Arguello "mentally incompetent" and put Lacayo-Sacasa, a more servile tool, in the President's chair.

This coup d'etat in Wall Street's back yard got not even a gentle slap on the wrist from the White House. It was called neither a "terrible situation" nor an "outrage."

The reason for this complacency is obvious. Wall Street practices a double standard of political morality. It disapproves in others what its own puppets do any day in the week.

Wall Street is not at all averse to dictatorial rule or to overturns of legally elected governments by armed minorities. Nor is it averse to rule by puppets.

Wall Street judges a regime not by any high and lofty principles of democracy, but simply by what interests the regime serves. If it serves the interests of Wall Street, then the regime has passed the acid test no matter how it obtained power.

Somoza is only one among many puppets who rule by grace of Wall Street. King Paul I, the monarch seated in Greece by Anglo-American imperialism and kept in office by hard American dollars, is another such puppet who rules in defiance of the popular will. Chiang Kai-shek, the butcher of the Chinese masses, whose armies enjoy their present strength by virtue of American dollars and military supplies, is another.

When Wall Street raises its hands to heaven over the outrageousness of the overturn in Hungary, it is not venting righteous indignation but only disclosing the depths of its hypocrisy.



"Oh, yes! Don't forget to invite our dear friends, Senator Taft and Representative Hartley."

OUR FAIR CITY, edited by book with all the aridity of the with inside knowledge of their Robert S. Allen, Vanguard

Press 387 pp., 1947, \$3.50. Over forty years ago Lincoln exposing corruption in the cities of America in his The Shame the Cities. Now Robert S. Allen, the other half of the forsought to do a similar job. He has had fifteen experienced newspapermen, a magazine writer and an historian write about their cities-Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Miami, Birmingham, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Butte, Seattle, San Francisco, Los An-

tomatic. Steffen's crusading zeal peculiarities, a survey of the poeration, an anecdote or two. The Butte, Montana. result is a fairly useful guide- Finally, these newspapermen,

guidebook. The cities just do not home-town newspapers, demonstrate that municipal corrup-Although Our Fair City makes | tion is covered up by the press,

Steffens created a sensation by difficult consecutive reading, its which works with the business the city masses they exploit.

However, Our Fair City is not Birmingham and Denver, are, in biography, "business men must to be compared with Steffen's fact, economic satrapes of abbook. The cynicism of its title sentee owners living a thousand which can pass laws to hinder as against the honest indigna- miles away. "A banker in New or help business." tion of Steffen's title is symp- York, an estate in Boston, a mill owner in Pittsburgh wield great- periodic attempt of capitalism and his desire to get at the root er power over the political, eco- to set its own house in order, of things gave his book a moral nomic, and cultural life of dis- to make government "an effifervor which made it carry a tant communities than the peo- cient, orderly business-like orkick. But graft and bribery are ple who live and work in them." ganization for the protection and old stuff to these men. They One of the principal ways big furtherance of all business." But can't get very excited about business rules the city is through such attempts always break them. Each piece is tailored after | rural-dominated state | legisla- | down under the competition of the same fashion: a brief dis- tures which derive their power cussion of local and regional from antiquated constitutions and laws. This is true of mighty litical scandals of the last gen- New York City as well as of

graft all along the line

chapters add up to a detailed and financial interests that keep demonstration that the typical the political machines in power. American city possesses certain Thus Allen and his associates features which Allen highlights bring Steffens up to date. But mer Pearson-Allen team, has in his introduction. First, it has they fail to attain the under-

been run for decades by a graft- standing which the veteran ridden machine which loses muckraker finally attained power only for brief intervals to perhaps because they do not "reform" movements. Secondly, wish to do so. He correctly conthe city nourishes parasitic sub- cludes that municipal corruption urbs where many of its wealthy is an integral part of capitalbusinessmen reside immune from ism, one of the ways in which taxes and living a life apart from plutocracy operates behind the forms of democracy, "In a coun-Many cities, especially those try where business is dominant," of the South and West, such as wrote Steffens in his auto-

> "Reform" government is the rival propertied interests for privileged positions and under their need for a machine organized on the ward level with

Unions Must Adopt Policies To Fight Cutbacks, Layoffs

By John G. Wright

The capitalists are still heatedly debating among themselves whether or not there will be a depression soon. So far as the workers are concerned this debate among the talist spokesmen at the present capitalists has little meaning. For the workers the hand- stage is to minimize the gravity writing is already on the wall. They are faced right now of the situation. The keynote of

and shut downs, reports of This is the capitalist way of which now come almost daily solving all major problems, ecofrom all parts of the country.

There are already close to 5 the pinch.

workers in a particular industry will be the decline in their livbecome directly affected. An ing and working conditions. army of 8 to 10 million unem- IMMEDIATE DANGER ployed within a year's time ways and means of doing something about it.

others it is on the horizon. What are exactly the same. the organized workers do in these initial stages is of the utmost the acceptance of false policies importance. CAPITALIST SOLUTION

such problems as growing unand their agents in the federal, while the state and local governments. Regardless of what measures these pelled to apply when the mon-

nomic and political alike. It is too early as yet to gauge million jobless. The cutbacks just how quickly and deeply the and layoffs have thus far af- depression will hit by next winfected primarily branches of light ter. But whether the developindustry (apparel and textile ment is rapid or slow, one thing trades, furniture, leather and is certain: The freer the capishoe, and a few branches of talists feel to act as they please, household appliances). Among the less reason they have to the basic industries, only the con- reckon with the intervention and struction workers are now feeling self-action of the workers, all the heavier will be the price the It may take months before the workers shall pay, all the deeper

To be sure, there is slim likeliwould still be considered as hood that the workers will place "prosperity" by the capitalists any reliance on the employers. full force of their powerful orwhose profits would continue to But that does not mean that roll in at these lower levels of their leaders cannot dupe them ship again shuns bold protest production. But it would be the into this terrible trap. The capi- actions like the plague. height of shortsightedness for talists have a network of agents the organized labor movement to inside and outside working class ACTION IS NEEDED wait for unemployment to reach ranks who pose as "friends of

Immediate danger thus lies in inside the trade union move- what happens to this country's ment. The prevailing do-nothing economic life - provided they The last thing in the world policies of the official union act and act boldly. The pre-conthe labor movement can afford leadership are the most pernici- dition for this is the will to act. to do is to leave the solution of ous. While precious time is slipping away, the capitalists fortify is to convince the organized employment to the employers themselves, growing stronger workers that they can and must workers' position weakens.

their own interests. They will in- caught between the steel ten- hit them in the months ahead.

tacles of economic (and political) measures prepared in advance by their enemies.

One of the main jobs of capiwith the vital problem of swariably unload as much as possible upon the backs of the increasing cutbacks, layoffs workers and the small farmers. rosy again. Meanwhile labor must not "rock the boat." Workers must not demand "too much,"

> Labor "statesmen" like Philip Murray help spread this donothing psychology by such actions as pledging and ordering no strikes in the steel industry for the next two years. This plays in the best possible way into the hands of Wall Street propagandists who are now busy trying to psychologize the workers to remain supine

Congress and the state legislatures supplement this campaign by anti-labor measures, trying to intimidate the workers from bringing into play the ganizations. The official leader-

The insidious effects of all such proportions before devising Labor" or as labor leaders, while this should not be underesticarrying out policies that play mated. When workers are again directly into the employers' and again lulled, cajoled or From the standpoint of the hands. In this way the employ- browbeaten into doing nothing, jobless workers, the depression ers carry through their policies moods are engendered that there is already here; for millions of indirectly. The results, however, is really not much that can be

> There is a great deal that the workers can do right now about The immediate task therefore

act immediately, and not when their unions become weakened The employers are not sitting by spreading unemployment and gentlemen are eventually com- by and watching developments, when moods of apathy and deeither in economic life or in poli- moralization gain the most ferstrous results of their own sys- tics, with folded arms. They are tile soil for their dissemination. tem stare them in the face, one intervening vigorously and con- As a corollary to this, it is necesthing is sure: In every in- sciously. Unless the workers fol- sary mercilessly to combat and stance and at every phase of low suit to defend their own expose all those who throw sand the unfolding depression, they rights and interests, they will in the workers' eyes by assuring will seek above all to protect find themselves, as in the past, them that something "mild" will

Making The World Safe From Atom Bombs

-By Art Preis -

While headlines and ether waves spread ominous forecasts of future war and atomic annihilation, a calm and comforting note is struck by a classified ad in the June 2 Toledo Blade. The human species is not utterly doomed. An enterprising realtor heralds

> SAFE FROM ATOM BOMB LAKESHORE ESTATE

YEAR-'ROUND 5-BEDROOM RESIDENCE No cave in the mountains, no shack in the wilderness is this refuge from radio-active slaughter. Life will not only go on—but it will go on with abundant delights. The ad informs us glowingly:

"Hot water, oil heat, fully equipped guest house, caretaker's lodge. Caretaker and maid available. Garden and fowl space, separate bath houses, cabana, outdoor grill. Garage. Clean, safe, sandy beach; water skiing, surf board, swimming, sailboating, fishing, ice boating, skating and hunting. Five miles to golf course. YEAR-'ROUND VACATION LIVING."

You can have all this "within 25 minutes drive from your downtown office" - provided the lucky owner gets a 25-minute tip-off on when an A-bomb is scheduled to descend.

Naturally, not everybody is invited to put in a bid for the privilege of carrying on the human race five miles from a golf course in the year One A.D. (Atomic Destruction). The ad specifically states:

"Willys, Packard, Martin-Perry, Mather Spring, Gordon Bumper EXECUTIVES take NOTICE. This delightful place to live in is only 15 minutes from your plant."

Of course, only Junior Executives are expected to take advantage of this offer. Most of the top corporation executives and millionaire absentee-owners already have their baronial country estates and luxurious hide-aways complete with swimming pools far from the swarming centers of humanity and future targets for total obliteration.

But where will the Willys, Packard, Martin-Perry. Mather Spring and Gordon Bumper WORKERS go to be safe from atom bombs? Where will the millions in Chicago's, New York's or Detroit's teeming slums

Capitalism has failed to provide decent housing for tens of millions in the United States, let alone "Year-'Round Vacation Living Safe From Atom Bombs."

The only hope of the masses of people to escape from atom bombs, radio-active gases and bacteriological infection is to halt American imperialism from unloosing these scourges against mankind.

World capitalism has dragged humanity into two catastrophic global wars. It is moving with rocketspeed, impelled by Wall Street's planetary ambitions, to a third world war.

American labor can halt that war only by eliminating capitalism and establishing a workers' society on the foundations of socialism.

The slogan is: Make the world safe from atom bombs by making the world safe from the capitalists.

Spanish POUM Moves Farther To The Right

The Executive Committee of the POUM ("Workers Party of Marxist Unification") has published a manifesto in Spain which, by its complete break with Marxist ideas and even terminology, poses the ques-

tion of the future of this party. The POUM was founded in 1935 on a basis of centrist confusion and hostility toward Trotskyism. It was created by the fusion of the "Workers and Peasants Bloc," an extremely confused centrist organization centered about Maurin which had split from the Stalinists in 1930, and the Spanish section of the International Left Opposition, which thus abandoned the Fourth Internationalist movement and program.

This mixed grouping soon underwent a series of crises; some elements went over to the Stalinists. some were attracted to the Socialist Party. Since the end of the Spanish civil war, right wing elements such as Rivera have been working to form a party, the "Socialist Movement of Catalonia," together with all the reformist and "left" Catalan nationalist forces. The split in the POUM is taking place on the basis of the right wing's actions and of the refusal of the proletarian rank and file to follow

Now however, the POUM leaders in Spain, who claim to be left wing, have published a manifesto containing the same liquidationist and capitulationist ideas, the same abandonment of Marxism, as the right wing raised when it split to form the Socialist Movement of Catalonia.

This manifesto asserts that Spain is a western country and therefore its destiny is linked to those countries "which are leading civilization forward." It says that the main problem for Spain at this critical hour is to make possible the cohabitation of all Spaniards; that it is necessary to carry on the political struggle in an atmosphere of respect for everyone; that it is necessary to "overcome" the civil war atmosphere.

Reestablishment of the cohabitation of all Spaniards, the manifesto continues, requires a provisional government which will include the monarchists, legal courts to judge common crimes and attacks on civil rights, etc. (Such an approach would make a joke of a fascist purge in Spain as it did in so many other countries.) The manifesto also asserts that the workers must do nothing that might "impede the action of the Big Powers who can act" in favor of the Spanish people. These few samples give an idea of the tone and content of the POUM mani-

What will be the reaction of the working class rank and file of the POUM? There is no doubt that most of them will be against this policy. But the "left" POUM leaders are at present busy trying to hide and minimize the affair, an attitude which is

The Spanish section of the Fourth International, in the June 1 issue of Lucha de Clases, calls on the workers in the POUM to take the offensive at once against this policy. Its appeal declares:

"Speaking to you fraternally, as one should among revolutionaries, we say to the militant workers of the POUM: Begin an implacable, over-all political offensive. In this struggle, count on our complete support. To the extent that you advance toward revolutionary Marxism, we will find ourselves together. The construction of the revolutionary workers party and the consolidation of the world revolutionary party are the tasks which will permit a fruitful and fraternal collaboration."

WORKERS' FORUM

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

Voice Of Trotskyism Must Reach Workers

Editor: I am pledging \$1 a month for one year to help out The Militant. We have a small twicemonthly paper to support here; however, I realize the importance of The Militant as the voice of the Socialist Workers Party, and that voice must reach the American workers.

The articles by James P. Cannon are very good and should help to clear up many misun-

Alberta, Canada

Lumberjacks Picket For Sixteen Months

Editor: For 16 months the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union has been picketing 8 mills of the Union Lumber Co., Scotia Lumber Co., Pacific Lumber Co., and the Casper Lumber Co. The mills are in Fort Bragg, Rockport and Eureka, California.

and a closed shop. The mills are being worked by a strikebreaking crew. A leket told me, "These scabs do thow any better. They are om Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas."

The union demanded a raise

from 821/2 cents an hour to \$1.25

The pickets will not surrender sirned by sun and wind, their faces are red and weatherbeaten; but they are very pleasant to converse with.

"The companies will not negotiate with us," a picket said. court and their request for an Thanking me for a copy of The injunction was promptly denied. Militant and the pamphlet Build

the city are also empty build- job on his own. ings. For the strikebreaker is not buying in the city. He stays in

Many of the lumberjacks' cabins appeared to be rotting and falling apart in one of the camps we drove past.

Paul Kolinski

CHICAGO The Labor and Nationalist Movement in Africa ROBERT L. BIRCHMAN Tues., June 17, 8 p.m.

DUSABLE HISTORY CLUB Hall Branch Library 4801 Michigan Ave.

Holds J.P.C. Erred Editor:

In the issue of May 3, there appeared a column Notebook of an Agitator, signed J. P. C., dealing with the case of the suspended cutters of Local 10, ILGWU. That article, insofar as can see, is built upon either wrong information, or else upon a wrong assumption.

The article in question conveys the impression that the suspended members of local 10 in addition to being suspended are also deprived of the means of result are in dire need. As a member of Local 10, let me inform you that such a contention has nothing in common with the true nature of the case. .

Suspension of these cutters does not at all mean the loss of their respective jobs. They themselves in their printed material during the recent election in the local, as well as their followers in the local who speak at union meeings in their behalf, do not say so, as it is entirely impossible to say so. The working card system in Local 10, in which a record is kept of the shop and earnings of the members, speaks against such a

contention. In one instance where they tried to use such a plea before some misinformed judge in court peir right to a decent living. in order to obtain an injunction against Local 10 on the eve of the recent election, their plea was quickly disproved through that very same working card system to the satisfaction of the

By that I don't mean to say Clarke, he agreed that it was a or in any local in the Interlabor party the workers needed. tional for that matter even when Eureka, a city of 17,055, is they are not suspended, are first

> Oakland, Calif. out of work of those who wanted tion be right or wrong. writing this letter.

llet alone condemn the fact that the suspended cutters who claim In "Notebook" Article to be left-wingers in the local and who are known to be out-On Suspended Cutters right Communists (Stalinists) have resorted to the police whistle by going to the capitalist court to seek redress in their fight against the bureaucratic leadership in Local 10.

In my opinion, comment along these lines is of vital importance. It would tend to clear up some of the confusion created by the Stalinists in their zig-zagging along both fronts, political as well as economical. Above all, it would help to bring back into the labor movement the old established moral that in the inmaking a livelihood, and as a ner fight in the labor movement, progressives, Socialists, Communists, seek to settle their grievances within the labor movement and under no circumstances do they resort to the capitalist court to seek justice, nor can they expect to find it ethics on their part.

> Hoping you will print this letter in order to correct an error of the suspended members of on your part—and also pass comment on the danger involved in resorting to capitalist courts on the part of progressives who are fighting for progressive ideas on the economic field as well as on the political

> > New York City

one additional violation of labor

But that, after all, is not the

main thing at issue in the case

Local 10. They were deprived of

their union rights for criticiz-

haven't the slightest doubt, as

stated in our May 3 article, that

their criticism included defama-

tion and slander, for the Stalin-

ists don't know how to criticize

in any other way. Nevertheless,

the act of suspending them is

wrong and dangerous. It sets a

precedent for similar actions to

progressive opposition which

criticizes the leadership loyally

and honestly and from a pro-

gressive standpoint. Such actions

The genuinely progressive

workers in the ILGWU know

that as well as we do. They make

suspensions indirect support by

switching the issue to the subse-

quent action of the suspended

Stalinists in appealing to the

great mistake in giving the

ILGWU Suspension WrongAnd Dangerous, Says J.P.C. In Reply

The May 3 Militant article which J. G. refers to, did not say that the suspended mem- democracy. bers of Local 10 had been taken off their jobs, but rather warned A Labor Party Now by George that oppositionists in Local 10 against such a procedure, which is commonly employed in other unions in similar cases.

We are glad to publish J. G.'s feeling the effects of the strike. in line to receive the good jobs correction of any different im-A year ago rooms and lodgings as the jobs first come in. In pression which may have been were scare. Now "Vacancy" signs normal times, when the demand conveyed by the article. The fact are in appearance. The districts for jobs is greater than the that the four Stalinist opposiwhere the lumberjack lived and supply, oppositionists were al- tionists, although suspended, are spent his wages sees many stores | ways last in line unless one was | still permitted to work is to the padlocked. In the main part of fortunate enough to find a good credit of the officialdom of the ILGWU. In particular, it is evi-But this cannot be applied to dence that the membership of the present day suspended cut- the union retains some part of ters in Local 10, because they the old-time socialist spirit of were suspended in 1944 at the repugnance to the practice of height of business activity. And depriving a worker of his livelifrom 1944 until recent days, say hood as a punishment for opsome three or four months ago, position to union officials, rehardly anybody in the local was gardless of whether this opposi-

to work, and that includes the We agree also with J. G.'s suspended cutters in question. condemnation of the suspended But that of course is a side is- Stalinists for taking their fight If this reactionary trend is ensue. Also, the question of wheth- against the union leadership to er or not the punishment meted the capitalist court. The Stalout to these members by sus- inists have violated what J. G. pending them from union activ- aptly calls "the old established ity for such length of time is moral of the labor movement" justifiable or correct can be de-bated and disagreed. But that —and their duplicity, cynicism again is not the purpose for my and treachery have become so well known in the ranks of pro-Last but not least. In the same gressive workers—that we sim- purblind and complacent with article you do not even mention, ply neglected to mention this

On Resisting Lynch Murder

ing the official leadership. We

a member of the NAACP, and all my life I have been a Negro. Therefore I feel that I know a there is to know about the prejudices, segregations, discriminaup the well-known "race problem" of the Negro race. In view of these facts I would like to comment on your editorial on the lynchings.

You say that you "vigorously" disagree with the NAACP when they say that Negroes, in an attempt to protect themselves from mobs, would be committing lawless acts and would be makas wrong after it, and in spite ing futile gestures. If I know the NAACP policy and program with them for a number of rea-

The suspension is doubly dan-No, the NAACP does not mean gerous insofar as it feeds the general current of reaction and that Negroes subject to mob intolerance now running in the violence should fold their arms United States, whch is not and become submissive to mobs, but they are looking at the sitmerely aimed at the Stalinists. uation from a tactful point of couraged and fostered and al- view. I believe that I am corlowed to grow stronger, it will rect in saying that the NAACP strike with full and devastating means that it is much better to be on the right side of the force against the labor movement itself, and against the law, as it stands on the books, than to be on the wrong side Jewish people as a minority group; and it will not spare even and in the wrong part of the country where justice is rarely the high and mighty officials of known. the ILGWU, who have become

The NAACP cannot and would momentary success, who live not advise anyone to band toonly for the day and think not gether and fight a lost cause. We don't want to give the be foolish to arm themselves and slightest aid and comfort to Stalinist reactionaries and dis-Negroes are getting wise these press their opinions, rupters in the labor movement.

days. They realize that brains race being beaten or winning the conflict.

with an anti-lynch law on the 41/2 points, but he is threatened law, and the organization contactfulness and common sense utter violence.

Editorial Note: An answer to

By Ernest Germain

By T. Cliff

Criticizes 'Militant' Editorial

I have just finished reading are much more powerful and an editorial in your May 31 is- gainful than brawn. They also sue of The Militant. My attention know that blood is much thicker and interest were drawn to the than water, and regardless of editorial on lynchings in the the issues involved, many people South, and of your disagreement belonging to a certain race will with a statement made by offi- take part in a conflict without cials of the National Association any knowledge of the issue, but For The Advancement Of Col- because they see others of their

It is definitely true that such acts would be lawless and futile. If a leading 'organization are a serious blow to trade union lot about the NAACP and its like the NAACP would issue digigantic program, and about all rectives to its supporters to arm themselves and fight off mob violence in the sense that you rade Ida and Comrade Tori, lead branch. tions and other evils that make indicate in your reply, many with 6 and 7 subs respectively." families would be wiped off the earth before proper and adequate aid could reach them. Even brought to justice in a southern

Stalinists may have been guilty correctly, I am inclined to agree statute books, it can prosecute on all sides. Comrade Chomalou lynchings in the highest courts who hasn't got started yet is in the land and possibly get now promising to walk off with convictions, but if there is no the prize." dones violent protection, it is just as guilty as those who have Militant Sub Campaigner, their actually committed such acts. total number of subs stands at No organization has to tell peo- 201 in five weeks. Only 99 more ple when to protect themselves, subs to achieve their goal of Natural impulses govern that 300. The teams line up with itself, but when all people have South Side first - 78 points, to band together to achieve e North Side with 471/2, Northwest goal for the good of all men, then with 45 and West Side with 39. must be applied rather than Pace-Setters with 261/2 points,

> William H. Staton Youngstown Ohio.

Fourteen million Negroes would this letter by William E. Bohannan will be found on Page 6 of try to fight such a large white this issue. Readers interested in majority group on any basis. this discussion are invited to ex-

be taken against a loyal and ored People. For several years. I have been

capitalist court. That doesn't change anything in the real matter. If the suspensions were wrong from the standpoint of trade union democracy before the court action, they were just of any other later mischief the

That certainly was not the purpose of our comment on this

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contribution 11. J. G. B., Alberta, Canada, lead: E. Drake with 19 points,

contribution what you can. Any amount - end at camp. They might be no matter how small - will help caught asleep, however, as there in assuring the continued weekly are many other comrades who appearance of The Militant.

are "going to town" in their to the finish line." campaign for 100 new subs to The Militant, F. Lester sent in 49 new ones, stating: "South-ofsubs. The team captains, Com-

Competition is keen among the Akron comrades who are eager if they survived, they would be to be the winner of a "Free Week in Mid-West Summer Camp.' court and found guilty because Comrade O'Kenny, director of they dared to take the law into the subscription campaign, points their own hands, rather than to out that the 11 subs mailed in submit to the due processes of this week give "a pretty good the law. An all-white jury would start in our campaign which still convict them without hesitation. has four weeks to go. Comrade The NAACP knows well that Andrews is out in the lead with

According to Chicago's latest Comrade Frank is leading the Hoot comes second with 16, Ho-

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THE MILITANT ARMY

Boosters Send Pledges

added their names last week to 121/2. the growing list of friends who "Nothing short of a miracle are responding to our appeal for will keep the South Side from financial aid. Through their winning the team championthree- month pledges or contri- ship," says the Campaigner. butions these friends of The "Second place is still wide open. Militant show in a very concrete Comrade Frank continues to way how much they appreciate maintain a comfortable lead in the paper. Their personal sacri- the individual race. With only fice will go a long way in assur- three weeks left to go, it begins ing the regular appearance of to look like Frank can start making plans for a free week at camp The following three-month ... unless someone starts mov-pledges or contributions have ing pretty fast. Runner-up to the Pace-Setters are Sylvia with 12 points and Bob C. with 111/2."

> "It rained again this Sunday. but it didn't stop our comrades from going out," writes E. Brent, campaign manager for Detroit. "We did not like to call off the mobilization because of the rain. And considering the bad weather we did fairly well. Fifteen comrades went out - the result, 34 new subs to The Militant."

Detroit has 115 subscriptions toward its goal of 200. Comrade 8. E. C., New York, N. Y., \$1.50 Brent tells us that "competition between the comrades is riding high. Every comrade is out to win the top prize of a week-end at 10. S. A. M., Portland, Ore., \$5 Mid-West Summer Camp. The following comrades are in the \$1.00 a month pledge 12 mos. E. Kennedy 13, J. Gaynor 11, 12. A. C. D., Los Angeles, \$10 and Lee 9. Comrade Drake and Kennedy both feel confident that Join these friends in sending one of them will enjoy the weekfeel that the remaining week of the campaign is time enough to The San Francisco comrades beat both Drake and Kennedy

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case, and that is not the issue in this discussion. Far bigger

things are involved here. By the

unjustified suspension of their

Stalinist critics, and by the tacit

support of this action by rank

and file militants who in their

hearts know better, the ILGWU

dealt a blow against itself and

against the labor movement as a

whole. This is the real heart of

the question, and we sincerely

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The World Struggle For Oil



Old Dominick Gordini, his father, shook his head and said nothing. On his face was shame and disappointment. "It's like that sometimes," I said. "Sometimes some little thing looks mighty big to a man . . ."

When Old Dominick was laid off at the steel plant during the hard times he was lucky enough to get a job in a big hotel. It wasn't much of a job, but he was getting on in years, so when the plant began to get into production later on, he didn't go back. Then, too, it was sort of a family affair. His son, Carl worked there, and so did both his daughter, Santina, whom everybody calls Sally, and her husband, Mario, who had a good job

In a lot of ways it was nice working there. It was clean, the work wasn't hard, and there was the little family group. Mario, in particular, made it enjoyable for him. Any time the old man got away from his own job, he could walk into the big kitchen, and Mario would yell out, "Hi, Pop, how goes it?" And then he'd give Dominick anything he felt like eating.

Mario was like a son to him . . . and betterthan a son, if you compared him with Carl. For Carl was quiet, distant. He avoided the old man and seemed ashamed of him. But Mario introduced him to all the other cooks and kitchen workers, called him Pop and got the rest of the kitchen staff to call him Pop and laugh and talk and joke with him.

But then Carl wasn't just a worker. He was 3 "leader of men." He was one to order, while others obeyed. Carl, you see, had been promoted to bell boy captain.

Bell hops don't get much in weekly wages, but they make it up partly in tips. The captain, on the other hand, doesn't get any tips, and he doesn't get much more in his paycheck than the bell boys who jump to do his bidding.

Ah, but money isn't everything in this world, the preachers and priests tell us. The best things are the things of the spirit. And Carl's spirit got the biggest bang out of the job of bell hop captain, with the right to tell others what to do . . . and best of all, the magnificent uniform with the gold braid, which the other bell boys couldn't wear, the gold braid which told the world that here was no ordinary bell boy -but a captain!

That's the reason, I guess, why Carl didn't want to have anything to do with old Dominick during working hours. And that's the reason for what happened later that made his brother Tony spit disgustedly into the red-brown dust of the steel town street and made old Dominick Gordini shake his head in shame and sorrow.

There was a union representing the hotel employes to which everyone in the family belonged. Carl used to be a member too, an inactive one, until he became a leader of men.

So when a strike was called to give the hotel workers a decent wage, Mario was on the strike committee, and he and Sally and old Dominick walked up and down in the line with picket signs. But Carl, Captain Carl with his gold braid and his authority and his \$35 a week paycheck, sneaked into the hotel and stayed there all during the strike.

Afterward Carl, in his quiet, distant, somewhat sullen way, had even less to do with his family and very little to say in general.

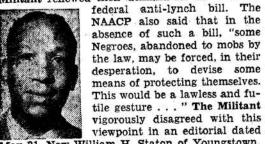
But old Dominick was most affected. He could no longer go into the kitchen and laugh and joke with Mario and his fellow workers. He was afraid somebody might say, "That's the father

The Negro Struggle -

In Answer To Mr. Staton

- By William E. Bohannan

When the 28 lynchers were set free in South Carolina last month, both the NAACP and The Militant renewed their demand for an effective federal anti-lynch bill. The



vigorously disagreed with this viewpoint in an editorial dated May 31. Now William H. Staton of Youngstown, in a letter printed on Page 5 this week, undertakes to defend the NAACP statement and thus raises some vital questions.

The first question is: What in the world is "lawless" about protecting yourself against lynchers? I don't know how Mr. Staton would feel, but if someone tried to lynch me, I wouldn't feel that I was breaking any law (except lynch law) by resisting and trying to save my life. Lynching is murder, and murder is still illegal even in the South, at least according to the law books. Can Mr. Staton or Walter White or anyone else explain what law I am breaking if I protect myself against a gang of murderers?

Actually, this question of "lawlessness" is a secondary one, and hardly worth discussing except that the lynchers and their friends are the only ones helped by false ideas on this score. A far more important point to be considered is the question of whether self-defense against as Mr Staton thinks it is. lynchers is "luttle,

But let us stop and ask: What is the alternative to protecting ourselves against lynching? There is only one, and that is not to defend ourselves - that is, to let ourselves be lynched without resisting. Is there anything more futile than that? When it comes to choosing between the only two courses of action open when we are faced by lynch mobs - resisting or not resisting - isn't it clear that not resisting is far more futile?

We are ready to grant that self-defense will not be successful in stopping the lynchers every time. But at least we have a chance when we fight back. (I have never heard of a case where the victim of a lynch mob was let go with his life just because he refused to defend it.) And at least we could discourage some of the cowardly swine in lynch mobs by showing them that

their pastime can be dangerous for themselves

as well as for their victims. Mr. Staton seems to think we want 14 million Negroes to arm themselves and go out to fight the rest of the population. That would indeed be foolish, but it doesn't happen to be what we propose. To begin with, not every white man is hostile to Negroes and sympathetic to lynchers, even in the South. If that were the case, our plight would be hopeless, anti-lynch bill or no anti-lynch bill. But fortunately that isn't the case at all; the fact is that the lynchers represent only a small percentage of the white population.

Our task as Negroes is to band together with those whites who realize that Jim Crow and lynch terror harm them as well as us, and to jointly defend ourselves against our common foes. That means an alliance with the labor movement, leading to the formation of workers' defense guards to protect us against lynchers, fascists, strikebreakers, etc. But even where that is not possible, we must try to defend ourselves against lynchers for the simple reason given above - we have no other choice.

Mr. Staton also seems to think that it is an either-or proposition: EITHER we fight for an anti-lynch bill, OR we actively defend ourselves against mob violence. But why can't we do both? Why shouldn't we do both? As it was pointed out in the Militant editorial referred to by Mr.

"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.'

Mr. Staton keeps stressing the need for tact. Of course. But it is even more necessary to stress the need to fight. Slavery was not ended by tact, and neither will the lynch system.

House Censors Publication On Fascist Activity

PAGE SIX

It has taken a bitter four months battle before the House of Representatives agreed to authorize publication of a documentary report entitled Fascism In Action. The enemies of this report agreed to its publication only after they were given a free hand to cen-

The opposition by anti-labor representatives to this rather wishy-washy compilation of fascist activities in Europe is very significant. Rep. Fred Busbey of Illinois who led the fight assailed the projected publication because in it Franco Spain is described as a fascist state and because it contained "smears on business." Busbey did not go HINDU AREA into any detail on this score. MOSLEM AREA Apparently a mere recital of how Big Business supported Hitler and Mussolini are "smears" to his mind.

Fascism In Action was prepared by the Library of Congress as a companion piece to Communism In Action. This latter was enthusiastically approved by Congress and the U. S. Printing Office was ordered to turn out 500,000 copies for sale at 25c a piece or available free if you wrote to your Congressman. The proponents of the volume on fasting proponents of the volume on fasting proposed on the forest of the for was enthusiastically approved by cism asked only for a top printing of 100,000. Even this was

There are several books on Movement rally held in the? the politicians in Washington ination and lynch terror. interests they represent in this they will offer at the meeting. masses. country are the very counterparts. The Negro people of New York WHAT THEY WANT of those capitalists who backed Hitler and Mussolini abroad.

Oakland Angered

Oakland Police Department lynch victim; Nnamdi Azikidwe, complete equality. the chief claim to fame of the police has been their quick-

with the murder of his wife. This and others. week two officers were identi- BOUGHT BIG ADS fied in the line-up by a 17 year who had raped her after threatthe reform school unless she sub-

City Council. In reply to one in- ored by the unions. cumbent who said that he had slate is sworn into office.

torial conduct of the police. It Negro people. is demanding quick action for a That simple fact far outweighs a socialist society of security, complete shakeup of the police, all of the most radical speeches plenty and freedom.

speaks, it must be remembered

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British imperialist plan for smashing the rising inde-

pendence movement in India is to cut up this vast land into

two dominions divided along religious lines (Hindustan and

a Moslem Pakistan) and 563 princely states (shown in white

on the map) which have been developed as British military

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author of Southern Exposure; demands; all of them need poness to jump down to the picket Earl B. Dickerson, president of litical action if they are to be line to protect "law and order." the National Bar Association; won. And what is more, they Now, new "honor" has been add- Willard Townsend, president of need political action directed

This means that the Number One problem facing the Negro people is the creation of a new The Negro Freedom Rally political party which will sweep old high school girl as the men bought big ads in the Negro the capitalist parties out of powpress, but these ads gave no in- er and begin legislating in the offer, Local 6 of the CIO Interening that she would be sent to dication of what its speakers interests of the masses, including the reform school unless she subwould offer. However, since the ing the Negro people. Negroes Warehousemen's Union ended health and welfare plan, 11 paid the sponsored by followers of Last night the City Council be sponsored by followers of themselves, but fortunately they day with a four cent increase, was thrown into an uproar when Adam Clayton Powell, Harlem have allies in the militant trade three additional paid holidays an angry audience brought to member of Congress, and since unionists who are already en- and a three year contract. the light specific cases of police Powell was supposed to be the gaged in the fight to build an

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necessary, but by themselves they are not enough. To be effective in these days they must be joined to and supplemented creating a Workers and Farm-

By Joseph Hansen

On June 3 there was exultation in "the City" in London — that financial section corresponding to New York's Wall Street. On that day the British Government announced simultaneously in New Delhi and in London that the poli-

tical representatives of the P Indian capitalist class had magined by supposing what agreed to the partition of would happen to America if it

of the British Empire, who swore small countries sprinkled from he would never preside over its coast to coast. liquidation when the question of FEAR REVOLUTION India's independence came up | The acceptance of this plan to during his term of office, congra- dismember India by the political tulated Prime Minister Attlee on representatives of the Indian his resounding victory for British | capitalists and landholders shows capitalism. Attlee, declared how shallow was the lip service "too little and too late."

a crazy-quilt pattern a "great and the Moslem proponents"

Nehru, Gandhi and Jinnah, the outstanding spokesmen of the Indian capitalists and big over their agreement to the deal, pending evidence of the political

PRESS FOR SPEED

NEW YORK—The Negro Freedom Rally at Madison a 1ew months. This maste con- dia. By partitioning india they trasts strangely with the previous hope to divide and separate and refused until congressmen solici- Square Garden on June 16, will undoubtedly be the big- ous endless postponements of the split up the people, thus breaktous of Big Business' reputation, gest demonstration against the Jim Crow system held in question of India's independence. ing the bonds of unity now bewere allowed to censor the text. this city since the huge Negro March-on-Washington They deem haste now to be of ing forged among the Indian fascism that are far superior to same place five years ago. in the world. For the Negro give India her freedom — but to religious division is intended to

> nouncement of the Attlee gov- ready begun their repressive scheme to continue Britain's ordered Trotskyist strike leaders domination of India by cutting arrested recently. this vast, thickly-populated land their indignation with existing want today? They want an of I and the puppets dicated repeatedly their readi-

that will just make the record (Pakistan) and some 563 prince- overlords and the native puppets as a token of their demand for complete equality. this week. Up to this time African leader; Stetson Kennedy, But all of these are political geography that bind India into the rebellious colonies in Amer-

were vivisected into two anta-Winston Churchill hailed the gonistic countries along Catholic and Protestant dines, with announcement. This watchdog more than a half-thousand other

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Churchill, had succeeded in do- they have previously paid the ing what he had sent Sir Staf- principle of India's unity. They ford Cripps to do in 1942 when agreed to this betrayal of their the plan was turned down as own country because they fear, a socialist revolution.

In India, however, where the As the June 5 Christian Scifate of 400,000,000 people is in- ence Monitor points out, if the volved, the reaction was differ- present trend were to continue ent. One nationalist paper term- then "leaders of Hindustan, the ed the plan to chop up India into Maharajas of the princely states Pakistan might have faced a leftward turn in Indian politics. This conceivably, could have unseated them all." And the Monitor addis landholders, were cautious about that "western writers tend to displaying too great enthusiasm underestimate the imminence of a leftward shift."

It is precisely their fear that repercussions among the masses. the young Indian working class, under militant leadership, can lead all of India in a socialist Churchill and Attlee joined in revolution that drove the Indian pressing for speed in carrying out capitalists to accept the position the plan, intimating their readi- of junior partnership with the ness to put it into effect within British imperialists in ruling Ina few months. This haste con- dia. By partitioning India they the utmost necessity - not to masses. The geographical and

The political representatives of Thus the widely-greeted an- the Indian capitalists have al-

The Indian masses have inness for struggle. They want

Warehousemen Settle 3-Day

By D. Rossa

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4 — After reducing a 10 cents an hour "rock-bottom" demand to 61/2 cents before the strike began and before the employers made any kind of

were willing to accept a small Anyone who tries to prevent wage settlement rather than

year contract, with the provi- Bill or no Taft Bill, our memsion that wages could be renego- bership has no intention of re-Rallies and demonstrations tiated every year. The original treating." At the general memagainst Jim Crow are good and proposal was a one year contract. bership meeting tonight, with the Scared stiff by the Distributer-demands and the threat of settling now the union was not anti-labor legislation, the Local

when they urged the acceptance ers Government which will build of the Distributors' first offer.

from the demands made by the

When the 61/2 cents offer was made by the union, 111/2 cents was asked for the large percentage of women workers in the industry who usually work at extremely onerous belt-line jobs. The fight for the elimination of sex wage differentials was also forgotten in the settlement.

At a big mass demonstration two weeks before the strike, when 10,000 CIO members marched up Market Street, Lo-Even more general was the cal 6 President Eugene Paton feeling against signing a three told the demonstrators, "Tafts Taft-Hartley bill passed by the House, Paton crowed that by caught "on the bricks" with the bill an actuality.

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Notes From The News

Camel cigarette workers have won their 38 day strike. Among the contract provisions was an &c hourly increase, union security and 5 paid holidays. For at least two more weeks, the food and eviction situation will remain desperate. Since there is less than \$100 in the strike relief fund, the union still asks for financial help. The address is: Strike

Former Staff Sergeant Charles White, Silver Star hero, was refused service in a Colorado tavern because he was Mexican and then murdered outside the tavern in a fight that followed.

St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

Relief Commitee, UTW Local 22, 2471/2 N. Main

Jimmy Durante denied that Congress had asked him for its anti-labor "mandate." The radio program was Did They Ask You? sponsored by the AFL against the Taft-Hartley bill. Said Jimmy, "Dey didn't ast me. Maybe dey ast Umbriago!" The most striking answer on the program, however, came from an old time steel worker who told of the massacre of union men at Homestead, Pa. in 1892 when the bosses sent armed scabs and Pinkerton detectives down the river on barges to break the strike.

Eugene Belner, veteran, unemployed for a year and a half after discharge, has found a job. At the Textile Exposition in New York he sits in a tiny room heated to a temperature of 125 degrees and sweats. Fabrics are put on him for color fastness tests, etc. In an eight hour day he sweats five to six quarts. Says Belner, "I've been sweating all my life for nothing. It's nice to get paid for it."

Senator Harley Kilgore says that U.S. monopoffes participating in a cartel with Germany's I. G. Farben "cost our government untold millions, but the really tragic aspect of this cartel is the fact that it contributed to the loss of tute so that he will work cheaply.

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many American lives." Among those corporations named were the Aluminum Company of America, Dow Chemical Company, Standard Oil of New Jersey and the du Pont industries.

The Pittsburgh Courier prints the following lynching score since V-J Day: Lynchings

Number of lynchers arrested . Convictions

New York University secretly grades its students on "patriotism." Teachers are required to fill out a confidential report and note if the student has shown an "improper attitude towards American ideals and government."

The UN has cancelled its rental agreement with the Metropolitan and New York Life Insurance companies for 912 apartments for UN personnel. The insurance companies would not change its Jim Crow rules for UN workers from

General Mark Clark's radio speech against Soviet Russia was sponsored by the Gulf Oil Company. Releases of the speech sent out before the broadcast denounced Russian confiscation of former American oil holdings in Austria. General Clark is on active duty with the U. S. Army.

State Representative Papy resigned from the Florida legislature after being indicted by a grand jury. Papy is accused of trying to bribe fellow legislators with money and whiskey to vote against a bill aimed at bookies.

Negro veterans who apply for terminal leave in many parts of the South "place their lives in jeopardy," a delegation of the United Negro and Allied Veterans in Washington, D. C. charged. The purpose of this intimidation and terror, it was stated, is to keep the Negro desti-

By Brutal Police, **Demand Shakeup**

By Ed Davis

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don't want anybody to get any thus far the sponsors of the up with the Democratic Party, it intended to grant India her groupings among the working real information concerning the rise of fascism in Europe. Their meeting have given no indication in Europe. The europe indication in Europe in Eu reasons are equally obvious. The tion of what program—if any— stacle in the path of the Negro out in reality to be but another Congress Party, for instance, who

are ready and willing to express What do the Negro people conditions; but they want and anti-lynch bill passed. They of London. need more than that—they want an end to the poll tax and and need a program which will want an end to the poll tax and up India into a gerrymandered genuine freedom for India and and need a program which will other restrictions on the right to vote. They want a real fair emenable them to change these ployment practices bill—not one segments of a Moslem state quisite India's unity. The British The speakers scheduled for the on discriminatory employment by states. Pakistan and Hindu- with whom they have just con meeting can be expected to delaw does, but one that will really "Dominions," the status of scribe and denounce the assaults ensure the right of Negroes to the princely states has not is one thing to propose dismemon the rights of the Negro people. get jobs on the same basis as been announced. Aside from bering a great country and an-OAKLAND, Calif., June 7 They include Mrs. Tessie Earle, anyone else. These are a few of the princely states, the division other thing to put it over. The - A storm broke over the mother of the South Carolina the things the Negro people want would be made along religious British discovered this once bed

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brutality against the large Ne- chief speaker before he became independent labor party. gro population of West Oakland. ill last month, it is clear that The NAACP, through its chair- the speakers will generally fol-

of the notorious West Oakland Powell has come to public tried to parry the attack by he talks like a radical. He throwing the whole matter into knows how to make militant the lap of the City Manager for speeches, and he understands Negro mass sentiment well Coucilman-elect Raymond enough so that he generally sup-Pease, railway engineer and suc- ports the measures they want cessful labor candidate for coun- supported. He realizes the Negro cil, took the floor and laid the people are pro-labor, and he usublame where it belonged, in the ally lines up behind the bills fav-

But at the same time Powell heard enough for his \$15, he remains in, supports and urges promised that such statements the Negro people to support one would never be made on the floor of the worst props of the Jimof the Council when the labor Crow system in this countrythe Democratic Party. His pres-The Negro population, like the tige is used to win votes which rest of the community, is in- helped to elect Truman and othcensed at the brutal and dicta- er Democrats who oppress the

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The warehousemen as a whole

by a political program aimed at 6 leadership was in effect asking ending the power of capitalism, the 10,000 "master contract" which breeds Jim Crow, and at members to take it lying down

The settlement is a far cry