# **Detroit CIO Debates Labor Party Issue**

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# Loan of \$553,000,000 **To Help Colonial Depots**

By Joseph Hansen

Wall Street is preparing to back the war of the Dutch imperialists against the Republic of Indonesia with a loan of \$533,000,000. The negotiations are already "pretty far along," according to John J. McCloy, president of the International Bank for Reconstruction

the Wall Street group now acting Australian government filed a proas a Brain Trust for the Truman test. However, in contrast to India,

When asked by a reporter on July not have the effect of financing the Dutch military action in the Far East, McCloy reluctantly admitted: "Well, it may, indirectly."

Soekarno for help from America in loan to the Dutch imperialists was wall Street's way of answering that Unity In France plea and showing precisely where its sympathies lie in the colonial struggle. It was at the same time Wall Street's way of answering the demand that American Lend-Lease arms now being used by the Dutch fighters be "recaptured."

government intimated it was negoa "mediator" in the conflict. The workers. role the British would play can be judged from an announcement of

terms would mean unconditional surrender by the Indonesians.

INDIA PROTESTS TO UN

and Development and member of twarning. On the same day, the the Australians took a position that was formally neutral but in reality 29 whether the proposed loan would favorable to the Dutch since it calls for an order on both parties to cease fire and begin arbitration (Continued on Page 3)

# The plea of Indonesian President PCI Issues Call sockarno for help from America in defending the beleaguered republic, was thus brutally brushed aside.

PARIS, July 25 - La Verite, central organ of the Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French Section of the Fourth Internato murder the Indonesian freedom tional, carries this week an appeal for revolutionary unity adopted For 10 days American and British by the party's Central Committee diplomats succeeded in keeping the at its recent session. The appeal Dutch assault on Indonesia out of is addressed to the left opposition the United Nations, even getting developing in the Socialist and the Indian government to postpone Stalinist parties, and to the Socialaction a few days. The British ist Youth which has recently been expelled by the reformist party, as tiating with the Dutch to act as well as to unaffiliated revolutionary

Calling attention to the recent strikes, in which important layers the Netherlands Government that it of workers broke through the class will agree to negotiate, provided the collaboration policy of the two old negotiations occur on Dutch terms. parties, as well as to the develop-These terms would include recog- ment of the Youth, the Trotskyist nition of Dutch rule in Indonesia Central Committee calls for all class. To such an effort, the appeal states, the PCI will contribute the energies of its hundreds of de-Public pressure in India rose so voted militants tested in years of high, however, that the Indian gov- consistent revolutionary action, its ernment on July 30 lodged a pro- program which is that of the Fourth International confirmed by the test with the United Nations, ac- events and the fraternal support of cusing the Dutch of beginning large the more than 30 sections affiliated scale military operations without to the Fourth International.

# **Washington Big-Wigs** Linked to War Graft

The conviction of former Representative Andrew J. May on warbribe charges and revelations in the Hughes-Kaiser plane contract deals permits another glimpse into the most sordid saturnalia of

greed in human history—the orgy+ of American capitalist profiteering and government corruption during World War II.

So far the disclosures in Washington during the past few weeks al- drivers Local 544 defendants in the ready involve a number of individ- Minneapolis Labor Trial. The 18 uals high in positions of government | Trotskyist leaders received sentences responsibilities.

Affairs Committee during the war, perialist World War a war for profwas sentenced last week to eight months' imprisonment for taking BIG PARTIES \$53,000 in bribes from munitions contractors.

Julius A. Krug, present Secretary of the Interior and former head of the War Production Board, was the recipient of lavish entertainment at the expense of war plane contractor Howard Hughes.

Even the head of the Senate War Investigating Committee, Senator Owen Brewster, was not loathe to out costly gifts of nylon stockings, accept chartered luxury plane trips at the expense of Hughes and is charged by the latter with acting in the interests of airlines magnate Juan Trippe, head of Pan-Ameri-

#### can Airways. LIGHT SENTENCE

Many a pickpocket who stole only cost Hughes \$10. a watch or a few dollars has been line his pockets in return for favors Kaiser and the Garson brothers.

ful church member.

Schweinhaut is the former federal prosecutor who demanded 16-year sentences for the 18 Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis Truckup to 16 months' imprisonment for May, head of the House Military daring to declare the Second Im-

Army says were never delivered, has July 24. disclosed that Krug, Elliott Roosethrown by Hughes, who also handed etc. Pretty movie aspirants were hired to entertain at \$125 per party.

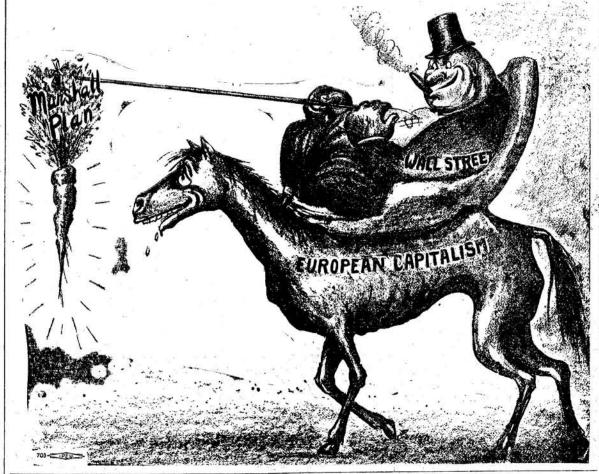
that present Postmaster General on sheets of crumpled paper. Hannegan, head of the Democratic National Committee, was the recipia bootleg shoe ration coupon that

War profits investigations have given a tougher sentence than May, been conducted mainly against inwho used his government post to dependent capitalists like Hughes,

to the Garson brothers' munitions | Nothing is being said about the big monopolies who made the most Federal Judge Schweinhaut gave profits out of the war. Thus Henry May a light sentence after May's J. Kaiser, in his testimony, comdemagogue plea that he "never plained with some justification that touched" liquor or tobacco and had he was being "persecuted" while the been a Sunday School Superintend- worst war criminals like U. S. Steel ent, Bible Class teacher and faith- and the other trusts are being pro-

# Wall Street 80th CONGRESS RECORD SHOWS Backs Dutch Backs Dutch In Java War NEED FOR A LABOR PARTY NOW

Keeping the Nag Moving



# Neglect Of Mines Adds 27 More To Death-Toll

workers at the old Ben Mine, in West Frankfort, Illinois, which is safety regulations had been com-40 miles from Centralia where 111 miners were murdered for profits mine was regarded as a "model" in special contract clauses: (1) to free on March 25. Once again the ruthless coal barons demonstrated that the heart of the southern Illinois the union, its officers and any

An explosion on July 25 caused by disaster. gas accumulation ripped through shafts running alongside the mine

terior Krug after the Centralia

The local mine safety committee Illinois. Twenty-six of the 246 men the mine while regular shifts were der way. working in the mine were killed in- working." Miners know that exstantly. One died during the night cessive rock dust in the air hinders from injuries. Many bodies were ventilation and inadequate ventilafound badly mangled and burned, tion causes explosive gas to accumuindicating that fire accompanied the late. The protest notice was still blast. Rescue workers had to inch posted in the wrecked mine when their way through 1½-foot air rescue squads dug the bodies out. Despite the flagrant violation of corridors, to bring out the bodies. safety regulations, despite the warn-Four months ago the mine was ing given four months ago by Fedcondemned as "dangerous from an eral inspectors, Governor Dwight H. explosion point of view" by Federal Green of Illinois, who visited the inspectors. It was listed among the scene of the disaster, brazenly

Another mine tragedy last week snuffed out the lives of 27 mine | stated that he was satisfied that all

Mine No. 8 of the Old Ben Corpora- several weeks ago objected to the Franklin County, while federal, state view on company property during bor does not have even one single depression. tion, second largest coal operator in company's practice of "rock dusting and county "investigations" got un- periods of elections held on com- political representative in Congress.

# Gets Major Test

### **Union Seeks Clauses** To Avoid Reprisals

DETROIT, July 30 - Seven housand members of CIO United Automobile Workers Local 2 at the Murray Corporation are continuing their week-long strike in what is considered the first major tilled into a demand for national test arising out of the an end to the delay in or-Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law.

The strike, which has the sanc- FULL MEASURE tion of the International Union, was called on July 23 to enforce other reprisals under the Taft- plied it in fullest measure. Hartley Act and the state anti-labor

started big lay-offs, claiming lack cades. It turned out that the "most and German capitalists enjoyed." Ford parts producer. These layoffs a curtain raiser. coincided with the breakdown of manded from the Murray Corpora-

# Taft Hartley Act Republicans, Democrats In Murray Strike Both Serve Wall Street

By the Editors

The American working people, the great majority of the population, are angry to the marrow of their bones. Their anger was aroused by the unmatched record of legislative reaction of the first session of the 80th Congress that adjourned

July 26. Their wrath is more and more being disganizing a Labor Party.

If ever the workers needed evidence of the strictly capitalist-class union demands for clauses in the character of both the Democratic roads. There is no way to turn back union contract that would protect and Republican parties, the first the incipient trend toward fascism the union from damage suits and session of the 80th Congress sup-

of supplies from Murray, biggest reactionary" 79th Congress was only

A trend is clearly evident—a The UAW International Executive the savage Taft-Hartley Slave La- squarely against Wall Street. Board this Saturday is to consider bor Law in the first session, Wall the request of the National Ford Street's political hatchetmen will Day, Wall Street has carried on an Conference, representing 108,000 devote their next session to enforc- all-out political war against the Ford UAW members, for sanction ing its most barbarous provisions labor movement. The economic aim of strike action. A strike date has and passing new laws to put still of this political assault was to safe-

Wall Street can follow this poli-Some 7,000 miners felt otherwise. provided for in the contract; and ment. It can legislate as it pleases. ica, controlled by an irresponsible

"A Job Well Done-For Wall Street"

except by political action. If labor does not go forward and organize a Most ominous is the fact that this Labor Party, then reaction, emsession followed on the heels of the boldened by labor's political passiv-Promptly following the Murray 79th Congress which labor leaders ity, will set out to put in power a walkout, the Ford Motor Company called the "most reactionary" in de- fascist regime such as the Italian

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Wall Street's anti-labor drive is part and parcel of its blueprint for world conquest. Labor can gain a negotiations between Ford and the trend of mounting reaction. Bad as decisive veto power over these mad UAW representatives for protective was the first session of the 80th plans for World War III, for atomic contract clauses similar to those de- Congress, the second session next slaughter, only by organizing its January gives every indication of own political forces and throwing being still worse. Having passed its weight in the political arena

For two whole years since been tentatively set for August 4. more "teeth" in this fascist-like Act. guard profits and drive down the standard of living of the masses.

and an order to all the Indonesian forces to "cease fire" while Dutch troops continued operations. These viscolar periods working would mean a proper to the southern and an order to all the Indonesian forces to "cease fire" while Dutch troops continued operations. These periods working would mean an order to all the Indonesian forces to "cease fire" while Dutch the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the southern Illinois the union; its officers and any the heart of the sou They stayed away from 12 mines in (2) to guarantee the union freedom It can speed up or slow down its clique of profiteers, is sliding with of speech to publicize its point of anti-labor drive at will because la- gathering speed into the abyss of

> Without a Labor Party organized Labor today stands at the cross on a nation-wide scale to battle these capitalist rulers, the drift deeper and deeper into the postwar depression will continue unchecked.

It is clear that all vital questions today are decided on the political

The organization of a Labor Party is not something that can be indefinitely postponed. Each day it dustrial production in Germany ington is promising them under the creasing weakness for labor. In time. That is why all those who

> The record of the first session of Wall Street under the Marshall tion of a Labor Party cannot be af-

# **NEGRO DEATH-CAMP INMATES** SEND OUT DESPERATE PLEA

five seriously wounded by race- hated.

The letter reveals that the men here and need your help at once," A minor bit of testimony disclosed states the letter, painfully scrawled

Signs of the Times

An ANP dispatch from Dallas reports that for the first time in its history, the Jim Crow state convention of the AFL-Texas Federation of Labor has elected Freeman Everett, a Texas Negro labor leader, as vicepresident of the state board.

A desperate appeal for help | white guards who fired at the prifrom the terrorized Negro prison-fied in their action" by an all-white ers in Angiulla Camp near Bruns- Grand Jury of 23 in Glynn County, wick, Georgia, where on July 11 Brunswick. The killers were again eight were blasted to death and placed in charge of the men they hand over de facto management of

hating white prison guards, was smuggled out to the National As-Testimony in the Hughes-Kaiser sociation for the Advancement of of these criminals. The letter aircraft contracts scandal, involving Colored People, reaching their New states that the warden "still has report of Robert Moses on the oc a \$40,000,000 contract for planes the York national headquarters on the same job" and that "this man cupation of Germany was circulated may kill all of us." It states that in Washington despite the State the prisoners are giving him no Department announcement of its have been threatened with death on trouble at all, but that he remains suppression. Moses' report declares ington and other high officials were the slightest provocation. The tem- in a vicious rage. "Why give him that under the Eritish "a decrease wined and dined at big parties per of the warden is such that the too much of a chance, he has killed or collapse in coal production" is den death for no reason at all. "He knows we are all helpless . . . authority and responsibility can "We are all really in danger down please send some one down here to bring order out of this mess. Inlook after us. . . ."

The wholesale slaying, in which sub-machine gun, shot-guns and dividual for execution." Two weeks after eight of the rifles were used, followed a refusal Negro inmates were murdered in by the prisoners to go into rattle- naming of that key individual and ent of a little favor in the form of cold blood, W. G. Worthy, the white snake infested swamps without the majority on the board. warden, inflamed with drink at the boots. They asked for a meeting | As additional pressure on Britain, time of the slaughter, and the seven with the warden in order to explain Wall Street has demanded an end their objections but were refused. to the 5-day work week won by the Returned to camp under the guns British coal miners. Such a short of 17 guards, they were lined up in work week, according to the Wall the stockade. Reeling drunk, the Street bankers, makes Britain a bad peatedly warned against the disaswarden threatened to "kill" and a credit risk. They have also de- trous consequences of such price few minutes later ordered his men manded a general speed up of Brit- rises. Indeed this was one of the to open fire. The white jury, ac- ish labor. ers were "shot while attempting to Washington will lend a sympathetic man of the President's Economic him for "acting in order to main- Marshall Plan.

Press Silent About Marshall Plan While Imperialists Grab for Ruhr

The Marshall Plan has tempor- not to publicly announce the Anglo- hind the curtains as compensation arily dropped out of the main dustrial production in Company instant to provide the main dustrial production in Company instant to provide the main dustrial production in Company instant to provide the main dustrial production in Company instant to provide the main dustrial production in Company instant to provide the main dustrial production in Company instant to provide the main dustrial production in Company instant to provide the main dustrial production in the main dustrial production dustrial produc headlines in the press. The State without prior consultation with Paris Marshall Plan is of course a top politics the most essential thing is Department, it seems, prefers as has temporarily assuaged the French secret. little publicity as possible on the capitalists. "It is well worth delay- Another top secret is the under- try to continue postponing organisquabble with France and Britain ing such plans a few weeks and cover negotiations now going on be- zation of the Labor Party play Wall over the Ruhr, one of the big even slightly modifying them, Amer- tween Washington and the Kremlin. Street's game. prizes the Wall Street imperialists ican officials are known to believe, That highly secret discussions are prizes the Wall Street imperialists ican officials are known to believe, hope to win through the Marshall if French cooperation can thereby hearson in his column of July 25. the 80th Congress, with its ominous period being held was revealed by Drew pearson in his column of July 25.

the British drop any talk of nation- Science Monitor. alizing the Ruhr coal industries and the area to America. They argue that British management of the Ruhr is inefficient.

Last week, for instance, a secret dustry cannot revive without a single board for policy and a single in-

Wall Street wants control over the

In return for British concession, ear to the pleas of the British capi- Advisory Board, has announced that tion of the capitalist class. They escape," went so far as to praise talists for more loans under the this board had "no comments on the

be obtained," reported the Washing- The subject is probably the Krem- as a deadly warning to every work-Washington has demanded that ton correspondent of the Christian lin's price for another deal with er. Further delay in the organiza-

What the French are asking be- Plan.

# Steel Price Hikes Will Boost **High Living Costs Still Higher**

The inflationary spiral has been given a powerful upward thrust Under the former coal and steel by the action of big steel corporations who have hiked steel prices prices and the former price strucper of the warden is such that the inmates feared violence and sud- eight already," the prisoners plead. threatened. "Only centralization of by \$5 to \$10 a ton and more. It makes absolutely certain that a new has kept shooting upwards. The wave of price-boosts will follow not only in the countless industries government figures released for

> directly using steel but also in the +most remotely connected branches. of U. S. Steel, who had promised to For the country's entire price wait at least a month or two, bestructure rests on the cost of such fore deciding on the prices of steel. basic products of steel, coal and oil, all of which have now spurted sharply upwards.

### WASHINGTON SILENT

Not a word has come from Washington, although Truman has rekeynotes of his mid-year economic report. Edward G. Nourse, Chair-The State Department's decision even failed to comment on the grabbing is still good.

The only thing that still remains

in question is how rapidly all prices will rise from now on. Truman's economic advisors refuse to make any forecasts, confining themselves to an unofficially expressed hope slowly," as a UP dispatch from Washington, July 30, reports.

### CONTINUE TO GRAB

to expect moderation from any secwill all continue as before to grab

ture as a whole, the cost of living last month show the consumer price index at a new high. Under the new price structure it will head higher and faster.

From the standpoint of future trends, this new development must aggravate the downward trend. On the basis of the previous pricestructure, industry has been declining at a steady rate. The Federal Reserve Board production inthat "the price wave will spread dex which stood in April at 186, dropped in May to 185 and in June to 183. Another decline in July is already admitted. The new prices, There are no grounds whatever which slash still more deeply into mass purchasing power, will act to accelerate this decline, paving the steel price boosts." Truman himself as much as they can while the way for greater unemployment and the ultimate disaster.

# The Elemental Urge To Socialism

By J. R. Johnson

scious expression of the unconscious historical process. That is not mere politics. It is a philosophy, the answer of the workers' port wholeheartedly every colonial their own experiences, think pretty movement to the great problem revolt and passionately wish that at the center of all philosophy. What is the relation between thought and action, between the idea and reality? The book of over the Negro press. But the Negro Genesis, Aristotle and Plato, the Christian Fathers, Kant and Hegel, all grappled with this problem.

Marx it was, who took the most advanced philosophic thought of his day and tied it to the labor movement and the instinctive strivings of workers. To this day, people of education, even though calling of the highest philosophical conclusions and instinctive mass strivings is the key to all modern problems (whether of thought or action) which man has to solve.

The Militant and the literature of the Socialist Workers Party know that the revolutionary socialist attitude toward war has a long history. It was worked out by socialists half a century ago. In 1914 Lenin car- want complete equality in every ried out immense labors to show exactly how imperialism came into in a war for such equality, for combeing, why it was compelled to plete democracy. They are ready plunge periodically into suicidal to support a colonial war against war, why the imperialists themselves imperialism. They do not see how could never stop wars, why labor to do these things, they may vote leaders support these wars, why the Democratic or Republican, and very great body of the workers should often will repeat all the rubbish

#### PROVED ITS FALSITY

criticism of parliamentary democracy, showed how profoundly false trated in them, not tomorrow or was the idea that imperialism went to war for the rights of free speech etc. Particularly he emphasized the need for the workers to oppose all in Africa, in Asia, and in fact, manifestations of the war with everywhere. revolutionary action, to denounce the hypocricies of democracy, for the colonial peoples to revolt for their independence, and for the of the historical process, and it is workers in advanced countries to not so unconscious either. Amersupport those revolts. The whole together forms one of the most ever that the most advanced social logical, comprehensive and dynamic organization in the United States philosophical conceptions of modern society. For Bolshevism is not political lead and looked as if it mere politics, but is a philosophy of life and its politics flow from ness, the Negroes would pour out this philosophy

Now many intellectuals, and a number of workers too, feel strongly attracted to these ideas as ideas. But, they say, the American workers are a hundred years away from all this. We have had two world wars. They have not shown in any way that the Bolshevik ideas have any reality in the United States.

not know where to look. Who are the most degraded, oppressed people in the United States? The Amerbegin with them. What do they think? If we could get a genuine Gallup poll of Negro thought we would find that the overwhelming majority feel instinctively but deeply that these world wars have not

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Scientific socialism is the con- been fought for democracy and that organized labor movement. Since

political fraud of modern times. We will find also that they supthe colonial peoples drive British, Dutch, French and American im- WHAT MINERS WERE SAYING perialists into the sea. The proof of all this is written every week all press, hold these beliefs far more journalists do. Thus, their political found analysis and researches of

themselves progressive, cannot miseries of capitalist society. They were saying was this: "If your war stomach this . Yet this combination react against. Most often it is un- was a war for the people, if there Take the question of imperialist distant seemed the possibility of believe you at all. John L. Lewis war and democracy. Readers of freedom. The program is an as- says that when you say you can't piration, but its outlines are clear pay, you are lying, and we believe enough.

#### BEAR HEAVIEST BURDEN

Today, any number of Negroes sphere. They are ready to fight about free enterprise and four freedoms which they hear from morning till night. But the would-be With this, he developed Marx's Marxist is utterly lost who does not understand that there is concentoday, now, a passionate desire to rebuild society on Communist beginnings, in the South, in the North,

It is the unconscious expression ican Negroes have no doubt whatis the CIO. If the CIO took a strong were serious, as if it meant businow. Of this, the present writer ever. That is the historical process, self-developing by contradictions, very backwardness of their situa-

shakedowns or strikebreaking.

ENSURED FOR LIFE

Scientific socialism is the conscious expression of the unconscious historical process; namely, the instinctive and elemental drive of the proletariat to reconstruct society on communist beginnings. These organic tendencies in the psychology of workers spring to life with utmost rapidity today in the epoch of crises and wars. of workers most rapidity today most rapidity today of crises and wars.

Leon Trotsky, 1949

the ideas of equality under parlia- 1943 the miners have been saying mentary democracy is the greatest in every variety of language possible to them, that they too, in their own way, and according to much as the Negroes do about American society.

In 1943 against the capitalist state, the capitalist war, the mountains of capitalist propaganda and masses, those who do not read the the capitalist democracy, they set up not so much their demands for strongly than the intellectuals and a few dollars, but their union, as an expression of their denial of ideas correspond to the most pro- the values of this society. The miners did not say "We are for socialism, for the reconstruction of This is not accidental. It is upon society on Communist beginnings." the Negroes that fall most heavily Millions of workers very rarely say the burdens, the tyrannies, the such things. But what the miners conscious. But the more strongly was equality of sacrifice, if we they react against the society the thought you meant that after the more they are driven to formulate war there would be a new world, a program, even though in the old then we would not mind working days they put its realization first for the same wages. We could in heaven and then in Africa, so tighten our belts. But we don't him and not you. Therefore we shall strike and strike, and your war and your democracy can see for itself."

> They have acted that way for four years. From many of them has come the bitter complaint: "Why should we always carry the ball?" It means, and I can substantiate this, that if the other labor organizations would only act as we do; we would show coal-operators and government exactly what we think.

#### SOCIAL REALITY

That is the social reality. Just as no one in his senses judges capitalists and capitalist politicians by what they say, it is equally ruinous to take at face-value what workers say. Saying, clear conscious expression is not their sphere. 000 votes cast. He takes the place said, "that to gain their ends, they ganization of a rank and file oppo-But it was Lenin who once asked of Joseph Stack leading spokesman are willing to pit race against race, sition group. But it is becoming the Bolshevik Party to remember for the Communist Party who was and nationality against nationality." clear that unless the opposition is that in February 1917 in Russia, ousted recently on charges of "lynobody thought of socialism. Yet ing and slander." The victory of in a year or so the socialist revolu- Young maintains the deadlock in division of labor. That sheet ran tion in the just concluded election tion was a fact. It was there in February 1917, an unexpressed real- Office is composed of three Curran hatchetman, George Morris, "un- for the Curran forces ity, but so potent and so ripe that when it emerged it altered the his- deadlock assures the Stalinists split the NMU. Joe Curran ordered In this weeks issue of The Pilot he toric course of vast empires and

The idea must become a reality but reality presses forward to meet | ist controlled National Council. in their millions to support it to an idea. So said the young Marx, PAST MASTERS IN LYING the end. For that they are ready clarifying the relation between a political philosophy and the masses. has not the slightest doubt what- The idea is the idea of socialist revolution, the struggle of the party is the struggle to carry these ideas the Negroes forced forward by the to the masses, to reality. But the masses, the reality, are struggling forward to meet the idea. But if the idea expresses the reality, then Maybe, in a sense (oh, these scep- the reality contains the idea, in-They do not see because they do | tics!) that is true of Negroes. But | stinctive, eiemental, organic, unit is not true of organized labor! conscious but there, already, rest-

# Fighting Jim Crow on New York Beach



Picket line around Park Inn Baths at Rockaway Beach, New York, July 26, sponsored by the NAACP to protest discrimination against Negroes. Various labor, social and church organizations participated in this effective fight against Jim Crow. Another demonstration is planned for Sat. and Sun., August 2 and 3, starting at 11:30 a. m. A call has been issued for an opponents of Jim Crow to join this line at 115th St. and the Beach at Rockaway Park on either or both days.

Photo by Jeff Thorne

# Narrow Margin Gives NMU Post To Stalinists

NEW YORK CITY, July 26 - Final tabulation of ballots in the bitterly contested Vice-Presidential election in the CIO National Stalinist machine is bending every Maritime Union gave the post to Stalinist supported Chester Young effort to assure a majority at the terms. The position of the CIO on over Charles Keith, choice of the Curran group.

Young won by the very small pardonable crime in a democratic men and three Stalinists. This mechanical control of the Union's apparatus since all questions not resolved are referred to the Stalin-

In the conduct of their campaign proving that the Daily Worker had ized faction. against the Curran group the supported the various strikes of the Stalinists did not betray their tra- NMU, thus giving them the right dition. Once more they demonstrat- of a friend to uncover "conspiracies" the arts of slander and lying.

peals to the various racial and na- talist courts. tional minorities in the union, tell- STRUGGLE CONTINUES ing them that unless they won

covering" a dastardly conspiracy to Curran seems to recognize this.

lelecting delegates to the coming national convention of the union. The convention. Their continued control of the union is at stake.

The Curran group has up to now majority of 380 votes out of 21,- union." "They demonstrated," he been very reluctant about the or-The literary goon squad on the organized it will be defeated and Daily Worker played its part in the routed. A minimum of organizathe National Office. The National a series of articles by number one would have easily carried the day

the union's attorney to prepare a speaks about the need of organilibel suit against the Daily Worker zation and finances to carry on whereupon the conspiracy angle was the struggle against CP control of promptly dropped. A new series the union. The approaching conof articles appeared written by a vention will give the Curran group lesser scribbler devoted mainly to an opportunity to form an organ-This coming year may well prove

to be the decisive year in the NMU's history. If Stalinist domination of ed that they were past masters in and pleading that anyway this was the NMU is ended, the possibility an inner labor movement affair and of unified action with the AFL sec-The Stalinists made special ap- should not be taken into the capi- tor of the maritime industry becomes a reality. The NMU will have rid itself of a terrible burden The end of the election campaign which is not only costly but whose these minorities they would prob- for the post of Vice-President does treachery and opportunism could ably be driven from the union. not end nor even moderate the in- easily spell disaster for the tens Indeed? Let us begin again with lessly seeking ways of expression, Curran in his column in this week's ternal struggle inside the NMU. At of thousands of seamen who place the most socially degraded of the and striving to become conscious. Pilot characterized this as "the un- the present time ships crews are their faith and hopes in the NMU. Ryan-A Success Story

By Art Preis

pickets on strike at the Brooklyn program among themselves." Trust Company, Stalinist leaders of the New York District, CIO United Public Workers, sent a letter to the Mayor terming his labor politics "sound and progressive on the whole." A few days later, O'Dwyer tried to "outlaw" the strike of the Queens bus drivers, issued a call for strikebreakers and provided armed police escorts for scab drivers.

Catholic Trade Unionists, carried a vicious attack on the Brooklyn Trust Strike in its July 25 issue. The ACTU sheet raised the howl of leaders with "attempting to promote the idea of 'class war.' " To Labor Leader's demand that the CIO national leaders "disavow" this militant strike - the first against a major bank in the United States-CIO President Philip Murray replied by assuring the strikers of the Washington legislative representa-CIO'S "wholehearted support."

The International Association of Machinists, with a membership of more than 600,000, has voted three to two in a referendum against reaffiliation with the American Federation of Labor. Jurisdictional conflicts with a number of AFL craft unions, particularly the Carpenters, still stand in the way of the IAM's return to the AFL.

moguls have again replied to CIO FWAA members will buy fur garproposals for immediate joint action ments only from jobbers and disto combat the Taft-Hartley Act tributors under union contract. well-organized and well-financed with an insistance on CIO affiliation with the AFL on the AFL's organic unity is restated in the July 21 CIO News:

"1. Complete recognition of the principle of industrial unionism. "2. Protection of the autonomous rights of national unions in a new labor organization.

effective labor political action ma- paid holidays, and arbitration for

On the very day Mayor O'Dwyer's "4. Parallel action by committees cops were cracking the heads of CIO of CIO and AFL operating in the Office and Professional Workers same field to carry out the unity

Louis Waldman, who first won notoriety, as, a leader of the yellow Social-Democrats in this country, has worked his way up to a job as general legal counsel for Joseph "King" Ryan's International Longshoremen's Association, AFL. Waldman advised the recent ILA convention to faithfully observe the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law and not Labor Leader, the misleadingly to follow other AFL and CIO untitled organ of the Association of ions in boycotting the new NLRB.

Philip Murray's under-cover antired drive in the CIO has resulted in the recent "resignation" of at least communist" and charged strike four Stalinists on his staff who have served him faithfully for many years. In addition to Len De Caux, whose career as CIO News editor ended July 15, Fred Avila, assistant editor, and Harry Gantt, advertising and circulation manager, have also been given the boot. Robert Lamb, tive of the CIO Steelworkers, has likewise "resigned."

The Independent Fur Manufacturers Association in New York has the "honor" of instituting the first damage suit against a union under the Taft-Hartley Act. Last week the Association filed suit for \$500,000 damages from the five locals of the CIO International Fur Workers of America, because the union's agreement with the Fur Wholesalers As-William Green and the top AFL sociation of America provides that

James H. Rand, head of the antiunion Remington Rand Company, used a ship-to-shore radio-phone hookup from his spacious yacht out at sea, to agree to terms for settlement of the bitter five-week strike of 9,500 CIO United Electrical Workers in five cities. The terms pro-"3. Provision for the creation of vide an 8-cent wage increase, six an additional 7-cent wage demand.

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year and "pickings" are ensured for Any other kind of member is a

not that Ryan will admit it. his status. Occasionally they have OTHERS ARE "REDS" A good union member to Ryan is

"King" Ryan didn't rise to the

Joseph P. "King" Ryan recently came into the news again - this top entirely unaided. To natural time not in connection with mur- aptitude has been added the der on the waterfront, rackets and friendly and often decisive support of influential sectors of society. His success, you might say, has been The absolute ruler for 27 years aided by the blessings of the of the AFL International Long-Church, the favor of Tammany Hall, the good-will of the bosses, and the shoremen's Association graciously permitted his "boys" at the ILA top AFL leadership. live-and-let-live indulgence of the

tion read.

convention two weeks ago to To this has been reportedly add-"unanimously reaffirm" his life- ed a nodding acquaintance with a time term as president of the choice collection of gangsters and racketeers. It is widely rumored that black-jacks, brass knuckles and other mediums of persuasion Other union bureaucrats and have helped him over rough spotsracketeers might well envy Ryan

to go through the motions of being one who pays his dues and "extras" re-elected. He appears to have promptly, votes right when he's told solved that problem. His \$20,000 a to vote and keeps his mouth shut.

Ryan's lieutenants-among whom gangs.

there has been a high incidence of

members requires a mere verbal or- was "Tammany first and labor aftder from Ryan. A copy of the ILA erwards." constitution is said to be a collector's

keep on the good side of the employers and tirelessly lambast the

'reds." The words most closely associated with Ryan's long reign are "shapeup" and "kick-back."

THE "SHAPE-UP"

This means a vicious system of accidents. favoritism by crooked pier bosses Ryan's chief merit to the bosses is working longshoreman is subject to "reds." irregular employment and the

is forced to pay "kick-backs" in one when the longshoremen went on form or another to the pier bosses strike and Ryan flew out to make

lushest field for "pickings." Here strike. Ryan's lieutenants hold sway amidst | The West Coast longshoremen re-

course of rivalry between racketeer There has been a singular--you

mortality by violence owing to close might say a suspicious-lack of enassociation with racketeers—are on ergy by city officials in cleaning up his personal payroll as delegates to criminal activity on New York's the association's New York District waterfront. Perhaps, the answer Council. New York's 771 miles of may be traced to Ryan's boast, waterfront are Ryan's chief domain. when he headed the New York City There is a dearth of membership AFL Trades and Labor Council, that and financial records. Expulsion of the Council under his leadership

Nor does Ryan act without benefit of clergy. It is well known that It is not surprising therefore that the Catholic hierarchy views him Ryan has come a long way with a as a bulwark against "communism" minimum of intellectual luggage. on the waterfront. There was real His program sums up as follows: symbolism in the action of the re-Vote the straight Tammany ticket, cent ILA convention in voting an honorary life-time gold membership card to Msgr. John J. O'Donnell, port chaplain.

"MODEL" STATESMAN

The shipping companies, too, consider Ryan a model "labor statesman." Under his leadership before The "shape-up" is the method of the war, 76% of the longshoremen hiring on the East Coast docks. received average weekly wages of Each morning the longshoremen less than \$25 a week. Loading is must line up for inspection and ap- hired out to loading companies on proval of the dock bosses, who can a tonnage-rate basis. Hence there arbitrarily select the workers they has grown a tremendous speed-up, overloading of slings and numerous

who work hand-in-glove with rac- his strikebreaking proclivities and ketcers outside and inside the union. his firm, not to say rough, methods ILA convention. Thus the average honest and hard- of eliminating union militants or Ryan's life in the past 12 years

whims and abuse of the pier bosses. has not been all pretzels and beer. He is also bled by extortions. He It started in 1934 on the West Coast a deal with the bosses over the New York City's waterfront is the workers' heads and to "outlaw" the

thriving rackets. And in the past volted, eliminated the shape-up, ten years, at least 20 murders have and finally affiliated with the CIO been traced to gangsters who have as the International Longshoreinfested the dock areas and infil- men's and Warehousemen's Union. trated the ILA locals. Since 1940, In 1936-37, Ryan "outlawed" the can do no wrong."

life. At least, that's what the mo-| "red" and a "communist"—which is | five officials of Manhattan Local | East Coast strike, made a sell-out very deleterious to health in Ryan's 824 have been "rubbed out" in the deal with the employers and was successful in beating down-literally-internal revolt.

to organize a militant opposition, that grew to 1,200 members. Panto just up and disappeared, to reappear in 1941 as a lime-encased comse in a frozen clay bank over in New Jersey.

### ROTTEN CONTRACT

Ryan's biggest head-ache came in October 1945, when 35,000 New York and New Jersey longshoremen rose in revolt against his attempt to shove a rotten contract down series of strikes-"outlaw," of course -they nearly toppled Ryan's throne The intervention of Stalinist Harry Bridges, head of the CIO longshoremen, gave Ryan the pretext for terming the revolt a "jurisdictional raid" and defeating the opposition by an appeal to organizational

Today, the opposition to Ryan inside the union lacks a real militant leadership. Among those making bid to such leadership is Gene Sampson, brother of Frank Sampson, O'Dwyers' appointee who took over control of Tammany from the old gang, among whose supporters is "King" Ryan. Gene Sampson made the motion to "reaffirm" the life-time presidency of Ryan at the

But the fact that Rvan felt the need to "reaffirm" his life-term, originally voted four years ago, has its own implications. Kings don't resort to such "democratic reaffirshaky. Ryan's throne is riddled by the termites of rank and file dissatisfaction and hatred. In the not-distant future he will take his place with other ex-crowned heads whose boast it also was: "The King

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# 4,500 Jews Get Another Lesson in "Democracy"

By Evelyn Atwood

For the past 12 days, 4,500 Jewish refugees, among them 1,800 women and children, bound for Palestine, have undergone bloodshed and torture at the hands of the British imperialists that Hitler

could hardly excel. cient American ferryboat renamed ships, the Empire Valour, Ocean Exodus 1947, this mass of tired, Vigour and Runnymede Park for hungry, unwashed people, clad in re-shipment to France. Food suprags, sleeping on boards, endured their hardships in the hope of find- such multitudes. ing a place where they could b gin

and one cruiser — opened up savage ment or of wounds. According to defenseless occupants. The warships who went aboard the Runnymede reduced to kindling wood.

#### SCORES WOUNDED

For more than three hours, while women and children screamed, the murderous assault continued. Twenty men fell seriously wounded, five lay dying, a hundred were injured. William Bernstein, 24, of Los Angeles, chief mate of the ship, with four others in the wheelhouse were attacked by armed British soldiers who leaped aboard the vessel, Bornstein died the following day in a Haifa hospital of a fractured skull. A 15-year-old boy, orphaned by Hitler's gas chambers, expired of British gun wounds. Jewish boys were "smashed down like animals," reported J. S. Grauel, former clergyman and now working with the American Christian Palestine Com-

The damaged ship, in danger of U. S. SHARES GUILT floundering, made for the Haifa The British imperialist brigands port. The ship's captain flashed a are not alone in their responsibility message to UNSCOP (United Na- for this monstrous episode which is tions Special Commission on Pales- only one of the shocking crimes tinc) which correctly stated: "Come against a long-suffering people. quickly, come immediately to Haifa President Truman's crocodile tears to witness a shocking crime against about their plight, his hypocritical by the workers of every country to humanity and international law. request of the British government open its doors. Above all, in this There was never such a crime on to permit 100,000 Jews to emigrate big and rich country, the workers

Unloaded from the Exodus, many crime of Wall Street's government to immediately open the doors to of them in bloody bandages on in closing the doors of this coun-the Jewish and other refugees.

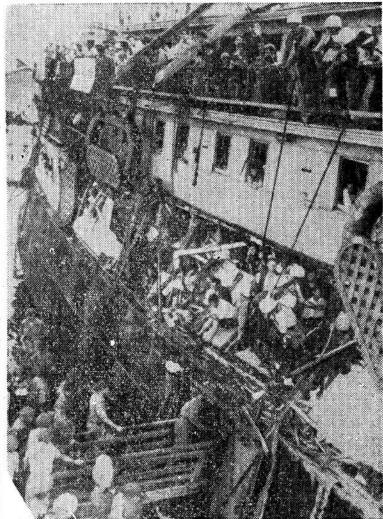
stretchers, the Jewish immigrants Packed like sardines in an an- were ordered aboard three British plies were far from sufficient for

British officials still claim that a new, decent life for themselves the refugees were well treated. The condition of the involuntary passen-About 17 miles out of Haifa, six gers revealed quite the contrary. British warships - five destroyers Several died as a result of ill treatwarfare on the little vessel and its a Reuters dispatch, a Jewish doctor smashed into the Exodus from three | Park said there was an epidemic of directions, enveloping the ship in diarrhoea among the children. But a cloud of fire bombs, gunfire, tear reports about the condition of the gas. Huge portions of the ship were ship's occupants could not be verified, since newspaper men were forbidden even to approach the ships. The wretched people could be observed only through field glasses. Some were peering through portholes. Others were standing on decks which were completely compartmented with barbed wire

So bitterly have the Jews suffered in Europe at the hands of the Nazis and later of the Allied "liberators" that to date they are refusing to leave the ships docked at Port de Bouc, France, and accept refuge offered in France. "The authoritics seemed relieved when the refugees declined to land and the British did not demand a forcible evacuation of the vessels. There was obviously a lack of supplies to care for so large a group," reports the July 30 N. Y. Times.

to Palestine, cannot cover up the must force Congress and Truman

British Seize Refugee Ship



At least three persons were killed and many injured when a British Navy boarding party seized the "Europeon Exodus," Jewish refugee ship outside territorial waters off Palestine. Shown at Haifa with a visibly damaged side, the vessel's rails are lined with throng; of wouldbe immigrants and members of a British steel helmeted picket detachment can be seen on deck.

# Stalinist Line Shifts

the Australian Communist (Stalinist) Party followed a line of class as brazen as the strikebreaking line of Earl Browder in the United States.

In 1945 the Australian Stalinists heaved a sigh of relief when the line shifted to the "left" and they were permitted once more to denounce the capitalist class.

again. Stalinist chieftain J. C. nounced a shift to the right.

The May 20 Tribune, organ of the Australian Stalinists, declared that "Australia's main task today" is "the struggle against economic penetration by the American monopolists.

to expand democracy in our country, and to help strengthen the democratic forces, particularly within what is generally referred to as the Brit-

"This National Front should middle-class people, and patriotic elements among the capitalist class in Australia."

The Australian Trotskvist paper The Socialist, reports that "All Stalinist publications now hammer away on the same note -Down with Uncle Sam! Long live John Bull! The grievances of the Australian workers receive less and less attention."

"The new line means," says The Socialist, "that the local capitalist class is being offered the services of the Australian CP in the vile work of trying to stop the forward march of the

# **Burma Assassinations** Are Aid to Reaction

The assassination of U. Aung San and other Burmese ministers is a symptom of a malaise which the "constituent" is powerless to remedy - a pill to cure an earthquake. The Rangoon killings have majist, already provided a handy weapon to the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL) to crush all political enemies and the arrest

the hospital.

text follows:

The procession of strikers which

When I came to the place of

Huge protest meetings followed; STATEMENT OF COMRADE

thorities bided their time. On June was fired upon by the police on the

5, a day set for another mass dem- afternoon of the 5th (of June) was

onstration, they decided the hour a peaceful and orderly procession

was propitious to strike their coldly which left Galle Face with a police

calculated blow. Although a permit permit setting out the route to be

had been issued for the June 5 followed up to a place called Ralah-

demonstration, the police suddenly amy's Garden on Kolonnawa Road

charged the vanguard of the un- where a meeting was to be held.

the ranks of the tens of thousands M. N. PERERA

of the Red Flag Communists, who can have nothing to do with senseless assassinations of this kind.

Municipality to a standstill. Upon

failing to crush the strikers, Ceylo-

To pave the way for a bloodbath,

of 90 minutes, passed a gag-law,

'The Public Security Bill," em-

powering the police to stop meet-

ings and demonstrations and to pre-

of strikers remained firm. The au-

armed workers, stalled the proces-

even phonographs.

U. Aung San was the youngest strikes. It should be noted that Asian politician and the sponsor of the AFPFL, which at one time had closely collaborated with the Stalinist party in Burma. Aung San had a meteoric career, he came to power on the crest of a wave of nationalism. Thanks to the general strike, organized by the AFPFL, resulting in the complete break- Latest Victim of down of the administration of the country, Aung San's party was summoned to form the Executive Council of the Governor. The acceptance of office had a mellowing effect on the policy of the party and shortly afterwards, the AFPFL broke with the Stalinists and drove them out of office. Aung San was quick to make his peace with the government and accepted on the Indian model the Burma variant of an "interim government" and Consti-

uent Assembly so-called. repressive measures to stifle all discontent. The Red Flag Communists, who seceded from the Stalinist party and who are today more influential in the country than the so-called "communists," were illegalized when they opposed Aung trade union organizer at the dis-San's reforms. By Tammany Hall methods and the employment of the private army at the disposal of the AFPFL, Aung San swept the board in the General Elections which took place only a few months

before. The Aung San regime only a short while ago imposed new re-

means rare in Burma and only a few months back an attempt was made on the life of U. Saw, Aung San's chief opponent

strictions on the labor movement

and issued dire warnings to the

Civil Servants against further

political assassination is by no

CALCUTTA, July 25-Comrade Indra Sen is still detained without trial by the Bombay government the Indonesians. These goods, they in India. Sen is the editor of the New Spark, and as such his arrest is a blow aimed at the party paper. Sen is one of the most brilliant theoreticians of the Bolshevik Leninist Party and one of its But Burma, like India, could not sponsors. For over five years folassuage, even under Aung San's lowing the August struggle he was by the Nazis, stocks on the ex- Brotherhood leader at Cairo, Egypt. leadership the growing unrest of hounded by the Indian police. The change at Amsterdam soared, shootthe masses and like the sun-dried way he withstood the suffering unbureaucrats of old, he and his col- der the old and new regimes is in leagues relied more and more on the best traditions of Bolshevism.

though one of its oldest militants, is rotting behind prison bars. The Bombay unit has suffered very much as a result, as he had been the best posal of the unit. His loyalty and devotion to the unit are incomparable and the Bombay unit owes much to his work both among students and laborers.

In May and June the Ceylonese authorities ran the gamut of meeting I found the head of the deceit and intimidation in their efforts to break the strike of the procession had been halted some distance before the turn to Ralah-Ceylon government clerical workers, who conjointly with other strikamy's Garden by a large concer ing municipal employes, bus and truck drivers, workers in tea and tration of armed police. I was walking up to tell S. P.

Bloody Suppression Used

**Against Ceylon Strikers** 

rubber packing industries, oil sion and then fired point blank into Robins that we intended holding a workers and many others had vir- the milling ranks wounding 19. Of meeting in the garden, when I was tually brought life in the Colombo the five workers in critical condihit two blows on the head and felled tion, V. Kandasamy, a clerk, died in by a police officer. While I was on the ground I was further assaulted For an evewitness account of what and a general attack was launched nese authorities then decided to re- happened, we reprint below a stateon the procession with batons. A ment issued by Dr. N. M. Perera, a little later the police fired 25 rounds member of the split-off Trotskyist on the helpless procession which the State Council, in a record time group in Ceylon and one of the chief was blocked from behind by a large leaders of the All-Ceylon Local Gov-

armed police force. Of the injured ernment Workers' Union. This state- 19 are still in the hospital, five in ment, which has just arrived in this a critical condition. The police took country, appeared in Samasamajist, no prompt steps to attend to the vent the use of megaphones and June 15, issued by this group. Full wounded. Party members had to commandeer private cars and rush the seriously injured to the General Hospital.

#### FALSE CHARGE

The statement that somebody from the procession discharged a firearm at a policeman is utterly false for obvious reasons and has been devised to save the political reputation of Mr. D. S. Senanavake. (member of the Council of Minis-

I charge the Leader of the House with having cold-bloodedly planned the shooting, taking advantage of the information the processionists must supply under the new Police Ordinance amendments to obtain a permit. (End of Perera Statement.) THE AFTERMATH

The government clerks returned to work. According to a leading editorial in the same issue of Samasa-

PAGE THREE

Member of the Central Committee of the official section of the Bolshevik Leninist Party of India, members of whose Celonese section are likewise very active in the Cevlon strike struggles. Antonipillai is a member of the General Council of the All-India Trade Union Congress. Last March he was seized in his rushed to Vellore jail because of his militant activities in connection with the big Madras textile strike. On May 31 he was again arrested. A general strike of 100,000 Madras workers protested his imprisonment.

"The workers have not hand the Ministerial thirst for blood wavered. Workers have not been has steeled the determination of the frightened by the shooting of their workers. More workers are coming unarmed comrades. On the other out. Their heroic struggle goes on?

# **Wall Street Backs Dutch** In War on Indonesians

without prejudice" to the present Dutch . . . will find themselves" in (Continued from Page 1) positions of the parties or their rights or claims.

Meanwhile the slaughter raged in Java and Sumatra as American anks, American planes and Amercan artillery continued to bomb strafe and shell defenseless Indonesian civilians.

The Dutch generals triumphantly announced seizure of goods accumulated for the past two years by said, will be sold on the world marported. Up to now Dutch warships have blockaded Indonesian ports to Headlines on Indonesia take the prevent the Indonesian people from sending their products abroad.

As Dutch troops knifed ahead in accordance with tactics perfected ing up as much as 10 single day.

#### STANDARD OIL'S CONCERN In southern Sumatra, officials of

Socony-Vacuum, a Standard Oil subsidiary, accompanied the Dutch rmed forces. They are in constant touch with home offices in New York. Standard Oil is particularly worried over possible damage to refineries and high-pressure wells as the Indonesian freedom fighters defend themselves.

A column of black smoke from one field rose 4,500 feet high and stretched downwind for at least 50 miles. A United Press dispatch said that Tom Conger, New Orleans, La., field superintendent for the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., was directing efforts to extinguish the fires. He flew in an American plane manned by Dutch flvers.

As was to be expected, the reaction of the Indonesian people to the blitzkrieg has not been reflected in mmediate military victories. But that does not mean the Dutch are certain of conquering.

#### SCORCHED EARTH POLICY One observer who flew over Java

counted 200 fires where the Indonesians had put the torch to warehouses and plantations. There were many more fires beside this, he reported. The Indonesian unions are EVC, which controls 70% of labor playing an important role in carrying out the scorched earth policy. At one port alone, Probolingo, only 50,000 tons out of 165,000 tons of the war. warehouse space remained after Republican fires. Guerrilla activities appeared to be

increasing as the first shock of the sneak Dutch attack spent itself. The N. Y. Times, apprehensively watching the reaction of the Indonesian people, feared "another Indo-China." There, it will be recalled, the French imperialists made rapid military victories but to this day have not succeeded in dominating the areas outside of the port This opinion is shared by Ronald

Stead, correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor. He told how at Saigon, one of the principal cities of Indo-China "scarcely a day passes" without "a homemade hand grenade exploding somewhere within the city limits." Outside the city, nationalist guerillas "range throughout the open country," he declared.

"The anticipation is that the

a comparable situation. "One's impression is that, no matter what high-speed successes are hammered out militarily at the expense of the Indonesians in the coming days, the Netherlanders are saddling themselves with a long and exasperating

REPERCUSSIONS FELT The war in Indonesia is having of American arms against the republic and condemned the Dutch. play away from domestic events. Accounts frequently fill a whole

Sheikh Hassan El Banna, Moslemi 'unfriendly act against the Arab and Islamic world."

At Singapore 19 organizations set up an Indonesian Aid Committee to organize a volunteer fighting force against the Dutch and collect relief supplies for the Indonesians.

The Philippine Government expressed its sympathy with the Indonesians. And the Indian government denied the use of its airfields

to Dutch planes. Workers too are showing active sympathy for the Indonesians. On July 24 the Waterside Workers Federation of Australia placed a ban on loading of all Dutch ships in Australian ports. At Sydney a riot was reported when hundreds of university students and longshore-

men picketed the Dutch consulate. At the big port of Karachi, India, longshoremen unanimously resolved not to handle any Dutch ships.

PROTEST STRIKE In Amsterdam the workers staged

a one-hour general protest strike against the assault launched by the Dutch government on the Indonesians. The dock workers in the progressive E V C federation of unions declared a boycott on all ships bound for Indonesia or loading military supplies or troops. The in the major ports of Holland, proposed to the conservative NVV federation a joint general strike against The Revolutionary Communist

Party, Dutch section of the Fourth International, has issued a call for a full-scale general strike of protest throughout Holland to halt the war. The Dutch Trotskyists have been in the forefront of the fight for Indonesian freedom and for the recognition of the republic.

#### PCI Proposes Fusion To French SP Youth

PARIS, July 25-Meeting last weekend, the Central Committee of the Jeunesse Communiste Internationaliste, youth section of the French Trotskyist Party, the PCI, adopted a resolution proposing fusion with the Socialist Youth which recently broke with the SFIO (Reformist party) because of its opposition to the class collaboration policy of the adult organization.

# Wall Street Has a New Program for The Ruhr

By Arthur Burch

American imperialism entered the second world war with the for revival only to permit England objective of dominating the world. Its immediate goal was to destroy to continue to control this territory. the German and Japanese imperialisms, especially the former, and Thus the Marshall plan envisages to keep this highly industrialized rival prostrate. The fast declining by American imperialism with man-

orbit of the American colossus. the American taxpayer is becoming, more for their hire. England is The United States could then settle restless under the stupendous sums balking at this proposal but she has accounts with the Soviet Union exacted yearly for foreign aid. The been made to understand that the either by economic pressure or war to become just another

Even before Germany was de- all Europe, must be placed on a feated the American plan for its fu- paying basis. ture was announced to the world. Known as the Morgenthau plan, it called for the transformation of the most highly industrialized country of Europe with its advanced technology and its superbly skilled working class into an agricultural community. Blinded by their unexampled arrogance and stupidity, and unaware of the contradictions facing the decrepit capitalist system. the American brigands began to put

conference at the end of the war. Now, only two years later, the American industrial giants with their pygmy brains have finally realized that the fantastic Morgenthau plan can't work. True they American rulers means the scrap- wants to put a stop to the spread of have no serious competitors on the ping of the Potsdam agreement. nationalization in Europe. Besides, world market, but it is also true that There it was decreed that the Ger- the American industrialists want to Europe, a key sector of the world man standard of living was to be own the mines and factories either market, is in shambles. The United the lowest in Europe. Under the directly or through their German States can sell to Europe only if new plan the German economy is Quislings and thus get the full surthe American taxpayer foots the the first to be revived and the Ger- plus value from German labor. bill. The most powerful imperialism man living standards must be raised' Recognizing the weighty argument the world has ever seen is thus in accordingly. No more Ruhr plants of greater incentive for production dire straits because it has succeeded are to be scrapped and transported under nationalization, American imtoo well in crushing its rivals. A to the Soviet Union, England or perialism has proposed an incentive ruined world is its greatest liability. France in payment of reparations. Unlike all former empires this para- STALIN OPPOSED site has nothing more to feed on and must first revive its victims to continue to suck out their life blood.

The economic phase of the Tru- dustrial products as reparations. and make its economy complemenman Doctrine was to provide peace- France objects to revival of the tary to the American industrial matime lend-lease for the world, es- Ruhr steel industry since she hopes chine. But the difficulties facing declined considerably. Although the pecially Europe, America's best cus- under the Monet plan to make her American imperialism are no less Government employes are giving tomer. But with a potentially pow- own steel plants the largest in greater than those it confronted un- evidence of wide discontent with erful Soviet Union remaining out- Europe, utilizing Ruhr coal in the der the now scrapped Morgenthau side the orbit of American imperial- process. Her counter-proposal to plan. It is conceded a minimum of taken recourse to further action on ism there is a danger that these the Marshall plan is that she be \$3,200,000,000 will be required over a large scale. In several governhuge exports with nothing received granted a period of time to prove the next four years, half of it to be ment bureaus brief walk-outs have

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American industrialists are therefore seeking some means to reduce this drain. The world, and first of

plan. It too calls for the outlay of ence with London and Paris on the billions but with the hope that at Ruhr at Washington. the end of four years no further sums need be provided. The money s to be used for the revival of European industry. More specifically it means the rebuilding of the Ruhr, this sixty by forty mile area which is the hub of the German coal, iron and steel industry and the largest concentration of plants in this plan into effect at the Potsdam Europe. Without its industrial potential Europe must continue to do under "socialization" in England stagnate. Revival must begin in

the Ruhr.

Stalin is of course opposed to the building up of the Ruhr under DIFFICULTIES ARE GREAT France into line with the bait of ly an underestimation. additional credit but in the mean-

#### boosting German production. U. S. SELF INTEREST

In reestablishing the Ruhr the of providing the funds necessary United States of Europe.

be gradually absorbed into the orbit of the American colossus. the American taxpaver is becoming badly needed dollar credits won't be forthcoming unless she capitulates to the Wall Street financiers. Cocksure of themselves, the American blackmailers have little doubt of the This is the basis of the Marshall final outcome of the coming confer-

try to these displaced persons.

The Jewish people, like the op-

pressed, toiling masses of the whole

world, will find genuine peace and

security only when the monstrous

capitalist system is abolished. But

right now their hardships can be

mitigated through a demand raised

American imperialism is adaman that the Ruhr must not be nationalized. The English Labor Government has committed itself both to its own people and to the German workers to nationalize the coal and steel industries in the Ruhr. Under nationalization the English capitalists hope to garner their profits in the Ruhr in the same way as they Nationalization was to be a spur to the German workers for speeding up This course embarked upon by the production. But the United States plan of its own, offering higher rations and promising industrial prod-

American domination unless he is | Wall Street is determined to turn | ers' living standards in England, promised a major share of its in- the Ruhr into an American colony, that she can turn France into the poured into Germany in the beginworkshop of Europe. A vain hope! ning to get the industrial revival of such an action was immediately The United States expects to get under way. This sum is undoubted-

ucts in return for all coal exported.

Even if the U.S. financiers suctime American imperialism has been ceed in this ambitious project they forced to postpone the stepping up will be building up their own graveof German reconstruction and has diggers. For the German working agreed to consult France before class is the most industrialized, highly skilled and most politically advanced in Europe. With regained confidence it will play a leading role American industrialists are least of in throwing out the invader and setall overlooking their own interests. ting up a Soviet Germany that will The United States has no intention be the nucleus for the Socialist

# To Right in Australia

During the Second World War open betrayal of the working

But now the line's changing

Henry, on his return from the London Conference of the Empire Communist Parties, an-

"To wage this fight, there should be a National Front, which will be fighting for peace.

ish Commonwealth of Nations

workers against capitalism."

cent figures for drawings on dollar

credits show that the rate of ex-

penditure has increased to such an

extent that the fund probably will

be exhausted before this year ends."

With new hikes in U.S. prices,

which more than swallows up the

few millions saved by slashing work-

this prospect is virtually a certainty.

The strike wave in France has

the "settlement." they have not

taken place. In one case a leader

penalized. However, this aroused

such a storm of protest that the

penalty had to be revoked in the

The most important new move-

ment are the strikes among agri-

cultural workers. In the environs

of Paris and in the rich Beauce

plain, where large landed estates

exist, strikes are currently in prog-

ress. In their turn, the land work-

ers are taking up the demand for

Flouting a recent decision of the

German Stalinist Party to with-

wage increases.

face of a new strike movement.

International Notes

London correspondent cabled: "Re- their posts on these boards.

# **Bombay Jailers**

Comrade Mandekar, the voungest member of the Bombay unit, al-

Comrade Tulsi Boda, the secretary of the Bombay unit, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for having defied the police ban in connection with the anniversary of the Royal Indian Navy mutiny. It may be remembered that the Stalinists backed out at the last moment leaving comrade Boda and others to the tender mercies of the notorious London authorities are convinced draw from all "denazification" Bombay police. Comrade Boda put that American credits cannot be boards in the Hesse Province be- up a political defense in the court On July 27, N. Y. Times of the C. P. officials hang on to dictment of the Congress rule in

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"Today it is no longer a question, as was the case in the nineteenth century, of simply assuring a more rapid and more healthy development of economic life; today it is a question of saving mankind from

Leon Trotsky

### Action Needed On Labor Party

As reported in last week's Militant the demand for organization of an independent Labor Party continues to mount.

The Washington State AFL Convention called for the election of members of organized labor "to Congress and to other public offices (both national and state) in 1948.'

The National Conference of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America reaffirmed the policy of the recent international convention to support "independent candidates" and to work for the formation of a party representing the interests of the working people.

The Executive Board of the AFL Sheet Metal Workers passed a motion urging the AFL Council to launch a campaign for a labor presidential candidate in 1948; and suggested John L. Lewis as a possible nominee.

The motions of these labor bodies are only the latest in a long series throughout the country calling for the organization of labor on the political field. In view of this mounting ground swell of sentiment, why don't the heads of the trade unions get going? What's stopping them from launching a Labor Party?

The fact is that the majority of the mossbacks at the heads of the trade unions are incapable of setting out on the road to independent political action. They still live in the horse and buggy days when they could get by supporting either the Democrats or Republicans with the formula of rewarding labor's so-called "friends" and punishing labor's enemies. They refuse to change this course of political betrayal of labor's

Most of the remaining trade union heads give only lip service to the idea of a Labor Party. They will vote for motions favoring it and even make a speech on the subject on occasion. But so far as taking the practical steps necessary to actually launch a Labor Party, that's different.

Thus the official heads of the trade unions in effect sabotage organization of labor's own forces on the political field.

The ranks can count only on themselves to break through this treacherous opposition. Since the trade union heads are stalling on launching the Labor Party on a national scale, the ranks must begin on a local scale. They must push for campaigns to run union representatives in state, county and city elections.

### Indonesia Appeals To 1776

If ever an appeal fell on deaf ears it was the appeal of Indonesian President Soekarno to the Truman Administration for aid in the defense of the Republic of Indonesia from the imperialist attack of the Dutch colonial despots.

"Just as you in the United States in 1776 fought until you gained your independence." said Soekarno in his radio broadcast July 25, "so we shall fight until we are free. Just as you then rebelled against domination by a country far across the seas, so are we."

Soekarno, unfortunately, was knocking at the wrong door for help. The last thing Truman and his Administration want to be reminded of is the revolutionary traditions of 9merica. It is not the Patrick Henrys, Samuel Adams and Benjamin Franklins who sit in Washington today; no-not even their spiritual descendants.

Nothing remains among the American capitalists and their political representatives of the revolutionary fervor of the Boston tea party and Valley Forge excet historical markers.

The American ruling class of today is the exact opposite of the revolutionary founders of the United States. They are counter-revolutionaries. They deliberately seek to put down colonial rebellions. They are on the side of all the colonial despots, Dutch, British, French, Belgian. They have their own colonies. And they

are in deadly fear of revolution. Throughout the world, the foundation of Washington's foreign policy is to bolster reaction by any means necessary, no matter how costly, or destructive or bloody.

The real spirit of these political representatives of the Wall Street counting houses was revealed in the note the State Department sent the Republic of Indonesia BEFORE the Dutch launched the all-out drive.

This note emphasized the "grave concern" of Washington over the possible "destruction of American property." The note was particularly concerned about possible damage to the oil fields where Standard Oil and Shell have big interests. Any scorched earth policy damaging the highpressure oil wells would result in "permanent and total loss, ruining completely American capital, which means a loss to Americans, Dutch and Indonesians and the world regardless of who

The timing of this note indicates that the State Department was well aware the Dutch were about to launch their war of annihilation. But the only reaction of these capitalist politicians was fear that the torch might be put to the holdings of American capitalists as the Dutch, equipped with American arms, began murdering the colonial people seeking independence.

What could more eloquently reveal Wall Street's views on the spirit of 1776 in this day

The modern ally of the freedom fighters in the colonial lands is the working class. It is only from the workers that the Indonesians can expect help. Let the workers everywhere respond without delay to the plea of embattled Indonesia. The heritage of 1776 now belongs to the working class.

### **Bureaucrats and Cooperatives**

The top officialdom of both the AFL and CIO have recently displayed a lively interest in co-operative ownership of stores and factories. The AFL has called on its members to form such organizations. And the CIO has just released a pamphlet, "Unions and Co-ops," which falsely declares that co-operative ownership "means a chance to wipe out monopolies and production restrictions."

This sudden appreciation of the value of cooperatives can only be welcomed. Co-operatives foster working class initiative in distributing labor's products. Co-operatives foster the independence of the working class, teaching them in practice how useless the capitalist class is.

But these, unfortunately, are not the reasons for the approval now given by the trade union heads to the co-operative movement.

As fast as the workers win a wage increase, the profit-mad capitalists take it away with unwarranted price jumps. The union ranks want an effective program to meet this repeated siphoning off of their gains.

A sliding scale of wages is the answer. As prices go up, wages would automatically follow. But only militant leadership can win an effective provision like that. And militant leadership is a weapon you won't find in the arsenal of top AFL and CIO bureaucrats.

Consequently they seek plausible ways and means of getting around the rank and file demand for a program that will really maintain the standard of living. That is why they have now taken up the co-operative movement. It's so easy to write a pamphlet telling the millions of union members that the only way to lick high prices is to go into business themselves in a collective way.

The rank and file answer should be - good! We are for co-operatives. But that's not enough. We demand in addition a sliding scale of wages right now as the most effective safeguard against skyrocketing prices.

### Stalinists and the Labor Party

The most insidious and treacherous opponent of the labor party movement and genuine independent labor political action is the Communist (Stalinist) Party.

Under their guise of misleading propaganda for a vague "third party," the Stalinists are actually trying to head off the rising movement for a labor party and steer it back into capitalist political channels.

Striking evidence that the Stalinists are attempting to scuttle and sabotage any move toward real independent labor political action was afforded most recently at the annual conventon of the Wayne County (Detroit) CIO. The Stalinists were instrumental in blocking passage of a resolution to support labor candidates. Their chief whip, Nat Ganley, claimed this "would pit capital against labor" and "divide the people." (See story on Page 6)

The real game of the Stalinists is revealed in the July 27 DAILY WORKER, Communist Party organ.

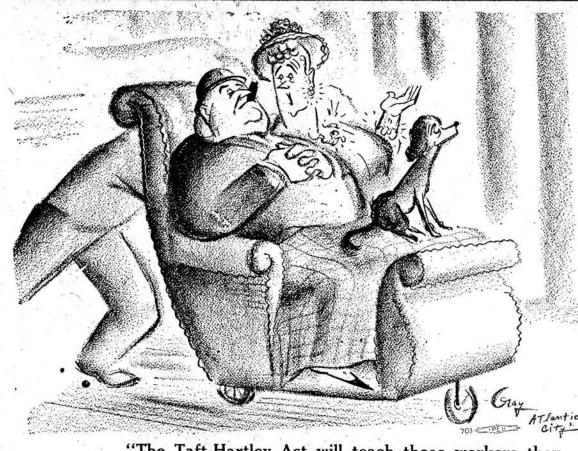
A special article, signed by Milton Howard, proposes a "third party" merely to line up labor's votes once more for the discredited Democratic

The DAILY WORKER says it is most anxious not to "split the progressive vote" and that a "GOP victory must be prevented." It denies that a third party "must have its own candidates whose votes will be pulled away from a liberal Democratic candidate." In fact, a "third party" as envisaged by the Stalinists "would undoubtedly support these candidates running on another ticket."

In short, the Stalinists are putting forth a formula to undermine the movement for a labor party against both capitalist parties and to coral labor's votes once more for candidates of Wall Street's Democratic machine.

The Stalinists want to make another dirty deal with the capitalist politicians. Their "third party" talk is designed in large part as pressure for such a deal But the Stalinists make clear that at all costs they want to preserve the present political alliance of the labor leaders with the capitalist political machines.

It is typical of the devious methods of the Stalinists that they deceive the workers with "third party" talk while planning to lure them once more through a back gate into the capitalist political camp.



"The Taft-Hartley Act will teach those workers they can't be pushing us around!'

# E REVIEW

#### CROSSFIRE

cession to the public's desire for

faith of his friends in his inno-truth. cence. Monty, at last, is felled by For example, the police is por- anti-Semitism as a life problem, as a police captain's gun, when he at- trayed in this film as a force of an integral part of the social struc-

The film, as a whole, is tense, the other example is the fact that a age." soldiers and veterans portrayed in major part of the film is devoted

it are quite real in their restless- | to proving the innocence of Monty's ness and bewilderment, and there buddy, involving various utterly ir-Hollywood has made another con- are a few well-done scenes.

to death. Monty lives in the same where an anti-Semite kills a Jew. murder-thriller plot. hotel in which his buddies, who Even in that case it would be nec- All the experiences of the past are still in the Army, are quartered. essary to show the life and struggle ten years have shown that anti-The film shows, in the main, how of both the Jew and the anti- Semitism cannot be solved by well-Monty attempts to pin his guilt Semite. This would involve telling meaning police captains or propaupon a buddy of his, how the latter the truth. But Hollywood cannot ganda is exonerated with the help of a do it. Instead, as usual, the lie clever police ruse as well as the thickly encrusts the tiny kernel of

None of these qualities, however, There is one instance where the socially meaningful films. In the later the framework of the film, police captain asks a soldier whether which is a murder thriller. Let us he had ever killed a man. Yes, language of the daily press, it has leave aside the failure — probably answers the soldier, where you get "dared," it has had the "courage" deliberate — of Hollywood or any mcdals for it. This is a very good to deal with anti-Semitism on the other institution to bring home to reply. But, like the police captain's the American people the lessons of remarks on anti-Semitism, it re-Monty, a recently discharged vet- the fate of European Jewry. Let us mains a mere appendage. There eran, hates the Jews. In a fit of grant that a lesson can be taught is no organic connection between drunken rage, he beats a young Jew by choosing an "extreme" case, those glimpses of truth and the

For the theater, it would be sufficient to show the truth (it is good. The police captain (one of ture and therefore of the life of The producers found but one oc- the chief actors) is an unusually every man and woman. But Hollycasion to introduce what is pre- cultured man. It seems, to believe wood dares not establish a living sumably their main subject. In a this film, that the police is one of connection between life and antilong, well-acted scene, the police the mainstays of democracy. But Semitism. A film like this is added captain remarks upon the nature of how well the police can protect proof of the intellectual cowardice anti-Semitism, illustrating his point against anti-Semitism may be of the movie-makers, not, as the by citing the persecution of Irish judged by how well it "protects" "liberal" and "progressive" reviewimmigrants in the U.S. in 1945. the Negro or the Mexican. An- ers would have it, of their "cour-

### Congressmen At Work -

# A Job Well Done For Wall Street

Not for an entire generation has any single session of Congress succeeded in dealing such heavy blows in behalf of Big Business against labor as did the 80th Congress, just adjourned.

It was a war-mongering Congress from the word go. Scarcely a day passed without its quota of bellicose speeches and cries for action against the Soviet Union-one of the principal targets selected by Wall Street for World War III.

On May 22, the bi-partisan coalition of Democrats and Republicans passed the Greek-Turkey Aid Act, thereby setting their official seal \$400,000,000 out of the U.S. Public Treasury to bolster up the Turkish dictatorship and the unsavory lied bayonets in Greece.

Passage of this act was taken by the Greek monarchy as the green light for a reign of terror that was still raging as Congress adjourned -a reign of terror that exceeds anything seen even under the bloody Metaxas dictatorship.

On May 31, Congress passed the Foreign Relief Act, making avail- part of the anti-labor drive. First able another \$350,000,000 to help bolster reactionary regimes particularly in western Europe.

can be judged from the colossal budget it approved for the armed forces - more than \$10,000,000,000. Act, by passing the Taft-Hartley gave them colossal tax rebates and This is roughly a third of the whole Slave Labor Act. This measure was expense account run up for all government activities.

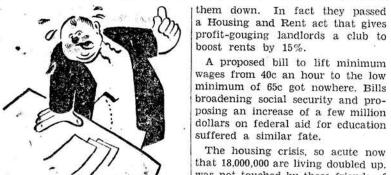
works, Congress passed a bill to test of the labor movement did not perfect session of Congress as Wall streamline the biggest peacetime swerve Wall Street's political repre- Street has seen in a long time. military camp in American history, unifying the Army, Navy and Air crats in Congress joined with the Force in one military department. Republicans to pass the bill over Heads of the Air Force at once an- Truman's veto. nounced plans to have their section of the military ready to fight "by

was brushed aside contemptuously by this body intent on the prepara- to the officers. tions for another slaughter.

Christmas."

to the cry of the Indonesian people Bill of Rights in view of skyrocketfor help against the Dutch imperial- ing living costs was killed. ist aggressor who has launched an The legislative record of the 80th all-out military campaign to smash Congress to be properly viewed their newly-founded Republic.

throughout the world, not only by new astronomic heights, Congress way of direct aid and encourage-did nothing whatsoever to bring



ment but also by way of example. The bi-partisan combination of of approval on the reactionary Tru- Democrats and Republicans reached man Doctrine. This act ear-marked new depths of red-baiting, not hesitating to pillory such a mildly liberal figure as Lilienthal. Truman set the key note with an executive or-Glucksberg dynasty installed by Al- der for a purge of "disloyal" per-"disloyal" meaning anyone whose Un-American Activities. Republicans and Democrats vied in whipping up the red scarce and witch- the plutocrats could note only one hunt.

This red-baiting was a calculated Congress passed the Portal to Portal Act that robbed millions of workers of back pay due them and How war-minded this session was crippled the Fair Labor Standards idential veto. Act.

Then they tore up the Wagner characterized by CIO President Murray as "a step toward fascism." Then in a final blaze of fire- But the indignant nation-wide prosentatives. A majority of Demo-As a vote-getting sop to the vet-

erans, Congress passed the terminal leave pay measure. There was The plea to admit a trickle of 100,- nothing generous whatsoever about 000 displaced persons from Europe this. The money was long due the veterans and had already been paid

A bill to raise subsistence pay-They likewise turned a deaf ear ments to GIs under the so-called

must be placed against the back-The 80th Congress gave fresh ground of the needs of the people. hope and inspiration to reaction Although prices have soared to

them down. In fact they passed profit-gouging landlords a club to boost rents by 15%. A proposed bill to lift minimum

wages from 40c an hour to the low minimum of 65c got nowhere. Bills broadening social security and proposing an increase of a few million dollars on federal aid for education suffered a similar fate. The housing crisis, so acute now

that 18,000,000 are living doubled up. was not touched by these friends of the real estate lobby. Even the completely inadequate Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill was quietly pigeon-

Fair Employment legislation remains as distant as ever, as does legislation to end the poll tax. Although a series of shocking lynch sons on the government pay roll- murders again emphasized the crying need for a federal anti-lynch ideas might cross the views of the law, these racial-minded Democrats bigots on the House Committee on and Republicans saw no reason for taking action.

> In casting up the balance sheet, failure on the part of Congress. The rich didn't get the tax relief law they wanted. Congress did its best, however, passing the same measure twice, trying to get the extra few votes necessary to over-ride a Pres-

> But the rich did not complain too much. After all, the 79th Congress profits are still soaring to new highs. Moreover, Congress kept the heavy burden of taxes on the poor.

All in all, it was about as near a

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## "All Is Confusion," Wails **Leading Wall St. Organ**

Truman's latest Economic Report, heralded as both "optimistic" and "pessimistic" in the daily press, is being subjected to a deal of razzing in the house organs of Big Business. The capitalists like to fool the workers,

but for themselves they want to know the real score. Thus, the Wall Street Journal of July 24 evaluates the Truman report under the headline: "Confusion

Among the Prophets." The 80-page Truman statement, based on the "studies of his Council of Economic Advisers, is "a sort of undistilled witches brow," says the Journal. "It is couched in such vague generalities, its conclusions are qualified with so many 'ifs' and 'buts,' that it says nothing while seeming to say everything."

Although Truman's report is the product of a leading group of government economists, the Wall Street Journal confesses that "economics is not a science in spite of its scientific trappings." This refers, of course, to the "economics" of the apologists of capitalism.

In addition, says the Journal, Truman's report is 'leavened by much politics. Its writers, like the Apostle Paul, want to seem all things to all men."

While Truman's report overflows with optimistic boasts, its findings for the critical reader are not conducive to optimism.

"But if it is the best of times," the Journal explains the report, "it is also the worst of times. Wages haven't been able to keep up with rising prices. There is a 'deflationary threat for the future' but 'recent developments have sharpened the evidence that the inflationary danger is still with us'."

After taking the report apart and listing its contradictions, the Journal concludes:

"In sum, the inquiring businessman will find from the report that while the outlook is 'predominantly encouraging' the road is strewn with pitfalls. We may continue on the present plateau. Or have inflation. Or maybe deflation. The businessman and the Administration can plan accordingly. To borrow a phrase from the first of these reports, the times are ambiguous."

The report has "no evaluation of the data, no discipline in the judgments." What Truman desired was that "however the situation turns out, the report's writers can point back to a section and say: 'We told you

The capitalists are desperately anxious to get some clear-cut, reliable prognosis of the future. And here, after all the gibes at the Truman report, the Journal's commentator ruefully admits that when "asked if he could offer any more penetrating predictions" the "answer, obviously, was no."

Still he complains that Truman's report was "supposed to contain the considered judgments - even if wrong - of the best economic brains of the government. It is doubtful if anyone today needs an 80-page monograph complete with tables just to tell him all

"All is confusion." That is indeed the condition of American capitalism and is graphically reflected in the thinking of "the best economic brains of the government" and the Wall Street Journal.

The contradictions of capitalism are so manifold and deep-going, so appalling for the capitalists to contemplate, that they dare not give a truly scientific evaluation of its course and future. That is the task of the Marxist, the genuinely scientific economist, who is not blinded by the desire to preserve an utterly rotten economic and social system and dares to point out that the "confusion" of capitalism is inherent in it, the symptoms of a mortally sick social system.

## **What Colonial Peoples** Can Expect From U.S.

Among the two and a half billion people who have been promised "four freedoms" by U. S. imperialism, the great majority belong to the so-called colored races. They have observed in their own lands no little evidence the the attitude and actions of the American white ruling class is somewhat less than benevolent.

But there have been several incidents recently inside the United States itself which constitute object lessons to the people of China, India, Africa, Latin America and wherever else Wall Street propagandists have spread the gospel of the Atlantic Charter among the "non-whites."

The American press last week reflected a small ripple created by an incident in Decatur, Ill. A restaurant in that city—the Blue Cow Restaurant—declined service to a party of six persons whom the proprietor took to be

This incident—a commonplace of our "democracy" North and South-would have passed unnoted, had the six offended individuals not been officials of the India government, including Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, personal physician of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Roy, on an official mission to investigate conditions of visiting Indian students in this country, related the incident while he was in Salt Lake City. He called it "an example of the American caste system.

Following Dr. Roy's public statement, Mayor Hendrick of Decatur expressed his surprise and regret. "If Dr. Roy was in difficulty, I am sorry that he did not get in touch with me."

But why should anybody have to ring up the mayor in "democratic" America to get service in some hashhouse like the Blue Cow Restaurant? And would Hendrick have been so distressed, if those so rudely treated were everyday American Negroes against whom this discrimination is designed in the first place?

When the people of India hear of this-as they no doubt will-they will very likely wonder how much faith to put in the good-will protestations of U.S. imperialism which preserves such a system of discrimination within its own domestic borders. Or they may wonder, as will other hundreds of millions of the darker-skinned races. at the prospects held forth to them by the United Nations, when they hear of what treatment the very employes of the UN receive at the UN's capital in New York

Last week, some 1,000 UN employes passed a stiff resolution of protest, addressed to Secretary General Trygvie Lie, asking him to cancel arrangements with the Metropolitan Life and New York Life Insurance companies for UN accommodations at the two insurance companies' new housing projects.

The contract, insisted on by the companies and granted by the UN officials, gives the companies the right to pass on the "suitability" of any UN applicants for housing. "Suitability" will be determined, the UN employes correctly believe, by the color of the skin.

Col. Leon Dostair, a U. S. specialist connected with UN arrangements, opposed the UN employes' resolution, saying: "Is there a single nation where all the principles of the Atlantic Charter are applied?"

The hundreds of millions of oppressed colonial peoples may well reply: "If visiting diplomats of darker skin and the very UN employes suffer discrimination in the United States, the chief power in the JUnited Nations, then there is no hope at all for us in the UN and its Atlantic Char-

# Workers' Forum

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.

# Win Their Freedom

It is too bad the Dutch should go court.' to such measures. I wish they

vested lots of money there and must empty platitudes. He says that he see to it that their investments are can't see why anyone could quarrel class are trying to inject communal terday termed the shooting as taken care of. But just think for a moment about all the profits they have taken out of there. And think of how the making such cliches back in 1940, Indonesians have toiled for them,

for the barest existence. And remember all the time that the national wealth is the rightful property of the Indonesian people, Don't say that those people don't know how to make proper use of The Negro knows better than that. their resources. Just think if some and the highest type of Negro lead-

"American colonials" didn't know how to make any use of their im- ciety of their own people. mense resources and then kept us down in ignorance and subjection. They tried, didn't they? But there comes a time in the life

of a people when they wake up. And at that time I think there will to progress. It is their right to paign propaganda. live as human beings, and the naward to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I will congratulate you on the im- the Negro is about as profound Federation provement in the appearance of the and sincere as his concern for the paper since it was moved from Sat- working class at large. The conurday to Monday. So onward march, to work for a Socialist world! Hartley bill because he held a soft Mrs. M.

Minneapolis, Minn.

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I don't think you have to be told

Irvington, N. J. 29.

### Finds Coles Wrong On Truman Speech

It is with a little hesitancy that Coles of New York, who-in the "Workers Forum" of the July 21 The Militant - approved Truman's street meeting. There was no heck-

Despite his fine background in the labor movement which goes back further than my time on earth; Mr. Coles runs amok in his reasoning: to wit, that a little bit of liberalism is better than outright reaction. Or, to put it succinctly, that been published, sold quite briskly capitalism and all the class hatreds which it breeds can be patched up

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#### Help The Indonesians to become the defender of the work- Scores Stalinist ing class. As well expect a tiger to become a vegetarian.

In Mr. Coles' opinion, "Truman The war in Indonesia is a war for said, and I believe in all sincerity,

They will maybe say they have in- to be worshiping banalities and nayaka. with that. Perhaps Mr. Coles is unaware of

the fact that Truman, far from had this to say when addressing another Negro group, the National Colored Democratic Association: "Before I go any further I wish to make it clear that I am not appealing for social equality for the Negro. outsiders had insisted that those ers (the Booker T. Washington's), (sic) say frankly they prefer a so-

In the light of this declaration, it victim of Truman's stereotyped know that Mr. Truman with an eve should be no attempt to break their toward 1948 is preparing his cam- Trotskyists.

It won't do his chances any harm tions and peoples who have come a to attitudinize now for the record. Federation" have passed resolutions said M. J. Myer, attorney for James little farther should welcome them The Negro people should beware of and assist them into the rank of free the smooth, glib tongue of the capi- art of intrigue and lies that the press at the coroner's inquest into Mrs. Hickman, who jumped from peoples. Their time has come and talist politician who is mending they must be free to progress for- fences so that his path to re-election wil lhave fewer obstacles.

> Truman's palpitating concern for tention that he vetoed the Taftspot in his heart for the working man is so much eye-wash.

ing before the approving gaze of the against Stalinism.

Norman Johnstone Westville, N. J.

#### on newsstands? Why aren't they Brisk Pamphlet Sales At Yorkville Meeting Editor:

The members of New York Cen-

Up to 150 people remained for long periods of time to listen to the as: "They're telling the truth!" were heard.

The crowd was composed mainly of serious-minded working men and speech to the NAACP. However, I ling or other disturbances such as feel that Mr. Coles should be an- often make such meetings difficult. Some 60 Militants were sold. Other literature included "Build a Labor Party Now" by George Clarke and "American Stalinism and Anti-Stalinism" by James P. Cannon The latter pamphlet, which has just

New York

# Betrayers in Ceylon

The Stalinists in Ceylon do not dren and the permanent injury national freedom. These people the right things, namely, . . . 'all differ from their blood brothers of another, shot his landlord, have been under Dutch rule for the people must have equality, all elsewhere in the world. Recently David Coleman, last Wednesday in about 300 years, and now they want the people must have a job, all the they somersaulted into the lap of the belief that the latter was dito free themselves from foreign rule. people must have a trial in a fair the imperialist-bourgeois alliance by rectly responsible for their deaths joining the United National Party, in the tragic fire at 1733 Washburne For a man of Mr. Coles' evident the party of the local bourgeoisie Avenue last January 16. The landwould see their wrong and give up. rich background, this seems to me led by the reactionary D. S. Sena- lord was critically wounded and

politics into the politics of the class "murder" and recommended that struggle. They have even carried Hickman be held to the grand jury communal flags in public rallies.

The Stalinists have openly degrave at the behaviour of the Stal- brother, Percy Brown.

The working class of Ceylon, nilitancy and class-consciousness would appear that Mr. Coles is a and are able to contrast the counter- A LANDLORD CRIME revolutionary character of the Stalphrase-mongering, Mr. Coles should inists with the tested, militant and revolutionary leadership of the

Stalinists have been taught by their Kremlin bosses

Colombo, Ceylon

#### Spanish Trotskyist Enjoys "The Militant"

His address to Congress, pleading I enjoy very much reading both for action against labor (including Fourth International and The Mil- are compelled to live," continued \$100 in advance for a four-room Negro workers) at the time of the itant, which I appreciate for its Mr. Myer. railroad strike revealed his real high theoretical level and for its views much better than his postur- fight against capitalism as well as progressive organizations and indi-

I have been in the Spanish Trothave never seen a paper in our resentatives. movement like yours. I think your good workers' paper.

I have followed with great inter-Cannon on Stalinism and antiabout the crucial times we are now tral Branch of the Socialist Work- Stalinism. I agree that he shows sease-ridden firetraps. It is the in. Now is the time to reach the ers Party are enthusiastic over the the only way, to fight Stalinism and most tragic of many calamities in response to the street meeting they to denounce the professional anti-G. D. held in the Yorkville area on July Stalinists. I translated the best lives, many others suffered injuries passages of those nine articles into and hundreds made homeless as a

When I have read The Militant I very fine speakers. Such comments give it to French students who are studying English in the University here and who are interested in learning about our world movement.

It is difficult for foreigners to women: the kind that our speakers find work in this town; nevertheless hope to get whenever they go on a I know that a workers' paper needs shall do my duty as soon as pos-

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# Grief-Stricken Tenant Shoots Landlord For Fire-Death Of 4

By Robert L. Birchman

CHICAGO, July 22 - James Willis Hickman, grief stricken over the death of his four childied in Michael Reese Hospital on These betrayers of the working Saturday. The coroner's jury yeson that charge.

Hickman, a steel worker, conclared that they have no enmity fessed to Third District police that with the bourgeoisie. A bourgeois he shot Coleman while he sat inwriter rightly declared in the press side a parked car in front of 2724 that Marx would turn over in his Prairie Avenue, talking to his half-

When interviewed by a reporter for the Chicago Defender, Hickman nowever, has only the utmost con- stated that Coleman had admitted empt for the communalists and to him that he had set fire to the purveyors of race hatred. The three story frame building where workers of Ceylon are increasing in the Hickman children were burned to death.

"In Hickman's mind, all evidence pointed to Coleman's responsibility for the burning to death of his four result of fires in Chicago's Negro mitting such conditions to exist, children. This idea has obsessed The youth of Ceylon, organized him until it reached the point where in the "All-Ceylon Youth League he could no longer control himself," unanimously condemning the fine Hickman in a statement to the man children were burned to death. the death of David Coleman.

"At the bottom of this case are Jayatissa Perera, President the terrible housing conditions un-All-Ceylon Youth League der wheih human beings are compelled to live, and particularly the from a neck injury. Another son, Negroes whose situation is even live in restricted areas. The blame for this killing, as for the death of the family of eight lived. the four Hickman children, lies squarely on the inhuman housing in the building for weeks before conditions under which the Negroes the fire. The Hickmans had paid

"I have been informed that some viduals are taking steps to form a committee to aid Mr. Hickman's deskyist movement since 1939 but I fense," Mr. Myer told the press rep-

The story of Hickman is the story paper teaches us how to make a of negligence and callous disregard refused to allow the tenants to fix of court cases, a total of \$450 in of housing and health conditions. It is the story of the horrible slums to make them move in order to posed on the owners of the buildest the nine articles by James P. in which the Negro people are forced to live in dilapidated, di-

## PIONEER NOTES

Particularly since passage of the Taft-Hartley Act, branches of the Socialist Workers Party have found a rising demand for Pioneer Publishers pamphlets on the labor par-J. P. ty question and the need for inde-

other aspects of the workers' prob-

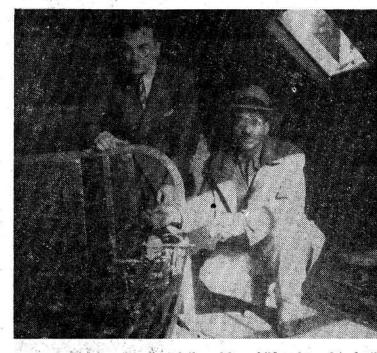
National Committee of the Socialist

Millie Ford, Pittsburgh branch literature agent, reports "Two of our comrades covered a meeting of steel workers' grievance men and Science, 305 Grant Ave., cor. of stewards Saturday and in 40 minutes sold \$7.50 worth of the Clarke and Hansen pamphlets. The meeting was of a type that will be held in all cities with some frequency in the next period. It's purpose was to discuss the union's situation now that the Taft-Hartley Act is in effect."

Pittsburgh has also been selling floor. Open daily. Phone MAin before we were driven away by a

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Where Hickman's 4 Children Died



James Hickman (kneeling) father of four children burned to death in Chicago tenement fire on January 23 and Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party Organizer, examining, the day following the tragedy, the firetrap attic where the children died.

ghettoes since the first of the year. and for such profit-making theory OTHERS BADLY INJURED

Last January 16 four of the Hickthe third floor of the blazing structure, is still suffering from leg injuries. The oldest child, Willis, further investigation, "with emphaalso forced to jump, still suffers Charles, miraculously escaped down worse because they are compelled to the burning stairway and sole exit from the 14 by 14 foot attic where ed that an investigation would be these are active union people." There was no water, gas or lights

flat, but were shoved into an attic cubicle without any facilities for which they paid \$6 a week. Another family of 10, who paid a \$500 to enforce regulations of the buildadvance and \$50 a month rent, ing code, health and fire ordinances lived in a bare basement flooded by have been futile. The city enbroken water pipes, despite con- forcement agencies have limited Winifred Nelson, mailed in 13 substant appeals to the Board of their actions to levying small fines Health. The owner of the building against the landlord. In a series the water pipes themselves, trying fines plus court cost have been imsecure higher rents. The place was ing. not fit for human habitation.

It wasn't a question of money. I ants Union have been on a rent had money, but I couldn't find a strike since the day of the fire, in decent place for myself and my a struggle to force the landlord to about 1000 members. He is now the drive." family," said Hickman, at the cor- put the building in a safe, sanitary oner's inquest into the death of and livable condition.

the tenants, Albert Jones and Den- have been installed. them to get out because the build- are repaired. ing was on fire. Wilson said that a can of kerosene was found later tried to force the tenants to vacate. their prowess as fishermen, it must neighboring anglers.

CONDEMNED CONDITIONS

The coroner's jury in its Feb. 27 verdict on the death of the Hickman children castigated the owners of firetrap tenements, "condemning vigorously the conditions existing at premises located at 1733 Washburne Ave." and added "espe-Inhor Party Now, by George Clarke, cially do we wish to condemn the practice of the landlord, or owner, or agent of said premises for per-

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human lives.'

launched to determine if there were any criminal violations in the to carry out such an investigation. Repeated appeals to the city au-

thorities, over a period of two years, The tenants of the building or-

"We lived like rats in a hole. ganized in the Chicago Area Ten-

They still have no water, no Witnesses at the coroner's inquest lights, no gas. The holes in the quoted the landlord Coleman as roof left by the fire have never ants out of the building "even if water pours into the flats. No fire t takes a fire to do it." Two of escapes or other safety measures The city ver Wilson, testified at that time water department and the utilities

in front of the one-room attic flat He served notice on them so that be truthfully recorded that their the building could be cut up into kitchenette apartments, of course brilliant results at Mid-West. They renting at much higher prices, providing him with a greater revenue. The tenants were served with evic- of small sunfish. tion notices in April. When the case came to trial in May it was ed all the lures Newark had spedismissed by Judge Hermes in Renters Court.

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## THE MILITANT ARMY

# **Los Angeles Score** For Week is 49 Subs

A total of 49 subscriptions were working in a su obtained during the week by the comrades in a UAW-CIO union. Los Angeles branches in their cam- The other subscriber was formerly paign to get subs for The Militant. close to the Stalinists. He took a The scores for the week are as one-year subscription and gave us

South Side Branch 14 subs East Side Branch .. 13 subs Los Angeles ..... 13 subs San Pedro ...... 9 subs J. Blake, Organizer of South Side

Branch, explains how the comrades got the 14 subs they sent in: "Six and I was proposed for Secretary of them were secured by our champ sub-getter - two in house-to-house work and the others as he usually gets them, wherever he goes, from the barber shop to a casual meeting through a friend. Four subs were secured in house-to-house work this morning by another of our best sub-getters, Babe. Three were secured in the shop by one of our ing with you these last two years, steel workers, and the fourteenth Comrade Martin. You have hand-

During the last week of Akron's sub campaign, a reshuffling took Militant Director for Flint Branch. place among the Pace-Setters. All She's already "on the ball" She The jury was unable to decide through the campaign Comrade sent in 5 subs, and promises that whether the fire was accidental or Andrews was in the lead, but the "after we get straightened out, we incendiary in origin. They recom- final report states that "the win- will be able to go out after remended that the case be turned ner is Patrick O'Conner who nosed newals." over to the State's Attorney for out Andrews by one point. The total number of subs is 43. While sis on housing conditions, particu- this is not an impressive amount of that "three of these four subs were larly in segregated areas, affecting subs, the quality is very good. Most obtained by our New Castle comof them have been gotten in the rades and the other by a comrade The State's Attorney's office stat- shops, and the greatest majority of in the nail."

Washburne tragedy and other tene- in 6 subs and briefly mentioned a ment. ment fires. To our knowledge the joint picnic held with Youngstown, State's Attorney's office has failed the proceeds of which are to pay up their accounts with The Miliby Youngstown.

> The Militant Agent for St. Paul, scriptions, "6 of which Comrade Paul obtained in his shop.'

The following report accompanied subs sent in by Fred Martin, Mila contribution of \$4.

"With this letter," continues Comrade Martin, "I will be terminating my duties as Militant Manager. In our recent local elections the offices were shifted somewhat so I declined for the office of Militant Manager. I have had this job for two years now so it is about time for a change. Comrade Carol Andrews will take over as the new Militant Manager. She should instill fresh blood and new ideas into the Militant Department."

It has been a real pleasure workled the job well.

We welcome back El Snyder as

M. Jones of Youngstown explains

The Detroit comrades sent in six Justine Lang of Pittsburgh mailed subs to The Militant, but no com-

Sara Ross, substituting for the San Francisco literature agent who tant. We are eagerly awaiting a is on leave, requests that the full report of this picnic promised branch bundle be increased to 125 copies a week. They are "going to start distributions at the warehousemen's union."

> This week the Buffalo comrades sold 6 subscriptions to friends they work with in the shops.

E. Lambeth sends one last word waukee's Militant Manager: "This about San Francisco's successful s a small number of subs but two sub campaign which was concluded of these stand out as being of very several weeks ago. "Comrade las. high caliber. One subscriber was one of the team captains in our president of an independent union last campaign, is a darn good subin Detroit during the war. It had getter. In fact, she was the best in

# Mid-West Camp is Host saying that he would get the tenbeen repaired. Every time it rains, ants out of the building "even if water pours into the flats. No fire

LITTLE PLEASANT LAKE, July 17 — Each week life at Mid-West Vacation School and Camp is largely moulded by a group of that a stranger, coming down the companies refuse to provide facili- campers from a different section of the country. This week is unstairs at the time of the fire, told ties until the wiring and water pipes | deniably dominated by the contingent from Newark, N. J.

Although many of the eight lines; and, as a crowning sorrow, Coleman, the landlord, repeatedly visitors from the East boast of are drawn up into the boats of technique has so far not produced have returned from their expeditions with no more than a number

cially fashioned; simply played with the bait on the hooks; and then swam off with a sneer. While the frustrated fishermen blame their failure on the bait and whatnot the big ones can occasionally be glimpsed lurking in the shadowy waters of the lake; they tug now and then tauntingly on Newark's

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campfire last Friday evening was marked by a genuinely internationalist flavor. In addition to the songs of the American workers.

The weekly songfest around the

there were contributions in various It appears that the big bass scorn- languages. Two comrades from Boston sang in Italian and two from Newark followed with songs of the people fighting in the Spanish civil war. Some knew several French and German songs-and the final offering was a comic half - English version of a Danish drinking ditty. Upon the insistence of many

comrades, the class in public speaking is being continued this week and will be a permanent feature of the school during the rest of the summer. The course on American history is given in the morning and a discussion group on Marxism and the conditions of U.S. capitalism Contrary to the custom of sum-

mer resorts, we must admit that considerable rain has fallen on Mid-West these past few days. The silver lining to all those clouds is the greater chance of sustained sunshine for those who come these next weeks. There are adequate accommodations still available for the rest of the summer season.

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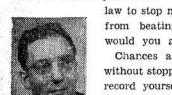
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South of France pendent political action by Labor.

Pioneer Publishers has definitely oioneered in this field and already has several popular works that branches sell in increasing quantities at union meetings and political rallies. These include American workers Need a Labor Party, by Joseph Hansen, 15c; Veterans & Labor, by Charles Carsten, 10c; Build a 10c, and numerous others in which the labor party need is linked with

Another, Fight the Anti-Labor Law, is soon coming off the press at 5c. This is a statement of the Workers Party, which was printed

house to house. "Yesterday, with very little effort, Millie and Eloise sold \$3.20 worth of literature in Room 312. Forums Thursday, about an hour and a half; such pamphlets as Build a Labor Party ST. PAUL-540 Cedar St., St. Paul Now, A Practical Program to Kill 2. Phone Garfield 1137. Open Jim Crow (by Charles Jackson, 10c) and The Coming American Revolution (by James P. Cannon, 10c). TACOMA, Wash. - Meetings every In addition we covered a Stalinist Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Odd Fellows Freiheit (Jewish C. P. Daily) meet-Hall, 6th and Fawcett. Discus- ing on "Inside Palestine Today," with attendance of 35 persons, and sold five Middle East at the Crossday, Odd Fellows Temple, 410-11th TOLEDO - 113 St. Clair St., 2nd roads, by T. Cliff, in a few minutes



would you answer? without stopping to think, you would mild and cautious in tone compared to those on labor."

ers and bosses from beating their wives." Does this sound absurd? Not according to an

This article reports the findings of an exhaustive survey made by a member of the board of applied social research at Columbia University. Seven leading opinion polls from 1940 to 1945 were analyzed,

all point in the same direction. In the choice of topics, in the wording of questions, and in the reporting of results, unionism fails to receive balanced by class-conscious workers: a majority of the polls and impartial treatment.

faults to business. No dearth of questions on unions' movement.

Suppose you were stopped in the street by an in- interference with wartime production, but not one terviewer taking a sample poll of public opinion and on management's hoarding of labor or its self-interasked to answer yes or no. "Are you in favor of a ested delays in accepting Government contracts. law to stop members of trade unions Questions on unions' blame for strikes but not on from beating their wives?" How employers blame for sustained wages or for unsafe conditions in coal mines. The contrast is striking. Even when an occasional poll touches the sensitive Chances are that if you replied spots of big business, the question and the report are

> record yourself in favor of such a Of the 155 questions asked in the 7 polls, "only law. But if you took time to think 8 deal with favorable features of unionism, such as it over first, you might answer: the protection and improvement of the lot of the Your question is worded wrong. I working people. Of the rest 66 are neutral or doubtam in favor of a law to stop bank- ful, 81 are concerned with union faults or propose

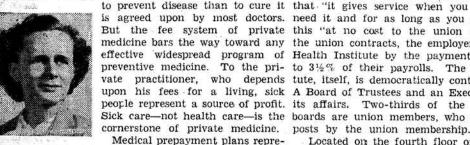
restrictions on unions." The survey lists four "types of bias" in the quesarticle "Are Public Opinion Polls Fair to Organized tions. (1) Questions that offer a choice between an Labor?" published in the winter 1947 Public Opinion evil and a particular proposed remedy, usually a law. (2) Questions that subtly suggest a biased general answer. Thus a Fortune poll asked, "How many labor leaders in your community do you think are doing a god job in representing labor? Are honest in handling union funds?" (3) Questions that are "oversimplified." For instance a poll asked: "Do you think that workers should be forced to stay in a union if Here is the result of the survey: "One cannot they want to resign or get out?" (4) Questions that escape the conclusion that the labor-poll material is are deliberately slanted to get an affirmative reply. blased. It contains many varieties of bias, but they A Gallup poll asked: "Would you like to see labor unions change their way of handling things?"

'The survey confirms what has long been known of public opinion are used to shape public opinion. "The polls taken as a whole are clearly not fair Like the press, the radio, the schools and the pulpit, the polls in the hands of the capitalists are a propa-Few indeed are the questions to bring out the ganda weapon deliberately wielded against the labor

# "A Health Pattern for Labor"

-By Grace Carlson-

ject about which a lot of people talk-but few do 1127 Pine St., St. Louis 1, Missouri.



sent a step in advance of the fee-for-service system, sale and Department Store Union headquarters, the But of the multitude of health insurance plans, sup- Labor Health Institute offers all of the facilities of ported by union, cooperative groups, employers, or a modern health center "under one roof." The latest medical societies, few even make any pretense of and most modern scientific equipment-X-Ray maworker is a good medical risk or not usually takes etc.—are available at the Labor Health Institute. precedence over the ideal of preventive medical serv- On the Labor Health Institute staff are specialists preventive medicine.

of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store systematic program of health education. be obtained by writing to the Educational Depart- for Labor."

Like the weather, preventive medicine is a sub- ment, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union,

The fact that it is better—and easier— The proud boast of the Labor Health Institute is to prevent disease than to cure it that "it gives service when you need it, where you is agreed upon by most doctors, need it and for as long as you need it"-and all of But the fee system of private this "at no cost to the union member"! Through medicine bars the way toward any the union contracts, the employers finance the Labor effective widespread program of Health Institute by the payment of sums equivalent preventive medicine. To the pri- to 31/2% of their payrolls. The Labor Health Instivate practitioner, who depends tute, itself, is democratically controlled and operated. upon his fees for a living, sick A Board of Trustees and an Executive Board manage people represent a source of profit. its affairs. Two-thirds of the members of these Sick care-not health care-is the boards are union members, who are elected to these

Medical prepayment plans repre- Located on the fourth floor of the Retail. Wholeoffering a rounded program of medical care. In these chines, equipment for ultra-violet and infra-red treathealth insurance plans, the question of whether the ment, devices for making blood tests, urine analyses,

ice. Such cooperative health centers as the Farmers in dermatology, allergy, eye, ear, nose and throat Union Cooperative Hospital of Elk City, Oklahoma, the diseases, pediatrics, dentistry, neuro-psychiatry, sur-Ross-Loos Clinic of Los Angeles, the Community gery, gynecology-22 in all. Union members and the Health Center of Two Harbors, Minnesota and others members of their families, who enroll in the Labor have made significant advances in the direction of Health Institute, obtain the kind of good medical care which can come only from group medical prac-But of all cooperative health centers in the coun-tice. Most important of all, the Labor Health Institute try, the Labor Health Institute of St. Louis, Mis- emphasizes sickness prevention and health conservasouri is unique. Set up in 1945 by the Joint Board tion through routine physical examinations and a

Union, CIO, the Labor Health Institute offers a com- Despite the limitations imposed by the shortage prehensive program of free medical care to its mem- of funds, the St. Louis Retail, Wholesale and Departbers. The full scope of the health services offered ment Store Union has done pioneering work in preto the union members by the Labor Health Institute ventive medicine. The union's educational booklet is explained in an attractive, 24-page booklet issued tells a solid truth when it proudly proclaims that in March of this year. Copies of this booklet may "The Labor Health Institute Sets a Health Pattern

# Wall Street's Epic Tuesday

By John G. Wright -

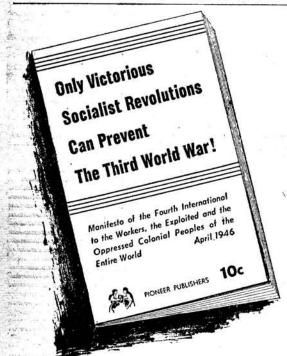
it was noted that the eight-week-old bull market, so high prices. tenderly nursed along, was suddenly sent skidding Some of these operators will return at leisure to on its plump rear. But this was palmed off as "a buy up the very stocks they are now selling at whack, healthy correction."

way of recording and reacting to the steep price-hike farewells, quite uncertain as to their future goings made by the Steel Trust, which will send up all prices. and comings. They are well aware that their ability Skywards must go the price of everything-from to stay in the stock exchange is none too secure anythumb-tacks through to sparkplugs to new oil re- way-what with the dollar shortages and other countfineries. That's as sure as death and taxes and un-less difficulties of their respective governments, let employment, the only three things capitalism abso- alone the projected "aid" of Washington, with the

Tuesday, they suddenly plunged. Only 100 out of Wall Street takes everything of value. 1,072 issues sold resisted this downward swoop. Dig how deeply you will into past records, this drop in are saying: "The higher we take everything up the the stock market in the face of a general price rise inflationary spiral, the greater will be the crash." stands unmatched.

How can this be explained? The rather substantial offerings of blue-chip stocks—as large incidentally as any that have been consistently thrown into the eight weeks of the bullish market-make it obvious that substantial individuals and groups were unloading. Their identity, of course, remains top secret. But it is not hard to guess that they are the very same gentlemen who with their right hands hiked the price of steel-and of everything else.

ions have been turned up many times before. Higher



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Tuesday, July 29 was an epic day on Wall Street prices mean, it goes without saying, higher immediate even though it came and passed without being rec- profits. But these wolves look beyond that. They ognized as such in the capitalist press. To be sure, see the inevitable future consequences of these same

ing prices. Still others, predominantly the foreign The fact is, Tuesday was Wall Street's peculiar holders, were simply and sadly bidding their final "self-help" clause of the Marshall Plan which in plain Yet stocks did not go up. In fact, on this strange language means turn your pockets inside out while

Thus the tickers in both London and New York

It goes without saying that the stockmarket, as the prime "regulator" of future trends, does not play a direct role in economic life. Wall Street can neither precipitate a bust nor conjure up a boom whenever and however it pleases. But its indirect role can prove immense, especially during the initial phases of a downward economic cycle, such as the one in which we happen to be.

A great deal, therefore, now hinges on what hap-In this way, by selling short, a few dishonest bil- pens in the immediate future on Wall Street. Stocks can go higher—easily. Just like snapping your fingers. As easily as did the prices of steel. These people can do anything they please—up to a point and at a certain price, that is. If they decide to take a junket to the moon, up we go-later to descend far swifter than we rose.

The second and more rational variant-from the standpoint of the welfare of their own capitalist system-would be to hold the stock market on an 'even keel," cushioning each downward swoop as production and mass purchasing power reel lower and lower. This would tend to keep the ship floating a little longer. It would solve exactly nothing in the end: but it would at least postpone the disaster; it would at least not aggravate the situation as much as all the other variants surely must.

But who will undertake to guarantee this "rational" course. How much does the welfare of the "whole" -even of the capitalist "whole"-weigh in the scales when there's a harvest of dollars to reap? Contrary to popular illusions the greatest killings are made not on bullish but on bearish markets. With boundless vistas now opening up before the Wall Street gang of raiders, what if the really Big Commandos

succumb to their itching palms? This would give us the third and rather likely

variant: to ride a bear market to the bottom. Finally, other variants combining the diverse features of all the three main variants can by no means be ruled out. But choose any variant you will, the final outlook spells the same: These men, who hold the nation's industries are playing fast and loose with the welfare of the whole American people and indeed, the world.

# THE MILITANT

# DETROIT CIO BODY DEBATES KEY ISSUE OF LABOR PARTY

It Pays to Organize



Veterans who paid a "bonus" to secure apartments at 4846 Sheridan Road win refunds totaling \$1,950. The out-of-court settlement was negotiated by M. J. Myer, Attorney for the North Side Tenants League, (right). Mrs. William Murtin hands out checks to (left to right seated) James Jensen, Joseph Klassman, Joseph Berns and Jerry Weinstein. Other tenants look on.

# Williams Petition Drive Passes Signature Quota

More than 4,600 signatures have ended. been obtained on nominating peti-State Senator in the 23rd Sena- campaign. Workers who are inter- 103 W. 110th Street. torial District. This is 1,600 more signatures than the law requires to place Williams' name on the ballot in the coming election.

The petition campaign got off to a flying start three weeks ago and continued at a rapid pace. Members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party gave wholehearted and energetic support to the camtion among the Negro workers in the 23rd Senatorial District who are anxious to elect a Negro worker to racket. the State Senate.

branch in conducting a vigorous funds for the three-month period Aside from the fact that the CONDEMNED SCHEME campaign for the election of Wil- and longer. It's a way to get in- workers are being docked billions liams in the fall election.

"We are confident that a large number of the workers in the district will cast their votes for our candidate," declared John Andrews, organizer of the Harlem branch of

# R. Williams Flays Jim Crow Ruling

"The decision of Supreme Court Justice Felix Benvenga liams, candidate of the S. W. P. for the State Senate declared in a erator and the other a North Carostatement today.

"New York judges don't hold honorary memberships in the Ku Klux Klan the way they do in the South,' Comrade Williams continued, "but they act under the same motives and are spurred by the same pressures. The savage decision of Judge Benyenga was issued hard on the heels of the resolution adopted by New York's rent-gouging landlords to anti-discrimination laws barring segregation. Benvenga heard his master's voice.

"These laws remain on the statute books, the Ives Quirn Law still decorate state laws with the noble trappings of racial equality. But one decision of a court turns them all into a hollow mockery. Indeed Youth Council of the NAACP, Nathe laws were written with enough loopholes to make such court decisions possible.

"Meanwhile Metropolitan Life is city for Stuyvesant Town that totals isters present at the meeting and \$50,000,000. Negro workers will be obliged to pay taxes for the right of working class and Negro organizations in this city started an action which would force the passage of a law making such discrimination im-

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 23 - the SWP as the petition campaign ested in securing campaign litera-

ture for themselves and their Robert Williams and other mem- friends can obtain it at the headbers of the Socialist Workers Party quarters of the New York Local of tions for Robert Williams, Social- will be heard at open air and in- the SWP, 116 University Place and ist Workers Party candidate for door meetings during the election at the Harlem branch headquarters,

# Federal Withholding Tax A Racket For The Bosses

Federal withholding taxes collected by the bosses from the labor." workers are providing U. S. employers with \$10 billion of interest- two from the Resolutions Commit- who were present contributed nothpaign. They found a warm recep- free short-term working capital annually and have laid the basis tee took the floor. Jack Lesnik, ing to the Convention on any issue. for a wide-spread tax-juggling been no prosecutions for fraud.

will cooperate with the Harlem months, they are "borrowing" these plains. terest-free capital to finance their annually that are being used illicitbusiness inventories and other op- ly for the profits of the bosses, erating expenses.

since the withholding tax law was tax twice. signed by Roosevelt in 1943. But If an employer claims he did not the government has taken an in-collect the tax from an individual terest in it only recently when cer- worker, and his records do not show tain shaky companies could not pay such collection, it may prove imthe government its tax-cut after possible for the employe to prove they sank the tax money in their he paid the tax and "occasionally own businesses.

of the U. S. Treasury Department, Journal. quent Washington night club op- number of instances longer. lina textile mill.

there is a direct threat that work-This racket has been going on ers may be compelled to pay the

an employe may have to pay his The Bureau of Internal Revenue tax twice," says the Wall Street

reports the July 23 Wall Street | Since 1943, the employers have es with a 15% increase has aggrasanctioning Jim Crow'in Metro- Journal, is threatening to "crack collected some \$38 billion of taxes vated the plight of Negro families politan Life's Stuyvesant Town down" on this racket with criminal from pay envelopes. They have in this city. Immediate action to nousing development is worthy of prosecutions. So far it has brought retained these sums in their private relieve the already acute housing the state of Georgia," Robert Wil. civil suit in connection with only bank accounts for anywhere from shortage was demanded by Henry two cases, one involving a delin- one to three months, and in a

Their racket must be broken by ending their career as private tax Both of these cases were civil collectors. This means ending the tax lien actions; but there have infamous payroll withholding tax.

# **Hickman Defense Committee Formed**

was organized last night to destory on Page 5).

Among the organizations repre-Civic League indicated support from

Baptist Church, Ashland and Hast- zens Protective League.

CHICAGO, July 30 - A West ings. Collection lists to secure de-Side Hickman Defense Committee fense funds are being circulated by the Committee.

landlord in the justifiable belief fense Committee. Prominent comthat he was responsible for the munity leaders who have agreed to to present these views should be death of his four children. (See serve on the Hickman Defense Com- named to the boards, the NAACP mittee include Irene McCoy Gaines, concluded. president of the Chicago Council of sented on the Committee are the Chicago Tenants Union, West Side

M. Evans, pastor of Metropolitan fuse to pay 15% rent increases. tional Citizens Congress, West Side executive secretary of the Negro campaign against higher rents and branch of the Socialist Workers Labor Relations League; Willoughby went on record in favor of freez-Party. Leaders of the West Side Abner, vice president of the CIO ing present rents. The Council to receive tax exemption from the their organization. West Side minpledging support, were Rev. V. B. Gerald Bullock, chairman of the sions. Watts of the Progressive Baptist Committee of Racial Equality; Alice segregation. It's time that all Church, Rev. Charles Pumphrey and Merritt, corresponding secretary of general 15% increase is unwarrant- Minister of the Woodlawn AME A mass meeting has been called Socialist Workers Party, and Rich-Michael Bartell, Chicago organizer, paying hidden rent increases "befor Friday, Aug. 15 at the Zion Hill ard Stamz of the Englewood Citi-

County Industrial Union Council, representing 500,000 workers in the Detroit area, took place July 24, 25 and 26. The delegates instructed the incoming Executive

Board to organize a Joint Committee of all sections of Detroit labor to handle the coming municipal elections for Mayor and City Council.

This Joint Labor Committee must also call a conference within 30 days to select candidates and organize the campaign. The spirit of the militant dele-

gations was embodied in the resolution of UAW-CIO Local 306, a local of 8,000 members, to "go on record for the election of a labor Mayor 600, supporting the idea of a labor and City Council in the coming candidate for Mayor, condemned elections of the city of Detroit." sharply the projected scheme of the It was supported by Chrysler Local Detroit union leaders supporting 7 with 16,000 members, and other Mayor Jeffries in the last elections local unions. This resolution be- when he ran against the former came the subject of great debate vice president of the UAW, Richard between forces who want to or- Frankensteen, ganize "independent political action choose to support so-called "prolabor" candidates.

#### SHARP DIVISION

A sharp division occurred on this question in the Thomas-Addes caucus, which dominates the Wayne County Council.. Paul Silver, field representative for R. J. Thomas and chairman of the Resolutions Committee, led the fight for a labor election campaign. In opposition stood Nat Ganley of UAW-CIO Local 155 and a member of the Na- supporting "friends of labor" when tional Committee of the Communist he pointed out that Mayor Jeffries Party. Ganley was the key-note of Detroit had originally been electspeaker for the old Gompers, pro- ed as a "friend of labor." But the capitalist political policy of supporting labor's "friends."

Ben Probe, chairman of the right wing of this caucus as well as the Stalinists, accepted the resolution introduced to the Convention by Local 306 with this difference: The PAC confused the issue and deceived the delegates by adding a simple prefix to one word: They called for pro-labor candidates instead of labor candidates.

#### BECAME OBVIOUS

obvious to the delegates of the Con- of labor." vention when Erwin Baur, UAW-CIO Local 306, pointed out that carried the day by a 2-1 vote. How-Mayor Jeffries of Detroit could be ever, the issue will finally have to endorsed by the labor movement be determined at the Joint Labor under the pro-labor phrase of the Conference to be held in thirty PAC's report. Mayor Jeffrics had days. This much the militant delealready spoken to the Convention. gates won. In his greetings, he had stated that | For some years now a number of he was pro-labor and that all he the Reuther-dominated locals have wanted was some "regulation of withdrawn from the Wayne County

member of the resolutions Commit- They occupied themselves only with tee from Local 306 (later elected as the attempt to elect a Reuther slate Cases of inability to pay the tax a vice president of the Addes slate) of officers, headed by Pat Quinn Since employers are required to funds because the business is spoke for a strict labor slate, point- of Dodge Local 3, former President All branches of the New York turn these payroll taxes over to the "caught short" are on the increase, ing out that in Detroit organized of the County Council. The Addes-Local of the Socialist Workers Party government only every three the Internal Revenue Bureau com- labor and its families represent 80% of the population.

Lee Romano, chairman of the

# NAACP and CIO **Council in Chicago Fight Rent Hike**

drive of profit hungry landlords the lines of the so-called Toledo to coerce tenants into signing leas- Peace Plan. It demands the with-McGee, president of the Chicago Branch of the National Association liles back into their homes, was for the Advancement of Colored also adopted. People.

In a letter to Gov. Dwight Green, the Chicago Branch of the NAACP called for Negro representation on all local advisory boards in rent control areas. The letter pointed out that since

most of the Negro families were low-income tenants whose "rents Hold Last Rites were inflated even prior to today's general housing shortage . . . these at Saranac Lake demanding an end fend James Hickman who shot his Plans are under way for the for- factors make the need for careful

Community Church; Earle Sardon, They authorized a house-to-house Chicago Industrial Union Council; delegates voted to insist upon the Chicago branch of the NAACP; tives to rent and advisory commis-

> In the opinion of the Council a cause they have been forced to services or else go without them." Lewis' passing and his activities.

### Powerful Base for Labor's Own Party

According to the new Directory of Labor Unions issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics there are nearly 200 national and international labor unions in this country. More than 100 are in the AFL, 40 are in the CIO and the rest are unaffiliated.

Pressed Steel Unit of Ford Local The CP'er, Nat Ganley, in speak-

of labor," and the right wing who ing for a "pro-labor" Mayor, sought to confuse the issue by stating that the resolution did not exclude the running of a labor mayor. However, he gave his true political line of capitulation to the capitalists and their political stooges when he stated that to run a labor mayor is "sectarian" and that it "would pit capital against labor and thereby divide the people."

Paul Silver, most clearly revealed the bankruptcy of the policy of UAW was forced to spend almost a quarter of a million dollars in an effort to throw him out of office.

#### LASHED AT BETRAYERS

Silver lashed out at those labor leaders now prepared to betray labor and once more support Jeffries. He reminded the delegates that a majority of the Detroit City Council, condemned by this Convention for their do-nothing rent and housing policy and for their inability to create adequate recreational This difference, however, became facilities, were elected as "friends

The opposition to a labor-slate

CIO Council. Those leading Reu-Two speakers from the PAC and therites who had not withdrawn and CP slate, headed by Tracy Doll, Sam Sage and Coleman Young, carried all the posts by an approximate two-thirds majority.

> DIVISION TO CONTINUE The cleavage on the labor elec-

tion campaign shows a sharp division in the Addes Caucus and will o be continued in the incoming Executive Board because both points of view are represented. The Convention also adopted a

resolution condemning the management-labor committee established CHICAGO, July 30 — The by the labor leaders in Detroit along drawal of the labor representatives from this body. A resolution calling for the formation of a tenants council, struggle against the rent increases, and for the use of the flying squadrons to put evicted fam-

> (See editorial: "Stalinists and the Labor party" — Page 4)

# Chicago Comrades For Homer Lewis

Two hundred comrades and riends of Homer Lewis crowded into a hall draped with red banners to pay their last respects to Homer Lewis, their departed com-

Mike Bartell, Organizer of the Chicago SWP. Ruth Steel of the Committee of Racial Equality and Gerald Bullock, Chairman of the Committee and an official of the Pcoples' Consumers Cooperative, spoke in honor of his memory.

The Reverend Archibald Carey, the Congress of Racial Equality; ed. The tenants have actually been Church and Third Ward Alderman, officiated at the services.

Both the Negro and daily press supply cleaning, repairing and other took prominent notice of Homer