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CONGRESS SPECIAL SESSION WON'T HALI HIGH PRICES OR AID HUNGRY EUROPEANS

A Labor Program for Congress

- An Editorial

getting together in a special session to push through the pro- OLIES. gram of Big Business.

to draft and fight for an independent program in the interests these industries, eliminate private profit and operate them unof the working people.

When Wall Street's Congress meets in Washington on Mov. 17, it should be confronted with the representative voice | measures that would really ensure aid for the hungry. and might of the American people. That voice and might can best be expressed through a CONGRESS OF LABOR-a

There in Washington, on the very doorsteps of Wall black markets. A Congress of Labor should demand: Street's Congress, the men and women who truly speak for labor should meet, draft their demands and organize action.

lem of the American people-high prices.

Truman dared not ignore this problem in his call for a special session. But only an idiot can believe that Wall Street's Congress-which passed the Taft-Hartley Law, killed price occupied Europe would be to take the burden of foreign miliand rent controls, reduced corporation profits taxes-will willingly lift a finger against the profiteers and price-gougers.

A representative Congress of Labor should counterpose its own program to the program that serves only the profit- OWN DESTINIES. interests of the few. This program would include:

1. PRICE CONTROL THROUGH COMMITTEES OF ORGANIZATIONS.

These mass committees should fix price ceilings, ration scarce necessities, confiscate food and other goods hoarded for that the fundamental job is to destroy Wall Street's political speculative purposes. They should examine the books and monopoly. It should launch the campaign for independent porecords of the corporations, and expose all fraudulent and prof- litical action through a Labor Party. It should run its own iteering practices. They should press for the imprisonment of candidates and build its own party. It should fight to kick price-extortionists.

ALL FOOD-PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AS A FIRST women from labor's own ranks.

New Jersey Meeting

Of Communist Party

NEWARK, Oct. 29-Strongly denouncing the vigilante at-

tack which broke up a Communist Party meeting in Trenton

last Sunday, the Socialist Workers Party here called on the

labor movement for action to stop the spreading attacks on the

A court order had been ob- and labor organizations against at-

tained by the CP to prevent in- tacks by vigilante gangs and pro-

but police did nothing to enforce The Kingdon Jersey City rally

the order. Several thousand mem- was held, despite the appearance

bers of a mob gathered by reac- of several dozen men who carried

tionary "veterans" leaders broke clubs and tried to intimidate people

into the meeting hall, beat up some entering the hall. In Newark pres-

observers who sought to enter and sure has forced the cancellation of

ernor Driscoll issued a statement leaders, who realize suppression of

giving his implied approval to such democratic rights is an anti-labor

attacks on the right of free as- weapon. State CIO President Carl

sembly, and denying state protec- Holderman today vigorously blasted

tion to a Kingdon-for-Senator rally "the lynch mob spirit displayed in

threatened with a similar attack Trenton" and asked adequate pro-

prevented the meeting from being a hall rented for a CP meeting.

democratic rights of minority parties.

The next day Republican Gov-

ly at Driscoll for "condoning this

suppression of civil liberties. Here

ized Bill of Rights in the proposed

"When the Stalinists suppress the

meetings of their political oppon-

ents in Eastern Europe, that's ter-

rible and a great outcry goes up

about it here. But when the same

way to being considered a crime.

in Jersey City that night.

upholds these violations.

terference with its meeting, fascist hoodlums."

The SWP statement struck sharp- ing in Newark.

The Republican and Democratic members of Congress are | STEP TOWARD NATIONALIZATION OF ALL MONOP-

Private monopolies of food-processing and other basic The members of organized labor should also get together industries must be smashed. The government should seize der the control of the workers themselves.

At the same time, a Congress of Labor should press for

Money and supplies that Wall Street's Congress sends to Europe are not intended for the people. They go to dictagrass roots assembly of elected delegates from all labor organi- torial regimes, controlled by the rich, which are oppressing the zations CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and independents. people. They are swallowed up by military machines and the

1. LET THE TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER WORK-ERS' ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE SUPERVISE They should deal first of all with the most burning prob- LOANS TO FEED THE PEOPLE AND DISTRIBUTE ALL SUPPLIES. SEND AID WITHOUT POLITICAL

DISCRIMINATON TO THE NEEDY OF ALL LANDS. The greatest immediate aid we could give the people of

tary occupation from their backs. That means: 2. WITHDRAW ALL OCCUPATION TROOPS AND LET THE EUROPEAN PEOPLES WORK OUT THEIR

To achieve labor's program, a Congress of Labor should mobilize the workers in militant action on a nation-wide scale THE UNIONS, CONSUMERS GROUPS AND FARMERS through mass meetings, mass committees of pressure on Congressmen, mass demonstrations.

At the same time, a Congress of Labor should recognize out the Democratic and Republican agents of Wall Street in 2. EXPROPRIATION AND NATIONALIZATION OF Washington and replace them with tried and trusted men and

Local Rent Boards

Real estate and business inter-

ests control most of the local rent

boards set up under the Rent De-

control Act. These boards are em-

powered to recommend rent boosts

or decontrol of rents altogether in

An analysis of the membership

of 179 rent boards in heavily

populated areas shows they are

dominated by 449 landlords, real

estate men, business executives,

bankers, corporation lawyers and

insurance representatives, Only

57 labor spokesmen have been

Out of 10 members on the Chi-

cago board, there are three real

estate agents, one insurance

agent, one lawyer, one merchant,

one YMCA secretary, a foundry

owner and one union man. Los

Angeles has four retired business-

men, one real estate agent. Louis-

ville has two lawyers, two real

estate agents, one landlord. St.

Louis has two real estate men, an

automoible dealer, a lawyer and

their areas.

appointed.

one union man.

These are typical.

The Chief Client for "Aid"



Back in September the CIO News said that if prices continue to rise the workers will be forced to demand more wages.

Last week the AFL, in its current Economic Survey, voiced the same view. It stated that prices have so outstripped previous wage gains that a "third round" of wage raises has Union. become "a must."

their living standards is to fight for proportion to rising prices. more wages.

leaders doing about it—besides per-

need for more wages? Last month both these organizations held national conventions. They solmenly resolved that prices are getting terrible. They complained about the inaction of the government. But they seemed to have dropped the word "wages"

A national fight for a substantial vage increase must be made. Every day's delay means a wider gap between present money wages and

But it must be recognized that another round of fixed wage in-It will not protect them from future

This is what worries most workers. They won important wage gains in 1946 through tremendous strike struggles. During the past year, they were forced to demand a "second round" of raises. Now they must demand a "third round." Will they have to fight for a

flation when they limit their demands to fixed wage gains.

ESCALATOR CLAUSE labor movement therefore raise an additional and

Most workers will say "Amen!" to that. You don't have to be very sharp to know that when prices rise more than cost-of-living bonus principle, also pay the basic scale plus 10 cents known as the escalator or sliding more per hour. going up faster than ever—the wage scale, provides for supple- This is the type of demand the only way the workers can protect ments to regular wages in direct New York Building Trades Council

has counterposed to the employers' The employer is automatically demand for a three-year wage But what are the AFL and CIO required by contract, at regular freeze. A similar cost-of-living demonthly or quarterly intervals, to mand was raised last year by the mitting publication of a couple of pay a wage bonus in line with CIO Packinghouse Workers. obscure literary references to the higher living costs. Thus, if the Let the whole union movement expect to push through not only being paved for a recession or

then raise 10%, the employer must banner as a fighting slogan.

police wielding rifle butts.

Truman, GOP Speed Up Wall Street's Program To Bolster Dictators

By Art Preis

Truman has called a special session of Congress, starting Nov. 17, to speed up Wall Street's program for bolstering capitalist reaction in Europe. At the same time he has thrown a bons to the American people by promising to place be-

fore Congress a program on price inflation, 'Fortune' Poll Shows the details of which he has not yet revealed.

Despite bilions already poured into the U.S.-dominated countries of Europe, the rotten and tottering capitalist economies of France, Italy, etc., are on the verge of collapse.

The swift pace of this disintegration abroad is accelerated by the soaring inflation in this country. Rising prices of American goods have drastically curtailed foreign purchases from the U.S. and quickly eaten up previous American loans to bankrupt and war-ruined coun-

In return, American capitalist economy, which has shown huge cracks and fissures since the end of the war, would be dangerously shaken and undermined by a collapse in the western European

This two-fold prospect has thoroughly alarmed American Big Business and its government. They are especially concerned because of the effects upon Wall Street's plans to dominate the world.

IMPAIR SCHEME

strong European base for the plan- special session. ned atomic war against the Soviet

ernment to rush through the Mar- people and make them more will shall Plan and "stop-gap aid" with- ing to accept his real aim - mor out further delay. Both Republi- and quicker aid to reactionary cans and Democrats are complying regimes under the thumb of Wash

The Republicans, who were delaying action with a pinch-penny atti- what Truman intends to propos tude, have stepped promptly into on prices. In his radio speech o line at the crack of Wall Street's the special session, he stressed th whip. They have announced, peril of unrestrained price inflathrough Senator Taft, that they tion and warned that "the road" basic wage is \$1 an hour, and prices now inscribe this demand on its the "stop-gap" program but the depression." He was utterly vague, whole Marshall Plan by Dec. 19.

Wide Fear of Future

The latest poll taken by Fortune magazine reports that 50% of the farmers and 67% of the factory workers queried find it harder to "make ends meet" than six months ago. Of the general population only 33% reported it th same; while 5% found it easier and 4% had no opinion.

Apprehension over the future is widespread. 51% of those polled expect there will be fewer job six months from now than today, 25% thought there might be the same number of jobs; while 13% believed more jobs are around the corner, and 11% ha no opinion.

As for a depression within two years, 57% considered it "likely! 25% "unlikely", and 18% had no

Thus, virtually the entire Congre is regimented behind Wall Street's basic program of imperialist work domination and conquest.

Although the impelling aim Truman's call for a special sess is to prop up capitalist despotism in western Europe, he felt com pelled to hitch his "aid to free na-Capitalist economic crisis in west- tions" program to a demagogic ern Europe, with its inevitable ac- promise of action on price inflation companiment of working class re- at home. This is the gravest an volts against unemployment and most immediate concern of the starvation, would seriously impair American people. Truman did no Wall Street's scheme to build a dare to ignore it in any call for a

Truman threw in his promise of action on prices to better justify the Wall Street has ordered the gov- special session in the eyes of the

But nobody knows as yet, just ' (Continued on Page 2)

By Joseph Hansen

France is faced with the gravest threat of a fascist seiz- action in the streets. higher wages to be carried from the ure of power since 1936. Gen-Wall Street's stamp of ap-American Big Business behind him, this French version of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco is now brazenly encouraging his motley following of

DE GAULLE

De Gaulle followed up his gains sentative." in the elections of Oct. 19 and 26 by a dictatorial demand for the imroyalists, avowed fascists, police tary forms to pave their way to dictatorship.

sons might profess to find in a of Premier "early this winter" a constitutional text to retard the op- constitutional change would be reeration," said de Gaulle, "would be quired. turned to mere derision." This is an open threat to toss the Constitution of France into the wastebasket if the general finds it stands | question of tactics . . . Some events, in the way of his early assumption of rule. U. S. SUPPORT In the United States, such Big | In office, de Gaulle would end the

Business newspapers as the N. Y. multiple-party system. This would eral. That's the tip off to Wall Times and the N.Y. Herald Tribune fix a one-party dictatorship on Street's lackies that this would-be support de Gaulle's ominous de- France in the style of fascist Italy French Hitler is on the beam sa mands. "There is no doubt that and Nazi Germany.

agents, strong-arm riffraff, Catholic | France has arrived at a stage politicians and hysteria-ridden which demands new decisions," said small businessmen to get ready for the Times editorially. There is an two means: (1) barring them from Already a clash has occurred, Gaulle's challenge to the Govern- sociations" combined with capitaleral de Gaulle has received with hundreds of casualties, when ment" and the Ramadier regime ists. This plank in de Gaulle's platalarmed Parisian workers, protest- "will have to bow in the end if it form is directly patterned on Musing a provocative de Gaullist rally should succeed in obtaining a pre- solini's "corporations" in the fascis proval as future dictator. With were attacked by steel-helmeted carious vote of confidence in an As- state. sembly which is no longer repre-

> The Oct. 28 Times printed an interview between its correspondent mediate dissolution of the National G. L. Sulzberger and de Gaulle last Assembly. This amounted to an May which was withheld from pubultimatum to the present govern- lication while the general was in ment to hand over power. That was political eclipse. Its release now the pattern of events in both Italy was clearly designed to tip off the and Germany where Mussolini and capitalists outside the inner circle Hitler took advantage of parliamen- on the real score about de Gaulle.

planned to come to power. For in- we will fight them." "The objections that certain per- stance, if he were offered the post

QUESTION OF TACTICS De Gaulle replied that it was "a

such as those of 1940, show that a Franco. But one thing de Gaulle Constitution can be changed quickly, even in one afternoon."

pendence of the trade unions b "unanswerable logic in General de politics; (2) tying them into "as-

De Gaulle's phrases directed against both trade unions and "capitalist organizations" and the scheme to combine them in "associations" sound like a plagiarism from Hitler's book "Mein Kampf. The same holds for his main plank against "communism." In this interview last May, de Gaulle was already looking beyond the ballot box "Of course the Communists wi De Gaulle was asked how he fight us," he said, "and of cours

"The Communists are not a French party," declared this disciple of the corporate state. Once in power, under the formula of outlawing alien "communism," de Gaulle would smash the labor movement as did Hitler, Mussolini and would not touch—sacred capitalist property. "We must provide for full free enterprise," said the genfar as they are concerned.

he is, parading around as a great democrat on the basis of the liberal-Constitution to be voted on next week, and yet at the same time he Nation-Wide Support

CHICAGO, Oct. 28-James Hickman goes on trial on the morning of Nov. 5 in the court of Judge Rudolf DeSort, 7th creases is not enough. It will only floor of the Criminal Court Building, 26th and California Sts. enable the workers to catch up The state will demand Hickman's life or liberty for shooting temporarily with past price rises. thing happens in reverse in the landlord he held respon-

important states, that's presumably children in a fire last winter. democracy. Free speech seems to be a good thing-in far-off Europe. Here it appears to be well on the being watched with interest by increasing numbers of organizations Local 107-\$10.

These threats to civil liberties

are beginning to alarm some union

tection for the proposed CP meet-

(See editorial on Page 4.)

"If reactionaries and hoodlums and people in all parts of the counget away with breaking up Com- try, thanks to the campaign being Paper Workers-\$100; Local 15, CIO munist Party meetings today, with conducted in Hickman's behalf by Retail Clerks-\$25; Local 44 of the Governor's approval, they will the Hickman Defense Committee Livestock Handlers-\$10; Local 1454 on the morrow try the same gang-Defense committees are being \$10. ster methods against all union and

progressive groups. This is the road formed in other communities, and New Jersey: UAW Bendix Local resolutions demanding Hickman's 153; UE Local 440. "Since the state and police au- freedom are coming in from more. The Defense Committee's fight to thorities refuse to guarantee the and more states. In the last week free Hickman has been endorsed by right of free speech and assembly, alone, moral and/or financial aid all four regional directors of the we call on the labor movement to was recived from the following or- UAW in Detroit-Emil Mazey, Percy do so by forming workers' defer : ganizations: guards to protect minority parties | New York: \$118 from individuals | William C. Stevenson.

capitol of one of America's most sible for the murder of his four appealed to in a Workers Defense important states, that's presumably Detroit: UAW Briggs Local 212-The outcome of this trial is \$100; Dodge UAW Local 3-\$25. Philadelphia: Westinghouse UE

> Chicago: Local 1204, CIO United (4619 South Parkway, Chicago 15). of CIO United Railroad Workers-

Llewellyn, Norman Matthews and more far-reaching demand-for an

Vigilantes Break Up Landlords Dominate More Wages States AFL's Survey

from their vocabularies. CARRY INTO ACTION

It is time for the question of columns of CIO and AFL house organs into the field of action.

rising prices.

'fourth", a "fifth" and a "sixth"? Thats the discouraging prospect they face in a period of price in-

adjustable cost-of-living bonus. The

UAW Bell Local Urges

No. 501 here.

gram reads as follows:

guaranteed minimum.

ture we propose that Consumers

Committees, broad in scope, be set

up under the leadership of the un-

ion movement, for the purpose of

corporations, and searching out the

3. Side by side with the problem

of prices, goes the problem of rents

and housing. Like the other short-

ages, the housing scarcity is also an

hoarded for higher prices.

policing prices by picketing profit-

Dangerous Thoughts" in Hollywood Probed by Red-Baiting Witch-Hunters

By George Lavan

Sitting in Washington as prosecutor, judge and jury is attacked in these committee sessions the Thomas-Rankin Un-American Committee "investigating" are able to cross-examine witnesses who acuse them. Why not? The the movies. The two-bit politicians in charge are well suited meanest pickpocket in a police court for the task of whipping up the red-hunt and grateful for the has the right to cross-examine witopportunity to bask in the limelight. In the name of "Ameri- nesses. In the "Un-American" kancanism" of the 200% Ku Klux Klan variety they violate the garoo court, however, those nomin-

want much more.

The Hollywood "probe" started off

clouds of "a recession or a depres

"Although production is high,

prices are shooting up. Although

nearly everyone is employed, many

items. Although national income

prices are up 18%; housefurnish- tended for speculation.

SIGNIFICANT FIGURE

a conservative figure.

ally be reflected in retail prices."

to admit:

basic civil liberty of freedom of thought, guaranteed by the the American people are too dumb First Amendment to the U.S. to know what they see. KINDLY BANKERS

inue for some time as one of the of Our Lives. The dangerous radi- and all its strong witnesses. chief red-baiting instruments of the cal thought in it, according to the Wall Street-State Department com- witch-hunters, is the portrayal of

Photographers' cameras flash, the Apparently if the committee has its television and newsreel cameras way all bankers must be shown glorifying democracy. grind away. Batteries of micro- only as kindly and magnanimous. phones carry the proceedings all over the nation. Over a hundred reporters sit at special tables. The glare of klieg lights is so intense that many wear sun glasses.

SINISTER SIDE

But whipping up public hysteria the White House and the Kremlin is only one aspect of this Holly- got together, appropriate propa-"probe." There is another sinister side. It is the official be- Moscow were ground out, giving the MONSTROUS CAMPAIGN ginning of a conspiracy to totali- Stalinist version of the Moscow Everyone knows that these mediums of Big Business. But the drive for World War III demands the muzzling of the least dissenting or liberal opinion. The movies as a mass nedium are first on the list.

One might ask what can the capitalist politicians possibly find wrong with the movies? Doesn't silver screen serve its multi- with open recommendation from illionaire owners and Wall Street Representative Thomas to the Hollywell enough? Doesn't it give a wood employers that they fire and false enough picture of the Ameri- blacklist all "communist" employes. can people and their problems? If | Testimony from well-rehearsed wit- that this drive against the movies u that everybody in the U.S. lives no class divisions because poor firls always marry rich men. The egroes are perfectly content-all hey ever do is laugh and sing. In f, such tripe is all that Hollyod peddles. And what can possibly be communistic in it?

The contempt the Un-American the American people can be auged by this charge that the ovies are now chock-full of commistic propaganda. Ask yourelf: "What pictures with comnunist propaganda have I seen re-The answer is immediate, But Chairman Thomas nd his fellow ward-heelers believe

LABOR CANDIDATE



JOSEPH T. DeSILVA,

Endorsed by the Los Angeles Branch of the Socialist Workers Party as a step in the right direction is the candidacy of Joseph T. DeSilva, executive secretary of the AFL Retail Clerks Local 770, for Assemblyman from the 63rd district. Supported by the AFL, the CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods, DeSilva is campaigning as a labor man for election Nov. 4 to fill a vacency in the state legislature.

ated for the blacklist and stigmatized as "subversives" cannot even ques-

many individuals who have been

tion their denouncers. Can't they go into court, then, and sue if the testimony against them is This investigation is important They have listed a large number false or slanderous? Again the ancause of the terrific publicity of movies supposedly communist in swer is no! Congressional immunity given it. It is and promises to con- tenor. Among them is Best Years covers the red-baiting committee

> The victims of the red-hunt are thus deprived of the civil rights now a banker as crusty and tightfisted. being celebrated by the Freedom Train, by all the ads and speeches

> The investigation may end with many in prison. For when a victim The truth is, Hollywood is "loyal" refuses to put his name on the -not to the American people—but blacklist by declaring he is a memto Wall Street and the State Deber of the Communist Party, or partment. When World War II prepwhen he tries to answer more than arations started. Hollywood proves or no to loaded questions, he is duced war propaganda films. When promptly cited for contempt. This has already happened to several screen writers. ganda films such as Mission to

Big Business has set out on the tarianize first the movie industry, Trials, endorsed at that time by the path for World War III. Civil libthen the radio and the press. State Department. As the current erties and the labor movement are drive for war against the Soviet the main obstacles on this path. To are already well under the control Union swings into high, we learn remove these obstacles, a monstrous that Hollywood is already busy pre- campaign of red-baiting and violaparing anti-Russian films as its tion of civil liberties has been going contribution to atomic destruction. on for a year now. It has been But obviously the fat boys and marked by government strikebreaktheir hired hands, the politicians, ing, Supreme Court decisions limiting the Bill of Rights, the Taft-Hartley Act, purges of federal employes, deportation proceedings, and

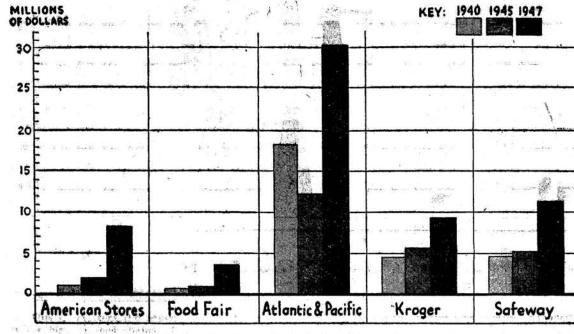
of "thought control." Union militants who hate Stalinism for its betrayals, must realize But neither the unions nor the at the trade unions themselves. | cost of living."

Truman Issues Storm Warning

not empty.

GETTING JITTERY

Profits, after taxes, of 5 Food Chain Stores



This chart from the September CIO Economic Outlook points up the tremendous profits accumulated by the big five food chains. In 1945, for example, A & P's profit was about 12 million dolalrs. Today it is approaching three times that figure.

Congress Will Not Halt Inflation or Aid Hungry

key elements of such a program.

any European were to base his ideas nesses was introduced that unions in is not aimed at the Stalinists, who need for higher wages to protect special call that he is opposed to reaction and the savage war against American movies, he would tell Hollywood were "red". Walt Disney, are the target and the workers' living standards, al- rationing and price control, or any the Indo-Chinese people. In Italy, notorious for his hatred of unions this stage. It is aimed against free though he admitted that "for most other form of restraint upon the the loans will be used to bolster huge and luxurious homes. There and strikebreaking efforts in his own speech and thought, just as red- of our people, increases in income profiteers. At the same time, he the De Gasperi regime which is studios, eagerly backed this charge. baiting in the unions is really aimed are falling behind increases in the proposes to further swell inflation violently attacking the workers and

That he has no effective program flationary spiral — a spiral already De Gaulle, the strongest spokesman in mind is demonstrated by his powered by the huge war debt and of French imperialism. It will go, particular.

for war preparations.

by pouring vast new government protecting the profiteers. expenditures down the rat-hole of capitalist reaction in Europe and AID TO REACTION

Last July Truman's Midyear Economic Report exuded | The side of the picture Truman

optimism. Last week, Truman was compelled to change his have risen, for corporations alone, tone. The precarious state of American capitalist economy, to the phenomenal all-time peak TIMED THE SESSION

Truman timed the special session

hand in the forthcoming Confer- dismantling industrial plants. In a U.S.-dominated western capitalist ties are proceeding with plans to bloc against the Soviet Union.

man's "aid" program are concealed to "feed the hungry." under his propaganda about "feedgans are lies from beginning to

This is not a "feed the hungry" program, because it excludes aid to countries not under U.S. control. It is aid to the reactionary governments of certain countries under American domination.

Two-thirds of the money Tru-York Marxist Labor School will man proposes to spend as "stop-gap open its second fall series of Mon- aid" until next March 1 will go to day night classes on Nov. 17. Two France and Italy, where the workers ine interests of American and Eurosessions will be held at 116 Uni- are best organized and conducting pean labor with independent mass versity Place each Monday night the most extensive class struggles action on the economic and political in Europe today.

has added jet propulsion to the in- nalled by the electoral advances of failure to say anything on the two the scores of billions being spent in part, where previous millions went - not to feed the French 1. He said not a word about the Truman stated just before his people, but to finance De Gaullist

We know what the previous loans Truman obviously intends to use and supplies have been used for the Congressional discussion on in Greece. They have strengthened the contempt the Un-American prices primarily as a means of a bloody monarchist dictatorship foisting the blame for inflation ex- which is today butchering workers clusively on the Republicans. He and peasants, wiping out their orwants to make political capital for ganizations, and torturing tens of thousands in prisons and concentration camps.

> The sums ear-marked for addito precede and coincide with the tional "occupation costs" in Gerdesigned to strengthen Marshall's ance, especially to the program of dismantle possibly 1,800 plants -The imperialist aims of Tru- that's how Truman really intends

> An effective program to halt ing the hungry" and "assisting free high prices in this country and men and free nations." Such slo- aid our hungry fellow-workers abroad will be won only by the independent action of the American people, with organized labor in the lead. It will come only through mass struggle against Truman's imperialist war program and against Big Business profit-interests.

> > No dependence on Wall Street's Congress and Truman! Fight for fields!

however, as to his program to halt of Big Business profiteering that to aid the sweep of reaction sig-

greedy monopolists have been ex-

torting from the American public would be many times more than tased on ability to pay would amply our common enemy.

rent government housing projects

to end the shortages of homes for

workers in general and veterans in

Progressive Program BUFFALO, Oct. 27-A fighting eight-month program for the UAW convention in Atlantic City next month was unani-

mously adopted by a membership meeting of Bell UAW Local As printed in the union's In a word, let the super-profits paper, 501 Organizer, the pro- of the corporations be taxed to the

limit to solve the housing crisis. 1. Inflation is growing steadily 5. Thus far, this program has worse as prices shoot skyward, un- struck primarily at the economic dermining our living standards and side of our problems. The political washing away our past wage in- side is even more import ant. Reachcreases. To protect our purchasing ing climax of its anti-labor trend. power we propose that every union a majority of both Democrats and contract contain a clause calling for Republicans in the last Congress a sliding scale of wages to meet the passed the infamous and oppressive rising cost of living. Thus, every Taft-Hartley slave law over the rise in prices would bring an auto- wishes of the vast majority of the matic rise in our wages; and no American people. Where was lasubsequent drop in the cost of liv- bor's voice in the matter? Neither ing would lower wages below a in the Senate nor in the House was there a representative from our ranks. We stress again at this time 2. On the other side of the pica point long advocated by Local

501: we call for the formation of an

independent Labor Party based on

the trade unions and divorced from

both Republicans and Democrats.

eers, examining the books of the Put union men in Washington. 6. But in order to form a party stockpiles of hidden foods and other of our own, labor's ranks must be scarce goods which speculators have closed. All labor must stand together in one compact, fighting mass. There must be no discrimination of any form against Negroes. Jews, or any other minority

7. Just as Jim Crow and antiartificial one. Who does not re- Semitism are tools of the bosses to member the gigantic outpouring of divide and conquer, to lay down a war materials that was the result of smokescreen to cover up the life unleashing the power of American and death issues facing us, so redindustry? Why cannot the same baiting is a bosses' tool of the same effort solve the housing crisis? It nature, employed by the companies. could ... but "Cost Plus" no longer the NAM and the reactionary labor exists, and private industry refuses haters in the halls of Congress to to move without guaranteed super- cripple and eventually destroy the profits. Therefore the government labor movement. Labor must reject must do it. We must demand low all forms of red-bating.

8. Finally, to close our ranks completely against our enemies, let there be an end to useless factionalism in the labor movement. Let 4. How will such projects be paid | there be united action of all unions, for? The immense profits that the the CIO, the AFL, the R. R. Brotherhoods, and all bona-fide independent unions. Let us stand toenough. A democratic tax program gether in a common cause against

Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

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

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

2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours-reduce tine hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment! vernment operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

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

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

4. Build an independent labor partyl

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

6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!

7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! End Jim Crow! End anti-Semitism!

8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the

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

and war. Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace! Against capitalist conscription!

Abolish the officer caste system! Full democratic rights in the armed forcest Trade Union wages for the armed forces!

Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!

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

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

Transit Control Trusts Seek L. LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27-A slick the name of the holding company,

scheme of several of the big mon- are Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., opolies for organizing a trust to General Motors Corporation, Philtake over the city's transit lines lips Petroleum, and Standard Oil is in the process of being exposed of California. These are all dein the courts here. The trust was fendents in an anti-trust suit by organized in order to buy the products of each of the monopolists, and has been in existence for quite some time now. viewed the class struggles leading

Included in the corporations behind National City Lines, which is

Chicago Opens Forum Series Nov. 23; 'Labor's CHICAGO, Oct. 29 - American

Labor's March to Power is the theme of six Sunday evening disthe SWP Hall, 777 W. Adams.

The series will trace the development of American trade unions and political parties through the last transit commission is balking at the century and will outline future per- request. And it is only several spectives. Forum leaders will be M. | months since they were granted an Bartell, H. Anderson, Bob Cox, Manuel Terbovich, Roy Brown and the transit system. Arne Swabeck, in that order. Open 25 cents per session, free to un-

the Department of Justice. These motor, oil and rubber cor-

porations are financing acquisition of transit lines in all parts of the country in exchange for which they are to have the exclusive rights to sell their products to these transit lines. At the same time that they are

being tried in one court, the transit lines are before a city commission elsewhere in the city, asking for a boost in fare rates which would help swell the coffers of the holding companies. The only thing holding back this

cussions of the Chicago Militant outrageous demand is the wretched Labor Forum, to begin Nov. 23 at state of the city's street car system which is antiquated and in disrepair almost beyond the imagination. So much so that even the city average 20% increase on the promise of correcting and modernizing

It becomes increasingly obvious discussion will follow each lecture. even to those who shudder at the Admission will be \$1 for the series, mention of the word Socialism, that what is necessary here is a government-owned transportation system

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reflected in a galloping price inflation, can no longer be con- rate of \$29 billion a year before taxes. Government expenditures-In his Oct. 24 radio address on his call for a special session federal, state and local—are run- Foreign Ministers' Conference next many, Austria and Japan will cerning at about \$56 billion a year. month in London, where the dis- tainly not go to feed the hungry. of Congress, Truman was Millions of families, says Truman, forced to hoist a storm warn
Millions of families, says Truman, are "doing without." But the cause lords and bankers and interests lords are "doing without." ing and to point to the black of the inflation, he then adds, is and to unincorporated businesses. The "stop-gap aid" program is suppress any working class resistthe "great demand" by these same and rackets. Add the total and you can see

sion" now clearly visible on the people for available goods. Even though his explanation for why inflation is riding the land, ence and lay a stronger basis for Germany alone, the U. S. authori-A year ago the capitalist propa- the inflation is so much hot air why mass purchasing power is gandists were assuring us that and he hasn't even the hint of a shrinking, why Wall Street cannot "more production" would bring program to halt high prices, Tru- conceal its fears of a "bust." prices down. Now Truman is forced man's fears of a "boom-bust" are

Second Series There are ample signs that Wall people cannot afford essential Street is getting jittery. Simultan-Of N. Y. School to eous with Truman's call for a spechas reached a new high, the buy- ial session, the stock market sufing power of many people is shrink- fered its sharpest break in six months. The Treasury and Federal Open on Nov. 17

He cited some significant figures passed the word down quietly to on the extent and speed of infla- the banks to put some check on NEW YORK, Oct. 29 - The New tion. Since June 1946, clothing the huge loans and credit being exings, 18%; food 40%. Over-all A poll of one hundred leading prices have soared 23%. And that's economists with industrial and banking corporations, universities through Dec. 8 at 7:30 and 9. Wholesale prices of textiles are and research organizations, made

up 30%; metals, 35%; and build- public on Oct. 26 by the F. W. As a living guide to action by the ing materials, 41%. These rises, Dodge Corporation, revealed that 75 workers today, the heroic struggles Truman warns, "affect every indus- of them predicted a "recession" or after the American Civil War will try and trade and they will eventu- "depression" beginning next spring. be studied in the first class each Truman's figures, rather than his Monday at 7:30. Instructor Charles The working people are already "explanation," indicated where the Carsten, organizational secretary of suffering severely, Truman admits. real danger of depression lies. Pro- New York Local SWP and former "Millions of families of low or mod- duction is outstripping mass pur- secretary to Leon Trotsky, will reerate income are already the vic- chasing power. Inventories are pil- view the inspiring revolutionary tims of inflation. These families ing up in the factories and warerecord of the American Negroes, are using up their savings. They houses. A point of such glut will one of the most important and are mortgaging their future by go- be reached that the owners will most distorted chapters in U. S. ing into debt. They are doing start to slow down production, close history. In the first fall series of without things they should have." plants. Then the "bust" will be on. the school William F. Warde re-

> up to the Civil War. "Boom-Bust Ahead?" will be th topic of the second class each Monday at 9. Instructor John G. Wright, Associate Editor of Fourth International, will show the causes of capitalist crises, why another de- March to Power' pression is unavoidable and will outline the working class answer -

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30 YEARS AFTER RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

What Remains of the Great Bolshevik Conquest Under Lenin and Trotsky?

By Joseph Hansen

Thirty years ago, when the Russian workers ended the rule of the capitalists in Russia and set up a Workers' and Farmers' Government, the imperialists and their agents throughout the world unanimously predicted its early collapse. Measuring the colossal strength of world capitalism against the feebleness of this infant labor government, they were supremely confident that if it did not wither on the vine in a few weeks, they could grind out its life with a twist of the military boot.

Today the Soviet Union is rated by the capitalist statesmen throughout the world as exceeding in strength any of ciety's production and distribution representatives were subject to rethe capitalist powers of West-of goods. The long-debated program call at any time. They received no Britain, and as second in world vanced by Marx and Engels was States. Today even the powerdrunk American imperialists stand Ousted Capitalists in fear of the Soviet Union despite the fact that it was frightfully weakened by World War II, battered and devastated and hurled back whole decades in its develop-

How to Explain?

How is this extraordinary change in the world position of the Soviet Union to be explained? How was it possible for one of the weakest powers in 1917 to emerge by 1947 as one of the strongest? What does this unprecedented fact in world history portend for the workers, and all plan. especially the workers in the United States? What should be our attitude toward it? The answer to these questions is of vital concern to every working class family in America. Wall Street is now preparing war with the Soviet Union. In Wall Street's blueprint the American workers are scheduled to bear the brunt of that projected conflict. We must decide whether to support these war preparations or whether to oppose them. To reach a correct solution to this crucial problem we must make a careful estimate of the Soviet Union - its origin, its development and where it stands today in relation to the labor movement.

The November 1917 revolution was the greatest single stride mankind has yet taken toward placing our social relations on a rational basis. When the Bolsheviks under Lenin and Trotsky were given government power by the Russian workers an astounded world watched this new revolutionary regime deliberately set out to end the blind anarchy and chaos of capitalism.

For the first time in human history an entire country had taken the road leading to the establishment of reason and order in so-

ern Europe, including Great of revolutionary socialism as ad- more pay than a skilled worker. power only to the United being tried out on a sixth of the legislation. Women, for instance, earth's surface!

ernment instead of the former parasitic stockholders. The general house-cleaning and reorganization included the mines, mills, factories, transportation system, banks, and foreign trade. This nationalization integration of the country's entire industrial system and *its opera-

stricken field laborers and dirt farmers moved in on the giant estates of the absentee landlords, dividing them up, staking out their own farms.

The Bolshevik regime under Lenin and Trotsky was the most demoworkers, farmers and veterans elected people from their own ranks to civilization represent them on the councils that were organized Truth Prevailed throughout the length and breadth of the land to replace the old capitalist government apparatus. These



The new government passed model were granted complete equality. All professions and trades were opened up to them. They received equal The Russian workers took over pay for equal work. Working women the industries, outsting the capi- were entitled to paid leaves during talists and making management re- the final months of pregnancy and sponsible to the new workers' gov- free hospital care. Nurseries, at-

> Marriage and divorce laws were liberalized in accordance with the most advanced thought in this field. They were entitled to a regular allotment in addition to free education while going to school. People asked in astonishment,

who were the leaders of this revolution? Where did they come from? The capitalist propagandists said

that the Bolsheviks were "German spies," traitors to Russia, fomenters of un-Russian ideas. Then they said that the Boisheviks were a manifestation of the dark and mysterious Russian "soul," fomenters of 'oriental" ideas diametrically opposed to everything in Western

But the truth about the Bolsheviks made its way. They were followers of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. They were well known in the world socialist movement as the most unyielding opponents of imperialist war. Lenin had spent years building a revolutionary socialist party in Russia based on the principle of the widest possible democracy in discussion and iron discipline in carrying out decisions. Trotsky, the outstanding figure of the first attempt to overthrow the Czar in 1905, was the most brilliant theoretician since the days of Marx and Engels. He had foreseen the possibility of a socialist revolution in Russia 12 years before and had correctly predicted the course of the 1917 revolution.

Russian Revolution electrified military skill and training. the masses all over the world with hope and the promise of a forced into the useless bloody sac- knowledge of the different layers thwarted. new and better world. In this rifices of the capitalist war, and of the masses, organizes the houseweek's column, I should like to take who have been forcibly separated hold. one example from the records of from the civilian population and the revolution to illustrate why the organized into separate bodies of rich man's apartment, inspects it, gle the workers' state by tighten- various groups trying to obtain dated every possible leader who Bolshevik Party was able to lead men. They have a deep hatred of and finds that there are five rooms ing the economic noose. Credits more than their ration called for might conceivably head the resist-

Wallaces and the William Greens of pressors. 1917 taunted Lenin with the question "Will the Belsheviks dare to take state power?" Lenin simply and directly answered "Yes." What gave him the confidence to answer the "important" men of his time so directly was the fact that he knew the workers, he knew their strength. This was the source of Lenin's confidence. He said we have a "magic means" to make our state work: "This, magic means is to get the toilers, the poor, to share in the day-to-day work of governing the

ONE EXAMPLE

enable the workers' state to funcdistribution of housing. The sim- been explaining the action in the dertake to abide by it faithfully. plicity of the example is disarming. United States, he would have in-Actually, it reveals how the workers' state is not a question of "high" | Negro women, in the detachment. politics but of the very immediate

eessary forcibly to instell some The revolution must unloose the needy family in the dwelling of a cnormous stores of energy in these rich man. Our detachment of layers and we will then be able to because of the anger which an evicworkers' militia consists, let us say, see what eagerness and enthusiasm tion arouses in a workers' neighof fifteen people- two sailors, two they will bring to the reconstruction soldiers, two class conscious work- of society. ers (of whom only one, let us askume is a member of our Party or student, in the detachment. His be sympathetic to the workers' ana sympathizer), one intellectual, function is not to tell the workers ger and may become "infected" by and eight members of the toiling what to do, nor to make the plan sccialism. The capitalists try to poor; at least five must necesarily for them to carry out. The in- guard against this taking place by be women, domestic servants, un- tellectual has a special skill, a speskilled workers, and so on."

manner in which Lenin describes fore is to write out the state order. the personnel of the workers' mili- He writes out what has come from tia. He begins with two sailors and the workers themselves, from the see the difference between proletwo soldiers. These represent the masses at large. armed strength of the workers. In this simple example we have mocracy. We can also see how Starvation and epidemics cut down plan that permits each country to There is to be no possibility of mis- the whole secret of the "magic proletarian democracy is the only millions more. The Bolsheviks were clovetail its productive capacities efunderstanding that, if necessary, means" on which Lenin based his way to solve the current immediate bled white by the prolonged strug- ficiently with the rest of the earth. force will be used. The soldiers and complete confidence and all his problems of the masses.

- By J. R. Johnson -

the capitalist oppressors and they occupied by two men and two wom-When the sly politicians and the have the need to fuse their hatred en. This winter, citizens, you must ment. The capitalists blocked acoffice holders and the journalists with that of the rest of the masses confine yourselves to two rooms and cess to the world market. They and the professors, in other words, in concrete actions which help the place two rooms at the disposal of refused to ship desperately needed when the Bevins and the Henry masses at the expense of the op-

THE VANGUARD

Lenin Had a

"Magic Weapon"

Then there are two class conscious workers of whom only one need be a Party member or sympathizer. These represent the vanguard of the masses. They are the ones who know they can do a better job at their machines than even the best plans of the bourgeois managers can imagine. These are the workers who want to use their knowledge but refuse to use it to benefit the capitalism which only exploits them ever more.

But the majority of the detachcluded Negroes, and particularly This group, most exploited by cap-"The proletarian state finds it ne- to express its abilities and its skills.

Finally, there is an intellectual, a cial training. He can express him- trict, hoping that the soldiers will Note the careful and precise self in words. His function there-

with the help of engineers . . . we build good dwellings for all, you will have to put vourselves to inconvenience. Your telephone will serve ten families. That will save about a hundred hours' work in running to the stores, and so forth. Moreover, in your family there are two unengaged semi - ablebodied workers capable of performing light service-a woman citizen of fiftyfive and a citizen of fourteen. They will do duty for three hours daily in superintending the distribution of products for the ten families and in keeping the necessary accounts. ment consists of the most oppressed | The student citizen in our detach-Lenin took a very simple example layers of the masses—the unskilled ment will write out two copies of of how "this magic means" would workers. And, Lenin emphasizes: the text of this state order and you "at least five" of this group "must will be kind enough to give us a tion. He took the question of the necessarily be women." If he had signed declaration that you un-

> In contrast, Lenin also describes the manner in which the bodies of armed men of the capitalist state italism, has never before been able must carry out such an assignment against a workers' family which has been unable to pay its rent. It requires an armed force to do this borhood against the capitalist state. But the capitalists are afraid that even the soldiers they must use may using soldiers from a distant disbe indifferent to the workers of a

district strange to them. tarian democracy and capitalist de- the battlefields of the civil war eration according to an over-all pressed. The dread GPU secret po-



product of European socialism.

reactionary forces in Russia.

vive against the combined assault tossed in a sea of perils. of the invading imperialist armies succeed in reestablishing its rule in America before the Civil War. Russia. They were not at all hopeful about their chances of being able to hold out a long time, for

A Great Vision

Those were harsh times. But the the regime? Bolsheviks had given the working class a great vision. The Russian workers performed miracles of heroism, forging the Red Army under Trotsky's dynamic leadership in the very maw of war. The workers ing battle cry: "Hands off the Soviet

The direct assault was postponed; "The detachment comes to the imperialist powers hoped to strantionary socialism.

At the same time Wall Street pumped billions of dollars into Western Europe to stabilize capitalism there, strengthen reaction and stave off working class revolution. This policy paid off by bring-

Sinister Figure

It also paid off indirectly inside the Soviet Union itself. A sinister against the degeneration that was figure advanced in the political undermining the workers' state. He same policy of "building socialism arena there, a figure completely unknown outside small circles in the munist Party called the "Left Op-Soviet Union during the first five position." This caucus stood on the years of the Bolshevik regime. The platform of revolutionary socialism. name of this enigmatic figure was

Already Stalin had given the Bolshevik Party trouble with his top leadership. He was bitter, ruth- the bureaucracy. less and ambitious - prepared to hew his way to power with a bloody

Red Army over the imperialist in- socialism over capitalism rests in the books. The workers long ago vaders and their quislings had by the fact that it can produce more no means removed all the dangers goods than can be done under capifacing the regime of Lenin and talism even in the most advanced privileges of the bureaucracy are Trotsky. The long struggle had countries. This can be accomplish-In this simple example we can proved costly. The flower of the ed only by integrating industry on talists in America. All opposition Russian working class lay dead on a world scale and guiding its op. by the workers is ruthlessly sup-

Sverdlov, Zinoviev, Kamenev, Ra- munist Party numbered 386,313 Russian working class following the dek, Rakovsky, Joffe, Burkharin - members only 45,585 remained of terrible years of war, civil conflict a whole galaxy of leaders whose those who had joined in 1917 or and famine. But Trotsky and his names became household words before; of these only 10,431 had supporters did not yield to Stalinamong advanced workers every- joined in 1916 or before, that is, ism. Their eyes were centered on where. They represented the finest before the March 1917 uprising the interests of the working class against the Czar. By 1925 only on a world scale. The Bolshevik revolution met with 8,249 of these pre-1917 revolutionists However the issues in the strugin all lands. They tried by every constituted the tested political and the Left Opposition were not means to aid and strengthen the heart and brains of the new regime. well understood outside the Soviet Standing at the head of a popula- Union. The entire Communist In-

and the Allied quislings in Russia. stituted an enormous dead weight of Stalinism. Workers unaware of ed their cause as doomed if the Tens of millions could not even Union trusted the advice of the workers outside Russia did not read or write. The country was Stalinists who were interested only come to their rescue. From their predominantly agricultural. Ma- in preserving and maintaining their beleaguered fortress, they explained chines of any type were novelties bureaucratic positions in Moscow. again and again that only if the throughout entire regions. Highworkers in more advanced countries ways were little better than trails. Derailed Struggles established socialism and united Locomotives still burned wood. their economies with that of the Medieval superstitions prevailed on able to derail and defeat working

Race with Time

the war had ruined Russian econ- trial capacity of the country. With and arrested its leaders, including omy, the transportation system was all help denied from the outside Trotsky. The founder of the Red down, the wheels of industry were world, how could the Russian work- Army was held first at distant Alma at a standstill, civil war was raging, ers hope to supply the enormous Ata and then exiled to Turkey. famine and pestilence stalked the needs of the farmers for manufac- | Stalin later considered that ex-

elsewhere responded with a resound- only possible course at home was fore our eyes. Stalinism is blocking Strikes and demonstrations in the country to the most rapid possible is the essence of the Stalinist role Allied lands began pinching of the expansion of basic industry. This abroad.

cellars. For the time being, until sign people. They refused to ad- enemies of the regime to filter into at his desk in Coyoacan, Mexico. Union and the program of revolu- bureaucrats seeking personal secur- known. ity - Stalin

Left Opposition

Lenin and Trotsky were alarmed at the swift growth of this reactionary tendency. Lenin scented the danger from Stalin. "This cook," ing Mussolini to power in Italy, he said as early as 1921 "will pre-Hitler in Germany and Franco in pare only bitter dishes." He had begun organizing a drive to reduce Stalin's power when he suddenly died in January 1924.

Trotsky carried on the fight organized a faction in the Com-Stalin's faction, on the other

hand, revised the program of the Bolsheviks, raising the banner of "socialism in one country." This inprincipled factionalism and his in reality meant giving up socialism envious hatred of those with greater completely and converting the talents who stood above him in the Soviet Union into a paradise for the Soviet Union by German im-

The Left Opposition understood that socialism, as Marx and Engels taught, can be built only as a world-The heartening victory of the wide society: The superiority of

The Left Opposition was ham- Ovra and Hitler's Gestapo.

Other outstanding leaders were | In 1922 when the Russian Com- | pered by the exhaustion of the

It seemed impossible that the first | tion of some 150,000,000 people, they | ternational which had been foundworkers' state in history could sur- were like a tiny band on a raft ed by Lenin and Trotsky in 1919 The backwardness of Russia con- cialism was infected by the virus

Consequently the Stalinists were

Soviet Union could victory be as- a vast scale. Raw, rude, rough, class struggles in one country after sured. Otherwise it was only a ques- frontier Russia was at a stage of another. These successive defeats tion of time until capitalism would development comparable to that of strengthened Stalinism and weakened the Left Opposition. Finally in 1928 Stalin felt powerful enough to get away with crushing the Left Worst of all was the low indus- Opposition. He staged a witch-hunt

tured goods? Wouldn't the farmers pelling Trotsky from the USSR was grow restless at forever sacrificing his worst political mistake, for it to feed the cities and try to upset enabled Trotsky to reveal what was happening in the Soviet Union with-The Bolshevins understood that out interference from Stalin's cen-Russia was far behind the indus- sorship. Stalinism, explained Trottrial level achieved by the advanced sky, is paving the way for the capitalist countries. While they held restoration of capitalism in the the fort, pending rescue by socialist Soviet Union. That is the essence revolution in those countries, their of the process that is going on beto try to catch up with the capital- the road to socialism for the workist lands. This meant gearing the ers outside the Soviet Union. That

supply lines to the invading im- meant continued hardship and sac- In the Thirties, Stalin organized perialist armies. Revolts flared up rifice for everyone. But no other purge after purge, completely liquiin the ranks of those armies. Work- course was open. It was a des- dating the entire top Bolshevik staff ing class revolutions broke out in perate race with time. The distri- organized by Lenin. Zinoviey, Ka-It is now 30 years since the sailors have stored within them plans. But Lenin does not only deal Europe. The imperialists began to bution of the thin available trickle meney, Bukharin, Radek, Rakovsky with human forces. He gives a de- fear that if they continued their of goods meanwhile rested in the and all the rest of the major figures. They also represent the poor tailed description of how the de- reckless course they would be un- hands of the government. No profit- of the Russian Revolution disapfarmers and workers who have been tachment, with all the varied seated at home. They fell back eering or price-gouging was possible peared in the prisons of the GPU because the capitalists no longer or were shot as "fascist mad dogs" ruled and therefore could not take after fantastic frameup trials in tain terms, "Hands off! Internal talism. but the "cold" war continued. The advantage of the situation. Never- which Stalin charged them with union affairs are our business." theless, the pressure was felt of being "German spies." Stalin liquiwere denied the Bolshevik govern- Not the least of these pressures was ance of the working class to his that of the government officialdom, bloody dictatorship. In 1940 one The need to staff the government of his GPU agents succeeded in had enabled all kinds of careerists, sinking a pickaxe into the brain two families that are now living in goods to the hungry, ragged Rus- Czarist bureaucrats, and former of Leon Trotsky as he was seated

> vance the machines required to posts. They saw no reason why Today not one single outstanding reconstruct and expand the war- they shouldn't get a bigger share, figure of the top Bolshevik leadershattered industries. This economic They found encouragement from an ship that organized and led the war was accompanied by an unend- unexpected source. A man in upper November 1917 revolution remains ing barrage of abuse, slander, defa- Bolshevik circles was speaking their in the Soviet government. They are mation and lies about the Soviet language - a man who fascinated either dead or their fate is un-

> > The modern Cain, whose name first attracted attention in 1922, now banquets in the Kremlin, toasted like a Byzantine despot by his hand-picked retinue of lackies...

Fearful Cost

The cost to the working class of Stalin's triumph has been fearful. By, his policy of sacrificing the socialist movement in other countries, Stalin permitted Hitler to come to power in Germany without a struggle. In Spain, pursuing this in one country" only, the GPU executioners tracked down Franco's most militant opponents, shooting them in cold blood.

Through the catastrophic defeats of the workers in these countries, Stalin paved the way for World War II. On his head rests a major share of the guilt for this second slaughter, including the invasion of perialism.

The Soviet Union today does not make a pretty picture. All the progressive legislation passed by the Bolsheviks has been stricken from lost control over the government. Stalin rules as uncrowned czar. The comparable to those of the capiice carries on the tradition of the Czarist Okrahna with modern ouches copied from \ Mussolini's

boring critical thoughts are condemned to prison and concentration camps, if not executed. Vast slaveabor armies numbering as many as 20.000,000 people toil under Stalin's lash.

What Remains?

What remains then of the mighty conquests of the November 1917 evolution? Aside from the monopoly of foreign trade and the destruction of the old capitalist class, there is only one thing - national-In face of the Stalinist degenera-

tion it is easy to overlook the importance of this great conquest of the Bolsheviks. However, it has demonstrated its value under the most difficult possible conditions. Confined to only one country, an extremely backward one at that, twisted and distorted in the hands of the Stalinist bureaucracy, it has nevertheless demonstrated its colossal superiority over the capitalist single trade union. We must unsystem of chaos in industry. While economy moved ahead with giant establish capitalism there. The furious hostility from the capitalists were left. These men and women gle between the Stalinist faction strides. On the basis of planned Stalinist economy, the Russian workers were drive. It is the duty of the workable to accomplish in years what ing class to oppose both the imhad taken decades in the capitalist perialists and the Stalinists.

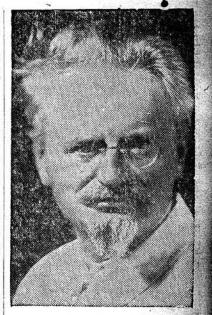
Then, against the most efficient Our Task and well - equipped imperialist far superior to capitalism.

Stalinism. If nationalized economy lated. were destroyed, however, then they would have to begin all over again.

Source of Strength

the source of the Soviet Union's in power. strength. This "secret" and the possibility that workers in other much from the revolutionary heroe lands will work out its formula, is of 1917. They showed in practice what Wall Street fears - not the what kind of party the workers Stalinist regime

economy in the Soviet Union and ism as worked out by Marx and make that huge area part of the Engels. They demonstrated how empire of American Big Business. a resolute group of militant workpointed out many times, can thus tion and persecution to win the be compared to a trade union that majority of the people to the prohas been over-ridden by a reac- gram of revolutionary socialism. tionary pork-chop bureaucracy but They showed us by example that which is the target of a union- there is no better life than joining busting attack by the capitalists, wholeheartedly in the great battle It is not difficult to determine our to end the chaos and anarchy of



derstand what is involved in the the rest of the world stagnated in Soviet Union with absolute clarity. one depression after another, Soviet World imperialism is trying to re-

This means the following: (1) armies that the European continent | Helping the Russian people to rehad ever seen, planned economy generate the workers' state by The Bolsheviks themselves regard- pressing down on the government. what was going on in the Soviet enabled the Russian people to or- cleaning out Stalinism. In Amerganize a successful defense and ica the task is to end Stalinist infinally mount a counter-offensive fluence in the trade unions. The that astounded the militarists of Stalinists do not stand for socialthe entire world. The Russian ism. Neither do they speak for the people demonstrated in action that Russian workers. They are only despite all the evils of the Stalinist | mercenaries of the Kremlin bureauregime they are convinced from cracy, stooges in the pay of the their own experiences under both counter-revolution that crushed the systems that planned economy is Boisheviks, tore up their program and seized power. These elements! On the basis of nationalized econ- who acted as strikebreakers during omy they can eventually get rid of the war, must be exposed and iso-

(2) Preventing another war by carrying forward the struggle for socialism. The American workers must get organized on the political Nationalized economy is, indeed, field and put their own government

In this struggle we can learn must build to succeed in the strugg That is why Wall Street is now against capitalism. They prove preparing World War III. Wall the practical value of holding fa Street intends to end nationalized to the program of scientific social-The Sovict Union, as Trotsky ers can eventually overcome isola-

attitude in such a case. Militant capitalism. They showed how the workers try to save a union in these great ideal of world socialism can circumstanes by helping the rank give purpose and meaning to our and file get rid of the racketeer lives and save us from the intolelements in the leadership and by erable monotony and drudgery of telling the capitalists in no uncer- wage slave's existence under capi-

They did their part. They began This applies with even greater the task of reconstructing the world force in the case of the Soviet on socialist foundations. It is up Union because the issues are far to us to continue their work and bigger than those involved in a bring it to a successful conclusion.

MEETINGS ON 30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

NEW YORK

Speakers: William F. Warde George Clarke The Marshall Plan The Crisis In the UN Stalin's "Information Bureau" Rise of De Gaulle in France Wed., Nov. 5, 8 p. m.

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Speaker: Grace Carlson Also Motion Picture. NATIVE LAND Narrator: Paul Robeson Friday, Nov. 7, 8 p. m. 777 West Adams

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Speaker: Harry Frankel November 9, 8 p. m. At New Headquarters 4 So. Howard St.

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Spcaker: John G. Wirght Fri., Nov. 7, 3:30 p. m. 423 Springfield Ave.

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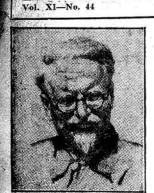
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Speaker: Farrell Dobbs NEW HAVEN LABOR SCHOOL Sat.. Nov. 8, 8:30 p. m. 858 Grand Ave.

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Motion Picture: "CZAR TO LENIN" Sat., Nov 8, 8:30 p. m. 1739 Fillmore St., 4th Floor

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"The Fourth International can defend the USSR only by the methods of revolutionary class struggle. To teach the workers correctly to understand the class character of the state-imperialist, colonial, workers'-and the reciprocal relations between them as well as the inner contradictions in each of them enables the workers to draw correct practical conclusions in every given situation. While waging a tireless struggle against the Moscow oligarchy, the Fourth International decisively rejects any policy which would aid imperialism against the USSR. The defense of the USSR coincides in principle with the preparation of the world proletarian revolution. We flatly reject the theory of socialism in one country, that brain child of ignorant and reactionary Stalinism. Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy." -Leon Trotsky, 1940

Campaign NOW for Labor Candidates

The 1948 national general elections are just one leaders are forced to keep mum right now about year away. But labor has less than 12 months left to mobilize its forces to oust the Slave Labor Law-High Prices Congress. The large and ever-growing number of workers who understand that the job is to kick out all Republicans and Democrats, have only about half a year left to place THEIR OWN candidates on the ballot.

Top union leaders like CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green deliberately duck the issue of 1948 candidates. They hope to evade it until after the Republican and Democratic national conventions next summer.

Then it will be TOO LATE, in most cases, to place independent labor candidates on the ballot.

The union leaders are now/ talking big about defeating all members of Congress who voted for the Taft-Hartley Act. That means 350 incumbent Senators and Representatives to be voted out of office next November.

But what other Democrats or Republicans can the union leaders reasonably support as "friends of labor"? So few can be represented as "friends of labor" even in a remote sense, that the union

If they did discuss available candidates, it would become immediately clear that the only chance labor has to win a genuinely progressive Congress is to run candidates FROM ITS OWN RANKS.

Therefore, the top labor leaders want to stall until it is TOO LATE to run independent candidates. Then they plan to plunk for those Democrats and Republicans whom they can palm off on the workers as the "lesser evil."

There is still time, however, for the militant, progressive ranks of the unions to halt this bankrupt policy before the 1948 elections.

Form joint labor political action committees on a local and state scale. Hold conferences NOW to select candidates from labor's ranks to run independently against Democratic and Republican Congressional candidates. Start the campaigns now to put labor's own candidates on the ballot in as many states and voting districts as possible.

That's the only realistic way to defeat the Taft-Hartley Act Congress.

Save the Factories in Germany

violent clashes between American troops and German workers. Washington is insisting that the industrial heart of Europe be torn out-has earmarked between 682 and 1,800 plants for the scrap heap-and the German workers are resisting this

The American military command has threatened to carry out the edict even at bayonet point if necessary. Should the German workers engage in strikes and demonstrations in trying to save these lants from destruction, then there is grave danger f bloodshed.

The German workers are correct in opposing the order to dismantle these plants. If we were in their place, we would do the same.

They have reached the limit of human endurnce. They suffered the horrors of World War I, and then fascism. The main victims of Hitler were the German workers.

Then they were forced to undergo the frightful destruction and carnage of World War II. They suffered some of the heaviest casualties when the Allies dumped fire bombs on the working class districts of the crowded German cities.

Now facing another terrible winter of cold and hunger, they have been brutally ordered by the Allied conquerors to get to work-tearing down

Dispatches from Germany continue to predict their own factories, plants and mills. Who can blame them for resisting?

However, it is not only a question of the feelings and interests of the German workers. American labor too has a direct interest in preserving these

We are being asked to sacrifice to help starving Europe. It is explained that production is down in Europe because of the war and that food and other goods are required at once as well as machines to restore production levels. Yet at the same time, Wall Street's political agents are going ahead with their insane plan to destroy some of the most modern and efficient factories in the world, located in the very area where production levels must be lifted!

Wall Street wants these plants scrapped to eliminate potential competition. It is a simple case of giving a competitor the boots after he has been knocked down.

It is self-evident that the interests of the American labor movement demand active support of the German workers in this question. Rescind the order to dismantle these plants. Insist on the withdrawal of American GIs from Germany. Let the German workers take over industry and bring it up to maximum production levels as quickly as pos-

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Children in the schools are taught o revere "great men" of the nation's past. This is part of the indoctrination all of us suffer while being educated to be good submismen selected by the schools are usually distinguished for their devoted service to oppression and exploitation. Yet our history teems with great men, whose greatness lies in their fearless, uncompromising reslavement of man. This book is valuable for the service it does in calling attention once again to some real heroes of American history.

It is possible to criticize the selection of some of the incividuals described, and certainly the book falls far short of its apparent intent to give a panoramic view of most of them packed with suggestion and stimulation.

Madison attempts to summarize victions of 18 men and women, grouped under six classifications: abolitionists, utopians, anarchists, transigence of DeLeon, Debs, Veb-

Most refreshing of all, Madison people, or to "sell" them by the cheap tricks of the contemporary school of fictionalized biography. sistance to injustice and the enin the full dignity of their work and struggle, memorable and fascinating because of the drama of of the many radicals who are the their rebellion against the evils of society. Nothing more than the truth is needed in telling such stories as these.

Madison's own views appear to be that of a socialistic liberal. American oppositionism. But if the Though he obviously strives for ob- find any evidence that Madison is reader accepts the individual sketch- jectivity, his critical comments bees for their own worth, he will find tray him. Furthermore, the literary rebel has a strong attraction for him, so that he tends to give people like Margaret Fuller, Randolph the life story and intellectual con- Bourne and Brooks Adams rather more than their due.

At the other extreme, the in- the time given to reading it.

CRITICS AND CRUSAD- dissident economists, militant lib-, len, and Garrison sometimes drives ERS by Charles A. Madison, erals, and socialists. Not all the him to puzzled impatience at their people chosen can be considered the inability to act like nice broad-Henry Holt, 1947, 572 pp., most representative of their groups, minded liberals too. He is happiest however. A study of Josiah Warren when discussing Albert Brisbane, would mean more than that of his Henry George, Edward Bellamy, pupil, Benjamin Tucker. On the Lincoln Steffens, and John Reed, other hand, it is good for the mod- even though the latter two did end ern worker to understand the an- up as sympathizers to Communism, archism of Thoreau, so deeply root- each in his own way. The account ed in American life, and still so of Reed is perhaps the most resive victims of capitalism. The great influential (often under totally dif- vealing in the entire book, both that ferent names) in American thought. he should be selected to represent modern Communism, and that makes no effort to glamorize his scarcely any attempt is made to explain his politics, concentrating instead upon events of his life.

This is an unconscious comment upon both the subject and the author, though a little unfair to Reed. It is also significant that although Madison refers to Reed's account of the October Revolution, "Ten Days that Shook the World," it apparently doesn't occur to him to point out the vast difference between Reed's history and the ficthe Communist movement that of October under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky. However faulty its political understanding, this book nevertheless will fully repay

of hours. Employers were defiant and open in the expression of their fears and hatreds. The Chicago Tribune, the organ of the employers, suggested ironically that the farmers of Illinois treat the tramps that poured out of the great industrial centers as they did other pests, by putting strychnine in the food. The workers started an agitation for an eight-hour day. The trades unions and the Knights of Labor endorsed the movement but because many of the leaders of the agitation were foreigners, the movement itself was regarded as "foreign" and as "un-American." Then the anarchists of Chicago, a very small group, espoused the cause of the eight-hour day. From then on the people

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THE HAYMARKET TRAGEDY

class was in rebellion. The enormous immigration from

Europe crowded the slums, forced down wages and threat-

ened to destroy the standard of living fought for by Amer-

ican working men. Throughout the country there was

business depression and much unemployment. In the cities

Foreign agitators who had suffered under European

despots preached various schemes of economic salvation to

the workers. The workers asked only for bread and a

shortening of the long hours of toil. The agitators gave

Particularly the city of Chicago was the scene of strike after strike, followed by boycotts and riots. The years

preceding 1886 had witnessed strikes of the lake seamen, of dock laborers and street railway workers. These strikes

had been brutally suppressed by policemen's clubs and by hired gunmen. The grievance on the part of the workers

was given no heed. John Bonfield, inspector of police,

was particularly cruel in the suppression of meetings where

men peacefully assembled to discuss matters of wages and

there was hunger and rags and despair.

them visions. The police gave them clubs.

From 1880 on, I became wholly engrossed in the labor novement. In all the great industrial centers the working

THE FIGHT FOR THE 8-HOUR DAY

The employers used the cry of anarchism to kill the movement. A person who believed in an eight-hour working day was, they said, an enemy to his country, a traitor, an anarchist. The foundations of government were being gnawed away by the anarchist rats. Feeling was bitter. The city was divided into two angry camps. The working people on one side - hungry, cold, jobless, fighting gunmen and police clubs with bare hands. On the other side the employers, knowing neither hunger nor cold, supported by the newspapers, by the police, by all the power of the great state itself.

of Chicago seemed incapable of discussing a purely eco-

nomic question without getting excited about anarchism.

The anarchists took advantage of the widespread discontent to preach their doctrines. Orators used to address huge crowds on the windy, barren shore of Lake Michigan. Although I never endorsed the philosophy of anarchism, I often attended the meetings on the lake shore, listening to what these teachers of a new order had to say to the

the mansion of George M. Pullman on Prairie Avenue or in the residence of Wirt Dexter, an able corporation lawyer. They discussed means of killing the eight-hour movement which was to be ushered in by a general strike. They discussed methods of dispersing the meetings of the an-

Meanwhile the employers were meeting. They met in

A bitterly cold winter set in. Long unemployment resulted in terrible suffering. Bread lines increased. Soup kitchens could not handle the applicants. Thousands knew actual misery. . . .

The first of May, which was to usher in the eighthour day uprising, came. The newspapers had done everything to alarm the people. All over the city there were tion propagated by the Stalinists strikes and walkouts. Employers quaked in their boots. today. Nowhere in the book can we They saw revolution. The workers in the McCormick Harvester Works gathered outside the factory. Those inside aware of the profound changes in who did not join the strikers were called scabs. Bricks were thrown. Windows were broken. The scabs were threathave occurred since the triumph ened. Some one turned in a riot call.

> The police without warning charged down upon the workers, shooting into their midst, clubbing right and left. Many were trampled under horses' feet. Numbers were shot dead. Skulls were broken. Young men and voung girls were clubbed to death.

> The Pinkerton agency formed armed bands of exconvicts and hoodlums and hired them to capitalists at

THE HAYMARKET FRAME

On the evening of May 4, the anarchists held a meeting in the shabby, dirty district known to later history as Haymarket Square. All about were railway tracks, dingy saloons and the dirty tenements of the poor. A half a block away was the Desplaines Street Police Station presided over by John Bonfield, a man without tact or discretion or sympathy, a most brutal believer in suppression as the method to settle industrial unrest.

Carter Harrison, the mayor of Chicago, attended the meeting of the anarchists and moved in and about the crowds in the square. After leaving, he went to the Chief of Police and instructed him to send no mounted police to the meeting, as it was being peacefully conducted and the presence of mounted police would only add fuel to fires already burning red in the workers' hearts. But orders perhaps came from other quarters, for, disregarding the report of the mayor, the chief of police sent mounted policemen in large numbers to the meeting.

One of the anarchist speakers was addressing the crowd. A bomb was dropped from a window overlooking the square. A number of the police were killed in the explosion that

The city went insane and the newspapers did everything to keep it like a madhouse. The workers' cry for justice was drowned in the shriek for revenge. Bombs were "found" every five minutes. Men went armed and gun stores kept open nights. Hundreds were arrested. Only those who had agitated for an eight-hour day, however, were brought to trial and a few months later hanged. But the man, Schnaubelt, who actually threw the bomb was never brought into the case, nor was his part in the terrible drama ever officially made clear.

The leaders in the eight-hour day movement were weapons of all—the weapons of po- sist mass pressure from below driv- commonly believed, a conservatizing hanged Friday, November 11. That day Chicago's rich had chills and fever. Ropes stretched in all directions It is therefore by no means ex- from the jail. Policemen were stationed along the ropes cluded that the Labor Party here armed with riot rifles. Special patrols watched all apthis country, it does not mean that the most case-hardened labor- may from the very beginning come proaches to the jail. The roofs about the grim stone its leaders, whoever the first ones faker is subject to such pressure under a revolutionary leadership building were black with police. The newspapers fed the may be, will be able to automatical- and may disregard it only at his with a socialist program. In any public imagination with stories of violence and jail de-

But there were no uprisings, no jail deliveries, except land. The Labor Party here comes fakers know that they face a dif- forward step in the political de- that of Louis Lingg, the only real preacher of violence among all the condemned men. He outwitted the gallows ferent conditions. Events today ican workers are not so weary and ers, preparing them to accept the by biting a percussion cap and blowing off his head.

The Sunday following the executions, the funerals were held. Thousands of workers marched behind the black hearses, not because they were anarchists but they felt (1.at these men, whatever their theories, were martyrs to the workers' struggle. The procession wound through miles and spective economies and of their la- workers incline to adopt in action they do suffice to underscore its miles of streets densely packed with silent people.

In the cemetery of Waldheim, the dead were buried. The British Labor Party was Again, this country's industrial stage in this country. That is why But with them was not buried their cause. The struggle for the eight-hour day, for more human conditions and relations between man and man lived on, and still lives on. (Reprinted by permission of Charles H. Kerr & Co., Publishers

Chicago, Ill.)

What Does Red-Baiting Lead To?

What does red-baiting lead to? What will result from this weapon which is being increasingly used by the government, by the paid prostitutes in the editorial offices of the capitalist press and even by the union bureaucrats? The answers to these questions can be learned by studying the report of a Communist Party meeting violently broken up in Trenton, N. J., last week. (See story on Page 1.)

To quote New Jersey CIO President Carl Holderman, a "lynch mob spirit was displayed in Trenton when the entire police department stood impotent while vigilante terror reigned, property was destroyed, homes were entered, people were molested, a court order was treated with contempt and the Bill of Rights was openly trampled upon." In other words, red-baiting leads to attacks on

all those democratic rights it took labor hundreds of years to win. It creates the kind of atmosphere in which the pro-fascist rats feel free to come out of their holes and to begin practicing the tactics which will later be directed against the labor movement itself.

After the first World War, red-baiting, witchhunts and deportations were successfully utilized to used by them. But it boomerangs on the workers.

divide and terrorize the workers; the result was the smashing of strikes and the busting of unions. Big Business and its government agents hoped to achieve the same result after World War II, but were stymied by the outburst of militant union struggles solidly supported by the working class

Now, however, a new atmosphere is being worked up by the red-baiting drive. Its aim is not only to stifle the Communist Party and other minority parties, but to intimidate, undermine and eventually crush all working class opposition to lower living standards and a new world war.

That is why no worker should permit himself to be tricked or browbeaten into the use of red-baiting. The Stalinists must be opposed and their influence must be destroyed because their policies and practices have nothing in common with the interests of the workers here or abroad. But that cannot be done by destroying the rights of free speech, assembly and political association. Redbaiting is a bosses' weapon and it can safely be

Value of Roosevelt's Promises

Have you forgotten Roosevelt's insistence "again and again and again" that if reelected to a third term he would never send American boys overseas to fight in any foreign wars? That famous promise probably proved decisive in wheedling enough votes to keep this cunning Wall Street politician in the White House.

Apologists of Roosevelt, who share his guilt in plunging America into World War II, have been explaining ever since then that "circumstances" and "events beyond his control," etc., etc., made it impossible to keep this campaign promise.

But on Oct. 23 of this year, Louis A. Johnson, former Assistant Secretary of War and close confidant of Roosevelt, testified under oath that Roosevelt knew as early as 1938—two years before he made his famous campaign pledge-"that war was coming and we could not stay out of it."

Johnson "had confidential information that war was inevitable" and he "discussed these matters" with Roosevelt. The "information" came from many sources, military attaches in Europe, Ameri-

can busines men with factories and interests abroad who "understood what they saw and reported everything that was unfriendly to this country."

Then why didn't Roosevelt tell the people the truth about the looming war? The Socialist Workers Party did. Why was it the only party in America to tell the people the unvarnished factsthat war was inevitable if the working class did not intervene and put its own government in power?

Roosevelt knew that he would be overwhelmingly repudiated at the polls if he told the truth. He knew he could not drag America into the war if he revealed Wall Street's plans. And so he did what every capitalist politician does when he wants to snare votes. He camouflaged the trap and baited it with an attractive lie.

A majority of voters were taken in by the demagogue's promises. America paid for this trustfulness with more than 1,000,000 casualties. Let the dead and maimed of World War II serve to remind us "again and again and again" that you can't trust a capitalist politician.

Will Labor Party Give Same Results Here the Labor Party with its conserva- | This, too, will act as a powerful

By John G. Wright

On the other hand, they have party. the Laborite leaders have done since taking office. And they don't like it

Today many of them are asking: capitalist press is trying to implant They stands to lose a great deal For, to begin with, such a political division will deprive them of the long-standing monopoly of politics they exercise through their twoparty set-up.

But a political division along class thereby be greatly enhanced. They union organization. will then wield the most powerful litical struggle, of which they have been so long deprived.

When the Labor Party arises in ly follow the same course or get the own peril. same grip on the masses as in Engat a different time and under difin this connection, are the major bor movements.

liamentary procedure still held com- socialism right away, without waitplete sway. Under these conditions ing to rebaild it as in England.

brothers in Britain put the Labor Party in the government. formists to get a firm grip on the lieve that high wages tend to make

been following and watching what In America, the Labor Party must sharp forms from the outset.

ing them to radical solutions. But there will be far greater pressures from the ranks in the U.S. Even

ever before. Most important of all, been since V-J Day. They have ty, the SWP. tremendous confidence in themthe most drastic measures.

capitalist growth. Ponderous par- and can be used to start building sistently and boldly.

tive policies could take deep root force, impelling the adoption of Millions of American work- because it could still gain reforms radical solutions and the accepters were heartened when their and contribute to the advancement ance of genuine revolutionary lead-It is one-sided and false to be-

workers immune to revolutionary ideas. As the "Theses on the Amercome into being when capitalism, at | ican Revolution" adopted by the home as well as abroad, is decaying, Socialist Workers Party last Noand lasting reforms are out of the vember correctly explains: High question. Capitalist democracy is wages act as a conservatizing factor is that what will happen here, too, likewise in its senility. Far from "only under conditions of capitalst f we build a Labor Party? The being willing-or able-to yield stability where a relatively high economic or political reforms as standard of living can be mainevery possible doubt on this score were the British capitalists, the tained and even improved. This is in their minds. Big Business dreads American billionaires find them- excluded for the future, as our a political division along class lines. selves driven to try to deprive la- whole analysis has shown. On the bor of all of its hard-won gains. other hand, the workers react most Therefore the division along class sensitively and violently to any inlines in politics will tend to assume | fringement upon their living standards. This has already been dem-Finding lasting reforms out of the onstrated by the strike waves in question, the workers will be im- which great masses of 'conservative' pelled toward socialist solutions. workers have resorted to the most lines is unavoidable in the U. S. They will move, once started, at a militant and radical course of ac-Workers stand only to gain from truly American pace in politics just tion. In the given situation, thereit. Their power as a class will as they have in the field of trade fore, the relatively high living standards of the American workers | THE STRUGGLE STILL LIVES ON British Laborites were able to re- is a revolutionary and not, as is factor."

case, the formation of the Labor liveries. Both the capitalists and the labor | Party will represent an important ferent labor movement here. Amer- velopment of the American workmove at a far greater speed than worn as the British workers have program of the revolutionary par-

The above-listed considerations differences between Britain and the selves, and are militant. As their by no means exhaust the question U. S. in the condition of their re- whole history has shown, American of the Labor Party in the U. S. But highly progressive character at this formed in the heyday of British equipment is far better and bigger we Trotskyists advocate it so con-

> (This is the last in a series answering questions raised by American about the British Labor Party.)

Workers' Forum

No Funds for Relief But Plenty for War

I came through the Hoover deression like so many others, and do not know how badly my organism has been hurt by undernourishment. These things really do to the working people of the world? today as the only challenger to the not show up until later years when your body can no longer resist the tion blank in this paper, or write earth, the United States. Yet effects of neglect and improper diet in youth.

During the days of Hoover the capitalist politicians in Washington | join the party which stands for revsaid: "We cannot appropriate money for relief because we don't have the means. Prosperity is just around the corner. Besides we must balance the budget."

Yet in today's Vindicator, a Youngstown, Ohio, newspaper, they claim that they can provide \$20,-000,000,000 for certain countries in

It gets me to wondering. If they perpetuate the profit system and Socialist Revolution. • maintain their markets in Europe. start moving to scare the top bu-

But I can vision the time the old bone trick will fail the top bu- they be exiled, imprisoned? reaucracy and we will live under the system that the same bureaucratic outfit is spreading propanganda against and using the old red-baiting method to try to stop. Under this new system we will produce for use and not for profit and live like human beings.

No wars, no parasites; but an equal chance for all.

Youngstown, Ohio

What Did We Gain rom Imperialist War?

experienced two major threats to by and for the workers, this democour existence—a depression and a racy will find expression in workers' world war. We survived, but are councils inside the plants. These we sure that in another crisis we will be as fortunate?

traded in our school books for a from quite ordinary workers. The icy and the Stalinist application of uniform and a gun. Have any of goal of the revolution will give us a these promises materialized?

Neglected in a "land of opportuni- the revolution is consolidated in Union meeting here before the prity," discarded tools of a war for America, I believe the party will mary elections.

try, whose leaders have repeatedly pledged themselves to protect the workers.

working masses find American and oppressors. These people with a that farce which is now quibbling It can be disposed through automa- to be a lemon." lost beneath the uproar of the UN. this last global conflict.

once more beneath the wise be eliminated. ising eyes of these people?

by the reople and for the people"

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 you want your name printed.

to or visit the Socialist Workers Russia was the most backward na-Party headquarters nearest your home for full information; and olutionary socialism.

New York

What the Revolution Will Offer "Experts"

In replying to B. L. Stafford, III I would like to stress that his concern seems to be with the mechanihave to, they can get the money to cal aspects only of the American Another Sellout by

What does he think is going to On the other hand to get a few happen to the millions of experts In Cleveland bones, millions of people have to now /serving management? Are

> Quite the contrary, in my opinsweep of the American Revolution Democrat, Burke, and against the will carry thousands of these extionary party. I speak from ob- elections. scrvation in the mill where I work. The foremen who are most quali- Democrats" like Pucel to make deals fied in their work (who do not fear to throw support to the party. But being showed up by "ordinary" this deal was an especially bitter pill workers) frequently show active for many Cleveland workers to sympathy toward real union mili- swallow. In the primaries the Stal-

For my second point, I want to pletely forgotten the organization of the workers' councils (or soviets). The members of my generation Since the revolutionary party will council sessions will amaze Mr. Stafford, and his fellow doubters, Do you recall, as I do, the glori- by the variety and advanced menever be threatened by bureaucratic

In Indonesia, Greece, Indo-China, be automatically controlled by the ver the division of the spoils of tic vendors and as the productive I don't doubt that this worker will

Are you willing to fight against Militant are not guilty of over- deal with Burke, what will stop he reaction that is in power now statement. If anything, they un- him from making a deal with Taft join the struggle to establish derstate the possibilities of a So- too?" real government "of the people, cialist America in a Socialist world. Consider the case of the Soviet

Union. In 30 years, Soviet Russia fought a bloody civil war, went through terrible internal political struggle, fell into the clutches of a name and address. Indicate if bureaucratic dictatorship, lost over twenty million people and inestimable productive capacity in the which can extend a helping hand second World War, and yet stands If you are, fill out the applica- most powerful capitalist nation on tion in the capitalist circle when she entered upon the socialist road.

> Stick around, Bert. You will find that revolution is the locomotive of D. P. history, and the locomotive being forged by American workers will be an instrument of unimaginable power. It will prove fully capable of lifting this nation and the world out of the bottomless morass of capitalist anarchy.

> > Youngstown, Ohio

A "Friend of Labor"

Another illustration of the bankthey going to oppose the production ruptcy in the official PAC policy to workers in a civil war until they support "friends of labor" took (the experts) are wiped out? Will place in Cleveland politics last week. Councilman Edward L. Pucel, who ran for Mayor in the ion. The tremendous ideological primaries, against the incumbent Republican Ness, has made a deal perts into the ranks of the revolu- to support Burke in the November

It is not unusual for "insurgent inists touted Pucel far and wide as "an enemy of machine politicians and a friend of labor." The county remind Stafford that he has com- PAC and the Cleveland CIO Council instructed ward PAC clubs to push for Pucel and the PAC direchave much in common. We have be the most democratic ever known, threatened to take reprisals against those clubs refusing to do so. During the primary campaign Pucel went so far as to compare Burke with Taft.

Pucel's sellout was not a surprise ous promises made to us when we chanical know-how which will pour to those acquainted with PAC polit. However, it has an adverse efreason for unleashing millions of fect on some who have been taken Where are we today, this once ideas now suppressed by hatred of in by their lies in the past. An exproud generation with its visions capitalism, fear of technological un- ample of this is in the speech given of personal success and security? employment and so forth. Once by a worker at a recent Textile

At this meeting one Stalinist Today, two years after the end of strangulation. The would-be bu- made the motion to set up a PAC the "war for democracy" our coun- reaucrats will be smothered by the union committee; support of Pucel productive avalanche of American was implicit in this motion. The above-mentioned worker got hot

Palestine and many other lands, the same electronic devices now used and support candidates that will to guide and control weapons of never be elected? Everytime the British arms in the hands of their death. The former elevator oper- PAC supports a candidate, nine ator will be released for productive times out of ten he loses and we cause as just as that of our fore- work and education. Likewise the have to fight an open enemy of fathers in 1776, find their voices clerks can cease acting as guards ours in office. If the PAC candifor Woolworth's petty merchandise. date does win, he adways turns out

capacity of the country is stepped have more to say at the next meet-How can we stand erect and up, the vending machine will like- ing about Pucel's promises and his inevitable behavior and he will un-In conclusion, the editors of The doubtedly add: "If Pucel makes a

Cleveland, O.

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Celebrate 19th Anniversary By Rose Karsner National Campaign Director Scoreboard For

Last week we sent a letter to all subscribers, enclosing a coin-card and asking for a donation on the occasion of the nineteenth anniversary of The Militant. A few have already responded, inserting coins or bills in the slots. We hope a good many more can be reported in coming issues of the paper.

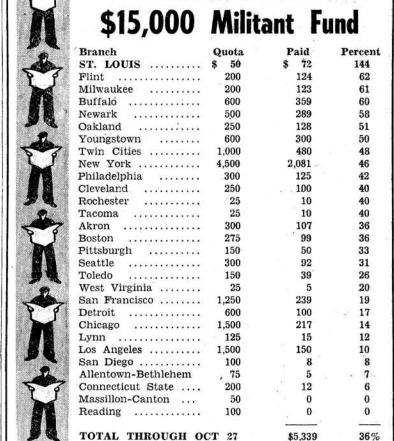
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A letter from Donald W. McKinnon of Portland says: "I am send. ing herewith three one-dollar bills. Please renew my subscription. One buck for the Fund Drive, and send The Militant for one year to the following name . . . I voted for Debs in 1908 and was a candidate on the Socialist party ticket in

FROM THE BRANCHES

Almost all the branches of the Socialist Workers Party are busily at work on gala socials to celebrate the nineteenth anniversary of the founding of The Militant.

Duncan Conway, Fund Director of Local New York, says: "We feel confident we will reach our 100% before the deadline. Just now we are at work on plans for an annieditors of The Militant . . . Perhaps they won't appreciate the hu-



ning our Militant Ball for Nov. 15. | much larger sum every week from versary social. A skit is being writ- | freshments and a floor show. With | fulfilled by Dec. 15." ten which will be a take-off on the the preparations we're making I'm sure we're going to exceed our quo-

leadership would not be overworked

in this period, there is, unfortunate-

ly, no scarcity of issues. Discrim-

ination in all its forms must be

fought. Making a living is still the

major problem of the Negro masses.

however, and the growth of labor

committées in NAACP branches ex-

presses to some extent an increas-

Support for FEPC legislation on

national, state and local scale

has become the rule with NAACP

branches. But the FEPC fight is

lobby on this issue; to win a politi-

cal fight against the Democratic

and Republican supporters of Jim

Crow, independent Negro and labor

It is true that in certain locali-

ties independent Negro and labor

candidates are beginning to appear.

ported by NAACP branches and

branch to function as a thinly dis-

guised election machine, they still

also assist in this process. Because

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candidates are needed.

ing consciousness of this fact.

We are having a dance band, re- now on so that our quota will be Members-at-large have sent the

Militant Readers Urged to Help

following remittances: Hansen sent an additional \$5; Baxter \$10; LYNN-"The enclosed is toward Hughes \$20 and \$5 was received

HOW NAACP CAN SUCCEED IN DRIVE TO MAKE-IT-A-MILLION

By Jean Blake

In two previous articles we have shown that the NAACP fectiveness of an organization. Durmembership drive is lagging seriously and that the most im- ership, on the whole, has shown its "MAKE IT A MILLION" portant reason is the NAACP's internal weaknesses, organi- inability to adapt itself to the zational and programmatic. Analysis of these weaknesses also changed character of the organiza-

powerful and effective organi- the whole area. In this way our creasingly proletarian.

Briefly summarized, the major and a job could be done all over needs are for democratization of the city. the organization; struggles on issues which affect the masses most diweapon of struggle today, indepen- PLENTY OF ISSUES

We have already discussed the bureaucratic structure of the nathe Board of Directors' rejection of the last convention's request for a revised and more democratic constitution. Bureaucratic practices of this kind not only thwart the will of the membership but also stifle their initiative and enthusiasm. The result is generally passivity, hopeessness, inactivity and indifference

to the organization. On the local level the NAACP would also be benefited by being given back to the members.. Particularly in large branches, it is necessary to adapt the organizational structure so that the members can participate in discussions of policy and implementation of policy.

GOOD SUGGESTION

An excellent suggestion was made and in some cases are being supby one NAACP member in Los Angeles through an open letter to the leaders. But most NAACP leaders local Negro press — the only method resist this progressive movement, available to one who wants to make and even where they permit the a suggestion that will get a hearing. He wrote:

'. . . one branch in a city the insist on the "non-partisan" charsize of Los Angeles is not enough. acter of the organization, hamper-In order to really carry on a strug- ing its effective functioning in pogle for the advancement of colored litical struggles. St., R. 213. Open Tuesday, Thurs- people here, use all volunteer work- But the fight against this "noners, carry on neighborhood fights, partisan" policy has already begun we need neighborhood autonomous and has been reflected at recent branches. It is physically impos- conventions. The energetic camsible for one branch in Los Angeles paigns by practically every branch to cover all the area and do a real to register all members to vote will

> "These neighborhood branches the logical question that follows should have elected delegates rep- after registration is: "Vote for what, resenting them in a central council for whom?" composed of delegates of all local The strength or weakness of its

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indicated how to solve them branches. The central council movement of an oppressed minority The old methods of giving "in-

"This idea of organizing the at a meeting, beginning with a branch came from a study of the prayer, interspersing with some rectly and in which the support of CIO Council and the Central Labor lovely but irrelevant music, and the fight for freedom and for life itself in which the oppressed people of the world are engaged.

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> chance to participate in it, not just listen and contribute. Previously the "talented tenth"the doctors and lawyers and morticlans and ministers-had no serious competition for leadership. Having more education, training, security and stability than other members, they were the unquestioned leaders of the NAACP.

But now there is something new who is closer to the masses and who to "Make It A Million."

ments, if any, were usually brief tant and how he can get the world and only aroused our curiosity labor news. Every once in a while about the source of so many new I repeat that the paper is six pages readers in this community 60 miles filled with news from over the In a recent "thank you" letter, we asked J. W. C. for more details like that very often, and I don't about himself and his sub-getting. let him get in a word until I have

At 75, Still Gets Around

Whether I know him or not, I sit down by him and get him talking, ask if he is a union man and if



has learned methods of struggle and to fight against its evils.

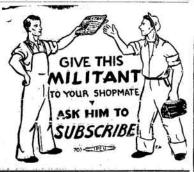
lead their struggles, give them a political fight; it isn't enough to on the scene — the Negro unionist, must fight its weaknesses in order

To Sell Plenty of Subs eral weeks, we have been receiving papers he reads. From then on I

THE MILITANT ARMY

Here is his reply.

Fridays are pay days in this town. In three blocks there are 18 taverns, so on Friday evenings I go and pick out someone who looks intelligent or not.



organization from the unions. In addition, he is not tied like the professional people to the whole structure of the oppressive capitalist system and is in a better position

It is among these unionists that hope for the NAACP as the foremost Negro organization lies. It them. Make them see that if ever and make the NAACP a more should be the governing body for now predominantly urban and in- effectively enlist the support of both the Negro masses and the labor organizations.

One word, in closing, on a quesspirational" speeches once a month tion often asked by workers disnesses: Is the struggle to strength- International, because we still have en and improve the NAACP really to use the old subscription card worthwhile? Many unionists dis- which listed such a combination at tionary union bureaucrats often ternational is now published only An organization has to do more ask the same question about their six times a year, every two months, unions.

The answer in both cases is that year. So when we receive \$2.50 for serious people participate in the a combination we enter a Militant struggle at the stage in which it is sub for one year and an F. I. sub and attempt to carry it forward for a year and a half, 9 issues. They don't turn their backs and pretend it doesn't exist; if they are workers, they can't do that. Just as | in 16 subs this week, 13 of them rethe labor movement, with all its weaknesses, is the organization of struggle of the workers as a whole, the NAACP is today the chief organization of the Negro masses struggling against oppression. We contacting subscribers as part of

one or a few subcriptions from don't give him a chance to get in a Kewance, Ill., and vicinity, sent in word for five or six minutes until by James W. Connery. His com- I have told him about The Miliworld and only \$1 a year.

I tell him he can't get a bargain finished. Often when I get through, even before I am through, they have Am sending another sub. You their hands in their pockets and usked how I get the subs. Well, out comes the old \$1. Then get the name and address. That is all there is to it.

I am old, 75 years; can't get through them and most generally around like I used to, but go up go to the best places, walk through town once in a while. Used to know everyone in town, but the war brought in a new population, so many are strangers. The last five subscribers I never saw before, but got the \$1. It is not hard.

Running short of paper, but I want to tell you a story. There is a good fellow, friend of mine, who takes The Militant. I have been trying to get him to go out for some subs. Last Saturday evening I dropped into a tavern. He was there talking to a man. When the man left for a moment, I asked my friend if he was trying to get a sub for The Militant. He said, "Oh, you couldn't get that fellow to take the paper." So I waited for the man to come

pack and I started in on him. In about three minutes I had his sub. After I had the dollar and his address, he told me he had been a socialist for 10 years. So you see you never can tell who will subscribe. Too many people haven't got the guts. Lots of times- in fact pretty nearly every time, they will say "No, I don't want to take it," but you don't want to believe the people are going to be free they will have to organize. That is all. James W. Connerv Kewanee. Ill.

We are still receiving combination couraged with the NAACP weak- subs to The Militant and the Fourth couraged by incompetent or reac- \$2.50 a year. Since the Fourth Inits subscription rate is only \$1 a

Boston Agent Rena Breshi sent

San Francisco also sent 16, half of them renewals obtained while the election campaign for Frank A. Barbaria for Mayor.

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or at least stick to the legal ration socialist workers . . .)

new costumes are slyly hinted.

Nor will she wear last year's ism." dowdy sables. Taxes paid by work-

Newfoundland is sending her a second mink coat. All over the empire, the workers are paying in special assessments to a "royal wedding fund."

Of course Elizabeth sadly needs these gifts. As sacrifice, provided all this wealth. . the Canadian Press lamented on Sept. 26, "the familiar family budget is a problem" for her. Isn't human suffering outside, the Means Test, unemit just like yours? Her state allowance of \$60,000 a ployment cuts, and the destruction of the social year melts to "only" \$16,000 after taxes. But for- services. Something within me rebelled and I lashed tunately, the report added, the King's financial ad- out at the enemies of the people. visers are dunning Parliament for an increase.

She sits beside the King while he reads a speech human being? I feel that I spoke for the working written by the Labor Government. She nods while class whom I represent." the British people are ordered to work longer hours,

And while she nods, so also do the Lords and have a ceremony in keeping with the British workers' Ladies, the capitalists, all the reactionaries including hardships? For a time it sounded as the Mosleys. The system of monarchy suits them though she might dig out an old well (in Italy, they must remember, the King invited wedding gown from the royal attic, Mussolini to march on Rome, over the bodies of the

> The Labor Party humbly bows before the royal But her lavish gown alone, they parasites and wishes them well. A writer for Cansay now, would take any other ada's "socialist" CCF sarcastically lambasts everyone girl's coupons for six long years. who refuses to "indulge in a sentimental interest in And at least four other luxurious Princess Elizabeth's trousseau, because British royalty is the wicked bastion of Wicked British Imperial-

> In 1933 an Independent Labor Party MP, James ers in Canada are spent to give McGovern, shouted defiance at the King as Parliaher one mink coat; impoverished ment opened. Other Laborites, groveling at the throne, were horrified. But McGovern said,

"I arrived at the bar of the House of Lords and taxes and in wasted labor, for a royal splurge. The gazed at the vulgar display of wealth — wonderful mayor of Twickenham, England, was inspired; he's and expensive gowns, jewels and tiaras, worth hunsearching out all girls named Elizabeth, Mary or dreds of thousands of pounds. . . . I thought of the Alexandra (has the princess no more names?) for poor wretched people outside who are to be victims of future legislation and who, by their energy and

"Indignation overcame me when I recalled the

"Did I do wrong? Is there any worker who be-What does Elizabeth do to earn her "wage"? lieves that I did not voice the feeling of every decent

And that's my sentiment.

The Negro Struggle-

Negroes and the Special Session

- By George Clarke -

of Congress during the early part of the year, won't meant business.



Congress left "a sordid record; a Negro people want. record of money and politics being

and congressmen intended."

There is no reason to believe that they have any of the people. There is no other way. different intentions now. Thinking that they have is like expecting the leopard to change its spots. In enemies in whatever way we can while they are in other words, the way to approach the questions power, we must also prepare now to drive them raised by this special session of Congress is to recog- out of Washington next year. That requires political nize that we are dealing with dyed-in-the-wool en- action. emies of the Negro and working people.

them without quarter, without mercy, and with every other and being hungry all the time. weapon at your disposal. Your enemies will never

initiated. Negro leaders signed petitions, sent tele- a Workers and Farmers Government. grams and held conferences to beg Roosevelt for Washington Movement threatened to bring tens of a new world.

Congress is meeting again, in a special session thousands of people to the capital in support of this time. Many Negroes, thinking over the record their demand and UNTIL he saw that the Negroes

> know whether to be glad or sorry That lesson should be studied and re-studied that Congress is getting together today by every Negro in this country. In it lies the answer to winning permanent FEPC legislation, anti-As Leslie S. Perry of the NAACP lynch and anti-poll tax laws, abolition of Jim Crow Washington Bureau put it, this in the armed forces and all the other measures the

The way to deal with this Congress is to bring given precedence over human lives the maximum pressure to bear on it through mass Under the 80th Congress rich men demonstrations involving the millions of Negroes became richer and poor men poorer. Under the 80th and white workers who have equally strong griev-Congress basic civil rights of working people and ances against Congress. In short, the members of minority racial groups were either lost or brazenly Congress must be shown that they are going to have ignored. And this is what the majority of senators real trouble on their hands if they don't come across with the legislation demanded by the great majority

That is not all, however. Besides fighting these

Not the kind of political action practiced by The way to deal with your enemies is not to plead Negro leaders in the past - switching from Demowith them, not to beg them for the things that crats to Republicans and then back again, getting are rightfully yours, but to FIGHT them - to fight a crumb from one side and then a crumb from the

What is called for now is independent political give you anything that you don't fight for; and if action - a Labor Party embracing the unions, the you stop fighting, they will take away some of what poor farmers and the oppressed minorities, a Labor party running its own candidates and pledged to Always remember how the wartime FEPC was replace the rotten Jim Crow capitalist system with

The members of Congress are getting together to something like the FEPC. But he was not inter- plan new measures on behalf of Big Business. Negro ested. He was not interested UNTIL the March on and white workers must get together too, to plan

Toward Mental Health

- By Grace Carlson -



ciency, or just contentment - or

these together. It is the ability to maintain an even temper, an alert intelligence, socially considerate behavior, and a happy disposition. This, I think, is a healthy mind."

But millions of American men, women, and children do not possess "healthy minds." Nervous and cial examinations., mental diseases take a toll greater than cancer, tuberculosis and infantile paralysis combined. There are 625,000 patients in public mental hospitals in the aminations, and they can also afford the surgical, United States. Mental illness strikes one in five medical and psychiatric treatment needed in order families; one in thirteen people. Psychiatrists esti- to cure "nervous and mental disorders. However, mate that over a million persons now living will find for the vast majority of American workers, the kind themselves in a mental hospital within the next ten of medical advice that Dr. Menninger offers is comyears and another fourteen million will suffer from pletely impractical. But only if society makes this either a mental illness or a serious nervous break- kind of diagnosis and treatment available to all will down sometime in their lives.

The neglect of the mental health of the American mental health.

In "The Human Mind," the eminent specialist in population is only another aspect of the general mental disease, Dr. Karl Menninger has given us picture of social neglect in this country. It is not this poetic and scientific definition of mental health: different in kind. Considerable physical as well as "Let us define mental health as mental illness could be prevented if all people had the adjustment of human beings the benefit of early diagnosis and treatment at the to the world and to each other first sign of illness. Dr. Menninger regards the folwith a maximum of effectiveness lowing series of examinations as absolute prerequis-

> the grace of obeying the rules of head, the chest, the abdomen, genitalia, extremities, the game cheerfully. It is all of skin, pulse, temperature, blood-pressure, etc.

tion of certain reflexes, movements and sensations.

sputum, spinal fluid. 4. X-ray, electroencephalography and other spe-

and happiness. Not just effi- ites before a diagnosis of mental illness is made: 1. Physical examinations of the body itself — the

2. Neurological examination — a detailed observa-

indicating the condition of the nervous system. 3. Chemical examination of the blood, urine, faeces,

5. Psychological examinations.

Rich people can afford these comprehensive exthe American people travel the road toward better

Notes from the News

party "is the hard way, but also the only way, as "chaos and revolution." labor must eventually find out in the United States," say the editors of the Pittsburgh & Courier.

> Electric will discontinue next year agree on wage negotiations. the "profit-sharing" plan by which its 160,000 workers got \$3,000,000 (an average of less than \$20 apiece).

But of course it will retain the "extra compensation" plan for executives, under which GE President at least we don't disagree politically!" Charles E. Wilson had \$90,000 added to his base salary of \$108,000 last year.

MINE LEADER DEAD - John J. O'Leary, international vice-president of the UMW, died of a heart attack last week. He was a union member for 50 of his 66 years.

partment warns that next year's meat supply will Chartism in Britain, Anarchism and Syndicalism, be lower than this year's, and that prices "may go Money and Credit Philosophies, Marx and Engels even higher."

WATCH YOUR TONGUE - Marine Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates celebrated Navy Day with a speech merce has opened a drive to get Congress to kill

"ONLY WAY FOR LABOR" - Building its own those who favor disarmament because they desire

FOR UNITED ACTION - The National Maritime Union has called a national conference of maritime and longshore unions, AFL, CIO and independents, THAT'S DIFFERENT - General for Nov. 17, to fight the Taft-Hartley Act and

> NOT A JOKE - A cartoon in the New Republic shows one girl telling another about her new boy friend: "He's a Republican and I'm a Democrat, so

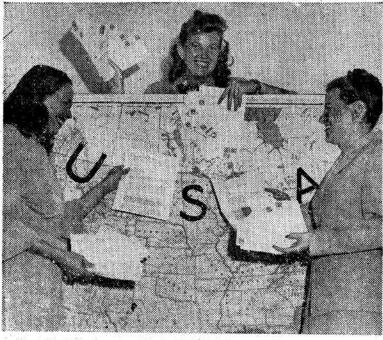
> TRAVESTY - The Georgia warden and four guards who slaughtered eight Negroes in a prison camp last July are being tried on the charge of "violating the civil rights" of the victims.

SOUNDS WORTHWHILE - Briggs UAW Local 212 in Detroit has a weekly study class on Labor Political Philosophies. It takes up such topics as MEAT STILL HIGHER - The Agriculture De- the Utopians, Workingmen's Parties in the U. S., Socialism, Leninism.

NEXT ATTACK - The U. S. Chamber of Comdeclaring there is "no room" in this country for time-and-a-half pay for work in excess of 40 hours billion dollar budget onto the shoul-

UN Is Given NAACP Petition Protesting Negro Oppression

Organized Against Long Skirts



Organized in Los Angeles to fight against the long skirt style, the United Skirts of America has grown rapidly since it began a month ago. Holding some of the letters from . Il parts of the country are President Martha Gaddis, Vi Strom of the CIO Los Angeles Newspaper Guild and Federated Pictures

Labor Needs Its Own Party, Says Trainor

BOSTON, Oct. 28-Lawrence P. Trainor, candidate for HAS NO VOICE the Boston School Committee, wound up his series of three addresses over Station WHDH last night with a militant appeal for the workers to break from the two capitalist parties and establish an independent

Labor Party of their own. Not much interest in the Boston elections is being shown by the voters. In some quarters this is being explained by the lack of 'qualified' or "colorful" candidates. Trainor's speech last night showed the hollowness of such explainations by giving the real reasons:

"There is a new development on the American political arena. It is an understanding on the part of the working people that the Democratic and Republican Parties are the tools of Big Business. The American people have come to the stage where they instinctively feel politically frustrated. "We working people of this coun-

try are the only working class in the world that hasn't its own powerful

"We built our unions against the employers for our own protection. We don't allow them in our unions. Then why should we belong to their political parties? Why should we vote for their candidates and hirelings?

"There are almost 16 million trade union members in this counthe minority groups.

question intelligent working men political parasites."



and women should ask themselves. LEGAL RIGHTS DENIED Not next year. Not next week-but right now . . .

"Working people of Boston: Why try. What a mighty force if these do I have the right to ask for your 16 million workers acted together! support? I am a printer by trade: And we have many allies—the small a member of the Typographical business man, the shopkeeper, the Union. All my political life I have working farmer, the white collar been a Socialist, a Trotskyist. As worker, the professional people and a volunteer organizer I have organized textile workers and auto "We have our unions to represent workers into their unions. The Sous in the factory and on the job. cialist Workers Committee entered so as to limit and restrict Negro Why not have our own representa- me in this contest for School Com- rights. tives in the city, state and federal mittee because they believe that it Another chapter demolishes the governmental bodies? Why shouldn't is about time that the workers of claim that while Negroes are dewe organize our independent Labor Boston elected their own kind to prived of their rights, at least the Party and put into office our own represent them-instead of ambi- laws themselves are good. This kind to represent us? That is the tious professional politicians and chapter deals with inequalities that

presented to the United Nations here last Thursday by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The document, submitted by tourts and legislatures. It shows Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, distin- hat: guished scholar and research direc-

NEW YORK, Oct. 29-A petition protesting the Jim

tor of the NAACP, is a 155-page booklet drawn up under DuBois' editorship and containing chapters by him, Attorney Earl B. Dickerson of Chicago, Milton R. Konvitz of Cornell University, W. Robert Ming Jr. of the University of Chicago, Leslie S. Perry of the NAACP Washington Bureau and Dr. Rayford W. Logan of Howard Univer-

THE MILITANT

It constitutes one of the most devastating indictments of American | the laws; to outlaw the restrictive 'democracy" written down in recent years. Here collected in one place, so that it can easily be studied by those interested in learning the true status of the American Negro is a full and detailed picture of how 14 million people have been and are denied their rights as human beings and as citizens.

Parts of the document are devoted to explaining why the problem of Negro oppression is important to and directly affects the UN, and why the UN is empowered to discuss and act on it. These are the least important parts, although they too contain some useful material. For example, Dr. DuBois illustrates the magnitude of the problem by comparing the American Negro population with the whole population of other countries:

"We number as many as the inhabitants of the Argentine or Czechoslovakia, or the whole of Scandinavia including Sweden, Norway and Denmark. We are very nearly the size of Egypt, Rumania and Yugoslavia. We are larger than Canada, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Hungary or the Netherlands. We have twice as many persons as Australia or Switzerland, and more than the whole Union of South Portugal or Peru; twice as many as Greece and nearly as many as Turkey. We have more people by far than Belgium and half as many as

Yet this great body of Americans The NAACP petition has been redoes take place.

fined in the federal constitution. It shows that this takes place in acts and conspiracies of private injob discrimination); 3. by mob vio-

Crow oppression of Negroes in the United States was formally

"Congress has refused to pass aws to declare the poll tax illegal; to make lynching more effectively subject to federal law; to make disrimination in private employment in interstate commerce a crime: to define and guarantee civil rights in he District of Columbia. The Suoreme Court has failed to declare Jim Crowism in intrastate commerce unconstitutional; to outlaw egregation in schools as a denial of iue process or equal protection of covenant in the sale or rental of property; to declare the poll tax an unconstitutional tax on a fed-

erally guaranteed right or privilege. "The Supreme Court has placed the Negro at the mercy of the individual states; they alone have the power to define and guarantee civil For Barbaria dividual states; they alone have the rights. The Negro is a citizen of the United States, yet the thread that ties him to the federal government, when it is a question of protecting his life, liberty or property, is so thin that the government is compelled to admit its impo-

The legal status of the Negro is demonstrated in another chapter to be "that of a minority whose physical presence is tolerated and whose rights receive lip-service, but who rarely secures the protection the Constitution and laws of the United States guarantee to all within its jurisdiction."

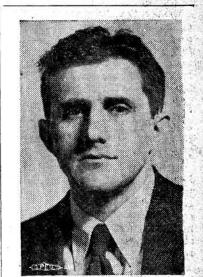
CASTS A SHADOW

A section dealing with economic and social discriminations concludes that their combined impact "casts a shadow over the Negro which extends from the maternity bed to a premature grave." And this is fully substantiated by detailed data on education, employment during the depression, the war and today, the differences in wage scales, the Africa. We have more people than | black belts, the role of the government, and health.

Negro's problems, and publicity is both good and necessary. But it will bring no action by the UN SPEAKS TO UNIONS has virtually no voice in the govern- toward the solution of these probment of their own country, and no lems. Appealing to the UN and voice ut all in the United Nations. expecting it to take corrective acion is like appealing to the Nazi ceived by the UN, but it is not at high command to stop the murderall certain that its discussion will ous activities of its concentration ever be permitted in the UN, al- camp commanders. Just as the though it is quite certain that noth- American ruling class is an oppresing will ever be done about the mat- sor of minority groups, so the UN ter by the UN even if a discussion is an alliance of all the oppressors on a world scale. The UN will do no more to stop oppression of American Negroes than it has done to One chapter deals with the denial stop oppression and slaughter of of the Negro's legal rights as de- the Indonesians and Indo-Chinese. While the authors of the NAACP

petition fail to understand this fact, four ways: 1. by state laws; 2. by just as they fail to understand some of the facts about the Negro dividuals (restrictive covenants and question itself, their document deserves the careful study of all inlence, lynching, vigilante terror, terested in this problem. Because etc; 4. by state and federal court of space limitations, its rich material and documentation have been barely and most inadequately summarized here.

> **Red Baiting Probe** In Hollywood - See Page 2 -



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Good Vote Seen In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. -With only a week before election day, the Socialist Workers Party here is moving in high gear in its campaign bring in a strong vote for its candidate for Mayor, Frank A. Bar-

The three contending capitalist candidates have now opened the "dirty" phase of the campaign. Having exhausted their limited stock of small issues, they fill the air with charges and countercharges of "ties with the underworld," incapacity to hold office, and red-baiting. Barbaria meanwhile has become recognized as the 'labor and socialist" candidate.

In reviewing the campaign so far, Barbaria stated: "The response to our program has been amazing. In practically every union or organization to which I have spoken so far, the idea of fighting for a cost-of-The presentation of this material living bonus, opening the books of to the UN helps to publicize the the corporations, and building an independent Labor Party, have had enthusiastic reception.

The voters have had many opportunities to compare this program against those of his opponents. Barbaria has spoken at more than 15 unions, AFL, CIO and independzations and public school meetings. In every case where he has spoken in competition with the other candidates, considerable interest was exhibited.

Barbaria is also using the platform of the Socialist Workers Party. A series of street corner meetings in the working class Fillmore area, plus a series of dock meetings on the wateriron with hundreds direct contact with hundreds will end on the waterfront brings him into workers. The campaign will en with a gala election social at the Socialist Workers Party Hall, 1739 Fillmore St., on Nov. 1.

The campaign has opened other wenues of propaganda. The San Francisco News has requested and been supplied with a 500 word statement on Barbaria's program, which will be printed in a special

FIGHT TO SAVE PR IS VITAL

By Robert Williams SWP Candidate for State Senate

he campaign draws to a close, t should be clear to all workng class voters in the city that Proportional Representation the 1947 elections.

The direct inspiration of the anti-PR forces comes from Wall Street. This is indicated by the virtually unanimous stand taken against PR by the newspapers and by the huge sums of money expended to whip up anti-PR sentiment.

Above all Wall Street's hand is revealed in the stand taken against PR by the Republican Party. The GOP was obliged to subordinate its party interests - since Tammany Hall will be the principal gainer from the abolition of PR-to the more important aims of its Wall Street muster.

SHIFT BURDEN

Wall Street is determined to reestablish its bi-partisan dictatorship in City Hall. This determination is sharpened by the desire to shift the load of New York's one

23rd Senatorial District, N. Y. capitalist politicians in the City labor movement that forced the en-NEW YORK, Oct. 29-As Council must be extremely cautious actment of PR under the Laabout raising the transit fares, or Guardia administration. passing a new sales tax, or refusing | But the leaders of the labor movean increase in wages to city em- ment never used this strength, unployes. As long as PR exists, the der the opportunities provided by capitalist politicians must restrain PR, to establish a labor majority has become the most vital issue in their anti-labor actions in fear of in the City Council. On the conthe trade unions which can sweep | for a few seats. them out of office. The aldermanic system does not remove this danger entirely but it gives the capitalist politicians a much greater feeling of security.

> If the labor movement is not today genuinely aroused to the sig- Mayor's office by labor's votes. nificance of PR the fault must be

How to Vote for SWP in New York

To yote for Robert Williams, Socialist Workers Candidate for State Senate in the 23rd Senatorial District, go to the polls on Nov. 4 and pull the lever on the bottom line of the ballot.

A vote for Robert Williams is a vote against Jim Crow and capitalism!

ders of the city's low-paid working | laid directly at the door of the ALP, the Liberal Farty and the Stalinist As long as PR exists, even the leaders. It was the strength of the

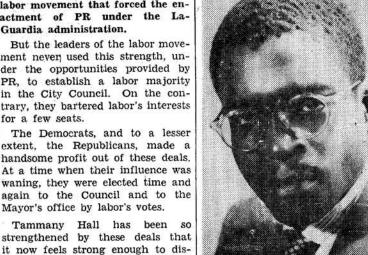
the independent political action of | trary, they bartered labor's interests The Democrats, and to a lesser

handsome profit out of these deals

At a time when their influence was waning, they were elected time and again to the Council and to the Tammany Hall has been so strengthened by these deals that it now feels strong enough to discard its alliances with the American Labor Party. Tomorrow it will

just as rudely dispense with the

Liberal Party leaders who are trying to crawl into the place formerly occupied by the ALP. were right in believing that the la-



ROBERT WILLIAMS

tinued to support him. O'Dwyer put over a separation of referendum voting on PR and on the transit increase. This was a The Democrats and Republicans transparent device to insure the defeat of PR and the abolition of the bor leaders were afraid to fight. five cents fare — one at a time. O'Dwyer used the police time and There was no protest from the labor

again as strikebreakers—but the leaders—or the Stalinists. ALP and Liberal Party leaders con- Thus instead of the organized la- candidates.

Hall in 1949, it must fight defensiyely to protect its rights by retaining the system of PR.

AN OPENING WEDGE

This fight must be supported by every worker and by the entire Negro population. A defeat of PR can mean the untrammeled domination of the City Council by the Wall Street gang, the removal of all labor and Negro representatives in the city government. That will be only the opening wedge for further sales taxes, higher fares, more racial discrimination and police brutality and an increase of strike. breaking by the city.

The Socialist Workers Party therefore urges every worker to co sider it a major duty to go to the polls on Nov. 4 and save PR by

But above all the Socialist Workero Party raises the alarm: the labor movement wil remain vulnerable to terrible attacks until the workers force the union leaders to quit their deals with the capitalist parties and begin the independent mobilization of labor's strength politically for labor's own independent