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TROTSKY

'The human race has a right to be proud of its Aristotle, Shakespeare, Darwin, Beethoven, Goethe, Marx, Edison and Lenin. But why are they so rare? Above all, because almost without exception, they came out of the upper and middle classes.'



LENIN

—Leon Trotsky, Copenhagen Speech, 1932.

Logical Conclusion of Randolph's Program to Resist Jim Crow Draft

By G. F. Eckstein

In the long-continued battle for Negro rights, A. Philip Randolph and Grant Reynolds have selected one vital issue, Jim Crow in the Army, the injustice of which cries to heaven. They say, "Right this shameful crime against the Negro people and the Negroes will be citizens as loyal, as devoted, as patriotic as any other citizen."

merely find themselves telling the Negro people to keep quiet, adding their little squeak to the authoritative voices of the worst enemies of the rights of labor and the Negro people that this country has seen for generations.

Some millions scattered throughout the South as quietly, in fact, even more quietly, did not vote. They knew better. They know all about the Fourth Amendment and an interminable list of Supreme Court decisions. But they know also the terror, legal and illegal, which stalks their lives and bursts out periodically to remind them they must keep their heads down.

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On April 24 the New Leader writes an editorial on the proposals for civil disobedience of Randolph and Reynolds. These insolent scoundrels inform Randolph and Reynolds and the Negro peo-

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Not a syllable is needed to describe what John Maranich and Moe Tulak, Pittsburgh members of United Mine Workers Union for the fine levied against their union for contempt of court.

A Fascist Conspiracy

The most repressive bill in the history of our country was unanimously endorsed by the House Un-American Committee on April 28, and is headed for action by the House of Representatives this coming week. If enacted, it could be used to destroy the civil and political liberties of every working class fighter for a better world, and would drag the country a long way down the road to a fascist dictatorship.

Consequences of A New World War

By John G. Wright

Apart from the universal horrors and devastation it must bring in its wake, Wall Street's war program is bound to deal savage blows to the living standards of the American workers and the mass of the people as a whole.

Who Decides CIO-PAC Policy?

The boom for Eisenhower being pushed in labor circles by CIO President Philip Murray gives the lie to Murray's claim that the members of the CIO have a voice in the determination of CIO political policy.

WORKERS FORUM

At the time of the Bonus March MacArthur was Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff advises the Secretary of War, heads the War Department General Staff, plans and supervises the government's military program.

The Italian Elections

The article on the Italian elections in last week's Militant contained one incorrect figure which we copied from the daily press. It stated that the Italian Stalinists and Socialist parties, running separately in 1946, polled 31.7% of the vote.

The Stalinist-Socialist vote in 1948 was 8,025,000. In round figures this is an increase of 775,000 votes over 1946 (again adjusted for the Saragat vote). On a percentage basis, however, it represents 30.7% of the total vote, or a slight decrease of 1.8%.

Activities of 'Militant' Readers and the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

- AKRON-4 So. Howard St., 2nd fl. Mon. through Fri., 7 to 9 p. m.; Branch meeting Sun. 8 p. m.; Socialist Youth Club meeting Sun. 3 p. m.

