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# Rubber Workers Ford Workers Forced Back Board Suspends L. S. Buckmaster To Same Speedup Conditions

AKRON, June 1 — L. S. Buckmaster, elected President **Atom Scientist** of the CIO United Rubber Workers at the union's last convention by a slim-two-vote margin, was suspended from office on **Urey Leads Attack** May 24 by the General Executive Board.

The most important charge? Union and that the defendant URWA. [Buckmaster] had been guilty of acts violating the constitution and HOLLER COPPER constituting malfeasance in of-

The trial grew out of a dispute between Buckmaster and Local the union, it was pointed out by 336 and its officers at Pottstown, George R. Bass, Akron Goodrich Penn. Buckmaster had attempted Local 5 president, "includes such to remove the local union of- anti-labor Congressmen as Dixieficers on grounds which the International Executive Board Bass, who has backed the Internafound to be flimsy and based upon an attempt to deprive local Buckmaster, condemned the Buckunions of their autonomy.

Buckmaster's feud with this local dates back to the time of the last convention, when Buckmaster and his supporters on the the local union of its right to votes would have defeated Buck-

Wnile Buckmaster has the right under the union's constitution to appeal his case to the union's



upon which Buckmaster's suspen- convention in September, he and sion was based accused the his supporters, notably Akron On Clark Blacklist former president of "a general Firestone Local 7 President I. H. plan to deprive a local union of Watson, immediately took their its rights and democratic privi- case to the public, and called leges within the International upon Congress to investigate the

> mittee which Buckmaster-Watson have called upon to investigate Crat John S. Woods of Georgia." tional Board's suspension of master - Watson minority group for calling upon outside antilabor forces to smear the union.

The Buckmaster-Watson minority has announced publicly the credentials committee deprived setting up of a national caucus, which plans to collect funds to vote at the convention. The local finance tours of locals, and

> The new URW President, H. tion, and that Buckmaster can be

### CONVENTION IN JULY

Lloyd, who has stated he will public hearing of his case. not be a candidate for President at the September convention of POLICE STATE DEVICE the union in Toronto, called upon local unions to remain calm, conbers. "This issue," he said "will be settled at the convention by elected delegates with full demo-

for control. Election of delegates to the coming convention will take

## **KUTCHER SPEAKS FRIDAY JUNE 10 IN MINNEAPOLIS**

James Kutcher will leave New York City by plane on Sunday June 5 for the Twin Cities, the first stop on his Western as developed since the 17th censpeaking tour. He will tell his own story at a public meeting tury is violated." under the auspices of the Minnesota section of the Kutcher

Civil Rights Committee scheduled for Friday evening, June 10 at resolution at its recent meeting the CIO Hall, 8th Street and to back Kutcher's fight for re-Fourth Ave. S., in Minneapolis. instatement. This is the ninth

Among other featured speak- CIO City Council to support the ers are Robert Wishart, President veteran's case. Councils in of the Hennepin County CIO Youngstown, Philadelphia, New-Council, which passed a motion ark, Minneapolis, Chicago, Deon May 25 urging all its affiliates to support the meeting; Milton Siegel, Field Representative of the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union; and Arthur Sternberg of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Plans for Kutch- are visit to the Twin Cities in-Workers Union; and Arthur clude radio interviews and appearances before union organiza-

Seattle. San Francisco and Los Angeles after his week's stay in

## NAACP VOTES SUPPORT

Support of the campaign to win justice for the victimized veteran has been unanimously voted by the Minneapolis branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The Negro people have been ty purge in various government

The Executive Board of the than a flag of surrender, a flat CIO Council in Los Angeles, Ca- betrayal of the Democratic Par- of the Democratic party's prom- ing the door to larger ones." lifornia, unanimously endorsed a ty platform."

The Congressional Labor Com-

publication of propaganda.

R. Lloyd, and Vice President Dickinson, have stated that the board's action was strictly within the rules of the union constituassured of every democratic right within the union, including his appeal to a convention if he

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Porter called the purge al expediency and fear of Rus-

Such unqualified opposition by Allentown, Pa. have already taken

The government's "loyalty purge" was sharply attacked in a series of hearings and debates held in the past two weeks, with Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize winner and director of the U.S. War Research Atomic Bomb Project taking the lead in repudiating the witch-hunts.

Dr. Urey and four other pro fessors of the University of Chicago testified before the Broyles Commission at Springfield, Illinois. The state red-hunting committee is investigating "allegedsubversive activities" at the Uni-

All of the professors defended their right to belong to "organizations concerned with peace academic freedom, free speech, and other issues." Dr. Urey declared that "The designation of organizations by the attorney general as subversive is one of the most dangerous things in American life."

He has been in the forefront of the fight against the purges as the sponsor of a statement signed recently by 105 University of Chicago faculty members in support of the Kutcher Civil Rights Defense Committee. They de-manded full freedom of associa-

Rights in a Postwar World" held tinue to function in representa- by the New York County Lawvers' Association on May 26, Prodevice." With Arthur Garfield scores of workers, the jailing of The union is thus in the throes Hays, general counsel of the of hundreds, the deportation of have all served only to tighten of an intense internal struggle American Civil Liberties Union, still more leaders on May 30, and the workers' ranks.

> The "loyalty program" was called "one of the most starting developments in Anglo-Saxon law," at a Senior Forum on Loyalty, Security and Democracy held at Columbia College the following night. Paul Porter, Washington Attorney and former head of the OPA, told 350 students that under this program "nearly every tenet of our law

ravesty upon anything like equal justice," a "thing born of politicsia" and "a colossal waste of

a former member of the government is only a reflection of the troit, Hudson County, N. J. and growing recognition that the "loyalty program" threatens the Trotskyist. rights of all Americans.

## The Wringer



# manded full freedom of association and freedom of thought for the legless veteran, and a full public hearing of his case. Bolivia Strikes Spread Police State Device In a conference on "Our Civil Rights in a Postwar World" held

Heroic tin miners of Bolivia, striking since May 28 against | Lora, was among those deported what would happen if arbitrafessor Thomas I. Emerson of the arrest and deportation of their union and political leaders, Yale Law School called the Loy- are rallying support throughout the country. All government alty Review Board a "police state attempts to crush the strike have been futile. The massacre of

he advocated its complete aboli- the general mobilization order to alert the entire army against

working class demonstrations,

Report Execution

Of Tan Malakka

There are unconfirmed re

ports that Tan Malakka has

been executed by Indonesian

Republican troops in Java. The

first rumor from Batavia, May

25, was repeated in a London

dispatch to the Associated

Press a few hours later. The

second account added that

since December, Tan Malakka

had been organizing under-

ground resistance to the Dutch

Tan Malakka was one of the

founders of revolutionary so-

cialism in Indonesia. He was

an opponent of Stalinism, and

has frequently been called a

imperialists.

Sympathy strikes have para-

lyzed railroad transportation. In the capital city of La Paz, 8,000 workers walked out on June 1. shutting down textile mills, glass and furniture factories and breweries. The Associated Press admits that "there is a chance that the industrial strikes would spread to other cities."

Capitalist press reports call the miners' strike "revolutionary." They compare the drastic government action to those of a regime in the throes of 'civil war.' A government spokesman is quoted as saying the "disorders" were "promoted by the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (MNR) and the Revolutionary

### TROTSKYIST ROLE

There can be no doubt the (Trotskyist) is playing an honorable role in defense of the miners. An RWP leader, Guillermo

on May 30. The party has deep tion ruled against the union on uary, 1947, on the Proletarian United Front slate that included RWP and independent miners' candidates.

Two other Members of Parlianent elected on the Proletarian eration of Mine Workers, one of not likely to yield readily after the first to be victimized; and Mario Torres, also a miners' representative, deported with Lora.

ever, that the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (MNR), a middle class tendency of government employees and lower officers, is participating in the struggle on behalf of the miners. Previous reports from Bolivia have described the MNR as fascistic in program.

The strike is thoroughly working class in its aims. Capitalist press reports admit that "trouble has been brewing" for some time; Workers Revolutionary Party the deportations were a deliberate provocation by the government, to remove the workers' leaders

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Bitter laments and protests are pouring forth these days in fact, that even a hide-bound Won the Election?" The legless veteran will go to from labor and liberal leaders who six months ago were unrestrainedly hailing the election victory of the Democratic Party of the Liberal Party in New dens himself in the May Interand Truman's promised "Fair Deal." Now the most frequent word on their lips is "betrayal." And we even hear-once morehints and mutterings about a

"new party," "third party" or "labor party." Last week in Washington, the American for Democratic Acaroused by the fact that the loyal- tion, among whose leaders are branches is being used by Dixie- Walter Reuther, let loose an crat-minded Federal officials as angry squawk against the Liberal Party and Meany find shake a threatening finger under another instrument of racial dis-Truman administration's moves crimination and persecution. This to abandon almost all its prom- the labor press. The May 15 pre-Civil War period have so has been especially true in the ised social reform program in Postoffice Department where this session of Congress and to Amalgamated Clothing Workers, consider overhauling either the large numbers of Negro workers adjourn the legislature by July 31. The ADA termed this "more

conservative like George Meany, AFL Secretary-Treasurer, unwords at the fifth annual dinner of the AFL Teamsters, unbursystem were "weakened" by a paign pledges and promises... 'third party." The present situ-

an editorial bewailing the fate itself. Those who sabotage small reforms run the danger of openises in the 81st Congress. This which is "tough talk" indeed-

York. Meany went so far as to national Teamster. "Quit softassert that he did not consider soaping our enemies, Democratic the two-party system any longer leaders, and get down to busivital to the welfare of this coun- ness," he thunders, "or else you try and, indeed, it would be "no will destroy the party that has catastrophe" if the two-party so continuously broken its cam-The New Leader, mouthpiece ation in Congress, he said, "to for the Social Democratic choir my mind is an indictment boys of the U.S. State Depart-Senator Hubert Humphrey and against the two-party system." ment, in a May 14 front-page The complaints of the ADA, editorial makes so bold as to echo in almost all sections of Truman's chin: "Not since the Advance, published by the CIO many Americans been ready to devotes its entire front page to party system or the Constitution

So flagrant is this betrayal, editorial plaintively asks: "Who if you know the New Leader. 1948. All wound up in Truman's Now all this indignant, angry camp.

language might be very impressive, almost persuasive, if we bosomed himself of some strange Daniel J. Tobin, Czar-President hadn't heard it before, from the same or similar people, and in and was intended to do nothing almost the identical words. Every couple of years since before the inaction with a lot of beclouding war, at each new betrayal of Democratic Party promises, the wave of complaints and threats pro-Democratic union leaders and liberals have raised a howl.

### WOUND UP WITH TRUMAN

David Dubinsky, king-pin of the high-tide of Truman's strike-

Yes, we've heard this talk be fore, and that's all it ever was -talk! It didn't lead to action but cover up the treachery of words. That's what this new hurled at Truman and the Democrats means now.

But the workers, the Negro people, the poor dirt farmers Garment Workers, spoke of the faith in Truman and the Demobreaking in 1946. A. F. Whitney, nation and anger at the late Ranway Trainmen, threatened to are real-and they want action. to defeat Truman after the won't act to initiate and build in 1946. CIO Auto Workers Pres- ranks will not have to seek far "third party" gestures daily in to their needs and desires and who will act.

# Arbitration Deal by Reuther Plays into Company's Hands

DETROIT, May 29 — Under the pressure of a negotiating committee headed by CIO United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther, a hastily-called and poorly-attended meeting of Ford workers here tonight reluctantly voted 2,743 to 377 to

return to work under the same speedup conditions against which 62,000 Ford unionists went on strike 24 days ago.

With only a small fraction of the strikers represented, the meeting voted to let the crucial speedup issue be settled by "impartial" arbitration. No agreement has yet been reached between the company and union negotiators on who the "impartial" arbiter is to be. Lacking a real opposition

eadership and program, the bulk of the Ford workers showed their disgust with the capitulatory agreement engineered by Reuther and the procedure for putting it over, by demonstratively staying away from the ratification meeting.

Contrasted to the little more than 3,000 at the meeting tonight, more than 14,000 at a mass meeting May 19 had voted unanimously not to go back to work until both the speedup issue and the general contract demands were settled.

Not even Reuther dared pose the strike settlement as a vic- actions of their leaders and the tory. Nevertheless, he tried to outcome of their strike. m'srepresent it as bringing the Ford workers a "little nearer" to the "mountain peak" by exaggerating the importance of six minor points on which agreement was reached.

was elected to Parliament in Jan- Reuther "explained" that the union would be in the midst of contract negotiations and would seek to reverse the ruling in the terms of the new contract. But it is clear that if the com-

pany remained so adamant on United Front ticket, have also just one aspect of the speedup been exiled. They are Juan Le- in the face of the three-week shutchin, head of the National Fed- down of the Ford empire, it is mediate issue of this strike -



WALTER REUTHER

the workers already have expended their energy in a prolonged strike which their top leaders. settled on the most miserable

If the Reuther leadership couldmake no real gains with the men on strike, united and ready to face a long fight, how much will this leadership be able to achieve with the men back to work, disgusted and demoralized by the

### THE REAL ISSUE

Moreover, the Reuther leadership does not intend to challenge the company on the real issue -"the prerogative of management to control speed on the line." To truly challenge the speedup demands direct, on-the-job inroots among the workers; Lora the basic issue of speedup, tervention by the workers in the sphere of production control. But Reuther agrees with the corporations that "increased production" this, in itself, means he will put up no real struggle on the speedup issue.

The capitulation of the Reutherite leadership on the im-(Continued on page 2)

## It is extremely unlikely, how-ever, that the Nationalist Rev-**DEALS BLOW TO LABOR**

DETROIT, May 31 — Local and state police so far have failed to uncover a single substantial clue to the identity of the would-be assassin or assassins who on the night of May 24 shot and seriously wonded Victor Reuther, CIO United Auto Workers Educational Director and brother 3 of the union's president, Walter Reuther last year was used by

elements alleged to have been connected with gambling inside

of gambling dens and hoodlum hangouts was reported under way Victor Reuther was struck the dark through the window of his living-room where he was

sitting with his wife. The charge struck him in the face. He was rushed to the hospital where his right eve was removed. His condition is still serious.

### WITCH HUNT

The cowardly assassination at tempt against Victor Reuther parallels the attempted murder of Walter Reuther on the night are sick and tired of words, of April 20, 1948. The UAW the AFL International Ladies words, words. They are losing president was also struck by a shot-gun blast, fired from outneed for a labor party during cratic Party and the capitalist side his kitchen window by a two-party system. Their indig- hidden assailant or assailants, whose identity has never been president of the Brotherhood of betrayal of Democratic promises established. A charge of assault with attempt to kill was placed spend the union's whole treasury And if the present union leaders against Carl Bolton, a former small-time UAW official, who is breaking of the railroad strike labor's own party—the union now serving a sentence for burglary in the state prison at Lanident Reuther made eloquent for leaders who are responsive sing. Police say, however, the evidence against Bolton is "slim." The sheeting of Walter

the Detroit police as the pretext for a fishing expedition inside today that their investigations the UAW, with hundreds of are turning toward racketeer union members known to be in opposition to Reuther's policies hauled in and ruthlessly question-Detroit auto plants, which the ed. Most of the police activities UAW has opposed. A round-up then centered on a witch-hunt of so-called "subversives." These atrocious murder at-

tempts against the Reuther brothers bear the ear-marks of down by a shot-gun blast from racketeers, fascists or hirelings of the employers. Such acts of terrorism are a deadly threat to the labor . movement and will embolden labor's enemies to use physical terrorism against other labor leaders and union militants. Every union member should cooperate to the fullest with the UAW to uncover the perpetrators of these assassination attempts and bring them to justice.

#### IRVING ABRAMSON, HIGH CIO OFFICIAL, EXPOSES STALINISTS ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Text of Letter "Daily Worker" Feared To Publish

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# The Atomic Bomb and Our Future The Kremlin and

## "No Place to Hide"--What Really Happened at Bikini

NO PLACE TO HIDE by David Bradley, Bantam Books, 1949, 148 pp., 25c.

By John G. Wright

Radioactive clouds from air

areas and rise vertically far

higher than was expected, even

Here is Bradley's heavily cen-

sored description of what hap-

islands. All this took only a few

appearance of the column of

water, the lagoon became ob-

How long did this "synthetic

storm" last? How wide an area

did it cover before dissipating?

The military censors in Washing-

ton permitted Bradley to say

nothing whatever about the sub-

sequent behavior of this "syn-

thetic storm," which was obvi-

ously at least as dangerous as the

blast itself because it, too, was

more radioactive than many tons

Bradley, however, was permit-

DEADLY STORM

from a shallow water blast.

This book consists of extracts from a diary kept by one of the eyewitnesses and participants of the 1946 atom-bomb "ex- trap than Bikini-that is the conperiments" at Bikini. The diarist is a doctor, trained to serve clusion which Bradley obviously as a "radiological monitor," one of those specialists whose job wishes to convey to his readers. was to help study and safeguard

against the radiological effects of | qualitative difference in afterthe Bikini bomb blasts. The importance of this book

said. Almost three years have the latter "remain permanently" elapsed since the Bikini "tests" behind. and yet the shroud of secrecy still remains impenetrable. On blasts are dissipated with relative the pretext of military security, all pertinent scientific information relating to Bikini has been completely suppressed. A reader who seeks for any new inform- say but again implies that such ation in this book will be dis- clouds endure much longer, exappointed. The mailed fist of mili- tend more rapidly over wider tary censorship is obviously present here as well.

Bradley, like all other atomic scientists, is not permitted to tell Like so many others he must conpens after such a cloud climbs to atom-bombs. Any atomic pile fine himself by and large to hints. but even these have sufficed to there as if solidifying for many create a sensation around this seconds, its head enshrouded in a book. What Bradley's hints tumult of steam. Then slowly the amount to is that while militarily spillar began to fall and break up. the Bikini bomb did not live up at its base a tidal wave of spray to the expectations of the brass and steam arose, to smother the hats, its after-effects, within fleet and move on toward the blast range, make it, in Bradley's words, "an ideal weapon for use seconds. . . . With the final dison civilian populations."

#### FEAR AT BIKINI

Like so many scientists. Bradley is a badly frightened man. One may gather from his diary ships. Eventually, however, the that fear was rather prevalent steady trades prevailed and the at Bikini, from the top brass synthetic storm moved away to down to the ranks, especially the northwest." after the "shallow water" blast. Perhaps it was because of this that the previously scheduled third and "deep-water" blast was soon abruptly cancelled.

Bradley implies that there is a

## **Rubber Workers Board Suspends** L. S. Buckmaster

(Continued from Page 1) place beginning in the middle of

Although hints of charges of "communism" against the present top officers and the majority of the International board have apgenerally recognized that the is also rendered radioactive and views. rubber union does not have a highly dangerous. strong Communist (Stalinist) The second blast turned the Party faction within it.

The struggle is rather between it into a giant booby trap. More control which Buckmaster is and oxygen rebreathing gear, and ington "is the unending struggle against the imperialist exploiters

tion similar (though inifinitely better probably) to that of a city bombed out with atomic weapons. No such rigmarole as rubber boots and gloves and oxygen rebreathing masks could conceivably be used if San Francisco were atomized. . . .

#### BOOBY TRAPS

Every atomized area will be another and much deadlier booby He does not say but repeatedly implies that our great cities which border on bodies of water, either effects between atom bombs coastal or inland, are more vulwhich are exploded relatively high lies not so much is what it says in the air and those exploded nerable to atomic attack than as in what it implies or leaves un- in water. The former "disappear," land-locked urban centers in a country like the Soviet Union.

Likewise implicit in his terse comments is that the atom blast itself is not so deadly to civilian populations as maybe its aftersafety and speed. But clouds of effects. This also means that water vapor and apparently other other atomic weapons, such as types of clouds behave in a difradioactive clouds, for example, ferent manner. Bradley does not can be widely employed.

One does not have to be an atomic scientist to understand that such clouds can be made independently of atomic blasts. Spread Following It is a far simpler matter and cheaper to make radio dusts, Miners Massacre sprays or gasses than to make would alone suffice for the mass "several thousand feet": "It stood production of these. Churchill in presented. his memoirs let slip that during the last war the Allies feared that the Germans were already equipped for radio-logical warfare, and tried to "safeguard" pany, scene of the bloody battle against it. The next war will when armed troops attacked th inescapably begin where the last union headquarters. The death one ended-with radiological war- toll is listed in conflicting reports fare, in which the atom bomb as anywhere from 35 to 150 dead, will be only one of the many hundreds injured. At least two possible weapons, most of them of the American mining execuscured in a sallow rain cloud. For "ideal" for use not against rival tives alleged to have been taken nearly twenty minutes the cloud military formations but against hostage by the strikers, were hung like an evil curse over the civilian populations, in particular, killed. he great cities.

spell out one of the lessons of sickness and early death. Bikini conveyed by Bradley's best-seller, namely: in the next war, for inhabitants of atomized areas there will be no defense whatever-"No Place to Hide".

#### ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The American Association of University Professors, which inted to speak vaguely about what happens to objects subjected to vestigates complaints of violathe action of such a "storm" for tions of tenure and academic an interval of "nearly twenty freedom, has announced that it minutes." The commonest objects is "swamped" with a record num--food, clothing, algae, sea water, ber of complaints of dismissals air itself-become as radioactive and other forms of victimization as the deadliest elements of the of college and university profesared in statements from the bomb. For days afterwards, sors and instructors for their to the corn and beans their poor Buckmaster-Watson group, it is everything that comes in contact political, economic or social

## Bikini lagoon and everything in NO PEACE IN SIGHT

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, former Buckmaster, who represents a than six weeks after the second military governor of Germany, the conditions that every Bolivian very conservative right wing blast, Bradley tersely comments: told the Alumni Federation of worker knows about. The inspirpolicy, and unionists who seek to "The cost of even such minimal Columbia University last week ing solidarity of the city workfollow a more aggressive pro- activities as we now engage in, that the "ideological struggle" ers with their brothers and sisters gram, and to prevent one-man in terms of clothing, boots, gloves, between the Kremlin and Wash- in the mines, is a demonstration with attempting to in terms of the gigantic daily that will face us for years to and their Bolivian henchmen who laundry operations must be stag- come."



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# **Bolivian Strikes**

(Continued from page 1) before wage demands could be

#### BLOODY BATTLE

The strike began at the "20th Century" mine of the Patino Com-

Hatred of the American im-In this sense Bradley's book is perialists and their agents is deep truly a book for every civilian to and justified. The Morgan-Rockeread and ponder over. Left in the feller interests and British caphands of its present masters- italists together dominate the the militarists and the war- economic and political life of minded capitalist politicians— Bolivia, condemning the native dominated by the United States the hand grenade is not discussatomic "progress" does indeed workers to miserable poverty, would have been given owner- ed by Blackett. Had he studied

Bolivia is virtually a one-product country-tin, produced by the huge Patino, Hochschilds, and Aramayo companies. Ninety per cent of Bolivia's national income wealth, especially the tin controlled by these three monsters. some 200,000 men, women and children, exploited with equal ruthlessness.

Regardless of age, sex or strength, these workers toil underground in mines 10,000 to 13,000 feet above sea level. Their exhausting labor in the high altitudes, their meager diet limited pay can buy, their squalid homes, all make the miners easy victims of tuberculosis and other ravages of poverty.

These are the factors that "promoted" the strike. These are hold the reins of government.

## "Fear, War and the Bomb"--**Humanity is Not Yet Lost**

of Atomic Energy. By P. M. S. Blackett. 244 pp. McGraw-Hill

#### By Joseph Hansen

Blind fear of atomic energy is self-defeating. We must approach the problem of controlling this new mighty source of power in a rational way, that is from the political viewpoint.

developed in Fear, War, and the used the destructiveness of atom-Bomb by the distinguished Brit- ic weapons to foster the illusion ish scientist and winner of the that a war upon the Soviet Union 1948 Nobel prize for physics,

ly fitted togther that no critic the bomb. the book has yet succeeded tation, Blackett shows how coldhas utilized its monopoly of nuest of the world.

For example, he demonstrates that the decision to bomb Hiroshima and Nagasaki was not the infantry-not indiscriminate motivated by the desire to "save lives" or other humanitarian decisive in World War II. This ournoses. The real reason was to beat the Soviet Union to the punch and compel the Japanese United States alone

#### A-BOMB AND COLD WAR

That is why "the two bombsthe only two existing-were be dropped on two crowded cibombed precisely two days before the expected Soviet attack on Japan. "So we may conclude that the dropping of the atomic bombs was no so much the last military act of the second World War, as the first major operation of the cold diplomatic war with

Russia now in progress." tions discussions on control of countries as the Soviet Union.

this commission. It is not neces-The mining population numbers sary to go into all the ramifications; they can be summed up in a phrase: it would have meant breaking state ownership of property in the USSR, one of the aims of U.S. imperialism

On top of this, the U.S. would provide a legal cover to launch the next World War.

possible executioner.

In pointing to the

The main emphasis of Fear.

would be over within a few days if the United States were to With a mass of facts so solid- strike while it still monopolizes

Blackett tries to demonstrate in presenting a convincing refu- the falsity of this view. Granting that the new weapon is far more bloodedly American imperialism frightful, still in Blackett's opinion it is not the "absolute" atomic energy to drive for con- weapon the warmongers would have us believe it is.

From the stricty military point of view, it was the air force and bombing of civilians—that proved succeed in killing as many as 40,000,000 human beings the first few days.

The struggle would be a bloody, costly business. Civil 17 announced the closing of vilian centers. Hiroshima was wars would inevitably flare up. Jewish theater as the "only warning not to plunge into the madness of atomic war.

The principal weakeness of the book is its conclusion-which happens to coincide with Stalinist Similarly in the United Na- propaganda - that something might come from attempts at atomic energy, Blackett points disarmament. Why disarmament out that the U.S. proposals were could succeed any better with not nearly so altruistic as pic- atomic weapons than with the tured in the press. A commission machine gun, barbed wire and ed by Blackett. Had he studied ship and control of the entire this political question with the atomic energy industry of such same objectivity and thorough- casts - and the capitalist press, ness he gave to the control of ever watchful for grist to the This would include related atomic energy, Blackett would cold-war mill, have naturally industries—those making the surely have dismissed this hoary needed equipment. Even pro- nostrum. The preceding chapters about this upsurge of Stalinist is derived from its mineral specting for atomic ores would themselves offer the most come under the supervision of striking evidence of the ability publicists who treat the same of the imperialist politicians to reactionary ends.

atomic political one, and the most fundecide the country's fate, the other things, misrepresented a conversion of the "Communist" have retained the right to pre- capitalists or the workers? When cartoon in Krokodil, purporting Parties (especially in Palestine serve what atomic "secrets" it that question is answered in that it labeled one of its char- itself and in Jewish-language wished. Finally, exercising its favor of the working class, then acters "Zhid" — an epithet for organs abroad) to Jewish naprerogative to determinate "vio- atomic energy will become a Jew used in Czarist days. lations," the commission could servant of mankind instead of its

In pointing to the road of politics, Blackett has performed to seize on such propagandistic War, and The Bomb is upon the a valuable service. We can only excess in an attempt to cover up new state of Israel and its obvious projected use of atomic weapons regret that he has not yet whole- the real crime. Thus, they could heartedly accepted the full im- prove that the cartoon in question bounty have changed this whole in a new conflict. Those pre- heartedly accepted the full improve that the cartoon in question bounty have changed this whole paring another slaughter have plications of his own viewpoint. accually referred to Andre Gide past Moscow course. The Staling

# Anti-Semitism

By Paul G. Stevens

There can be no doubt that in recent months Stalinist Russia has given vent to the most patent and outspoken expression of anti-Semitism yet witnessed there. Ever since last January the controlled press, from Pravda through the Literary Gazette down to the lesser provincial organs, has been railing against "homeless cosmopolitans" 3

well-known trick of adding the cably with Stalin. original Jewish name in parenthesis to the assumed Russian

Mehlman) . . . Yakovlev (Holtzman)" etc., are denounced in the stein), Victoroff (Zlochevsky), ondemned in Komsomolska portless wanderers" and so on, and bear its bitter fruit in The Jewish publishing house Emes in Moscow has been closed inist reaction was defeated. down; the central daily paper would not be changed in World Einigkeit, as well as that in the War III despite atomic weapons Ukraine, Der Stern, suspended. and despite a surprise attack All these, for "serious manifestagovernment to surrender to the on the Soviet Union that might tions of Jewish bourgeois nationalism."

#### CLOSE THEATER

One Gussaroff, Secretary of the whisked across the Pacific" to long, dragged-out, inconceivably Byelo-Russian C.P., on February The United States would not theater in his district that "puts escape as lightly as it has in on unpatriotic plays in which life past wars. In this respect, Fear, in America is praised." The War and the Bomb is a somber satirical magazine Krokodil has added its bit by carrying cartoons depicting Shomeless cosmopolitans" with hooked noses, still another common anti-Semitic device

The flow of such news items continues to mount. In all likelihood, these more obvious attacks on personalities and institutions in the public eye are merely surface indications of a far

The US State Department in "Voice of America" broadmade a great hypocritical to-do anti-Semitism. The brass-check abomination very gingerly when

### STALINIST ALIBI

The Stalinists have been quick in Russia there are no ghettoes, no yellow arm-bands and no gaschambers as there were in Nazi Germany; consequently, "Nazilike" did not apply as a description. . . But the bulk of the facts enumerated and the quotations

however, a new or isolated pheno- It must be fought as part of the menon, despite the uproar made general struggle against world over it today. It takes its place reaction, upon which it feeds and beside the more well-known and of which it is a part. Stalinist even more ruthless campaigns of anti-Semitism, like barbarism in the Volga-Germans and other na- defeated only by consistent strugtionalities perpetrated by the gle for the revolutionary emanci-Kremlin in the past. It has its pation of the working class in a roots in the "Great Russian na- Socialist world.

and "passportless wanderers" - | tionalism" of Stalin, first applied old anti-Semitic euphemisms for against his native Georgia, which Jews. These attacks have been Lenin denounced before his death, underscored with the equally and over which he broke irrevo-

Way back in 1923, Leon Trotsky noted the underhanded use of name of each of their subjects. anti-Semitism by the Stalinist Thus, the critics "Melnikov apparatus in its struggle to crush the Left Opposition of the Bolshevik Party. He pointed to it literary paper on February 12 as as still another sign of the reac-'homeless cosmopolitans"; the tionary character of Stalinism, sport writers "Yasny (Finkel- along with its theory of "socialism in one country" and its Svetloff (Scheidlin)," etc., are practice of "Great Russian" nationalism. And he warned that Pravda on March 6 as "pass- this malignant seed would spread frightful abundance, unless Stal-

#### NAZI BESTIALITY

The wave of Nazi bestiality in Germany, and the persecutions in Poland and in the rest of Eastern and Central Europe, served to overshadow the trend in Russia, where "at least" anti-Semitism remained formally illegal, as decreed by an early act of the revolutionary Soviets in 1917.

The Stalin-Hitler Pact that paved the way to World War II did, for a brief spell, arouse wide attention to the problem. But this attention served only to feed the general flurry of anti-Soviet agitation in the Western World that was cut short by Hitler's 'double-cross" and the invasion of Russia in 1941.

During the war, which saw the extermination of nearly six million European Jews by the Hiterite butchers, Stalin's Russia was the "loyal ally" of Western capitalism and the fate of the Jews in the USSR - no worse than that of all of the population under the totalitarian regime - was considered particularly bright by contrast with the rest of the darkened continent.

In the ensuing struggle to "win the peace," Stalinist diplomacy convert such empty slogans to it raises its ugly head at home, found it expedient to back the or in the "denazified" US zone creation of a new Jewish state The problem of controlling of occupation in Germany, have in Palestine as a strategic move energy is at bottom a gone all out against Stalin's against its erstwhile British ally brand. In their zeal, they have in the Middle East. This move class shall have the power to called it "Nazi-like" and among was accompanied by a veritable Kremlin orders.

#### STALINIST BARBARISM The actual establishment of the

economic dependence upon U.S. (pronounced "Zheed"), the French ist press throughout the world writer, and used no stronger term has begun to attack the leaders than "cosmopolitan." And, of of the new state as vassals of course, they could point out that | Wall Street and to denounce Jewish nationalism once more as reactionary.

Stalinist reaction in its anti-Semitic form, as in all others forms, cannot be combatted succersfully by alliance with capitalist reaction in any way whatsoever; either that of the State Department or of its reformist agencies, with whom the leader-Stalinist anti-Semitism is not, ship of Israel is closely allied.

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## FORD WORKERS FORCED BACK TO SAME SPEEDUP (Continued from page 1)

right to force the men to work the Ford workers, he finally from the Soviet press that have above the established work buckled under the pounding of been cited, have not been chalstandards in any given period of Reuther and the International lenged. time - makes precarious the Executive Board and supported position of the whole UAW, as the agreement. well as the Ford workers, in the forthcoming negotiations covering a series of basic contract and health and welfare funds. other CIO unions. WORKERS KNEW SCORE

It is certain that billionaire 19 voted unanimously to stay out show-down fight. until all the basic issues were | The Stalinists, who were once other contract questions.

have no business going back into This strike, and its unfortunate ends to a beach, the woods or Morgantown, New Haven, Philato settlement on the basis of needs and will of the members, leave this planet in better shape Toledo.

arbitration, which takes the issue whether the company has the completely out of the hands of

## HOT POTATO

From start to finish, the dcmands, including "fourth- Reuther leadership treated the they wanted to get rid of as oppression against the Ukrainians, all its manifestations, can be round" wage increases, speedup Ford strike as a "hot potato" And there can be little doubt quickly as possible and by any that employers in other industries, means they could. Reuther stepwho have viewed the Ford strug- ped into the picture only when gle as the spearhead of the the militant Ford rank and file CIO's wage drive, will now be forced the issue, against his opencouraged to hold out against position, and determined to strike. Reuther then tried to narrow the issue down as much as possible. At one point in the strike, he

Henry Ford II had this in mind did propose the opening of conwhen he forced the Ford work- tract negotiations during the ers to strike over the speedup strike. But this was strictly the political movement that was issue. And the Ford workers camouflage for his efforts to quickly recognized this when settle the strike issue on any their big mass meeting on May basis he could, short of a genuine

settled. That is why they voted in control at Ford and who supfor immediate negotiation and ported the speedup during the settlement of the pension and war, were sitting ducks for an wage demands, the elimination of attack by Reuther. Discredited the company-security clause and and distrusted because of their unsavory record, they proved Tommy Thompson, President of unable to organize an effective striking Ford Local 600, in the opposition to Reuther even May 28 issue of Ford Facts, had though the Ford workers are ous winter activity. No doubt in 9 subs, St. Paul with 5 and Deposed the issue as follows: "I seething with resentment against some areas the automobile enables troit with 4.

that Rouge plant until we have outcome, has once more pointed open countryside. The desire to delphia, Pittsburgh, San Fransettled this speedup problem and out the burning need for a leader- take it easy at this particular cisco and Seattle. have the terms of the settlement ship in the UAW with a real season seems to hit even those quently reiterated his opposition from the ranks, responsive to the is to do what they can to help Flint, Newark, Reading and

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TROTSKY

Capitalist monopolies, having corroded the middle classes, are devouring the democracies. Monopolies themselves were a result of private ownership of the means of production. Private ownership, having once been the source of progress, came into contradiction with modern technique and is now the cause of crisis, wars, national persecutions and reactionary dictatorship. The liquidation of the private ownership of the means of production is the central historical task of our epoch and will guarantee the birth of a new, more harmonious society. The act of birth, daily observation teaches us, is never a "gradual" process but a biological revolution.

- Leon Trotsky, Interview in St. Louis Post-Dispatch, March 1940.



## Halt the Lynchers!

On this Memorial Day weekend, as is our native custom, countless men and women sought to enjoy their holiday as best they could, with taverns, roadhouses and other restful places among the favored spots. Calif Hill Jr., age 28, found himself in a roadhouse on May 30.

There was some sort of rumpus and the sheriff came. He took young Hill off to a cell, the "best cell" on the premises, the sheriff later said. Few know and fewer care how many similar incidents there were during this particular holiday when such things are part of the routine. But Hill's case proved different. He lived in Georgia, where the slogan is "A Good Negro is a Dead Negro," and where the color of his skin marked Hill for mob violence.

After locking his prisoner in the cell, the sheriff left the keys, just as deliberately, on a table. Then Hill's executioners came. They dragged him out of the jail, not forgetting to leave the keys behind. It was not until the next morning that Hill's body was found in the woods, beside a creek, on the outskirts of Irwinton, Ga.

His corpse bore the marks of boots and heels. And doubtless to render the meaning of what happened complete and obvious to all Negroes in the vicinity, the lynchers decided to add a special emphasis. One bullet punctuated the head just above the left ear; another punctured his body close to the

The press services hastened to assure the country that this, after all, was "only" the first lynching of the 1949 season.

Nor is it surprising that reactionary Republicans and Dixiecrats and other Southern Bourbons dismiss such atrocities as "normal."

But what about the liberals, the Truman Democrats - and Truman himself? Are they so blameless for Hill's inhuman death? Not at all. This young Georgia Negro paid with his life for their policy of "realism." He paid for their way of dealing with the crucial problems of our day - the problem of civil rights, and of racial discrimination, in par-

While these temporizers, deceivers and cowards make one contemptible deal after another with the Jim Crowers, the lynchers and all their defenders and promoters in the 81st Congress, millions of Negroes and other persecuted minorities continue to suffer.

To all honest men and women, Hill's fate is a warning signal. If the mass of the people are not aroused, there will be other Hills as surely as there will be other "realistic" horsetrades on this burning issue in Congress.

The Detroit CIO Council and the New York NAACP, have demanded a special session of Congress this summer to pass effective civil rights legislation, first and foremost, a Federal Anti-Lynch Law with real fangs in it.

We support this demand that Republicans and Democrats alike be forced to fulfil pledges they both made in the 1948 Presidential

We urge every labor and Negro and liberal organization to back this just demand to the hilt. Let there be no more Calif Hills.

# Where the SWP Stands on Conscription 2 CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

CRITICIZE PARTY'S POSITION SWP National Chairman, and two of our readers who sent letters lefending the policy of the conscientious objectors as against the

position stated by Comrade Dobbs in his article in the April 4 Militant. The letters from our readers are below; Dobbs' reply in the right-hand columns.)

wonderful and there should be more publicity given to the evils the most vicious kind of human slavery.

However, I want you to know that I cannot concur in what you say in the last four paragraphs of said article excepting the very last paragraph.

we oppose capitalist wars and drafts then how can we collaborate with them by registering for military service. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Rom. 6-16.

This procedure is as inconsistent as the religious faker who prays for peace (good) and works for war (evil). The word tary draft is only a trap to fool the draftees and they should not 'claim exemption" but keep it by not registering for military service. If any man does not want to be a soldier he is not required by our "Constitution" to conjure up some excuse.

Moreover, if the Workers of the World permit a capitalist government or regime "to rule over them and plunge them into war" whereby they could and do order said workers to kill and destroy each other, that is no valid reason why I or any other, class conscious worker should fall for this racket and it is my candid opinion that the workers should suffer death rather than help prolong or main- Editor: tain the evils of capitalism. Karl Marx told us a truth when he not members of your party we

Your article in the Militant of said, "Workers of the world April 4th, 1949, "Persecution of unite, you have nothing to lose Conscientious Objectors," was but your chains and the whole world to gain." He would neither collaborate nor compromise and of Military Conscription which is that is why he is remembered by the World Workers.

The last two world wars have cost the workers of the world about fifty millions lives (50,-000,000) and about a million billion dollars (how much is that?) not counting the misery and heartache of millions of mothers, sisters and sweet-hearts - and the result? Zero or below zero, for the world is in a worse mess of another verse in the Bible forbade." The "luke warm" "Socollaborated with these two world wars and we as supposed socialists condemn them as inconsistent for so doing. However, we must 'exemption" as used in any mili- not make the same mistakes or sins. It is also written in the Bible that, "Because thou art neither hot nor cold, but because thou art lukewarm, I will spew thee out of mine mouth."

In my opinion, when a man does wrong, he does it either by mistake or design and in this case I honestly think you have made a mistake which is perfectly human. I hope that I have helped you in your sincere efforts to hasten the day when the "evils" of capitalism will be "overcome' by the "good" of real Socialism.

> Sincerely W. D.

Although my brother and I are



FARRELL DOBBS

appreciate your well documented news survey. Our major difference of opinion is: although you as a now than ever, which reminds me labor defender know that it is the workers in every country who "Can a man do evil (war) that are compelled to do the fighting good (peace) may result? God for the capitalists of their respective countries - how can you, as cialists" in all countries have a champion of the workers, countenance Socialists killing workers of other countries and often Socialists?

You seem to go even farther by justifying socialists participat ing in the armed forces!

We are conscientious objectors, my brother and I. We can trust the C.O.'s in other countries not to annihilate the C.O.'s of this country and vice versa. Where can you find a more noble expression of brotherhood than this?

If it is brotherhood we all seek let us start right and back it up with something stronger than mere words!

Your past conduct on this one point is most bewildering if not disgusting. Remember I am harp ing on this one point, to me a vital point, othewise your litera ture is "tops."

Harold M. Sherwen Buckeye Route Redding, Calif.

## A REPLY BY FARRELL DOBBS TO LETTERS FROM 2 CO'S

My article, "Persecution of the Conscientious Objectors," n the April 4 Militant was intended solely to report the brutal reatment of CO's under the peacetime draft and to support

heir democratic right to act according to their beliefs. Conse- | CO's, but we think their policy quently, I mentioned only briefly of refusing to accept conscripthe Socialist Workers Party's tion is wrong, because it results position on the draft, primarily in isolation from the masses who to indicate that our support of are going to decide the great sothe CO's does not at all imply agreement with their policies. Since then readers in Min-

nesota and California have sent letters objecting to SWP policy on the draft, which they seem to think implies a compromise, if not collaboration, with the capitalists. To clear up these misunderstandings, I wish to state our position more fully.

The Socialist, Workers Party firmly opposes wars fought by the capitalist government, because they are imperialist wars waged to conquer foreign markets, sources of raw materials and spheres of influence in order to swell the profits of the ruling capitalist class. Imperialist wars bring to the workers only economic hardship, violations of their democratic rights, grief over the loss of loved ones, physical suffering and death.

We equally oppose capital-ist draft laws, military budgets and all other war measures. In war as in peace, we stand politically opposed to the capitalist government. We reject the fraudulent slogan of "national unity" and call for continuation of the and program. We point out the workers' struggle in defense of their rights and interests. As demonstrated by the 18 leaders of, the SWP who were imprisoned for their opposition to the last war, we never compromise with capitalism. We fight all the time in war as in peace, for socialism.

To carry on the struggle against the warmakers and for socialism, it is necessary at all capitalist war than a policy of times to be in direct contact with the great mass of the working vince many conscientious objecpeople, and it is precisely on this point that we disagree sharply views. with the CO's. We admire the courage and integrity of the

cial issues of our time. Such a policy unwittingly plays into the hands of the ruling class, leaving politically uneducated workers to the tender mercies of capitalst propagandists.

We go with the rest of our generation, through all their experiences, never voluntarily losing touch with them, even when the present will or apathy of the majority thereby requires us to submit to capitalist military conscription. But this doesn't meanwe abandon our political opposition to the capitalist government.

Always acting in a responsible. manner so that our fellowsoldiers will have confidence in us, we help to defend the interests of the workers in uniform. We support the rights of the. rank and file soldiers to organize committees of representation, to elect their own officers, to petition Congress for redress of grievances and to express their opinons on all political questions.

We discuss with the workers in uniform the great social issues of the day, interpreting events in the light of Marxist theory need for world working-class unity to replace the outlived capitalist system of war, depression and fascism with a world socialist society in which all mankind, regardless of race, color or creed, can live together

in peace, freedom and security. We believe this is a far more effective way of fighting against abstention and we hope to contors of the correctness of our

FARRELL DOBBS

## Why We Defend Harry Bridges

federal authorities are conniving to deport Harry Bridges, head of CIO's west coast longshoremen's union (ILWU).

of 1939, the first case against Bridges was set by the Bridges case. thrown out by the trial examiner. Then followed a ten-week tussle in 1941, where another trial judge ruled Bridges deportable. This opinion was overruled by the Immigration Appeals Board, which was, in its turn, overruled by the then Attorney General Biddle, throwing the case into the Supreme Court. This body ruled on June 18, 1945 that the nefarious practice of guilt by association - the only grounds ever adduced by the government - was in violation of constitutional rights.

Later that same year, Bridges was granted his final citizenship papers. In a sense, this was still another legal hearing on his status in this country.

Now, some four years later, Bridges finds himself in jeopardy again, for the third time. In addition to a Federal Grand Jury indictment on charges of "conspiracy and perjury," a civil suit has been filed in the courts to

cancel Bridges' citizenship. The outrageous record of this case is more than enough to show to what lengths the highest authorities are prepared to go in

For the third time in the last ten years, the dealing with a union leader today. One does not have to be a prophet to foresee that, on the morrow, the same fascist-like procédure can and will be extended to other union After nine-weeks' hearings in the summer leaders and other unions, once a precedent is

> But in this instance, it is unnecessary to await developments to grasp fully the antilabor nature of the persecution of ILWU leaders. The Big Four of Hawaii have their filthy snouts deep in this business. This is proved both by the timing of the Bridges indictment and the inclusion in his case of J. R. Robertson, first vice-president of ILWU. and of Henry Schmidt in charge of the ILWU strike in Hawaii. They are out to break this

At the same time, these anti-labor plotters hope by means of the Bridges case to deepen the witch-hunt and intensify the intimidation and terror inside the labor movement.

That Bridges is a wretched Stalinist stooge, is a public secret. We also know better than many others what a sell-out artist he is. But involved here are vital issues of labor's own interests and of defense of civil rights.

That is why we defend Bridges, just as we defended him on each of the two previous occasions. That is why we urge organized labor to defend Bridges.

## Seattle Boilermakers Regain Local Autonomy the courts, the militants organized

headed by those officials of the

local who did not wish to abide

All membership meetings of

leading members of the local were

John Grosso, trustee; and Nick

the local membership.

By Daniel Roberto

SEATTLE, May 21 — The militants of Local 104 of the Boilermakers Union have won a signal victory in their long Local Autonomy, and kept the battle for union democracy. They have retrieved the autonomy of the local after two years of receivership dictation at the hands local's membership and throughof the International Executive 9-

Last month, the Washington the local into the hands of an State Supreme Court issued a decision in favor of the democratic rights of the Local, and the final court order returning by the democratic decisions of Local 104 to the membership was issued May 19. Today the membership held its first official meeting in two years, and new union elections are scheduled for

the near future. Local 104 has been a traditionally militant local in the expelled from the International Northwest and inside the In- including Joe Clancy, secretaryternational Brotherhood of Boiler- treasurer, Bill Miller, dispatcher; Trades and Shipyard wage conferences had always been in the forefront in pushing for ag- and foremost spokesman for the gressive demands. The local prided itself on its internal International. democracy and its delegates at International conventions battled consistently for the democratization of the structure of the International union.

### SUPPORTED CRDC

Local 104 was the only local in Seattle to support the Civil Rights Defense Committee in its drive to win a presidential pardon for the 18 prisoners in the Minneapolis Labor Case, and the local took the lead in denouncing the goon squad assaults of the Stalinists upon the Quakers in Seattle during the Stalinists' war-time frenzy of patriotism.

With this record of over-all militancy and devotion to the principles of democratic unionism, it was inevitable that Local 104 should collide with the bureaucratic officialdom of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers headed by President Mc-Gowan - and officialdom whose record is second only to that of the Teamsters International officers for the number of locals placed under receivership.

The immediate issues that brought the assault of McGowan and Co. upon the autonomy of Local 104 were as follows: 1) the local voted to maintain its tradition of yearly local elections, despite a change in the International constitution which provides for elections to be held only every four years; and 2) the local had voted to reduce the salaries of its paid officials. For these offenses against the

security of a dictatorial official-

themselves as the Local 104 Com mittee for Union Democracy and agitation for democratic unionism alive in the ranks of the out the labor movement in the appointed administrative board,

### GUARDED OFFICE

The Committee kept possession of the local's offices in the Labor Temple and kept a constant guard over the records. They issued the 104 Reporter from time to time, the local were suspended. The and held regular meetings. They 104 Reporter, weekly newspaper raised money to maintain Joe of the local, and the voice of the Clancy and Bill Miller at their militants, was suppressed. Eleven post of guarding the office on a

full time basis. joblessness because of discrimina- cowardly inaction of the Socialist makers. Its delegates to Metal Bill Briest, assistant - secretary; tion by the Administrative Board's Party, as evidenced in the dispatcher. Despite the hardships testimony of Norman Thomas. It Hughes, former business agent, of maintaining the protracted is a comparison, I think, that struggle, these militants never more of us who supported Mr. local in its battles against the

> As a last means of defense these militant leaders appealed Brotherhood of Boilermakers fare up to. to the courts for restraining ac- comes as good news to all milition. The courts held up the ex- tant unionists in Seattle. It is a pulsions, and froze the local's crack in the hard AFL bureau- relief from the lies of the capitaltreasury of \$600,000; but for the cratic crust that encases the rest allowed the administrative labor movement of the city, whose board to govern the union, pend- most notorious representative is

While the case dragged out in sters.

The leading members of the committee meanwhile suffered your courageous stand with the retreated from their positions.

the officers of the International with the Socialist Party must Dave Beck, czar of the Team-

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The testimony of Farrell Dobbs on behalf of the SWP against the North Atlantic Pact before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is the finest analysis | James Kutcher ngnts on against of that infamous product of the tyranny of the capitalist op-Wall Street War Party I have seen yet.

Here, in language even the nost reactionary enemies of our class can plainly understand, is set forth the vigorous affirmative Socialist answer to the plotters against humanity. It should serve as the battle cry of all Socialists who seek to set mankind free from the chains of both capitalist and Stalinist slavery.

I could not help but compare Thomas last year and have The victory of Local 104 over generally associated ourselves

The Militant is better with each issue and truly a marvelous ist press. In particular, I am impressed with your strong sup-

port of all civil liberties cases. regardless of whether the individuals involved are on your side or opposed to it. This is in keeping with the

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## Get Out of Germany

The Big Four are at it again. The foreign ministers of Washington, London and Paris, on the one side, and of the Kremlin, on the other, are snapping, snarling and trafficking with one another behind hermetically sealed doors. The world's peoples are permitted to know only what those in the seats of power in each country wish them to know. And what this boils down to is, one side's trying to pin the blame for lack of agreement on the other side.

Millions are now anxiously awaiting the outcome of this newest diplomatic conclave, which, like its predecessors since Potsdam, has followed in the vilest traditions of secret diplomacy. The world's peoples sense that really at stake, is the all-important issue of peace or war. Central to this same issue is what happens

to Germany over whose fate both sides are haggling today in Paris. Each wants Germany so prostrated as to remain nothing but a helpless pawn in their game of power politics. Each has even less regard for the interests or wishes of the tortured German populace than they have for their own oppressed people at home.

Whatever may be the outcome of the current negotiations in Paris, the German people stand to gain exactly nothing. Agreements, if any, will be arrived at exclusively at their expense and on their backs and bones. What is more, agreements, if any, on Germany will settle little basically, and least of all provide any assurance of peace

The people of Germany cannot even begin to solve their problems so long as the heels of conquerors are on their neck. The problem of Germany can and will be fully solved only by the German people themselves when they establish socialism there.

The first condition for any lasting and stable solution of the German problem is the withdrawal of ALL occupying troops, not from any single zone, but from both the Eastern and Western zones.

The occupying armies of Washington, along with those of London, Paris and Moscow must be immediately removed from German soil and the German people permitted to establish a government of their own free choice.

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That wouldn't look so funny right now to the Ford workers. It's too much like life. They plug away, turning out what even the Ford Company admits is a "100 per cent" rate of production. How much more can you do than 100 per cent?

while he went on tightening nuts and bolts.

The Ford Company figures it can speed up the lines some more. Last December it had 116,000 wage workers turning out 88.141 trucks and cars. In March the company issued a new order to its supervisors. "The Company has the right to set any line speed it desires as long as (a) the all-day output does not require more than 100% of anyone, and (b) when a faster speed is necessary at times, no one is required to work too far above 100% nor for too long at a stretch."

Who was to say what was "too far" and "too long"? The speedup raised the number of trucks and cars to 92,800 during March and April.

Still not enough for the company! It scheduled 109,000 units for June, and with a working force reduced by ten thousand men, at that!

The workers, though, aren't just so many hapless Chaplins in a comedy. They walked out, to fight for the right to work at a reasonable

It's a step toward demanding workers' control over production, which will go beyond ending the speed-up. Once the workers assert their right to control their working conditions, they will go

If they can set the pace on the assembly line, why shouldn't they go into other phases of production, and see the job through from beginning to end? Why should they keep the parasites who operate the factories only for profit? The workers can reorganize the entire productive system without the bosses, and run it for the welfare of all who want to work.

"A steward for every foreman" is a fine slogan for the Ford workers and a fruitful idea for all . other workers, too.

## Two Trials at Foley Sq.

By Ruth Johnson -

Contrasting two court cases going on before the same judge, columnist I. F. Stone last week gave a "real life" picture of how the judicial system cracks down on working class groups and smiles upon the Wall Street trusts.

Stone has been covering both trials in Foley Square. In one, the 11 Stalinist leaders are harangued, threatened, and bulldozed by Judge Harold R. Medina, who demands that they stop wasting his time with their defense. The Stalinists are falsely accused of teaching Marxism, whose precepts they abandoned long ago, and advocating the overthrow of the government by "force and violence." With them the judge is tough, hostile, sarcastic and impatient.

The second is the case of the government versus the 17 greatest banking corporations in the United States, accused of having monopolized the control of credit. The charge states that "by their control of the securities business" these powerful banks, operating as a combine, "have been able to substitute banker direction of industry and business for industrial business management, with the result that industrial initiative and enterprise have been discouraged and new business developments retarded."

In the process of their financial manipulations, the banks pocket, Stone says, 280 million dollars in profit on 14 billion dollars worth of business - money drained from "insurance policy holders, railroad users, and consumers generally." This gives an idea of the size of the monopoly, but of course the profit-taking is not a subject of the indictment.

Stone's article in the New York Daily Compass. May 24, tells of the gloomy, forbidding atmosphere of the courtroom in the Stalinist trial, where the judge "held forth with grave and often tart severity."

In contrast, he describes the scene of the bankers' trial, "crowded with senior and junior members of the distinguished corporation law

"The appearance of the room and the atmosphere within it was that of a board of directors meeting. Judge Medina, who looked like ta morose Adolph Menjou in the morning, unbent is unconstitutional as against the to show himself something of a wit, and counsel Communist Party but is a model did not fail to appreciate the judge's humor. . .

of technical motions designed for harassment and counter-harassment, the judge spoke as among friends of that dreadful trial downstairs, and mentioned several times in a melancholy way that he would not be long for this world unless he had a good rest after it was over. He indicated that it might be a year and a half before the banker case, in which there have been 18 months of pre-trial depositions, might come before him

"Thus the prosecution of the Communists not only serves to distract the attention of press and liberty of others. I intend to the bigger issue at stake." You public" from the crimes of the bankers, Stone concludes, "but keeps the trial judge occupied for many months while the banker trial is delayed."

## Still a Matter of Taste

By George Clarke

In the midst of the Four Power Conference meeting in Paris to decide the fate of Germany, Walter Ulbricht, leader of the Socialist Unity Party in the Soviet-dominated eastern zone, made n as a pikestaff that Stalinism is no more concerned with the interests and fate of the German working class than its Western imperialist

"We cannot," he wrote in the Taegliche Rundschau, Russian army newspaper on May 27th, "ask every German first whether he is a good democrat, or whether he is a bourgeois, or was a member of the Nazi party. The only question must be: Is he in favor of a just peace treaty and the evacuation of occupation troops?" (The last condition is for the birds. Vyshinsky never mentioned "evacuation" in his proposals at the Paris Conference.)

Ulbricht's appeal for a "National Front" of all "patriotic Germans" was made even more explicit by the editors of the newspaper who extended the invitation for membership to "even representatives of Ruhr capitalism, even the church. All that we ask is that they are loyal Germans and not traitors to the unity of the

There is nothing new in this cynical disregard of the most elementary interests of the workers' movement and the readiness of Stalinism to unite even with fascists to protect the illgotten privileges of the Soviet bureaucracy. It runs like a red thread through their policies for over two decades.

As far back as 1932, before Hitler came to Smith Act. You should know be- if your scaffold was the Smith power, the leaders of the German Communist cause you had something to say Act. Party — Ulbricht was one of them — fought to about the "18" members of an- I was the president of the New go on behalf of the seditionists to the hangman is reflected in the last ditch to prevent a genuine united front of the workers organizations against fascism. Instead they extended the hand of friendship to the of yourself and those on trial the state convention in the city their names in support of these letters in full but the record cry out for help. What is most throw the Social Democratic government in Prussia. Stalin was toying with the notion that a "strong" German government would be a bulwark against the Western imperialists.

Hitler not only smashed this notion but he smashed the German Communist Party and all working class organizations and crushed the masses in the iron vise of Nazi terror. But that did not prevent Stalin from turning to the Nazis once again when their deals and alliances with the "anti-fascist" capitalists of the west collapsed. The notorious Hitler-Stalin pact was concluded a little less than ten years ago - "cemented in blood" said Molotov whose name will go down in ignominy for his statement that "Fascism is a matter of taste."

Since then the blood of millions has been shed in a terrible war, the masses of Germany have suffered the agonies and torture of twelve years under a Nazi hell. But now that the fate of Germany is once again on the bargain counter and the privileges of the Kremlin are at stake once again for Ulbricht and for Stalin "Fascism" is a matter of taste."

## **Notes from the News**

NOT MERGING YET - A motion for immediate unity between the Social Democratic Federation and the Socialist Party was defeated by a small margin at the SDF National Convention in Newark on May 21. However, the convention voted to "cooperate with the Socialist Party in establishing a Socialist Bureau" and "to instruct the new National Executive Committee to confer with the Socialist Party on the feasibility of a merger," the New Leader re-

BUFFER ZONE - The Birmingham, Alabama, City Commission has set up a "buffer" zone be-tween Negro and white residential areas, the Associated Press says. The no-man's land will be a 50-foot strip, six blocks long, in the area where three unoccupied houses bought by Negroes were dynamited last March.

CHEER UP, WORSE TO COME - Telling June graduates that job prospects will be "less favorable in many fields than in any year since the beginning of the war," Commissioner of Labor Statistics Ewan Clague added some consoling thoughts. "In the long run," he guessed, conditions in professional and executive occupations "might be better than during the next few years."

LINGUISTS EXPENDABLE - A new "electric brain" under construction at the U.S. Bureau of Standards Laboratory in California can translate three foreign languages with a 60,000word English vocabulary and their equivalents lined up in a mechanical "memory." Besides replacing translators, it can double in the bookkeepers' and statisticians' jobs in its spare time, since it can also do complex mathematical prob-

AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE - A recent Treasury Department report shows that nearly 50% of those making income tax returns earned incomes of less than \$1750 for 1947, or \$33 a week without taking out for income tax or social security. Only 4.23% of the 52,600,000 who filed returns showed incomes of over \$6,000 before taxes and other deductions.

FEAR OUTBREAK OF PEACE - Leading United States purchasing agents, concluding a special seminar at the Columbia University School of Business, on May 7 expressed the belief that the two ways in which a depression will develop is if "Russia ends the cold war" or we "talk ourselves" into an economic crisis.

WAR AND DISEASE - Speaking on a bill to set up a national institute to study and treat multiple sclerosis, similar to the disease that killed Lou Gehrig, Senator Tobey of New Hampshire said: "If we can spend \$5 billion for European recovery, if we can spend \$12 billion every of the Smith Act. the Marxist principle of labor solidarity. month to fight a war — well, we can't sit back and say we can't afford to fight multiple scle-

BOON TO LANDLORDS - Since adoption of the Truman-sponsored so-called rent control bill, believe he and other CIO officials ist lie taken from the Moscow ists. more than 250,000 rental units have been com- are wrong in refusing to defend frameup trials about "the despicpletely decontrolled and rent increases have been the 12 CP leaders. We Trotskyists able help-Hitler role of the Trotallowed on another 275,000 units by order of would have greater justification skyites." Morris misrepresents Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods.

# THE MILITANT

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# to fight for the right to work at a reasonable pace consistent with human health and strength. Although they have been pushed into arbitration by their leaders, the workers have raised a slogan that sums up a real, a lasting answer to the bosses: "A steward for every foreman." That's the key to the only program that will make the assembly line a rational organization of work instead of a man-killing race-course. Lapton of work instead of a man-killing race-course. Lapton of work instead of a man-killing race-course. Lapton of work instead of a man-killing race-course.

We print below the full text of the May 16 letter by Irving Abramson, eastern regional representative of the CIO, sent to George Morris, labor editor of the Daily Worker. The May 31 Daily Worker published a lengthy reply by Morris, but did not publish Abramson's letter. An answer to Morris, by William Warde, appears on the bottom of this page.)

Dear Mr. Morris:

I make reference to your recent column entitled "Why is the CIO silent about the trial of the '12'?"

I hold a CIO card and I shall speak for myself.

You contend that civil rights and democracy are involved in the America who see the bigger is trial of the "12" and you con- sues at stake." issue at stake."

So you think that there are bigger issue at stake? The twelve Communist leaders were indicted and are being tried under the Smith Act. I think the Smith Act. insofar as it purports to suppress the political rights of minority parties and the exercise of free speech is unconstitutional and ought to be fought. I said so in 1941 and I believe it now. That doesn't mean that the Smith Act piece of sound legislation when "In this gemutlich atmosphere, while disposing used to jail its enemies. Incredible as it may sound, this is, nevertheless, the recorded position of the Communist Party.

There is nothing so dramatic as the story of the part the Communist Party played under the Smith Act to demonstrate the proposition that the Communist on the trial of the '12'," and chalof this reply in your paper.

NOT THE FIRST

policy of the CIO. I am not taking Harbor Day. up the cause of the "18" Trotskythat "there are still some in as shown by its use against the the fascists in Washington: "the "18".

clude your column with the fol- In the summer of 1941 the "18" lowing statement: "there are were arrested on the same some labor leaders who are just charges for which the "12" are vindictive, hate communists and now being tried. The "18" were would just as soon see them in tried in the months of October jail. But there are still many and November of 1941. They were in America who see the bigger convicted and sentenced on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, to various terms of imprisonmany in America who see the ment. Their appeal reached the Supreme Court on three occasions, the last of which was in Deing their prison sentences in the early part of 1944. In August of 1944 Pres. Roosevelt turned down their petition for a pardon. Is it a fair presumption that the civil liberties of the "18'

were no less important than the civil liberties of the "12"? Would what did you do-what did the Communist Party do about the "18" during the three years that these men and "many in America Act? Were you and the "12" from the proceedings: silent about the "18"?

#### HANGMAN'S WORK

The answer, of course, is that neither the "12," nor you, nor the Party does not believe in civil Communist Party was silent. That liberties and used them only for would have been too much to ask the purpose of destroying the for by those "in America who saw spread the proof of that on the were "vindictive". You hated the record here as a reply to your Trotskyites more than you loved question "Why is the CIO silent civil liberties. Yes, you were not tion." even decent enough to be "silent". lenge you to print the full text You saw the opportunity to get rid of hated political enemies. Your rule was that the ends al-You know that the "12" are not coldly proceeded to help the hangways justify the means and you the first to be indicted under the man do his work on the "18" even

in the year 1941 I presided over are Baldanzi and the rest lending now. These "18" were members of Camden. The "18" were als snakes in the service of the enes should set forth a reference to bewildering is that such an artiof the Socialist Workers Party, ready tried and convicted and a my? Labor has complained only the irony of this situation. Louis culate and intellectual group as commonly referred to as Trot- resolution was introduced to get because more of their kind...were Weinstock, then a member of the the authors of Marxian dialectics skyites. Most of them were members and officers of a union.

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The convention of the support of their fight to the Su-Worker, June 6, 1944 — "Trot-Communist Party and an officer litical suckling babe understands: preme Court. The resolution was skyites Build a Sucker List.") of the AFL Painter's Union, that when one minority group Trotskyites as hard as I have introduced on the very day the fought the Communists when "18" were sentenced to prison the publication, Communist, that "18" in an effort to make the place a rope around the neck of their position conflicted with the terms, December 7, 1941-Pearl

The resolution in part said: should be treated as such." ifes. They have already served "This law is a dangerous weapon their sentence in jail. I want to against labor and the democratic repeated its line to tie up the Painters Council from adopting a take up your dishonest shibboleth right of the American people, case of the "18" to the trial of resolution of support for the



IRVING ABRAMSON

cember of 1943. They began serv- Minneapolis teamsters and it is essential that its constitutionality be tested; therefore be it resolved, that we call upon all our affiliates to give moral and financial support in this case, to aid in the appeal of this case to the Supreme Court to test the constitutionality of the Smith Act it be related for me to ask just and to free the 18 defendants."

Here is what was said by delegates identified with the Comwho saw the bigger issue at munist Party in fighting against stake" were fighting the Smith adoption of the resolution. I quote

"We have had this outfit coming around to our local unions asking for contributions and we investigated it and we haven't given it much consideration. The fact that the government, the FBI, has arrested these fellows ing on subversive activity in the Trotskyites," complaining that army and armed forces, we felt should not give them considera-

Here is what you said in your issues at stake" were fighting for

"Those informed of what the

"Trotskyites are on a par with conviction stick. All these let- another minority, the former enemy spies and saboteurs and ters were written on May 11, must inevitably climb the same

ists in Washington."

Worker, in an editorial, had the them ought to be made to answer being given to them. to his membership. By defending Trotskyites, like defending the accused seditionists still out of jail, such a labor leader abuses and misrepresents his membership. It is time to put a swift stop to that sort of thing."

#### JUST "SEDITION"

Complaining that the Trotskyites have actually had the effrontery to make the claim that "free speech" was the issue, the West Coast edition of the Daily Worker, the People's World, insisted that the Smith Act of 1940 deals with 'sedition," and had the following

"A campaign by a noisy handful of individuals in the San Francisco Bay area has been under way for several months toreverse a decision against the Minneapolis members of the Socialist Workers Party who were tried and convicted on a federal indictment under the Smith Act of 1940, which deals with sedi-

"Trotskyite agents are busy elsewhere, too, on the same case. They are bidding for sympathetic action by unions and other organizations, declaring that what actually is the issue in the case is not sedition or treason or antiwar actions but 'free speech' and the Smith-Connally Act."

from this organization for carry- titled, "A Closer View of the you say that in the trial of the "During the war some union locals were too myopic to see their fifth column role and even same paper, the Daily Worker, lease of Trotskyite leaders con- for civil liberties yourself. You when those who saw "the bigger victed for anti-war sabotage. Our must demonstrate that the civil heeded."

The incredible lengths to which Trotskyites are doing would no the Communist Party went in atmore associate their names with taining their objectives of handtheir defense than they would ing their political enemies over from others.

1944 to secure information and scaffold. On June 10th, the Daily Worker evidence that would stop the

neapolis Trotskyites is bound up Tobin who had a good deal to do with the defense of the sedition- with the government decision to prosecute the "18". In his let-On June 12, 1944 the Daily ter, Weinstock bitterly complained that the Painters Council following to say about labor lead- of delegates "were almost ready ers who appeared at a meeting to give these people a helping called for the support of the "18": hand," and asked for information 'Any labor leader who defends that would help to prevent aid

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#### HELP WANTED

The second letter was to Sidney Hillman complaining that the "18" were "everything but supporters to our president."

The third letter was really something. That one was written to the Attorney General of the United States, Francis Biddle. Weinstock wrote Biddle that he was anxious to get information demonstrating that the "18" were convicted for "sedition" rather than "activities on behalf of the labor movement."

The reply came from the then assistant attorney general, Tom Clark, who assured Weinstock "tnat the basis of the prosecution in this case had nothing to do with activities on behalf of the labor movement."

Weinstock went so far in his attempt to see that the conviction under the Smith Act would stick that he even wrote to the prosecuting attorney of the "18", Victor E. Anderson, asking for help to "satisfy some of these doubting Thomases we have around here."

There is the record. You sabotaged the efforts by those who saw "the bigger issues at stake," using means seldom resorted to by decent human beings. In view On January 25, 1946 you wrote of this record, do you really feel column in the Daily Worker en- that people can believe you when "12" you are fighting for the civil liberties of everyone?

Before you attempt to rally others around the cry of freedom adopted resolutions asking for re- and civil liberties, you must stand warnings . . . were often un- rights of your political enemy are no less important than your own. You must demonstrate that you don't want civil rights for the purpose of taking them away

While you torpedo the civil liberties of men, you cannot com-In August, 1944 you wrote in wrote three letters regarding the helps the hangman of civil rights

Sincerely yours, Irving Abramson National Representative Eastern Area CIO

## Fears to Print Abramson claims that it is "mechanical, the Soviet Union against Nazi | Stalinist wartime sellout. He

By William F. Warde

For the information of our readers we are printing in full the letter by Irving Abramson, eastern region representative of the case of the 12 Stalinists be- the same token we opposed the against the sabotagers in that the National CIO and chairman of the National CIO Com- cause "the 18 were on the side of wars directed by the capitalist critical period was certainly not munity Services Committee, to George Morris, labor editor of fascism. The 12 were and are governments of the United States to be limited by the fear that at

the Daily Worker. Abramson's Don the trial of the 12?"

This letter by a prominent CIO working class. leader well-known for his efforts in defense of civil liberties decause of civil rights.

Second, despite Abramson's ex- and enemies of labor: plicit challenge, the Daily Worker | Abramson is also wrong in

### SCATHING CRITICISM

letter giving his attitude toward support. Yet, despite our firm the defense of the 12 communist political opposition to them, we Party leaders was written in reply urge defense of the Stalinists, not to a column by Morris on April in reward for their behavior, but 26 asking "Why is the CIO silent because the main issues in their prosecution affect the entire Just as the convictions of the

18 Socialist Workers Party and serves attentive reading for two CIO leaders in Minneapolis paved reasons. First, it is a devastating the way for the present trial in patriots during the Nazi-Soviet war, particularly here at home. review of the despicable conduct Feley Square, so the convictions of the American Stalinists in the of the 12 CP leaders can open Minneapolis Labor Case which the door for further assaults upon demonstrates by their own words democratic rights and serve as leader, Earl Browder, held out the workers to defend their inand deeds how they knifed the another precedent to strengthen the hand of friendship to J. P. terests against the bosses. We in the past eight years, all the the hands of the witchhunters Morgan,

did not publish any part of his identifying the Stalinists with answer, although devoting five Marxism. In reality the followers columns of space to Morris's re- of the Kremlin have trampled buttal in its May 31 issue. The upon and twisted every principle Stalinists feared to print Abram- taught by Marx and Lenin. enemies of labor in this country the armed forces. son's account of their collabora- Abramson's very disclosure of the tion with the federal prosecutors hypocrisy of the CP in the strugbecause it exposes the Stalinist gle for civil rights in itself shows

Morris's attempted justifica-Abramson's scathing criticisms slanders against the Trotskyists. out in such sharp contrast to than any one else in refusing such the truth on both sides when he The Trotskyists supported both civil rights which was part of the erties.

was their initiation of a union imperialist purposes. guard to drive the fascist Silver Shirts from Minneapolis.

being "the most valiant fighters to the war of American imperialagainst fascism," they were al- ism involved advocating sabotage. lied with Hitler early in 1941. He neglects to cite the whole When they changed into super- record of both parties during the war, the American Stalinists Big Business elements. Their time, to support every move of

### ENEMIES OF LABOR

The Stalinists have shown time and again their readiness to make on the foreign field and the worst whenever their master in Moscow finds such a policy useful. STALINIST FINGERMEN The Stalinists reserve their un-

Morris knowingly falsifies the

false, ridiculous" to compare the Germany and China against Japan writes that, although the CP opcase of the 18 Trotskyists with because these were just wars. By posed the Smith Act, "action the most valiant fighters against and Great Britain and by the fascism." In fact, one of the Hitler regime of Germany becharges against the 18 defendants cause these were waged for purely Roosevelt, might be turned Morris does not hesitate to re-

peat the lie of the federal frame-As for the Stalinists, far from up that our political opposition

The Trotskyists continued

Meanwhile the Stalinists pushed lie that the 12 on trial are the how the Stalinists have violated relenting hostility for those who for the speedup; acted as fingerrefuse to go along with their sell- men for the bosses and FBI outs. Above all, they hate the against militants in the shops. Trotskyists who represent genuine They slandered the striking mintion for the Stalinist position socialism in labor's ranks and ers as "helpers of Hitler" and The Stalinists fully deserve confirms and continues their whose principled positions stand called upon the Negroes to lay aside their fight for equality and and condemnation; however, we He starts by repeating the Stalin- the twists and turns of the Stalin- suffer discrimination passively "for the duration."

> Morris cynically defends the Morris knowingly falsifies the SWP position on World War II. abandonment of the struggle for fair-minded defender of civil lib-

some future day the law, in the hands of those who today defile against the best anti-fascist

The truth is that, far from "defiling Roosevelt," Truman and Clark are carrying forward in the case of the CP in 1949 the precedent laid down by Roosevelt and Biddle. Tom Clark himself communicated with the CP leader Weinstock about the trial of the worked with the most reactionary throughout the war, as in peace- 18, as Abramson points out.

fighters."

supported the striking miners; political parties involved have reled the fight against the no- mained true to themselves. The strike pledge which hogtied labor capitalist politicians of the Demowhile the profiteers coined bil- cratic administration extend the lions; we backed the Negroes in anti-democratic thought-control deals with all kinds of dictators their struggles against discri- prosecutions. The Trotskyists remination in civil life and within main both irreconcilable opponents of Stalinism and the most consistent defenders of civil liberties.

> The Stalinists are no less treacherous than ever. Even under persecution they continue their criminal policy of demanding civil rights for themselves alone and none for their political opponents. They sabotage support for the victimized veteran James Kutcher as they did in the case of the 18. No wonder they have earned