The eruption of the British monetary crisis into the open has precipitated a world monetary crisis. That is the meaning of currency devaluation by one country after another that has been touched

ica) are still to follow suit.

workers. All the governments, including the Laborites, are committed to freezing wages, the price of labor power, the only commodity the workers have to sell. The position of these workers is thus rendered truly intolerable. They must and will

This means an acute sharpening of the class struggle. The initial rumblings, spreading discontent and renewed demands for higher wages have already come. In Britain, the conservative trade union bureaucracy is under pressure from the ranks to insist on the justified demands. In France, the collaborationist "independent" labor federation (Force Ouvriere) has begun talkthe unfolding monetary crisis struggles and political ferment in Britain and on the continent.

DOUBLE SQUEEZE

For there is one consequence of dread reality for all the peoples of the Paul Robeson concert ? to this measure — and that is, on Friday, Sept. 30. The concert the virulent resurgence of IN-FLATION. Caught up again in California Eagle, a Negro newsthe inflationary spiral are first paper which leans towards the of all basic necessities and raw materials. European and other peoples who depend on their 400 labor, minority and comsupply of foodstuffs and raw munity organizations, SWP chairmaterials on the countries in the |man Myra Tanner Weiss described dollar sphere now find themselves the Peekskill outrages and procaught in a double squeeze.

Their inflation is fed not only program: by debased currency and the DEFENSE MEASURES manipulations of speculators at home but also by the automaticfrom the U. S. and the "dollar all unions, minority organiza-

tolerably low living conditions defense of the Robeson concert. in Western Europe and else- co-operation with the sponsors where throughout the world. To of the concert, of a defense guard the extent that the world mone- of 3000 picked men. content and resistance.

The promises of the Laborite parture of the crowd.

off by the devaluation of the are as worthless and fraudulent pound sterling. Other countries as have been all the similar (in the first instance Latin Amer- postwar promises that have been and will be made to the British The full burden of the monetary and other European peoples. The crisis is to be unloaded on the sharp rise of bread prices in mass of the British and European | England is only a harbinger of what is to come there and else-

HAD TO EXPLODE

It was a foregone conclusion that Britain's fiscal troubles themselves not the cause but the product of the economic blindalley in which decrepit British capitalism finds itself - had to explode sooner or later. It was likewise widely recognized that the devaluation of the pound would come as a necessary con-

Devaluation is a "classic" capitalist remedy for temporarily averting national bankruptcy. (Continued on page 2)

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Mine Strike Strengthens Another "Liberal" On Supreme Court

Truman's choice of Federal Judge Sherman Minton for the U. S. Supreme Court justiceship left vacant by the death of Wiley B. Rutledge has been hailed by soft-headed liberals.

One of Minton's chief claims to fame is his chairmanship of Truman's "fact-finding" board in April 1948 which "found" that the United Mine Workers had "violated" the Taft-Hartley Law in going on strike. This paved the way for contempt verdicts and heavy fines.

Minton was also a member of the Federal Appeals Court panel which upheld the constitutionality of the Taft-Hartley anti-communist affidavits. This decision is being appealed to the Supreme Court.

ing with an hitherto unfamiliar militancy. From all indications, the unfolding monotony, onicis will bring in its wake a new and perhaps gigantic wave of strike Guard for Robeson Concert

By Al Lynn

the Socialist Workers Party today issued a call for an emerdevaluation that is already a gency united front conference of labor to discuss defense

Stalinists.

In a letter sent to more than posed the following four - point

1. The immediate convocation

united front. So far, the Stalinists seem to be placing reliance tary crisis deepens, this in- 3. On the basis of the lesson flationary scourge is bound to of Peekskill the defense guard upon the police force despite the strike harder and harder. This should pay special attention to Peekskill incidents which showed will act to increase mass dis- the defense of the approaches whose side the police were on. to the meeting and to the de-DANGER SIGNALS Almost two weeks in advance

CURRAN PRESSES PURGE DESPITE CONSTITUTION

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 - Just before going to press, we are informed that the Curran machine today railroaded through the NMU wrote the owners of Wrigley convention a resolution to purge all "communists and other subversive groups." This action is a violation of the constitution and follows the failure of the Curran group to get the necessary two- turned into a communist rally." thirds of the convention to support a purge amendment to the con-

By R. Bell

union in a totalitarian strait- restrictive measure after another jacket. The Curranites opened all until the union was caught in a stops to create an atmosphere of bureaucratic vise. anti-communist hysteria and This warning was borne out warmongering frenzy designed to when the constitution committee terrorize the opposition and in- came in immediately after with timidate the delegates into sur- an amendment to bar candidates rendering the democratic rights for membership in the union who of the membership. That they belonged to any "Nazi, Fascist, did not quite succeed is a tribute or Communist organizations." In to the sailors who stood up in elaborating on the amendment one roll call vote after another Curran emphasized the "s" on the

convention, the opposition defeat- would list those organizations to ed a Curran proposal, to suspend which the ban would apply. As | both AFL and CIO, have echoed power) increased only 14%. the rules for the purpose of in- night followed day, the "subtroducing a "loyalty oath" resolu- versive list" would follow the tion. This tricky resolution devised to stampede the delegates into made clear. supporting the so-called anticommunist amendments which ment applied only to candidates who pictures himself as almost were to follow. With all conven- seeking membership in the union. tion committees in the hands of It was declared adopted by a vote Curran supporters, the "loyalty of 405 to 189 although the ruling oath" resolution became the first was challenged because the aborder of business after the or- stentions were not included in the justify their demands for higher

the "cold-war" propaganda of the amendment would have lacked begin to hem and haw. Well, American State Department and the necessary two-thirds to carry. I cally, when they said higher called on the convention to "reaf- | The next step was to bring in | productivity is the only basis for firm its faith in the United States another amendment to expel those raising wages, they didn't mean and what it stands for." Opposi- already in the union for "mem- that any and every rise in production delegates warned that the

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 - The resolution was a "booby-trap" first eight days of the CIO Na- designed to blitzkrieg the contional Maritime Union conven- vention into supporting the "antition in New York revolved al- communist" purge. They warned most exclusively around repeated that Curran was using the attempts by President Joseph "loyalty oath" maneuver to set Curran and his machine to bind the stage for his step-by-step and gag the members of the strategy of introducing one

On the very first day of the that from time to time they "loyalty oath." That much was

The first anti-communist amend-

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to be sent to Gov. Dewey in New

"The issue is not Robeson's

political beliefs," the SWP letter

stressed. "The issue is the defense

of democratic rights! Our party

is 100% opposed to the Stalinist

line of Robeson, but also 100%

in favor of the defense of his democratic rights." It called at-

tention to the bitter lessons of

A letter was sent to the Los

Angeles local of the Communist

Party, asking for a meeting of

representatives of both organiza-

tions to discuss plans for a broad

retraction indicated that the

paper's sentiments hadn't chang-

Leader of the Disabled Amer-

ican Veterans in Los Angeles

for a meeting "which might be

This statement was protested by

James Kutcher, who is a DAV

been noted of reactionary

the concert, in the light of which

the Socialist Workers Party de-

European fascism also.

THE REAL ISSUE

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16 — The Los Angeles Local of

whose governments have resorted scheduled here at Wrigley Field to pass resolutions condemning the mob assault and the role of the police in the Robeson concert in Peekskill, and demanding the arrest and punishment of all identifiable participants in the mob. Copies of such resolutions

ally higher cost of all imports of an emergency conference of tions, veterans organizations, Higher prices and new savage community groups, etc., for the slashes in their already in- purpose of planning a unified are an immediate threat to the 2. The enlisting under the aumass of the people in Britain, thority of such a conference, in

government to hold the price line 4. All organizations are asked

Yugoslavs Main Target Of Frameup in Hungary

step toward bringing its cold war ists and plotting the military inagainst Yugoslavia into the vasions of Hungary, Albania, shooting stages. That is the poli- other satellite states and the tical meaning of the Hungarian Soviet Union itself. Heading the former Hungarian Foreign Min- tors are, of course, the American pictured, among other things, as of the concert, a series of threats ister and seven other co-defen- imperialists, with Churchill and have already been recorded. A dants, all of them former high the Vatican figuring prominently. of this all-out onslaught reads as Santa Monica newspaper came government, party or army of- Among those dragged in for good out with an editorial to the effect ficials. that the Peekskill fascists had

not gone far enough. A grudging leaves no room for doubts who organization designated as "a the real defendants are - they Trotskyite Zionist movement." are Tito and his regime. Followand obviously fraudulent confessions which closely reproduce and Yugoslavia, there is the camthe technique employed in the paign conducted in the official Field to deny its use to Robeson notorious Moscow Trials of 1937-38, the actual defendants have garian juridical frame-up. Not been assigned the role of "convicting" not so much themselves Trials and the accompanying as the Kremlin's political opmember. Other evidences have

elements who intend to disrupt THE CHARGES

accused and will be condemned by Isvestia has been reserved for the Yugoslav opponents. fense proposals have vital signi- the Hungarian court of a long verbatim reports of the "con-

"treason trial" of Laszlo Rajk, roll of their alleged co-conspirameasure is a new brain-child of The conduct of the trial itself Stalin's secret police, a mythical

As if to dispel all doubts of draw a line of blood between itself Soviet press around the Hunsince the days of the Moscow mass blood purges has so much space been devoted to coverage of trial proceedings.

Up to one-half of the space in Tito and his supporters are such central dailies as Pravda and and fantastic list of crimes in- fessions" by Rajk and the others,

by extensive commentaries, leading editorials, special feature articles, cartoons and the like. All the attacks single out Tito

and the Yugoslavs who are 'worse than Hitler." An example

"WORSE THAN HITLER"

continued but perfected the awful it is reported, is ready to accept crimes of the Hitlerites. Hitler these terms, but is trying to ing the pattern of interminable how determined the Kremlin is to and his men acted straight- dicker for a full 10 cents in addiforwardly. Tito has introduced tion to the 13/4 cents the cominto this the Machiavellian re- pany says it is already spendfinement of the Jesuits and the ling. bloodthirstiness of the Turkish Janissaries [mercenary soldiers plan that would begin pension in the days of the Turkish Sul- payments at the age of 68 - an tans]." Indicative of the fury age that would leave few Ford which Stalin's press is whipping workers alive to enjoy any penup is the prominent use - for sion benefits, however meager. the first time in many years in The amount of the pension would the Russian press - of the term not be more than \$70 a month. "Trotskyite" in connection with It is also reported that Ford is

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Forces Murray to Insist on **Minimum Pension Concession**

By Art Preis

Once again the country's 480,000 militant coal miners have taken the lead in defense of the standard of living and rights of American labor. With the slogan, "No

board.

With the example of the miners before them, the workers in steel,

auto, rubber and other basic in-

dustries are bound to take heart

in their own struggles to win

some form of security during

illness and old age. Since the

miners walked out there has been

a marked stiffening of morale

among the workers of other in-

dustries. This is evidenced, in

part, by the beginning of "wild-

cat" strikes in Pittsburgh steel

plants against the demoralizing

stalling by CIO Steel Workers

leaders, the Truman administra-

The battle of the United Mine

Workers, headed by John L.

Lewis, to maintain their com-

pany-financed pensions of \$100 a

month at retirement age of 62

and to increase the amount of

company contributions, stands in

sharp contrast to the failure of

the CIO leaders to win any basic

social gains for their members

It is less likely now that CIO

President Philip Murray will

dare to jeopardize the last shreds

able as these are, for company-

financed health insurance and

old-age pensions not to exceed a

total cost of 10 cents an hour per

Up to the day of the miners'

walkout, Murray was desperately

seeking to avoid a steel strike

with a face-saving formula that,

in effect, would have meant com-

plete capitulation to the steel

barons. In a statement released

Sept. 19, Murray reiterated his

plea to the steel companies that

they agree to accept the steel

board's recommendations as "a

basis for settlement," adding,

however, that "of course neither

party is bound by these recom-

tion and the steel corporations.

SHARP CONTRAST

compromise.

worker.

Welfare, No Work!", the miners Truman's steel "fact - finding" on Sept. 19 shut down the pits. They are demanding a new improved contract and the payment of all royalties due the miners welfare fund from defaulting Southern operators.

The determined fighting action of the United Mine Workers comes at a most crucial moment for America's industrial workers, whose drive for "fourth round" wage increases and adequate health and pension funds has been dealt a treacherous and crippling blow by the report of

Ford Uses Report Of Steel Board As Basis of Offer

man's Steel "Fact-finding" Board report is shown in the hardening of employer resistance in all industries to CIO demands for a "fourth round" wage increase by the methods of running to Truman and of conciliation and and in the readiness of CIO eaders to accept the board's recommendations for meager penions and health insurance.

Almost immediately following release of the steel board's report, the Ford Motor Company of his prestige by agreeing to announced it was prepared to concede the CIO United Auto Workers no more than the board's recommendations, miserrecommended by the board. Noting the "inescapable national effect" of the board's report, the Ford spokesmen said that wage increases were out Ford would offer only a "take-itor-leave-it" concession of a 10cent hourly insurance and pension plan - the 10 cents to include the 13/4 cents the company claims it is already paying into a wel-

fare fund. "The Titoists have not only UAW President Walter Reuther,

Ford is also holding out for a insisting on a contract of several Significantly enough the Krem- years duration in return for this slim concession.

mendations." If this meant anything at all, it meant that the negotiations would be reopened with no assurance that the steel monopolists would accede even to the bare minimum recommended by

the steel board. Truman lent his weight to this interpretation. He told the press that the board's plan was intended as nothing more than "a guide for bargaining" and that there was a "decided difference between acceptance of the report as a basic for negotiations and acceptance outright."

Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, then intervened to try to achieve accord between the union and the companies on the conditions for renewed negotiations. It was his opinion that the still existing difference sprang from the "meaning of words." There was a scramble for Webster's dictionaries to find out just what "basis" meant.

But the steel companies cut across the terminological confusion created by Murray's vague (Continued on Page 4)

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More Output, Same Pay--Truman's Doctrine

this dogma of capitalist exploitation. It is a virtual creed of the AFL Executive Council. And slogan of "More Production!"

ganization of the convention. total voting. If those that ab- wages, than the spokesmen and The resolution was in line with stained had been counted the defenders of capitalist profits tivity justifies higher pay.

Take the case of the steel hourly earnings during this productivity of the steel work- board claims, steel profits "are ists, government economists and finding" board a monumental pile ductivity in the whole economy demand for higher wages. Higher elaborate government studies and deny the steel workers a raise, productivity. wages can come only from higher reports, to prove that labor therefore, says the board, "reoutput, they have been preach- productivity in the steel industry flects no inequity." and registered their opposition. word "organizations" and stated ing and propagandizing for many rose 49.5% from 1939 to 1949, Conservative union leaders, terms of actual purchasing matter how much they are word in favor of freezing the years of the business cycle."

> Even if these facts are true, report, that doesn't mean the for any additional benefits to productivity of the within the past two years even steel workers should get any themselves. a CIO leader like Walter Reuther, more pay. Not on your life! Because, says the board, "wage a "socialist," has raised this rates in a particular industry profits limited according to the productivity in that industry but economy?" On the contrary. But no sooner do workers point to mounting productivity to rather should be related to the While productivity in the steel monopolists' profits. While it general industrial rise in produc-

> > crease in man-hour output has been less than for the steel in- the first half of 1949. dustry. It concludes: "Therefore, the steel workers' rise. . . in real value created by the higher or 1940 or 1941. . ." In fact, the by Truman's steel board.

But does this apply to the steel monopolists? * Are their

above the 1940-41 average" in

"More Production!" has been workers. Their representatives decade is fairly consonant with ers is going into the coffers of not out of line with comparable the stock answer of industrial- presented to Truman's "fact- the apparent rise in labor pro- the steel corporations by way of pre-war years." capitalist politicians to every of data, based on the most during the same period. . ." To times as much as the rate of profits may be, that's beside the

the "fact-finders" declare in their hour of labor, they cannot hope ers' wages, on the basis of the for the future. economy.'

ARGUMENT FOR BOSSES

On the contrary, the steel board stantially discounted" because can't raise wages - period. "1949 dollars . . . are considerably In other words, all the added less valuable than those of 1939 "eeconomic doctrine" expounded

point, says the board. Ability to The steel board doesn't bat an pay higher wages has nothing eye at this stupendous increase to do with it. Because, you see, No matter how much the steel of steel profits in relation to steel "it is necessary also to consider while the real wages (wages in workers sweat and strain, no productivity. It doesn't say one the low level of profits in other speeded up, no matter how much steel barons' profits, as it pro- Profits may some day decline they increase their output per poses to freeze the steel work- and the bosses must be covered

So the board has safeguarded the monopolists from every angle. You can't raise wages on the basis of past and present profits; you can't raise wages on should not be tied directly to rise in productivity of the "whole goes out of its way to provide the basis of future profits; you arguments in defense of the steel can't raise wages on the basis of the productivity of an inindustry rose 49.5% in a decade dismisses the union's argument dustry; you can't raise wages - and the steel board denies that that real wages have risen only because it may cause a de-The board then digs up a set of it was even that much - the 14% in 10 years, it covers up for pression; and you can't raise figures to show that for "our steel industry's profits increased, the 124% rise in steel profits by wages because it might cause an whole national economy" the in- according to the board, "124% arguing that these "must be sub- "inflationary boom." You just

That's the real meaning of the

profits that have soared three But no matter how high steel

Detroit Election Results Set-Back for CIO Policy

expectedly low vote for CIO- dates served only to undermine ated Civil Rights Congress and backed mayoralty candidate the campaign of the two union Progressive Party, only the So-George Edwards, Detroit Com- candidates on the CIO slate for cialist Workers Party conducted mon Council President, and the Common Council - Al Barbour, an aggressive fight against the adoption of a "loyalty" oath CIO Council Secretary, and James "loyalty" amendment. The SWP amendment to the City Charter H. Brown, Negro labor leader distributed 10,000 copies of The were the most important results and Vice-President of the Press Militant calling for defeat of the of the Sept. 13 primary election Steel Unit of Ford Local 600 - amendment at the Labor Day

Edwards, though still in the 18 who will be in the runoffs. him for victory in the run-offs. supporting Edwards instead of a and voted for other candidates.

genuinely independent labor canout to vote for "their man."

NO INCENTIVE

The workers, however, had no incentive to vote for Edwards, a cratic Action which works within Democratic Party. The Edwards campaign committee made no special appeal to labor, played up Edwards' personal "merits" and concentrated on appeasing the capitalist class.

In his efforts to achieve "respectability" in the eyes of the businessmen, Edwards, a onecampaigned for the "loyalty" versive" list as a requisite for municipal employment.

So much did the Edwards camits main campaign literature in University of California voted to distributed literature in its own name only in local unions.

Mort Furay, United Public 404 votes. This is an indication of the civil courts. the disrepute in which the Stalinists are held in the Detroit labor movement, where they once wielded important influence.

COUNCIL VOTE

Four out of seven CIO-backed candidates were among the 18 nominees who will participate in the run-offs for City Common the run-offs for City Common Council. Included among the four is former Mayor Jeffries, whom 31 in Cadillac the CIO and UAW tried to defeat for mayor several years ago because of his viciously anti-labor and snti-Negro record while in

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DETROIT, Sept. 15 - The un- | Association with such candi-

running, trailed AFL-backed That the workers did not pour Alfred E. Cobo, incumbent City out for Edwards is true. But that Treasurer, by 56,000 votes. Ed- they voted in large numbers, conwards got 113,262 votes to Cobo's trary to the CIO-PAC claims, is 169,674 and little chance is given shown by the fact that the primary elections drew the Local followers of Walter largest vote in Detroit history. Reuther, CIO auto union presi- Many CIO workers obviously felt charter amendment and for the dent who laid down the policy of Edwards was not "labor's man"

More serious than the low-vote didate, are stunned almost to set-back for the political ambisilence. They can only complain tions of Edwards, was the failure disappointment that so many that the workers did not turn of the labor movement to defeat voters failed to succumb to the the employer sponsored, Ed-greatest red-baiting barrage in wards-written, "loyalty", amend- the history of the Detroit press. ment to the City Charter.

Although the main Reutherdominated CIO unions were of- Edwards is due to the fact that leader of Americans for Demo- ficially on record for a "No" vote they regard him as just another on the "loyalty" oath, the CIO political careerist. Their enthe corrupt, capitalist-dominated leaders actually did not lift a thusiasm could have been aroused finger to try to defeat the amend-only by a genuine labor candiment. To have done so would have date campaigning openly in embarrassed "their man" Ed- defense of labor's living stanwards. The CIO Council, which dards, for city improvements had voted to oppose the "loyalty" beneficial to the working people amendment, did not issue a single and for the civil rights of the piece of literature against it. | city employees.

who failed to place among the too parade a week before the elec-

ONE-FOURTH AGAINST

In spite of the silence of the ClO leaders on this issue, more than one-fourth of the voters, 78,783, displayed the courage and good sense to vote against the defense of civil rights. This opposition to the amendment was so sizable that even the Detroit News indicated its surprise and

The indifference of the Detroit workers to the political fate of

time Socialist and former member of the UAW, drafted and Wallaceite Student Group oath amendment, which requires an oath based on Truman's "sub-

By Carol Pelham

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19 - At a recent meeting of paign cater to the anti-labor PSA (Psychology, Anthropology and Sociology Students hysteria, that the CIO-PAC issued for Wallace), a group of approximately 45 students at the

another name. The CIO Council send a telegram to James Kutch- submitted to all faculty members er's attorney, expressing their and other employees of the Unisupport of the legless veteran's versity of California. struggle for his civil rights. The Workers regional director, who group requested that the tele- meeting by a sympathetic stuwas the Stalinist-backed candi- gram be filed with the attorney's dent, James Kutcher spoke infordate for mayor, secured only 4,- brief when the case comes before mally during the discussion per-

alty" oath which is now being tion supporting Kutcher.

DETROIT. Sept. 20 — General dience even voting in favor. Motors victimized 31 workers work-stoppage to protest the "dis- the Trotskyites, including the of United States Senator. "absenteeism."

nalizing of one worker who took Kutcher. and another who himself was sick, mediate reply from an SWP symas company records proved.

the management which threaten- neapolis with the forthright poed to fire several workers and sition of the SWP defense of the penalize the rest. The results of CI leaders on trial in New York the negotiations were that two She also called attention to the written reprimands.

to accept these penalties without country. submitting them either to a meet-

in the negotiations an interna- peated the motion to support tional representative had said Kutcher (which had already stabilized the rest of the capithat the workers had violated passed) and the group again vo-Paragraph 117 of the National ted in favor of the original mo-GM Agreement, the infamous tion. company security clause.

ing of UAW Cadillac Local 22 heartening to see that the scuron Sept. 18, the Reutherite lead- rilous attack of the Stalinist had ership offered no effective pro- proved useless and had only degram to answer the workers' graded him in the eyes of the progrievances. They only gave lame gressive students. excuses for accepting the penalties and lamented that the griev- sibilities for enlisting many stuance procedure had not been fol-

A. T. Johnson, Reuther's successor as Director of the GM Division of the UAW, spoke at the meeting and put his stamp of approval on the "settlement" which victimized 31 workers. He said little on the workers' problems but gave an indication of the demands to be made on GM when negotiations open in a few months. He said nothing about eliminating Paragraph 117 or any of the other weak sections of the present GM

iod. After Kutcher described his includes progressive-minded stu- the audience quickly introduced a dents regardless of their major motion against "loyalty" oaths in field of study, PSA is currently general, hoping thereby to avoid waging a fight against the "loy- the adoption of any specific mo-

OVERWHELMING SUPPORT

ing majority of the students pres- Shrine of North American Mar- lent.

The immediate cause was the pe- that PSA should not support in order to comply with the de- and sinister totalitarian force."

time off to stay with a sick wife | These remarks brought an im-Reutherite international repre- contrasted the perfidious record workers were given 90-day lay- SWP attack on the Peekskill the face, because her foreign surprise. Their national budgets offs; six were laid off for 30 days hoodlums at the Robeson concert and 23 others for from one to and the SWP's efforts to form a eight days. 85 workers were given united front with the CP and and bargaining committee agreed attack on civil liberties in this tional loans into the bottomless

When she had finished, a numing of the department involved ber of students stated that the or to a meeting of the local un- discussion initiated by the Stalinist was out of order and the chair-They explained that they had man declared the discussion end-

This incident points up the posdents in a militant struggle for civil liberties.

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One thousand tenants and landlords jammed a New York City Rent Advisory Board hearing on a landlords' petition for citywide 15% rent increase. Tenants' spokesmen warned of rent strike if boost is granted.

BARTELL HITS LEHMAN ON CATHOLIC SCHOOL AID

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 - Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor, today condemned the attacks of ex-Governor Lehman and Mayor O'Dwyer on

the Barden Bill for federal aid?to education as "part of a cynical mand of Reverend Burns that the and O'Dwyer have traded the a pro-Catholic school record. principle of separation of church and state for a bloc of votes.

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political deal in which Lehman candidate for Senator must have SPELLMAN'S DISTORTION

"Cardinal Spellman, notorious

of Henry Wallace, who refused strikebreaker against the cememising stand against government tery workers, opponent of any to run against Lehman, the ALP is encouraging support of that subsidization of clerical institu- national health insurance plan, tions by so much as a single and bitter foe of the child labor Truman-Tammany candidate. amendments to the Constitution, A CONSCIOUS POLICY "Every candidate in the field poses as the defender of the inmental issue. Why does Vito Mar- chial schools while he attempts proves beyond doubt that it is of Brooklyn at the corner of Hop- workers at 116th St. and Lenox cantonio remain silent? Could it to dig into the public treasury. pursuing its past treacherous kinson St. and Pitkin Ave. For Ave. This week Harold Robbins, be because he doesn't want to 'antagonize' the Catholic hieron the grounds that it discriminon the grounds that it discriminates against Catholic schools in ticians. This record cannot be "As the SWP candidate for granting federal funds for trans- mistaken for a series of excep-Mayor, I will carry on an all-out portation, lunches and health ser- tions to the rule. It is part of a Invited to last Thursday's PSA | fight against the campaign of the vices to school children is based conscious policy. This is clearly Catholic hierarchy to invade the on a brazen falsehood. The Bar-stated in a public declaration on vicious slanders of the Stalinist organs of government, trade unden Bill contains no provisions for Sept. 19 by Leo P. Feinberg, leaders. ions, educational institutions and such auxiliary services to educa- Kings County ALP Chairman, cultural fields, in order to subject tion for any schools. It covers when he declared that the ALP As an organization which now experiences, a shrewd Stalinist in all of society to its reactionary only such matters as administra- favors the endorsement of "the domination. Where do you stand, tion of schools, payment of teach- best man regardless of party laers, etc. Spellman knows this. Leh- bel." man and O'Dwyer know this too. Feinberg is carrying out the "The real discrimination in the line laid down by the real mentor

"Lehman has capitulated to Barden Bill is not connected with and master of the ALP - the Cardinal Spellman," Bartell con- the Catholic schools but consists Communist Party - in a statetinued. "His nomination for the in permitting federal funds to be ment on its 1949 election policy A young woman in the group, Senate by the Democratic Party utilized by states that brutally which was printed in the July however, placed a motion on the machine was jeopardized by his discriminate against and segre- 22 Daily Worker: "We will supfloor supporting Kutcher's fight clash with Spellman over the Bar- gate millions of Negro children port all candidates regardless of and requesting that a telegram den Bill. On Sept. 11, Reverend in education. Of this, however, political affiliation [our embe sent to his attorney. This mo- Burns, a Jesuit priest, openly Spellman, Lehman and O'Dwyer phasis] whose election will tion was passed by an overwhelm- told an audience of 8,000 at the are completely and culpably si- strengthen the camp of peace

and democracy." The ALP ent, certain Stalinists in the autyrs in Auriesville, N. Y., that "Newbold Morris declared him-slavishly follows this line which they should vote only for those self in opposition to Lehman and Hence, it came as a complete whose position on the Barden Bill O'Dwyer and in favor of the prin- workers of New York but the with penalty lay-offs last week surprise to the audience when a was in accord with that of the ciple of separation of church and foreign policy aims of the clique after more than 100 CIO United student Stalinist hack began to Catholic Church and specified that state. But he equivocated on the of bureaucrats in the Kremlin. Auto Workers members in the repeat the usual CP lies about the he referred 'especially to the com- question of government funds to Cadillac plant here held a brief so-called "fascist" activities of ing election to the exalted office the Catholic schools for 'auxiliary O'DWYER'S RECORD services,' and found it politic to The "best men" of the capitalciplining" of two workers for standerous charge that it was the "Lehman and his running mate praise the Catholic Church as 'a ist parties are the best enemies "moral duty" of every member of O'Dwver knuckled under," Bar- light in a world of darkness'! As of labor. We need only cite the The stoppage, like a number of the Socialist Workers Party to tell charged. "On Sept. 16 they far as the Socialist-Workers Party dismal results of the ALP supothers that have occurred in GM turn over to the FBI evidence declared their abject capitulation is concerned, the Catholic Church port of William O'Dwyer in 1945. plants recently, had a background against CP members and sympa- to the Catholic hierarchy. Lehman as an instrument of the authoriof many long-standing grievances. thizers. He concluded by saying dug back into his record 13 years tarian clerical hierarchy is a dark Vito Marcantonio, Stalinist front

mediate reply from an SWP sympathizer in the audience. She sentatives and the local bargaining committee negotiated with of the 18 SWP leaders in Min NEW MASS STRUGGLES under the ECA. Most of these

(Continued from Page 1) This has been staring Britain in countries have been caught by trade has been dwindling, her have been thrown out of kilter. gold reserves brought to the No one is able to tell today which verge of depletion, and last but country or group of countries hole represented by the treasury of the Empire.

Notwithstanding official denials at home and abroad, it was U. S. tion of the pound at this time. accepted these penalties because ed. One of the students again re- The Washington masterminds felt sure that they had sufficiently talist world to restrict the repercussions of British devaluation to the countries in the "sterling Although this was not correct bloc" and to achieve a relatively At a special membership meet- parliamentary procedure, it was orderly readjustment, as happened, for instance, when French or Italian or other West European currencies were previously devaluated. These calculations

proved completely unfounded. to deal with all the implications of the new, highly unstable and therefore highly critical situation that exists today as a consequence of the sudden "chain reaction" of devaluation.

world economic conditions, the meager gold reserves, the promonetary crisis now enters into spects of possible gains in world also attempting to break up a of Milwaukee sent in four subthe unfolding economic develop- trade have been practically nul- CIO union in its role as employer. scriptions. "We are going to use ment as a major cause.

other working class and liberal not least, because Wall Street may find itself presently com-The Reutherite local officers organizations against the current has flatly refused to pump addicurrency, whose instability has been so spectacularly revealed. In the long run, of course, even the almighty American dollar cannot remain unaffected. pressure that led to the devalua- EFFECT ON U. S. EXPORTS There is still another huge question market placed over the world markets whose condition now borders on chaos. What will happen to 'American exports now

that their prices have automatically risen by as much as 36% in relation to the devaluated currencies? Which country will be able to improve its position in relation to its competitors and which will suffer? These and similar questions will be settled in the course of an intensified At this writing it is impossible struggle - virtual commercial wars - for foreign outlets under the new conditions.

So far as Britain is concerned, her position has hardly been improved. While the devaluation of of the CIO Council since its Sept. 12 Militant protesting the the pound has lessened for the last election. Thus the Catholic hoodlum assault on civil rights at Having arisen as an effect of time being the pressure on her hierarchy not only runs the CIO Peekskill. lified by the simultaneous devalua-Suffice it to point out that at tions of her major European com- attitude of the hierarchy toward step up our literature sales in a single stroke a huge question petitors. The very same old prob- the union movement has caused the future," he writes. "We sold mark has been placed over the lems, coupled with several new some consternation and a great three copies of the Fourth Inboasted stability which Western ones, are bound to recur with deal of discussion in Cleveland ternational and a few pamphlets Europe had allegedly achieved added force in the period ahead. union ranks.

and the Communist Party helped **Catholic Paper Fights CIO Union** CLEVELAND - The Catholic Universe Bulletin, official organ

of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, has filed with the National Labor Relations Board for an election to oust the Cleveland CIO Newspaper Guild as bargaining agent for the Bulletin employees. This action was reported to the Cleveland CIO Council by Gene letter." Plans are under discussion

ACTU whip in the council. Unionists is the dominant influence, has had complete control council from the inside, but is

ALP Backs Republican Candidates in New York

this year's New York City elec- man' for labor." tion campaign the American Moreover, Marcantonio's in radio speech on O'Dwyer's strike-Labor Party would act like an dictment of O'Dwyer omitted any breaking record is not due to independent party of labor in reference to the earliest strike- forgetfulness but to the fervent struggle against the capitalist breaking period in the mayor's wish that others would forget. parties and politicians are in for career. In January 1946, the first For the truth is that in early On Sept. 19, Edmund H. H. Dwyer sent hundreds of police ican Labor Party were support-Caddy, Republican candidate for into a brutal assault on the strik-ing O'Dwyer. They had nominated District Attorney of Kings ing Western Union workers.

Workers who thought that in to elect you to office as the best

bitter disappointment.

tic party machine candidates.

the post of Tammany District

Leader of the northern end of the

To top it all off, there is the

glaring absence of any candidate

U. S. Senator. Following the line

serves not the interests of th

In a radio speech on Sept. 7.

man and boss of the ALP, who

stumped for O'Dwyer in 1945,

gave a part of this record. He

accused O'Dwyer of breaking the

strikes at the Brooklyn Trust

Company, the American Machine

and Foundry Company, the AFL

United Financial Workers in

Wali Street, the Packinghouse

Workers and the taxicab drivers.

O'Dwyer, "there is one difference

between you and me. To you a

picket line can be pushed around

and has been pushed around in

your administration. To me a

Marcantonio, however, failed to

add, "And Bill, I and the ALP

picket line is a sacred line."

"Bill," said Marcantonio to

16th A.D. in Harlem.

accepted.

During his second month in of- paigned vigorously for his elec-County, was placed on the ALP ticket. With a few pious words fice, when the tugboat workers tion as a "labor - progressive" about his opposition to Jim Crow, went on strike, O'Dwyer worked mayor. etc., this Republican wheelhorse overtime to create a state of accepted the ALP nomination. panic in the city, appealed tions of Republican and Democra- protection for strikebreakers.

Last week, Republican Supreme tion to the CIO Transport Work- and cynical demagogy. Court Justice Giaconne was of- ers Union which was attempting | There is only one political fered the ALP nomination and to win a contract for subway A month ago, Joseph A. Boccia, Republican candidate for sion not to recognize the union, inside the labor movement, and Municipal Court Justice in Man- and reported that it was prepar- which has consistently fought for hattan's Eighth District, was ing the city's greatest mobilizalikewise given the ALP nomina- tion of police forces and strike- party. That is the Socialist Work-And shortly before that, Vito subway strike. Thus, after only Michael Bartell for Mayor; Harry Marcantonio tried to sneak in one two months in office, O'Dwyer Ring for Comptroller; Gladys of his henchmen, Canio Lagalla, as a "sleeper" in the Democratic ica's No. 1. Strikebreaker. machine by supporting him for

Marcantonio's omission of these infamous two months from his month after he took office, O'- 1946, Marcantonio and the Amerhim on the ALP ticket and cam-

These facts thoroughly demonstrate that Marcantonio is not This is only the latest addition to hyster cally to Truman to seize now and has never been a genuine a growing list of ALP nomina- the tugboats and offered police labor politician. His ardent espousal of the cause of the work-O'Dwyer next turned his atten- ing man turns out to be cheap

party in this campaign which workers. In February 1946, his fights unceasingly against capitaladministration announced a decilism, strikebreakers and betrayers a genuine independent labor breakers to crush the threatened ers Party, whose candidates are was giving Truman himself stiff Barker for President of the City competition for the title of Amer- | Council; and Harold Robbins for Eorough President of Manhattan.

NEW YORK SWP CANDIDATES glaring absence of any candidate on the ALP ticket for the post of

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 - Three inspiring open-air meetings marked the launching of the Socialist Workers Party's municipal election campaign in the streets of the

workers' districts here last week. The 1949 record of the ALP paign in the Brownsville section fore a large gathering of Negro violent physical attacks from street meeting in the East Side. Stalinist goon squads and young workers who were misled by the Not so now. The corner was

filled with workers who listened intently for hours to Bartell and other SWP speakers. Long after the police forced the shutting off of the loud speaker, Bartell continued to speak and answer the ence which seemed ready to keep party's program and activities. him there all night.

form was given to Harry Ring,

Michael Bartell, the SWP can- for President of the City Council. didate for Mayor, opened his cam- who made her opening speech beheart of a Stalinist stronghold Borough of Manhattan, will conwhere Trotskyist speakers met tinue the campaign at another

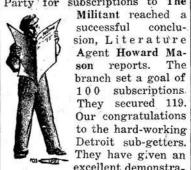
The success of these meetings tes tifies to a growing interest in the Socialist Workers Party among workers in New York. Thousands of copies of campaign literature were distributed at these meetings and many copies of The Militant were sold. In addition, a considerable number of workers filled out interest cards requesting further information on the

It was to these workers parti-A similar response from work- cularly that Michael Bartell diers who gathered around the plat- rected his remarks when he said, "The Socialist Workers Party the party's candidate for Comp- wants not only your vote. It wants troller, who initiated the campaign you! Join our ranks in the fight to on the East Side of Manhattan establish a workers' city governat Norfolk and Delancey, and to ment in New York, a Socialist Gladys Barker, SWP candidate America and a Socialist World."

THE MILITANT ARMY

Detroit Trotskyists Go Over the Top In Sub Campaign The campaign of the Detroit

branch of the Socialist Workers Party for subscriptions to The Militant reached a successful conclu-



excellent demonstration of what good organization. persistence and enthusiasm can accomplish in building up the circulation of The Militant. M. Jones, reporting for Youngs-

town, sent in eight subscriptions, the first returns in the branch's campaign. "We hope to be able to send more next week." The Buffalo comrades are con-

tinuing to make a good showing in their campaign for subscriptions. Last week Charles C. sent in seven subs. "All are from steel workers." G.L.C. tells us that the Phila-

delphia Trotskyists and their friends are beginning regularized follow-ups for renewals to The Militant. "Harold, Alma and Betty have already gone out and obtained the renewals sent in with this Kelley, Bulletin employee and to increase sales of literature and subscriptions at union meetings, A right-wing coalition, in which public gatherings and on the the Association of Catholic Trade | campus. For distribution at a Stalinist meeting, Philadelphia ordered 100 extra copies of the

Literature Agent Fred Martin This revelation of the true all the opportunities possible to at our last public meeting."

Chicago's Literature Agent, Howard Anderson, reports that a long-time subscriber to The Militant there contributed \$5 to help get out the paper. Our thanks to this reader. It's such contributions that keep us on the firing line.

Reporting for Flint, Literature Agent O. Daniels sent in another payment in the campaign being conducted under the slogan, "Let's Pay Up Our Militant Bill." Compared with what is needed to get out The Militant, writes Comrade Daniels, these dollars "probably seem like mere drops in the to the hard-working bucket, but believe me, we are draining the bucket dry to collect these drops." The Flint comrades are showing in the most practical way possible how well they appreciate the importance of keeping America's leading socialist weekly appearing regularly.

H.M.S. of California on renewing his subscription commended The Militant for defending the civil rights of the Stalinists. H.M.S. emphasizes the fact that this does not mean he sympathizes with Stalinism. "Rest assured that of the two I favor your position by far, and the Stalinists are out. I am a Conscientious Objector and it is mainly this one factor that leaves you and me split. Your paper is good and the news coverage comparatively unslanted; so this much we have in common: I know a good journal when I see one."

New York

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"In the period of crisis the hegemony of the United States [in the capitalist world] will operate more completely, more openly, and more ruthlessly than in the period of boom. The United States will seek to overcome and extricate herself from her difficulties and maladies primarily at the expense of Europe, regardless of whether this occurs in Asia, Canada, South America, Australia, or Europe itself, or whether this takes place peacefully or through war."

-Leon Trotsky, "Third International After Lenin."



LENIN

Vishinsky's "Optimism" on UN

The Kremlin's Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky arrived in this country the other day all bubbling with "optimism" about the United Nations, whose General Assembly opened its fourth session on Sept. 20. Stalin's mouthpiece opined that "the Soviet delegation feels confident that the United Nations is - as the head of the Soviet government. Stalin. has said — a serious instrument for the maintenance of peace and international security."

How "serious" the UN is as an instrument to accomplish anything, let alone the maintenance of peace and international security, can be seen from its fouryear record as a mere sounding-board for the propaganda of the U.S. State Department and the Kremlin as they jockeyed for advantages in the "cold

You have only to read the proposed agenda for the current UN General Assembly to see how remote the UN is from the great and concrete issues and events that are molding the future of the world. The agenda is mainly broad, generalized and vague topics that make for streams of discussion and oratory having no bearing on the real and decisive developments.

These real developments are taking place outside the sphere of the UN and its influence. On the very day the UN

assembly opened its session and Vishinsky spieled his little piece to the press, the headlines were dominated by the announcement of the devaluation of the British pound and of the currencies of 21 other countries.

This stupendous development in the world-wide capitalist crisis will have a decisive bearing on peace and international relations. Yet the action of the British, French and 17 other governments in devaluing their currency was taken without reference to the UN.

On the same day the UN assembly convened, the U.S. Senate opened its debate on the multi-billion dollar foreign armsaid program, designed to implement the North Atlantic military alliance. This arms program and military alliance simply ignore the UN, yet they are overwhelming factors in the question of war

Vishinsky's "optimism" may reflect some little temporary deal the Kremlin hopes to effect with U.S. imperialism. But the Stalinist propaganda designed to bolster UN prestige and palm it off as a "serious instrument" for peace helps to disorient the mass struggle against war and deflect attention from the concrete economic, political and military events which are really deciding the fate of mankind.

Bosses' Way of Fighting--and Murray's

One of the things that stand out in the whole struggle in the steel industry is the difference between how the steel owners fight for their interests and how the union leaders fight for the interests of the workers.

Throughout the whole controversy, the steel barons have been firm and resolute. They have never stopped throwing punches with both hands. They battle for every advantage, concede nothing in advance. They are bold, aggressive and uncompro-

How weak and flabby Murray and the other steel union leaders seem by contrast. They have yielded one concession after another. They ran to Truman, instead of depending on the power in action of their tremendous steel union and the backing of the mighty CIO. Murray virtually agreed in advance to whatever Truman's "fact-finding" board might offer. And he hastened to accept, without qualification, the board's miserable recommendations which would give the steel workers next to nothing.

The contrast between the determined, fighting attitude of the steel bosses and the conciliatory, timorous attitude of the union leaders appears all the more striking when we consider what each side rep-

The steel industry representatives speak for a handful of parasitic exploiters whose only interest in society is the luxury and privileges they can drain from the toil of the many.

The CIO Steel Workers leaders speak for a million steel workers whose labor has created the wealth that keeps the steel bosses in luxurious idleness.

Yet Murray does not act like a leader of powerful forces who have all right and justice on their side. He is always on the defensive, always looking around nervously for some avenue of retreat.

It is not because the steel bosses are so strong but because the union leaders are so weak and craven that the employers dare to fight so aggressively. Whenever the workers - as in 1946 - throw their organized might into action, the bosses' front crumples.

If the steel workers and the rest of the CIO members had a leadership who would fight with as much boldness as the steel corporations have shown, if the steel moguls had been convinced from the start that Murray meant to lead a real battle, the issue of the "fourth round" wage boost and decent pensions would have been settled long ago - and to the workers' advantage.

More of the Same

The Negro struggle for social, economic and political equality has grown so strong, militant and effective that politicians seeking Negro votes are compelled to promise some kind of action on civil rights. Accordingly, the Truman Democrats made lavish promises during the 1948 presidential campaign concerning the civil rights of the Negroes.

Almost a year has passed since the election but not one of these promises has been kept. Instead the Trumanites have given the Southern "white supremacy" Democrats generous patronage handouts, turned over to them most of the key posts in Congress and allowed them free rein to block civil rights legislation by a filibuster.

Today the Truman Democrats, looking ahead to the 1950 Congressional elections, are trying to cover up their doublecross by some more fancy talk about civil rights. At the moment the ball is being carried by former governor Herbert H. Lehman, the Democratic candidate to replace Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York who recently resigned from office.

Lehman's sugary line runs as follows: Discrimination in civil and political life is contrary to the fundamental principles of American democracy. Congress must immediately enact civil rights legislation. Appeasement of reactionaries will get us

Fine talk! But at the same time the Democratic high command appointed one of the most notorious white supremacists. Senator James O. Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, to head the Civil Rights subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. When the newspaper reporters asked President Truman what he had to say about the appointment of this Negro-hater to a key post from which to sabotage civil rights legislation, Truman replied, "No comment." When they asked Senator Eastland what plans he had for legislation on behalf of the Negro people, he likewise replied, "No comment."

Once again the record proves that the Trumanites, like all other capitalist politicians, promise benefits to minority peoples and to the working class only to catch votes at election time. In office they violate these promises - always with a slick alibi - because the capitalist system which they defend bases itself on inequality and oppression.

Reliance on capitalist politicians is a fatal error. The Negro people can win social, economic and political equality only by uniting with the working class to build a mass political party independent from the capitalist politicians and opposed to the capitalist system.

How Tito Hampers the Yugoslav Struggle

By George Breitman

The Yugoslav leaders recognize now that their conflict with the Kremlin is a struggle to the death. Whatever doubts or illusions on this score they may have had at the

beginning of the rift, when for many months they carefully refrained from attacking Russian Stalinism, have been dispelled by Stalin's campaign of vilification, conomic warfare and now the Iungarian "Moscow Trial."

They realize also that it is atopian to think that an isolated Yugoslavia, surrounded on most of its borders by Stalin's satellites, can long survive the murderous pressure being applied by the Kremlin. That is why they are now trying to break through and win support for their struggle to retain their independence by appeals to world public opinion. Out of necessity, their efforts to obtain mass support have led them to broaden the deological basis of their struggle by attacks on key Stalinist principles and policies.

CURRENT CRITICISMS

Tito, for example, in a speech o a delegation of miners, reected the idea that revolution ould be spread only on the bayonets of the Soviet Army. This Stalinist concept, he warned, "means the demobilization of the revolutionary forces latent n every people and in every working class." (N. Y. Times, Sept. 14.)

This was in line with a previous article in Borba by one of Tito's lieutenants who condemned the Stalinist explanation that the French and Italian Communist Parties' post-war defeats were iue to "the absence of the Red Army." Such an analysis, he vrote, "kills the internal revolutionary forces in every country and condemns them to wait for their liberation from abroad by the armed forces of the Soviet Union." (N. Y. Herald Tribune, Sept. 11.)

Even more sweeping was the line taken by Milovan Djilas, secretary of the Yugoslav CP thesis was that present - day Soviet leaders have substituted a policy of international dictatorship operated from Moscow for self-determination as one of the fundamental principles that must 13.) regulate relations among the Socialist countries.

". . . M. Djilas asserted that the Soviet leaders had so perverted Lenin's teachings that the interests of the world revolution had been subordinated to the selfish national interests of the Soviet state. He said that this had fatal consequences for the future of the Communist parties in the West" while "strengthenng the hands of the 'imperialist' powers in resisting the revolutionary movement throughout the world." (N. Y. Times, Sept.

FAR CRY FROM 1948

These examples of the Tito regime's increasingly sharp diferentiation from the policies of of the Hungarian "trial" posters the Kremlin are a far cry from its initial pronouncements last year, when it sought, while denving the charges of the Cominform, to give the impression that except for its attitude toward Yugoslavia there was nothing diagnosed by those who are the fundamentally wrong with Stalinism, which it then equated with the eve of the Hungarian trial eninism.

Moreover, these new criticisms of Stalinism in no way represent ing the trial of Rajk and the capitulation to imperialist seven other defendants as poliideology, despite the slanders of tical frameup and part of the the Stalinists. On the contrary, Kremlin's conspiracy to prepare they give expression - although incomplete expression - to the revolutionary aspirations of the masses in Yugoslavia, Eastern Europe and even the Soviet Union, to whom Tito feels compelled to turn for support in his truggle with the Kremlin.

Nevertheless; the Yugoslav CP dealing with the Titoist opposileadership has broken only re- | tion. He has tried other methods cently from Stalinism, on whose for more than a year and ideology and methods it based miserably failed. The pressure itself for a long time, and its of the Cominform, the expulsion present policies show it. That of the Yugoslav party from it s what makes its line appear as and the Cominform attacks on a curious mixture of fundamental the Tito regime proved worth-Stalinist tenets on which are less. The Kremlin then resorted superimposed arguments and to the sharper weapon of ecoriticisms of Stalinist theories nomic blockade in the hopes of borrowed essentially from the Trotskyists.

TITO AND THE TRIALS

Nothing better illustrates the wo-sided and contradictory position of the Tito regime than its attitude toward the current trial of Rajk and other ex-Stalinist leaders in Hungary. Understanding that this judicial mockery is really aimed at the Yugoslav eaders, Tito and his publicists have strongly condemned it as a frameup and have backed up their denunciations with more than enough evidence to prove it. Well and good and necessary for the continuation of the struggle against the Kremlin.

But there is something missing from the Yugoslav counter- was preparing to commit. accusations - and that is any mention of the Moscow Trials. moves are combinationist in garian trial is to play a special

Not a word about those infamous frameups has come from the Tito regime, although they followed essentially the same reactionary pattern as the present Hungary tral and were in fact the model and testing ground for all such frameups. Furthermore, the Moscow Trials were decisively discredited in world public opinion by Trotsky himself, by the International Commission of Inquiry headed by John Dewey and by the failure of the Stalinists to produce a single item of corroporation for their fantastic charges from the Nazi files at the Nuremberg trial.

REASON FOR SILENCE

reference to these thoroughly exposed proceedings, especially when such a reference would surely buttress his contention that the Hungary trial is a frameup? Because to do so he would have to admit that he himself and the Yugoslav CP not only gave credence to the Moscow Trials and the purge of the Bolsheviks that accompanied them but persecuted all those revolutionists who broke with Stalinism over these crimes.

To do so, in short, he would have to condemn his own Stalinist past, repudiate the reactionary methods he learned in the school of Stalinism and reevaluate the role of Stalinism as the organizer of world counterrevolution as well as foe of Yugoslav independence. And Tito is not prepared to do that, even though his silence on the Moscow Trials plays into the hands of the men in Moscow who have demanded his head.

Equally harmful to the Yugoslav struggle is Tito's continued adherence to the false, nationalist theory of "socialism in one country," first formulated by Political Bureau, "whose main Stalin. In the same speech he made to the miners mentioned above, Tito declared: ". . . we say, just as Lenin once said in fighting Trotsky, that it is Lenin's policy for the right of possible to create socialism in one country." (UP dispatch, Sept.

Why then does Tito make no

Contained here is an outright falsification. Lenin was never the protagonist of the theory of "socialism in one country," and neither was anyone else, includ-

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lin's agents in Yugoslavia have

stepped up their activities there.

Simultaneously with the opening

and pamphlets were spread in the

center of Belgrade urging the im-

his "Fascist Gestapo clique."

mediate overthrow of Tito and

The dire implications of Stalin's

latest move have been correctly

main targets of the attack. On

the Yugoslav government issued

la 5,000 word statement denounc

the groundwork for a forcible

And the truth of the matter is

that Stalin now finds himself

with no other recourse than the

application of brute force in

either strangling Yugoslavia

economically and thus bringing

Tito to his knees, or driving his

regime into open collaboration

with the Western imperialists.

But this also proved of no avail

to be brought into play.

The sharpest weapons of all had

The Hungarian "trial" is tanta-

mount to the unleashing of an

undeclared war against Yugo-

slavia. The "confessions" of Rajk

and the others concerning the ag-

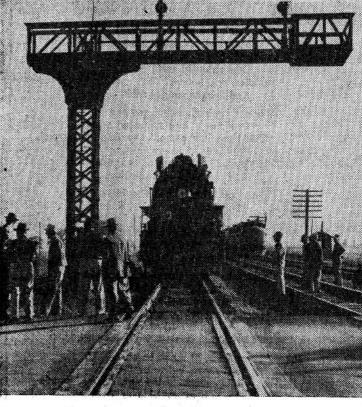
Yugoslavs merely supply a poli-

All of Stalin's major political

overthrow of the Tito regime.

SHARPEST WEAPONS

Long-Coming Rail Strike



Missouri Pacific trains are at a stand-still as the result of 100% effective walkout by four operating railroad brotherhoods. Cause of the strike is 282 unsettled grievances, some 11 years old and involving more than \$3,000,000 in claims, snarled for years in Railroad Adjustment Board files.

Socialism is international by its very nature. To establish it the workers must not only organize production on a sane, planned basis by nationalizing the means of production and bringing them under social overcome the national limitedness of the economy in the various countries by abolishing the reacnational frontiers. In plain fact, genuine socialist planning and development of the means of production to the point of abunhe insisted on it and warned over the quarter-century since this beyond the boundaries of back- have been confirmed to the hilt. not be attained.

was opposed to building up and came transformed into the pracing Stalin, prior to 1924 when nationalizing the productive tice of "socialism in one country Lenin died. It never even occurred forces in Russia before the revolu- ONLY" when Stalin began to turn

Yugoslavs Main Target

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came as an unquestionable shock

to the Soviet masses before whon

Tito has been so long pictured

as a legendary hero and a model

disciple of Stalin while Yugo-

slavia herself had been depicted

as a prize example of the "new

people's democracies." The Krem-

lin is in dire straits for a plausible

explanation of how all this be-

came transformed literally over-

night into just the opposite. The

Hungarian "trial" with Rajk, the

No. 2 Stalinist in the country,

supposed to provide a plausible

It turns out that they all were

scoundrels for many long years

before, serving as police inform-

ers in pre-war Hungary, aiding

Franco forces in the Spanish civil

war, or working for the French

secret police, or the Gestapo, or

the U. S. intelligence, and so on.

By implication the very same

thing holds true of Tito, Ranko-

dignitaries. It would not at all

In the second place, the Hun-

role in their past.

and other prominent figures,

explanation.

gressive military plots of the vich, and other high Yugoslav

tice to accuse his political op- to produce supplementary "evi-

ponents of the very crimes he dence" that Tito and his col-

had himself either committed or leagues had fulfilled a similar

Hungarian "trial."

Frameup in Hungary

| character. In addition to the cen- | role in the satellite countries.

to Marxists to speak in such | tion was extended. And the Trotskyist struggle against theory of "socialism in one country" was also not based on opposition to the greatest possible development of the economic foundations for socialism in the Soviet Union - that is, the nationalized economy. On the conownership but they must also trary, it was the Trotskyists who first advanced the idea of the Five-Year Plan as a means for industrializing the country, for tionary restrictions imposed by which they were denounced and sneered at by Stalin as "superindustrializers.

What the Trotskyists opposed in this theory from the very dance required for socialism are beginning was its revision of impossible within a single coun- Marxism along nationalist (that try. Lenin not only knew this but is, reactionary) lines. And in and over again that the October theory was promulgated, all of Revolution must be extended Trotsky's warnings against it ward Russia or socialism could For what began under the innocent theoretical guise of so-This did not mean that Lenin cialism in one country" soon be-

his back on the possibility of revolutions elsewhere, and ended up as "socialism in no country" because socialism is impossible unless it is based on the economy of a number of industrially advanced countries.

No theory in the working class novement has had more pernicious and disastrous effects than this one. Concerned only with preserving its own privileges in the Soviet Union, whose isolation produced the conditions for the rise of the bureaucratic caste led by Stalin, the Kremlin came to look on the Communist Parties in other countries as mere border patrols to be manipulated and where necessary sacrificed for the sake of diplomatic deals

with the hostile imperialist world. First employed to rationalize he Soviet Union's isolation, this theory was then used to justify he maintenance of the parasitic oureaucracy, its totalitarian police regime, slave labor camps and ther abominations which are the distinguishing features of Stalnism. The Communist Parties abroad were purged of all dissidents, their interests were suborlinated to those of the Kremlin's foreign policy, their right to play any independent role was rigorously denied. The authors of the theory were only carrying it to ts logical conclusion when they smashed and strangled working class revolutions in other countries, as in Spain.

STILL CAN'T EXPLAIN

Today the Kremlin, still operatng along the nationalist lines predicted by Trotsky, seeks to exploit the countries it dominates and not to help build up their economies; to extort revenue from them and not to let them organize freely into a federation of equals. The Yugoslavs, who are themselves among the chief targets of the Kremlin because they have dared to resist its super-nationalistic dictates, are still incapable of explaining the real causes of the clash because they won't grapple with this fundamental problem.

They charge that Stalin is opposed to independent revolutionary action by workers in other countries who are not subject to his discipline and orders. But why this is so they cannot explain. They charge that Stalin has subordinated the interests of the world revolution to the selfish interests of the bureaucracy in the Soviet Union. But again they cannot say why. They charge that he wants to destroy Yugoslavia's independence. But why they have never made clear. And the reason they can't is because they have not re-evaluated and themselves rejected the fundamental theories of Stalinism, foremost among which is the nationalist theory of "socialism in

CLARITY NEEDED

We Trotskyists understand that Here it provides the signal for the ideological confusion among the Yugoslavs is due in great part to their origins and long associations with Stalinism, and we don't expect that they will be able to rid themselves of their theoretical errors overnight. But we do maintain that the Yugoslav fighters for independence from the GPU, if they are to be effective in their appeals for support to the workers of the world, must themselves have clarity on slavia successfully resists the by the Czech press and coupled the role and nature of Stalinism as an ideological and political system barring the way to the socialist liberation of mankind.

aim. And we shall pursue it without pause, just as we continue home is thus served by the still unconfirmed, but all indica- to support the progressive Yugoslav struggle for independence, despite the Tito regime's self-conon the "Hungarian pattern" or tradictory theories and half-way a series of similar trials in other conclusions which only hamper the struggle.

tended to serve other secondary dent or wavering elements, especially in Czechoslovakia which but vitally important objectives. has remained relatively immune First, there are the reperthus far. cussions of the Tito-Kremlin rift One of the defendants at the within the Soviet Union-itself. Rajk trial testified that "Titoist-The danger of "Titoist" symnathies and tendencies, especially American" spy and conspiracy among the many subjected na-

an intensified purge of all dissi-

activity in Czechoslovakia was "even better than in Hungary." This was no chance remark. It has been immediately picked up with press warnings to all Czech all the greater may become the "Titoists." The most recent reinclination to follow Yugoslavia's ports are that a purge is now in progress among the Czech Stallions. The need to terrorize inists, including high party potential dissident elements at dignitaries. These reports are tions point in that direction. Not at all excluded is a Czech trial satellite countries.

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tical cover for a possible military be surprising, if the Kremlin, in MINNEAPOLIS—10 So. 4th St. Phone Main 7781. Daily except Sun., 10 a.m. b p.m. Library, bookstore. assault on Yugoslavia. It has addition to the "proofs" adduced been Stalin's longstanding prac- at the Rajk trial, were suddenly

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And this was very odd, because One war had just got through. The atom bomb was looking up,

A frown upon its face, Because it thought the battered world Was taking too much space; "Just give me one more chance," it said, "I'll put him in his place."

Markets were bad as bad could be, Jobs were as short as short; The system was unsoldering For lack of real support, And war on Russia's planned domain

Seemed like its last resort. The Banker and the General Were walking hand in hand;

They wept like anything to see This unexploited land; "If it were - ah - 'democratized,' " They said, "it would be grand!"

"If twenty million troops and planes Swept it without a rest,

Do you suppose," the Banker asked, "That it could stand the test?"

"I doubt it," said the General, . And stroked his padded chest. "O Workers, come and march with us,"

The Banker cooed; "through me Your country calls, and all of you Will readily agree

Your freedom is small sacrifice To keep your country free." An elder worker heard his words

And didn't like them much, As indicated when he raised His arm, and shook his crutch, Meaning to say that he would like

To get him in his clutch. But then, with many puffs and sighs, A little Bureaucrat

Came waddling up until the sweat Was larding his cravat, And this was scarcely odd, because He was so very fat.

(With Apologies to Lewis Carroll and "The Walrus and the Carpenter")

More of his species followed him, All eager to obey;

- They crawled upon their bellies, so Respectable were they, And sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee," And chanted, "Lead the way!"

The Banker and the General Marched off, until they met A dignified establishment

Conveniently wet; "It's on the house," they cried, "the House And Senate, so get set!"

When thus a shocking portion of Our funds had sprouted wings, "The time has come," the Banker burped, "To talk of many things;

Of (hic) of reds, and acts, and pacts, And the role of underlings. "But first," beseeched the Bureaucrats,

"To show that we're sincere, Please, may we lick your boots a bit, And kiss you in the rear?" "You may," replied the General. They gave a senile cheer.

About halfway through this display, The Banker snapped, "Pay heed! · A chained and docile working class Is what we chiefly need Before we dare pull off our plans

With hopes that we'll succeed. "Therefore we must be sure that you Will never cut your tether." The Bureaucrats cried out, "We're yours Through every kind of weather.'

And then they all embraced, and sang "The More We Are Together." "It seems a shame," the lackeys grinned, "To play them such a trick

After they've paid our salaries So long without a kick." At this the whole malignant gang Guffawed till they were sick.

"O Workers," cried the General. "Now will you heed my drum, With your own leaders urging you To not be troublesome?'

But answer came there none, because The answer's still to come.

Back to College

I go back to college this week. I am a sophomore now, in a college in New York City which is fairly liberal compared to most. For one thing, I don't have to take a non-communist oath, the way Texas students must every year. For another thing, the college is a private rather than a state institution, so the Feinberg Act does not apply, and the authorities in this school are not demanding such oaths from the faculty.

.The authorities like to boast about the academic freedom that prevails in the school, and about the "objective presentation" of problems which permits students to hear both sides so that they can choose for themselves. But I don't know. Last year, no matter what the course was - history, political theory or literature - the teachers were always slanting their lectures so as to extol the virtues of capitalist democracy and to damn Marxism, directly or indirectly, as the inevitable breeder of totalitarianism. In many ways they reminded me of indoctrination courses in the Army, even if a little more subtle. I listened carefully and never once heard a teacher say anything faintly sympathetic to Marxism or faintly hostile to capitalist democracy. If students are really as impressionable as is claimed by legislators who support such measures as the Feinberg Act, they must have left the school last June believing that Marxism is the greatest evil in the world.

Now maybe I just happened to pick the wrong courses; maybe in other courses teachers are more objective. I don't know but I am willing to concede it because it doesn't make much difference, as I think I can show by what happened last week when I went down to sign up for m courses for the coming term.

Last year I had been undecided about one course in history given by a well-known fellowtraveler of the Stalinists; I didn't take it because it conflicted with another I had to take and be cause I was told that he had been giving the same course the first term of every school year for several years and would undoubtedly be giving it again this fall. But when I looked for it in the catalogue last week, it wasn't there any more. I asked the girl at the desk how come and she said that "he isn't with the school any more." I looked through the whole catalogue then, and discovered that three or four other fellowtravelers who had been teaching here last year also were not "with the school any more."

So maybe some teachers present both sides of questions to students and maybe students really are given a formal chance to choose for themselves. But at the same time the students can see that if they happen to choose the "wrong" side, they will open themselves to all kinds of reprisals affecting their livelihood as well as their reputation. They can see it not only by what happens to teachers who take the "wrong" side or definitely repudiating him and but also by such events as the Peekskill outrage, his administration by electing the where the forces of "law and order" side with the hoodlums, encourage and aid them in their fascist opposing group of leaders to ofviolence and then open up a grand jury investigation of the victims of that violence. This pressure, operating on all students and not only on students who want to become teachers or government employees, may be applied differently in my liberal college than in Texas, but it is applied just the same and, in the long run, just as powerfully.

Notes from the News

CATHOLIC POWER IN ACTION - Two windows of the Beacon Press offices in Boston were smashed by stones on Sept. 6, Publishers Weekly reports. Beacon published Paul Blanshard's book, American Freedom and Catholic Power. And in New York City Macy's book department, after first resisting, has now capitulated to Catholic pressure and withdrawn the Blanshard book from its regular stock.

ANOTHER UNEMPLOYED - Earl Browder either quit or was fired from his job as American publishing representative of the Soviet Union last July. The former boss of the American CP says he is now looking for another job.

REPRESSIONS IN BOLIVIA - According to a UP dispatch from La Paz on Sept. 18, the Bolivian Chamber of Deputies has authorized the criminal courts to try eight of its members, including Guillermo Lora and Mario Torres of the Revolutionary Workers Party (POR), for their participation in the big strike struggles of last May. The Deputies voted to revoke their parliamentary immunity by a vote of 54 to 18.

PHILADELPHIA JUSTICE - A common pleas court in Philadelphia last week reversed the conviction of Bayard Jenkins, Negro youth who had been framed up and tried for the murder of a woman which another man had admitted he committed. Instead of letting Jenkins go free, however, the court ordered him held for a new

OF COURSE NOT - "I want to make it clear that I am not backing Herbert Lehman," said Henry Wallace, whose refusal to run against Lehman on the ALP ticket means most ALP yoters will support the Tammany candidate.

L. A. ROBESON RALLY - The Los Angeles City Council has called for a boycott of the Robeson rally to be held at Wrigley Field Sept. 30 (see story on P. 1). SWP Organizer Myra Tanner Weiss denounced this action and put responsibility for any violence that might occur at the tally on the shoulders of the Council.

FEINBERG ACT IN COURTS - The Communist Party has obtained a court order tem- elect more "liberal" Congressmen porarily restraining the Board of Regents from to office in 1950. publishing a list of so-called "subversive" groups whose members would be barred under the Fein- worthy for its absence of redberg Act from employment in the state's public baiting and for its general fight-

A LITTLE TOO RAW? — The Senate rejected "reds," Acting President Lloyd distributing or mailing literature mitted for ratification by referen- saw nothing to be gained by Truman's nomination of U. S. Steel Vice-Presicalled on the delegates to fight that slanders, vilifies or discredits dum.) dent Carl A. Ilgenfritz as chairman of the Munitions Board because he insisted on continuing to their union, for all-out support ficials." Both amendments were draw his \$70,000 a year salary from U. S. Steel to the Goodrich rubber strike wrapped in one package and sub- amendment to change the twoas well as the \$14,000 salary from the Munitions and the struggle for a fourth

MASS SWEARING - A Progressive Party court suit challenging the New Jersey "loyalty" oath for all candidates for public office was thrown out of court in Newark last week. At the same time almost 100 Democratic and Republican candidates for office met in Trenton and took a mass "loyalty" oath.

FATE OF TAN MALAKKA - The Indonesia government press reported it had murdered Tan Malakka, revolutionary socialist, last April. However, Batavia dispatches to the July 15 De Volkskrat, Catholic paper in Holland, and to the Aug. 26 Glove and Mail in England said that despite all rumors as to his death, he is still alive, although it is certain someone resembling him was union militancy." killed. Farrell Dobbs' Aug. 5 letter to L. N. Palar, chief Indonesian delegate to the UN Security Council, demanding information about this outrage, has still not been answered. The July 1 Goodrich Local 5 of Akron for & File Caucus, which ousted the domestic and foreign policy of fact-finding committee. The CP News from Indonesia, issued by Indonesia's Information Office in New York, writes that while dent, H. R. Lloyd for Vice-Presi- bitterly assailed the amendments this program he must stifle all report is an employers' analysis, Tan Malakka's execution was confirmed by the Republican delegation in Batavia, it was "denied by the former Republican Minister of Information and their supporters constitute Curran group was charged with grievances and dissatisfaction of quit criticizing the steel union the cost of a further blow to Mohammed Natsir" in Merdeka, the official Re- an authentic progressive group attempting to set up a totalitarian the membership will find ex- leadership and go out and do what remains of his prestige publican newspaper. It adds: "Political observers standing for a more militant type regime under the guise of a fight pression in a revolt that can something for the UE. Neither among the workers. in Java believe that the confirmation of Tan of unionism and represent in Malakka's death is directed to foreign nations rudimentary form the rising op- Democratic rights which had been power in the search for a leaderthat fear Communist influence within the Republic, while the denial is slanted for home consump- has developed in the CIO in recent inists were being attacked by the and interests of the men who sail

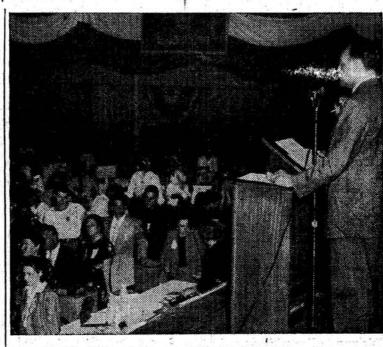
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Stalinists Keep Their Control Of UE; Split Danger Mounts

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NMU Convention Voting



President Joseph Curran addresses delegates as they vote on committees at the 7th convention of the CIO National Maritime Union. Curran supporters won control of all convention committees but suffered important setbacks on their drive to expel op-

Buckmaster was reinstated to the ers in the shops.

post of International President by

the convention of the CIO United

Rubber Workers tonight. The

vote was 840 to 740 and followed

seven-hour debate. Buckmaster

will be president at least until to-

morrow, when regular elections

TORONTO, Sept. 20-The

faction battle which has

gripped the CIO Rubber

Workers Union for the past two

years was climaxed last May with

the suspension from office of In-

ternational President L. S. Buck-

master through the action of the

majority of the Executive Board

which belongs to the opposing

The 14th annual convention,

now in session here, has the task

of either turning the power back

fice. In either case, this conven-

tion will undoubtedly conclude

the faction struggle of the recent

past and usher in a new stage in

the history of the rubber union.

The opening speech of Acting

President Lloyd delivered the first

day of the convention provides a

good indication of the character

with the broad policy and leader-

ship of the Murray machine of

The speech, however, was note-

round of wage increases and

pensions, for the elimination of

The Lloyd-Bass forces plan to

reduction in pay.

will take place.

faction.

Buckmaster Leadership

Issue at Rubber Parley

TORONTO, Sept. 21 - L. S. sive to the feelings of the work- Wage Policy Committee decision

spire with them in getting work- ance.

by 2 votes, 810 to 808, while the tion.

to Buckmaster and his faction, majority of the executive board The delegates will have the

leadership.

day of bitter faction debate.

confident predictions that his faction had a majority. With control of the convention in their hands, the Stalinists are tightening their grip on the union and carrying through their preparations for a split in the CIO which now appears certain.

two clearly-defined camps. On the first day the credentials committee made a partial report, seating 883 delegates without challenge and leaving in question only four locals with a total of ten delegates. The first test of strength occurred yesterday when he convention voted down Carey's proposal to hold the elections Friday instead of Wednesday. The Carey faction seems to have about 25% of the delegates, with a voting strength of about 40%.

They summed up their per-The near 900 delegates came situation requires that the corto the convention in Cleveland in porations meet the needs of the communist" oath requirements people. We therefore call upon of the Taft-Hartley Act. the membership of the UE to health and insurance plans."

Westinghouse bargaining com- UE" or "dual unionism." mittees to meet next week and Fitzgerald told the press toresume negotiations. "And we are night that the officers have prenot talking about a strike, we pared a resolution to auhorize the are talking about collective bar- suspension of per capita tax paygaining," he added in case any- ments to the CIO. He declared bedy thought that his shouting that the UE leaders would carry about closing ranks, fight, mili- their fight into the CIO conventancy, etc. etc., was to be taken tion which opens here Oct. 31. seriously.

man's steel "fact-finding" report

and by bragging about the 300

"complete or partial settlements"

reached by some UE locals.

Here was an excellent opportunity for militant and proinist influence and highly respon- He openly violated the national gressive UE members to demand feels it has a chance of correctan open accounting for the ing the wrongs that exist." to conduct "Big Four" bargain- failure of the Stalinist leaders The Buckmaster caucus, in con- ing on an industry - wide basis to make a real fight in negotiatrast, represents the most con- and stepped up his dubious tions with the major corporations policy, the UE is headed for a servative elements in the rubber maneuvers and intimidation tac- and to demand that they take split or secession and faces the union and in the recent local tics against opponent locals. strike votes, set deadlines and elections for convention delegates Buckmaster's foul campaign was show some of the fight that they civil war. has relied heavily on red-baiting crowned by the so-called "Potts- are spouting and writing about and reactionary appeals. Buck- town incident" where he tried to every day.

> CAREY'S POSITION But the militants and pro-

gressives couldn't come to grips with the Stalinist hot-air artists and even went so far as to con- tee, found him guilty of malfeas- because they were smothered under the controversy that opened ers fired who had participated in The Buckmaster forces suc- up when Carey tossed in a stoppages against speedup. At the ceeded in today's convention minority report. By implication same time, he was engaged in session in amending the Rules and in essence this report detrying to consolidate a dictatorial Committee order of business so fended the steel "fact-finding" machine under his personal that the Buckmaster appeal board and demanded that the UE advance of negotiations to accept against the Executive Board ac- get in line with the steel and the recommendations of Truman's auto unions by accepting the board, including the principle of tion in Omaha, Buckmaster de- the first question tomorrow morn- Truman's wage freeze and putting pensions financed solely by the

social insurance. On this all-important question, was elected from among the anti- opportunity of hearing both sides the wage fight in 1949, the Stal- panies, together with the pressure was elected from among the anti- opportunity of nearing both sides the wage ngnt in 1949, the Stal-Buckmaster leaders. Instead of present their cases. The final inists were able, by repudiating but on Murray by the action of the miners, left Murray no out. sharply changing his course in vote on this matter will very the steel report, to place themline with the obvious desires of likely provide a decisive indica- selves in the position of at least the convention and adopting a tion as to who will be the next promising to fight for a wage more militant line, Buckmaster officers of the United Rubber increase this year while the chose instead to crack down on Workers Union and what road Carey-Murray-ATU faction went down the line for Murray's posistrengthen his own shaky posi- CIO will travel in the coming tion of accepting the Truman wage freeze in 1949 and a pittance for social insurance and pensions in 1950.

NOTHING TO GAIN

The delegates came from locals which have gone on record for the UE \$500 wage increasepension package. Despite their dissatisfaction with the Stalinist bership in any Nazi, Fascist, or and "purge" amendments were do-nothing leadership, they saw Communist organizations.' Hav- defeated in a roll call vote with no reason to jump from the fryreplacing the Stalinists with that

The debate was hot and heavy, lasting some three of four hours. mitted to the convention to be thirds rule so that a simple The speeches of local union leadmajority can submit amendments ers reflected the chaos and conout settlements by right-wing chine in setting aside the tradi- leaders in their locality and acoblique references to the battle ed out that the Stalinists were tional safeguards of a minority. cused Carey and his "lickspittles" of sabotaging, disrupt-

The right-wing leaders answered in kind, charging that the Stalinists had isolated themselves from the CIO; were in a wil- of a strike, but dare he shave his derness alone and discredited: Curran is hell-bent on con- and have made a political frolic has agreed to accept the steel by asking why they don't get wage freeze. He has agreed to Henry Wallace to give them a negotiate the amount of insurance like that of the NAM, he said, contributory pensions. He can mentioned a strike vote in GE or Westinghouse.

The best speech of this debate was made by Delegate Jennings

Stalinist machine decisively de- the Stalinists came on the Gen- annihilating job of exposing the feated the Carey-Murray-ACTU eral Executive Board's resolution New York Stalinist leaders and faction by 2,376 to 1,464 in the on "collective bargaining." The their record of failure in achievfirst roll call vote at the 14th Matles-Emspak-Fitzgerald leader- ing any gains in negotiations. Annual Convention of the CIO ship was embarrassed by its But his excellent exposure of the United Electrical Workers, which bankrupt record of stalled nego- Stalinist was completely negated came at the close of the second taitions with GE and Westing- by his support of Carey's resoluhouse and its policy of waiting tion. Frederick Kelly of Lynn, This roll call victory deflated for the steel and auto unions to Mass., the Carevite presidential floor-leader James B. Carey's take the lead. They tried to cover candidate, didn't even take the up this record by criticizing Tru- floor in this debate.

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DANGER OF SPLIT

The convention passed a resolution from the GEB directing the general officers and such local spectives for 1949 in one small officers as the GEB may hereparagraph which said: "The after designate to file affidavits in compliance with the "non-

The Stalinist UE leaders' acclose their ranks and fight to tions at this convention make it achieve the UE demands for perfectly clear that they are step-\$500 per year, per employee, to ping up their adventurous course be applied towards an increase in of separation from the CIO. The wages and salaries, reduction of GEB is recommending a constituhours, improved pensions and tional amendment giving it authority to "discipline" any mem-How? Matles explained that ber on charges of fostering disthey were calling the GE and ruption or "secession from the

Carey issued a statement tonight that his group would remain in the UE "as long as it

Unless either or both factions make an unlooked-for reversal of danger of being torn apart in

Miners Strike Strengthens Hand Of Steelworkers

(Continued from page 1) formula. They flatly asserted that feated Bass for the presidency ing, the third day of the conven- all its emphasis on pensions and companies, they would not go

> The position of the steel com-In the meetings with Ching, Murray felt impelled to cling to the last thread of a concession - the principle of mon-contributory pensions as against the companies' demand that the steel workers contribute to any insurance and pension plan.

TRUMAN INTERVENES

Ching's intervention proved fruitless, but gave the pretext for further intervention by Truman, who called for an extension of the truce, scheduled to terminate Sept. 25, until Oct. 1. Naturally, the steel companies have agreed, but still repeat they will not commit themselves to any oncessions.

As this is written, Murray and the union's policy committee are meeting to decide whether to accept another truce. It is likely the strike will again be deferred. This will give Truman more opportunity to pressure the union to re-enter negotiations without binding the companies in the slightest.

Whether the steel moguls will finally force the union to strike remains a moot question. They may use the bait of a picayune concession on pensions to catch a commitment from Murray to a long-term agreement that will preclude any further concessions for several years. This is a distinct danger to the steel work-

Murray remains in mortal fear demands down any further? He board's recommendations for a and pension payments. All he is concession - the principle of non-

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of the anti-Buckmaster forces. of the anti-Buckmaster forces. The speech formally went along with the broad policy and leader DESPITE CONSTITUTION the CIO and included a whole. section on the PAC policy to

the opposition in order to this sixth largest affiliate of the

master himself is an extreme remove the president of Local

type of conservative business 336 of Pottstown, Pa., and which

unionist, who during his tenure finally led to his own suspension

followed a consistently cowardly from office after the Executive

policy toward the corporations Board, sitting as a trial commit-

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ing become intoxicated with 405 recorded in favor to 215 ing pan into the fire by acceptsuccess, the Curranites coupled against. (The constitution re- ing the Carey faction's proposal ing tone. Instead of calling on this amendment with another to quires a two-thirds majority be- to string along with Murray on the convention to oust the expel any member "issuing, fore an amendment can be sub- the 1949 wage freeze. And they for rank and file control over the union, its members or ofvoted on together!

non-factional and had only a few of the amendments. It was pointmented on how "during the last obvious that the proposed amend- by the membership. few years many of us have ments were not required to deal drifted away from basic prin- with "disrupters" or "anti-union" ciples of union democracy and elements, but were aimed at all critics and opponents to the Curran administration.

run George Bass, President of Former supporters of the Rank the post of International Presi- Stalinists from office last year, against Stalinist totalitarianism. years. The group is free of Stal- present officials.

ran majority pushed through an The opposition rallied to ward for ratification. This will have fusion that the leadership has inarea differentials, for an ex- off this double-barrelled threat to to be ratified before becoming troduced in local negotiations. tension of the 6-hour day with no the internal democracy of the part of the constitution. But the The Stalinist local leaders cited NMU. Speaker after speaker took action is indicative of the bureau- their gains, if any, charged sell-The speech was, in the main, the floor to expose the real intent cratic temper of the Curran maagainst Buckmaster, as when an isolated and discredited group The opposition succeeded in beat-Lloyd declared that he was in the union. Under the present ing down another amendment ing and busting the UE. against dictatorship "in Germany, constitution dozens of Stalinists giving the National Office power Russia or in the United Rubber have been expelled on charges to name a representative on trial Workers" and when he com- brought by the officials. It was committees which are now elected

WHAT CURRAN WANTS

After heated debate, the "gag"

Following this setback the Cur- kind of leadership in the UE.

verting the union into an obedient of the UE. Carey taunted them tool of the American State Department subservient to the Washington. To carry through criticism of the fact-finding holding on to is a shadow of a dent and F. M. Dickenson for as a violation of the pledges made criticism and crush all opposition. Secretary-Treasurer. These men by the Curran administration. The Lailing that, the mounting as he demanded the Stalinists yield that shadow now only at sweep the Curran machine from Carey nor any other right-winger position to the bureaucratism that won in the fight against the Stal-ship that will express the needs