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# CP TRIAL VERDICT HITS RIGHTS OF

# Lewis Urges Joint Labor Defense Fund to Support CIO Steel Strike

United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis has pointed the way to victory for labor in the crucial test of strength between the American plutocracy, spearheaded Canton Surrender

by the steel trust, and nearly a 3 million striking steel and coal strike fund) the giant adversaries Assures Stalinist

solidarity, Lewis on Oct. 14 pro- labor." posed to AFL President William from the UMW treasury to ment does take over the mines. match- a similar sum from each of the nine AFL international unions.

The day before his letter to Green, Lewis stated his uncompromising opposition to government interference in strikes through "fact-finding" boards or "seizures." He said the only way the miners will welcome government operation of the mines is if the mines are worked not for the greater profit of the owners but for the "people's account."

Green has given a queasy, quibbling reply to Lewis, rejecting his joint action proposal. He claimed that Lewis' plan is "impossible and impracticable". and that the immediate and urgent needs of the struggle must wait until there is a "united labor movement."

### MURRAY'S REPLY

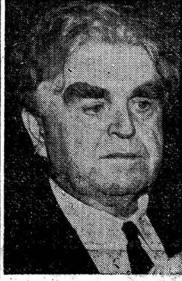
CIO and United Steel Workers Lewis demanded that it be a President Philip Murray respond- "bona fide seizure" and that the statement that the steel union of the people and the Govern- a hopeless position. Its liquidajoin with the United Mine Workers and affiliates of the American Federation of Labor to pool their resources for the common defense and general welfare of the labor

miners, Murray said he was for a joint defense fund to aid the miners and "all unions which are forced into necessary strike action" by "the monopolists and financial interests who dominate the great industries of this coun-

pointed out that "one of the great | If Lewis and Murray mean the United Steel Workers, is joint strike defense, either of subordinate every other con- to join forces with the CIO and to limit it to rent reforms. sideration and rise to meet in UMW to beat back the offensive this fashion [through a joint of Big Business.

which would decimate one by one

In his statement on govern-Green that the nine largest af- ment intervention, Lewis pointed filiates of the AFL join with the out that the government has used UMW in providing a \$2,500,000 mine "seizures" only as a strikeweekly strike fund to back the breaking device, with the opera-CIO United Steel Workers strike. tors still in control and making Lewis offered \$250,000 a week ther huge profits. If the govern-



mines be operated "on the account ment, and independent of the operators." Lewis' proposals for labor

colidarity and joint action against he steel corporations, which also own many "captive" coal mines, Paying tribute to the "mighty to government intervention in struggle" of the 400,000 soft coal any form undoubtedly have the disputed masters of all China. majority of union men and

What is necessary to make this Congress of Labor, representing CP. all sections of the union move-

In his letter to Green, Lewis to put this program into action.

# In a dramatic appeal for labor the major units of organized Rule of All China collidarity. Lewis on Oct. 14 pro- labor."

By John G. Wright

On Oct. 14 the Stalinist-led armies of insurgent Chinese peasants marched unopposed into Canton, occupying the last big city on China's seaboard. The city's surrender was, as elsewhere, arranged in advance by the Nationalist military authorities and by "local negotiators," that is, by representatives of Cantonese capitalists.

In Canton, as in Shanghai, Nanking and other cities, the workers remained silently in the background. There were no demonstrations, let alone any mess uprisings. Underground Stalinist cells were obviously under strict orders to maintain "law and order." It is reported that they even issued "warnings" to the municipal police "to continue their services."

The fall of Canton, within six months after becoming Chiang's provisional capital," virtually assures a speedy termination of arge-scale warfare on the mainland. The Nationalist government - a government in name only has now fled to the hinterland. establishing a new "provisional capital" at Chungking. Completely surrounded, amid a hostile population, the Chungking regime is in tion is a matter of mopping up

### A NEW STAGE

The fall of Canton thus marks and his declaration of opposition the Chinese Stalinists have estab- the National Committee and en- tional staff of the party are all and sympathizers, who have never approval of the overwhelming On Sept. 22 the "People's Republic program of expanded activities come in from the Party Building the quota assigned to them program a reality is a United tung, chairman of the Chinese

Stalinists did not initiate this matter. segments of organized labor," business by their statements on revolution. Beginning with 1945 the mass of the peasantry showed facing a "vast and barbaric them or both together should time and again that it was industry and its "formidable call for a national conference of question and started to rise allies," who "are out to crush the all unions to be held as quickly spontaneously. Throughout 1945, power and destroy the structure as possible. Once the ball is set the whole of 1945 and up to the of the steel workers' union." rolling, we can be confident there spring of 1947, the Stalinists Lewis expressed the hope that the will be a tremendous pressure of opposed this spontaneous move- Union Committee of the party, work and strengthen their organ-AFL leadership "will agree to the AFL ranks on their leaders ment and tried might and main is already scheduled to begin ization.

# \$12,000 Party-Building Fund Launched by SWP

The life of the branches of the Socialist Workers Party during the fall and winter months will be lished themselves as the un-thusiastically greeted by the parof China" was formally proclaim- to build and strengthen the party Campaign, ed at Peiping, with the new gov- and increase the circulation of its ernment headed by Mao Tze- press and publications, the Na- revolutionary militants for quite Mao and his colleagues rode and has assigned the quotas (list- atmosphere of reaction, the ment, to take the practical steps into power on the tidal wave of ed on Page 2) after consultation wholesale assaults on civil rights, the agrarian revolution. The with the party branches on the and the anti-radical witch-hunt

the party, which has been under

way since Oct. 1. A second national tour by Bert witn a meeting at Pittsburgh on

By James P. Cannon | around the whole circle from themselves, after thorough concoast-to-coast.

tours, the publication of new in the works for gradual unfold- failed us in the past, to help the ty membership. To finance this ment as the necessary funds campaign to the full extent of Times have been tough for

tional Committee has called for a long time now. They have had a \$12,000 Party Building Fund to stand up against the general in the shops and trade unions The opening gun in the fall and But the important thing is that winter Party Building Campaign they have stood up firmly. And as is the national tour of Morris is characteristic of the Trotattack" of the "entrenched" steel take the initiative in issuing a determined to settle the land Stein, Organization Secretary of skyists, who never surrender and never quit, they now propose to answer the challenge of reaction with a bold program to extend Cochran, chairman of the Trade and intensify their propagandistic

> The Party Building program has The peasant uprisings then Nov. 15, and will keep him on been hailed with enthusiasm, and the road for nearly two months the party members have pledged

Additional plans for other branch meetings, to make all the necessary personal sacrifices to dominated by an intensive Party books and pamphlets, and raise their quotas in full and on new phase: For the next period Building Campaign outlined by strengthening of the organiza- time. We also count on friends

> under "General" Reba Aubrey has been appointed Campaign Manager. The deadline for the compleion of the Party Building Fund

this great endeavor.

### Conviction of 11 Stalinists **Emphasizes Need for United** Front Against Witch-Hunters

Friday, Oct. 14, 1949, will go down as a black-letter day for civil rights in America. The conviction on that day of 11 Communist Party leaders in the political trial at Foley Square struck a hammer-blow against the democratic liberties of the whole working-class.

We are irreconcilably hostile to Stalinism. But we recognize that the trial and conviction of the 11 gives a green light to the government witch-hunters, the book-burners, all the storm troops

The war against the Bill of Rights, launched in 1941 when the government used the Smith Act to convict 18 Trotskyists in the Minneapolis Labor Case, has assumed blitzkrieg force with the conviction of the 11 Stalinists under the same Smith Act.

"Great satisfaction" at the outcome of the nine-month trial is expressed in Washington. "Elated" members of the House Un-American Committee claim the verdict proves that the CP is an 'illegal conspiracy." Senator Mundt, co-author of the infamous Mundt-Nixon "police state" bill, hails the verdict as showing the "need for speedy passage" of his law to straitjacket free political thinking in the United States. Truman's newest cabinet appointee, Attorney General McGrath, finds the outcome of the trial "gratifying".— a sinister hint of what the Truman administration has in store for political dissenters.

### Green Light for Witch-Hunters

The purgers and thought-controllers are rolling up their sleeves for a busy season. The witch-hunt against teachers, aliens, scientists will be whipped up to greater ferocity. Open-shoppers in industry will hound and victimize militant workers. "Illegal conspiracy!" will be hurled at all groups that dissent from the domestic and foreign policies of the party in power.

Every agency of capitalist power and propaganda - government, press and church — is being mustered to bolster the trial and its verdict and to glorify the judge and prosecutor. Medina is portrayed as a long-suffering, patient martyr, and a model of judicial wisdom and impartiality. McGohey, one day after the verdict. is elevated to a federal judgeship by Truman — prompt recognition or services rendered.

But the defendants - and their attorneys - are subjected to public degradation. Benjamin Davis, Negro defendant and elected member of the City Council of New York, is threatened with removal from office on the grounds he is a "felon." The five attorneys for the defense, on the sole order of Judge Medina, are charged, convicted and sentenced to jail for "contempt," as an act of intimidation against future legal defenders of civil rights.

The political mouthpieces and press of Big Business are trying, above all, to represent the trial and conviction of the Stalinists no threat to the liberties of the American people. We are assured that the whole trial was "democratically" conducted. This was "no political trial," we are told repeatedly. All that was involved was a "criminal conspiracy" by eleven individuals — who just happened to be the leaders of the Communist Party - to "advocate and teach. . . the overthrow of the government by force and violence' in violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Medina cynically said: "Books are not on trial here . . . It is not your function to pass upon the relative merits of communism or capitalism or any other 'ism.' " It was not even charged, he said, that the defendants "personally" have actually advocated forcible overthrow of the government or that the "Communist Party as such" has so advocated. The "crime' was that the defendants had "conspired" to advocate.

But the very wording of the charges made plain that what was We all confidently look for- on trial were precisely books and ideas - and specifically the books ward to a Happy New Year and ideas of Marx and Lenin. The defendants were accused of celebration of 100% success in building a group "dedicated to the Marxist-Leninist principle of the (Continued on page 2)

# REUTHER'S PRESTIGE BADLY SHAKEN

By Joseph Keller Due to his miserable settle-

Workers President Walter Reuthreports from Michigan auto centers.

The myth of Reuther's "militancy" and "brilliance" as negoline conservative union leaders contrasted in the past.

At this writing it is still noot question whether the Ford workers will ratify the contract, will not be because they believe Unfortunately, the independent Reuther's claim that the proposed a month paid for by the commilitants will have little voice contract contains "more basic

Reuther's lieutenants had freely vention, the independents will predicted the contract would be oppose any move to split the slicked through with little opposisible warfare between these two workers from the mainstream of tion. But the conference of the bureaucratic factions, the CIO industrial unionism, the CIO, UAW's National Ford Council has been in steady retreat before where they will continue to fight proved a big surprise. Reuther poised to take full advantage of from the priest-ridden Associareaction. The real interests of ism against the totalitarian after a bitter two-day battle and return for this pension at the The Stalinists, far from defend- the membership have been thrust methods of both the Murray and more than a third of the votes age of 65 after 30 full years of

ment with Ford, CIO United Auto expressed not only among Ford workers, but by General Motors er has suffered a severe loss of and Chrysler workers who fear prestige among the UAW ranks and resent the Ford "patters." and local leaders, according to This opposition has become change is in the title of the strong in sectors of the union clause, now called "Strikes, where Reuther's influence has Stoppages and Lockouts." The been dominant. Thus in Flint, heart of the GM empire, Chevrolet Local 659, Buick Local 599 and any employee who instigates, Fisher Plant 2 Local have all participates in or gives leaderadopted resolutions opposing the ship to an unauthorized strike Ford contract. A similar resolu- in violation of the Agreement." tion was adopted by the Greater Flint CIO Council.

> Routher is attempting to sell his contract with the crudest kind of false claims. Here are some examples from the "Special Ford Edition" of the United Automobile Worker, the official UAW paper controlled by Reuther: .

> 1. The Ford settlement provides "for a pension plan of \$100 pany" and is based on "the prin-

Actually, about a third of the \$100 pension is federal social security for which the workers are taxed. Ford's share of the pension will be reduced as federal benefits increase. As federal benefits rise, so will workers' payroll deductions. Moreover, in were cast against the contract. service, the Ford workers are

In the past couple of weeks, required to sacrifice all wage inwidespread opposition has been creases under a 21/2-year contract. 2. "The old 'Company Security clause has been completely wiped out. . ." says the UAW paper.

Actually, the only major company still has "the right to discipline (including discharge) 3. ". . . the Production Standards clause has been re-written and strengthened to protect

workers against speedup," says Reuther's paper. Actually, the company retains the sole right "to establish and enforce production standards' and may make its own "reason-

### Next Week:

able" rules on safety, etc.

A report on the controversy at the Ohio Bill of Rights Conference.

The Ford pension contractthe reaction of the auto workers and the employers. Answers to some recent

slanders about the role of the Trotskyists in Bolivia and Cey-Articles on Yugoslavia, the

repercussions of the CP trial, and the review of Deutscher's biography of Stalin.

# Split in CIO Would Be Crime Against Labor

for power between the Murray- Stalinists from the CIO.

This convention will witness war" between the Murray ma-State Department are threaten- Department. ing their minority opponents with expulsion. The Stalinist stooges if no other course is left open what they can from the CIO and venture. The barons of industry Murray got his main support for and the AFL craft raiders are this

The Murray machine, it must and the Stalinophobic Social-

Will the CIO rally all its forces ruptive conflict. It has carried gave extraordinary bureaucratic

Reuther and Stalinist factions The fight began with the break- trol. disrupt and split the CIO? This up of the Washington-Moscow is the crucial question confront- honeymoon. The Murray-Reuther ing the CIO convention delegates forces - who didn't find it too

> Convention the Murray machine "resents and rejects" the "inter-"interference" resolution tion of Catholic Trade Unionists unions.

local councils under Stalinist con-

WIDENING RIFT

By the time of the November when they convene on Oct. 31 in hard to stomach the Stalinists 1948 convention, the Murray mawhen they supported the no-strike chine was prepared to push its pledge, incentive pay, the wage war against its one-time Stalinist the climax of the divisive "cold freeze and the War Labor Board allies to the limit. Declaring that turned on these Stalinist it was now "CIO national chine and the Stalinist clique. partners of many years standing policy" to support every "cold The Murrayite tools of the U. S. at the behest of the U. S. State war" measure of U. S. imperialism and to maintain a dirty At the November 1946 CIO political alliance with the Truman gang in Washington, the of the Kremlin are preparing, pushed through unanimous en- Murrayites declared they would dorsement of its "Declaration of no longer allow anyone to live anti-democratic actions against to them, to scrape together Policy" stating that the CIO in the CIO who did not conform the Stalinists. n word and deed to this policy. embark on an "independent" ad- ference of the Communist Party." Murray also secured further bureaucratic powers to yank local CIO council charters and to dic-

be pointed out, has taken the Democratic elements like Walter ing autonomous rights and union aside. The CIO put up no mili- Stalinist camps.

local CIO councils.

machine a new weapon when round" wage increase. they tried to thrust the Wallace policy." And in unions like the American working class. Electrical Workers, where the Stalinists control, their bureau-

In the course of the irrespon-

initiative in forcing this dis-|Reuther. This same convention | democracy in the CIO, sought as | tant fight, against passage of the long as possible to appease Taft-Hartley Act. Every year tiator and strategist has been in the face of the corporate the war to the Stalinists from the powers over local CIO bodies to Murray. They had voted in the since the 1946 strikes has seen badly cracked. He now appears onslaught led by the steel start and has moved ruthlessly the top CIO leaders - the 1916 Convention for the "resent bigger and bigger compromises of the same stripe as other oldmonopolists or will the struggle and bureaucratically to drive the preliminary to moves to take over and reject" resolution and for the on CIO wage demands. And this anti-democratic regulations on year has brought the biggest with whom he had been favorably compromise of all - the agree-The Stalinists gave the Murray ment to abandon the "fourth

But further retreat can mean movement for a third capitalist disaster. American capitalism is although Reuther has mobilized party on the CIO. This was the now lined up behind the steel his whole apparatus and the occasion for the Trumanite trust to break the power of the union's press to persuade the majority of the leadership to CIC. A split in the CIO would Ford ranks to approve his agreecrack down with "CIO national be a crime against the whole ment. But even if they do, it

cratic ruthlessness against op- in this CIO convention, whose improvements" than any contract ciple of no contributions by the ponent factions has given Murray delegates are picked by the top since the first major ones won an example to justify his own bureaucrats of both factions. But in the industry. whatever the outcome of the conLabor Union Trends -

### The New Reformism n the Labor Movement

Factions are not an unfortunate

On page 170 we run across this

rem: "When the Thomas-Addes

group, in a desperate espousal

of 'militancy' proposed that the

union not sign the anti-Com-

nunist affidavits required by the

Tatt-Hartley Act, the sentiment

of the majority of the delegates

vas neatly expressed by one

lelegate from Chicago, Wil-

oughby Abner: 'Look who's

alking militant now. The piece-

work boys." I gather from this

hat because the Stalinists and

he knee to the Taft-Hartley Law

On page 183 we are treated to

a left-handed defense of Reuth-

er's raiding of the UE and on

page 224 our authors swallow

rook, line and sinker Reuther's

narrow-minded standpoint on the

ism in America powered by the

Negro problem.

prohibition.

their thinking with that of the as its fundamental strategy in down. labor bureaucracy in their re-major struggles with the mono- The period of the "bumbling" cently published book, The UAW polies means one has lost all and "mediocre" leadership was and Walter Reuther.

Pesotta as "an aggressive ra- question, even Philip Murray is - not to be sure because of the dical" and Powers Hapgood as head of Reuther. But our two eadership, but because no bureau-"a militant Socialist." This is cribes, true to the task they set cratic machine had yet been rich, and revealing in the ex- for themselves, doggedly defend fastened upon the auto workers. treme. Both Pesotta and Hapgood even this theory of their mentor. and the free democratic interwere broken down ex-radicals when the CIO was formed and entered into the service of John Both had played distinguished easily be abused, factions are Reuther's power is the period of justify his "personal record." roles as militants years back but 1036. Lewis used them and others cynically used to hire Socialists by-product of union- democracy, A GREAT MYSTERY in the same way that Hillman to do the "rabble rousing" in orthe machine men would take over and "do business" with the

On page 80 the book states: "In 1941 the Reuther group, feeling that the time had come to move against the Stalinists in the UAW, introduced a resolutionto bar them and fascists from union office." In this section our authors, by innuendo and suggestion, place their stamp of approval on this injection of redbaiting and anti-democratic procedure into the unions.

### ROLE OF RADICALS

On page 81, in a discussion of the faction fight during the Homer Martin period, Howe and Widick state: "Part of the responsibility, however, for the internal UAW debacle must be placed on the radical groups.' This was common gossip in the Reuther circles during this period The expression went, "The radicals built this union and now they are trying to bust it up.' Radicals of all shades and varieties probably had more to do with building the UAW than any other CIO union. Stalinists Trotskvists, Lovestoneites, Norman Thomas Socialists - all were active. Even the Oehlerites took a crack at things. Naturally. the presence of these different political tendencies exacerbated

the faction struggle. But this question has to be judged en bloc. Out of these internal fights was forged the most seasoned labor cadre and the CP danced. . . And it had won." are willing to settle for Reuther. There is nothing unfinished about strongest labor union in the Our two sociologists have truly And having reached that point, him. He and the bureaucracy he United States. That is the way to taken us into a never-never land. they must of course paint him epitomizes are going all out to look at it. For our authors to This is written about a leadership up. imply that the activities of politically trained radicals in the portunist officialdom.

petitive and since, it seemed, the of the State Department. postwar situation would lead to a sharpening of this competition, THEIR HIGH POINT Reuther's proposal to concentrate Our authors, in common with extremely vulnerable position." So vulnerable, in fact, that the ADA liberals and the labor different problems. It is not suf-CM strike of 1946 lasted 113 days bureaucrats, view the rise to ficient today to go into raptures

industries, steel, oil, chemical, surviving the previous "bumb- pened to the labor movement of apologists.

Stalin's writings.

Last week I began describing | auto. But to think labor can ling" and "mediocre" leadership. how Widick and Howe identify utilize this competitive element The whole thing is placed upside

touch with the realities of the the period of the UAW's un-On page 51 they speak of Rose modern class struggle. On this surpassed militancy and its glory FACTIONS AND DEMOCRACY play of different forces permitted the auto workers to voice their sometimes dangerous to union the entrenchment of the bureauwere completely played out by democracy." This, it seems to me, cracy and the conservatizing of s standing the thing on its head. the auto union.

mion democracy becomes a sham. Reuther as a great and brilliant take it or leave it. Those that begin by deploring labor leader. I am not discussing 'actions end by supporting their the man's personal talents, which are well known, and which have to strike. He showed that U. S. cast such a hypnotic spell over the authors of this book. This, however, is not the main criterion Germany under the leadership of for a socialist. There are talented a lot of Reuthers. people in all camps. The question is: what camp does one belong to over the radio stations that the and to what purpose does he use UAW and the ILG have set up. his telent.

manifest itself? Is the UAW, philosophy is being preached over under Reuther, blazing new trails these radio stations. It is not in winning superior wages or enough to point with pride to the working conditions? Reuther's great achievements of the CIO record in this regard doesn't in integrating Negro workers begin to compare with that of into the labor movement. What is. ing the war, that demonstrates John L. Lewis and is worse than paramount today is what is being Reuther's correctness in bending that of the previous admittedly done to guarantee Negroes equal "bumbling" and "mediocre" lead- job opportunities and wiping out ers. Is the UAW, under Reuther, their status as second - class pioneering in the field of in- citizens. dependent labor politics? Not so anyone can notice. In what way an "unfinished personality." This then does Reuther's "advanced is dead wrong. There is nothing leadership" display itself from a unfinished about Reuther or the socialist point of view? That is other CIO top bureaucrats. I am a great mystery.

The chapter on Reuther's rise, ANOTHER LINK previously referred to, winds up Ordinarily this book would be selves. I am talking of them as with this panegyric to the main just another book. Coming as it public figures. Reuther started character of the drama: "The first does at the present time it is a out as a Socialist with an unpart of the Reuther group's his- link in the ramified campaign to derstanding of the class forces tory was at an end. It had gam- sell Reuther and the new bureau- and conflicts in modern society. bled on the idea that the Commun- cracy he typifies to the advanced He didn't just inadvertently ist Party could be defeated in a workers and intellectuals. Many stumble into his present positions trade union . . . not by turning who in the past were inspired by but consciously and premeditatedly to reaction but by more consistent the grand vision of the Russian became an agent of the State Deand aggressive militancy; not by Revolution and the struggle for partment and allied himself with shouting 'red' but by showing the a Socialist society have now grown the capitalist politicians and the totalitarian strings to which the so tired and dispirited that they

with the Association of Catholic told, between Reuther and unions is a negative factor is to Trade Unionists, that pioneered Hutchinson. Look at the wonderful reconcile them to support of the adopt the viewpoint of the op- in the use of red-baiting as a things these CIO unions are Wall Street plutocracy in return factional weapon, that was "mili- doing. Look at the radio stations for hoped-for crumbs and con-On page 131 we learn that tant" and "aggressive" primarily they are buying. Look at the cessions. "Reuther's 'one at a time' pro- in demanding the signing of the health centers they are building. posal was so obviously sound that Taft - Hartley affidavits, that Look at all the education courses can only bring the American it had to be adopted. Since the above all others took the lead in they offer their members and the workers to the same pass as the auto industry is internally com- placing its services at the disposal attractively printed material they Social Democrats brought the travelled a long way from the young labor militants and in-

days of Gompers. That's right, we have travelled about it. But different times pose

25,000 HOMESTEAD STEEL WORKERS
DEMONSTRATE UNION SOLIDARITY

HOMESTEAD, PA., Oct. 13 filled West Field here today a appearance of Philip Murray. This demonstration of union solidarity was the highlight of an

otherwise quiet week in the steel strike. This was the first meeting held here since the strike of his friend Truman. began. All regular meetings had been cancelled. The mass turnout showed the workers' temper, as did the sign on the platform: "Give them Hell, Murray."

Murray held the platform for over an hour, explaining the Further along on page 155 we sentiments and give free rein to events leading up to the strike, 29 CENTS A MONTH L. Lewis as subservient agents. find this: "Since they can so their aspirations. The period of but he took out much time to

negotiations which started June 15. The companies arrogantly held 15 years at American Steel & to the following offer: no wage Wire and 29 years in the Homeraise. no pensions, 11/2 cents stead plant. Murray said: "This but indispensable instruments of These ADA'ers, labor officials social insurance contingent upon elderly citizen who has given 44 ganizing campaigns after which union democracy. Without them, and their publicists speak of the workers paying 11/2 cents,

Steel lies when it says it is op-

It is not sufficient to go wild It is important to ask what is How does Reuther's leadership being said and what kind of

The book describes Reuther as naturally not speaking of their personal lives, which are of no concern to anybody but themgovernment in power. No, sir. indoctrinate the American work-- mind you - that allied itself | Look at the distance, we are ers with a worked-out reformist,

are publishing. We've certainly German workers in 1933. The tellectuals now becoming socially conscious would be dooming their wing movement can gather and was finally settled only when power of the Reuther machine as over the numerical growth of the strength and arouse the new steel and other major industries the high point of the auto union's CIO since 1936 and in pollyanna generation of fighters to new ican Labor Party have spoken despite a letter addressed to him evolution and achievement. Arthur fashion assure ourselves that we struggles only by resolute op- up against the verdict so far," by the SWP and despite the There is an element of com- Schlesinger, reviewing the book are moving ever upwards and position to the labor bureaucracy said Bartell. "Lehman, the run- SWP's public challenge to him petition, it is true, in all monopoly in the Nation, speaks of the UAW onwards. That isn't what hap- and all its hangers - on and

sions. He cited the case of "the caverns of Wall Street where 25,000 striking steel workers Benjamin Fairless who is paid steel policy is formulated," and \$207,000 a year and will retire the history of the CIO. He said full hour before the scheduled on a company-financed pension this mass turnout was a great of \$50,000 a year. Murray made no attempt to held their first meeting and only

justify his accepting the "fact- 50 people had dared to show up. full of praise for the "fairness'

He scored the steel industry which had not accepted the formula: "The steel industry has never accepted the union in good not only you the members of faith, they still think of the days of the Homestead murders and the Chicago massacre.'

To dramatize "the righteous fight," he brought on to the plat-He reported on the steel form an elderly steel worker, Andrew Gerasik, who had put in years of his 65 years to U. S. Steel, who is now depreciated, Murray went on to show that broken down after having given the companies forced the union of his sinews, his blood, his muscle to build this magnificent corporation, has retired. . . Yes, pension of 29 cents a month, 29c. month!"

The crowd of steel workers. of hardship and brutal treatment, were shocked. They showed it by Christ!" Murray rested the case for his pensions.

### **Quotas for SWP** \$12,000 Fund

1	Branch	Quota
1	Akron	\$100
4	Allentown	50
1	Boston	200
1	Buffalo	500
1	Chicago	400
	Cleveland	250
Ì	Detroit	1,100
9	Flint	200
	Los Angeles	1,500
	Lynn	75
	Milwaukee	250
	Morgantown	25
	Newark	350
	New Britain	30
	New Haven	25
9	New York	3,000
	Philadelphia	600
	Pittsburgh	150
	St. Louis	75
+	St. Paul-Minneapolis	900
	San Francisco-Oakland	800
	Seattle '	100
	Toledo	75
	Worcester	40
	Youngstown	400
	General	805
	TOTAL	\$12,000

cry from the days when they had raised hourly wages from 82c. average to \$1.70. "But," he condom that you have gained and

community as a whole." This industry had "sent you letter." But it contained a lie. letters.")

this great organization, but the

### SOME DISAPPOINTED

involuntary cries of "Jesus they need do nothing; he and his tive liquidation of the latter. "associates" would do the strugbuilt the CIO.

after this soul stirring speech," not stir my soul. I came to hear how the strike would be fought, or when it would be over." Other

filed out of the field. The most discussed topic in another group of workers was the salaries and pensions of the It's enough to make a communist of you. I think I'm half of one 'nstead. Well, this is not 1936. they wouldn't dare to use strike-

reluctant to go out on strike when the strike was first called, they are growing more grim and are growing more grim and system provides not only for the class would be able to come to the nervice when the strike was first called, they expression of democracy. This are growing more grim and system provides not only for the class would be able to come to determined now. It is clear they will not stand by and see their manent control and recall at any

### Their program is bankrupt. It Bartell Demands Other Candidates **State Position on CP Convictions**

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 - Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor of New York, today demanded that all candidates for municipal office state on GM put the corporation in an all exponents of the new reform- a long way. There is no question generation were they to give a their position on the conviction finger to the labor bureaucracy of the 11 Communist Party lead | the Minneapolis trial of 18 SWP

and its outlook. The new left ers and the sentencing of their leaders in Minneapolis in 1941." lawyers to jail. "Only the SWP and the Amer-

> on the Liberal ticket, has sent at the fight for civil liberties. congratulations to Prosecutor

ciate themselves from Lehman's skyists. stand, it must be assumed they agree with his view of this outrage." Bartell pointed out that the

CP and ALP, which give shamefaced support to Lehman as a 'lesser evil" than Dulles, have again been paid off for their unprinciple support of capitalist "These so - called politicians. friends of the people always prove themselves enemies; the workers must take this as another warning to break with both capitalist parties," said Bartell.

"The ALP itself has played an unprincipled role in the struggle for civil rights," he continued. "Marcantonio has opposed the trial and conviction of the 11 CP leaders, but he has been as quiet history of the background of the Launch a nation-wide fight for repeal of the Smith Act and all CP trial by calling for a 'return'

"But Marcantonio knows very well that the thought-control velt. He knows that Roosevelt viction under the Smith Act -

Marcantonio has evaded the question of the 18 Trotskyists. ning mate of O'Dwyer on the in the daily press and over the Tammany ticket and of Morris radio. This policy is a body-blow

Meanwhile Marcantonio's McGohey hailing the verdict as henchman, Paul Ross, ALP candia 'mighty victory for the cause date for Comptroller, has come of freedom and liberty.' He out into the open, showing where thereby exposes his pretense of the Stalinists really stand and

In answer to a direct question at a Forum of the New Era Club at 274 East Broadway on Oct. 14, the day the CP leaders were convicted, Ross denounced support for the SWP victims of the Smith Act.

"I say that to raise the question of what happened to the 18 people convicted in 1941 is an effort to discredit the struggle for civil liberties today," Ross declared. "I don't defend the rights" of Trotskyists, he brazenly added.

Even more than before, the SWP candidates will stress the need for united action against the witch-hunters. Bartell, Gladys Barker, Harry Ring and Harold Robbins plan to carry the campaign for civil liberties into the workers' neighborhoods.

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### THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN GERMANY TODAY

GERMANY - After the creation of the Western German State, a rival enterprise has been set up in the. Soviet zone. Both pretend to represent the whole of Ger-

many. When they speak of 5finding" board's report, but was The union now is strong and had of unity, each side means the gress," they didn't even know incorporation of the rival zone they were establishing a new in its own. Each accuses the government. It was a case of tinued, "it is not only the mone- other of being responsible for open fraud. The voters didn't aptary gains but the economic free- the dismemberment of Germany. prove any government program,

STALINIST POLICY

The new West-German government is a tool of the occupying There was only one list of candipowers. It rests on the Western dates, whom the voters could all a letter, under the personal German bouregoisie and "con- accept or reject. The election resignature of Fairless, a nice structive opposition" of the Social sults may have been falsified. Democrats, embracing the ma- In any case, one third of the The letter had claimed that the jority of the working population, voters voted NO, and the number union leaders were drawing fat who consider the "democratic" of NO votes was especially high salaries during the strike. "This West to be a "lesser evil" to in industrial areas, as in the is not true. No union official the Stalinist dictatorship. The traditionally red Saxony. draws any pay until the strike Western powers were able to is over." (Some locals have in- stage formally correct democratic ment has no right to pretend stituted libel proceedings against elections. But in spite of demothe companies and their "nice cratic forms the elections served as a means to subjugate the work- man government even less. ing class.

The meeting was ended with thanks to the presence of the many phrases of self-justification; Soviet army, the Stalinists were he has retired on the munificent but there was no plan for action, able at the outset to occupy every ferences between the victors' inno goal set for the steel workers important position and their terests and knew that the reto strive for. Murray called for no policy became the official state unification of Germany would be action of any kind on the part policy. The SED arose not as the impossible without the withused to the most extreme cases of the steel workers. He left the result of a genuine merger of drawal of the occupiers. This impression that their leadership the CP and the Social Demo- has been the basic slogan of the was in the right hands and hence crats, but through an administra- Fourth International in dealing

The factory councils, the most the end of the war. The sharpengling for them. Such an attitude elementary cells of a workers' ing of antagonism between "East can be sharply contrasted with democracy, and a premise for and West" foreseen by every the militant mass struggles that the formation of workers' com- Marxist was bound to provoke mittees (soviets), were abolished. considerable differences between The workers felt disappointed The working class having no the evolution of Eastern and of at the wind-up. They had been power whatsoever, the standard Western Germany. It is meanled to expect more. When the of living remains extremely low, ingless to ask who is responsible chairman said in conclusion, the lion's share of production for the division of Germany: this "there is nothing that I can say going to the Soviet bureaucracy. division is the inevitable conse-

feelings of hatred which, of victorious powers are equally course, turn against the SED responsible. officials and "People's Policeworkers agreed with him as they men" too. While the Western occupation regime is able to at least grant formal democratic rights because it is solidly supported by the German bourgeoisie steel executives. One worker said, and regarded by the masses as too. Without German unity there "Did you hear those figures? the lesser evil, the Stalinist can be no independence from system has the sympathies of foreign powers. Political dependneither the bourgeoisie nor the ence has led to the participation now." Another said, "They can proletariat. It rests on the sonow." Another said, "They can proletariat. It rests on the so- of foreign capital in the excasily afford our pensions, but called "People's Police," on the ploitation of the German workthey want to break the union thin layer of Stalinist officials ing class. While the restoration and on elements without any poli- of economic and political sover-We have a strong union and tical traditions among the youth. eighty would not put an end to We Marxists have never adored exploitation, it would no longer formal democracy. We consider permit the German bourgeoisie Although many men were the system of workers' committo unload on the foreign powers

election, but also for the pertime of every representative. It | is the direct government by the

EAST ZONE "ELECTIONS"

than the formal democratic Germany, if and when it becomes parliamentary elections. When a reality, would have far less the voters in the Soviet zone political stability than the elected the third "People's Con- Weimar Republic.

but were offered only three general slogans: Unity, a just peace, and the end of occupation.

The Western German governman people. The Eastern Ger-

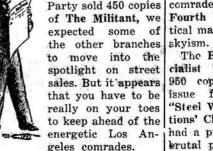
### As for Eastern Germany, NEED FOR UNIFICATION

From the beginning we understood the fundamental difwith the German problem since The masses react to this quence of the policy decided at I heard one worker say: "It did plundering with barely disguised Yalta and Potsdam and all the

We have been against all the measures to divide Germany because we know that the labor movement cannot develop freely except within a unified Germany. Unity is an economic necessity

No unification of the zones is people. The Stalinist bureaucracy possible in an occupied Germany. has nothing left of that system But the withdrawal of the occuwhich existed in Russia after piers can come only as the result October. 1917, and cannot permit of a change in the international it in its German protectorate situation. We do not know if the Russians will really evacuate their zone in 1950 as they have promised; few people trust their The new government of the promises any more. We do not Soviet zone does not represent a want to prophesize. However it nigher, but an even lower form is certain that a unified capitalist

### THE MILITANT ARMY



This week they increased their regular bundle order by another 50 copies. "Greater activity pickets. among the branches has made this possible," Bert writes. "Bob P. sold 52 Militants last week and will undertake to sell 50 a week from here on in."

Another Los Angeles member of the Militant Army, Helen, "sold 15 Militants in about 20 minutes at a new sales point, the AFL Laborers Union. She could end of our bundle."

Promising possibilities for street sales in Detroit are in-The Militant were sold at one "Wish I had more to give." union meeting, he reports, and 20 copies at a city-wide meeting It's contributions such as this of UAW leaders.

of Pittsburgh writes that "several leading socialist weekly.

After last week's report from comrades went out selling Mili-Literature Agent Bert Deck on tants door to door in one of the how the Los Angeles Local of the settlements. Sixteen copies were Socialist Workers sold." On a visit to a campus, two Party sold 450 copies comrades sold a few copies of of The Militant, we Fourth International, the theoreexpected some of tical magazine of American Trot-

The Buffalo branch of the Sospotlight on street cialist Workers Party ordered sales. But it appears 950 copies of the October 10 that you have to be issue featuring the headline; really on your toes "Steel Workers Answer Corporato keep ahead of the tions' Challenge." This issue also energetic Los An- had a prominent story about the brutal police attack on the Bell. strikers in Buffalo. It should be well rece. ved by the Buffalo

The Worcester, Mass., branch ordered 100 copies of the same issue for distribution on the picket lines there.

Another branch making an extra effort to crash into the ranks of the model category whose bills are kept paid right up to date is Morgantown, West Virginia. Our thanks, comrades. And thanks to L. C. of South have sold more but that was the Gate, Calif., who enclosed \$1 as a contribution on renewing his subscription, and A. S. of Florida, who sent \$1 "to help make up for dicated by Literature Agent your trouble" in putting through Howard Mason. Fifteen copies of his change of address. A. S. adds,

We can join A. S. in that wish. from our readers that help assure Literature Agent Gerry Woolf regular appearance of America's

### Trial Verdict Hits Rights of All

by force and violence."

Aside from hearsay testimony of paid FBI stoolpigeons and embittered renegade Stalinists like Louis Budenz, the sole prosecution "evidence" was words and sentences, ripped out of context, from the writings of Marx and Lenin. And to this falsification, the prosecutor added that abominable perversion of Lenin's teachings,

### The Essence of the Frame-Up

Thus, the frameup was twofold. Marxism-Leninism was falsely equated to the "violent overthrow of the government" and then the Stalinists were falsely accused of advocating Marxism-Leninism. and more victims like the legless veteran, James Kutcher. And we But the essence of the frame-up was an indictment of Marxist socialism as a "criminal conspiracy."

The entire case was based on a law - the Smith Act of 1940 which is a brazen violation of the Bill of Rights, and particularly the defense of civil rights in their case. Their attitude to the civil of the First Amendment which forbids Congress to make any laws rights of their opponents has created the utmost disgust and antiabridging freedom of speech or press. The Smith Act when it was signed by Roosevelt was denounced by every labor and liberal organization in the country. It is the first law since the notorious civil rights of all. Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 to make it a "crime" merely to "advocate" - print, write, teach, preach - any idea which the United Action Is Needed Now party in power alleges aims at the "violent overthrow of govern-

This law was first used against the Socialist Workers Party and Minneapolis CIO Teamsters Local 544 in 1941, before formal support to the appeal against the Foley Square verdict. Back the inists, Marcantonio, even in con-U. S. entry into the war. The major "evidence" was the classic appeal against the imprisonment of the CP defense lawyers. Demand demning the verdict, falsifies the works of Marx and Lenin - the very ones cited in the Stalinist that the convicted 11 be let out on bail. trial - as well as the writings of Leon Trotsky.

ists and to this day oppose the campaign to restore the civil rights revocation of the presidential order establishing the "subversive" of the Minneapolis victims. They have reaped the bitter fruits of list and the "loyalty" purge. Defend the first victims of the Smith their fatal policy at Foley Square. Their experience should stand Act by demanding a pardon to restore civil rights to the 18 victims Smith Act was signed by Rooseas an object lesson to all.

hunters must not blind us to the fact that the CP trial and convic- and totalitarians!

tion, like the Minneapolis case, reinforce the sinister Smith Act and liberalism as a lie. Unless O'- employing all of their usual lies overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States establish another precedent for thought-control and the outlawing Dwyer and Morris publicly disso- and slanders against the Trotof political ideas and parties.

One of its most ominous features was Judge Medina's interpretation of the monstrous "conspiracy" laws. In his charge to the jury he stated that if two or more persons come to a "mutual understanding," even without explicit agreement, to "advocate" ideas branded "subversive," they are "criminal conspirators." Any act or statement of one alleged conspirator is "evidence" against all those accused. Even acts or declarations by alleged conspirators "unknown to the Grand Jury" are binding on those accused and brought to

The Foley Square verdict and Medina's judicial rulings will be used to hurl the Department of Justice's "subversive" list at more can expect more trials for "advocating" non-conformist political ideas.

The Stalinists themselves have made it doubly hard to inspire pathy toward the Stalinists in labor and liberal ranks. But the decisive issue remains: The verdict against the CP endangers the

We urge a mighty united front of all true defenders of civil as a clam about the civil rights rights to halt the offensive of the witch-hunters. We call for full of non-Stalinists. Like the Stal-

The unprincipled Stalinists hailed the jailing of the 18 Trotsky- other anti-democratic laws, federal, state and local. Demand the to the Roosevelt 'heritage.' of the Minneapolis case.

For our contempt for Stalinism and its services to the witch- For united action against the thought-controllers, police-staters gave the order for the first con-

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"We supported Abyssinia not because the Negus was politically or 'morally' superior to Mussolini but because the defense of a backward country against colonial oppression deals a blow to imperialism, which is the main enemy of the world working class. We defend the USSR independently of the policy of the Moscow Negus for two fundamental reasons. First, the defeat of the USSR would supply imperialism with new colossal resources and could prolong for many years the death agony of capitalist society. Secondly, the social foundations of the USSR, cleansed of the parasitic bureaucracy are capable of assuring unbounded economic and cultural progress, while the capitalist foundations disclose no possibilities except fur-

- Leon Trotsky, In Defense of Marxism, 1940.

### What Did It Get Us?

If the CIO leadership plays square with the membership, it will spend most time at the coming CIO convention in an honest examination of the results of its own policies. The Murrays and Reuthers have had it their own way in the CIO. Their policy has prevailed and has been fairly tested by events. The workers now have every right to a straight answer to the question that is uppermost in their minds: What did it get us?

In its essence, the policy of the CIO leaders has been: "Leave it to Harry!" Support Truman, trust in Truman, stake everything on Truman. This was the way to end the Taft-Hartley Act, win civil rights legislation, strengthen rent control, ensure adequate housing, health insurance and decent social security.

Well, what did it get us? Congress has adjourned and not one of these promises has been carried out. In fact, reaction rides higher than ever. The corporations and landlords are bolder and more grasping. The cops and judges are more brutal to striking workers. The militarists sink both arms deeper in the public treasury and the people groan under a war budget swollen to four times the whole cost of government just a decade ago. Prices still scrape the clouds, profits soar in the stratosphere and eight million breadwinners are either without jobs or on part-

This is only part of what labor got by depending on capitalist politician Truman. There is still more to the reckoning. "Leave it to Harry!" the Murrays told us, and there won't be any need for

strikes. Truman's our friend. he'll bring the corporations to terms. Put your wage and welfare demands in his hands and he'll fix everything. No battles, no pick-'etlines - Truman will get it for us "cheap."

That's the policy Murray pursued in the steel negotiations - "Harry will fix it!" But his "fact-finding" board sliced the steel workers' demands down to one thin crust, a miserable pension that most workers in steel will never work long enough or live long enough to collect. And for this the steel workers and all labor were asked to take an indefinite wage freeze. But that wasn't all!

The steel workers have had to strike anyway! They have had to face the hardships and sacrifices of a grueling struggle from which they can expect not one cent more in their paychecks. They could have gone out three months ago for their full demands and won some substantial gains. Now they must fight with their backs to the wall just to preserve their union.

They must make the fight, of course the corporations and government have left them no other choice. But they have a right to demand of their leaders: What did your policy of appeasement, of dependence on Truman and capitalist government boards get us besides a tougher struggle for smaller stakes? If Murray answers the question honestly at the CIO convention, he will have to say: We would have done better — far better — if we had depended on our own independent strength and action from the start.

### Brass Hats Confirm War Conspiracy

A corner of the veil of secrecy enveloping the war conspiracy in Washington was lifted a little more when the top brass of the Air Force and the Army testified before the House Armed Services' Committee in "rebuttal" of the Navy chiefs.

This "rebuttal" leaves no room whatever for doubt that the disgruntled proponents of sea power told the truth when they let slip that this country has already been committed — behind the backs of the people — to a war of atomic annihilation.

Take the testimony of W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force. He did not deny that "strategic bombing" plays the central role in the "grand strategy" of the projected war. On the contrary, he began by denouncing the Navy for inadvertently making this public. They were guilty of disclosing top "military secrets" and imperiling "security of the United States," declared this promoter of atomic hecatombs.

Praising the B-36 as "the best bomber in the world" for the purpose of delivering the A-Bomb, Symington calmly affirmed that in the next war there was and could be no distinction between a

soldier and a "man at a lathe." He then went on to prove to the hilt that he, like his colleagues, was indeed a proponent of all-out "strategic bombing," in plain fascism. words, the mass atomic hombing of civilians.

"Any impression of ineffectiveness as concerns the atomic bombing" was "wholly at variance" with the findings of a top-secret committee that has conducted studies on Air Atomic Operations, assured Symington.

These and other declarations of the decisive section of the American militarists paint a ghastly, but clear picture of where they are heading and into what they intend to drag the people of this country, and the rest of the world, if they are permitted to have their way.

As matters stand, the mass of the American people have exactly nothing to say on the question of war and peace. The decision rests with a few men in the White House and in Congress plus their military "advisers" who are fast becoming the most powerful group in the land. This fateful decision must be taken out of their hands and submitted to a nationwide vote.

### CANTON SURRENDER ASSURES RULE OVER ALL OF CHINA BY STALINISTS

and threatened to sweep over the tected against encroachment." heads of the Stalinists. It was at this critical point, amid the intensification of Washington's cold for the benefit of the native (and war against the Kremlin and foreign) capitalists has been un-Chiang's offensive against Yenan, derwritten by the new Stalinist has been temporarily obscured by that a turnabout was finally made and the Chinese Stalinists placed that they want the workers in themselves at the head of this Canton and other cities to remain and strategy of the Chinese Stalagrarian revolution

One of the chief concerns of the Stalinists has been to prevent perty and the division of land may remain so for a while the agrarian revolution from be- among the peasants and the rise to come, watching, questioning, coming linked up with the upris- of the Stalinists to power mark ing of the workers in the cities, not the completion of the agrarian this passive phase will endure. The Chinese proletariat was not revolution in China but only its permitted to raise its own banner. first stage. Failing the mechaniza-

CLASS COLLABORATION

between the revolutionary worksants, the Chinese Stalinists committed themselves to an alliance landholders. with the native industrial and commercial capitalists. Their unfolding agrarian revolution the birth of the New China.

of the wage slavery of the workers tariat. masters of China. Small wonder quiescent.

The abolition of landlord pretion and collectivization of agriculture, all the age-old problems Instead of forging an alliance will speedily revive again, along tang. And when they finally speak with the scarcity of foodstuffs, ers and the revolutionary pea- the pauperization of the farmers many surprises, especially to the

The center of gravity in the is the role of the proletariat in

property and their "legal opera- | must thus shift in the next period began to engulf Chiang's regime tions" have been declared "pro- to the cities. And here the primary role can fall to no other class of the current witch-hunt prove In other words, the continuation than the young Chinese prole-

> The primacy of the working class in the Chinese revolution events on the military arena and, in the first instance, by the policy inists. The workers have thus far been kept quiescent and they waiting. No one can tell how long

But it cannot endure forever They will not accept wage slavery under the Stalinists, any more than they did under the Kuominand act, their course will bring and the resurgence of the large Kremlin. The course of events will prove to the hilt how decisive

The Stalinists have tried in every way to conceal the

leaders at Foley Square. To discover what they are who opposed the war.

alliance with so-called "progres-

Small wonder then that the Stalinists want to suppress the ple. testimony at the Minneapolis trial of James P. Cannon, the founder of American Trotskvism. because he told the workers the truth about capitalism and about imperialist war. He sought to arm them with a Marxist program for their self defense against capitalist violence and for the attainment of socialism.

Since the capitalists employ workers at wages less than the value of the products they produce, he explained, the workers can obviously be customers only to the extent of the value they receive in the form of wages. A surplus of goods and capital s thereby produced which the capitalists seek to export abroad.

The capitalists of one country the capitalists of other countries trial! who are likewise seeking markets and fields of investment beyond economic conflict leads inevitably, he explained, to wars of conquest by the capitalists - called imperialist wars - fought to conraw materials and spheres of in-

Proclaiming the SWP's unalterable opposition to all imperialist wars, Cannon said, that it is impossible to prevent capitalist system which breeds

were peddling the falsehood that the crisis." "The invasion of the Soviet Union has transformed the war of rival imperialists into a just and progressive war." Cannon branded as a subterfuge the claim that the war against Hitler was a war of democracy against

can imperialism and German imperialism," he said, "is for the domination of the world." His prediction has been proven to the hilt by the launching of the present cold war against the Soviet Union right on the heels of victory over Hitler.

Cannon also explained how capitalist competition results inevitably in the bigger capitalists crushing the smaller ones until the wealth becomes concentrated in the hands of a very few people. Here in America, he pointed out, "while the workers were working and the farmers were farming, Sixty Families were getting control of the country.'

ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY

These Sixty Families, he said are the greatest enemies of democracy here at home. They will next try "to stop the nopularizing of ideas inimical to the capitalists and to check by legislation the organization of the workers."

The Stalinists, on the other and, promised in 1941 that "Democracy will take a giant leap orward after victory over Hitler.' Today the Taft-Hartley Act, the persecution of liberal-minded scientists, educators, religious and cultural leaders, and of government employees, foreign - born workers and minority political parties - all these evil products that Cannon was right on this score too.

Witch - hunts, like imperialist wars and depressions, can be prevented, Cannon said, only by replacing the present capitalist society with a socialist society. Private profit in the means of production and the existing wage system, under which the capitalist robs the worker of the fruits

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## Why Stalinists Try to Bury Case of the 18

fact that 18 Socialist Workers Party leaders were convicted at Minneapolis in 1941 under the same Smith Act used to convict the Communist Party 9-

of his toil, must be abolished. Marxists don't propose to afraid of, we need only recall eliminate private property in that during the war the Stalin- personal effects, he added. Only ists acted as recruiting sergeants in the means of production, that for American imperialism; broke is, the industries, railroads, strikes and sold out the Negro mines, and so on - those things people wherever they fought to which are necessary for the defend their rights; and sup-production of the people's needs; ported the government in its they shall be owned in common persecution of the Trotskyists by all the people.

"We have set as our aim the We need only bear in mind establishment of a Workers and that today the CP advises the Farmers government," he con workers to make a political tinued, "which will frankly represent the economic and social sive" capitalists, their aim being interests of the workers and the to pressure the capitalists into a producing farmers." Its main deal with Stalin, no matter what task will be to transfer the means the cost may be to the workers. of production from private owner ship to the ownership of the peo-

He described the Workers and Farmers government as "a Congress of representatives of workers and soldiers and farmers, based on their occupational units, rather than the present form based on territorial representation." It will be "the most democratic government from the point of view of the great masses of the people that has ever existed."

Compare this magnificent in strument of workers' power with the so-called People's Front government of workers and capitalists. "operating upon the basis of the capitalist system," which the Stalinists advocated in their testimony at Foley Square. No wonder the CP wants to suppress hus enter into competition with the record of the Minneapolis

To establish the Workers and Farmers government, Cannon their national boundaries. That said, "The workers must organize themselves independently of the capitalist political parties . . develop an independent working class party of their own, and trol markets, colonies, sources of oppose the policy of the capitalist parties, regardless of whether they are called the Democratic or Republican, or anything else.'

Not a mish-mash party headed by a millionaire capitalist like 'Our Party has always stated Henry A. Wallace, as the Stalinists propose, but "a workers wars without abolishing the party that is capable of leading and organizing the movement of the workers in a resolute fashion At that very time the Stalinists for a revolutionary solution of

REACTIONARY VIOLENCE

Cannon predicted that the transformation to socialism will not be easily attained, because the Sixty Families - once their special privileges are threatened oppose the workers. These fascist gangs will raid the workers' movement.

ists don't limit themselves to the of our epoch.

Chevrolet, Fisher Body and AC.

to greet the legless veteran.

out just cause. . . I am firmly con-

vinced that free speech and poli-

against the general welfare of

In addition to Chapman's state-

ment, facts on the case were car-

ried prominently by the CIO

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present his case. Donnel Chap- tributions previously.

government workers fired with- unions tomorrow.

til such activity is proven to be rolet union leader.



Outside the huge Renault plant in Paris, thousands of French auto workers stage a demonstration for a wage increase of 15 francs (about 4 cents) an hour and an extra allowance to meet spiraling living costs. Their action is typical of the economic unrest in France which caused the resignation of the Queuille cabinet. "Socialist" Jules Moch was offered the post of premier but failed to get agreement on his cabinet and withdrew.

ple from establishing socialism. mind and not to permit the reactionary outlived minority to rustrate the will of the majority."

He reminded the workers that in Spain - which was just like from Algeria, Nigeria, Came-O the one the Stalinists are propos-

Warning the workers against conference held since the war. the trap of a People's Front with "progressive" capitalists, Cannon stressed over and over again that fascism can be fought and original draft submitted on bedefeated only by independent half of the International Com- France. working class political action and mittee was considered inadequate by workers' self defense.

said, "we are going to advise the the event of a third world war, workers, before it is to late, to the attitude of colonial peoples and not to permit the fascist resistance to participation in any hoodlums to break up workers' imperialist war." organizations and meetings."

"I think the workers have a ou can make the most of it."

testimony, (printed in the Pioneer | these objectives.' Publishers pamphlet, Socialism on - will organize fascist gangs to confirmed by events during and Ceylon, M. N. Perera and Ali, since the war.

They will become aware of the halls, attack their meetings, try class treachery of the Stalinists; to burn their printing plants and and they will recognize that only assassinate their leaders in an the Socialist Workers Party can attempt to break up the workers be fully depended upon to lead them forward to the socialist material inside the affiliated or-He also pointed out that Marx- solution of the grave problems

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### prediction that the capitalist minority will use violence to prevent the majority of the peo-"We go further," he said, "and advise the workers to bear this in By Ali

LONDON, Oct. 10 - The Second International Conference of the "Congress of Peoples Against Imperialism" the People's Front government was concluded here after meeting for four days. Delegates

confronted with an armed rebel- Africa, Sudan, Uganda and Viet had said they would not suplion, led by the reactionary Nam were in attendance. It was port the organization if a Trotthe most representative colonial skyist Viet Namese worker were The main discussion centered around a statement entitled "The was the democratically elected Colonial Peoples and War." An representative of 15,000 Viet and a sub-committee prepared a

"When we see fascist bands fresh draft which was finally organizing with the aim of break- accepted by the Congress. The ing up the labor movement," he salient points proclaimed that in rganize Workers' Defense Guards | would be "general and vigorous

"The colonial peoples," stresses the statement, "refuse to parright to defend themselves," he ticipate in imperialist wars, and sides, the government of Ho Chi told the prosecutor on cross- are determined to transform im- Minh is not affiliated to the Conexamination. "If that is treason, perialist wars into wars of national liberation and socialist Such is the testimony at a emancipation. And it is the duty started as a maneuver by a group thought-control trial before a of the European masses in the of Viet Namese Stalinists who capitalist court of a true work- event of such struggles, to exers' leader, a genuine Marxist- press their solidarity with the Leninist, a Trotskyist. Once the colonial people in concrete form workers have studied Cannon's towards helping them achieve

The delegates of the Lanka Trial) they will realize how fully Samasamaja Party and the Bolhis 1941 predictions have been shevik Samasamaja Party of submitted for discussion a stateattitude towards the USSR, the colonies and war. This favorably received, and will be discussed together with any other ganizations of the Congress. The most outstanding evolu-

tion to date of the role of the Shachtmanites as an anti-Trotskyist tendency emerged during Congress. The delegate from the "Independent Socialist. League," one Mr. Berg, who signed himself as a member of FLINT, Oct. 9-James Kutcher's fight for civil rights its National Committee, abstainwas brought home to GM workers this past week when ed from voting on a declaration he addressed three of the large GM locals Sunday. At from the European Commission pledging active support for the colonial peoples in the fight dents and executive boards which local members. Fisher Body and against imperialism. The reasons he gave were that the statement should have included condemnaman, UAW regional director, was Kutcher was introduced at the tion of Russian oppression in on hand at the Chevrolet meeting three meetings by George Novack, Eastern Europe. His abstention was received in a hostile manner Wide publicity to Kutcher's who declared that the CIO sup- by the colonial delegates, becampaign preceded his visit. In a ports this fight because they rec- cause it signified that he placed press release Chapman stated, ognize the danger of subversive the fight against Russia before mperialism.

the delegates from the Viet maneuver.

roons, Ceylon, French West Namese Workers of France being ing for this country - had no Africa, Gambia, Gold Coast, India, represented, on the grounds that sooner been installed than it was Madagascar, Morocco, South the Ho Chi Minh representation on the International Committee The Trotskyist delegate, Levan, Namese workers resident in

The falseness of Rous' objection can be verified by the fact that he himself, as editorial writer of Franc Tireur, is consistently attacked as a Trotskyist in Humanite, organ of the French Communist Party, though of course he is nothing of the kind. As Comrade Levan has pointed out. "If the government of Ho Chi Minh does not sit with Levan, it will not sit with Rous." Begress of Peoples and has no interest in it. The whole thing were not even present.

By deliberately confusing the colonial delegates on the matter of a "local" organization versus a national one, Rous masked his attack on Trotskyism which lined him on the side of Stalinism. The vote really boiled down to a vote on Trotskyism versus ment outlining the Trotskyist Stalinism. The Shachtmanite delegate joined hands with Rous and the sect known as Common Wealth (whose delegates were mostly Burnhamites) in favor of the exclusion of the Viet Namese Workers' organization from the nternational Committee. The Viet Namese Workers were denied a

seat by 60 votes to 40. This fresh Shachtmanite evolution was remarked upon by many delegates. Starting out by abstaining on the resolution which declared that the main fight was against imperialism, he ended up by support for the Stalinist Ho Chi Minh against us. Shachtmanism thus found itself with Moscow against Trotskvism. It is necessary to give this new development the widest publicity because it demonstrates that the Snachtmanites are an anti-working class sect, which stops at nothing in fighting Trotskyism.

While several colonial delegates were confused on the question of procedure, this is now 'The Kutcher case graphically il- lists, which strike at minority the liberation of the colonies from being cleared up and no doubt the whole matter will be reviewed During the elections for the at the earliest opportunity, in International Committee, Jean view of the widespread misgiv-Rous, the secretary, objected to ings about this anti-Trotskyist

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I remembered a short story called "The Rights of Small Nations" by John Reed, the author of Ten Days that Shook the World. Reed's story is about an American bully who mouths fine words about the defense of small countries while he arrogantly tramples over the feelings of a Rumanian girl who lived with him in Bucharest. Individuals, like policies, can best be judged not by loud pretensions but by their actions.

Reed, who died in 1920, was a partisan of the changes in the marriage laws made under Lenin and Trotsky in the first years of the Soviet Union. The old statutes based on the subjugation of women, were wiped out. For the first time, marriage and divorce became a personal choice. The aim of the Bolsheviks was to eventually remove all state interference with private lives. While safeguards were established for the welfare of the children, the new laws declared, for instance, that "the mutual consent of the husband and wife or the desire of either of them to obtain

a divorce shall be considered grounds for divorce." The latest Stalinist decree is a terrible regression from these principles. It declares that divorces are forbidden except "where marriage contradicts the principles of Communist [read Stalinist] morality," or "does not allow the normal raising of a family." It gives the Soviet Supreme Court the power to "guide and instruct" the

lower courts, for fear that local judges might be more sensitive to the desires of the people.

"Temporary divergencies of opinion or conflicts makes marriage in the USSR the hateful condition of "holy deadlock" that even capitalist humanitarians abhor.

This is not Stalin's first assault on the enlightened marriage laws established by the Bolsheviks. He has steadily made divorce more difficult to obtain, partly to foster a higher birth rate with the aim of building a bigger army, and partly to appease his new ally, the arch-reactionary Greek Goodrich Contract Orthodox Church, now operating with his blessings. Accordingly he has re-written the biblical injunction, "Till death do us part." substituting himself for the grim reaper. The right of men and women to separate when they no longer love in Many Respects each other has been destroyed as cynically as so many other gains of the October Revolution.

This, like the bureaucracy's other crimes against the masses at home and abroad, provides 35-day corporation - wide strike a measure of the degeneration of the Soviet Un- of the Goodrich workers came in ion under Stalin. He feels only contempt for the the wake of the Ford settlement. masses. While the Bolsheviks with their liber- The 17,000 Goodrich strikers, ating program looked to the workers of the world though limited by the small as their allies, Stalin leans on the most reaction- specific weight of their forces ary forces everywhere. He tramples on the most compared to the steel or auto elementary rights of the people - from their workers, won concessions from interests, needs and desires, as in the case of the corporation in an agreement Yugoslavia, down to the most intimate decisions which is superior to the Ford of their personal lives, as in the Soviet Union.

### **New Supporters of Tito**

Evidence of Titoist sympathies is rapidly mounting among the Stalinist periphery in this

country, especially in the Wallace movement. The foremost example of the trend is Louis Adamic's statement released Oct. 10 by the Yugoslav Embassy at London. Adamic, a wellknown American author and long a collaborator with the Stalinists, said of Tito's conflict with the Kremlin, "From a moral and political point of view the attitude of the Yugoslavs is correct."

Describing social developments in Yugoslavia as a "very deep-rooted" process, Adamic asserted that the wealth of the country can be developed for the use of the people "only through a planned economy - through Socialism."

Adamic announced his intention to write two or three books about Yugoslavia, the first of which will be published "as early as possible in 1950.

On Oct. 16 Jo Davidson, the American sculptor, came out in support of Tito against Stalin. Davidson is chairman of the artists, scientists and professions wing of the Wallace movement. His action is bound to have big repercussions in the Progressive Party.

Another Wallaceite, William S. Gailmor, in an Oct. 18 dispatch from Belgrade to the New York

Post, wrote a warmly sympathetic account of an interview with Tito. Gailmor, who will be remembered as the high-powered collection taker at the Wallace meetings in the 1948 election campaign, stressed Tito's invitation to interested persons to come to Yugoslavia and take a look

At the recent Stalinist "Peace Congress" in Mexico City, O. John Rogge, a prominent defense lawyer in Stalinist civil rights cases and a Wallaceite, denounced Stalin's hostile acts against Yugoslavia.

Henry A. Wallace, himself, has limited his remarks on the situation to a cautious deploring of shows of force by one country against another, which criticism, he said, "holds equally good for the Soviet Union as for Britain and the

None of these cases have been commented upon as yet by the Stalinists. However, a preview of their probable line is contained in the Cominform attack on Konni Zilliacus, British Labor Independent M.P. and long a fellow-traveler service pensioner, ballyhooed by Kutcher case. Few civil rights of the Stalinists. After Zilliacus came out for Tito. the Kremlin hatchetmen called him an agent totaling \$140 per month at Good- brought forth such ready response

### **More Worthless Promises**

By Charles Hanley

The young Soviet Republic, under Lenin and Trotsky, asked for a "peace without annexations or reparations," promoted fraternization between Russian and German soldiers, pointed out the socialist way for genuine brotherhood and peace between the toiling masses of Germany and the Soviet Union. This policy has been discarded and brutally violated, in war and peace, by the tyrant in the Kremlin.

In 1933 Stalin, after sabotaging any united front with the Social Democrats, ordered the German Communist Party not to organize mass resistance against Nazism. In 1939 Stalin concluded an alliance with Hitler and drank his health while Molotov told the world the alliance was sealed in blood. In 1940 the Kremlin congratulated Hitler on his victory over Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France. Ulbricht, the Stalinist who is now vice-premier in the East German government, told the German workers in his Moscow broadcasts that Hitler's war against Britain was justified as an anti-imperialist struggle. The GPU collaborated with the Gestape, handing over oppositional German communists who were living in Russia.

After Hitler invaded the USSR, Stalinist propaganda became ultra-chauvinist, denouncing the Germans as "fascist beasts." In 1945 the Soviet army terrorized the workers and peasants in Eastern Germany and pillaged the countryside. The Kremlin annexed East Prussia. Stalinist Poland annexed Silesia and Pomerania. Moscow joined the imperialists in dismembering Germany.

And now Stalin has sent a message to his new puppet government in Eastern Germany, saying that "the experience of the last war has shown that the German and Soviet peoples made the largest sacrifice in that war, that both these peoples have the largest potentialities in Europe to complete great actions of world significance. If after 15 months, but at Goodrich President; George Schermer both these peoples will show the same determination to fight with the same intensity of effort for peace with which they waged war, then peace in Europe can be regarded as secure. If you will ciate the contractual gains scored Brien and the heads of numerous lay a cornerstone for a unified, democratic, peaceloving Germany, you will at the same time achieve also know that their struggle was secretary of the Wayne County a great work for all Europe by securing a firm

cynicism of these words, it is the German workers. They know that the Kremlin is as responsible for Germany's dismemberment as are the imperialists. They know just what kind of "independence" is in store for East Germany, especially in the light of Stalin's cold war against As for Stalinist "democracy," they know that

If anyone is in a position to grasp the utter

it spells enormous privileges for bureaucrats, degraded living and working conditions for the workers, secret police spying on everybody and death sentences for oppositionists.

They and the workers throughout the world have had their fill of Stalin's promises of "securing peace," as well. They have not forgotten the Kremlin's lies that the Stalin-Hitler pact was designed for precisely this purpose. Stalin next vowed that his alliance with the "democratic" and "peaceloving" imperialists would end forever the danger of imperialist war. Then came the UN and another barrage of Stalinist lies. His new promise will keep peace as far removed as ever.

The entire experience of the last quarter of a century shows that Stalin's policies have helped pave the way for imperialist war and not to strug-

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## between the two spouses due to passing factors or unwillingness of one side to continue the marriage do not constitute legal grounds for divorce," the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly. Thus Stalin once more than the regulation says flatly than the regulation says flatly. To Fight Ford Pension Plan

AKRON - Settlement of the Agreement in important respects:

The Goodrich contract contains no company security clause; a clause in last year's agreement stating that the company would not bargain during unauthorized stoppages has been expunged from the contract at the union's insistence. The Ford contract contains a company security clause.

The Goodrich contract is in effect for a year while the Ford contract runs for 21/2 years. rich, but only after 51/2 years at

Ford and Goodrich will pay almost exactly the same amount per hour into pensions. But Goodrich will be liable to continue paying at the same rate if Social Security benefits are upped while Ford will cut its rate of pay-

BENEFITS LIMIT

Ford.

The Ford limit of \$100 receivable benefits doesn't apply at Goodrich. The ideal 30-year the Reutherites, receives benefits fights in recent years have rich. However, the Goodrich pen- and such broad non-partisan backthat 85% of them were enrolled | Crane; Rabbi Leon Fram; Circuit under the previous company pen-

they can be reopened after only chairman of the Detroit Inter-

in the Goodrich strike, but they CIO and AFL bodies. Al Barbour, compromised by Murray's capi- CIO Council, is chairman. tulation to the Steel Board and Reuther's settlement with Ford.

### Political Climate In Yugoslavia

"I had not been in Yugoslavia for five months, and from the moment I crossed the frontier in the Orient express I could feel that the quarrel with Russia had made spectacular progress in that interval. At Ljubljana a couple of Yugoslav soldiers joined me in my compartment, and before long they were telling me that Stalin was a deviationist and has always been one, and had I ever heard of 'Lenin's Testament'? Only in Yugor slavia, they said, did one now find pure Marxism-Leninism." - The opening paragraph of a dispatch from Belgrade by Alexander Werth, printed in the Oct. 8 Nation.

> River Rouge Plant. Last Friday the Labor Cooperative Clothing store outfitted the Purple Heart

Seattle Committee is uncon- the Socialist Workers Party, or Mahoney Defense Committee and local "loyalty" tests. The Detroit Joint Board of the United Public

greeted by UAW Murray Body

Vet's Family Evicted



Mrs. Fred Vanderhoeght and her children at the office of the Disabled Veterans Organization in New York City after being evicted from their furnished two-room apartment for non-payment of rent. Vanderhoeght, a disabled vet, has had to take his family

### The pension program can be reopened after a year at Good-Of Detroit Union Meetings

DETROIT, Oct. 16 - James Kutcher's visit to the auto center is proving to be the high point in his national tour. The legless vet and representatives of the Greater

Detroit Kutcher Committee will have appeared before more than Local 2, Dodge Local 3, Local 70 organizations before he leaves 155, Local 254 and Local 78. All this city for Toledo on Oct. 24. these five locals voted financial

eight meetings a day on the of Chrysler Local 7. sion program remains contribu- ing in this community. The tory. There has been very little Detroit Committee contains leadcriticism on this point among the ers from all walks of community Goodrich workers due to the fact life, including Dr. Henry Hitt Court Judge Ira W. Jayne; Gus Scholle, Michigan CIO President; Wages can be reopened at Ford Reverend Robert Bradby, NAACP racial Committee: Rabbi Joshua Rubber union militants appre- Sperkas; Judge Patrick V. O'-

> The CIO Council has urged every local to hear Kutcher's story "to let everyone know what the loyalty procedures mean so that civil liberties can be protected" and "to raise money to fight his case which is going to reach the lower courts and will no doubt have to be carried to the Supreme Court."

FORD UNITS HELP

The units of Ford Local 600, largest union local in the world have come to the forefront in supporting Kutcher at the same sidering their new contract with the corporation. This weekend Kutcher spoke to seven different unit meetings at Ford. Several immediately voted to help his fight with substantial contributions and the others will act soon. The Maintenance Unit took a full-page ad and 50-tickets for the Kutcher Civil Right Banquet; the Glass Unit voted a full-page ad and took six tickets; the Press Steel Unit gave \$25.

This Monday the legless veteran will be the guest of Local 600 in an inspection tour of the

Last Monday Kutcher talked to the AFL Photoengravers Local and to the National Marihe appeared before the Detroit spoke to Local 285 of the CIO

During the past week they have aid to his campaign. He also addressed as many as six to addressed the Executive Board

COULDN'T BELIEVE IT" On Friday afternoon Jimmy told his story to the executive board of the big West Side Local 174 couldn't believe that Kutcher was discharged solely because of his the miners' pension look like a settlement can be concretized. nembership in the Socialist er's explanation of his victimiza-

Meanwhile Kutcher has become the central figure in a controversy over free speech on the campus between certain faculty officials and the students at Wayne University. The Special Programs Committee which supervises student activities had previously twice denied permission for Kutcher to appear at open meetings at Wayne. Following angry student protests, the Pro- Flint Industrial Union Council, gram Committee last week recommended that Kutcher be allowed to speak at a meeting on The President's Loyalty Program and Its Relation to Civil Rights. This meeting is scheduled for Oct. 19 where several prominent professors will share the against the opposition of its opposition, he announced that the time that they have been con- platform with the legless vet. Kutcher will go to Ann Arbor Oct. 20 to address a student assembly at the University of

> honor at Central Methodist position, as in Buick. Church, Woodward at Adams,

paid entirely by the companies.

**INLAND STEEL USES FORD** 

PLAN AGAINST STEEL UNION

pension agreement with the Ford Motor Company in answer

to the CIO steel union's demand for non-contributory pensions

the Inland Steel Company argues that the steel workers can't

be striking because "the union would not permit a worker to

pay part of the cost of a welfare plan. . . for the CIO has

recently accepted welfare plans in automotive and other in-

ad points out that "they have. . . accepted pension plans where

the employer deducts what the retired worker receives through

claim that the proposed Ford pension plan is "non-contrib-

utory." They have been quick to seize on this plan as a weapon

in their fight to force the steel workers to pay a big part of

social security. Since the man himself has contributed to so-

cial security, he obviously is paying part of his pension."

any pension plan in the steel settlement.

Clearly referring to the Ford agreement, the Inland Steel

The shrewd steel magnates are not taken in by Reuther's

dustries in which the worker does pay part of the cost."

Steel industry spokesmen are citing Walter Reuther's

In a huge ad run in leading magazines and newspapers,

Michigan.

FLINT, Oct. 9 — The Ford settlement has aroused a storm of opposition among GM workers. Chevrolet workers quickly labeled the pension a "Dead Man's Pension.

Chevrolet Local 659 at its regular meeting assailed the settle- ity. ment as totally inadequate. A hogwash on pensions, the letdown tempted in an hour's speech to point out its "good points."

The resolution states that the Ford plan will'set a pattern for would recommend this settlement all auto workers and requested to GM workers answered, annoythe UAW executive board to im- ed, that the speaker was asking mediately convoke a national representative emergency conference if this was the best that could be in Detroit to consider the Ford negotiations. It called on the Ford workers to reject the plan.

Resignation of the financial with secretary of the Fisher Body local would be voting differently today provided a test of sentiment on the new contract at Fords. Bill Genske, a left-wing anti-Reutherite, campaigning against the Ford plan, decisively defeated his Reutherite .opponent with 1,700 votes cast in the election. This gives the left wing clear cut control of the local board and marks aiding the Ford workers in their the first victory of the opposi- fight. tion in Flint in two years.

SPARKING THE FIGHT

pension proposal are Chevrolet militants who circulated a petition Committee. He claimed that the against the settlement and brought sufficient pressure to bear on the officers to get them ers foot the bill inasmuch as they to present a resolution in opposition to the Ford pension.

At the meeting the workers vear contract, the total failure the executive board's resolution. to improve the contract.

which had postponed acting on Flint only a year ago and railed ers will have suffered a big dehis case because, as the presi- against the miners' retirement feat. Around the call for a Nadent remarked, "some members fund and its inadequacies. By tional UAW Emergency Confer-

veritable pillar of old age secur-

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resolution to this effect was pass-hogwash on pensions, the letdown ed unanimously although Region-has been so decisive that Reuther al Director Don Chapman at- supporters are very few and far between on this issue. It is unquestionably clear that a shift from Reuther is under way.

Chapman when asked if he a political question. He felt that obtained he would vote for it. He attempted to bolster his point by stating that a Ford worker faced strike as the alternative

than Chevrolet workers. He was answered by a staunch Reutherite who declared that we never got anything worthwhile without fighting for it. He recalled that as a convention delegate he had voted a \$12 assessment for the express purpose of

The president of the local denounced the settlement point by point and called for the original Sparking the drive against the UAW demand of 38c an hour as proposed by the UAW Research Ford pension, contrary to Reuther's propaganda, made the workwould be foregoing a wage in-

crease. The demand for an industrymade it clear they were dissatis- wide conference was raised from fied with the pension, the three the floor and incorporated into

A Ford settlement on the cur-Chapman claimed this was the rent terms was recognized as a best they could obtain without a terrible blow to all GM workers. strike but he did not explain sat- Unless a storm of protest, as is isfactorily why the Ford workers being generated in Chevrolet, could not strike. It must be re- arises immediately from all seccalled that Reuther appeared in tions of the UAW, the auto workcomparison the Ford plan makes ence the fight against the Ford

### Workers Party." Board members broke out in spontaneous applause after listening to Kutch-PENSION SETTLEMENT

By Arnold Cramer

FLINT, Oct. 18 — The snow-balling opposition to Walter Reuther's Ford settlement now embraces a majority of Flint auto workers, heart of the General Motors

under the prodding of Coburn Walker, Local 659 president, passed a similar anti-Ford pension WHO LED THE FIGHT resolution on Oct. 15.

On the following day, the 18,-000 member Buick Local 599 passed a similar resolution, Reutherite administration. The Fisher Plant 2 Local passed the same resolution.

So universal is rank and file sentiment against the Ford settlement that local Reutherites own resolution not even reaching Kutcher's Detroit visit will be either openly oppose the plan, as the floor. The opposition was led climaxed by a banquet featuring in Chevrolet, or try to prevent by the Rank and File Caucus, a many prominent speakers in his the membership from taking a

At the Buick local meeting, Oct. 22, 6:30 P. M. Hundreds of President Clif Rock attempted to tickets have already been sold prevent any discussion on the to this affair. Together with the resolution. When this was presouvenir program it is anticipated vented by leaders of the antithat a sizeable sum will be Reuther Rank and File Caucus, raised in this city to carry on Rock and his friends were afraid this outstanding struggle for to openly defend the Ford settle- Reufher Tries to ment. So they put on a fence-

Following by one week the ac- straddling exhibition that would tion of the Reuther-dominated do credit to professional tight-Chevrolet Local 659, the Greater the Ford pension, you see, but they were also opposed to the resolution!

To top this unscrupulous con-

duct, Rock gave the press a false report of the events at the meeting. In an attempt to smear the supporters of the resolution were in the Stalinist Unity Caucus. The fact of the matter was that the Unity Caucus played an insignificant part in the meeting, their powerful anti - Stalinist, anti -Reuther bloc in Buick.

At an election for delegates to the Flint CIO Council on the same day, the pro-Reuther Buick administration lost half of the 32 seats to the Rank and File slate.

### Smear Opposition

DETROIT, Oct. 16 - The anti-Reuther opposition, the Committee for a Militant and Democratic UAW, held a meeting at Dodge Local 3 hall here today, attended by 300 UAW members and local leaders to mobilize support against the proposed Ford settlement-

The four top UAW officers, Reuther, Mazey, Gosser and Livingstone, frightened by the snowballing opposition to the Ford pension plan rushed to publicly denounce the meeting. In a press statement they declared: "The so-called Committee for a Militant UAW-CIO which met Sunday is the same small, political caucus that has always opposed the present administration. They have opposed every progressive program of the present ad-ministration and their opposition to the Ford contract is a continuation of their opposition to administration policies."

### LUNDEBERG PUSHES WITCH-HUNT PURGE IN SUP

revolt against the anti-democratic the constitution. Here is a sample SUP branches. actions of the Lundeberg bureau- of the questions asked Stiles by cracy and is issuing its own local the trial committee. paper, the Defender, to protect the interests of the rank and file Mahoney trial fair? Answer: I stitution.

by new expulsions, by an Ameri- men's strike.] Question: Do you are only an auxiliary of the Com- the Lundeberg machine thus expel the leaders of the Seattle Question: Do you think the cific . . . resolved, that we class to expel the members of the who will soon be subjected to opposition from the union.

Branch of the SUP approved the think so. declared Warren O. Stiles guilty tion was screwed up a notch of the Pacific."

The reactionary course of meeting he asked who gave the union movement; and whereas the SUP.

report of a trial committee which This campaign of ruthless react and hostile to the Sailors Union will then be fought, out in the

SAN FRANCISCO-The Harry of charges brought against him tighter when the Lundeberg gang | Lundeberg climaxed his cam-Lundeberg machine of the AFL and expelled this member for 99 declared as union policy the paign of intimidation and goon-Sailors Union of the Pacific is years. Stiles' written declaration union's hostility to Trotskyism squad rule by sending an ultiembarked on an orgy of red- was then read to the meeting. and the Socialist Workers Party. matum to the members of the vet with a new suit, topcoat and baiting and terrorism to in- Stiles demanded to know since The Oct. 7 West Coast Sailors Mahoney Defense Committee in other apparel. Similar courtesies timidate all opposition and bring when a conversation with union publishes the policy resolution Seattle as well as to Frank are being extended to make his to heel the Seattle branch of the members criticizing union policy adopted at the Sept. 26 San Lovell, to cease all activities on stay here memorable and com-SUP. This branch, as previously constitutes grounds for charges. Francisco meeting and since behalf of Mahoney and to fortable. reported in The Militant, is in Stiles denied any violation of ratified by a majority of the suspend publication of the De-

fender. Both Lovell and the mem-The key sections of this resolu-bers of the Mahoney Defense

On Sept. 26 the Headquarters stitutional? Answer: I don't the Trotskyites, in the same that these actions, like his category and declare them dual previous expulsion of Mahoney, Workers endorsed his case. courts.

tion declare that "the Sailors Committee, it is understood, have time Union. Tuesday he spoke to Question: Do you think the Union of the Pacific years ago already replied to Lundeberg that UAW Midland Steel Local 410: went on record to declare the in their opinion all their activities UAW Local 985; AFL 'Cement and force the Lundeberg leader | don't think so. [John Mahoney | Communist Party dual and hostile | are completely constitutional and | Finishers Local 514; and to the ship to abide by the union con- was expelled by the Lundeberg to the Sailors Union of the Pa- intend to continue to exercise Phillip Handler branch of B'nai crew because in a Seattle branch cific and to the American trade their rights as members of the Brith Lodge. Wednesday morning Lundeberg and his henchmen was pie-cards authority to break the Socialist Workers Party, com- The long battle between the Executive Board of the AFL climaxed in the past few weeks picket lines in the Canadian Sea- monly known as the Trotskyites, Seattle branch of the SUP and Musicians and in the evening can Legion-type of red - baiting think the Defender is an illegal munist Party and are also attack- continues to rage. It is expected United Public Workers, composed campaign and by preparations to paper? Answer: I don't think so. ing the Sailors Union of the Pa- that Lundeberg will shortly try of Negro municipal employees

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