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Third of Nation Still III-Housed, III-Clad, III-Fed

One-third of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished"
—12 years after Roosevelt coined this famous description. This remains the outstanding fact of American life under capitalism, despite New Deals, War Deals and Fair Deals.

Last year, when production and employment were the highest in U. S. peacetime history, some sixteen million family units reliand a week. Eight of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the nation is still "ill-nourished" CIO GAINS Place The control of the control million of these family units were forced to subsist on less than \$1,000, below \$20 a week.

Another nine million families scraped by on less than \$3,000 a year, while some 131/2 million others received from \$3,000 to \$5,000. These latter incomes, however, have a purchasing power of between \$1,500 and \$2,500 in 1939 dollars.

These are the sober, conservative findings issued on Nov. 12 in Washington by the Subcommittee on Low-Income Families of the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report, headed by Senator Sparkman of Alabama.

We can better appreciate what these income levels mean when we compare them to the minimum living standards budgets established by the government. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says the minimum decency and health income for the average family today is between \$3,200 and \$3,500 a year. Back in March 1946 before the biggest leap in post-war prices, the Senate Education and ing to silence their opponents, Labor Committee reported: "Even the inadequate maintenance grabbing local treasuries and budget developed for families on work relief would cost \$1,700 at current prices.

Today in this richest country on earth, one out of every three people lives in conditions ranging from bare subsistence to outright starvation. Another third struggles to stay within the borderland of minimum maintenance. And even those who manage to get between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a year - at double the 1939 cost of bers including the huge Westingliving - live under a cloud of insecurity.

THE RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

Remember, this is not in an undeveloped, backward country, or one blasted and ruined by war. This is in the country that boasts of doubling production of goods in a single decade since 1939 and that has trebled the national income in a brief span of 15 years. But this is also a country where bankers, industrialists and landlords rule; where the capitalist government siphons off a quarter of the national income to feed the war machine; where competitive greed and the profits of a few rob the substance of the many.

The tiny, parasitic minority who thrive under the profit system, keep yelping, "Look at Russia, look at China, look at England!" look everywhere but at the misery and poverty at home. No, we say, look at America, look at a land where we have all the means tric and other large manuat hand for universal plenty and security, but where the more we produce, the greater grows the gulf between rich and poor.

We can achieve the plenty and security for all that this country right now is able to produce — but only under one condition: This long run, because the CIO remains country must belong to the people, really belong to them. The the mainstream of industrial factories, mines, railroads, natural resources — all the basic means unionism. of producing and distributing the necessities of life - must belong to the non-profit society of the workers and producers.

Those who live by their labor — the 80% of the population who Lynn, Mass., voted to stay in CIO, now live in the shadow of insecurity - must control the economy. They must plan and operate production and distribution cooperative- Local 1581 in Buffalo, N. Y. The ly, under their own democratic rule through a Workers and Farmers Stalinists are putting out a flood

In short, socialism - and socialism alone - will end forever this brutal profit system that condemns one-third of the nation to to block the seizure of funds and hovels, rags and hunger.

Vincent R. Dunne's national lecture tour on Labor and Civil Rights will begin in Seattle on Nov. 29 and will cover all of the main Socialist Workers Party centers in the following two months.

Comrade Dunne's lectures will deal with the cold war and the witch-hunt; the Smith Act and the conviction of the 11 leaders of the Communist Party; the Minneapolis trial of 1941, precedent for the New York trial of 1949; the witch-hunt in the unions; what happened to promises for civil rights for Negroes; the enemies and defenders of democracy and civil rights.

In addition to his lecture under SWP auspices, Dunne will be prepared to address other organizations concerned with the civil cities where his schedule will permit it. He will also be available for conferences with party members and sympathizers on

their local problems. Vincent R. Dunne first became nationally famous in 1934 for his leadership of the teamsters' strikes that launched the drive which made Minneapolis a union town. He won the admiration of union militants throughout the country for his prominent role in the great struggle for union democracy in the Teamsters, and the support of all defenders of civil liberties as the central figure in the first trial under the Smith

The Minneapolis trial, which is known in the law records as "the Dunne case," was repeatedly cited as a precedent by the prosecutor in the New York trial of the 11 Stalinist leaders.

The interest that will undoubtedly be shown in Comrade Dunne's appearances should make it one of the most successful tours in SWP history.

The schedule for his tour is printed on Page 3 of this issue.

Louis Adamic On Yugoslavia

After a six months' stay in Yugoslavia, the American writer gives his views on the Tito-Stalin conflict. See pg. 3.



The civil war between the Stalinist-controlled United Electrical
Workers, expelled from the CIO
at its recent convention, and the
newly-chartered CIO International newly-chartered CIO International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, led by CIO Secretary - Treasurer James B. Carey and the ACTU faction, is

raging in full fury. Both factions are resorting to strong-arm methods in attemptproperties where they can and running to the courts for injunctions and restraining orders against each other.

CIO officials claimed that locals representing some 130,000 memhouse Local 601 in Pittsburgh, GM Frigidaire local in Dayton and two large Philco locals in Philadelphia, had voted to remain in CIO during the first week of the split. The UE leaders claimed 600,000 members before the split, but UE representation at the CIO convention was based on only about 350,000 members.

While the old UE holds the powerful weapon of contracts with Westinghouse, General Elecfacturers, the new CIO union undoubtedly will have the greatest attraction for the workers in the

Last week, it was reported that the 17,000-member Local 201 in as well as the 8,000 - member of counter-claims and have instituted a string of court actions to block the seizure of funds and properties by seceding locals. In Schenectady, N. Y., however, the CIO group secured a temporary injunction to prevent "transfers or concealment of union funds" by the old UE group.

Workers Block Big Steel Union-Crippling Drive stituted a string of court actions by the old UE group.

The IUE-CIO officials last week filed a petition with the NLRB in Washington requesting elec-Electric. Westinghouse, General Motors and five other large companies to determine the collective

In a court action in Philadelphia last week, a federal judge ruled that the IUE-CIO could use its full name or the initials IUE, but not "UE."

The Stalinist UE leaders, in addition to trying to keep their forces in line with the contracts they hold, have been assailing the CIO leaders for the miserable settlements made in steel and auto. Carey and other CIO spokesmen have been making effective use of the Stalinists' notorious record of wartime strikebreaking and their "tagalong" policy in post-war wage fights.



NEW YORK, Nov. 17 — James Kutcher, the legless veteran who was purged from his VA job because of membership in the Socialist Workers Party, will be welcomed pensions and welfare.

The steel pensions home from his coast-to-coast9

speaking tour at a public meeting Dec. 15, 8 P.M., at the Capitol Hotel, 51st St. and Eighth Ave. The meeting, sponsored by the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, will also mark the 158th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Kutcher will tell the story of his fight to retain his government job, which has become the key case arising from the "loyalty" purge.

I. F. Stone, noted author and columnist

Other prominent speakers will

Roger Baldwin, director, American Civil Liberties Union Carl Holderman, president, New

Jersey State CIO Council. Professor Thomas I. Emerson, dean of Yale University Law School and authority on the

Benjamin F. McLaurin, internanational committee member of

George Novack, national sec-



TO GREET LEGLESS VET

Leading officials of the AFL denned the cannibal unionism of ment with the BME on terms hiring hall for seamen is illegal the article flay "Mahoney and his Sailors Union of the Pacific have Socialist Workers Party has also laid down a heavy barrage against been dubbed "dual and hostile!"

their own disruptive activities on has been practiced under the The Militant last week we told have made the top officials of the how the SIU-SUP broke the SIU-SUP hated in other maritime | Canadian Seamens Union strike unions and have led to a creeping by signing a sweetheart agreement after the CSU had struck

More recently, the CSU formula men's Union (ILWU), Marine was employed against the Marine tional organizer, Brotherhood of Engineers Beneficial Association Engineers. When the MEBA Sleeping Car Porters, AFL, and (MEBA), Marine Cooks & Stew- struck the S.S. Sir John Franklin ards (MCS) and the independent of the Isbrandtsen Steamship Norman Thomas, Socialist Union (MFOW) are all classified proved agreement, Paul Hall, Secby the SIU-SUP leadership as retary-Treasurer of the SIU, sent Hartley Act." "dual and hostile." Under this replacements aboard from his retary of the Kutcher Civil Rights classification all these unions newly formed Brotherhood of THEY USE T-H ACT Committee, will chair the meet- have been subjected to SIU-SUP Marine Engineers. A few days

The policy of cannibal unionism

Oct. 26, reports that the PMS has Americans for Democratic Action. Pacific Coast Marine Firemen's Company last month for an im- filed charges "based on the 'right to work' clause of the Taft-

Scafarers International Union and the SIU-SUP officialdom the previously rejected by the MEBA. under the Taft-Hartley Law. In Trotskyite disrupters" for going The only ship to "run the block- a test case, this decision of the "on record" in a Seattle memade" in the recent Hawaiian lower courts has been appealed bership meeting "to non-concur One form of cannibal unionism Longshoremen's strike was the to the United States Supreme with the membership's decisior Isthmian Company ship, Steel Court by the National Maritime to man the vessels of the Unior the waterfront. These activities "CSU formula." In our article in Flyer, under contract to the Union. The Supreme Court deci- Oil Company." SIU. Men who refused to scab sion is expected some time around

MURRAY IN JULY

of the principal issue in dispute, tion . . . contemplates that the

namely, whether or not the em- Corporation will contribute an

"The pension to be paid by tion that the employees con-

receive under the Federal Social ployees of 2c. per hour, since this

home pay of about \$1 a week.

the pay of the employees." The

(Continued on page 2)

were expelled from the union. | the first of the year. For a seafaring union to inprovides many variations. On the voke this union-busting clause to of the anti-Trotskyist tirade to Pacific Coast, for example, the raid another union can only give supply details is understandable Lundeberg - sponsored Pacific aid and encouragement to the in view of what they have to Marine Stewards Union, organized shipowner-government assault on conceal. However, we are under to raid the jurisdiction of the the hiring hall. Thus, cannibal no such restraint. To win their Marine Cooks and Stewards, has unionism in the maritime industry strike the oil workers had to stor of the MS&S union hiring hall. the basic foundation of all seafar- ship and truck. The vessels of the

which the Trotskyists are accused Union. in a six page diatribe in the Nov. 4 Seafarers Log, is opposition to SIU-SUP strikebreaking strike, Harry Lundeberg, Presiin the long drawn and bitterly dent of the SIU and Secretary-It is under the so-called "right- fought Oil Workers strike on the Treasurer of the SUP, ran finks the supreme judicial seal on

The reluctance of the authors serves to weaken and undermine the movement of oil by railroad Union Oil company were under One of the major "crimes" of contract to the National Maritime

> When NMU crew members walked off ship in support of the

> > (Continued on page 4)

All Labor Must Now Declare: 'Hands Off the Coal Miners!'

By Art Preis

The coal miners are fighting with their backs to the wall against a gang-up by the government and coal operators. The Big Business press is howling louder than ever for the head of John L. Lewis.

solidarity and militancy that is a mere splinter. their trade-mark. No one can doubt they will resume the fight with the same unity and determination should the United Mine Workers leaders be forced to call hand-picked a "fact - finding" hree-week truce on Dec. 1.

This strike-truce, announced on Nov. 9 by the UMW Policy Comnittee, gives the miners a breathng spell — but no more. They agency of the capitalist governwill get a few weeks' pay to ment and mine owners, Truman bolster them a bit for the next will use this as a pretext to stage of the struggle. But we crack down with the Taft-Hartley must face the fact that the miners, their resources badly break "national emergency" depleted, are in a precarious strikes. position. We must sound the alarm for all-out labor support to the embattled coal-diggers.

HATE-LEWIS" MOB

yay, the Truman administration the past years. The steel workers and coal operators have openly were tremendously bolstered by combined to concentrate a full- the mine strike. scale ferogious assault against destroy Lewis and the UMW as "Hands off the coal miners!" The solidarity, union loyalty being misrepresented by Murray SETTLEMENT ARE UPON A the symbol of an aggressive unionand self-sacrifice of the steel and the capitalist press as "non- CONTRIBUTORY BASIS." (Our ism that has won for the miners the highest industrial wages in the country and the largest pensions and welfare benefits. Moreover, the health insurance

No longer are the coal opera-U. S. Steel Corporation agreed age 65 after 25 years service, of program is openly on a contors - the front for the steel to a settlement on Nov. 11, the \$100 a month - including federal tributory basis, with the worker corporations which control the major mines — making a pretense In Dennis Case 42nd day of the general basic social security. It is not a \$100 a and company each paying 21/2 of seeking a negotiated settlewill mean a reduction in takement. They are deliberately ignor-Here is what Murray himself ing the offers of the UMW leadsaid about such a contributory ers for further meetings. They confidently expect the governinsurance program on July 12, ment to spearhead the attack on eral, refused to disqualify himself by U. S. Steel President Benjamin 1949, in his report to the steel the miners and crush them in in the court's hearing of an apunion's wage policy committee: "The proposal made by the defeat. corporations. These terms follow tract] represents a compromise United States Steel Corpora-

Truman is giving the parasitic perators every assurance that their profits and privileges will ployer shall pay the entire cost additional picayune sum of 2c. be safeguarded with the full of insurance and pensions for per hour for social insurance power of the government. The benefits, but only upon the condi- White House has issued a virtual ultimatum to the miners to remain United States Steel shall be tribute a like amount. This is a on their jobs after Dec. 1 or face shocking proposal. . . The net the kind of government strikepension or annuity which such effect of the Corporation's pro- breaking that Truman has twice start of the strike - pensions retired employee is entitled to posal is a wage cut to the em- before used against them.

This time Truman has a method Security Act or other similar amount would be deducted from of intervention that he hopes will enable him to get the effect of there would be "no retreat" on Security Act requires equal con- deduction Murray has agreed to is the Taft - Hartley Act without formally invoking the act itself. The union leaders agreed to He has the weapon of the "factfinding" procedure which he used

For 52 days the soft coal to stall off the steel strike for miners stayed out of the pits in 21/2 months and to whittle the a demonstration of magnificent steel workers' demands down to

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TRUMANS' TACTICS

As this is written, it is reported that Truman has already secretly them out again at the end of the board and is going to demand that the miners submit to its "inquiry" and "findings." Should they refuse to place their interests in the hands of this Act or his "inherent power" to

All organized labor owes a great debt of gratitude to the miners, who have been in the vanguard of labor's struggle, pioneering every great gain, such With the steel strike out of the as pension and welfare funds, in

Den't let the miners down! Now the mine workers. The "Hate is the time for CIO President Lewis" mob — a coalition of all Philip Murray to speak out the anti-labor scum in the coun- against Truman's strikebreaking try - have scented blood and are plans! Let all labor leaders and closing in for what they hope labor organizations declare in no will be the kill. They are out to uncertain terms to Washington:

Clark Refuses to

The U. S. Supreme Court last week ripped off its mask of judicial "impartiality" when Justice Tom Clark, former Attorney Genpeal by Communist Party leader Fugene Dennis against a conviction for contempt of the House Un-American Activities Commit-

Clark flouted the avowed tradione of judicial procedure when he insisted on sitting as a judge in a case where his bias against the appellant has been publicly proclaimed. Dennis was one of the 11 Stalinists convicted of "conspiracy to advocate" the overthrow of the government in the Foley Square trial - a prosecution initiated by Tom Clark when he headed the Department of

The Department of Justice, in statement last June 30 listing Clark's "achievements" as Attorney General, boasted of his contributions to "internal secuity," among them the contempt conviction of Dennis.

Not only did Clark as Attorney General boast of his part in securing the conviction on which he now is sitting as an appeal judge, but he instituted the "subversive" list and the "loyalty" purge investigations that helped create the witch-hunt atmosphere surrounding the contempt prosecution and conviction.

It was pointed out by Dennis' attorney that the jury which brought in the conviction was composed in part of government employees, who were under pressure of the "loyalty" probe and would fear to bring in a verdict that might arouse the resentment of Clark and the other "loyalty" purgers.

Clark is establishing a precedent whereby he will be able to judge his own violations of civil rights in numerous cases when he was Attorney General. He may well have the decisive vote in putting abrogations of the Bill of Rights.

SIU Red-Baiting Masks 'Cannibal' Unionism cause the Trotskyists have con- announced it had signed an agree- courts have ruled that the union going into detail, the authors of

ployees. TO THAT EXTENT

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steel strike, which began Oct. 1 month pension paid for by the cents an hour into the fund. This

This fact was emphasized, after

the conclusion of the settlement,

saying in part: "It [the new con-

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A "COMPROMISE"

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post - war drive of the steel by the workers through their

monopolists to weaken or cripple taxes on social security. The plan

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The steel pensions, which are PENSIONS UNDER THIS

the principle of non-contributory tributions by employers and em- 21/2 cents.

and at its peak involved close company.

U. S. Steel, which employs a

third of the workers in the basic

steel industry, accepted terms

similar to the pension settlements

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tions of Truman's "Fact-Finding"

Board. The steel barons had

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But the union did not gain the

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to 600,000 workers.

"Trotskyist disrupters" to screen are a matter of record. They destruction of the democratic rights of their members.

The CIO National Maritime (NMU), International SCAB AGREEMENTS Longshoremen and Warehouseraiding and strikebreaking. Be-later the Isbrandtsen Company to-work" clause that the lower Pacific Coast last year. Without

the ships.

recently challenged the "legality" The Seattle Post - Intelligencer, ing unions!

40% of Fund Collected At the Half-Way Mark

By Reba Aubrey

Fund Campaign Manager The Socialist Workers Party campaign to raise a \$12,000 Party Building Fund reached the half way mark this week. Party members and friends have sent in a total of \$4,769 through Nov. 15 - 40% of the national quota still 10% behind schedule.

In line with the campaign slogan - IN FULL AND ON TIME - the branches are striving to be on schedule every week. Branches that started collecting funds with the opening gun and regularized their weekly pledge payments are either on schedule or ahead.

Flint Branch, for instance, has held first place in the campaign since the beginning. They have now reached 82% of their \$200 quota. "Whoopee!" shouts Comrade Genora for all the Flint comrades, "Our goal is nearly reached!'

New Britain holds second place with 70% of its quota.

St. Paul-Minneapolis still helds third place with 59%. But third place is now challenged by New York and Toledo, both branches having reached 57% of their quotas during the week.

Comrade Cathy, Fund Director for New York Local, reports that "of the \$1,723 paid, quite a few dollars have been contributed by friends of the SWP."

San Francisco-Oakland jumped from fifteenth to sixth place, with 54% of its quota. "Considering that we have reached the half-way mark in our payments in one-third the time set," writes Anne Chester, "the San Francisco-Oakland area is doing much better than anticipated. If we continue in this manner, we should go way over the top. We are planning a banquet and dance in a combined should net a fair amount which will go toward our Party Build-

ing Fund quota." Buffalo Branch grabbed seventh place by sending in \$41 special

To complete the on - schedule roster: New Haven, Allentown, and Seattle have reached 50% at the half-way mark.

Philadelphia Branch doubled its percentage to 38% with a payment of \$115 during the week.

Branch: "We couldn't make the halfway mark on schedule, but

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| New Britain | 30, | 21 | 70 |
| St. Paul-Minneapolis | 900 | 527 | 59 |
| New York | 3,000 | 1,723 | 57 |
| Toledo | 75 | 43 | . 57 |
| San Francisco-Oakland | 800 | 428 | 54 |
| Buffalo | 500 . | 258 | 52 |
| New Haven | 25 | 13 | 52 |
| Allentown | 50 | 25 | 50 |
| Seattle | 200 | 100 | 50 |
| Worcester | 40 | 19 | 48 |
| Newark | 350 | 146 | 42 |
| Boston | 200 | 82 | 41 |
| Morgantown . | 25 | 10 | 40 |
| Philadelphia | 600 | 230 | 38 |
| Cleveland | 250 | 89 | 36 |
| St. Louis | . 75 | 27 | 36 |
| Detroit | 1,100 | 382 | 35 |
| Pittsburgh | 150 | 50 | 33 |
| Los Angeles | 1,500 | 275 | 18 |
| Youngstown | 400 | 56 | • 14 |
| Lynn | - 75 | 10 | 13 |
| Chicago | 400 | 45 | . 11 |
| Akron | 100 | 10 | 10 |
| Milwaukee | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| General | 705 | 37 | . 5 |
| TOTAL through Nov. 15 | \$12,000 | \$4,769 | 40 |

we will be able to send in sub-|anonymous contributed \$20. stantial amounts in the next two or three weeks. At any rate, our to all the subscribers of The ull quota will be in by the Dec. Militant and Fourth International.

31 deadline." Morgantown Branch leaped from zero to 40% of its quota; Akron Branch squeezed from zero show every quota fulfilled by to 10%, leaving only one branch 62%. It'll be a cinch for some n the zero category.

W. E. B. of Portland, Oregon, contributed \$5 toward the fund. Thanks a lot.

A friend who wishes to remain at the deadline.

A circular appeal has gone out and we expect the "General" quota to begin a climb next week. Next week's scoreboard should

branches: other branches will have to speed up their pledge payments. Being on schedule now will forestall that wild scramble

celebration of October 1917 and The Militant anniversary. This Of Yugoslav Developments

In what direction is the Yugoslav Communist Party headed - toward Wall Street's reactionary camp or toward revolutionary socialism?

This timely and important question is considered from the Marxist point of view by Michel Pablo Grey's study of the steel inin the November issue of Fourth dustry, "Steel: Achilles of U. S. International, monthly magazine Industry," is as colorful and M. Baker writes for Detroit of American Trotskyism. World educational as the first part Stalinism, he declares, faces the which appeared in the October most acute crisis in its evolution issue. Grey shows how techsince the monstrous purges of nological improvements sharpen 1936-38. The dissidence of the the struggle of the monopolistic Yugoslavs has encouraged re- gants and undermine their gensistance to the terrorist regime eral agreement to limit capacity. of the Kremlin throughout the In "Some Comments on the

anticipate," declares Pablo, "if Swabeck discusses a point raised favorably, if the Tito regime does Students of Marxism will find not compromise with imperialism | Swabeck's comments most illubut on the contrary develops a more consistent revolutionary line, that we may yet witness the debacle of Stalinism in the years

to come on a vast scale." Citing recent developments in Yugoslavia such as further collectivization of agriculture, the reform of the law on Peoples' Committees and the emergence of deepening ideological differences with Stalinism, Pablo concludes that the Yugoslav Communist Party is developing as "a left centrist tendency."

Its further evolution in favorable direction, he holds, is they are "popularizing" science. favored by the split with the Comintern, but also depends "on a reprint of a rare article by the active assistance of the international proletariat."

November issue of Fourth In- in Yugoslavia. This is the article ternational is Irvin Marnin's "The in which Trotsky raised the slogan UE Faces the Split," a discussion against the Kremlin, "For a free, of the plight of the membership independent Soviet Ukraine!" of the United Electrical Workers caught between the Carey group obtained by sending 25c. to and the bureaucratic Stalinist Fourth Internatoinal, 116 Univer-

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satellite countries and far beyond. Falling Rate of Profit," the well-"It is not an exaggeration to known Marxist writer Arne Yugoslav affair evolves by V. Grey in his first article.

"Stalinism and Negro History" is an informative analysis of some recent productions of Stalinist writers. J. Meyer, a Marxist authority on problems of the Negro people, contrasts the Stalinist interpretation with the true story of the progressive role of the Negro people in American history.

A review by B. Lens of Lincoln Barnett's book. The Universe and Dr. Einstein, hits hard at the professional mystifiers who claim The issue is rounded out with

Leon Trotsky, "Problem of the Ukraine," which is particularly Another timely article in the timely in the light of the events

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Steel Strike Settled



United Steelworkers members hail the end of their six-week strike at Republic Steel plant in Chicago. The settlement represents a "compromise" of union's demand for non-contributory

ACEWR TO RUN BAZAAR DEC. 9-10 IN NEW YORK

The New York Chapter of the American Committee for European Workers Relief announces that its Fourth that I have hitherto encountered Annual Xmas Bazaar will be held on Dec. 9 and 10.

As those who have attended? ideal place for workers to do their 40 German Mark monthly inthere be an abundance of mer- my need by sending me a food chandise at bargain prices, but package. . . the closing attraction will be a grand auction of all unsold the ACEWR depends on such afarticles. Here is the chance to fairs as its annual Xmas Bazaar save money on your shopping and HOW TO HELP at the same time help needy

working class families abroad. Many people, the ACEWR states, have the mistaken belief that the need for relief to Europe no longer exists. This is especially untrue in the cases of those aided by the ACEWR. Many of these are ex-concentration camp prisoners whose health was so ruined by imprisonment and torture that they need special foods and medicines. Others are aged parents, widows and orphans of men who were killed by the Nazis. These people cannot be forgotten now. They need the helping hand of international solidarity.

The ACEWR sends relief sackages to Holland, Belgium, France including Spanish exiles there), Italy, Austria, Greece and all four zones of Germany.

The son has recently been released former concentration camp other items. prisoners. The mother writes: regime of Nazis, died when the mission free.

previous bazaars of the ACEWR war was at an end. I am now 68 know, the Xmas Bazaar is the years old, sick, and have only a Xmas shopping. Not only will come. . . I ask you to lighten

To continue its necessary work

All those who believe in in ternational solidarity have two duties. First, to help the ACEWR collect merchandise, and second, to come to the bazaar, bringing friends and relatives if

Those who have friends or urged to ask them for donations if it so desires. of merchandise. All are asked to

An example of the type of over the world, there will be fine 21,5-year wage freeze from the people assisted by the ACEWR color prints, jewelry, phonograph time of the last contract terminais the W. family in Germany, records, men's, women's and tion. children's clothing, toys, books, from a convalescent home for household articles and a hundred

The bazaar will be held at the "As a functionary of the Social ACEWR headquarters, 130 West Democratic Party I was arrested 23rd St. It begins at 6 P.M., Friwhen the Nazis marched into day, Dec. 9. On Saturday the doors Czechoslovakia. My husband who will open at noon. The auction will was persecuted during the entire take place Saturday night. Ad-

COOK COUNTY BOARD REBUFFS LANDLORDS ON RENT GOUGE

CHICAGO, Nov. 10 - For the second time in five months the Cook County Rent Advisory Board today voted against a general rent increase. By a vote of 8 to 6, the

board in a special meeting reaf-9 ncrease in Cook County.

Today the board adopted the reaffirm its original action. following findings: (1) that the The landlord representatives,

for increases.

When the Cook County Fair tee. Rent Committee, the organization than a year, appealed the earlier Emergency Court of Appeals, that adopted. body on Nov. 1 crassly disapproved the board's recommendation. Rent Advisory Board has, at least Not having the power to order a rent increase itself or to sub- rent increases and decontrol stitute its judgment for the local which was written into the Housboard's, the court could only find ing and Rent Act of 1949 passed a technical flaw in the board's by the 81st Congress. This was recommendation - that it was made possible only because of the not supported by proper findings existence here of an effective

The landlords with the help of cago Tenants Federation. the newspapers at once released a Livid with rage and frustrapropaganda barrage to the effect tion, after the meeting of the that the board now had to grant board, the landlord representaa substantial rent increase. This tives and their attorney threatenwas designed to stampede the ed to appeal again to the Emerboard. However at the special gency Court of Appeals and to meeting called to consider the have the board cited for con-

firmed the stand it had taken on tenant representative on the public hearings, it decided to re- of this propaganda and showed

landlords had failed to prove that with the help of the chairman, they were entitled to a general tried to refer the whole matter to rent increase; (2) that the land- a special committee which was lords had not proved that a rent loaded 3 to 2 in favor of a rent increase was necessary to remove increase, but this maneuver was hardships or inequities, but that blocked by the tenant represenon the contrary a general increase tatives, Myer arguing that the would perpetuate existing inequi- recommendations of this committies; and (3) that individual tee would virtually amount to hardship cases could be handled final action by the board and that by individual landlord petitions this was too important a question to be decided by a commit-

After several attempts by the of landlords which has been landlord representatives to delay spearheading the fight for a 45% action had been beaten down, the general rent increase for more specific findings of fact proposed by Michael Mann, secretary of decision of the board to the the Chicago CIO Council, were

By its action the Cook County locally, reversed the trend toward tenant's organization, the Chi-

court's action, M. J. Myer, a tempt of court, if necessary.

WORKERS FORUM

The Workers Who Produce Meat Can't Afford to Buy It

It is interesting to note in the The membership of one on the against, by the Congress. . . statistics of the U. S. Depart- committee would in no sense prement of Agriculture that, per judice the right of the other to capita consumption of meat has membership. fallen from prewar in all the leading meat-producing countries tion of deciding whether to add what Berg is complaining about except the United States and Levan on the committee by in his long, abusive letter, the Canada. U. S. meat production is defining the delegation of Viet- pertinent parts of which are up 17% and Canada 14% from namesc Workers in France as a printed above. Ali reported that prewar to 1948. At the same time national movement. Furthermore, meat consumption in these two if that had been passed, we would a Stalinist - instigated move to countries went down from 1947 have immediately been confronted deny representation on the Into 1948. This is the result of with a demand for representation ternational Committee of the lower incomes for workers caused for the organizations of African Congress to the representative of radictions of capitalism.

Packinghouse Workers' Wife St. Paul, Minn.

Complaint from A Shachtmanite

In The Militant for Oct. 24 appeared an article by Ali on the Imperialism. Since the article criticized myself and the Inde- did not mention Eastern Europe... pendent Socialist League in terms only in the Stalinist press, I ask for the opportunity to reply. . .

(1) The question of Levan's exclusion from the International Committee . . . it was in no sense a question of voting for Stalinism versus Trotskyism. The congress ad already agreed that every national affiliate from Asia and Africa would be represented on

Workers Block Big Steel Drive

make no new demands on pensions and insurance for five years, but the company can terminate relatives who have businesses are the pension plan after two years

In accepting the meager pengive some personal possessions to sion and insurance programs, the the bazaar. Anyone wishing to aid steel union leaders sacrificed the in the solicitation of merchandise union's "fourth round" wage should visit or telephone the demands. The overwhelming ma-ACEWR office at 130 West 23rd jority of steel workers will not St., New York City, CHelsea 2- get one penny more in their pay envelopes as a result of this The coming bazaar promises strike. In addition, the new conto be the same bargain-hunter's tract runs until Dec. 31, 1951. paradise that it has been in the with one 30-day wage reopener previous years. In addition to starting Dec. 31, 1950. In effect, art objects and curios from all the contract represents a 11/2 to

> in terms of no immediate wage gains and a prolonged wage freeze, far outweighs the limited pension and welfare gains. Worst of all, this wage-freeze has established the pattern in all basic industries.

COST WORKERS DEARLY

Murray's dependence on favors rom Truman and his "factinding" machinery cost the steel workers dearly. The steel board reduced the union's demands to nittance. In return for this pittance, Murray led the steel workers to believe that they would not have to strike.

But Murray's eagerness to avoid a fight at almost all costs, plus Truman's advance assurance June 28 when, after extended board, pointed out the falseness to the steel companies that they did not have to accept the steel commend against a general rent that the board could adopt specific board's recommendations, embolfindings of fact to support and dened the steel masters to demand unconditional surrender on their

The steel workers were thus forced to strike anyway, but under unfavorable conditions and for a mere crumb. They could just as with and won far better terms, including some immediate wage gains. Not the least consequence of

the steel "fact-finding" procedure and the miserable terms of the steel pension settlement is the obstacle they have placed in the way of the coal miners. Acting on behalf of the steel companies which own the major coal mines. Truman is now preparing to use the "fact-finding" method to force an inadequate settlement down the miners' throats and to block improvements in the miners' pension and welfare plan.

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It was therefore only a ques-

by unemployment and shorter students in Britain, some of whom hours. Even the workers who are influenced by Stalinism. Their produce the meat of the country status, that of a small community

ternational Committee. . . (2) My abstention on a declaraion of the European Commission pledging support for the colonial Congress of the Peoples Against perialism: Ali complains that this mission pledging active support

> Brockway announced that the statement should have included European declaration was NOT a condemnation of Russian opresolution that was before the pression in Eastern Europe. Congress for adoption. It was the Here too Berg's letter confirms Europeans' declaration only; it Ali's report, his real objection was not subject to amendment being that Ali does not accept by the congress; and it was only Berg's legalistic justification for up for acceptance - that is, to an abstentionist attitude to a. be read into the minutes, as we declaration of support for the would put it in American parlia- colonial fight against imperialmentary procedure. Given this in- ism. terpretation by the chairman, I The facts show, in this instance dismissed the whole vote as mean- as in all others, that the Shachtingless. I specifically asked that manites are guided primarily by my position - for unqualified im- Stalinophobia and by unprincipled mediate independence for all combinations with all the pettycolonial peoples and for total bourgeois opponents of Trotopposition to both imperialist skyism. If they don't like their plocs - be entered into the shabby behavior to be publicized, minutes, so that slanderers like then they ought to stop behaving Ali could not misconstrue it, and in a shabby manner.

the International Committee, even I proposed that a resolution by if there were more than one or- the Congress on the obligations ganization from the same country. of the European workers be drawn There was therefore no question up which could be subject to of Levan OR some other Viet- amendment, and which finally namese being on the committee. could be really voted on for and

Paris, France

ED NOTE: We can't make out the Shachtmanites had joined in Viet Namese Workers of France

- an authentic movement with 15,000 members that plays a leadcannot afford to buy it. This is temporarily located in another ing part in the struggle against another one of the great con- country, is exactly the same as the French war of conquest on that of Levan's organization. It Indo - China - because their can be seen, therefore, that the democratically elected represendelegates were wise in voting that tative is a Trotskyist. On the face Levan's organization is a local of Berg's own letter, it is clear one and ineligible for the In- that he did join in this move, despite his efforts to obscure its significance.

Ali also reported that Berg "abstained from voting on a depeoples in the fight against im- claration from the European Comresulted because the statement for the colonial peoples in the fight against imperialism. The Here are the facts. Chairman reasons he gave were that the

THE MILITANT ARMY

Cleveland, Seattle, New Haven, Boston Complete Sub Quotas

Cleveland forged ahead last Fred Martin. week in the national subscription campaign for The Militant to tie

doubles its goal first. Each has scored 173%.

The New Haven comrades have succeeded in combining intensive sub-getting

with excellent sales of single copies of The Militant. Literature hour of neighborhood visiting three comrades sold six subs and 25 Militants. At a meeting at these obstacles, they write that Yale University of about 80 people, 10 Militants and one copy of Fourth International were sold. At another meeting on the campus of about 100 people "we sold 11 Militants, two FIs and five pamphlets. One boy from Missouri thanked us gratefully

for selling him literature." The Boston branch managed to their goal by an extra 20% to do it.

Seattle, with 100% of its goal completed, is pressing the Boston for a substantial number of subs comrades. Literature Agent Ma- this month, and promises to fulfill rianne Stanley feels, that "we will go well beyond our quota and well have gone on strike to begin perhaps double it. We find it full scale campaign." fairly easy to sell the 50c. sub.' The Seattle branch is really doing a remarkable job since they just finished a successful local sub New York are not shown. campaign.

The seasoned Minneapolis campaigners seem to have shifted into high gear. A score of 88% at the half-way mark puts them right out in front so far as the branches with larger quotas are concerned.

The Allentown comrades likewise are well ahead of schedule with 80% of their quota taken

St. Paul did well last week, increasing their score from 63% Almost neck and neck with St.

Paul, is the Toledo branch, "We don't get subs in batches," writes Literature Agent A. West. "but a few every so often will help on our quota." Toledo is already on the home stretch with 76%.

The Flint comrades report that they are "meeting with trouble on account of short working hours." However they are "getting fairly good results" as can be seen from their score of 60% of a quota of 50. That's better than on schedule.

Milwaukee, also doing better than schedule, hopes "to increase this tempo once we get the Militant Task Force into high gear," according to Militant Manager

Reporting for Detroit, Literature Agent Shirley Mason writes New Haven for first that the comrades have not yet place. With the cam- had a real opportunity to get paign at the half going. "In the next few weeks way mark it looks we intend to correct this and we like even money on expect to have our quota of subs which branch in by the deadline," Like Seattle the Detroit branch recently completed a successful local sub cam-

paign. The Buffalo comrades are having unusual difficulties. Workers have not yet had a chance to make up for what was lost in wages during the strikes. On top of this, the Socialist Workers Agent N. S. writes that in one Party has been the target of a savage red-baiting campaign in the capitalist newspapers. Despite they expect to put Buffalo on the sub campaign map "before the month is over."

New York too ran into difficulties. Engaged in supporting a major meeting scheduled for James Kutcher and a Christmas bazaar to collect funds for needy workers in Europe, the New York comrades felt forced to postpone hold third place but had to top its sub campaign. Michael Bartell. Organizer of the New York Local, declared that "New York pledges, nevertheless, to account its quota of 300 at a later date when it can clear the decks for a

> The scoreboard below has been adjusted so that subs obtained by

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| Seattle | 15 | 15 | 10 |
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| Allentown | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| St. Paul | 35 | 27 | 7 |
| Toledo | 25 | 19 | 7 |
| Pittsburgh | 25 | 16 | 6 |
| Flint | 50 | 30 | 6 |
| Worcester | 20 | 12 | 6 |
| Milwaukee | 25 | 14 | 5 |
| Philadelphia | . 75 | 30 | 4 |
| San Francisc | o 35 | 11 | 3 |
| St. Louis | 10 | 3 | 30 |
| Detroit | 50 | 14 | 25 |
| Chicago | 60 | 11 | 18 |
| Newark | 50 | 9 | 18 |
| Los Angeles | 250 | 29 | 13 |
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editorials.

ing such matters without prompting from

Washington. The current denials simply

mean that the warmakers still need time

for a certain amount of political prepara-

tion. Otherwise it will not be easy to make

the people here and in Europe swallow

This development is indeed an eloquent

commentary on the foreign policies of

both Washington and the Kremlin. Stalin

does not hesitate to make his peace with

the Nazis and the German militarists just

as he did with Hitler himself in 1939. But

so far as the dissident Yugoslavs are con-

cerned, he will not only make no conces-

sions but is determined to crush them in

policy has suffered another fiasco. He

promised the Soviet people that his con-

duct of the war would put an end forever

to the threat of German militarism. Four

years have gone by, and this threat once

again looms on the horizon, with Stalin

lending a hand personally in evoking it.

latest developments in Germany repre-

sent a logical sequel to the "peace-loving"

Marshall Plan, the Atlantic Pact and the

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At the same time, Stalin's foreign

the revival of militarism in Germany.



TROTSKY

"Do the consequences of a revolution justify in general the sacrifices it involves?. . . It would be as well to ask in face of the difficulties and griefs of personal existence: Is it worth while to be born? Melancholy reflections have not so far, however, prevented people from bearing or being born. Even in the present epoch of intolerable misfortune only a small percentage of the population of our planet resorts to suicide. But the people are seeking the way out of their unbearable difficulties in revolution. Is it not remarkable that those who talk most indignantly about the victims of social revolutions are usually the very ones who, if not directly responsible for the victims of the world war, prepared and glorified them, or at least accepted them? It is our turn to ask: Did the war justify itself? What has it given us? What has it taught?" -Leon Trotsky, History of the Russian Revolution, Vol. III-32.



LENIN

The Re-Arming of Germany staff officers" would not dream of broach

Germany is not yet re-armed. But both Moscow and Washington, each in its own way, are taking long steps in this direction. If it is left to them, it will not be long before Germany is turned once again into an armed camp.

The Stalinist-created monstrosity of a "free and independent" Eastern Germany has just extended full civil rights to former Nazis and ex-officers in Hitler's Wehrmacht, including their right to employment in "public service." The capitalist press has promptly pounced on this as proof that the Kremlin is reassembling on German soil the equivalent of the Reichswehr of the Twenties, the main powerhouse of Hitlerism.

There is a virtually identical situation in the Washington-sponsored monstrosity of a "free and independent" Western Germany. In fact, the "staff officers of Western European armies" are now considering the organization of "five or so" German divisions under the Bonn regime. Projected here, too, is the revival of the Reichswehr.

It is, of course, loudly disclaimed that the re-arming of Germany was one of the items Secretary of State Acheson discussed with his British and French colleagues at their recent top-secret talks in Paris. Only the most gullible people will fail to understand that "Western

Labor's Need of a

American workers, organized in the largest and most powerful trade union movement ever seen under the sun, have now behind them a rich experience of four postwar years marked by numerous important struggles, including the recent steel strike.

What has been the net result of all these struggles? The official leadership is eminently satisfied. The settlement of the steel strike, like the settlements of most of the previous major struggles, has been officially dubbed as a monumental victory.

But this is true only in a very limited sense. The steel workers, like the majority of the labor movement, have emerged victorious primarily in the sense that they have once again succeeded in maintaining their union in the face of repeated provocations and attacks by the billionaire corporations. But in other respects — with regard to their living standards, working conditions, job security, etc. — the best that can be said is that some sections of labor have just barely held their own, while others have actually suffered setbacks.

The "Fair Deal" demagogues are shouting that the workers are on the whole better off than ever before. But most working families, struggling nowadays

foreign arms bill. German militarism may, in the last analysis, prove the chief European beneficiary. Party to make both ends meet, know they were actually better off when the war ended.

The reappearance of an army of unem-

ployed millions is by itself evidence that

the position of the workers has not im-

proved with the passage of years. Yet the workers have fought and fought well; they have done everything their leaders called upon them to do, and in many instances, much more. What then accounts for this glaring paradox? It is the refusal of the leaders to extend the struggle beyond limited immediate demands, beyond the traditional boundaries

of the trade union movement. Their own experiences over the last four years should teach the workers that "pure and simple" trade unionism is much too narrow a field for the solution of their problems. The way out lies in the political field.

And here, half-way measures are worse than none. Continued support of capitalist politicians is not only reactionary and futile but tends to discredit the potentially overwhelming political role of labor, demoralizing the workers, dissipating their energies. When labor goes all-out into politics, as it can and will, it must do so openly, under its own banner, with its own party and program, its own can-

The Two Smith Act Trials

As Vincent R. Dunne leaves for the West Coast in his national speaking tour on civil rights, the connection between the Minneapolis Trial of 1941 in which he was central figure and the recent conviction of the 11 Communist Party leaders under the same Smith "Gag" Act is again being brought forward in the press.

The Minneapolis trial of the Trotskyists dogs the Stalinists at every stage. The Department of Justice cited it in the original indictment. The federal prosecutor repeatedly referred to it in his arguments. Judge Medina pointed to it as a prime precedent in the charge to the jury which found the CP leaders guilty.

Now, as the convicted Stalinists are preparing their appeal to the higher courts, the case of "Dunne vs U. S.", as it is known in the law records, is being further utilized against the CP.

On Nov. 8, Prof. Maurice I. Wormser sent a letter to the N. Y. Times criticizing the Department of Justice for conceding, in the hearing on granting bail to the Stalinists, that there was some ground for questioning the Smith Act's constitutionality. This was an "act of folly," said Wormser, because the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals in the Dunne case validated the constitutionality of the Smith Act, and there was

A week later another attorney, William F. Smith, backed up Wormser's contention applauded the Supreme Court's refusal to review the convictions of the Trotskyists. He suggested similar treatment for the Stalinists. "Just as it was fair to argue that there was no constitutional question in the Dunne case which warranted consideration by our highest court, in like manner it may be argued that there is no question of constitutionality involved in the conviction of the Communists and that the United States Supreme Court may refuse to entertain

Whatever the Supreme Court does, one thing is already clear. The attempt of the Stalinists to deny any direct connection between the two cases under the Smith Act has been refuted by developments all along the line. And the Stalinists are now reaping the fruits of their own approval of the prosecution against the Trotskyists.

copies): 3c each in U.S., 44 Louis Adamic Reports on Yugoslavs Events Signed articles by contributors do not necessarily rep-These are expressed in it

cently returned from a six- Soviet. . ." months stay in Yugoslavia, where he had an opportunity to interview the leading figures in the Tito regime at some length.

Adamic, who is a prominent Vallaceite and author of several books on Yugoslavia, made strenuous efforts before he left for Europe last January to get a visa to the Soviet Union so that he could hear both sides of the dispute from authoritative spokesmen. But as he says:

"In the second half of '48, to have ever had a good word about Tito was as bad to the Russians as it long has been to Westbrook Pegler, the Chicago Tribune, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Louis Budenz, and the Un-American Committe. The dif-signing of such a treaty. Why? ference is that Pegler and Co. brand you a Communist or a fellow traveler, which they before hand made synonymous with subversive or un - American: while in the Soviet book you are suddenly a reactionary shark, a ascist beast, a gangster, or, at the very least, an American spy or imperialist agent."

VISA DENIED

After being closely questioned y the Soviet embassy in Washington, Adamic was finally denied visa. (He reveals that in 1948 George Seldes, editor of In Fact, ikewise was denied entry into the Soviet Union.) Adamic did obtain his friends in those countries, and the government publishers in Warsaw suddenly cancelled the n Polish.

When Adamic arrived in Belgrade he was greeted warmly by government officials and granted off-the-record interviews. He soon ealized that the Yugoslav leadrs, instead of telling the whole resolution, which clearly had real causes of the rift. Why?

origins of the Tito-Stalin conflict, the time, they replied, to give out progressive potentialities of peowhich tend to confirm the Trot- the entire story. Evidently some ples other than the Russians . skyist analysis of this important of them, perhaps Tito especially, and therein is one of the chief struggle, are printed in the Mid- were still hoping for a change of differences between him and Autumn issue of Trends and mind in the Kremlin and within Tito." Tides, the magazine edited and the Cominform. Or they were published by Louis Adamic, well- afraid that if the people knew it mown American writer who re- all, they'd turn too fiercely anti-

TITO DECIDES TO TALK

But Stalin's hostile pressure mounted rapidly this year, and in May the Tito leadership was ready to talk freely to Adamic as well as world public opinion. What Adamic learned will be reported in his next book, Tito, to be published early next year, and in after Tito become its secretarythe columns of his magazine, general in 1937, received no beginning with the current issue.

Tito posing coldly side by side on the occasion of the signing baffled them." of their treaty of friendship and mutual defense in 1945, Adamic COMINFORM ROLE

said - for the second time, and emphatically - that that couldn't over control of Yugoslavia. be done? And why did Stalin want to retain the King? Because he had an agreement with Britain on the future of Yugoslavia on which Yugoslavs were not consulted."

Adamic promises to expand on this matter later on. In the current issue he adds:

WHAT STALIN WANTED

"When the Tito-led Yugoslav Revolution got underway in 1941-Czechoslovak, Polish and Hun- 42, Moscow was no less opposed garian visas, but after he went to to it than were London, the Yugoslavia the Stalinists spread Vatican, and Washington - but issues from various factors in the word that he was poison, he out of somewhat different motives. was cut off from all contact with Stalin wanted resistance in oc-character as it has developed cupied countries, but a limited resistance - limited to being a nuisance to the Axis forces, com- lutionary agony. (See Isaac Deutpublication of one of his books pelling Hitler to keep a substantial number of his divisions away from the Eastern front. Stalin didnot want resistance combined with revolution. Tito combined

Adamic notes that Stettinius in his recently published book, story to the world, were "still reported that Stalin, at the Yalta only replying to the Cominform Conference in 1944, had made decision to tell the truth about next-to-nothing to do with the Yugoslavia. Adamic says, "Stalin to bring brickbats his way "from "I put this question to Tito, Churchill, is utterly unsubtle right. Although it won't be

Despite evidence to the contrary, Adamic contends that "Tito was not trained in the Soviet secret-police school or in any other Russian school. He was never a Comintern insider." But Adamic has not yet disclosed the material on which he bases this contention.

He also claims that "The Comintern was never inclined to favor Tito or the CPY, which, financial support from outside of Under a picture of Stalin and toward the Yugoslav Communists Yugoslavia . . . Moscow's attitude . . was something that ofter

The Yugoslavs "naively" thought "... the two men look but any- the creation of the Cominform thing as they should at the would bring better and more equal relations with the Soviet Was it because Stalin, for the Union, he adds. "But, as it turned second time, insisted that Yugo- out, the Soviet purpose in creatslavia remain a monarchy and ing the Cominform was to have retain King Peter, while Tito a gimmick with which to dispose of 'the Tito clique'" and take Adamic summarizes his view

> and since, the Kremlin has tried, through their Russian and native-Yugoslav NKVD agents, to destroy the Tito-Karkelj-Djilas-Rankovich-Piyade-Kidrich quality of the Yugoslav Revolution, and the developments in Poland where to replace it which strictly Russian methods, such as are in effect in Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Albania. That aim is connected with 'the cold war.' It the complexity of the Soviet under Stalin out of Russia's backwardness and her 30-year revoscher's biography, Stalin.). That character can now realize itself only in conquest, in Red imperialism, in imposing on Eastern Europe what passes for socialism

HIS PAPER TO BE WEAPON Adamic says he knows that his

in the USSR."

"contemptuous remarks" about the Stalin-Tito conflict is going easy, "financially or otherwise," he says he is going into the fight "after careful deliberation" because "I can't dodge it and live challenge lies, distortions, nonsense; it will meet attacks."

The current issue of his magazine (address: Milford, N. J.) is some prospective subscribers.

meeting of its leading body last

month the writers Jean - Paul

Sartre and David Rousset - lead-

Disregarding questions of pro-

movement, its leaders concocted a

'new" slogan: "Proletarians and

Free Men of the World, Unite!"

The Shachtmanites, who never

tire of burying the Trotskyists

periodically, hailed it as "the most

All the RDR ever succeeded in

rallying were such writers as

Sartre and Rousset, some renegade

leaders of the French Trotskyist

party who claimed that they were

going to build a "mass" revolu-

tionary movement through the

RDR, plus a handful of Socialist

Party members (who quickly

withdrew on the orders of their

leaders). At its peak the RDR

recruited a few hundred mem-

bers, unengaged in any form of

Last spring the RDR, under

the leadership of Rousset, tried to

stage a big "neace" rally in

Paris in competition with one of

the Stalinist shindigs. Sartre

publicly dissociated himself from

this affair, which was used as a

soundboard for Wall Street and

the Atlantic Pact and, incidentally,

activity.

proved a fiasco.

hopeful and potentially significan

organization in France."

RDR HEADS TOWARD OBLIVION

PARIS, Nov. 9 - The French RDR (Democratic and

Revolutionary Rally), the pretentious grouping which was

ers of the organization's left and vith political disagreements grow-

CHURCHILL, TITO AND STALIN

In an attempt to "prove" that Tito is and for a long time has been an agent of Churchill, the Stalinists are giving a lot of publicity to a speech Churchill made in the British Parliament on May 24, 1944. Jessica Smith, in the October Soviet Russia Today and in the Nov. 6 Worker, makes a big point of the fact that in this speech the British imperialist had 'kindly words" to say about Franco and Tito. She even quotes these words of Churchill about Tito:

"Marshall Tito has largely sunk his communistic aspect in his character as a Yugoslav patriotic leader. He has repeatedly proclaimed that he has no intention of reversing the property and social systems which prevail in Serbia."

But she fails to quote another and much more laudatory section from this very same speech, in which Churchill had the following words of high praise for Stalinism in the Soviet

"Profound changes have taken place in Soviet Russia. The Trotskyite form of communism has been completely wiped out. The victories of the Russian armies have been attended by a great rise in strength of the Russian state and a remarkable broadening of its views. The religious side of Russian life has had a wonderful rebirth. The discipline and military etiquette of the Russian armies are unsurpassed. There is a new national anthem. . . These are marked departures from conceptions which were held some years ago."

The question that the Stalinists will have to answer is this: If Churchill's praise of Tito in 1944 proved Tito was an agent of imperialism, what does his praise about the reactionary development of Stalinism prove?

Poland, Bulgaria Engulfed of the conflict in the following passage: "Throughout the war By Vast Stalinist Purges

The predicted purges of Stalinist parties and governments in Eastern Europe are now being officially confirmed. Most sweeping and spectacular to date have been

three ranking party members have been expelled from the Central Committee.

The expelled are: Wladyslaw ister of Justice. Gomulka, under fire for some time as a "Titoist," denied the charge publicly several months ago, but this did not save him. President Beirut, in a public speech on Nov. 15, announced that the entire party whether these may not be preliwould be subjected to a purge.

Directly connected with the drastic changes among Polish ruling circles is the appointment of one of the Kremlin's top military DEFECTIONS MOUNT figures, Marshal Rokossovsky, to the post of Commander-in-Chief. In addition to assuming the post of Minister of Defense, Rokossovthe ill-informed and unthinking sky has entered the Central Com-

NO ONE TO TRUST

military dictator over Poland. It from top to bottom. with myself." He promises that is noteworthy that among all his Meanwhile there have been new Trends and Tides "will be a native Polish agents Stalin evidefections in the ranks of the with such a role.

up.

This process of Russification is not limited to Poland alone but has simply reached a more advanced stage there. In other sa-Gomulka, former Deputy Premier, tellite countries the glorification General Marian Spychalski, for- of all things Russian and the deimer Vice Minister of Defense and fication of Stalin are proceeding Zenon Kliszko, former Vice Min- apace. Russian textbooks have been introduced into elementary schools and the study of the Russian language has been made com-

> There has been wide speculation in capitalist chancelleries as to minary steps toward the integration of the Eastern European countries within the framework of the Soviet Union.

There is still no official confir-

mation of the purge in Bulgaria but it appears that heads are falling there on almost the same nations as Churchill, but, unlike part of the Left" as well as the mittee and the Political Bureau of scale as in Poland. According to dozen former prominent government and party figures in Bul-In the person of Rokossovsky, garia have already been lopped Stalin has in effect installed a off, with the purge extending

> dently could not find a single in- French Stalinists and among their dividual reliable enough to entrust sympathizers. A group of French intellectuals, including Claude Under Rokossovsky the Polish Bourdet, of the liberal paper army will undoubtedly be rigidly Combat, Louis Martin Chauffier reorganized along Russian lines and Avenline, two Stalinist supand the Russification of the coun- porters over many years, have debeing sent free to all present and try as a whole greatly speeded nounced the Hungarian Treason Trial. So has the "League of the Rights of Man," which once approved the Moscow Frameups.

A number of expulsions of "Titoist" elements have recently taken place in the Belgian Communist Party which is now in the throes of an organizational and political crisis.

In Italy, Nenni's "Left Wing formed early last year, is now in a state of collapse. At a Socialists" are sharply split over the issue of Yugoslavia. A dissi-The internal crisis of the RDR dent group has accepted an invibegan to develop from that time, tation to visit Yugoslavia and has sent a delegation of ten. The Nenright wings respectively-resign- ing and culminating in the ni leadership has publicly attacked from the RDR. Before quitting, present resignations. A meeting ed this delegation and issued an Sartre, who was dissatisfied with of the Paris membership, at appeal to the Yugoslavs to oppose the Tito regime.

From all indications, the international crisis of Stalinism precicorrectly notes that to all intents pitated by the Tito-Stalin break, gram, the RDR proposed, at its and purposes the organization is far from abating, has yet to reach its most acute phases.

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no reason for the government counsel to retract on that point.

an appeal to that tribunal."

A third writer to the Times exposes Wormser's argument by pointing out "that the Circuit Court of Appeals is an intermediate appellate court, and not the court of last resort, and that its decisions are subject to review and reversal by the U. S. Supreme Court."

Book Review LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTER by Sidney Lens, Henry weapon in the fight. . . It will Regnery Co., 1949, 445 pp., \$4. This is one of the best recent? books on the labor movement. [Murray] in order that labor can

knowledge of trade union affairs, Emil Mazey, George Baldanzi, as he was a labor official for and other actual left elements in many years and is at present the top leadership refuse to cut director of AFL United Service the umbilical cord to busines Employees Local 329 in Chicago, unionism, than the task must fall The author also has a certain to others of lower rank." packground in the radical movement and this enables him to ap-

tracing the growth and consolidation of AFL business unionism, material basis and reasons for racketeering and bureaucratism.

Lens understands very well and this is his superiority over there are "two worlds of labor," he well-paid union leaders who form a bureaucracy and the rank and file membership. He knows danzis to lead them, but to orsomething of the complexities of ganize a left wing in opposition he problem which work to exude labor bureaucracy at a given stage in a union's evolution, and to separate it from the needs and aspirations of the ranks.

It is an unfortunate commentary on the book, however, that its best discussions and understanding of this problem relate to the past decades, covering ground which has been written about by other authors. The closer Lens approaches the present-day labor movement, the more blurred and unsure his vision becomes. He sees the conservatism and inadequacy of the CIO officialdom and understands that labor must have its own party and practice its own independent brand of politics. But like others, he hasn't fully grasped that a new bureaucratic crust has formed itself on the modern unions, that the new bureaucrats operate in a different way and with different methods but that their influence in the labor movement is all the

more deadly in its effects. Because he has not fully comprehended these recent developments, Lens can propose as his solution that "The true lefts [Reuther, Mazey, Baldanzi] must divorce themselves from the night

Sidney Lens has a practical move ahead. . . If Walter Reuther, Of course, this is a better senti-

AS SARTRE, ROUSSET RESIGN ment than writing a court bioproach union problems from a graphy of Reuther. Still, it isn't nore fundamental and rounded quite an accurate way of putting viewpoint than the average labor the matter. It is possible that the Reuthers and Baldanzis may There are excellent chapters assume the leadership of a new movement of insurgency in the future just as Lewis, Murray and its victory over the radicals, the Hillman assumed leadership of the CIO uprising.

Nevertheless they are not left wingers but well-developed social reformists, and that is the role most authors in this field — that they are consciously playing in the line being followed by the tended by 30, met recently but the labor movement. The job of RDR, undertook to pay its the true left wingers is not to debts call upon the Reuthers and Balinception, to mobilize broad mass- defunct. es hostile both to Moscow and to them as well as the Murrays Washington. Demonstrating the and Buckmasters. petty-bourgeois character of the

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St. Louis - Dec. 17. Chicago - Dec. 18-21, 24-25. Milwaukee - Dec. 23. Toledo - Dec. 27. Flint - Dec. 29-30. Cleveland - Jan. 3-4 Akron - Jan. 5. Youngstown - Jan. 6-7 Pittsburgh - Jan. 8. Morgantown - Jan. 9. Buffalo - Jan. 12-14. Rochester - Jan. 13. Boston - Jan. 15-16. Lynn - Jan. 17. Worcester - Jan. 18. New Britain - Jan. 19. New Haven - Jan. 20: New York - Jan. 21, 26, Allentown - Jan. 24. Reading - Jan. 25.

Seattle - Nov. 29-Dec. 1. San Francisco-Oakland - Dec Los Angeles - Dec. 10-13.

Detroit - Dec. 28, 31-Jan. 1-2 Philadelphia - Jan. 22-23 Newark - Jan. 27.

According to the United Press, crowds began to gather outside the organizer's home on Tuesday, Nov. 8, the night of the meeting. Gangs of young hoodlums roamed through streets and alleys "chasing persons they believed to be Negroes or Negro sympathizers." Reporters saw the inflamed mob beat, kick and pummel its victims.

A day later the chief of police estimated that 10,000 rioters were swarming the vicinity, many of them armed with rocks, bottles, and clubs of two-by-fours. On Nov. 12, a dispatch from Chicago to the N. Y. Post reported two persons hospitalized, many others less seriously injured, and roving bands still attacking cars and pedestrians. Sporadic arrests of a few racists have done nothing to halt their violence.

According to the Post, the rioters shouted that there is a "plot" for "Jews to buy up houses and sell them later to Negroes." (The CIO organizer happens to be Jewish.)

This lie itself gives the real reason for the outburst, and shows the futility of the Mayor's method of "combatting" the rioters. The bitter struggle for a place to live has been the cause of case after case of anti-Negro violence in Chicago (and elsewhere) in recent years. It aggravates to a fever-pitch all the latent antagonism against the Negro and Jewish people.

But Democratic Mayor Kennelly, now "discussing" the situation with his Council on Human Relations, will do nothing to ease the housing shortage. The vast profits made by the landlords would be in danger if Chicago and other cities initiated the building program that the people need. The biggest profits of all are made out of the tenement hovels to which the Negroes are condemned by discrimination. Here the rents are highest, congestion worst. The real estate interests, protected by both capitalist parties, are in the forefront of the reactionary struggle to maintain "restrictive covenants." Their system of "black belt" and "white gentile" housing operates with the consent of the law and adds fuel to the fire of the race-haters.

Neither Kennelly nor any capitalist politician will attack the precious profits of the landlords, or defend the right of the people to live where they choose. Nor will they use any effective means to combat discrimination and brutality, for these are essential to their own rule.

The Mayor's Council on Human Relations continues to meet in secret session, and instruct the local papers to suppress all news of the assaults. To the Council, the attacks are an embarrassment and annovance, undermining widespread illusions about its effectiveness. Kennelly hopes that if nothing is said publicly, the rioters will get tired and go home before anyone is murdered.

But to the workers, the Negro people, the Jewish people, this outrage is no unpleasant family dispute to be kept from prying eyes. It is a crime against the entire American people. It must be exposed and seen for what it is - an inevitable part of the terror of capitalism, that will end only when the parasites are removed from power.

Ten Babies Starve to Death

Ten babies have died of starvation in the San Joaquin Valley in central California in recent weeks, according to reports from officials of Kings and Fresno Counties.

All of them have been children of migrant farm laborers come to harvest the cotton, fruit and vegetable crops of one of the richest farm belts of the world. The bitter paradox of starvation in the midst of plenty faces 150,000 workers and their families now living in labor camps consisting of squalid tents and shacks.

After the fourth reported death, Kings County Health Officer Dr. Donald Upp said that "the problem of malnutrition is spread over the entire valley," and that the camps are "shocking in their lack of proper sanitation, shelter and heating facilities." Officials said these conditions were reminiscent of those described in the novel, Grapes

But these officials have no intention of taking action against the powerful landlord interests who are responsible for the miserable living conditions of the migrant workers. Kings County District Attorney William Harp demanded an investigation of the conditions under which the children died so that he can file criminal charges against - "parents found guilty of negligence."

County Supervisor Russel Troutner took a similar line. "What would you have us do? We can't put a nurse in the home of each midwestern family located in the county. These people are working and getting paid - I don't know what they do with their money. If we educate them, other migrants will come next year with the same

The murder of innocent babes is taking place in the so-called "good" season. The worst is yet to come. H. L. Mitchell, international president of the AFL National Farm Laborers Union, says that conditions in this area are worse than those he has seen in a lifetime spent in the southern states. He predicts that 100,000 of these workers will be unemployed this winter, with no agency to provide for them. He says he will ask a House Labor and Education Sub-Committee arriving in California soon to investigate conditions, especially on the Di Georgio estate which the NFLU has picketed for two years.

The Merced Sun Star, a San Joaquin Valley newspaper, rejected the attempts to blame parental carelessness for the death of the children and declared: "How can people living in crowded dirty hovels be expected to care properly for themselves and their young?" The question that goes with this is: How can people help living in such hovels when they are underpaid and exploited so intensely?

Meanwhile, Fresno County officials have announced that a total of 16 deaths, in which malnutrition was a major factor, have occurred in their county alone. The toll of human life through starvation seems fated to continue in one of the plan. . most fertile food-producing areas in the world so long as profits are given priority over human

TACTICS WITH TROTSKYIST-BAITING

the vessels loaded with hot oil. with special privileges. This is to extreme, which has created so Naturally, for services rendered, bureaucracy gone mad! Lundeberg was rewarded with a the SUP by an established policy the Trotskyists can mask the real

According to the code of the SIU-SUP officialdom, the "crime" of "non-concurring" in their strikebreaking activities is considered "disruption" of the first order. For this "crime" no punishment is too severe. In a Seattle membership meeting of the SUP formation" on the role of SIU-SUP officials in the Canadian Seamen's strike. Answer: Ex-

BUREAUCRACY GONE MAD The Seattle membership elects a members who openly oppose the heated meeting on Oct. 28. expulsions are themselves expelled. Men who fought on picket

Truman's Deeds Belie His Words On Civil Rights

roaded out while newcomers who

Since Congress adjourned, Truman has been talking up civil rights again and saying that now he's really going to fight to put over his civil rights program promised before the November 1948 elections. He made a "no retreat, no compromise" speech to this effect just last week.

Meanwhile, where he doesn't need to wait for Congress and can act himself, Truman does nothing. We refer to his continued refusal, as Commanderin-Chief, to end segregation of Negroes in the U.S. armed

It's not because he hasn't the nower. We saw what authority he has - if he wants to exercise it-when he unceremoniously booted Admiral Denfeld out of his Navy command.

["concur" in strikebreaking and the jurisdiction of any other AFL through the picket lines to sail participate in raids are rewarded union." It is this policy, carried

> of "respecting only bonafide AFL disrupters. maritime industry not claimed in the permit system.)

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picket lines." In the SIU it is (Cannibal unionism relies given a more glossy veneer in an heavily on the permit system. Of Agents Conference decision to 20,000 members in the SIU ap-"broaden the basis of organiza- proximately half are permit men. tion to include those fields in the Our next article will deal with issue and fall into step with oth-

John Mahoney, veteran of the PAUL GATES, LEADING UAW 1934 strike, asks a "point of in-MILITANT, DIES AT MEETING

DETROIT, Nov. 9 - Thousands of Hudson workers here and progressives throughout the CIO United Auto Workers are mourning the loss of Paul Gates, outstanding

Mahoney Defense Committee to UAW militant and recording secfight the illegal expulsion? The retary of Hudson Local 154, who paign" against the local union committee is expelled. Individual died at the union hall during a and its administration, with

The Local 154 Builder, issued today, is devoted to a tribute to lines to build the union are rail- Gates, who was widely recognized as a "model militant" among rank-and-file and local leaders in the Michigan labor movement.

> "In an unprecedented tribute to this pioneer union builder," reports the Builder, "the entire Hudson plant shut down for two minutes of silent mourning at 10 a.m. the day of his burial."

CHARTER MEMBER

Gates was a charter member of an AFL federal local. He had and women workers. worked in the auto industry since 1915, in Hudson since 1923.

At the time of his death, the 54-year-old Gates was a leader of the Committee for a Militant and Democratic UAW, a grouping formed to restore the UAW's progressive fighting traditions and union democracy in opposition to the conservative and dic-

tatorial rule of Walter Reuther The Builder reports that Gates collapsed and died of a blood clot in the heart a few minutes after he addressed the Hudson local meeting "in answer to a vicious anti-union slander cam-

Gates as the chief target.

UNION PAYS HIM TRIBUTE

in the Builder summed him up as "a man of principle" who "did not take principles lightly" and "did not barter them for personal gain age of resolutions of support by or advancement. And the principles that were nearest and dearest to him were those of true Rummage Sale for unionism, the organized solidarity of all workers in militant defense of their interests."

The paper pays tribute to the continuous determined fight he

At the funeral service attended by hundreds of Paul Gates' 5 P.M. (Nov. 23, 24 and 25). The fellow - unionists, Hudson Local President Claude Bland said: "It and Minneapolis branches of the will be many months before the full extent of the loss of Brother Gates will be truly appreciated by the union he served so long, so faithfully and so well."

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Miners Take Strike Recess



A timbering crew at New Kathleen Mine, near DuQuion, Ill., returns to work after their 52-day nationwide strike was temporarily called off until Dec. 1.

TOLEDO UNION-BUSTERS

TOLEDO, Nov. 13 - Not one of the 125 companies under contract with the UAW-CIO in this vicinity has agreed to the anion's demand for an area-wide pension plan

covering all the companies. Mean- 3while the local dispute over pen- units of UAW Local 12 and other sions was kept simmering all unions. week as the so-called Committee to Save Toledo's Payrolls, an ag- been no sign that the union leadgregation of bankers, industrial- ers are organizing for the kind of ists and publishers, kept up its struggle that will be necessary to barrage of anti-labor propaganda win their demands. Nor is there ganizations.

The latest announcement from ing committee. this outfit claims over 3,000 people have joined its ranks. Its pro- steel industry the union will ungram to eliminate a non-existent doubtedly try to bring the situaifestly a union-busting tactic that The present "battle of the newsits most recent propaganda has paper ads" will have to be transbegun to play down this point and ferred to the picket lines if the to concentrate its fire against the union is to win the pension plan it area-wide feature of the pension is demanding. A victory can be Apparently there is some dis- taken in time:

agreement among the millionaires

1. The organization a city-wide

Defense Committee on a city-wide agreement among the millionaires who are running this committee. The Toledo Blade, Paul Block Jr.'s paper which spark-plugged the formation of the committee, has changed its braying to a whine:

Defense Committee on a city-wide scale, embracing all parts of organized labor, to meet any threat from the vigilante millionaire committee. 2. The setting of a deadline after which the union will deadline after which the union will relieve action if the corpora-

"The Committee to Save Tole-

do's Payrolls has got off on the that time. wrong foot. Although it says that it is opposed only to Mr. Gosser's untried and unsound geography Akron Clo Council it is opposed only to Mr. Gosser's pension plan, a great many peoit is opposed to pensions generally," it says. ". . . a great many people have got the impression Kutcher wound up a three-day on call of the NAACP. that it is anti-labor generally."

The Blade advises the commit- pearance before the CIO Council. tee to call on its industrialists to declare themselves on the pension ers around the country who have Council, in introducing Kutcher granted pensions of one kind or to the delegates. "Here in Akron another to their workers. This we have successfully defended "change" in the Blade's position two victims of loyalty dismissals reflects the recent settlements in on the basis of refuting charges the steel industry and is designed of association with listed organto tack with the wind.

But it does not mean that Toledo industrialists are getting ready to accept the UAW's area-wide plan. The danger to the labor ship in the Socialist Workers movement from the millionairesponsored committee which is re- constitutional test of the loyalty cruiting potential strikebreakers purge." in its ranks remains and must be

From the side of the union A biographical memorial article there has come a campaign to popularize its demands. This has been conducted through newspaper ads, over the radio and by the pass-

Twin Cities SWP

MINNEAPOLIS - A rummage sale will be held here at 810 South Local 154, which he helped to put up for the more deprived 10th St., Wednesday from 8 P.M. form, back before the CIO, as sectors of the workers, the Negro to 10 P.M.; Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) from noon to 5 P.M.; and Friday from 9 A.M. to sale is sponsored by the St. Paul Socialist Workers Party.

Buttons, dresses, coats, shoes and notions of all kinds will be featured at this bargain event. Hundreds of new items - fresh merchandise - have been contributed already.

Militant readers who have donations for the rummage sale are asked to bring them to 10 South 4th St., Minneapolis, the party headquarters, by Wednesday, Nov. 23, if possible.

IAM Wins NLRB Vote In Seattle Boeing Plant

SEATTLE, Nov. 9 — Lodge No. 751 of the International Association of Machinists came through with flying colors in the NLRB elections conducted at the Boeing Aircraft plant last Wednesday, rolling up a 2 to 1 majority over the "Aeronautical Team-

sters," the union that Dave Beck ? formed in collusion with the com- sented and feared in the more not out at Boeing's yet. Beck is pany to break the Boeing strike progressive AFL circles and the challenging the elections on the

votes are those of aid-off Boeing Boeing. workers and are almost all for

remendous staying power of a good advantage for itself. hard core of some 10,000 Boeing workers who conducted the 144- NLRB vote, the Teamsters are end. day strike in 1948. Although their strike went down to defeat, the determined to recapture all posi-

filled during the strike by scabs organized by Dave Beck under the Teamsters Union, including some 2.500 former IAM members who deserted in the first weeks of the strike.

In the battle that was then joined inside the plant, the company sided with the Teamsters and gave Beck's organizers the time it launched repeated purges Up to now, however, there has against the most aggressive IAM

IAM GOT AFL HELP

But all the moves of the comthrough newspaper ads and any indication that concrete steps pany and Beck put together could speeches before businessmen's or- are planned to combat the forma- not bust the solid ranks of the tion of the employers' union-bust- former strikers and could not keep them from winning over new With the settlements in the workers to their side.

In the NLRB elections, as in the course of the strike, Lodge labor dictatorship here is so man- tion to a head in the near future. 751 received important support from broad AFL circles in the Northwest. The Puget Sound Council of Lumber and Sawmill workers and the Seattle Typoassured if the right steps are graphical workers spearheaded 1. The organization of a Union

Beck's strikebreaking is re-

take strike action if the corpora-

tion front cannot be breached by

"This case has national im-

portance," declared Paul M.

"Kutcher's case is unique,"

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Fessenden asserted that the

CIO Council of Akron was among

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At NAACP Call

and other civil rights legislation AKRON, Nov. 14 - James at a conference held here today

stay here today with an ap-Agreeing to join in the sponsorship of the NAACP's civil rights mobilization, the organization representatives pledged support Fessenden, secretary of the CIO and national levels, including participation in the three-day conference of delegates in Washington next Jan. 15-17.

"The Senate passed a new and more difficult closure rule durkins, acting NAACP secretary, Party: Michael Bartell, candidate Fessenden continued, "since Kutsaid. "Sponsors of the new rule for Mayor - 1,379; Harry Ring, Labor Party. Their paper runs a maintained that it would be cand date for Comptroller - 1,possible to pass civil rights 854; Gladys Barker, candidate for Party. His case will be the first measures under it. We intend to President of City Council - 2,test that rule on the FEPC bill 334; Harold Robbins, candidate next January." Organizations represented at to-

day's conference include the the first local councils to endorse UAW, ACW and UPWA of the Kutcher last year. A collection CIO; the Sleeping Car Porters decline from the 2,249 votes reof \$42 was raised from the deleand Hotel and Restaurant Em- ceived in this city by Farrell gates to aid Kutcher. In addition ployees International Union of Dobbs and Grace Carlson in 1948. the Council contributed Kutcher's the AFL; National Council for when a considerably larger num-Permanent FEPC; National Asso- ber of voters went to the polls. Prior to the Council appearance, Kutcher spoke before a class in ciation of Colored Graduate it retains roughly the same minor parties can be explained constitutional law at the Univer- Nurses; ADA; American Council proportion to the total number on Human Rights; National of votes cast. sity of Akron, before the Jewish Alliance of Postal Employees; Community Council, and at a Anti-Defamation League; Amer- mayoralty candidate of the luncheon tendered him by the At an SWP Branch social in his honor, Kutcher received a belt Council of Churches; Elks; Jewish Association; National Negro Funeral Directors Association; National Community Relations Advisory Council.

> Organizations which have indicated support of the drive but were not represented today were the CIO; AFL; National Medical Association; International Brotherhood of Teamsters; United ping out of the next national Hatters, Cap and Millinery Work- election and restricting the party ers; United Transport Service to "educational" activities. The Employees; National Baptist Convention; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; American Jewish Conlishers Association.

The vote was 8,107 for the standing opposition into the open. the voting procedure. IAM; 4,127 for the Teamsters; Thus the 1948 Washington State and only 401 for no union. 2,132 AFL convention went on record threat to the Boeing workers that votes were challenged and 286 condemning Beck for organizing he will not let go no matter how votes were void. The challenged behind the IAM picket lines at they may vote. In a pre-election

The NLRB election was a major that the AFL in the San Fran- scab-herding performance again event in the life of the city and cisco Bay Area is currently and again. the great majority of union men waging against Beck's strike-

Boeing strike brought the long plea of a minor irregularity in

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He is acting on his pre-election broadcast he also announced that Lodge 751 was helped in its should they ever go out on ancampaign by the vigorous fight other strike, he will repeat his

However, the solidarity of the and women in Seattle are re- breaking operations against the IAM members, bolstered by the joicing over the Teamsters defeat. Retail Clerks. Lodge 751 gave this outcome of the vote and sup-The victory is a tribute to the fight wide publicity in Seattle to ported by the majority of the workers in the ctiy, will prove Despite the clear verdict of the too much for Dave Beck in the

workers went back with unbroken spirit and solid ranks, Socialized Medicine Upheld The plant had been partially By Dobbs in Chicago Debate

CHICAGO, Nov. 13 - Before an audience of 75 people at the Barry Memorial Methodist Church here, Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, today debated Dr. Schaeffer of the church congregation on

the issue of socialized medicine. Dobbs showed why medical science under capitalism has failed run of the plant. At the same to furnish proper medical care for millions of families in the lower income groups and why the present deplorable conditions cannot be corrected so long as the doctor must be half-healer and

> He explained how socialized medicine will be able to mobilize a mighty army of medical scientists with the most modern technical equipment to provide the very best medical care for all.

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Dr. Schaeffer attacked socialized, medicine as "the first step toward totalitarianism" and called for blind faith in the policies of the reactionary Amercan Medical Association. At one point in his opening argument, he challenged the audience to name single person who to their knowledge was unable to get proper medical care.

teaches in a Negro community is no respecter of persons reand she has positive knowledge gardless of their social position that an alarming number of her or their financial resources. They NEW YORK, Nov. 10 - Repre- students are not able to obtain asked a number of questions about sentatives of 22 national labor, proper medical service. Dr. the methods socialized medicine church, civic and trade organ. Schaeffer then fell back upon the would employ to combat the killer zations formulated plans for a argument that today in Britain diseases. drive to secure passage of FEPC "people are going to the doctor In appreciation of the SWP's tion for the students in question. meeting.



FARRELL DOBBS

The predominantly middle class audience, which is in a position to meet ordinary doctor bills without too great financial strain, seemed most interested in the fact that private medicine has To his consternation a school moved so slowly in the war

to be treated for bee stings" and courtesy in sending a speaker to "the pawn shops are full of eye- explain socialized medicine, a glasses." But he had no program contribution was made to the to provide proper medical atten- party from the collection at the

of the campaign on local, state REPORT ON RETURNS OF MINOR PARTIES IN N. Y. ELECTIONS

NEW YORK - A Police Department tally of the New York City mayoralty election returns gave the following ing the first session," Roy Wil- number of votes to the candidates of the Socialist Workers

> for President of the Borough of Manhattan - 609. Although the average of the

The vote for Joseph Glass,

ican Jewish Committee; Delta Socialist Party, dropped sharply cratic Parties for the radical Sigma Theta Sorority; Federal in comparison with the 26,742 votes cast for Norman Thomas Labor Committee; Catholic In- in New York City last year. This terracial Council; Alpha Phi indicates that Thomas received a Alpha Fraternity; National Bar largely personal vote and that SP and SLP from 1945 when the the SP, moribund as an organization, has lost most of its erstwhile independent electoral fol-

(The United Press reported on Nov. 12 that a National Executive Committee meeting of considered the question of dropquestion is to be submitted to a

convention next spring.) was the antediluvian Socialist paign.

leading article boasting that their increase in votes (their mayoralty candidate got 8,111) was due to the superiority of their program. They do not explain, however, why the increase came this year or what special propaganda device SWP vote this year marked a attracted more voters this year than last. Insofar as any cause for the increase can be discerned. it is entirely accidental in origin. The size of the votes received

by the SWP and the two other primarily by the still greater attractiveness of the Stalinist American Labor Party and the "Fair Deal" Liberal and Demoworking class voters of this city. This was demonstrated on a small scale by the decline in the total vote received by the SWP, the ALP supported O'Dwyer for Mayor instead of running its own candidate, as it did this year.

The main gains of the SWP were recorded prior to the counting of the votes and have already been reported in The Militant. the SP, held in Milwaukee, had They consisted of its principled campaign which brought the SWP program to a large number of New York workers and succeeded in raising the question of civil rights to a prominent place among the election issues. Many The largest gainer of the minor friends and supporters were won gress; Negro Newspaper Pub- parties in the majoralty election for Trotskyism through the cam-