# Belgian Workers Rise, Kick Out Fascist Monarch

After two days and nights of hectic "negotiations" and mounting mass upsurge which brought Belgium into a state of civil war, King Leopold, who had twice reneged, was finally compelled to accept a face-saving compromise which removes him from the throne and "delegates his powers" to his younger son Baudouin.

Whether or not the revolutionary crisis in Belgium has thereby been fully resolved still remains to be seen. But it is unquestionable

that the insurgent workers of Belgium have scored a great who they say provoked the "delayvictory and will be inclined to ed explosion." "The problem keep pressing forward.

is bound to increase: the strikes will spread, even open clashes are not excluded. For Belgian labor knows what is at stake and will not sleep while its enemies take over." Events have more than con-

The workers were determined to force the abdication of the notoriously pro-fasc st Leopold III, the King of the big capitalists and of the Catholic Church. But this was not the only thing they demanded. Tied up indissolubly with the "royal question" are th workers' demands for improved living and working conditions.

OUT OF CONTROL

The editors of the N. Y. Times, Aug. 2, attribute the Belgian crisis to the "Socialist leaders"

## **Smith Act Upheld** By Appeals Court In Case of Eleven

The United States Court of Apof the Communist Party for alleged "conspiracy" to "advocate and teach" the "overthrow of the government by force and violence.

In its ruling, the court specifically upheld the infamous Smith Act of 1940 under which the Stalinist leaders were tried. The first victims of this law were the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party, who were tried in Minneapolis in 1941 and imprisoned during the last war.

### BANS FREE SPEECH

which is unlikely - the Smith legal weapon to suppress free workers, especially from Wal- to leave town by noon." 1940 against the protest of every through the various road blocks, labor and civil liberties organization in the country.

The Appeals Court judges did not confine themselves to strictly legal considerations. Their lengthy neo-fascist threat only by extraopinions giving their reasons for the ruling are highly political documents.

The world-wide "cold war" between American imperialism and Stalinism, the present Korean war and Truman's appeal to the Amer- olists in this country. ican people to spy on each other for "subversive" activity are all cited in the main opinion written by Judge Learned Hand and the supplementary opinion of Judge Harrie B. Chase.

"LIBERAL" JUDGE

touted as a great "liberal" jurist, happen elsewhere?" was chosen to do the job of "interpreting" the "clear and present Belgian experience shows what a danger" doctrine so as to deny great power there still is in the its application in the case of the

present danger" doctrine only per- and Stalinist leaders, despite the (Continued on Page 4)

now," they comment, "is whether Last week we wrote 'the tension the Socialist leaders can subdue the torrent they have raised. Like so many popular leaders in his tory they put themselves at the head of a movement they intended to lead, only to find, with the Sorcerer's apprentice, that they had conjured up forces they could not centrol. It looks as if the situa-

> The truth is that it was not the enders but the anti-Leopoldist masses of Wallonia and Brusseis and of the industrial centers of Flanders, especially Antwerp hent and Bruges that forced the Socialist Party and the union hiefs into action. The center of gravity of the movement is Wallonia where Belgium's heavy industry and most of her coal mines are concentrated.

#### POPULAR INSURRECTION

Here there took place in every ense a popular insurrection against the forces of Catholic reaction and the threat of Neol'ascism, personified by Leopold. At Liege, Belgium's most important industrial city, a revolutionary situation developed leadpeals has upheld the frame-up amounted to an insurrectionary among the workers, is quite trial and conviction of 11 leaders government; a "state of siege" favorable. The captain of the their orders,

The Catholic government of it tried at Brussels, Liege or

without the troops firing a shot.

### CAPITALISTS FRIGHTENED

The Belgian proletariat understood that it could eliminate the parliamentary action, and proceeded to act with power and unison that struck fear not only into the hearts of the Belgian capitalists but those of all Europe and even the power-drunk monop-

"This development shows," comments the N. Y. Times in the same editorial, "that revolutionary feelings in Europe are alarmingly close to the surface." And they ask with ill-concealed panic: "If this could happen in Belgium to-Judge Hand, who has been day could not something similar

Indeed yes, gentlemen. The European working class. Despite the debilitating and treacherous

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# N.Y. Ballot Drive

ing petitions in upstate counties reported interference by county officials and employers. Employers and fascist-minded elements throughout the state are making every effort to prevent the SWP tion has been saved in the nick from obtaining the required number of signatures. In three counties petition crews were set upon by American Legionaires, hoodlums and drunks, and driven out

ON SCHEDULE

The petition crews, however, demonstrating a remarkable degree of courage, persistence and resourcefulness, are going ahead on schedule. In the first five days, they had reached their objective of triple the number of signatures required by law in 23 out of the 54 upstate counties and had partially completed the task in four others.

In no case was the lynch hysteria encountered spontaneous nor did it express the sentiments. of the local workers and farmers. On the contrary, the reports indiing to the establishment of what cate that the response, especially was proclaimed by the authorities crew in Essex county describes who had no power to enforce a typical incident which occurred in the city of Ticonderoga:

BOSS LEADS MOB

state troopers, and went screaming around the factory denouncing Equally unavailing were bat- us and intimidating the workers. talions of the Belgian army, Then he called the Legionaires,

> petition crew was hauled into the District Attorney's office and warned to leave the county. Acting on his instructions, the police, in concert with local hoodlums drove the crew out of town. When they attempted to re-enter to look up the wards and election districts of the signatories, as required by the election law, the car was

turned back. From the results thus far btained, it appears certain that the "battle of the ballot" will be won. The sentiments of the upstate workers was succinctly summed up in one report: "Its tough this year, but we'll lick

In New York City, where the goal is to roll up 10.000 signatures, more than 1,000 were obtained on the opening day, July 29. By last Wednesday, the total had risen to 1550. The campaign committee headquarters at 116 University I'lace is open every day and He declared that the "clear and policies of the Social Democratic evening except Sunday for dispatching volunteer petition work-

# Intimidation Fails To Halt SWP in N.Y. Ballot Drive M.Y. Ballot Drive NEW YORK, Aug. 3—As the campaign to put the Socialist Workers Party on the ballot in this state got under way, volunteer workers circulations in unstate counties. Labor's Right to Strike



Scene in the Place Rogier, a business district in Brussels, Belgium during the recent strikes and demonstrations that swept the country over the return of pro-fascist King Leopold III. Demanding his abdication, strikers throw chairs and bottles through the air in a clash with mounted

# "We were up early and went to the gates of the International Paper Mill. The workers coming at 7:00 A. M. signed willingly enough, but the manager saw us, and then the trouble started. He called the police, the mayor, the it tried at Brussels, Liege or

Unless this decision is reversed called back from occupation duty who proceeded to incite some boys been in steady retreat before the reports the July 30 N. Y. Times, of the Korean populace generally, by the U. S. Supreme Court - in Germany, and rushed to Liege and young men against us. All little Korean peasant fighters? and other centers and later of us were hit with tomatoes. The White House and Pentagon Act will stand as an iron-clad ordered to prevent the masses of One gang of toughs warned us claim that the U. S. forces are probably 30,000 to 50,000 men." "overwhelmingly outnumbered" speech and free press in America. lonia, from marching to Brussels. In Penn Yan, seat of Yates and face endless streams of new as it goes along. Associated Press No, conventional military fac-It was signed by Roosevelt in The workers simply marched county, after half an hour of "super" tanks supplied by the and N. Y. Times dispatches last tors alone do not explain the brisk petition work the entire Kremlin. These claims don't hold

water. Gordon Walker, war correspond-Monitor, revealed on July 28 that

#### Police Ban, Smash Union Sq. Rally

As we go to press, historic Union Square, where labor and radical meetings have been held for the past 100 years, has been made the scene of one of the most flagrant violations of the right of free speech in the history of New York City. An army of mounted and foot police herded several thousand demonstrators out of the Square where a Stalinist peace rally had been scheduled and then brutally assaulted them with blackjacks and other weapons. O'Dwyer's police had previously denied a permit for the demonstration; an appeal to the State Supreme Court against this decision was re-

Why has the proud army of pressure or attacking with a total out of nowhere behind the lines," mighty American imperialism of 45,000 troops." Against these, the "sullenness" and "hostility "the Americans have thus far who don't seem to appreciate the committed three divisions. . . in all, fact that they are being "liber-

The Korean army is recruiting democracy." week spoke of "heavy conscription" by the North Korean army Koreans and the ignominious "both north and south of the ent of the Christian Science | Thirty-eighth Parallel." These reports said the North Korean army was throwing "untrained conscripts" and even "13 - year - old school children" into combat.

### USE AMERICAN GUNS

The Koreans have only a limited supply of old World War II tanks from the Soviet Union and "there are no indications up to now that the Soviet Union is sending any new supplies," reported the N. Y. Herald-Tribune on July 31. Instead, the North Korean forces ore supplying themselves rather plentifully with arms and materiel from retreating American and the July 26 N. Y. Times. "Ameriown guns which the North Koreans had bagged a few days or hours before."

And to dozens of other references of this type slipped into the front-line dispatches is added the now constant refrain about "infil-

"the North Koreans are exerting | tration," "guerrillas" who "appear ated" by U.S. and U.N. "forces of

> ferocious fighting power of the retreat of the American forces. The key to this development lies in what the Koreans and what the Americans are fighting for.

### DON'T KNOW WHY

Describing the demoralization of the retreating American troops, Homer Bigart wrote in the July 14 N. Y. Herald-Tribune: "I have talked to enlisted men and some younger officers who had not the are fighting for." In the July 15 incident of the retreat: "As w pull away, a harassed army South Korean troops," discloses chaplain yells after us: 'Hope you lads can explain to some of our cans tell of being shelled by their boys what this undeclared war is all about - I'm about to give up myself."

Conscious that the relative numbers of the opposing forces and the quality of their weapons don't explain convincingly the un (Continued on page 3)

## **AFL Top Leader Declares** For Unconditional Surrender

The pro-imperialist union leaders are preparing to duplicate their surrender of labor's rights during the last war. That was again made plain when George Meany, Sec-

retary-Treasurer of the D-American Federation of La-bor, announced last week

Army to smash the recent AFL that the AFL leadership will switchmen's strike. offer an unconditional no-Washington asks for it.

"There has been a lot of talk in Washington among newspaper men on whether the AFL would give a no-strike pledge as it did in the last war." Meany told to the New York State Federation of Labor convention on July 31. He promptly ended all speculation on the matter.

"I haven't any doubt at all, he said, "that labor will give a no-strike pledge when the time

He added that such a pledge to surrender labor's most effective defensive weapon — the strike —

#### would be "unconditional." NO COUNTER DEMANDS

The second-ranking top official of the AFL tried to dress up his unconditional surrender offer with a plea that the government exact a parallel pledge from Big Business not to rake in "excess" war profits. He did not however, make his own offer conditional on a "no excess-profits" pledge from the corporations.

Meany also complained: "How Martins, the Hallecks and the whenever it thinks the time ripe. call on Truman and the Demo- standard of living. cratic - controlled Congress to

These plaintive appeals to the strike pledge anytime the capitalists to restrain their prof-Big Business government in its-greed a little and to the antilabor politicians to go a bit easier on labor are designed primarily to appease the union rank and file. Union leaders like Meany are conscious that the workers are suspicious and distrustful after their experiences of the last war, when they gave up their rights while the government clamped a wage-freeze on them and permitted the corporations to boost prices sky-high and extort mountains of war profits.

#### BEGS FOR CONTROLS

Meany pointed out that food prices are up 9% since the Korean war began. He begged of Truman that if he decides to institute price controls to "let wages automatically go up with the same percentage of increase over wages of June 25, 1950, that the cost of living has risen in the

Meany and the rest of the top nion officials know full well that the government will not halt warinflated price rises. He knows, furthermore, that the administration has plans already drawn up about a pledge from the Tafts, the to put a wage-freeze into effect herrys to lay off their war The capitalist government has against labor while the country one aim: to make labor pay for is in danger?" But he did not the war by driving down its

To get such an escalator wage make good on their pledge to it is necessary for labor to repeal the Taft-Hartley Law in mobilize and fight for it. But labor advance of any no-strike pledge. would be helpless to fight for Nor did he mention the war this or any other concession withagainst labor which Truman out the strike weapon - the very himself has been waging through weapon the union leaders are ofhis wholesale use of Taft-Hartley fering in advance to surrender.

## slightest inkling of why they were fighting in Korea and what they Christian Science Monitor, Gordon Walker relates the following ANSWER TO PRICE RISES

Real wages are being sliced down every day by rising prices as the profiteers clean up on Truman's "police action" against the Korean people.

An idea of what war prices are doing to wages was given in New York City on July 31, when Welfare Commissioner Hilliard reported that a department survey showed that the cost of a weekly food "market basket" for a family of five had leaped 7% in one month.

This past week saw price boosts oil and gasoline, carpets, typewriters, cotton goods and a host

Truman has talked about "eliminating profiteering" and has tive, particularly the three-year even threatened to call for price term of the agreement. But the controls if there is any "sharp" escalator clause, at least, constiincrease in prices. But as one com-tutes a minimum insurance up?" Whatever happens, Truman in real wages due to soaring priis permitting the manufacturers, prices up as quickly as possible,

What can the workers do in

safeguard their real wages? The immediate answer to that question is the SLIDING SCALE OF WAGES, or what is popularly known as the cost-of-living escalator clause in union contracts. SPERRY CONTRACT

### An example of such an escala-

tor clause is contained in the contract concluded last week beon milk, soap, cigarettes, shorten- tween the new CIO United Elecing and food oil, underwear, fuel trical Workers and the Sperry Gyroscope Company. It covers 5,500 workers at the company's Lake Success plant in New York. It provides for a basic hourly

wage of \$1.72, including a 5-cent increase. But if prices rise, the hourly wage will be increased one A big debate has been set off cent for every one point rise in the Bureau of Labor Statistics City. The wage will go up or down according to the price index,

There are other features of the contract which are not so attracmentator asked. "How high is against any substantial reduction

Instead of waiting around for Truman to institute some ineffective form of government price controls, the labor movement should immediately launch a militant campaign for the inclusion of sound escalator cost-of-living such a situation? How can they clauses in all union contracts.

# 1950 Election Platform of Socialist Workers Party

printed in full below, was adopted by unanimous vote by the delegates to the SWP National Legislative Convention held on July 14

A great fear haunts America - the fear that we may be plunged into another world war that can mean atomic annihilation. This is the direct result of Truman's intervention in Korea.

But this is not the only fear in America. The American people are afraid of insecurity; and they are afraid to speak their mind.

of the promised freedom of speech, freedom from want and freedom from fear, the American people got a savage drive against civil liberties, the threat of insecurity and an undeclared war on the mainland of Asia.

This is the reality of 1950.

American imperialism is playing for high stakes, nothing less than domination of the entire earth. Already the cold war has flared into a shooting war and American boys are again dying on foreign battlefields.

Never before have the American people felt so uneasy. Yet the free expression of their doubts and criticisms has been blocked by a monstrous drive against civil liberties. Under the guise of checking the "loyalty" of government employees, the Truman administration has imposed witch-hunts, red scares and purges that have gone far toward establishing in America the stifling political atmosphere of the police state. Now intervention in Korea has pro- more than 15,000,000 members do not have a single representative

One big target of this drive against democratic rights is the unions. American imperialism wants a slavish bureaucracy over the unions that will join in the reactionary assaults on independence of thought and thus help soften up the opposition of the ranks to another war and its evil consequences.

The main guilt for the crisis facing America lies squarely on the Democratic Party. It has the majority in Congress, holds the White House and has staffed the Supreme Court. No other party went into office on such glowing campaign promises as did the in line with Moscow's desire to divide the world into two spheres, perience of the last war that even Democratic Party in 1948; yet the Democratic majority has blocked one dominated by Anglo-American imperialism; the other by the with government curbs prices but never below the basic wage fulfillment of its two main planks: repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law Stalinist bureaucracy. Such a gangsters' arrangement cannot bring continue to shoot up and quickly of \$1.72. These are part of the grim harvest of World War II. Instead and enactment of civil rights legislation. Now the Democratic Party enduring peace, for it would leave war-breeding capitalism still inis guilty of plunging the country into the war in Korea without tact. In fact the attempt to maintain such a division can only help sow consulting Congress, still less the people.

The Republican Party, representing the billionaire trusts, has teamed up with the Democrats in pushing the armaments race, in fering under Stalinist police rule? They want democracy, freedom knifing FEPC legislation, in taxing the poor, in legislating against and socialism. They want no part of a deal leaving them in a totalilabor, in howling for more scalps in the "loyalty" purge, and in tarian straitjacket. shouting for deeper involvement in Korea and the rest of the Far

These Democratic and Republican political twins of Big Business would already have been kicked out of office by the working men and women if it were not for the top union leaders. In 1948 these union officials apologized for the Democrats, backed their lying campaign promises, solicited votes for them, contributed union funds to their war chests and opposed formation of labor's own political party. The CIO, AFL and other powerful union bodies embracing gles, strike-breaking and support of capitalism. These weathervanes

The 1950 Election Platform of the Socialist Workers Party, vided a fresh excuse for added inroads on our traditional demo- to stand up in Congress and fight for the rights of labor. Now the labor bureaucrats are continuing down this road to disaster by of other consumers commodities. backing Wall Street's war in Korea, by offering to give up the right | The lid is off - and the sky's the to strike and agreeing to plans to regiment labor. In 1948 the party of Henry Wallace hoped to corral voters dis-

gusted with the Democrats and Republicans, by trading on the deep DEBATE CONTROLS popular sentiment for peace. The shooting in Korea was enough to blow the Progressive party and its demagogy apart. Wallace hasten- in Washington on whether to imed to support the war while the Stalinist wing of the party continues pose government price controls. cost-of-living index for New York to advocate a deal between the Kremlin and Washington. This is But everyone knows from the exthe seeds of war. We see this demonstrated to the hilt in the case of Korea. And what about the hundreds of millions of people suf-

The Communist Party acts as a field representative of the Moscow home office. When it serves Stalin's purpose, as during the Stalin-Hitler pact and the war in Korea, the American Stalinists wholesalers and retailers to push talk militant, support strikes, pay lip-service to the need for socialism and denounce capitalism. Similarly when it serves Stalin's re- so that if he is forced to introduce actionary purpose, as during the wartime Washington-Moscow al- price controls, the profiteers will liance, the American spokesmen for the Kremlin advocate class col- have had plenty of time to shove laboration, "national unity," cessation of labor and Negro strug- prices skyward.

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European Notebook -

# Stalin's New Collective Farm Policy Letters From Readers

campaigns of the Stalinist press tion of how grave is the threat to Russian agriculture.

Having drawn the lessons from years, the Kremlin has inaugurated a new turn in its agricultural working day. policy. In order to increase its centralized control over the Russian farmers, it has been promoting two trends of the utmost importance for the future of Russian agriculture: the trend toward the universal introduction of piece-work and brigade-work in the collective farms; and the trend toward the suppression of pared with the labor aristocracy "small" kolkhozes and their merger into huge collective farms.

#### PIECEWORK ON FARMS

A decree of the Council of

farmers' revenue by the total worked exclusively. number of working days, and obtaining in this way an average income, an entirely new system of tiny fields. It also represented an farmer was introduced.

dividual appropriation of collec- them responsible for all the work would be "responsible" all year dividual farms. "Small" kolkhozes greater in small units than in big tive property - all these products on a part of the kolkhoz land long, before trying to again get have a total area of not more cnes); (2) in order to bypass the of bureaucratic management of allocated to it. The total income hold of property rights for it. the Russian kolkhozes are com- of the kolkhoz was to be divided In a speech to the Pioneers of while "giant" farms often have correspond to the former groups

village life of today. The current the way in which they fulfilled N. Khrustchev, secretary of the their "norm" of production. The Moscow Committee of the Russian revenue than the average revenue these tendencies, the collective per working day, multiplied by farms had been weakened and the number of working days they disintegrated, and that mechanizaits own administrative measures had worked. The brigades which tion of agricultural work had been and failures - of the last few did not fulfill their norm would actually hindered. This is a powerreceive up to 25% less income per ful proof of the fundamental and

> crease the productivity of labor ernment measure to try to reinand to neutralize the lack of interest and care toward the collective land, resulted first of all in a transitory step towards the greatly increasing the inequality restoration of private property. among the farmers, i.e. in the formation of a new "farmers aristocracy" which can be com-

#### SMALL FARMING TREND

Ministers of the USSR issued on brigade-work system into Russian then took a bold step forward. It April 19, 1948, abolished pay- agriculture had an entirely un- decided to start a struggle against ments to farmers on the basis of foreseen and threatening result all the "small" kolkhozes and to the number of working days in for the Kremlin rulers. Owing to forcefully stimulate a tendency the kolkhoz, and introduced in- the still inadequate degree of toward the fusion of a great numstead a system of payments in mechanization of field work, the ber of small kolkhozes into accordance with percentage of Russian farmers used this new "giant" kolkhozes. production above or below the system in order to divide up the This new system continues to among several brigades, but also chev, published in Pravda (April base the calculation of the farm- among scores and sometimes even 25, 1950) indicates the importance ers' income on the total number hundreds of small "squads," each of this movement for the Moscow of working days on the farm, of which received a small part of region. During the first two But instead of dividing the total the collective land on which it months of this year, Khrustchev

This led not only to an actual disappeared through fusion in lowering of the productivity of that region. The farmers were to be grouped permanent link with a specific "Giant" kolkhozes in the Moscow

still dominant tendency of the The system, intended to in- Russian farmer to use every govforce his individual hold on an individual segment of land, as

END OF SMALL KOLKHOZES Scared by the results of its own neasures which, far from "starepresented by the Stakhanovites. bilizing" the system of collective farming, had added a new threat to the already existing and But at the same time, this in- destructive tendencies of bureautroduction of piece - work and cratic administration, the Kremlin

Overall figures are still lacking, land of the kolkhozes not only but a report of the same Khrustreports, 2,139 kolkhozes have

daily income, which was simply labor, because of the neglect of From Khrustchev's argumentamultiplied by the number of days the machines put at the disposal tion and data it is possible to any farmer has worked on the of the kolkhoz, and a return to gauge roughly the scope of this kolkhoz in order to determine his outmoded production methods on tendency. According to Khrustchev, "small" kolkhozes are those calculating the income of each undeniable trend on the farmer's collective farms which embrace part to restore his intimate and up to 30 former individual farms.

of the Congressional Atomic Commission, has

expressed alarm at the "restrictions on freedom

brought about by the atomic bomb." With the

development of the H-Bomb, he warned: "If you

are candid and realistic, I believe you will find it

is difficult indeed to see a dominant role for

freedom in such a picture . . . we will find our-

selves more and more compelled to imitate the

As for the state of "welfare" in America after

an H-Bomb war, we have the authoritative views

of Naval Commander William T. Greenbalgh, of

the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. "The

dollar of today," he said on June 7, 1950, "worth

readily could become a 9-cent dollar of the times

American capitalism has taken atomic energy -

the greatest potential source of power for the

production of consumers goods - and is con-

verting it exclusively into the means for annihilat-

ing humanity or, at best, reducing even the

"victor" nation to totalitarianism and the "9-cent

Brutal dictatorship, untold destruction, mass

But the American people need not travel this

road of doom. There is a different one open to

them, the road marked "Socialism" that leads to

plenty, security, freedom and permanent peace.

It is the way pointed out by the Socialist Work-

(Next week: What Socialism Offers)

totalitarian rival."

after World War III."

miscalled the "welfare state."

dollar."

Graft, theft, embezzlement, in-1 together in "brigades," each of segment of land, for which he area embrace over 100 former in-1 administrative expenses (2.5 times than 200 hectares (500 acres), system in which the kolkhozes mon features of the Russian among the brigades according to Agriculture of the Moscow region, an area of more than 300 hectares of individual farms, hamlets or (750 acres). More than half of small villages. This is nothing else than an

the kolkhozes of the Moscow area against the "enemies of the col- brigades which surpassed their Communist Party admitted on are to be considered "small," ac- admission by the Kremlin, despite seems to have subsided, the perlective farms" are a sure indica- norms would receive a larger March 31, 1950 that as a result of cording to Khrustchev. He goes all its bragging about the secution continues in everyday on to cite the great economic advantages of "giant" kolkhozes of the necessity of starting an where mechanization, yield per acre and revenue per head are kolkhoz bureaucrats and petty exmuch bigger than in the small ploiters, and against the tendency

#### METHODS UNWORKABLE

small kolkhozes in order to reduce striking.

"triumph of collective farming," immediate fight against the of the farmers to seize hold of individual links with their former individual segments of land. It Some of these figures are very shows in a clear and dramatic interesting. For while trying to way that 20 years of forced and demonstrate the advantages of bureaucratic collectivization did the "giant" collective farms, not succeed in changing the men-Khrustchev quotes cases of 'small' tality of the farmer or of the adkolkhozes where revenue is ex- ministrator. It is precisely in tremely low and investments don't comparison with this situation even exist. The conclusion of his that the success of voluntary eport is extremely significant: cooperative farming in Yugo-(1) it is necessary to merge the slavia appears all the more

## MORE RADIO LISTENERS PRAISE SWP BROADCASTS

Following are a few more of the comments of radio listeners from among the hundreds of letters and postcards received from all parts of the country in response to the speeches delivered over the CBS, ABC and Mutual networks by Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party and Joseph Hansen candidate for U.S. Senator from N.Y. The speeches were delivered in connection with the National Legislative Convention of the SWP in front of a car and was killed, held in N.Y. over the July 14 weekend.

Just finished listening to Farrell Dobbs' speech and must say, I think this speech should be I was deeply impressed and also agree wholeheartedly with the If you wish to send me more than socialist program, and endorse it one copy, I will pass them out to, 100%. I would appreciate about my friends. Like myself, they 6 copies of the speech, if you can may not be able to remedy exist spare them. Best wishes for ing conditions - but it would yourself and associates in trying open their eyes as to what we are to bring about a better life and up against. world to live in, and one in-which the profit motive is removed, removing for all time, the only sure thing that will eliminate

> C. L. W. Kenwood, Calif.

Coming home from work last right I turned my radio on and heard an address being broadcast by a Mr. Dobbs. I couldn't quite get the name, but I was very much impressed by him and his fine address. So I am writing for a copy of same to read myself and also show to my friends.

## **Belgian Workers** Rise, Kick Out **Fascist Monarch**

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confusion and demoralization they less than 60 cents in pre-war purchasing power, have sown, the Belgian workers have shown what can be done and where the real power really is in our society. These great lessons will not soon be lost.

"IN THE NICK OF TIME"

-The Belgian workers placed themselves in a position to kick out not only King Leopold but the capitalist rulers whom he misery such as the world has never known, the represents. Power was within possible obliteration of the human race — that is their grasp, for the workers are the destination for this ill-fared, well-feared, for- the decisive force in Belgium, as whites-only, warfare, H-Bomb, capitalist state, in every other country in Europe. But their leaders kept them from taking it, or, more accurately, in return for a rotten compromise they handed back the power to the accomplices of the Fascist King Leopold. "Saved in the nick of time," sigh the Times' editors

> with relief. They may yet be disappointed. For the social demands of the satisfied. Meanwhile, they are flushed with victory; they have personally. learned their own mighty power. They have not gained the full victory, thanks to the treachery of their leaders; but they have dealt a mighty blow to Belgian all, its further repercussions in this inspiring message? Belgium and the rest of the old

read by every person in America.

North Las Vegas, Nevada

about 10:15 and had the pleasure to send me about 12 copies of his to see police cars shaking down tant, you carried an article on the speech if you can, for I would like to show them to my family, and also my friends.

Hartford, Conn

Please send a copy of Mr. Sub Campaign Goes Dobbs' speech and any other good speeches you may choose. I am Over the Top; Final sick of the raw deal going on.

A. F. T.

ist Workers Party for subscrip-I have enclosed twenty-five tions to The Militant during July cents to cover handling and went over the top, hitting 113%. postage charges for a copy of The goal was 1,120 points. For Joseph Hansen's radio speech. each three-months sub a branch received one point; for six-

It may be that distribution is gratis. If so, keep the quarter anyway. Buy Mr. Hansen a beer for a change.

J. M. C. Medford, Oregon

In regards to speaker Mr Dobbs, I was pleasantly impressed with his speech and it was well achievement during the last subspoken. Too bad it isn't the way scription campaign in November the world goes. In this semipolice state, I will reduce my sentiments to a mere request for literature on the subject, and a copy of his speech.

> M. E. T. Santa Cruz, Calif.

Would you please send me ew copies (10 if possible) of Mr. Dobbs' excellent talk of last evening over station WCBS, and any other material which would be informative and interesting. I have been a student of economics Belgian workers still remain un- for some time and it would be of great value to me and my friends

M. McG. Forest Hills, L. I

In reply to Mr. Dobbs' speech reaction, and by this token, to of July 17 on station KIRO, I reaction in Europe. No, the must say that I enjoyed to hear Belgian experience is far from the truth spoken. Would you having been concluded, least of kindly send me a few copies of

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#### Minority Oppression In Los Angeles

Los Angeles has once more gone through a provocative campaign of chauvinist oppression against its minority citizens, and although in its major parts it

About three months ago, when the capitalist press didn't have from or what language they as much to write about as they do today, a crusade was launched in the local papers against the "wolf-packs." These were socalled gangs of youth allegedly running wild in the city, cutting Wants Article on everybody up and in general making life difficult to live for ACW-CIO Situation "peaceful" citizens.

Statistics were published daily of attacks against innocent bystanders and gang warfare. People began barring their doors in fright. Of course the "gangs" of youth were always identified as Negroes and Mexicans, particularly the latter. Everytime someone tripped on the pavement it was built up to a "wolf pack" attack. Arrests increased rapidly, mainly of Mexican - American

A cunning stunt of the news papers was to run headlines together. Thus, "Man Killed, Four Beaten as L. A. Wolf Gangs Rampage," turns out to be two different stories: one about a drunk who stepped out into the street and the other about some young men, apparently intoxicated who threw missiles at a man, his wife and child. Three were arrested. That was the entire story behind the screaming headline.

the lie by a representative of the of lies, because they would much juvenile division of the police department in a report on "Contrast between headlines and facts as reported by law enforcement agencies," but the persecution continues. The police are the biggest offenders. A Mexican-I was listening to my radio at American youth driving a beat-up jalopy is considered almost autoof hearing a Mr. Farrell Dobbs matic prey for the police. He Vice-President Sander Genis. The make a speech that I really en- must be up to something wrong, rank and file only comes in handy joyed. I would appreciate it very Its a common sight of Los when contributions are needed. much if you would be so kind as Angeles' East Side in the evening In a recent issue of The Mili-

Score Is 113%

ducted by branches of the Social-

months, two points; and for one-

year, four points. The branches

rolled up 1,262 points. This

New Haven doubled its score

n the last week of the campaign,

bringing them right to the top

with 200%. This matches their

of last year when they swooped

high position on the scoreboard,

finished second with 190%. And

Flint, although they did not top

the list as they promised several

weeks ago, finished third with

It looked for a while as if St.

Paul was going to beat out Min-

neapolis but things didn't work

out that way. Minneapolis Agent

P. S., feeling very satisfied with

175%, notes that "When Min-

neapolis starts out to do some

St. Paul Literature Agent

Winnie reports that "Bill B. was

high scorer with 18 points (8

subs). Next in points was Paul

with 12, but his points represent

a higher number of subs - 10.

thing we don't stop halfway."

St. Louis, maintaining their

into first place with 320%.

178%.

amounts to nearly 700 subs.

these jalopies with minority youth | ILGWU. I sure would like to see in them.

preach to us about how the "free Workers. enterprise system" will be destroyed by socialism. But they in the country that draws up conshow us right in the same columns tracts without as much as menhow "free enterprise" for the tioning an hourly wage, thereby newspapers means freedom to provoke attacks on minority peo- cheap as you can." But they are ple. Sure it's true that under making sure their check-off and socialism people won't be free to pension are there. attack others because of the color of their skin or where they come speak. Does anybody worry about that lack of "free enterprise?" Al Lynn

Los Angeles

I see you are again appealing for funds to keep the Militant going, so I am sending you two has been stepped up instead of dollars. Everything you predicted falling off. about the PAC, and the union pensions, is coming true.

I am a member of the Amalin two-years I only got 71% cents suffered the most from shortages raise, although I've been in this and high prices. They expect inhadn't demanded, on our own, any into incomes and those who are of help we would be in a heck of a fix now. It is exactly like you said for the hospitalization and pension benefits we were supposed to get. We will have to pass up a raise in wages.

The worst of it is, we aren't even getting that. Many workers are unable to receive their sick benefits because most of the employers in the Twin Cities are constantly behind with their payments. The union officials tell us they are going to sue in court.

Our union just had a convento elect delegates. Everything is always decided at the Joint Board 64%. almost a fifth higher than meeting. These board members are wined and dined once a month and are entirely subservient to

Winnie herself brought in

Marj Deck, Los Angeles Litera-

ture Agent writes that the branch

has discovered many new friends.

We're pleased that so many new

people will be reading The Mili-

tant in these next crucial

months." Los Angeles did very

well as shown by their score of

Seattle is another branch which

eserves orchids. Having taken

the high goal of 75 points they

outdid themselves to score 93

Literature Agent Kathy had a

great part in making the New

York campaign a success with

111%. Their 166 points represent

90 odd subs. The San Francisco

comrades ran up a score of 123%.

Chicago, Detroit and Akron all

came under the wire with a final

burst of activity. Irving B. of

Chicago probably expressed the

cpinion of all these branches when

Philadelphia expected to fulfill

their quota of 75 points at the

many street corner meetings they

have scheduled for July. But they

encountered difficulties in holding

Friends in Cleveland, those

below the Mason-Dixon line and

throughout the country brought

the "General" column up to 165%.

The fine work of many individuals

is included in this category. They

did much to make up for the few

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Goal Points %

20

19

branches who lagged behind.

New Haven

St. Louis

their meetings and promise to

make it all up during August.

he says: "We made it again."

points or 124%.

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a similar article on the conven-Day by day the newspapers tion of the Amalgamated Clothing

This is probably the only union hinting to the bosses, "get 'em as

St. Paul

#### **Gives Facts About** "Panic Buying"

Editor:

All the ballyhoo about "panic buying," about hoarding, about lack of patriotism and lack of faith in "our democracy" have had just the opposite effect from that presumably intended. In fact, after Truman's "plea" this buying

Every adult remembers very vividly the war which ended a short five years ago. It was the gamated Clothing Workers and workingman and his family who industry for over 25 years. If we flation and wage freezes to cut more money during the shortage still able are now hastening to take advantage of what they may still be able to get today.

In addition to the remembrance of the shortages during the last war and the period immediately following, there is the added factor that housewives had been previously holding back on replacing items because of the high prices. They were hoping for cheaper prices. That hope is now gone and so there is the rush to get in before the new price rises.

Department store sales here on The whole campaign was given But we know this is just a bunch the West Coast jumped phenomenally during the first half of July. rather be on friendly terms with Prior to the outbreak of the Korean war sales were about the same or slightly below last year. tion and we weren't even allowed For the week ending July 22, the increase for the West Coast was for the rest of the country.

The sales of a single large depart ment store jumped since July 1 a third of a million dollars above last year. The biggest increase was in washing machines and refrigerators. Hosiery and bed inens were next, with radios and television sets third. In clothing the buying was more cautious. Among the biggest buyers are

the big stores with big cash reserves who are purchasing huge quantities for immediate delivery. Inventories have increased. They don't want to be caught like they were last time with depleted stocks, when rationing of scarce materials was instituted. This is rue not only of department stores but also of food and automobile outlets.

American capitalism can offer no real answer to the housewife. The only solution to the problem of high prices, shortages, and security for the family is Socialism.

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San Carlos, Calif.

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and World Report. This magazine of Big Busines describes the real motive force for war inherent in American capitalism: "America has the biggest production machine the world has ever known. That machine can produce more goods than the American people can consume, even allowing for an increase in population each year and increased demands for goods resulting therefrom. Even with an armament economy, there is a surplus of goods in pro-

ducing countries like the United States." America's capitalists, driven to mad desperation by the hopeless impasse of their system, can see no other way to their salvation but a war of world conquest. They hope to salvage their system by forcing the whole world into Wall Street's vassalage, destroying or subjugating all competitors and draining tribute from every part of

The function of Truman's "welfare state" is to prepare the American people for the war that capitalism plans because it cannot keep itself going "even with an armaments economy." Truman revealed the ultimate perspective of his "welfare state" when he ordered the develop-

ment of the H-Bomb - the Hell-Bomb a thousand

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"The coercive imperialism of advanced nations is able to exist only because backward nations, oppressed nationalities, colonial and semi-colonial countries remain on our planet. The struggle of the oppressed peoples for national unification and national independence is doubly progressive because, on the one side, this prepares more favorable conditions for their own development while, on the other side, this deals blows to imperialism. That, in particular, is the reason why in the struggle between a civilized, imperialist democratic republic and a backward, barbaric monarchy in a colonial country, the socialists are completely on the side of the oppressed country notwithstanding its monarchy and against the oppressor country notwithstanding its 'democracy.'

- Leon Trotsky, Lenin on Imperialism. 1939.



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LENIN

### Franco and the Labor Leaders

By a vote of 65 to 15 the Senate last Tuesday voted a \$100,000,000 loan to Generalissimo Franco, the butcher of the Spanish workers and peasants who was lifted to power by Hitler and Mussolini.

The Truman Democrats, with a handful of exceptions, voted for the gift to the blood-soaked dictator in Madrid. It was a brazen action but it called forth few apologies because it is entirely consistent with the reactionary world policy of the ruling party on Capitol Hill. But an explanation is due from the Big Brass of the Labor movement who put these Truman Democrats in office as defenders of the "democratic way of life" and enemies of totalitarianism "both of the left and the right.'

Up to now the labor leaders have been able to escape the odium of Truman's backing of corrupt despots in the Orient like Syngman Rhee, Chiang Kai-shek and Bao Dai. Their records are not too well known among the American people who do not yet clearly comprehend the driv-

ing force behind the revolution in Asia. But the American workers know Franco — and hate him. They were on the Loyalist side during the civil war in Spain in the Thirties. They saw how Franco crushed democracy, smashed the trade unions, murdered and jailed working class militants by the tens of thousands

Stop the Gangsters!

Physical assaults on union members in

auto plants have already reached the

stage where not only the auto workers

but the entire organized labor movement

must act to avert the grave threat in-

herent in this spreading campaign of ter-

The most recent attack occurred last

week at the GM assembly plant at Linden,

N. J., where two unionists were mauled

and beaten. Similar assaults had been

previously reported in one auto plant in

In each case the assaults have been

staged under the cover of red-baiting and

"patriotism." The victims turned out to

be veteran unionists and in many in-

stances were themselves war veterans.

The perpetrators of the attacks have been

described in press reports as "new work-

Among the most sinister features of

the assaults has been the identity of the

instigators and organizers. The leader of

the California outrage has been identified

as a railroad detective. The ringleader of

the New Jersey mob attack is a former

That such sinister anti-union elements

the labor-hating corporations once the

The Real Role of the

California and another in Wisconsin.

ror and gangsterism.

plant policeman.

in order to establish his totalitarian regime. After the defeat of the axis powers in the war, in the minds of American workers Franco's name replaced that of Hitler as the synonym for Fascism.

The Murrays, Greens, Reuthers and Dubinskys have much to answer and evasion won't do so well this time. Let them explain how at the very moment the socalled war against totalitarianism enters the shooting stage, the Truman Democrats are drawn like flies to the totalitarian cesspool in Madrid. If Fascism is worth \$100 million to the Truman Democrats in Spain why is it not worth five times that much in France or Italy and ten times that much in England? If "labor's friends" can help fasten police-state chains on Spanish workers, why should they worry about such trifles as the Taft-Hartley Law? Does "CIO Policy" now include support to the friends and benefactors of Franco on election day?

Labor has no business being in the same camp and the same party with the supporters of the international firm of strikebreakers, union-busters and open shoppers headed by Franco. It had better get out of the trap now — with or without the spineless leaders who led them there - before Franco's Democratic admirers begin to adapt the Spanish prison suit for American workers.

practice of gangsterism becomes intrench-

ed. Corporation vigilante squads like the

notorious Ford servicemen, hired slug-

gers and killers, and "security police"

will then be able to cut the union to rib-

bons, pick off the union militants one by

one at their leisure and bring back the

vicious evils of the open shop days. The

gangster attacks strike at the very exist-

helped set into motion by redbaiting and

purges, UAW leaders have issued public

"rebukes" against the spread of mob vio-

lence in the plants. The UAW Assistant

Director for GM is reported en route to

Linden, N. J., for a special meeting "to

warn the workers against taking violent

action against those with whom they dis-

Such "rebukes" and "warnings" will

have no more effect on the union-wreck-

ing mobsters and their inspirers higher

up than a slap on the wrist. What is need-

ed is the sharpest disciplinary measures

the union can invoke, combined with eco-

nomic action to force the corporations to

stop victimizing and mutilating militant

unionists. Those leaders who temporize

agree."

their accomplices.

Alarmed at the trend they themselves

ence of the trade union movement.

## "Program for Peace" Adopted in Yugoslavia leven in the Soviet Union, that |

By George Clarke

Korean people. The "reports" be- of the Yugoslav Communist came so persistent that the leaders. With this aim in view, Ministry of Information at Bel- and to enlist support from the grade finally found it necessary masses in other countries, the to issue an official denial, but it Congress of the Yugoslav Nais not likely that the matter will tional Committee for the Defense nd here.

Powerful forces are determined at Belgrade. o keep these rumors alive - and corrupt press is readily at their disposal in this game — as a form of pressure against Yugoslavia.

PRESSURE BEHIND RUMORS

on chafes at the idea that the Tito regime has refused to join the UN lynch mob against Korea. It is one thing for the wiseacre journalists to prattle about how 'useful" Tito's "independent Com it is something else when that 'independent communism" shows its opposition to the U.S. State Department. In fact Washington is trying to exploit the growing menace of Kremlin aggression against Yugoslavia to break down its independence and draw it into he imperialist orbit.

For similar motives, the Kremlin - with its own aims to he sure - is also engaged in the dissemination of these rumors about Yugoslavia. Stalin cannot tolerate Yugoslav neutrality, let alone their outright support to North Korea. He would prefer to see Tito lined up with U.S. imperialism in order to confirm his no independent revolutionary op-American base in the Balkans."

STRENGTH OF REVOLUTION

Stalinism, dspite the formidable pressure that has been brought out exploitation, monopolies and to bear, is testimony to the great colonies. In short, it is only a tion in that country. With Stalin's not capitalism. troops maneuvering provocatively

Stalinism in Eastern Europe and which lead inevitably to war.

wires have been buzzing with seeking to crush Yugoslavia by be eliminated if workers and military means. The danger of capitalists would sink their difthe rumor that Yugoslavia such an attack, and the means to ferences and collaborate amicably. was preparing to switch its posi- avert it now, or to defeat it if it That Lenin pointed out long ago, tion from neutrality to support of comes, has become the determin- would be like the collaboration of the U.S.-U.N. war against the ing factor in the foreign policy the lion and the lamb.

CHALLENGE TO KREMLIN

An invitation was issued by this Committee to all organizations and individuals throughout the world engaged in the fight against Having lined up the whole world war to come to Yugoslavia to inoutside of Stalin's orbit, Washing- vestigate charges that there are foreign military bases on its territory and that Yugoslavia is preparing aggressive military operations against neighboring countries. The invitation stands as resounding challenge to Stalin munism" is in the cold war, but and his pro-consuls in the satellite countries of Eastern Europe. It is a foregone conclusion that they will not accept the offer. Certainly the Kremlin gang would not dare issue an invitation to the same forces to make a similar in

> vestigation in their countries! Together with this invitation the Yugoslav National Committee issued "A Program for Peace which, besides some eminently correct statements about th danger of war emanating from the policies of imperialism and Stalinism, contains a good deal of confusion and even dangerous

Analyzing the main cause of the war danger the program monstrous lie that there can be states that "differences in social systems of countries need not position to Stalinism. He would constitute a menace to world prefer it also as his pretext for peace. . . " This insipid liberalism, his attack on Yugoslavia as "an borrowed directly from Stalin book of class collaborationism s in flagrant contradiction to Marxism and flies in the face of sure, if capitalism could live with-

strength of the workers' revolu- pious wish that capitalism were The danger of this premise in on the borders of Yugoslavia, its the program lies in its conclusions. leaders have taken a historic step It confuses and disorients the owards workers control of in-struggle against war, by separatdustry demonstrating to the whole ing it from the struggle against world that bureaucratism is the capitalism. All that is needed is foe and not the kin of commun- for all "men of good will" to forget their class interests and Yet it is precisely such demo- to combine for peace, and that

In the last week, the news goad the Kremlin despots into idea that the class struggle could

In fact the idea of an above the-classes peace movement leads directly to class collaboration. The Yugoslav Peace Program correctly recognizes that "the labor movement is the basic force for of Peace was held on July 17th peace." But in the very next breath it states that "the question of safeguarding peace in the world is not the monopoly either of one state, one class or one poliical party. . ."

In that case the classes would have to compromise in order to cep the peace. The workers, for instance, would assure capitalist support of the peace program by desisting from striking and from fighting for socialism; the colonial people by refraining from the struggle against imperialism.

#### PEOPLES FRONT EXPERIENCE

If the Yugoslavs were to draw on their own war-time experiences with a "Peoples Front" against Fascism, they would quickly see the delusion of a similar formation with any substantial section of the capitalist class on the twir question of war. A Mikhailovitch would prove to be as treacherons an ally in the fight against imperialist war as he was in the struggle against native and foreign fascism several years ago.

What blinds the Yugoslavs to these basic realities of the class struggle is the terrible menace represented by the Kremlin which ruthlessly invades the rights and independence of small nations and organizes to exterminate revolutionary opposition, especially when such opponents have state power. How can this threat be counteracted, especially when Stalinism spreads the fiction that it alone is fighting imperialist That Yugoslavia has yielded the reality of our epoch. There war? Only by revolutionary neither to imperialism nor to would be no war danger, to be methods, never by class collabora-

> Any opportunist program of uniting with any section of the capitalist class against the Krempromote it and strengthen the tionary Marxist party, are alone capable of combating imperialist war and Stalinist aggression. Yugoslavia itself is the best example of this today.

We will return to this question eratic revolutionary acts as these, alone will exorcise all the con- and to others raised in the Yugo-

## THE STIRRING TALE OF WARSAW GHETTO

THE WALL by John Hersey, Alfred A. Knopf, 1950.

The Wall, John Hersey's novel of the Nazi systematic extermination of the Warsaw Jews, is remarkable in more ways than one. With what must have been a tremendous amount of historical research and an artist's imagination, Hersey so entered into the life of the Warsaw Jews that he has been able to reconstruct in the pages of his book a civilization that has been wiped out.

But he has done more than this. He has not only depicted the ife of the ghetto with an authenticity that bears immediate conviction; he has depicted the human reactions of a trapped people being butchered off from day to day in such a manner that we exclaim, 'Yes, this is how it must have been."

The novel is presented as a diary kept for posterity by Noach Levinson, an intellectual whose passion was the observation of people. By using this fiction Hersey is able to give the effect of brilliant on-the-spot reporting by an observer with a keen eye for detail. At the same time Hersey shapes the fictitious jottings into artistic form.

We have not only a series of dramatic stories but a powerfully blocked-out novel which conveys the change in the atmosphere of living: from the deceptive tranquillity of the early April days, with their hope that things will not be too bad intermittently disturbed by fitful lightning flashes in the distance, to the terror in the midst of the steadily darkening storm, to the exalted heroism of the struggle in the very teeth of destruction.

#### Cross-Section of Those Who Perished

In addition to the general picture of the agony of a people, we have also a close-up view of a small group of persons — a view which is, however, restricted to the members of the upper middle class, the officials and the top leaders of the political organizations among whom Levinson lives and works — and the way the character of each takes form in the fiery crucible.

By using Levinson, with his tart humor and his determination not to let himself be carried away by emotion, Hersey is also enabled to keep a certain distance from his material and escape being overwhelmed by its horror. He can also show the course of events is they appeared to the eyes of one of the ghetto inhabitants, who shared the ignorance of the others concerning the plans of the Nazis.

For the reader, who knows in advance that the Jewish population of Warsaw is to be decimated, the blindness of the Jews who built the wall around the ghetto, not realizing that they were to be locked within its gates and slaughtered off, and who volunteered for resettlement in the East, not realizing that they were being in reality taken to the gas chambers to be killed, is bitterly ironic.

At first, after the coming of the Nazis, the Warsaw Jews convinced themselves that life would go on more or less as usual, with perhaps a few more restrictions. The restrictions come - piecemeal. Each restriction hits a different group, and when that group raises a cry, the rest exclaim, "Quiet! You are endangering the rest of us."

So too the wall which is to enclose them is constructed in sections until it is finally completed and the Jews are trapped within it as cattle within a corral. The first to leave for "resettlement in the East" are tricked, then the weakest and most defenceless are herded out and then a system of round-ups of those who are not exempted for one reason or another is instituted. As every one tries to get into the exempt groups, the number of exemptions is progressively

#### Degradation and Heroism

Under these conditions, people live from day to day, trying to snatch what morsel of life they can. A bench in the sun is rented out by the hour. A bony, old horse barely able to stand, bought on the black market and slaughtered secretly, furnishes a banquet. In the lin can only discredit those who struggle to survive, human beings become bestialized. Jews join the auxiliary police, getting special privileges in return for doing some fictions about Stalinism. The of the Nazis' dirty work. Young men ask their parents to volunteer workers, guided by a revolu- for "resettlement" in order that they and their wives may not have to go themselves.

But if the worst in human nature is brought out by these horrible experiences, so is the best. Doleck Berson, the vague esthete and aimless drifter, and Rachel Apt, the daughter of the wealthy merchant, become disciplined and molded into leaders of the Jewish fighting organization. If there is the degradation of the auxiliary police, there is also the heroism of the fighters, which mitigates the which undermine and compromise tradictions in capitalist society slav "Program for Peace" in a crushing relentlessness of the horror of the middle section of the

> The conclusion of the novel, in which the Jewish fighters are killed fighting valiantly and forty-two of them escape, is marred by a certain confusion. The forty-two are sitting with their knees drawn up in a sewer-pipe underneath a man-hole to which they had wearily crawled through the filth and corpses of the long stretches of tunnel, waiting for the trucks that were to bring them to freedom which may never come. As they wait, doubled-over, chilled with dampness and dry-tongued with thirst, the sewer becomes a kind of limbo in which they are squatting outside of time.

## WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?" BITTER TROOPS IN KOREA RETREAT

(Continued from Page 1) expected developments in Korea, even some of the capitalist press correspondents and commentators are beginning to hint at the real reasons why the Koreans are fighting rings around the American troops.

WAR AND REVOLUTION

correspondent of the N. Y. Times, and their national independence, wrote on July 25 that "success in Korea depends on political, not military considerations." He exracial prejudice with which the over the North Korean regime or Americans, officers and troops "United States soldiers have been Korean regime, turned against trained to fight a war, but this is a combination of war and revolution." The Koreans, of the south as

well as the north, are not mere unthinking pawns being manipulated by Moscow. They are fighting for themselves, Sullivan points cut in a subsequent article on July 28. The American leaders "miscalculated," he says, when they believed that their over-

"The latter miscalculation apunder Soviet coaching, a back- any people can choose for themward peasant population could be selves whatever form of governwhipped into a modern army that ment they desire. . . Any of these could be trained to use in- is a purpose that can be justified telligently weapons such as tanks and served honorably, but we need and self-propelled artillery.

"Finally, only now is it beginning to be appreciated what more people in Europe and Asia astonishing fighting spirit can be are interested than in any other, imbued into such a poor-peasant land. . . Are we prepared to say army. The roots of this spirit are that in Germany and Japan and threefold: nationalism, land dis- Korea part of our policy is to tribution and general political break up landed estates and indoctrination.

ficulty understand the intensity our world-wide action different

who has been landless will fight Britain?" for his newly acquired land. This was the formula of the Chinese his own questions except to assert Communists and is notably being his personal faith that "I am sure applied in the Reds' newly con- in our hearts we want our interquered area south of the Thirtyeigth Parallel where they have

The Koreans are fighting for Thus, Walter Sullivan, Tokyo the unification of their country they are fighting for land and the right to rule their own lives. This has been clearly demonstrated his reactionary game in world regime of Syngman Rhee in South

been recruiting new units."

nail against the U.S. invaders. Kingdon, columnist for the N. Y. short, imperialists. Post, poses directly the question of what American imperialism is really fighting for in Korea. "Are we in Germany, Japan,

whelming air and sea power, to- the institution of private proto know which we want.

"Take the one thing in which distribute land among the work-"A Westerner can with dif- ers on the land? . . . In what is

with which the Asiatic peasant | from the imperialism of Rome or Kingdon does not dare answer

vention to liberate peoples socially, economically and politi-

### NO HIGH MOTIVES

Of course whatever the American people may have in their hearts. Wall Street and Washington have no such high motives presses great concern about the regardless of Stalin's influence They are in Korea precisely to preserve the institution of private ownership of the means of proalike, treat all Koreans, which power politics. That is why vir- duction and the profit system. has aroused universal hostility to tually the whole populace of They are in Korea to deny the the invaders. He advises that Korea has rallied to the North peasants the land and prop up the landowners, usurers and the Washington-sponsored puppet capitalists. They are in Korea to reimpose a hated reactionary

Korea and are fighting tooth and dictatorship on the people, to keep their country divided, to conquer One disturbed liberal, Dr. Frank and exploit them. They are, in

The American troops in Korea don't know what they are fighting for because the American ruling class doesn't dare tell them. But Korea, and the United Nations they can sense the bitter hatred primarily to protect and continue of all the Korean people. They can see how these little peasants gether with several divisions of perty? Are we in all these places are battling to the death. And troops, could alone prevail in to advance the institution of free they can feel, somehow, that these elections with secret ballots cast people, whom they have been sent by all the citizens or subjects of to kill and subjugate, have a parently represented the failure the countries of the world? Are cause which imbues and unites of Washington to realize that, we in all these places to say that them — that they do know what they're fighting for.

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In this limbo they discuss their most intimate thoughts with Levinson. Each, indirectly answering the question what has made his life worth living, reveals that his view of life has somewhat changed as the result of what he has gone through. The sum total of what they have to say seems to be Hersey's own summation of the lessons to be learned from their purgatorial experience.

Zilberzweig, the Zionist leader, tells Levinson that he has come to see that extreme nationalism can be as frightful in a Jew as in a German but that he remains a Zionist. Rapaport, the leader of the Bund, the Jewish Socialist party, is portrayed by Hersey as a sectarian bound by formulas who had refused to join in a united front with other Jewish political parties. He declaims that he was relying on support from the Polish Socialist party, only to find that it was lacking in genuine internationalism, says that a political leader must learn to doubt his faith but to fight for it nevertheless and to bring human understanding into politics. Rachel Apt has come to believe that the killing of any one, even Nazis, is wrong under all circumstances.

The thinking of Zilberzweig and Rapaport is lacking in clarity, but it is not inconsistent with their characters. Rachel's words, however, are not only false in themselves but are given to her without explanation: the reader cannot imagine why this staunch commander has come to believe that the combat in which she was a participant was wrong. Nevertheless, while the muddled pacifist, pseudo-humanist conclusion is an important defect, The Wall remains a noble monunent to the memory of an oppressed people and of its brave fighters, rictims of the most hideous barbarism produced by dying capitalism.

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#### come to the fore in these gangster attacks with this alarming development for their can hardly be regarded as a mere coinown personal bureaucratic ends play directly into the hands of the bitterest enecidence. Every experienced union militant knows what a field day there will be for mies of labor and must be branded as

The conflict over the seating of the Mao Tse-tung government of China in the United Nations further exposes the true nature and function of the UN as an instrument of American imperialism and a cover-up for its war aims and activities.

Can anyone doubt that the Mao regime, by all the standards of the UN itself. is the real government of China and that the Chiang Kai-shek clique is only a shadow without substance?

Whatever the motives and game of Stalin's representative Malik in the UN controversy, the fact remains that the Mao regime is a million times more entitled to seating than the gang which the Chinese people kicked out of their country and which survives in its island hole by virtue of American warships and bombers.

It is no secret that almost every other country was ready to seat the Mao government but that the opposition of Washington alone stopped it. But there are not a few countries whose present governments are military dictatorships founded by coup d'etats - including

some in South America - whom Washington readily okayed and which were promptly seated in the UN.

These facts alone suffice to show that the UN is not some "impartial" agency for "peace." It never was and never will be. It is an agency for the diplomatic maneuvers of the great powers and dominated overwhelmingly by the greatest power of all, Wall Street imperialism. Washington cracks the whip to which all the other bankrupt and shaky capitalist regimes must jump.

One of the greatest crimes of Stalinism is to have represented — and to continue today to represent — the UN as a "peace" agency. The UN is what we have declared it to be from the beginning — a tool designed by U.S. imperialism to provide "international sanction" for its planned conquest and domination of the globe.

The UN did the exact job for which it. was set up when it rushed to unfurl its banner over Truman's undeclared war in Korea and to cloak American imperialist intervention with "international sanction."

Granger's second article, in the July 29 New Leader, retains as its title the blatantly false statement, "Jim Crow Ends in Korea," but concludes on a much less confident note:

"...crass and hampering discrimination based upon race can be stopped, overnight, as soon as top authority makes up its mind and lets lower authority know it," Granger writes. "The fighting in Korea will tell us, if we can keep well enough informed, how that mind-set develops."

Information for Granger and others who express illusions, honestly or not, about "how that mind-set develops" came from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Roy Wilkins, NAACP administrator, in a letter addressed to Army Secretary Frank Pace, Jr., demanded an immediate investigation of "the manner in which Negro troops are treated in Tokyo and the elimination of the racial discrimination so persistently reported."

The Negro troops in Tokyo, incidentally, included the Jim-Crowed all-Negro 24th Infantry regiment which figured prominently in the news as the group responsible for the "first sizable American ground victory in the Korean war," as the Negro press reported.

Wilkins' request for an investigation included the following quotation from a letter received from an informant in Tokyo:

"The American public ought to know that racial discrimination here is as flagrant as it is in

Georgia. And if the occupation is doing anything | VOLUME XIV successfully in Japan, it is successfully indoctrinating the Japanese with the 'American way of life' which excludes full freedom of anything to many people, especially Negroes." .

Japanese clerks have been taught by the Army to give priority to "a white face." He also re ferred to a report that General Walter Leo Weible had issued an order restricting Negro personnel in the Army units to one of four swimming pools controlled by the soccupation forces.

These may seem minor details to Granger, of The President's Committee on Equality of Teatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services, and to George S. Schuyler of the Pittsburgh Courier, who hails the Korean war as "the first war U.S. Negroes have entered on a non-segre gated basis since the War for Independence."

But to the millions of American Negroes who live under Jim Crow conditions, civilian and mililive under Jim Crow conditions, civilian and military, they are very important. No billion-dollar Proposed Pact "truth" propaganda campaign by American imperialism aimed at covering up the ugly facts about suppression of colored people is worth two large membership meeting cents so long as the dominant condition of existence for the mass of Negroes is as victims of discrimination and segregation.

Granger need not wait for information from Korea to find out whether Jim Crow has ended. He can look to news like the item from Wash ington, D.C., dated July 27:

"Fifteen young Negro and white persons who sought service in a Washington cafeteria were today sentenced by Judge Thomas D. Quinn to pay a fine of \$25 each or serve 10 days in jail the more than 1,000 workers who on a charge of disorderly conduct. In imposing attended rejected the combined this sentence, Judge Quinn accused the young people of taking the law into their own hands, which, he said, they had no right to do."

## "Guns Not Butter" Is Program for Europe

By John G. Wright

The North Atlantic Counof U. S. deputy Spofford, held its four-day sessions in London last week in strictest secrecy. No official statements or reports were permitted of this sinister Hurd, head of the Christian gathering. But it is unquestion- Science Monitor's Paris News able that Washington's European Bureau. According to Hurd, the satellites were considering plans to begin the shift of European economy to a war basis, with the aim of converting Western West." Europe into a huge armed camp within the space of two to three

Britain's "Socialist" Premier Attlee took the lead in the political preparation of the British people for the new program of "toil and sweat and tears." In last Sunday's "fireside chat" he announced that "we have no option but to increase our defenses" and added that this "new THE MARTIAL PLAN effort will mean sacrifices," that Marshall Aid is to be geared standards.

### REARMING GERMANY

With the Laborite government, providing a "socialist" cover, it is

The road has already been Germany into an "arsenal of hig American dailies, was reported on July 26 by Voney D.

French Foreign Office has officially confirmed that "Germany's mighty Ruhr" has been assigned "s major role in rearming the Also being "discussed" is "the

companion question of whether German troops also should be armed and integrated into western defenses." And the conclusion, as reported by Hurd, is "that it is largely a question of moving opinion, of testing the progressive

savage slashes in living directly with the European rearmament program. Acting Ad-"ECA has softened its attitude

doubtedly be followed by others the other large auto companies. of similar nature, blows up comcil, under the chairmanship cleared for converting Western pletely the cynical hoax of the "humanitarian" and "peaceloving' democracy." News of this fateful character of the whole Marshall decision, carefully kept out of the Aid program. It was designed from the outset precisely for the war purposes which it is now being made to serve so openly.

Meanwhile in Washington, the scope and vastness of Pentagon's military plans for Western Europe continue to be unveiled gradually. Richard L. Stout, Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, reported on July 29, that shortly to be announced is "a three - year, \$20 billion program for European rearmament."

### GUNS NOT BUTTER

Of this huge total the U.S. is to provide "some \$12 billion in gradually, of preparing public the next three years and the Atlantic Allies adding to their \$8 billion. It is believed the contained in contracts with other military program will involve farreaching changes in the Marshall the other "democratic" govern- part funds for military purposes." capitalist allies to have their way. Budd workers get \$140.

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# Wilkins cited from the letter the fact that apanese clerks have been taught by the Army of give priority to "a white face." He also re-Against Workers at Los Angeles Plants

## **Hudson Local 154 Members Reject**

DETROIT, Aug. 1 - A of Hudson Local 154, CIO United Auto Workers, last Sunday, July 31, rejected a proposed new contract with the Hudson Motor Car Co. that was brought in by the union's Contract Committee.

An overwhelming majority of pension-insurance-wage contract, which could not be reopened for three years on wages and five years on pensions.

The action of the aroused members came as a surprise to UAW officials and corporation representatives here. They had expected the long-term Hudson pact, which provided only a three-cent through like similar contracts in

This is the first time since the end of the last war that an auto union membership has refused to approve a contract accepted and proposed by the top officials.

A group of militant shop stewards distributed a leaflet at the meeting urging the members to "Vote No!" It told them. "Don't Be Blackjacked!" by the Contract Committee which insisted that the members had to accept the contract as a whole without the opportunity to change any undesirable part.

#### HIT PENSION PROPOSAL

It pointed out that the Hudson production workers would get only a three-cent raise whereas skilled workers received five cents as have the workers in Briggs and Budd. It condemned various features of the insurance and existing military budgets another rension plans as inferior to those present" to the existing govern- deserves consideration." companies.

ministrator of the ECA Foster program of "guns and not butter" provided for \$100 a month, in- violence or any other means, they ment wants to shut up, but not the war-weary millions of the old 65 years old with 25 years service merely try to manipulate the politically-controlled court. continent, if they permit Ameriand \$117.50 with 30 years service. labor movement and exert presonly a question of time before all toward the spending of counter- can imperialism and its European The leaflet pointed out that the sure to bring about a deal be- have shown that they are enemies,

#### Off to Undeclared War



Awaiting the command to board ship, two American boys in uniform stand at attention at a U.S. port. They are bound for the horrors of Truman's undeclared war in Korea where American imperialism has intervened in the civil war on the side of the hated Syngman Rhee regime.

# which provided only a three-cent wage increase, would be greased COURT UPHOLDS SMITH

(Continued from Page 1)

mitted the safeguard of the First Amendment (free speech and free press) to the Constitution where there existed an "improbability' that an illegal act advocated by an individual would be carried out. He stated that "we have purposely substituted 'improbability' for 'remoteness' because that must be the right interpreta-

declare an utterance to be a "clear and present danger" if it deems that the utterance "probably" will lead to an illegal act however "remote" in the future.

constitutes "a danger clear and the score of vagueness" ment of this country. This is the | That was the intent of Con-The Stal One of the principal objections inists not only don't advocate the - to make it vague and loosely tween U. S. imperialism and the not protectors, of civil rights.

| Kremlin in accordance Stalin's foreign policy.

#### LEGAL TRICKERY

Smith Act is "constitutional." He explained that "literally" the advocacy or teaching about revolution "at any time and by anyone, weak or strong . . . they make criminal the fulminations of In other words, a court can a half crazy zealot on a soap box, calling for an immediate march on Washington."

But by proper "interpretation" according to certain "limits" contained in the Act, he said, the The Judge then went on to Act is not "too vague to stand claim that the Communist Party up, which is the only challenge on

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 1 — A wave of incitements to mob action and assaults on so-called "subversives" swept' this city this week following a corporation-instigated and FBI-inspired goon attack on four workers in the Chrysler Maywood plant on July 22.

Workers Party candidate for Con-FBI office for a so-called "briefgress from the 19th District. charged in a press statement that ing." Later some young veterans the attack on the four workers was provoked by the FBI, the management and given the FBI Chrysler Company plant management and other union-busting elements. Behind the smoke-screen. of patriotic hysteria, the anti-union employers, FBI and fascist elements are attempting to open wide breech in the defenses of the trade union movement."

The attack followed a workedout plot. Its self-proclaimed leader, Frank Zaffina, non-union car inspector and a railroad detective for the Santa Fe Railway, set off railroad flare outside the plant gate at the shift change as a signal to his cohorts in the plant, mostly men hired since the recent strike or elements who opposed it.

Zaffina's accomplices rushed from the plant ahead of the other workers when the shift changed and waylaid Basil Gordon, Thomas Creed, Leo Blanken and Arthur Freeman, all active members of CIO United Auto Workers Local 230. The latter three are World War II veterans. Creed was chairman of the strike publicity committee.

The four were clubbed and beaten to the ground and stomped on. Management representatives and plant guards stood by and watched the beatings' with satisfaction. A crowd of workers observed the With extra-fine casuistry, Judge attack in bewilderment and inde-Hand's opinion explained why the cision. Those who would have defended their union brothers were unorganized and leaderless, while 'words of the Act" forbid mere others were caught up in the antired hysteria

#### PRESS NOTIFIED

Zaffina had notified the local pa- against circulators of the Stalinpers of his intention. Photograph- ist "peace" petition have occurred ers and reporters were on the in Hollywood, Pasadena and Wilscene gathering "good copy." Al- mington. One woman had two though undoubtedly informed in teeth knocked out while a policeadvance, the sheriff's squad did man stood 50 feet away. not arrive until 20 minutes after the attack began. No arrests were made although the hoodlums remained on the scene. Zaffina was to put a stop to these outrages arrested several days later on a against civil liberties and fascistwarrant issued after the victims like violence instigated by labor's

Plan aid funds," said Stout. A was to the pension plan which everthrow of the government by applicable to anyone the govern- two other workers had been cornered. Under a hail of blows and ganize a comprehensive counterannounced on July 29 that the is once again clearly in store for cluding social security, for those are counter - revolutionary. They "too vague to stand up" in a threats they were forced to sign offensive" against "those who papers, which turned out to be wish to seize this moment to de-"loyalty" oaths.

paign instigated by the company later at union meetings.

Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist in collusion with the FBI. All and reservists were called in by list of three alleged "card-carrying Communist Party members and 49 fellow-travellers." They

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were told to spy on these workers and report their actions. The Association of Catholic Trade Unionists conducted a red-baiting campaign to mobilize the most backward anti-union elements and whip up the hysteria. Following this ominous episode,

Chrysler Local 230 took action to squelch the would-be fascists. UAW Regional Director Cy O'-Halloran warned that "grave danger faces our union" from such actions and advised local union leaders "to follow a course of action that will protect us as union men and as American citizens.' UAW President Walter Reuther wired that "members of our union must not participate in unlawful

It is evident that even the union bureaucrats, who hold no small responsibility for the redbaiting hysteria in the plants, are taking alarm at the consequences.

#### OTHER INCIDENTS

The anti-labor elements responsible for the outrage at Chrysler have attempted to stir up similar violence at other plants in this area. Incidents have broken out in the two General Motors plants, at Consolidated Steel, a furniture factory and at the Long Beach Ford plant. So far, union officials and militant unionists have been able to control the situation.

At the same time, incidents of Two hours before the attack violence and police brutality

### WEISS URGES ACTION

Calling on the labor movement worst enemies. Myra Tanner Shortly before the big attack, Weiss urged an emergency conclare a Roman Holiday for storm-The attack climaxed a cam- troop violence at plant gates and

# 1950 National Election Platform of SWP

turn with every wind from Moscow — yet they always point away

If the future depended on these parties it would indeed be dark. However, the forces working toward a better world are far more powerful than any of these political formations. Capitalism has created not only the monstrous monopolies; it

has also brought into being the working class, tens of millions of people with great technical skills, long traditions of democracy and social equality, and accustomed to expect a decent standard of living. This working class has already shown its tremendous capabilities by organizing the CIO and extending industrial unionism into the heart of American basic industries. The workers are becoming increasingly aware of capitalist waste

and plunder in the use of our resources. They are beginning to see through the warmongering and are alarmed over American intervention in Korea. They resent the capitalist cheating of the people through inflation. They find the witchhunt highly distasteful. Taft-Hartleyism has taught them that the 60 richest families of the United States, like their counterparts abroad, will abandon democracy for fascism at any serious challenge to their profits, privileges

Far from seeing an end to segregation, the Negro people saw the wartime government of Roosevelt and Wallace carry the infamy of a Jim Crow army to every quarter of the globe and today they watch Truman's cynical maneuvering with their demands for

The oppressed classes and groups are looking for a way out.

But there is no way out except to follow the leadership of an aggressive and independent organized labor movement. On the day the working class can assure America of its determination to end capitalist chaos, the rule of Big Business will be doomed. It is becoming obvious to wider and wider layers of the people

that with our vast natural resources and industries, the skill and energy of our workers, farmers and technicians, we could abolish

The capitalists know this. That is why they concentrate all their power and energy against the growing challenge of the working class. The Taft-Hartley Act, the Mundt-Nixon bill, the continued evolution of the FBI into a Gestapo-type political police, militarization of the country, the strangling of traditional liberties in the United States, the intervention in Korea—this long train of abuses shows that their aim is the imposition of an absolute despotism to maintain capitalism in its period of decay.

The U.S. imperialists seek to promote their war plans and save expense of the American workers and against the wishes of the peoples in these countries. But the smashing of Chiang Kai-shek's dictatorship in China and the great movements for national independof enduring peace. The civil war in Korea has provided another | those dominated by reactionary Stalinism. Defend Yugoslavia | No taxes on savings of cooperatives. A federal ban on all speculademonstration of the unpopularity of puppet regimes backed by against the Kremlin and Western imperialism. For the Socialist tion in farm commodities. Abolish sharecropping and landlordism. American imperialism. The course of the Yugoslav peoples in break- United States of the World. ing with capitalism and defending their independence shows that a simultaneous struggle against Stalinism and imperialism can be 2. Labor's Standard of Living successfully waged and is the only road to socialism.

The Socialist Workers Party declares that the present conflict is so deeply rooted in a bankrupt economic system that it must end either in the complete destruction of civilization or in the socialist reconstruction of society under the leadership of the working class. The Socialist Workers Party consistently champions the inter-

ests of the workers and strives to organize them for the construction of a planned economy. This goal is expressed in our slogan for a Workers and Farmers Government. Such a government, based on democratically elected committees

groups, will extend democracy into every sphere of life. It will unemployment insurance at full trade union wages during the entire cording to the principles of scientific planning. Boundless plenty lifetime security for every working man and woman. and limitless progress will become realizable goals.

The Workers and Farmers Government will bring peace and harmony to America by doing away with the basic causes of class divisions and conflicts. The victory of socialism in the most powerby the rest of the world. No regime would withstand the wave of hope generated by such an event, not even the totalitarian regime

Only a Workers and Farmers Government can reorganize our society on a rational basis and bring that new birth of freedom and prosperity which is socialism.

Only a Workers and Farmers Government can replace the power of monopoly capitalism and thus prevent a Third World War. The election platform of the Socialist Workers Party is designed to further these great aims. Vote for it on election day. Seek sup- anti-labor laws. Down with government by injunction. port for it among your friends and in your union and fraternal organizations. Use it as a guide to action throughout the year. Join 4. Rights of Minority Groups

the Socialist Workers Party. Your help is needed! Do your part

#### in the great struggle for a better world! The Struggle for Peace

people vote by referendum on all questions of peace or war. Down end to military and economic aid to blood-stained tyrants like Chiang workers of all races for the common struggle against their exploiters. Kai-shek, Bao Dai and Syngman Rhee. Withdraw all troops from capitalism by propping up reactionary governments abroad at the foreign soil. Let the Korean people decide their own fate. For the 5. Farm Policy complete independence of the colonial peoples. No confidence whatever in the United Nations, dominated by despots and designed to ence throughout the Far East reveal the irresistible might of hun- darity with the revolutionary struggles of workers and farmers in own representatives. Expand rural electrification. No limitation on for office.

For the inclusion in all union contracts of an escalator clause (also known as the sliding scale of wages or automatic cost-of-living bonus) to meet the rising cost of living, with the safeguard that wages shall not fall below the basic rates established in the contract. For the application of this principle to the wages of all government employees, veterans' allotments, old age allowances, old age pensions Put atomic energy under control of a commission freely elected by and social security. For the establishment of price control, to be regulated and enforced by mass consumers' committees, composed Farmers Government that will turn the enormous potentialities of of housewives, unionists, working farmers and small shopkeepers. For adequate old-age pensions, free medical care and hospitalization. and councils of workers, farmers, housewives, soldiers and minority For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week, with no reduction in pay. For take over the means of production, expand and coordinate them ac- period of unemployment. Let the world's richest country provide full

### 3. Labor and Civil Rights

An end to red-baiting, witch-hunts and political persecution. Stop the McCarthy fore-runners of the police state. Withdraw the and other employees. Defeat the Mundt-Nixon bill and all other measures to totalitarianize American politics. End the persecution of legal defense in civil liberties cases. Do away with "loyalty" oaths on the campus, on the job and in the unions. Liberalize the election laws which discriminate against minority parties. Safeguard and extend the Bill of Rights.

Repeal the Taft-Hartley Act. No government interference in union affairs. No restrictions on the right to organize, strike and picket. No compulsory arbitration. Repeal all federal, state and city

Smash the Jim Crow system. Full economic, political and social equality for the Negro people and other minorities. Pass and enforce legislation to punish lynching, abolish the poll tax, establish a Fair Employment Practices Committee with power to root out discrimina-Take the war-making powers away from Washington; let the tory practices, eliminate segregation wherever it exists. Combat anti-Semitism in all its forms. Wipe out discriminatory immigrawith the war-making alliances woven into the Atlantic Pact. An tion policies and open the doors of the U. S. to refugees. Unite the

For a federal farm program to guarantee the cost of producdreds of millions animated by a desire like ours to build a world all lands — those dominated by American imperialism as well as crops. A federal program for soil conservation and flood control. For a Workers and Farmers Government!

The land to those who work it.

### 6. Atomic Energy

· Against the Nazi-like censorship on atomic energy. Against stockpiling atom bombs. Against the decision to make H-Bombs. Against turning the fearsome destructive powers of atomic energy upon mankind. Take control of atomic energy out of the hands of trigger-happy generals and war-minded hatchetmen of Big Business. the unions and organized atomic scientists. For a Workers and atomic energy to peaceful uses.

### 7. Military Policy

Against a permanent conscript army. Abolish the Prussian officer caste system. Full democratic rights for the ranks in all the services, including the right to participate in politics and public life, to elect their own officers, to organize along union lines and engage in collective bargaining. Abolish race segregation in the armed forces. Trade union wages for the servicemen.

### 8. Housing

For a federal program to erect 25 million low-cost, low-rent housing units. Finance the program with the billions now spent for war preparations. Homes, not radioactive weapons. Clear the slums, Restore rent control under supervision of tenants committees.

Repeal all payroll taxes. Abolish all sales taxes. No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year A 100% tax on incomes over \$25,000 a year. Tax the rich, not the poor.

### 10. Government Ownership of Industry

Nationalize the basic industries, all war plants, all natural resources and use them in the interests of the producers and consumers through democratically-elected committees of workers and technicians. Nationalize the banks. Institute a planned economy of abundance, based on production for use, not profit.

### 11. Independent Political Action

Labor must break all ties with the capitalist parties - Democratic and Republican. For an Independent Labor Party based on the trade unions and embracing the working farmers, Negroes and veterans. For a United Labor Conference, with representation from spread the illusion that peace is possible under capitalism. Full soli- tion to working farmers, to be operated under the control of their all unions, to launch labor's own party and run labor's own candidates