Congress Moves To Make Labor Pay Cost of War

Congress has launched a two-way war drive against the American people's standard of living. One thrust aims to impose the overwhelming burden of huge new taxes on the workers. The other seeks to "contain" wages while opening a breach for advancing

buzzing with schemes to soak the off by the Korean war. He has workers for most of the \$5 billion already demanded additional war of "interim" tax increases that appropriations of nearly \$16 bil-Truman has demanded as the first down-payment on his undeclared federal spending close to \$60 bilwar in Korea and expanded militarization program.

Truman's proposals are already heavily weighted in favor of the rich and the war corporations. He has asked for \$31/2 billion more in personal income taxes, with the rate of increase on the PRICE-FIXING FARCE lowest incomes double that of the highest. He did not even mention excess profits taxes.

Senate Finance Committee eliminated from the proposed tax bill a section providing for a 10% withholding tax on dividends. They hold the position that it's all right to impose withholding taxes on workers' wages - but not on a main source of income for the rich. This is just a hint of the kind of tax bill the Demo-

While perfecting its tax-extortion bill, Congress has also been SLIDING SCALE GUARANTEE

to give the President power to living. enforce "selective" price control Those who really believe that

scrapped the proposal. a bill to give Truman personal - as they were wrong during the petition work had been completed anxious to put any stress on his power to dictate prices and wages. last war? Then the escalator in 45 counties and almost finished resignation. The Stalinists would experience shows, is that Truman could and would freeze wages while prices would be "eased" price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price walls be below and higher oither legally there are the control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for is legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price control as a pretext for its legally required to validate the price con higher and higher, either legally freezing wages have reason to SWP petitions.)

Truman himself has given the The House and Senate are major impetus to the inflation set lion - nearly double the total federal expenditures in 1942, first year of U. S. military participation in World War II. It is this monstrous war budget - about 30% of the national income that is fueling the inflation.

concentrating on a demand for price controls as the answer to COUPON CLIPPERS FAVORED this war-induced inflation. They The Senate has moved to safeguard the rich even more. The on price ceilings then the workers

But what assurance do the workers have that prices will be controlled any more now than during the last war, when wages were frozen and prices kept right on climbing? If anything, all the evidence points to an even bigger farce of price control now, if it cratic-controlled Congress has up is left up to the Truman administration.

busy trying to cook up some The only assurance the workers scheme for "price control" that can have of maintaining their real can be used as a pretext for wages in this period of inflation freezing wages while actually is through the sliding scale of allowing prices to be "regulated" wages. This is the cost-of-living upwards. Petition Quota in that provides for automatic wage increases, above the basic wage The House hastily enacted a bill scale, for all rises in the cost of

only after prices rise 5% above government price controls will the June 15 level. This was such effectively halt price rises have a raw move to safeguard current no reason to oppose the sliding price increases that even Truman scale of wages. If, as they claim, protested and the House hastily price controls work, then the Workers Party on the ballot in Party, which heralded Wallace as Now the Senate is working on tive. But suppose they are wrong as upstate crews reported that war fighter, is naturally not What this would mean, as past clause will be the one immediate in nine others. (50 signatures in like to pretend that this is no fear the escalator wage clause.

These "democratic means" are

lowed suit by suspending them

If the unions are endangered by

NEXT WEEK

Leon Trotsky

Memorial Issue

from their jobs indefinitely.

REUTHER DISAPPROVES

CIO United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther, in a letter sent Aug. 5 to all UAW locals, expressed disapproval of what he called the "walking of alleged Communist party members out of plants" and urged the local members and officers to "take every precaution to see that incidents quiet and "legal" way. Thus, he

do not occur." The "incidents" to which he suggests in his letter that "the refer's are a series of organized constitution of our union offers hoodlum attacks - in some in- democratic means for dealing with police. stances inspired and instigated by members of our union who are company managements and the guilty of conduct detrimental to FBI - upon so-called "sub- the best interests of the union." versive" workers employed at auto "DEMOCRATIC" WAY plants in various parts of the

Last week's Militant reported now being employed at the Genthe brutal beating and clubbing of eral Motors plant in Linden, N. J., four UAW members outside the where two UAW members had pelled the captain of the crew to of a section of the liberals and the truth and who is preparing gates of the Chrysler Maywood been assaulted previously. These plant in Los Angeles. The self- two and two others associated confessed organizer of the attack with them in handing out so-called was a non-unionist employed as a "subversive" leaflets have been railroad dick. A worker in a suspended from Local 595 by its Wisconsin plant had his back officers, pending trial and possible broken when he was thrown out expulsion. The company has folof a window.

LANGUAGE MODERATE

Reuther's letter, which was also fascistic violence incited by the signed by other top officers of the bosses, they are also endangered UAW, stressed particularly that by purges and expulsions of union such "incidents" are "unlawful." members who oppose the leader-He said that "walking" workers ship's policies. The companies are screaming against the passage of out of plants "deprives individuals only too glad to oblige union of- the \$100,000,000 loan to butcher of their democratic rights and is ficials by firing "undesirables." Francisco Franco. The CIO News the weapon of totalitarians them- Firing a worker and driving him

ism that has occurred, Reuther's the employer. With either he can handed "new ideological weapons" letter is couched in extremely "get rid of" union militants and moderate language. But it is none- weaken the union. theless welcome. It is good to It is no secret that the UAW know that these terrorist acts are leaders are working hand-in-glove opposed by the UAW leaders.

So far, however, the UAW has so-called "subversives" from the taken no real disciplinary meas- plants. And the employers are not ures against the hoodlums who averse to helping the purge along organized and led these assaults. with a little "extra-legal" action And it remains to be seen whether, in which their hoodlum squads get in the absence of such measures, training not only in beating up Reuther's directions on the matter "reds" but in smashing the union. will be carried out.

Reuther cannot evade, however, a good share of the responsibility for the outrages. His own redbaiting, super - patriotic, jingo campaign has created the atmosphere in which the most backward and reactionary elements thrive. The overt physical attacks are only an uglier aspect of the witch-hunt Reuther himself has pursued in the auto union.

What has happened, so far as Reuther is concerned, is that this witch-hunt has got "out of hand." He prefers to do things in a more

lion. This will bring annual

The pro-war union leaders are wages to protect their living standards.

being held twice a week.

tionary forces are using illegal and extra-legal methods in violation of the Bill of Rights to intimidate minority parties and deprive them of the right of petition. In most cases these forces, composed of small town business men, vigilante types and hoodlums, are being led and inspired by local authorities and the

ORDERED TO LEAVE

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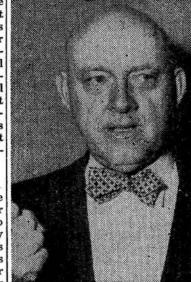
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Henderson Representative Lanham, Georgia Democrat (above), called William L. Patterson, Executive Director of the Civil Rights Congress, a "black son of a bitch" and had to be restrained from assaulting Patterson after the latter described to a House committee the brutal oppression of Negroes in Georgia. (See editorial,

SWP Completes 45 N. Y. Counties

By Ben Stone New York SWP Campaign Manager

campaign to put the Socialist lace's resignation. The Communist escalator clause remains inopera- this state moved into high gear the great "peace" leader and anti-

In New York City, a total of 2,800 signatures have been obtained, about 35% of the goal set. City-wide petition rallies are

petition crew was soliciting sig- start. It could not become a great natures outside a factory gate, party because it had no base in acceptances. The action of the The response from the workers the union movement. It was an Yugoslavs and the failure of their was excellent. Suddenly a motor- attempt to set up a third capital- vilifiers to accept this challenge cycle cop roared up and com- ist party, built around a coalition is proof enough of who is telling

The self-styled "Gideon" has formally deserted his "Gideon's Army." Henry A. Wallace on Aug. 8 sent a letter of resignation to the Progressive Party. This has been expected since he declared on July 15 that he supports American imperialist intervention in Korea

and opposes the position adopted by the party's National Commit- obstacle to the building of a Wallace's letter of resignation

tive committee of the Progressive party. You will, therefore, take this letter as my formal resignation from the party."

DEATH BLOW TO PARTY

The defection of Wallace has it was spouted by Wallace as the dealt the coup de grace to the Progressive Party as an influence in any real sense in national politics. The party was built around him as its outstanding public figure. He ran as its presidentia? candidate in 1948. He constituted the party's main attractive power.

What is left of the Progressive Party is mainly a top apparatus completely controlled by the Stalinists. Most of its non-Stalinist figures have departed or are in process of making the break. Its membership, fallen off tremendously since its poor showing in the 1948 election, can be expected to dwindle down to a hard core of Stalinists and their sympathizers.

After a day's delay, the Daily Worker found just six inches of space in a buried corner under a NEW YORK, Aug. 10 - The tiny headline to report Wal-

But it is. They built up Wallace as the man who would lead the nation to "peace." They hailed him as "Gideon" and pushed his program of "progressive capitalism." Wallace himself, of course, Reports from the upstate peti- had stated back in April 1948 that is broadcasting the slogan "Death on workers reveal that reac- if and when American imperial- to Fascist Tito!" support that war despite any dif- INVITATION SHOWS UP ferences he might have with KREMLIN SLANDERERS Washington over foreign policy.

The Stalinists now call Wallace faith in him and his party.

The Progressive Party was an In the town of Herkimer, the ill-founded adventure from the the Stalinists. It served as an for aggression.

genuine labor party.

Wallace won't "serve the cause stated that "I am convinced I can more effectively serve the cause of peace by resigning from the na-tional committee and the execubut an appeal for a horse trader's deal between Washington and Moscow. That continues as the Stalinist and Progressive Party program and it is just as cynical and treacherous as it was when

> head of the Progressive Party. Hundreds of thousands of those who voted for Wallace in 1948 and supported the Progressive Party are sincere opponents o war. They can have only utter disillusionment now in a party whose top leader and many of his chief lieutenants have quit the fight at the first test. If these former supporters of Wallace study the program and record of the Socialist Workers Party, they will find that it alone is the party that will not compromise, and whose leaders have stood firm, both in the last war and today.

Yugoslavs Invite **Soviet Writers To Come and See**

In line with their war preparations, the Cominform and Moscow press and the Kremlin's Balkan satellites have raised their anti-Yugoslav campaign to a new pitch of frenzy. They now charge that Yugoslav ports, airfields, army and the country as a whole many military bases for Anglo-American imperialism and that neighbors. The Bucharest radio

The Executive Committee of the Yugoslav National Commithim as a trustworthy fighter Michael Sholokhov, Leonid Leonov American people to put their Yugoslavia personally to see for themselves" how false are all these fantastic charges.

This invitation was made on July 26. There have been no

WALLACE DESERTION Truman Urges EXPOSES STALINISTS New Step to Police State

Center of UN Conflict



Jacob Malik, Kremlin's delegate to the United Nations Security Council, presides over a meeting. UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie looks on. The Soviet delegation, returning after a walkout 7 months ago over the body's refusal to seat the Mao Tsetung government in China, is waging a propaganda struggle with the U.S. delegation over Far Eastern developments. (See article, Page 3.)

STALIN'S HANGMEN HOLD CZECH TROTSKYISTS

Veteran working class revolutionists are being ruthlessly by point that it contained the hounded and murdered by Stalin's hangmen in Czechoslovakia. Appealing to the international labor movement to intervene and save the lives of these victims, the International Secretariat of the Fourth

lowing statement: "betrayer." But they knew he tee for the Defense of Peace has Zavis Kalandra has drawn the at- lingering death in that country's Senate Judiciary Committee, comwould desert at the first gunshot. publicly invited prominent Soviet tention of world labor to the fate prisons. Comrade Zdenek Flajzar, mented that the "message con-Nevertheless, they misrepresented figures, notably Serge Vavilov, now being suffered in Czecho- a militant Communist of long tained nothing new." slovakia by working class mili- standing, for many years secreagainst war and called on the and Ilya Ehrenburg to "visit tants who defend the interests of tary of the Communist Youth of their class against the oppressive Olomuc, whom the Nazis captured gloat. For it is a fact that Tru-

regime set up by Stalinism. 'The case of Dimitri Dimitrivich, president of the Yugoslav People's Front in Czechoslovakia, under arrest in December 1949. standing Truman's own hypowho was savagely tortured to There has been no sign for a long critical criticism of such legisladeath by the Stalinist execution- time that he is still alive. ers, demonstrates that this antiplied against all tendencies of the revolutionary movement.

"The International Secretariat

"The trial and execution of Czech Trotskyists are suffering a ran, Democratic Chairman of the and deported to Buchenwald and man's proposals differ in form whose wife died in the Auschwitz but not in substance from those

"Comrade Frantisek Roszypal, working class terror is being ap- another veteran Communist, ar- speech, press and assembly." rested with Kalandra, has been TRUMAN'S 'COMPROMISE' referred to as a 'witness' in the trial of the Thirteen, but the substance of his testimony was never made public, being apparently not tration camps for the foreigntoo favorable to the Stalinist in-

> "The Czech Stalinist hangmen must not be permitted to murder comrades Flajzar and Roszypal, irreproachable revolutionists, as they did Zavis Kalandra. It is necessary that the campaign undertaken to save Kalandra's life tivities at regular intervals."

be expanded to save Flajzar, Roszypal and all the militant the hands of their executioners!'

Two Victims Held In \$50,000 Bail

Two General Motors workers, who had been beaten up outside the Linden, N. J., plant for distributing "Hands off \$50,000 bail on a charge of violating an old state "criminal syndicalism" law. Unable to raise the huge sum fixed by Magistrate Simandl, the two victims, Calvin De Filippis and Louis Fischer, were jailed. De Filippis, held in \$30,000

bail, and Fischer, for whom \$20,000 bail was set, had filed assault and battery charges against five men whom they said had led the assault. The latter filed a counter-charge of "subversion." The magistrate held four of the alleged assailants on \$1,000 bail each and the fifth on \$1,500.

Mundt Says White House **Bill Like Own**

The conspiracy of ruling capitalist circles to destroy all democratic liberties in this country and to bury the Bill of Rights received a powerful impetus with the issuance of Truman's special message to Congress on Aug. 8.

Praising the long code of police state legislation—from the Smith Act to the "loyalty" purge rulings - Truman urged that "defects" e remedied. He proposed to effect a compromise with legislation already pending in Congress such as the Hobbs Bill, the Mundt-Nixon Bill and others which have aroused a storm of protest by the labor movement, the Negro peole and liberal circles.

MUNDT APPROVES

Every rabid reactionary in the House and Senate was elated over Truman's message. Senator Mundt announced that he "welcomed" it. even though it "was somewhat belated," and demonstrated point gist of his and Senator Fergu son's bill. So did Senator Wherry, leader of the Republican minority has learned that several veteran in the Senate. Senator McCar-

And they have every reason to concentration camp, was placed of a Hobbs or a Mundt, notwitht.on "as so broad and vague as to endanger the freedoms of

For example, where the Hobbs bill proposes to institute concenborn and empowers the Attorney General to arrest them without even a public hearing, let alone a trial, Truman proposes legislation "permitting the Attorney General to exercise supervision over aliens . . . and requiring them to report their whereabouts and ac-

Where the Mundt - Nixon bill compels "registration" of all "subversives," Truman proposes the registration of "persons who have received instruction from a foreign government or political party in espionage or subversive tactics. . ." A formula which for its "vagueness and broadness" matches anything yet proposed!

PIECEMEAL APPROACH

The most that can be said for these sweeping proposals is that they do not go as far as the Korea!" leaflets, were held in Hobbs - Mundt - Ferguson legislation. In other words, Truman proposes a "partial approach." a piecemeal enactment of laws to destroy the Bill of Rights. He needs this to allay the opposition of organized labor, or more accurately, to make it easier for the official labor leaders to deceive the workers about his anti-labor and anti-democratic proposals.

> Meanwhile, all the enemies of labor and civil rights in Congress have seized on his message as a green light to go full-speed ahead and jam through some revised version of the Hobbs bill, the Mundt-Nixon bill and all other measures for the installation of the police state.

Labor Leaders Protest Against Senate Vote for Loan to Franco

By John G. Wright

Top CIO officials are now calls the Senate action a "shockfrom his job by violence are two ing performance." But it is more In view of the fascist-like terror- weapons serving the same end for agitated that Stalin has been than that new chains have been forged for the Spanish workers.

The only explanation the editorial can find for the "shocking with the companies in purging performance" of CIO - supported Truman Democrats-not Republicans or Dixiecrats - is that "the majority of our Senators simply do not understand ideological warfare." Needless to say, the indignation of the editorial doesn't go to the lengths of calling for the defeat of Franco's friends in

the Senate in the next election. THE REAL STORY

The real story of what happened in the Senate, which is com-On the 10th anniversary of the death of Leon Trotsky, pletely absent from the CIO News, co-leader with Lenin of the Russian Revolution and founder of the Fourth International, The Militant will present a number of special articles on the life and ideas of this greatest Marxist of our time.

of genuine affinity for totalhollow are Washington's claims Senate interrupted its proceedings to "democracy."

Senators who voted against the acted, and finally McKellar an- political consequences." loan were so intimidated by nounced that he would yield the Franco's American friends that floor for "5 minutes to the lobby," if not the omnipotent few feeble words of apologetic Morse), and after that I should tions, the Big Brass, the Catholic opposition.

But let the story speak for itself.

THE "DISCUSSION"

steamroller operating. The dis- speech "A Wrestle With One's was silence. The same silence is cussion was limited for both sides | Conscience." Senator Benton, who | beginning to pervade Capitol Hill to one hour and a half. Supporters later took the floor, incorporated as it does any totalitarian regime while its opponents first absented in the context of laudatory comthemselves and later were ments on the speech of Australia's strangely reluctant to speak. Sen- Premier Menzies. Senator Lehman refutes all of its sickly alibis. A ator McKellar, who is in favor of of N. Y. took the floor for three powerful and reactionary lobby, the loan but who nevertheless minutes to do exactly the same ranging from the corporations restricted speaking time for the thing. and the Pentagon gang to the copponents of the loan, repeatedly The other 12 Senators who voted Catholic hierarchy, put on the heat taunted: "I have made diligent against the loan for the record for the loan. The Senators who search and inquiry for any notably such "friends of labor" spoke and voted for it did so not Senator who is opposed to this and champions of "liberalism" as

itarianism, thus exposing how the midst of the "discussion" the a mumbling word. to recess and then to hear an they were actually afraid to workers who are today incarcerat-

they could not utter more than a Senator from Oregon (Mr. like to yield to the Senator from hierarchy, plus all the other Connecticut (Mr. Benton)."

was the only one who spoke it that threatened Morse - and formally against the loan. He the others - with "political In every sense there was a himself entitled his half-apologetic consequences"? On all this there of the loan dominated the floor, his oppositional remarks gingerly under the sun.

out of mistaken intentions but out amendment. I find none at all." Humphrey of Minnesota and

And nobody challenged him. In | Douglas of Illinois, did not utter

Was the atmosphere such that Their vote did more than prop address by Prime Minister Men- speak? It appears so. In his re- ed in Czech prisons. Swift and up the dictator in Madrid and zies of Australia; next the floor marks Senator Morse darkly vigorous action is needed to halt eaction all over the world. It was yielded to witch-hunter hinted that "there is a powerful was the green light to all the McCarthy, for another of his lobby supporting this loan," and anti-labor forces and would-be attacks on Owen Lattimore; then blurted out that he would con-Franco's in this country. The some routine business was trans- tinue to oppose it "irrespective of Who composed this "powerful

coalition of billionaire corporafascist-minded elements in the As it turned out Senator Morse ruling capitalist circles? Who was

VOICE OF REACTION

But the voice of reaction was loud and unashamed. Senator McCarran taunted his opponents with the bloody regime of Dictator Salazar. "We loaned to Portugal \$27,500,000," he gloated. "If there is a dictatorship any-

where in Europe or if there is a (Continued on Page 4)

European Notebook

The Uprising of the Belgian Workers Letters From Readers

gang behind Leopold and before far to the left of the official called off the march on Brussels organized the only purely workin return for a parliamentary ing class armed resistance movecompromise on King Leopold's ment and even had wide contact

army of gendarmes and policemen national trade union organization. and by the hatred of the working

busy preparing their plans for non-collaboration against Leopold put out. III, the working class struck spontaneously in the great proletarian metropolis of Liege.

Liege is the heart of industrial doz, etc., which are the backbone tion. of the country's industrial power. There live the most advanced and class conscious layers of the Belgian working class. There the cast during the last general election in June.

By Tuesday July 25, the strikes spread from the coalpits to the metal and steel plants in the Liege area. On Wednesday morning, the general strike was proclaimed in the whole Liege area. Never before had the country witnessed such a unanimous movement. Not only all the workers of the heavy joined the movement. industry, but also all the railwaymen, all the employees, all state few hours all of Liege's social entered the struggle.

The trade-union leader of the STRIKE COMMITTEES Liege area, Andre Renard, has IN CONTROL

'Welfare State, - Or Socialism? (Part VIII)

By Art Preis

Socialism, first of all, ends the system of the

private ownership of the means of production and

distribution. It eliminates profit. It removes from

the economy the strangling grip of a few

fantastically rich families like the DuPonts,

Rockefellers, Morgans and Mellons who regulate

production according to their own profits in-

Freed of the grip of private monopolies, which

restrict production to maintain artificial scarcity

and high prices, the modern mass production

system will supply an ever-increasing stream of

All that the individual could wish for his

personal needs and all that the human mind can

conceive of in the way of a good and healthful

life will become possible once the means of

production and distribution are owned and run

For the first time, it will be possible to organize

production and distribution on the basis of

PLANNING. All industry will be co-ordinated and

run according to an over-all, rational, scientific

plan. This plan will start with the needs and

wants of the people, determine what raw

materials, labor and machinery are available to

produce what the people desire, and operate the

goods for the use of the people.

cooperatively by society as a whole.

Scientific Planning of Production

(Ed. Note: The following article | during the underground days in was written on July 29 prior to the period of Nazi occupation, he the retreat of the clerical-fascist had advocated a centrist policy, the Socialist and union leaders Socialist or Stalinist line. He had with the Belgian revolutionary On Saturday July 22, King Leo- organization. After the end of pold III returned to his capital in the war, he drifted to the right the early morning, greeted by an and became a secretary of the

Tremendously popular among class population. That day started the Liege steel workers for his the most important mass strug- resistance record, he remained in gle Belgium has known in its 120 contact with his class and in the years' history, one of the most im- huge upsurge of the Belgian portant revolutionary struggles working class, which started in Western Europe has witnessed his native city, he was to become since the Spanish revolution of the unconscious spokesman of the real mood of the masses. On the morning of the first day of the GENERAL STRIKE AT LIEGE | Liege general strike, he addressed While the representatives of a proclamation to the workers the Socialist Party, the leading telling them the strike would be working class organization, were unlimited in duration; no security measures would be allowed in the parliamentarian obstruction and pits; the blast furnaces would be

"From today on, the words revolution and insurrection will have a practical meaning for us. We shall use them every day in Belgium. There within a radius of our common language. . . We shall 10 miles are located the big go to the finish and we shall steel plants of Cockerill, Ougree | flinch at nothing. We are resolved Marihaye, FN, Esperance, Long- to conquer," said his proclama-

THE STRIKE SPREADS

From Wednesday, July 26 on, the strike movement spread working class parties obtained rapidly to all the other working 70% and more of the total votes class areas of Belgium. The steel workers of the Charleroi region, the miners of the Borinage and Center, the big industrial areas in South Belgium, were the first to join in the movement.

Thursday, the strike became general in all the industrial areas of Wallonia.

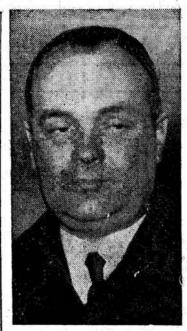
Saturday, in Antwerp and Ghent, big proletarian centers of and municipal functionaries laid Flanders, the general strike was few nests of recalcitrant elements down their tools. More than also proclaimed. More than half 100,000 strikers paralyzed in a a million Belgian workers had

position in Belgian political life. of the general strike in Liege, a like Czar Nicholas II living at dare order it to march against the Italy, German and Spain, which was much tougher for Militant As head of the Independent Trade strike committee was elected and Tsarkoye Selo on the outskirts people for fear that the soldiers would radically alter the political salesmen. This should be some

these things.

mode of production.

the history books.



PAUL HENRI SPAAK

municipal activities. In Charleroi, similar committee was con stituted a few days later and followed the Liege example. In many working class centers of South Belgium, the same example was followed as a pattern for the efficient organization of the strug-

The strike committee decided to close down all shops. The sympathy of many shopkeepers as well as the pressure of huge mass demonstrations rapidly brought this about. The strike committee then decreed that only the food shops could be opened for two hours a day. It fixed maximum prices for all food products and threatened shopkeepers with total boycott if they did not observe of vehicles supplied with special passes by the strike committee. It cut down electric power supply workers and state functionaries to all plants, railways and public utilities, while severely rationing the supply for domestic purposes. It instituted huge flying squads and set on fire amid the loud started an all-out economic and of pickets which cleaned up the and maintained order in the working class suburbs.

MARCH ON LAEKEN

productive mechanism with efficiency to produce

There can be no fear of "surpluses," of "over-

production" or "underconsumption." Scientific

planning, in which the whole working populace

participates democratically, will eliminate the

blind guesswork that prevails in the capitalist

If the people get a sufficiency of one thing,

they can reduce the hours of work and divert

labor and resources to the production of some-

thing else they desire. No one will fear a "glut."

Unemployment will become just an ugly word in

Evry invention and improvement will be put

into operation to lighten the physical burden of

work and increase the supply of goods. Socialism

will release the thousands of processes and in-

ventions that the monopoly capitalists now guard

under double lock and key for fear that their use

At the same time, socialism will offer to the

scientists, engineers and inventors a tremendous

incentive to create new labor-saving devices, new

technological processes. They will know that their

endeavors will not be buried away or misused by

Imagine what the American capacity to produce

Stalin's Frame-Up System

The Moscow Trials

By LEON TROTSKY

The full text of Trotsky's masterful ana-

lysis of the Moscow Trials in his summation

speech before the John Dewey Commission of

Inquiry which investigated Stalin's frame-up

An introduction by Joseph Hansen which

brings the record of Stalin's frame-up system

up-to-date and includes an analysis of recent

private individuals or groups for profit.

would destroy scarcity and bring down prices.

New Incentives for Invention

Like Louis XVI who retired to

Leopold III is living like a have provoked a series of fights Cannon's Message prisoner in his Laeken castle out- with working class crowds; tear huge crowds demonstrate all day long against him and his reactionary government.

Leopold keeps in touch with outside life only through his infrequent interviews with his reactionary Prime Minister Jean Duvieusart and with his personal friends the Baron De Launoit, and General Van Overstraeten, former head of the general staff of the army.

Minister submitted to the Assembly the "good will of His soon. Majesty" who was willing to bout their views.

Friday debate finished around 8 eral hundred thousand workers p.m., Spaak and other SP repre- will march on the capital in liament. They were greeted by a trains, on bicycles and on foot. an hour's march at the royal strength will take place which castle of Laeken, after having will decide the destiny of the Bel-

When the demonstrators arrived years. at Laeken they tried to force their started with the mounted police. against a king who is the symbol At the same time a number of of all reactionary tendencies tothese regulations. It prohibited bus loads of partisans of Leopold ward the "strong state." It is a all truck traffic with the exception III arrived on the spot, bringing struggle for the 40-hour working flowers to greet their king. When week, against unemployment and buses were rapidly toppled over cheers of the bystanders.

MARCH ON BRUSSELS

Since these incidents, tension is building up rapidly in all the ers against the reactionary trend amounted to 250. key centers of Belgium, especially which has dominated European in Liege and in Brussels. In politics for many months. Its Versailles, not daring to face the Liege, the army has been mobiliz-Union Movement (MSI), founded started to take control of all of revolutionary Petrograd, King would refuse to obey. Gendarmes picture of the whole world.

side his capital of Brussels, where gas has been used and hand grenades have already wounded Editor: several workers. In Brussels, Protected by selected squads of the center of the capital all day the gendarmes.

Workers and gendarmes concompact masses, like the forces of revolution and counter-revolution which measure their mutual head of the great trust Banque strength on the eve of a final de Bruxelles - Ougree Marihaye battle. There is a tremendous wave of militancy and courage mounting in the people, drawing students, white-collar workers and On Friday July 28, during the middle class groups to the side

This morning, the working class receive the leaders of the Socialist leaders have announced their opposition in order to be informed plan of holding a huge nationwide working class march on Brussels The Socialist leaders had re- on Tuesday, Aug. 2. From Liege, peatedly declared that they would Charleroi, Mons, La Louviere. refuse to see the King. When the Antwerp and other centers, sevsentatives left the House of Par- trucks, in requisitioned railway crowd shouting: "To Laeken, to The government has countered Laeken!" Spaak then answered: this by proclaiming martial law The King wants to see us? He in Liege and forbidding all public will!" and put himself at the head demonstrations in Brussels. The of the six or seven thousand workers are determined to overdemonstrators who arrived after rule these decisions. A test of smashed several police barricades. gian working class for many

The struggle of the Belgian way into the castle and big fights workers is not only a struggle the buses tried to force their way poverty, for the defense of their through the crowd, gravely standard of living and of their wounding one worker, the angry democratic freedoms. This strugpolitical offensive against the working class.

It is the most energetic movement of Western European work-

Readers Approve To President

demonstrations continue through the President and Members of the being murdered from the air, just Congress" (in The Militant, July as it was five years ago! I think distributed in the mills and facthe army and the gendarmes, King long, causing many clashes with 31) is a classic. The honesty and this point should never be forsincerity of his convictions are gotten; the unforgivable crime of packed into a few lines. A man slaughtering helpless people who stantly confront each other in who writes like that, at a time have no defense whatever, just Reuther and the whole gang. Call like this, is truly a great man.

Baldwin Park, Calif.

Editor:

to the President" very, very fine.

Morgan West State College, Pa.

Editor:

hatchet-men! More than 80 of my I'm sure I can sell a few every joy and delight that such a letter take as many as 100 copies, even, has been written.

and to know the economic causes known to the workers in this of the actions of human beings — district! but - it is NOT well to pass by monstrous crimes, as if they just

couldn't be helped. Cannon has wants Leaflets on called a spade a spade — the situation was crying out for some Murray and Green one to do that very thing.

Only one suggestion. Too bad Cannon didn't mention the fact James P. Cannon's "Letter to that once again CIVILIANS are The Militant should start a special because there's a war going on.

I sold my papers this week in wonderful letter! I wish to thank capitalism finishes us for good. Since this is the first fan letter him personally for writing it. I have ever written I am not sure am proud to be associated with a of the type of eloquence that is leader who had the conscience to desired in such cases. Therefore I write it--and the courage--and the debates in Parliament, the Prime of the proletariat. Everybody feels shall remark simply that I con-feeling for his fellowmen! I that decisive fights will start sidered James P. Cannon's "Letter repeat, all honor to James Cannor

Also, I am most anxious that this letter should be known to more people so I wonder if you will send directly to me, all available copies of the July 31 All honor to James Cannon for issue of The Militant. I may be his magnificent letter to the a little slow in selling them, as President and the Congressional my mother is ill at present, but from the hundreds of letters and friends in Cambridge wish to day, and I'll send you the money join with me in expressing their as fast as I sell the papers. I will if you have them to spare. James Of course it's well to be scientific Cannon's letter must be made

B. M. Cambridge, Mass.

Sending a money order of five dollars to The Militant fund. Now fund for a million leaflets to be tories, gates and in the union meetings, exposing the role of the labor fakers, Green, Murray, up the workers to rid themselves of these fakers once and for all, less than one half-hour. Everyone and get together to take things was so glad to see Cannon's into their own hands before

Chicago Steel Worker Gary, Ind.

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Following are a few more of the comments of radio listeners postcards received from all parts of the country in response to the speeches delivered over 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 held recently in New York City.

I had the pleasure of listening to your chairman's speech over one of our radio stations, and found the speech to be both incomrades who found literature formative and very interesting. work a bit rough this past year. I would like very much to have a copy of his speech. W. H. D.

Providence, R. I.

I heard Mr. Hansen's broadcast today and I've never heard a speech that made more plain, came in from literature agents first vote, since turning 21, will

Miss J. B. Hayward, Calif.

I am in full accord with your principles (as to the speech you made Mon., July 17th).

I would like a couple copies to give out to my customers and

I hope and pray the day will come when the working people can have a say on world affairs. Few of us are gifted with putting a speech or lecture across. Those that are blessed with the gift should do all in their power to contact the workers.

May you be given strength and courage to carry on the good

Inglewood, Calif.

Mr. Dobbs' speech was the most truth I have heard in so few words from a member of any po-

> H.R.Y. Victoria, B. C.

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building a newspaper that is known to the American working Taking into consideration the political climate of the nation, the class. since, a year ago, the capitalists certainly remarkable. Despite the unable to print several letters that ordinary, "good sense" before. My

For lack of space we were built up its circulation by nearly during the campaign. Since these be cast this year; and you may 700 subscription copies during letters help to build up a picture rest assured it will be a socialist this campaign, several hundred of of the problems faced and vic- vote. these being entirely new subs. tories scored by members of The

The record certainly shows that

we have made great strides in

Seattle: "We had another mobilization last night, selling in the homes of workers living in the area of the Bethlehem Steel plant. Five teams of two worked for about an hour and got 8 threemonths subs. There had actually friends. been 9 but one fellow, after giving us the money and his address, ran after us in the street and asked us to cancel his sub. He is foreign born and did not want the paper sent to his home. He told us, however, to keep the money because

"Most of the people we saw yesterday reacted well to our line on the war. The slogan: Let the

versation with one of the men standing nearby and the next thing we knew he had from 8 to 10 young people standing around listening. They has been sitting on the grass or nearby steps. This housing unit is within the Congressional District that Myra Tanner Weiss will be running in

St. Paul Literature Agent Win-

ie reports that a number of workers, during the campaign and since, have renewed their subscriptions whereas they were unwilling to do so in the weeks begovernments — will vanish. Ignorance, bigotry, fore the Korean events. Only a few hours after the final scoreboard for the July campaign

and progress. Science will be mobilized to elim- can discourage a good branch for inate disease and physical afflictions. The child very long. of the new age will be educated in the spirit of social cooperation. A finer race of men will of The Militant for 1949 available. emerge, more beautiful and healthy in body, more The price of this valuable refer Outlived and outmoded capitalism offers a

ple, the oppressed Negroes and other minorities. the poor farmers. Let them join the party of socialism, the Socialist Workers Party. Let them fight in its ranks for a Workers and Farmers Government. Let them take the power into their mighty hands and use it for their own interests. They can end the capitalist "welfare state" of war and want. They can build the socialist order of peace and plenty.

What Socialism Offers to the American People it is for a good cause.

and helped us to sell the paper." The Soviet Union, founded by a genuine work- Marj Deck, Literature Agent in truck within the grounds of the housing unit. He started a con-

other country to open before all humanity the vista of an existence really free from want and free from fear. The class-ruled society of scarcity will be replaced by the classless society of plenty. Greed, insecurity, the beast-like struggle for survival will disappear. All institutions of oppression - police and prisons, armies and class standing and brotherhood. The very words that denote class rule and the

evils of capitalism will be lost to the common we received 8 six-months subs and speech of the generations to come under socialism one-year combination renewal to - those words like capitalist and worker, profits The Militant and Fourth Internaand wages, poverty, unemployment, depression, tional from Philadelphia. It is inflation, imperialism, fascism, totalitarianism, really unfortunate that we hadn't Philadelphia's poor score. Nothing

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would be if the artificial limitations imposed by the monopolists were removed. Even without atomic energy, production could be tripled and quadrupled in a few years.

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Under capitalism, such a revolutionary innovation in production would be a catastrophe, throwing millions out of work. Under socialism, it would be just one more welcome means for expanding production while reducing the hours of

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Is USSR or England Socialist?

By "socialism," many people will ask, do you mean what they have in the Soviet Union or what

some claim exists in England? Absolutely not! England is not remotely socialist. Its means of production and distribution are still owned and controlled mainly by the capitalists. Even the 20%

of the British economy that has been nationalized continues to pay profits to former owners who people decide whether there is to receive high interest on government bonds given be a war or not, and the idea of them in compensation. Moreover, socialism is the letting the Korean people decide very opposite of any "austerity" regime like their own fate went over very well England's.

ers revolution led by Lenin and Trotsky, could Los Angeles, wrote the following litical party. make only the first step toward socialism - the during the campaign: "We find a nationalization of the means of production and very good response to our ideas. distribution under workers control. But it was Last Sunday, in fact, one of the halted and thrown back because of its initial lack sub getters found himself giving of development and its backwardness, because it a small open-air lecture. He had was constricted by a hostile world capitalism and finished his work and had stopped because socialism cannot be achieved on a limited to buy ice cream from a little The Russian people could not overcome scarcity

- and where scarcity exists there arises always a privileged group that takes over the function of determining how scarce goods are to be distributed. Under capitalism, it is the capitalist class that decides. In the Soviet Union, it is the usurping Stalinist bureaucracy.

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TROTSKY

"The entire bourgeois world accuses the Communist of destroying freedom and political democracy. These are lies. Upon assuming power, the proletariat merely lays bare the complete impossibility of employing the methods of bourgeois democracy and creates the conditions and forms of a new and much higher workers' democracy. The whole course of capitalist development, especially during its final imperialist epoch, has acted to undermine political democracy not only by dividing nations into two irreconcilably hostile classes, but also by condemning numerous petty-bourgeois and proletarian layers, as well as the most disinherited lowest strata of the proletariat, to economic debilitation and political impotence. -Leon Trotsky, First Five Years of the Communist

International, 1919.



LENIN

Five Years After Hiroshima

Last week marked the fifth anniversary of Hiroshima which has been the scene of an annual celebration climaxed by releasing a flock of white doves, symbolic of a new era of peace and hope that had presumably arisen from the ashes of the first atomic blast in Japan. But this time there was no peace celebration in Hiroshima. It was instead the occasion for solemn prayer.

This seemingly trifling episode epitomizes the shattered hopes for peace, the dread of earth's peoples who realize how dangerously they are now living under the shadow of atomic bombs.

Gone is all talk of the great promises and boons of peacetime uses of atomic power. The Atomic Energy Commission boasts that it is building up its pile of atomic explosives at a record rate, with new atom poison bombs scheduled for production. DuPont & Co., the world's biggest merchants of death, have been, appropriately enough, assigned (for the sum of \$1.00) the contract for building the first plants to manufacture the Hell-Bomb. (DuPont shares promptly jumped \$2 each on the news of this philanthropic venture.) New York City proposes to spend two billion dollars for atom-bomb shelters, and is rushing "evacuation

plans" in case of atomic attack; and other cities are charting similar "security" measures. And all this, while war-mad Washington still talks of "safeguarding peace."

. The fifth anniversary of Hiroshima underscores what a mockery has been this promise of peace issued to the peoples not alone by Washington but by every existing government. And next to the UN the biggest mockery of all has been the Stalinist "Stockholm peace petition" with its ballyhoo about "outlawing" atomic weapons. What price all these signatures now?

It is true that if mankind is to be saved from suicide, not only atomic weapons but war itself must be "outlawed." But to do this, it is necessary first to root out the source of war, which is monopoly capitalism.

Two world wars have already proved to the hilt how anti-social and self-destructive capitalism is and how incompatible it has become with the survival of civilization and with the needs, aspirations and hopes of the mass of humanity. If our planet is not to be turned into a wasteland of countless Hiroshimas, then capitalism must be abolished and socialism instituted.

No One In--No One Out

Among the more brutal practices of totalitarian regimes is their rigid control of all movements of their citizens, especially of their attempts to go abroad as well as of attempts from abroad to visit the country. No one is permitted to leave except by special dispensation from above, never granted to ordinary mortals; no one is permitted to enter except by special authorization and after the most careful screening.

The topic is so well known that there is a musical play on Broadway, entitled the "Consul," one of the big hits of the season, which uses it as its central theme. After witnessing the spectacle of human misery and degradation resulting from a hopeless quest for a visa, thousands of theater-goers must have sighed with relief that in this country, at least, such things do not happen.

But the bitter truth is that such things not only can but are actually beginning to take place here. The latest instance is the cancellation of Paul Robeson's passport. His role as a Kremlin stooge makes him a convenient target. But only those who deliberately blind themselves will condone this infamous edict which sets a precedent for depriving anyone and anybody of a passport on the grounds of "national security."

The obverse of this — the practice of permitting no one in — has become even more flagrant and widespread. Take the

case of Jehovah's Witnesses. More than 2,000 of their foreign delegates were subjected to severe questioning by U.S. consuls before visas were granted; then many of them were detained on arrival in New York, their passports confiscated and only after a storm of protest were they "paroled" in custody of the Society under orders to leave this country by Aug. 15.

Among the Witnesses subjected to this persecution was a German anti-fascist who spent 12 years in Hitler's concentration camps. According to the head of the Jehovah's Witnesses, "immigration authorities resorted to every scheme they could think of to prevent his entry."

And as a third instance there is the plan of the State Department which under its international information and educational activities program proposed to bring in 85 Yugoslav "educators, but mostly technicians, agriculture experts, some chemists" as part of "exchanges of personnel to learn the truths about one another's country."

The witch-hunters in the House appropriations subcommittee before whom this program came up have declared they will kill the project. The doors are locked, and the Yugoslavs will be barred.

These are more than straws in the wind. It shows how fast and how far we have already been dragged toward becoming another land of "No One In; No One Out."

Another Undeclared

It is understandably difficult for large numbers of our people to get a clear conception of the aims of Truman's undeclared war in Korea. A torrent of propaganda and misinformation released by the capitalist press and radio monopoly keeps them from getting at the truth. But a small incident at home, as so often happens, will illuminate in a flash big questions of foreign policy that seem so baffling and complicated. The truth about Korea was revealed in precisely such an incident in Washington last week.

In the halls of Congress, a Negro was cursed as a "black son of a bitch" by Representative Lanham from Georgia for having said that legal lynchings were commonplace in that state. Then as if to prove the point made by the Negro witness, the Congressman lunged at him. Violence was averted only by the intercession of the guards. The liberals were besides themselves with indignation: Such episodes could "compromise" America in the eyes of the colored peoples throughout the world.

But what happened in Washington was no mere episode. It was a small if dramatic reflection of what occurs every day

in Georgia and throughout the South. The racial epithet used by the Georgia Congressman is only one of many variations of chauvinist abuse in the language of the white supremacists. No guards, police or courts in the South would intervene to save a Negro from such attacks. On the contrary, they cooperate by visiting vicious "legal" punishment on the victim or by standing aside while mobs do the job without sanction of law.

The discrimination, segregation and terror practised in the South - and not only in the South - is part of an undeclared war by the big monopolies and their lackeys in the government against the Negro people. Its aim is ever higher profits extracted from inhuman exploitation of an intimidated and defenseless people. What difference in essence is there between this situation and the methods and aims of the same ruling

class in Korea and in Asia? War, said the famous German military strategist Clausewitz, is merely the continuation of politics by other means. The war in Korea is nothing but the continuation of the politics of the Lanhams in Washington and in the South.

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By Paul G. Stevens

imself to that august body but in the Korean war. to the people of Asia." This is un doubtedly a justified grievance on UNANSWERABLE the part of the capitalist rulers. "PROPAGANDA"

They themselves have never nad the intention of calling upon the people of Asia, or of Europe, or at home, to judge and much less to decide upon the questions to be discussed? No answer, but of war and peace which more than ever affect their very lives n'this Atomic Age. The United Nations was not set up for this purpose. On the contrary, it was designed precisely to circumvent the will of the masses.

MOSCOW'S AIM

In the hope of a deal with Wall Street that would permit Moscow to share in a division of the world for the increase of its own power. revenue and privileges, the Stalinist bureaucracy participated in the creation of this international smokescreen for the imperialist plunderbund. It' Stalin's spokesman today speaks "to the people of Asia," over the heads of the UN, it is not because the Kremlin has suddenly become transformed into a hearth of revolutionary democracy. Not at all.

The stubborn refusal of American imperialism to make any kind of a deal to share world domination and the ease with which Wall Street is able to whip Great Britain, France and the rest of the decrepit capitalist world into line, has simply left Moscow no other choice.

UN Delegate Malik addressed imself to the masses of seething, evolutionary Asia with the view of utilizing their struggle only n order to force through the desired deal with imperialism. As Stalin's entire history of counterrevolutionary crimes shows, he is ready to betray the masses of Korea and China and Indo-China just as he did the masses of Germany, Spain or Greece. But meanwhile his own dilemma leads Malik to take a line of argumentation in the public debate at find unanswerable today in Asia.

Warren Austin choked with one straight "victory" after anvoting. By week-end, articles such why.

The Western world, he said, con-

tinues "to take decisions affecting

vast areas of Asia without under-

standing the real needs and minds

of the people. . . While old forms

of empire are dead, new types of

olonialism or controlism are be-

As for China, "we recognized

the Communist government be-

government enjoys the confidence

viewpoint of world peace. There-

fore, right from the beginning,

we made clear that we supported

the Security Council's resolutions,

but did not extend our support to

anything else beyond that."

olving the problem."

Vations.

that aims at peace?" Malik was over the sizable split vote on the One of the chief complaints of able to retort amidst silence, as admission of China, in which the he capitalist ruling class and its he reiterated again and again his British and Norwegians had to press upon the return of the proposals to invite the govern- vote with the Russians. And, it ment which rules the entire may be added, there was hardly s that Jacob Malik, the Soviet Chinese mainland to the hearings anything auspicious for Wash elegate, has not really addressed on Korea, and to invite both sides

How can you settle a war viting the North Koreans. peacefully he asked, if you don't ask both sides to sit down at the table at which the settlement is a brutal insistence by Austin to go ahead with the seating of the representative of Syngman Rhee's South Korean government.

How can you speak of "localizing" the conflict in Korea, of preventing it from spreading to other parts of Asia when the unchallenged government that heads the biggest nation on the Asiatic continent is not invited to the conference table? Again, no attempt at an argument from Truman's delegate but insolent pressure to ram through the parliamentary procedure suited to his purpose.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb, the British delegate, more polished and suave than Austin, could only offer a few poor jests in an effort to aid his American colleague. The question of China, said Jebb, has nothing to do with that of Korea: the only thing they have in common is their "geographical proximity."

Even as Jebb was speaking the papers announced MacArthur's trip to Chiang Kai-shek on Formosa and the stepping up of U. S. aid to Chiang. The "United Nations Chief of Staff for Korea' thus did his bit to help emphasize for the people of Asia and for the rest of the world, the bitter point of Sir Gladwyn's jest on China. The whole effect of the Security Council was to make clear that U. S. imperialism was interested not in a peaceful settlement, but teaching the people of Asia "a The more serious commentators

unanimously deplored what they described as an undoubted "propathe UN which the imperialists ganda" defeat for the U.S. rulers. They pointed out that the effectiveness of Malik's propaganda rage even while he was winning among the people in Asia could be gauged from the fact that other in the Security Council India - which had supported the original U. S. resolutions on as one headed "UN Score: We Korea and is otherwise considered ndia is the only Asian country

"What's wrong with propaganda, They also expressed concern ington in the Indian delegate's declaration toward the close of the week that he would have to get instructions from his government on how to vote on in-

> To judge from the "responsible" press organs, the ruling circles of America are worried about the Kremlin's successes in the propaganda battle at Lake Success. Propaganda - these pundits explain - is very important nowadays, while victories in parliamentary procedure are shallow indeed. For the masses are in action in Asia and what they think has become a big factor in world politics.

The United States "had truth, morality and the law on its side," James Reston, for instance writes in the N. Y. Times, but it could not make that clear to the peoples of Asia in the Security Council. U. S. propaganda tactics were bad. Its UN spokesmen are "not of the best." There are, of ship. . . course, difficulties in improving U. S. propaganda - "there is no television at Joe's bar in Taegu" - But the problem could be 'minimized." How? Make more use of the UN!

US NEEDS COVER

"The United States as a sovereign nation," Reston writes, backed by military force, which is suspect in Asia, cannot do some of the things the United Nations could do . . . the British cannot do this job, nor the French, nor the Dutch, for all their experience in Asia . . . for the history and suspicions of the capitalist world in Asia are against us. But the United Nations could help immeasurably, almost at once, if the necessary and available in pushing its war on Korea and facilities were turned over much more than they are today.'

> Everything must be done to hide the ugly visage of imperial-This is the only "solution" that can seriously offer. As though it nations. is not clear that the insurgent let no camouflage, not even the their oppressors.

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The outbreak of world war, or

of millions of landless and stary-

LIBERALS AT WAILING **WALL OVER KOREA**

By Joseph Keller

No one hailed Truman's undeclared war on Korea more loudly than the liberals. None rushed more promptly than they to pledge unconditional support. Had U.S. imperialism quickly crushed the Koreans, we would have heard no more from these liberal gentry. But events did not work out as they had hoped. The little Korean peasants have been putting up a terrific battle. Almost all Koreans, south and north, are united against the imperialists. And throughout Asia, with its billion people, American intervention in the Korean civil war has evoked bitter hostility.

These events have given the liberals - never noted for strong nerves — a case of the jitters. They are now pouring out frantic advice to Washington. They complain that the U.S. is doing a poor job of "selling" itself to the rest of the world, particularly Asia. They are fearful that American capitalism will lose out to 'communism" if it doesn't win the support of the colonial peoples. The whole liberal press is wailing the same lament.

Max Lerner, N.Y. Post columnist, warns that "the Asiatics are reaching for revolutionary nationalism. . . for new economic and social reforms" and "are deeply distrustful of the racism of the Western world." He wonders: "Can we show them that we can help them get the kind of land reform they want. . . can we show them we too hate racism?"

Backed Rotten Regime in Korea

The New Republic sadly notes that "defeatism has an armory of powerful arguments," including "we backed a regime and a system in Korea whose rottenness invited attack: why should we fight to impose it now against the desires of the Koreans themselves?' In the same magazine, Harold R. Isaacs, once an anti-imperialist, observes: "The promptness with which the North Koreans instituted their drastic land reform program in the conquered areas of South Korea is an impressive fact for many Asians. . . This kind of dynamism has not yet appeared in any form under American sponsor-

The Nation, leading liberal weekly, affirms that the Koreans aren't impressed by U.S. claims about saving them from "foreign domination of a particularly ruthless sort," because they know that in South Korea "the American authorities installed a tough, reactionary clique in power and permitted it to use Japanese-trained police to terrorize the people." So, "the only way to 'sell' the American-U.N. intervention in Korea to the peoples of Asia is to offer now the concrete pledge of national freedom and basic economic reform. This means Indo-China and Malaya, as well as Korea, Formosa and the Philippines."

This same thought is heard from the Trumanite labor leaders. Allan L. Swim, CIO News editor, asks: "Can we honestly say to the Orient, 'Stick with us and we'll help you wipe out famine and pestilence — and we'll help you build a better standard of living for all you people? Can we? Should we?"

Max Shachtman's Labor Action plaintively echoes: "But the .S. marches under the banner of restoration. That is its tragedy n Korea as it was in China. Washington's politics consists of the narrowest military-strategic values, which can hardly arouse enthusiasm in Korea. Whatever American soldiers manage to achieve militarily in Korea is undermined by political failure."

Cannot Explain Propaganda Failure

Through all these lamentations of the liberals runs the affirnation that American imperialism and its policies have evoked only suspicion and hatred in Korea and throughout Asia. The liband editors over the weekend ism from the masses of Asia! erals are hard put to explain why U.S. propaganda against Stalinism leaves the Asiatics unimpressed, when it is true that Moscow the mouthpieces of Wall Street represents totalitarianism, the police state, the subjugation of small

> They think it is all a matter of "propaganda." The Kremlin is peoples of Asia are determined to putting out the right kind of promises. Ah, they all cry, if only U.S. imperialism, too, would make promises of national independence, UN, deter them from shaking off land reform, racial equality? Then the Asiatic peoples would come flocking under the U.S.-U.N. banner.

But why doesn't the U.S. make such promises? First of all. because the astute capitalist politicians in Washington know they Won Votes, They Won Propaganda" explained more soberly why.

Korea and is otherwise considered a friendly rather than a hostile ganda successes for the Soviet bureaucracy as they are revelations of the utter bankruptcy of why.

Council are not so much propaganda won't be believed. And, secondly, if they did make all kinds of pledges to the colonial peoples, the latter would demand that these pledges be made good promptly. It's cash on the line and no credit for U.S.

The Asiatic peoples are no dupes and fools. They have not forgotten the previous promises of the Atlantic Charter and the "Four Freedoms." In addition to the decades and centuries of oppression and exploitation they had suffered under western imperialism, they have had five eventful years since the end of the last war to oberve what imperialist promises mean.

We have the testimony of the liberals themselves on the kind of regime the U.S. installed in South Korea, on U.S. support to the most reactionary forces everywhere in Asia, on American backing for French imperialism's invasion of Indo-China. One thing the colonial peoples know: If the western capitalist world, including subsequent parliamentary debate, nialism under which they are not the U.S., had anything to offer the people of Asia, it would have

> But the liberals would have us believe that imperialism is just a matter of preference, a policy which can be changed for one of altruism toward the colonial peoples if only Washington would "see the light" and "get religion."

They are in power but they Tiger Cannot Change Stripes

This fallacy is not apt to fool the colonial peoples. They know population. They can rule only so that imperialism is not a matter of choice. They are increasingly aware that imperialism is inherent in the economic and social system "strict instructions to vote for the bility of solving India's social of world capitalism. They have tasted imperialism for a long time problems which they are actually and they know the flavor won't change no matter how this fruit is American capitalism is driven to seek domination of Asia and

the rest of the world by virtue of the needs of its economy. The even the extension of hostilities American profit system cannot survive except by the seizure of in Asia, would topple the unstable world markets for goods it cannot sell at home, new profitable fields equilibrium on which the Indian for investment of idle capital, cheaper labor and raw materials. Wall Street is interested in the Asiatic peoples as an exploiter,

to make profits off them as it makes profits off the American workers at home. The landlords, usurers and capitalists in the colonial countries are the allies of American imperialism in subjugating the peasants and workers.

The tiger cannot change its stripes. American capitalism cannot be anything else, by its very nature, but imperialist. It is the rulers; but this time it would be function of the liberals to disguise the tiger, to paint out its stripes, tint its claws and fangs in delicate colors. It will be no less murderous, but it may put the unwary off guard.

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STRADDLE FENCE ON U.S. POLICY By Charles Hanley When in the course of the are themselves opposed to colo-In a two-day debate, Aug. 3-4, representatives of the Left de- even junior partners but mere done so long ago. on the Korean question before the nounced American imperialism, errand boys; they want full part-

WHY NEHRU AND HIS CLASS TRY TO

Indian Parliament, Premier Nehru Nehru evasively replied by de-nership and not a humiliating alked out of both sides of his fending the American people and status and a thin trickle of profits condemning criticism of other under Western control or "protec-On the one side he defended his countries "even though they criti- torates." upport of the UN resolutions on cize us.' The opposition to Nehru's reso-Korea, to which there was strong opposition even among the ruling lution which embodied this equiv-Congress Party members; on the

ocal position was so strong that long as they can promise the peoother, he criticized the Asian Congress Party members received policy of the Western powers, advocated recognition of Mao Tseresolution and not to speak tung's regime in China and re- against it," reported the N. Y. peated that India's support of the Times. UN in Korea would not be extend-What is behind Nehru's attied to include Indo-China or

tude? He speaks and acts for the Indian capitalists, whom his government represents and who are bourgeoisie now rests. The misery linked economically and politically with the rulers of the imperialist ing peasants would vastly inworld. But they must take into account the boundless indignation of the Indian masses who are aroused by the imperialist armed intervention in Korea, in Formosa

coming apparent. . . The fate of and in Indo-China. Asia is still being determined by The Indian people would not statesmen of the western world. I long tolerate a government openly wish to point out that any attempt subservient to Western imperialto solve the problems of Asia ism, for they know what a mortal without taking Asia into conenemy imperialism is of the Asian sideration is not the way of

Moreover, the Indian capitalists

cause we are convinced that the Now They Admit It Ever since the Marshall Plan

f continental China and that went into effect it has been there is no longer any chance of denied that the plan in essence its being pushed out of the country." Nehru went on to reiterate is military in nature, primarily that Mao Tse-tung's regime intended to rearm Europe. Now should function in the United even such a prominent figure as Senator Tydings, chairman of the Senate Foreign Arms sub-commit-Any enlargement of the Korean tee, no longer bothers to deny it. conflict — and here Nehru was In the course of a discussion over obviously referring to Formosa the ECA appropriations on the and Indo-China — "seemed to us senate floor last Friday, Tydings not only wrong, but to have declared: dangerous consequences from the

"It may not appear to be so but this appropriation is a military appropriation. It is equivalent of offering money to the participating countries to help increase their armament. . ."

crease and with it the moods of mass upsurge and revolt. The anger of India's agonized masses during the last war was directed against the British

impotent to solve.

directed against the native rulers. Nehru and his class fear this; they need peace. That is why there is more than demagogy in Nehru's attack on Western policy and his affirmation that "in the ultimate analysis no problem is solved by bomb and bayonet and

But the overriding factor remains the anti-imperialist orientation of the bulk of mankind who inhabit India and the rest of Asia. They have entered the arena of history and have become one of the mighty forces in world politics. American imperialism cannot hope to emerge victorious without first crushing their determination to unify their countries, to free themselves from all the chains of feudalism and age-long oppression, to industrialize their omeland and raise their subhuman living levels.

It is this determination no longer to live as slaves that is more powerful than the "bombs, bayonets and tanks" that may be mustered against them.

The Kravchenko Trial

By Charles Hanley

We turned, and there was our old friend Sam at one of the tables, looking very smug. "Emil, my good man," he said, "when my friends drain their foaming mugs, refill them. I will pay."

"Sam," I said, "you're rich! What happened?" "Saturday night," he explained, "I am held up." And seeing our bewilderment, he added, "By

Jimmy, Slim, and I exchanged incredulous glances. Jimmy said, "Look, man, you mean you held up a robber?"

"Of course not," snorted Sam. "The robber holds me up. With a gun."

Slim said, "You better start at the start."

Sam sighed with compassion for our everlasting stupidity, ordered three more beers and an Old Fashioned ("not quite so sweet this time,

"Saturday at the Wilson Machine Co. we work overtime turning out artillery parts, and I don't come home until after dark. As I pass a warehouse, somebody says 'Hold it, buddy,' and I hold it, and this desperate character comes up to me, sticks a pistol in my face, and snarls, 'Your money

"I cringe, but my mind is crystal clear. I ask him in a trembling voice, 'My friend, do you know who I am?' He tells me he don't care, and I will soon be dead, and it won't matter, if I don't give him my money. But I take heart, and in ringing tones I tell him, 'I am a worker!' Also I tell him I have thought it over and have decided to keep my money and give him my life.

"He tries to stick his gun right into my mouth, but I guess it's too big, and I say, 'Just a minute, friend, you want to know what you're getting, don't you?' He is taken aback, so I continue: 'I'm giving you my life, so I'll tell you what you're getting. Here is my life the way I live it.'

"'Every morning,' I wail, 'I get out of bed even before it's light. I die a thousand deaths dragging

I Chose Justice (Chas. Scribner's, New York,

1950, 458 pp. \$3.75) is Victor Kravchenko's

account of the libel trial which took place in Paris

in 1950. It covers mainly the extensive and rather

impressive testimony of his witnesses on their

personal experiences with the Soviet bureaucracy,

in particular with the crimes of the Stalinist

regime in the period of the "wholesale col-

lectivization" of the peasantry in the early

Kravchenko is the former Soviet official who

took the opportunity of a trip to this country as

member of a Soviet purchasing commission in

1944 to desert the camp of Stalinism and enter

that of American imperialism. He attained con-

siderable notoriety through his best seller, I Chose

Belonging to the younger generation of the

Soviet bureaucracy which rose in the Russian

party after Stalin had crushed first the Trotskyist

Left Opposition, and then the dissident right-wing

many revelations very compromising to the

Unable to answer the facts reported by

Kravchenko — the essence of which incidentally

had been exposed long before Kravchenko by Leon

Trotsky and the world Trotskyist movement gen-

erally - the entire Stalinist press subjected

Kravchenko and his book to an unbridled attack.

In 1947, Les Lettres Françaises, a French Stalin-

ist literary weekly, charged that Kravchenko

couldn't write a book, that he was an imbecile, a

drunkard, and generally a criminal type. Kravchenko, continued the French Stalinists, was a paid agent of the American Secret Service (OSS) who had ghost-written his book which was nothing

Kravchenko seized the opportunity to bring a

libel suit against the editors of Les Lettres Francaises and the mysterious author of the defama-

tory article who never showed up at the trial. His

intention was to convert this trial into a trial of

the Soviet Union, and of communism, both of

which he falsely identifies with the Soviet bureau-

cracy. The French Stalinists adopted the self-

same strategy and the Kremlin itself lent them

Kravchenko was able to produce Soviet peasants

and workers from D.P. camps in Germany to give

personal accounts of their experiences with

Stalin's secret police, and especially with the

dreadful prisons and forced labor camps. The

but a pack of lies and fabrications.

Thirties, and the blood purges of 1935-38.

Freedom in 1946.

myself out of my bed, but I have to get up to go to work. My wife growls. The baby yelps. I guly my coffee and stagger from my door. At worl every day it's the same. The boss bellows, 'More work!! Faster!! I don't pay you to loaf!!' When SWP Completes I sneak to the men's room, he looks at his watch to time me. My lunches I carry in a paper bag, and the bread is alway dry, and my coffee bottle always greats cold and after lunch we have been been proposed in always gets cold, and after lunch my boss bellows, 'Back to work!! Faster!! I don't pay you to smoke cigarettes!! And if I start to put my 45 N. Y. Counties tools away a minute before quitting time, my boss is roaring again. When I come home at night my wife is bellowing too. Why don't I bring report to the police station where home more money?, how can she keep house on he was told that he was disturbmy pay?, she roars, and how can I bear my ing the citizens of the comfamily should live in such a dump anyway?, and munity. where will we go when we're evicted? Always bills, always work, always worry. 'This,' I tell whipped up to commit violence him with a challenge in my voice: 'this is my life. and 'the crew was compelled to A dog shouldn't have such a life. Now I'm giving leave town just one step ahead

"'I don't want it,' he pleads, 'I want your

"I am stern. 'You don't get it. You get my life!"

"He begins to whine. He whimpers and tries to found that the cops had been bargain with me, but I am relentless. Finally I tipped off and were ready for ask him what is it worth to him that he should them. They were unceremoniously not take my life, and, tearful with relief he told by the town officials to get presses money upon me. He even tries to give me cut. his gun, but I have no license, so he throws it away for fear he might have to take some other multiplied ten times over. The

"So now," concluded Sam, "I have all this ing in league with the authorities money. Emil, three beers and one Old Fashioned, to frighten the petition workers and try not to make the Old Fashioned taste like and to intimidate the people from

After a moment of stunned silence, Jimmy said, "You want us to believe that, Sam?"

Sam smiled disarmingly. "I was lying. Saturday at work my boss comes up to me and says, 'Sam, Smith, warned the crew to get out I know you can't live the good life on what I of town in these words: "My pay you, so here, take this money,' and, tearful advice to you is to leave this with joy, he presses money into my hands as I county. If the people around here stand there beside my lathe.'

Again Jimmy, Slim, and I looked at one another any disturbances take place I'll in silence. Finally Slim spoke for all of us, "I have you locked up." guess I believe the first story, Sam. It's more

Stalinists, on the other hand, placed on the stand

But the essence of the latest Kravchenko book

are not his revelations or those of his witnesses,

but the political use he seeks to make of them.

the Soviet bureaucracy, of which he was in many

respects a representative type, is today a believer

in the progressive mission of American imperial-

Pact and the whole of Washington's foreign

to drape this policy with a "progressive" cloak.

He knows that the Soviet peoples, much as they

abhor Stalinism, will never return to capitalism.

"Many possibilities," he writes, "may be expected

peoples of my country will permit the restoration

ples of Europe and Asia. "It is necessary to record

is a true reflection of its real character. Con-

vinced that World War III is unavoidable and

worthy admission!

generals, top Soviet officials and the like.

were the truth. He won the decision.

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In Anti-Labor Move by Washington (Continued from Page 1)

In Cobleskill, mobs were being of the mobs.

In Watkins Glen the crew was chased 15 miles out of town before they eluded their pursuers. They rode to Waverly where they

These examples could easily be neo-Fascist forces were organizsigning. Nowhere was this more openly and flagrantly expressed than in Penn Yan in Yates County.

The District Attorney, Lyman get riled up you'll get hurt. If

Sensing that they were not intimidated he could scarcely conceal his admiration and said, "I only wish the Republican Party had as much guts as you." As the crew left his office he called out, "Now I'm warning you if you don't leave I'll round up the veterans in town and let them take care of you."

prominent fellow - travellers, from members of ed in a few days to find that the Parliament to high clergymen, along with Russian local newspaper, the Chronicle-Express, carried inflammatory In the absence of Moscow trial procedure, the erticles against them. A front Stalinists were, of course, unable to prove a single page item was headlined: "Subone of their slanderous charges. Kravchenko versive Red Party Seeks Penn established both that he wrote the book and that Yan Signers." The article began, the bestiality and horrors of the Stalinist regime "For the second time within a week, Penn Yan has been invaded by representatives of the Socialist Workers Party branded as "subversive" by both the Army and the F.B.I." This one-time believer in the progressive role of

At this writing we are assured of complying with the reactionary election laws of N. Y. State by ism. He supports the Marshall Plan, the Atlantic obtaining far more than the required number of signatures. policy, but he, like the Social Democrats, wants The task would have been impossible without the workers and minority groups of the various from the attitude of the workers from a post-Soviet Russia, but never that the the factories. in their neighborhoods and around

At the Corning Glass works in of the monarchy, capitalism and landlordism Steuben County the workers under which they suffered so much." A notesigned willingly; in the working class town of Canastota with a He further knows that Washington's policy of large Italian section, getting supporting reaction everywhere - the Greek signatures was a pleasure; the monarcho-fascists, the Chiang Kai-sheks, the Bao railroad workers of Oneonta were Dais, etc. - will never be popular with the peo- the chief signers.

The crews saw the class strugthe reactionary policy of American imperialism to our rescue by showing sympathy to our cause and independence in their actions.

that the Soviet Union will be defeated militarily. A tribute is in order to the he warns that only a "progressive" social policy can defeat the "communist ideology" - that is, the socialist aspirations of mankind - which will to grudgingly express admiration not, he is afraid, necessarily die with the military Here Kravchenko remains true to his original of the strongest pressure and pretext of the Korean war, they ment with treacherous leaders Stalinist training. His fears are also those of the vicious opposition, every man and drove a deeper wedge into mari-Stalinist bureaucracy as a whole, which fears, as woman of the upstate Trotskyist time unionism in a few hours than and fire seamen from their jobs, much as the imperialists, the revolutionary brigade carried out the assign- in all the past 16 years of their it can drive them out of the inment in superlative fashion.

Preparing the Draft

THE MILITANT

Bridges Imprisoned, Bail Revoked

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1950



Selective service officials in Washington who are working on the Army's call for 100,000 more draftees during September and October. (L. to r.) Col. Daniel C. Omer, Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey and Col. Bernard T. Franck.

The crew left town but returned in a few days to find that the Trotsky Memorial Meeting Will be Held at Mt. Spring

The tenth anniversary of the | Saturday evening as the highassassination of Leon Trotsky will light. Guests of honor at the be commemorated by the New Cabaret Nite will be a group of OPPOSES VICTIMIZING York, Philadelphia and Newark SWP'ers who have just completed branches of the Socialist Work- a difficult but successful petition Trotsky Memorial Weekend at of New York to place the SWP Mountain Spring Camp. The on the ballot in the gubernatorial on August 19 and 20.

The principal feature of the ing a skit for the Cabaret Nite weekend will be an address on dramatizing their exciting and Sunday afternoon by William F. often hilarious experiences. Warde, National Educational Dirthe light of Trotsky's program Sunday. They have requested that tants on behalf of the anti-labor Bridges began to talk a bit more and will deal with the tasks and reservation be made promptly as shipowners. perspectives facing the American follows: In New York at the Trotskyist movement today.

CABARET NITE

The weekend will also include a full program of sports and recrea- Gerard; and in Newark at 423 tion, with a Cabaret Nite on Springfield Ave.

The three Party branches have Pl.; in Philadelphia at the Militant Labor Forum, 1303 W.

Climaxing the 15-year campaign by the government and shipowners to "get" Harry Bridges, Federal Judge George B. Harris on Aug. 5 ordered the president of the

CIO Longshoremen to be jailed ?

On the demand of F. Joseph Donohue, special assistant to the U. S. Attorney General, Judge Harris revoked Bridges' bail privilege. The union leader had been free on a \$25,000 bond while waiting for a higher court to act on his appeal. He has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment on the perjury charge.

NO PRECEDENT

The vindictive and punitive denial of bail to Bridges is virtually unprecedented. Bail is almost never denied in an appeals case except on a conviction of murder. Bridges was convicted last April on a charge of lying when he swore he had never been a member of the Communist Party Bridges "an unconscionable violaat the time he secured citizenship tion of free speech" and had asked papers in 1945.

The pretext for the Judge's ruling was the claim that Bridges' activities since his conviction constituted a "danger to internal security." This "danger," it was brought out in the hearing, was based on Bridges' opposition to a union resolution calling for unconditional support of Truman's undeclared war in Korea.

Bridges had asked the memberhip to wait and consider before passing the resolution. He told the court that he had made no public statement on the Korea events other than an expression of opinion at a closed union meeting in which he said he had favored a United Nations ceasefire order and a peaceful negotiation of the conflict.

The Judge, in his order, placed special stress on the fact that ers Party at a jointly sponsored campaign in the upstate counties Bridges "has spearheaded, since his release on bail, a serious opposition to security measures entire facilities of the camp have elections. These campaigners, who designed to protect the people been rented for the encampment will spend the weekend at camp of San Francisco, this port and as guests of the party, are prepar- the welfare of our armed forces." This referred to Bridges' opposition to the government's move to "screen" maritime workers and remove so-called "subversives" ector of the SWP. Warde will announced that they will provide from their jobs. Bridges had cor- tion. communities. This became evident analyze the present crisis of transportation for those desiring rectly charged that this was an American imperialism in Korea in it either for the weekend or for attempt to victimize union mili- Moscow honeymoon ended and

> The jailing of Bridges on the foreign policy, then the malevolent SWP City Office, 116 University grounds of his views on the Korean situation constitutes one of the grossest violations of the Justice Department lined up some right of free speech this country of his known union enemies as has witnessed in decades. It stoolpigeons against him in the establishes a judical precedent perjury trial.

pending outcome of his appeal that would regard as "criminal" against a frame-up conviction for the voicing of any opposition to or disagreement with Truman's

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SILENCE OPPOSITION

war program.

That the purpose behind the latest victimization of Bridges is, in part, to intimidate and silence those who criticize Truman's war program was indicated by Donohue when he presented the government's case. He argued that "this is the hour in which all men must declare themselves for us or against us.

"There can be no minority opinion on this."

Donohue even attacked as 'nighly impertinent" a mere protest by the American Civil liberties Union which had correctly called the move to jail leave to file its own brief on Bridges' behalf.

THIRD TIME

Since 1939, higher judicial authorities have three times reversed deportation orders against the Australian-born Bridges. One such reversal came from the U.S. Supreme Court itself. In each case, the charge was Bridges' alleged membership in the Communist Party.

A government witness in the perjury trial last April confessed on the stand that in Oct. 1948 he had been called in by former Attorney General Tom Clark and told that "they wanted to remove the influence of Mr. Bridges and others from the labor movement."

The perjury charge was cooked up last year when the government was trying to break the strike of CIO Longshoremen in Hawaii.

HONEYMOON OVER

When Bridges supported the last imperialist war, played ball with the employers and government, broke strikes, fingered union militants for the FBI and called for a permanent no-strike pledge. the Roosevelt and, later, the Truman administration went to bat for him and blocked his deporta-

But when the Washingtonmilitant and to criticize Truman's campaign to victimize him was renewed and intensified. The

with regret," he explains, "that America seems to have a genius for showing her worst side, not her best, to the other nations of the world. ." The idea that Stalinism has nothing whatever in common with genuine communism never even occurs to him. Neither does it occur to him that the reactionary policy of American imperialism. Asia. It is necessary to record gel written into the petitions. It was always the workers, the minority groups, the most impoverished who signed willingly when they heard about a worker's party running in the electrons. Many farmers also came the reactionary policy of American imperialism. The idea that Stalinism has nothing whatever in common with genuine communism never even occurs to him. Neither does it occur to him that the reactionary policy of American imperialism. The idea that Stalinism has nothing whatever in common with genuine communism never even occurs to him. Neither does it occur to him that the reactionary policy of American imperialism. Seamen Leaders Help Weaken Hine crews saw the class struggle written into the petitions. It was always the workers, the minority groups, the most impoverished who signed willingly when they heard about a worker's party running in the electrons. Many farmers also came the reactionary policy of American imperialism.

crews which worked upstate. prove to be the death warrant for failed when the seamen, who Even our bitterest enemies had the union hiring hall in the mari- viewed the book as a convenient for the courage exhibited by the victory for the shipowners and threatened to tie up the ships. SWP, petition workers. In the face the government. Under the Today, the government in agreeschemes, plots and attacks. They dustry. were dealing this time not with In 1936, the government gave treacherous labor bureaucrats.

two weeks since the Washington that rules the maritime unions. agreement in using their newlyfound anti-union weapons. In ac- to this new attack on the hiring strutting Coast Guard officers ground and interest. But all were have been boarding the ships on agreed that "the communists" had both coasts to "screen" seamen to be purged and not one showed and "weed out subversives." The the slightest inclination to fight number of militants who have al- the growing anti-union drive. ready been "screened" out of their livelihood is beginning to mount.

ANTI-UNION PROGRESS

seamen in 1936 and 1938-39.

agreed in Washington to a plan of continuous Discharge Book government regulation that may known as the "fink book" - but time industry. It was a bloodless method of blackballing them,

'38 who were ready to lay down fink hiring hall when it ran into Franklin's picture in the same their lives for their hiring hall, determined mass picket lines. but with submissive, corrupt and Today, the establishment of the MSTS has encountered nothing The shipowners and the gov- more than a few mumbling ernment have lost no time in the protests from the cowardly gang The response of the union czars

CURRAN TAKES LEAD

Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union, CIO, is Meanwhile this disruption of credited by the N. Y. Times with he unions from within has been | "allaying fears of some union supplemented by an attack from men (at the Washington conwithout. The Navy has set up its ference) that the rejection powers own fink hiring agency known as (granted the Coast Guard) would agreement. Under this plan, the for 99 years. the Military Sea Transport Serv- be misused by the companies." only appeal from a coast guard ice which has been chartering The story is credible because it purge is a tripartite board, foreign ships and manning them is right in line with Curran's stacked two-to-one against the with scabs. Taken together, these record of capitulation to the pre- unions. Strikes against Coast two measures achieve more than war and wartime period - along Guard decisions are specifically the government attempted but with the Stalinists - to govern- prohibited. "There are commies failed in its plans to regiment the ment - shipowner attacks on the in the other unions," was Hall's maritime unions. It is in line with only alibi for his sellout.

convert it into a union bureaucrats crimp joint.

Accompanying the report of the Washington sell-out agree- interference. Curran and Malone, ment in the NMU Pilot, July 27, is a prominently displayed story men, according to Lundeberg, had of the formation of a "Labortee." Curran shares the presidency with John M. Franklin, President of the US Lines which maintains the most vicious blackball system the militant sailors of '34, '36 and up its attempt to operate its own in the industry. The display of Pilot is reminiscent of the last war when shipowners were invited to the union hall and the motto of the Curran - Stalinist leadership because it is a fink hall, but bewas "Reading, Writing and No Striking."

HALL MUMBLES

ime leaders was somewhat more cautious and was calculated with an eye to jurisdictional warfare. Paul Hall, Secretary Treasurer of tureaucratic controls, unless watched carefully, conceivably could result in piecemeal restrictions upon the freedom of merchant seamen - or other working men for that matter."

Despite this admitted danger, Hall signed the Washington

faring unions of both coasts to compel the seamen to carry a all opposition from the NMU and the SUP-AFL, balked at the Coast Guard plan - at least in words. He said he had getten rid of the 'Commies and Trotskyites" himself and didn't want any outside of the West Coast Marine Fireinvited the government to step in and help them get rid of the "Commies." And finally, that SUP representatives at the Washington conference were only "observers."

> All of this is pure sham. West coast ships are now being "screened" daily with no opposition from the SUP. In fact, Lundeberg is screaming about the MSTS, not cause it is hiring "unscreened" seamen who may turn out to be "Communists."

The attitude of the AFL mari- DOUBLE THE ANTE

Sensing in Lundberg's attitude. a move to eliminate his union as 'commie-infested," Malone carried the coast guard purge directly the SIU declared: "Increased into the firemen's union. A referendum is being driven through requiring all members to sign an anti-Communist affidavit. Another resolution, up for vote, proposes to reduce members who are "screened" off ships as "poor security risks" to probationary status, and then to expel them

> "These are good omens," says the N. Y. Times editorially, "not only for the current time of trouble, but for the shipping industry when the crisis is over."

For the seamen, they are omens of the old bondage.

Jnions Protest Loan to Franco Indonesia." (The Senator from to the French, and then the French world that kind of propaganda for

defeat of the USSR.

(Continued from Page 1) fascist form of government anywhere in Europe, it is in Portugal. | meant Indo-China.) No one who is familiar with that situation will deny the accuracy

every possible assistance.

of that statement." No one did. Senator Chavez demanded of Lehman of N. Y. whether "it is not as important to help hungry Spanish people." people in Spain as it is to help

whined that "two or three months ago, I expressed the deepest

Now listen to Chavez: "The

out bothering to correct Chavez.

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In reply Senator Lehman, with-

sympathy and affection for the And he went on to charge that within my knowledge in the last the "only reason" for opposing quarter of a century?" "aid to Spain is communistic inthe French to kill Indonesians in Senate had voted to furnish help fluence in the United States; few votes in New York City and

> elsewhere. . ." Ironically enough, this same charge of playing Moscow's game Two days later the Senate went was the main argument employed through the motions of "reconby the opponents of the loan to sidering" the loan, which was Franco. Said Senator Morse: "I even more of a travesty than the fear this loan will be an aid to passage of the loan itself. lying Russian propaganda about us. I fear this loan will raise doubts as to our devotion to the dissuaded by the Administration. principles of freedom. I fear that Were they not extending Tru-

> judgement of history." Senator Lehman phrased the same idea as follows: "But how ed "Communism" more effectively can we spread throughout the than anywhere else?

New Mexico made a slip here, he shoot down the people of Indo-democracy when, by statute, we China. . . But if we give the provide that the State Depart-Spanish people aid, as we give ment or other agencies of the govaid to the French, we will ac- ernment shall give money to a complish something that sym- regime which is as completely pathy alone cannot accomplish." totalitarian and intolerant as any cordance with the agreement hall varied according to back-After the passage of the loan,

Secretary of State Acheson many Senators are afraid of a lamented the "form" in which it was passed, and similar hypocritical "disapproval" was forthcoming from the White House.

The Senators were not to be this loan will not stand the man's "anti-Communist" program to Spain where Franco has crush-