## A Socialist Talks to The Unions

Text of talk by Rita Shaw, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of Michigan, to General Council of Ford Local 600, United Auto Workers, on Aug. 12.

Brother Chairman, Brothers and Sisters: I enjoy talking at union meetings. I am not a millionaire or would-be millionaire, like my opponents. I am not a so-called "friend of labor," I am part of the labor movement itself. I am and have been a union member ever since I went to work for a living because I know that without unions we would be little better than slaves and that our future and our country's future depend on the militancy and strength of organized labor.

I want to thank you for letting me speak here about the program of the Socialist Workers Party, as you previously have permitted Democratic and Republican spokesmen to do for their parties. This shows that Local 600 is animated by a spirit of the way from Washington to fair play.

### FOUR MAIN ISSUES

The four main issues in this campaign, as we Socialists see it, are the fight against unemployment, the struggle against the danger of war, the winning of civil rights, and the ending of the witch hunt. The question is: How can these problems be solved? Our answer is that they can't be solved through either of the two major parties; that they can be solved only through the formation of an independent is healthy for the economic body. labor party equipped with a fighting anti-capitalist program; and that it's the duty of the labor movement to break with both old parties and form a party of their own that can deserve the support of working farmers, minority groups, housewives and sections fo the middle class.

It's not hard to convince good union men and women that the Republican Party is their enemy. It is harder to see that the Democratic Party is also our enemy and that we will never be able to win real progress through reliance on the Democrats. One reason for this is that the top bill to make the 30-hour week

to show that on the four main issues of 1956 the Democrats are BOSSES SHOULD PAY no better than the Republicans, differences between them, the Democrats are sometimes worse. First, on unemployment, Eis-

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enhower's assistant traveled all Detroit to tell us that "the right to suffer is one of the joys of a free economy." That shows how callous the Republicans are. But the Democrats don't lose much sleep about unemployment either. In 1950, before the Korean war, when unemployment was even greater than now, Truman was pretty nonchalant about it too. unemployment, say from three to five million, is supportable. It is a good thing that job-seeking should go on at all times. This

Last month Local 600 sponsored know that you advocate the 30hour week at 40 hours' pay to fight unemployment, They want bring themselves to pretend that their parties favor 30-for-40. As a matter of fact, you know very well that they are both opposed to this necessary and progressive measure.

has suggested that every candibehind the Democrats, supplying alibis for them and covering up party favors such a bill, I think that's an excellent idea. But if In the time I have here, I want on the four main both old parties.

ed in Lansing about the amount and length of unemployment benefits. But both the capitalist parties agree on one thing that workers should be penalized economically when they are laid off. They both think Socialists are crazy when we say that no such cases, laid-off workers should receive compensation equal to trade union wages for the full

If the employers can't provide keep the plants running, then we say let's get rid of them, take the plants and put them under management of workers' and

period of unemployment.

technicians' committees. threat of depression. But Demo-(Continued on page 4)

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# Democrat Party Convention Sells Out on Civil Rights

### Labor and the Democratic Party

An Editorial

With the motley chorus of labor bureaucrats, liberals, social-democrats and the Communist Party urging the working class to support the Democrats, union militants and socialist minded workers should pause and examine the history of labor's relationship to the Democratic Party.

The present-day alliance of the trade union movement with the Dixiecrats and the corrupt big-city machines, which comprise the Democratic Party, was cemented in Franklin D. Roosevelt's first term. In the midst of complete economic collapse, with millions of unemployed fast He said: "A certain amount of losing all illusions in capitalism, it fell to the lot of Big Business' alternate party to make that minimum of social concessions necessary to stave off emergence on a mass scale of an independent party of the working class.

The danger was all the greater since the workers upon recovery from the early shock of the depression, a Democratic-Republican debate began forging the industrial unions of the CIO. These on unemployment. They both forced the giant corporations to their knees in economic combat. The class-struggle lessons learned in sit-downs and on picket lines threatened to be applied to politics. The your votes, but they just couldn't country was ready for a labor party and definite moves from the union ranks were made to build it. These were squelched by the labor bureaucrats and their then powerful allies - the American Stalinists.

Thus Big Business survived the great depression and the upsurge of the CIO without losing its Democratic-Your president, Carl Stellato, Republican monopoly of political power in the U.S.

Needless to say, as the economic crisis eased with World War II the concessions to labor became less and reached the vanishing point. Facing defeat in the 1948 disgusted with the conservatism and corruption of the A lot of heat has been generat- Democratic Party, responded to the "Fair Deal" promises. Reversing their prior trend and upsetting all predictions, they voted Truman and his party back into the White House and Congress.

The demagogic campaign pledges were not carried out. When finally the Republicans won the presidency, the ence was called by Britain, France Democrats as an opposition party — even when in control worker should be punished by of the 84th Congress — failed to fight for labor or civil having his family's income lower- rights. A great lack of faith in the Democrats has spread ed when he's laid off through no among the mass of workers. They support the Democratic fault of his own, and that in Party, as the labor leaders urge them to, only because they see no alternative except the Republicans.

Keeping labor in the Democratic Party means binding the potentially greatest political power in this country hand and foot — making it a captive of Big Business, the the Aug. 11 Christian Science full employment, if they can't Dixiecrats and the ward-heelers. Class-conscious workers Monitor. should strive to end this captivity. A first step can be voting the Socialist Workers Party ticket. The next step government ownership, and run should be year-round effort to help the SWP build labor industry efficiently and demo- party sentiment in the unions and Negro organizations. ing desire of the Arab people's army to act as a guerilla

Egyptians Hail Suez Nationalization



Huge cheering throngs in Cairo hail President Nasser as they demonstrate their solid support of the Egyptian government's action in nationalizing the Suez Canal. The scene was duplicated throughout the Middle East, "Crowds danced in the streets of Arab capitals," reported the July 30 Christian Science Monitor.

## reason for this is that the top union leaders are tailing along behind the Democrats, supplying behind the Democrats, supplying behind the Democrats, supplying behind the Democrats. election, Truman desperately revived the pro-labor, pro-Negro demagogy used in earlier periods of the New Deal. Workers, Negroes and poor farmers, who had become

AUG. 15 - As we go to press, ten to 15 million Arab workers are preparing a general strike in ten Middle Eastern nations to protest the London Conference opening komorrow. The conferand the U.S. to devise a method of reimposing imperialist control over the Suez Canal.

The strike was called at a mass meeting in Cairo last week held by the Organization of Struggle for Liberation of Moslem peoples. "A crowd of several thousand ... cheered the speakers wildly," as the strike was projected, reports

ANSWER TO THREATS The enthusiasm for the gen-

lice action" by the Western "Big in the Mediterranean. Three." It also expresses the juscontrol the Suez canal, which is Egyptian property and which lies

entirely on Egyptian soil. A new Egyptian National Liberation Army has been proclaim- ing. ed. It will include the national guard, volunteers of both sexes and youth battalions composed of (now on summer vacation).

"The purpose," says the Aug. 14 Christian Science Monitor, "is

of their homelands. It is the lat- Such an invasion is threatened est instance of ever growing with new British concentration of Arab support for Egypt against troops in the Middle East and the the threats of a Korea-type "po- presence of the U.S. Sixth Fleet

"Women were among the first tified anger of the Arab masses to be brought into the new libover a conference called by for- eration army," reports the Aug. eign capitalist governments to 7 New York Times. Syria has also formed a Public Resistance Organization composed of men and women civilians who will be given emergency military train-

In lands where polygamy is still common, where marriages between the ages of 18 and 50, arranged without the consent of the espoused is still the rule. all Egyptian university students where women have not been allowed by Moslem religious law to show their faces in public, the formation of a popular militia including women indicates that

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people's authority" in Poland,

and almost 40 years in the So-

to wipe out this reactionary her-

itage of capitalism? If this were

really so then the cause of world

But the fact is that a genuine

people's authority" does not ex-

ist in Poland. The present regime

was bureaucratically imposed

from above on the Polish people

Soviet democracy in the USSR

more than 30 years ago. (Al-

ready as far back as 1925, Stalin

and his faction associates resort-

march to power using the reac-

Opposition headed by Trotsky.)

with a regime of workers' democ-

Anti-Semitism is incompatible

socialism would be doomed.

WHAT IS NEEDED

## That's the real answer to the hreat of depression. But Demo-

While the Kremlin continues to dodge an open discussion of the burning lissue of Soviet anti-Semitism, confining sitself to further 'rehabilitation" of Jewish cultural figures and plans for the revival of (Yiddish Cultural institutions, ugly anti-Semitic trends have erupted in Poland.

"We are being disgraced by anti-Semitism which is being demonstrated in various forms, declares an article in the current issue of Nowe Drogi, principal ideological organ of the Polish United Workers (Communist)

The article charges that "anti-Semitism still finds a favorable ground in our country in spite of the fact that we have witnessed the tragedy of millions of Polish Jews murdered by Hitler and that we already have had eleven years of the peoples authority.'

The former German territory of Silesia appears to be one of the acute trouble spots in this regard, according to a report in the Aug. 9 New York Times from its Warsaw correspondent, Sidney Gruson, Anti-Jewish slogans have re-appeared in that area and a Jewish cemetery has been desecrated. A group of Poles forcibly prevented a Jewish family from moving into a new home in

Jewish family.

PREJUDICE AT THE TOP

That the conduct of the Wroclaw functionary was not an isolated case is indicated by the previously quoted Nowe Drogi article. "A party member who is enslaved by anti-Semitic prejudice or shows lenience to the adherents of anti-Semitism disgraces the banner of the party and betrays the humanist ideals of socialism," the article declares. "The awareness of this must prevail among all party members in all party organizations and agen-

Publication of this article comeides with the report that the that the Soviet government had Party's Central Committee has decided to wage a public campaign against the rising anti-Semitic tendencies against the will of those who would conciliate with anti-Semitic prejudice rather than meet it head on, Proposals conciliatory to ward in the Central Committee

Party officials to deal firmly with Zenon Nowak who is said to echo of the victims of the "anti-cos- Semitism in the Soviet Union." such ugly outbreaks is revealed the Khrushchev view that the mopolitan" repressions. This is Broderzon now returns to Poin the report of the official cen- Polish regime has gone too far sure of the Wroclaw party sec- in the liberalization process, parretary for opposing the use of the ticularly in regard to freedom of police to defend the victimized the press. Many of the articles advocating increased democracy, Nowak asserted to the committee, have been written by Jewish intelectuals.

Nowak contended that a primary factor in the rising anti-Semitism is the belief among Polish citizens that Jews hold an undue share of top government and party position. To bolster this claim, he is said to have read off a list of the number of Jews in various ministries.

Nowak's stand, which was re-

jected by a majority of the committee, is similar to the one presented by Khrushchev last May to a French socialist delegation. Khrushchev told the delegation instituted a quota system for Jews in government jobs because complaints had been received from various Soviet Republics that too many Jews held desirable positions. This reactionary practice was also defended by

again underscored in the case of land where anti-Semitism is the Yiddish-language poet and again a serious threat. Must he UAW President Walter Reuther's dnamatist, Moishe Broderzon, assume that "eleven years of the who was repatriated to Poland last week after five and a half

years in Soviet prisons.

Broderzon who had fled to the Soviet Union in 1939 to escape the Nazis was sentenced to a tenyear prison-term by Soviet officials on the charge of "Jewish nationalism." He returned to Poland last week with a curt notice from the Soviet Prosecutor General that the "proceedings against you have been terminated and in this matter you are now considered rehabilitated."

Broderzon said that for the first eight months of his imprisonment he was grilled nightly, with his interrogators accusing him of having said anti-Semitism existed in the Soviet Union. He said that he had told

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racy. That is one of the reasons why it is imperative that the bureaucratic caste (be eliminated from power as the ruling authority in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and be replaced by freely elected representatives of

# AUG. 16 - Adlai Steven-

son won the Democratic presidential nomination late tonight by an overwhelming majority on the first ballot. Crowded on the Stevenson bandwagon were labor-baiters and labor leaders, members of the White Citizens Councils and Negro leaders, reactionaries and liberals. Stevenson had the upper hand

Stevenson In;

**Labor Captive** 

Of Dixiecrats

By George Lavan

throughout the convention and no serious challenge for the nomination was offered him. This was brought by the deal in which Kefauver, his leading opponent, withdrew from the race before the convention and threw his support to Stevenson. That Kefauver had for months been exposing Stevenson for selling out on civil rights and labor was no hindrance to the deal. This is how the "game" of capitalist politics is played.

Consequently Harriman's campaign, despite ex-President Truman's backing, was a pitiable failure. Harriman's only hope was to split the Southern whitesupremacists from Stevenson, But Stevenson's Southern delegations stood solid.

Stevenson's "moderation" line -designed to keep pro and antilabor, racist and Negro, reactionary and liberal elements in his camp by not coming out foursquare on any controversial issue-dominated the running of the convention and the writing of the platform.

EASTLAND NOT UNSEATED

Early evidence that the Northern liberals would back down on their promises of a battle to wrest control of the Democratic Party from the Dixiecrats was given on the first day of the convention. This occurred when the Mississippi delegation was seated. Following the Emmelit Till and other lynchings in that state (Democratic liberals had promised a fight in Congress to unseat |Senator | Eastland and other Mississippi representatives. Nothing came of the promises and the excuse was the Senate rules. A fight was then promised to unseat Eastland and the Mis-

sissippi delegation at the Con-

Despite slogans that keeping Eastland out would add a million votes to the Democratic ticket, only two members of the 54man Credentials Committee voted against the lily-white Mississippi delegation. A total of six votes was needed to bring the issue to the floor, but the liberals wanted no such fight and the six votes could not be found. Thus promise of a few weeks ago-"You can't have me and Eastland too"-is already disproved. viet Union, is not sufficient time Reuther stayed and now both he and Eastland are on the Stevenson bandwagon.

'The big "fight" of the convention-aside from the struggle of Stevenson and Harriman-was supposed to take place over the platform-specifically the civil rights plank. Platforms are campaign promises and the campaign promises of the Democratic and Republican | parties have long by Stalin, who had wiped out been proverbial for their worthlessness. As the New York Times editorial of Aug. 8 delicately put it: "This is not to say the platform is without meaning. . . . ed to Anti-Semitism in their But once the platform is safely glued together the party leaders tionary method to bait the Left are often prone to drink deep of the waters of Lethe and forget

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Support the Candidates the Socialist Workers Party FARRELL DOBBS for President

MYRA TANNER WEISS

Soviet functionary Ekatrina anti-Semitism have been put for- Furtseva in her interview last month with Tabitha Petran of By James P. Cannon itself. the National Guardian. The principal spokesman for See page 2 Equally shameful is the manfor Vice-President Wroclaw (Breslau). this position, according to Gru- ner in which the Kremlin is prothe working class.

## 'Trotsky Left Us a Great Heritage of Ideas'

carries an article by the well-known Com-

By 1927 the bureaucracy's campaign

ganda purposes it had dubbed Trotskyism

— had reached a point where no vestige

of inner party democracy remained. Sup-

party, were fired from their jobs, evicted

from their apartments, expelled from

universities, etc. A foretaste of the

frame-up trials appeared with the accusa-

tion that white guards were participating

Truth is on the march and the whole

in the Left Opposition.

a falsification worthy of Stalin.

By James P. Cannon

[To observe the 16th Anniversary of the assassination of Leon Trotsky (Aug. 21, 1940), we reprint the speech, "To the Memory of the Old Man" delivered by Comrade Cannon at the first Trotsky Memorial Meeting in New York on Aug. 28, 1940. - Ed.]

Comrade Trotsky's entire con- swer to this question. Those enscious life, from the time he en- emies who predict a collapse of tered the workers' movement in Trotsky's movement without the provincial Russian town of Trotsky, and those weak-willed Nikolaiev at the age of 18, up till friends who fear it, only show the moment of his death in Mex- that they do not understand Trotico City 42 years later, was com- sky, what he was, what he sigpletely dedicated to work and nified and what he left behind. struggle for one central idea. He stood for the emancipation of the workers and all the oppressed people of the world, and the trans a provident father, has left to the formation of society from capitalism to socialism by means of a so- al as trustees for all progressive cial revolution. In his conception this liberating social revolution requires for success the leadership of a revolutionary political party of the workers' vanguard.

In his entire conscious life Comrade Trotsky never once diverged from that idea. He never doubted it, and never ceased to struggle for its realization. On his death bed, in his last message to us, his disciples—his last testament-he proclaimed his confidence in his life-idea, "Tell our friends I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International

-Go Forward!" The whole world knows about his work and his testament. The cables of the press of the world have carried his last testament and made it known to the world's millions. And in the minds and hearts of all those throughout the world who grieve with us tonight one thought-one question-is uppermost: Will the inspired survive his death? Will ranks together, will they be able to carry out his testament and realize the emancipation of the the Fourth International?

tion we give an affirmative an- means and forces."

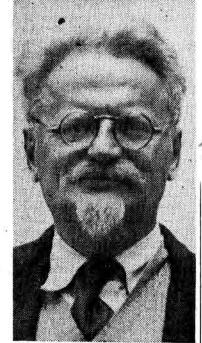
Never has a bereaved family been left such a rich heritage as that which Comrade Trotsky, like family of the Fourth Internationvhich shall chart the struggle toward the great free future of all mankind. The mighty ideas of Trotsky are our program and guide to action in all the comconstant reassurance that we are right and that our victory is inevitable.

Trotsky himself believed that ideas are the greatest power in the world. Their authors may be killed, but ideas, once promulgated, live their own life. If they are correct ideas they make their way through all obstacles. This was the central, dominating concept of Comrade Trotsky's philosophy. He explained it to us many, many times. He once wrote: "It is not the party that makes the program (the idea); it is the program that makes the movement which he created and party." In a personal letter to me, he once wrote: "We work with the most correct and powerhis disciples be able to hold their ful ideas in the world, with inadequate numerical forces and material means. But correct ideas, oppressed through the victory of the long run, always conquer oppressed through the victory of and make available for them-Without the slightest hesita- selves the necessary material

### The Whole Trotsky is Preserved

Trotsky, |a disciple of Marx, | grandeur-but in what he would believed with Marx, that "an leave behind him after the assas-

history in their sweep and their and for those who will come after



LEON TROTSKY

idea, when it permeates the mass, sins had done their work. He becomes a material force." Be- knew that his doom was sealed, lieving that. Comrade Trotsky and he worked against time in never doubted that his work order to leave everything possiwould live after him. Believ- ble to us, and through us to maning that, he could proclaim on kind. Throughout the eleven his death bed his confidence in years of his last exile he chained the future victory of the Fourth himself to his desk like a galley International which embodies his slave, and labored, as none of us ideas. Those who doubt it, do not knows how to labor; with such energy, such persistence and self-Trotsky himself believed that liscipline, as only men of genius his greatest significance, his can labor. He worked against greatest value, consisted not time, to pour out through his pen in his physical life, not in his the whole rich content of his epic deeds which overshadow mighty brain and preserve it in those of all heroic figures in permanent, written form for us,

> The whole Trotsky, like the whole Marx, is preserved in his books, his articles and his letters. His voluminous correspondence, which contains some of his brightest thoughts and his most intimate personal feelings and sentiments, must now be collected and published. When that is done, when his letters are published alongside his books, his pamphlets and his articles, we, and all those who join us in the liberation struggle of humanity, will still have our Old Man to

He knew that the super-Borgia in the Kremlin, Cain-Stalin, who has idestroyed the whole generation of the October revolution. had marked him for assassination and that he would succeed sooner or later. That is why he worked so jurgently. That is why he hastened to write out everything that was in his mind and get it down on paper in permanent form where mobody could

### A Man of Action and Ideas

Just the other night I talked of his mind, and take out evat the dinner table with one of ery thing and give it to the world the Old Man's faithful secretaries-a young comrade who had member casual conversation on his personal life, as he lived it the dinner table; an informal disin his last years of exile, most russion would take place, and intimately. I urged him to write the Old Man would express some his reminiscences without delay. opinions new and fresh. Almost I said: "We must all write everything we know about Trotsky. Everyone must record his recollections and his impressions. We must not forget that we moved in the orbit of the greatest personal life."

erosity. But I can't write any- workers of the Russian revolu- he was dead or alive. We didn't a world of enemies, so honestly, prevent it or postpone it? Yes, thing new about his ideas. They tion were killed. are already written. Everything he had to say, everything he in spite of all that. Growing old All we

n his writings. Very often I reletter."

They killed Trotsky not by one figure of our time. Millions of blow; not when this murderer, people, generations yet to come, the agent of Stalin, drove the United States took shape and forever on a historical eminence will be hungry for every scrap of | pick-axe through the back of his | grew up on his ideas without his | beside the other three great giinformation, every word, every skull. That was only the final physical presence, without even ants of the proletariat: Marx impression that throws light on blow. They killed him by inches, any communication in the first Engels and Lenin. It is possible, him, his ideas, his aims and his They killed him many times, period. Trotsky was exiled and indeed it is quite probable, that They killed him seven times when isolated in Alma Ata when we be- in the historic memory of man-He answered: "I can write only they killed his seven secretaries. gan our struggle for Trotskyism kind, his name will evoke the about his personal qualities as I They killed him four times when in this country in 1928. We had warmest affection, the most observed them; his methods of they killed his four children. no contact with him, and for work, his humaneness, his gen- They killed him when his old co- a long time did not know whether

### How Stalin Came to Power

Sixteen years ago - on August 21, 1940 - Leon Trotsky, co-leader with Lenin of the Russian Revolution, died at the hands of a Stalinist assassin.

Trotsky was murdered on Stalin's orders because he had remained true to the principles of the Bolshevik Revolution, Remaining true to these principles did not consist merely of holding inwardly to the great ideals of world socialism but of resisting to the utmost the terrible degeneration which had taken place in the Soviet Union humanity. A great heritage of and which spread its blight to the workideas he has left to us: ideas ers' movement in every other country.

Gone are the days when Communist Party members justify either the "confession" trials or Trotsky's assassination our banner. They are a clear on the grounds that the victims were "fascists, spies and wreckers." The revelaplexities of our epoch, and a tions by Stalin's own henchmen now in the Kremlin have made the former regime synonymous with mass-murder and falsification for any honest CP member.

Nonetheless the Soviet rulers and the leaders of the various Communist Parties in the rest of the world are laboring with might and main to prevent the aroused rank and file from including in their reappraisal of the history of Stalinism a study of what Trotsky really stood for and how or why the Left Opposition was defeated. For example, The Worker of July 22

There was a profound differ-

still had time. He gathered it all his History of the Russian Rev- epoch of the death agony of one ter to the Workers of the USSR together — every thought, every olution, which he considered his social system and the birth pangs had reached them, and had lifted idea, every lesson from his past masterpiece, he gave us a guide of another. When they see up their hearts with courage and experience to lay up a literary for the making of new revoluthrough the historian's lens how shown them the way. The letter

tion that began in October, 1917."

There was a profound differ-ence between Trotsky and other ideas, was himself the disciple tory political leaders who influ- Trotsky idid not originate, or enced great masses in their life claim to originate, the most funtime. The power of such people, damental ideas which he expoundalmost all of them, was some- ed. He built on the foundathing personal, something incom- tions laid by the great masons of nunicable to others. Their in- the 19th Century-Marx and Enfluence did not survive their gels. In addition, he went through the great school of Lenin and Just recall for a moment the learned from him. Trotsky's gengreat men of our generation, or ius consisted in his complete asthe generation just passed, similation of the ideas bequeath-Clemenceau, Hindenburg, Wilson, ed by Marx, Engels and Lenin. Theodore Roosevelt, Bryan. They He mastered their method. He had great masses following them developed their sideas in modern and leaning upon them. But now conditions, and applied them in they are dead and all their in- masterful fashion in the confluence died with them. Nothing temporary struggle of the pro-

remains but monuments and fu- letariat. personalities. They were oppor- a disciple of Marx, an orthodox tunists, leaders for a day. They Marxist. He fought under left no ideas to guide and in- the banner of Marxism for 42 spire men when their bodies be- years! During the last year of came dust, and their personalities his life he laid everything else aside to fight a great political Not so with Trotsky. Not so and theoretical battle in defense with him. He was different. He of Marxism in the ranks of the as also a great man of action, Fourth International! His very to be sure. His deeds are incor- last article, which was left on porated in the greatest revolu- his desk in unpolished form, the tion in the history of mankind. last article with which he oc-But, unlike the opportunists and cupied himself, was a defense of leaders of a day, his deeds were Marxism against contemporary inspired by great ideas and these revisionists and sceptics. The ideas still live. He not only made power of Trotsky, first of all and a revolution; he wrote its history above all, was the power of Marx

### and explained the basic laws ism. His Place in History is Established

living their own life. They shap- establish direct communication ed the lives of Lenin and Trotsky. Marx's ideas were with them and guided their every step when they made the greatest revolu-

became a memory.

tion in history. which are a development of the ideas of Marx, influence us, his served him a long time and knew some subject would come up at disciples who survive him today. greater disciples who are yet to later in a book, an article or a Trotsky's ideas as he and Lenin were mourished on the ideas of

Marx and Engels. Indeed, our movement in the even have a collection of his so heroically, and with such self-

All we had was one single cur-

Do you want a concrete il- | light of that single document we lustration of the power of Marx- saw our way, began our struggle ist ideas? - Just consider this: with supreme confidence, went When Marx died in 1883, Trot- through the split without faltersky was but four years old. Lenin ing, built the framework of a nawas only fourteen. Neither could tional organization and establishhave known Marx, or anything our weekly Trotskyist press. Our about him. Yet both became great movement was built firmly from historical figures because of the very beginning and has re-Marx, because Marx had circu- mained firm because it was built lated ideas in the world before on Trotsky's ideas. It was nearly they were born. Those ideas were a year before we were able to

with the Old Man. So with the sections of the Fourth International throughout the world. Only a very few individual comrades have ever met So will the ideas of Trotsky, Trotsky face to face. Yet everywhere they knew him. In China. and across the broad oceans to anyone from assassins. The as- generations, that above all we do Chile, Argentine, Brazil. In Aus-They will shape the lives of far tralia, in practically every country of Europe. In the United through the greatest protections. comrade, who helped and guided come, who do not yet know Trot- States, Canada, Indo-China, South | Even Russian Czars and other us so well. A delegation of party sky's name. Some who are destin- Africa. They never saw him, but rulers, surrounded by all the po- leaders made a visit to Mexico. invariably the contributions of ed to be the greatest Trotskyists the ideas of Trotsky welded them lice powers of great states, could It turned out to be our last visit. the dinner table conversation are playing in the school yards all together in one uniform and not always escape assassination There, on that occasion, in conwould find expression a little today. They will be nourished on firm world movement. So it will by small bands of determined ter- sultation with him, we agreed continue after his physical death. There is no room for doubt.

Trotsky's place in history is already established. He will stand heartfelt gratitude of all. Because he fought so long, against such

Future generations of free hu-

less devotion!

the fight against Trotskyism will have to be studied by all those concerned with the past and future of the Soviet Union and of the fight for socialism. This will be His (words |are still there. His part of Trotsky's vindication and it will be memory is alive in their hearts. an important step for the remainder the cleansing of the bureaucratic distortions from the Soviet Unon and the revival of the world socialist movement. estament to humanity while he which govern all revolutions. In olence and social change—this

treasure for us, a treasure that tions, or rather, for extending the oppressed masses of the peo- stated that the message of Trotthe moths and the rust cannot throughout the world the revolublinded and confused, they will mention with unbounded love the along by word of mouth no matname of the genius who gave us ter what might happen. We verigreat men of action and transi- of a still greater one-Mark. light, the great heart that gave ly believe that the words of Trotus courage.

time, of all the public figures Stalin. In the coming great day to whom the masses turned for of liberation the message of Trot-

words that Trotsky's Open Let-

history of the Stalin cult and its origin in sky-that is the greatest testimony that Trotsky still lived in the hearts of the Russian people. They didn't believe the lies. They waited and hoped for his return. Just a few days before the death of Comrade Trotsky the editors of the Russian Bulletin received a letter from Riga. It had been mailed before the incorporation of Latvia into the Soviet Union. It stated in simple

tured and destroyed.

most terrible blow of all.

by word, and would be passed sky will live longer in the Soviet Of all the great men of our Union than the bloody regime of

guidance in these troubled, ter-nible times, Trotsky alone ex-Russian people. Why Stalin Killed Trotsky

stupid police-minded attempt,

the traitors' sentiments of hatred a handful of close followers. and revenge. The English histotraved.

trayed, and they hated him for sults of his experiences and his that. They hated him for all the thoughts. great and good human qualities which he personified and to which know that Trotsky left the best his personality as a man, as a We do not deny the grief that conthey were completely alien. They of himself behind. Even in death human being, we caught a stricts all our hearts. But ours do away with him.

The whole world knows who of us. The moment we read of the killed Comrade Trotsky. The success of the attack I am sure world knows that on his death everyone among us asked: Couldbed he accused Stalin and his n't we have saved him a while GPU of the murder. The assas- longer? If we had tried harder, sin's statement, prepared in ad- if we had done more for himvance of the crime, is the final couldn't we have saved him? proof, if more proof is needed, Dear Comrades, let us not reneral eulogies. Nothing was distinctive about them but their sky, you must know that he was lies of the Moscow Trials; a death years ago. The betrayers er and nobler standards. They so said Comrade Trotsky in the at of the revolution knew that the this late day, to rehabilitate the revolution lived in him, the tra- any country. But, in truth, he frame-ups which have been dis- dition, the hope. All the recredited in the eyes of the whole sources of a powerful state, set was already, in his mind and in in motion by the hatred and re- his conduct, a citizen of the Com-The motives for the assassina- venge of Stalin, were directed to munist future of humanity. That tion arose from the world reac- the assassination of a single man, tion, the fear of revolution, and without resources and with only

All of his co-workers were rian, Macaulay, remarked that killed; seven of his faithful secapostates in all ages have mani- retaries; his four children. Yet, in fested an exceptional malignity spite of the fact that they marktoward those whom they have be- ed him for death after his exile Stalin and his traitor gang eleven years! Those were the were consumed by a mad hatred most fruitful years of his whole of the man who reminded them life. Those were the years when symbol of the great revolution, devote himself to the task of

Their dull police minds cannot things they wanted most of all very painful, a thought which, I of revolution—that Trotsky left am sure, is in the minds of all behind him.

### Hated and Feared by the Capitalists

If you reproach yourself or us | protection of Comrade Trotsky. because this murder machine fi- Every comrade agreed that this nally reached Trotsky and struck is our most important task, most and Churchill, and all the lies weakness and despair, but standmeager resources.

once in Russia in the pre-revolucase of Trotsky, you had all that on the side of the assassins. A great state apparatus, converted one man and a few devoted disciples. So, if they finally broke selves, did we do all we could to guard, will never be sorry for we did our best. In all conscience,

In the last weeks after the ased to scoop down to the bottom physical blows to complete his intern." That was enough. By the epoch of reaction and bloody vi- committee the question of the gone there for the purpose of ar-

we must say we did our best.

him down, you must remember important for the masses of the and injustices and hypocrisy they ing upright with dry eyes and that it is very hard to protect whole world and for the future sassin who stalks his victim night everything in our power to proand day very often breaks tect the life of our genius, our rorists equipped with the most upon a new campaign to strengthen the guard. We collected money This was the case more than in this country to fortify the house at the cost of thousands tionary days. And here, in the of dollars; all our members and sympathizers responded with in reverse. All the resources were great sacrifices and generosity. And still the murder-machine broke through. But those who into a murder machine, against helped even in the smallest degree either financially or with their physical efforts, like our through we have only to ask our- brave young comrades of the

the Old Man. At the hour Comrade Trotsky was finally struck down, I was had in his brain is down on and sick, he staggered through rent document-his "Criticism of manity will look back with in- sault of May 24th, we once again returning by train from a special paper. He seemed to be determin- all these moral, emotional and the Draft Program of the Com- satiable interest on this mad put on the agenda of our leading journey to Minneapolis. I had

what they did to protect and help

plained things to us, he alone ranging for new and especially revile him. Their newspapers gave us light in the darkness. His qualified comrades to go down splash their filth over his name. brain alone unravelled the mys- and strengthen the guard in Coy- He was the world's exile in the teries and complexities of our oacan. On the way home I sat in time of reaction. No door was epoch. The great brain of Trot- the railroad train with a feeling open to him anywhere except sky was what was feared by all of satisfaction that the task of that of the Republic of Mexico. his enemies. They couldn't cope the trip had been accomplished, with it. They couldn't answer it. reinforcements of the guard had red from all capitalist countries been provided for.

munist Party writer, A. B. Magil, on ways In the incredibly horrible method Magil cites as an example to be copied the They struck at his brain! But the o'clock in the morning, they cusations that he betrayed the allegedly democratic way in which the richest products of that brain brought the early papers with revolution, that he had turned Left Opposition was defeated in the are still alive. They had already the news that the assassin had Soviet Party in 1927. Magils example is escaped and can never be recapdriven a pick-axe into the brain that. Not for a moment. We do not minimize the blow of Comrade Trotsky. That was that has been dealt to us, to our the beginning of a terrible day, against Bolshevism — which for propa- movement and to the world. It is the saddest day of our lives, when the worst calamity. We have lost we waited, hour by hour, while

something of immeasurable value the Old Man fought his last fight

that can never be regained. We and struggled vainly with death. have lost the inspiration of his But even then, in that hour of porters of Trotsky were persecuted in the physical presence, his wise counterrible grief when we received sel. All that is lost forever. The the fatal message over the long-Russian people have suffered the distance telephone: "The Old Man ed in New York harbor. But not is dead"-even then we didn't even the dead body of the friend But by the very fact that the permit ourselves to stop for weep-Stalinist Camarilla had to kill ing. We plunged immediately into lum here! We shall not forget Trotsky after eleven years, that the work to defend his memory that! We shall nourish that grievthey had to reach out from Mosand carry out his testament. And ance close to our hearts and in cow, exert all their energies and we worked harder than ever be- good time we shall take our replans to destroy the life of Trotfore, because for the first time we realized with full consciousness that we have to do it all now. We can't lean on the Old wouldn't let us bring his body Man any more. What is done now, here for the funeral. But he is we must do. That is the spirit in here just the same. All of us feel which we have got to work from that he is here in this hall to-

> The capitalist masters of the ideas, but also, especially toworld instinctively understood night, in our memory of him as the meaning of the name of Trot- a man. We have a right to be sky. The friend of the oppressed, proud that the best man of our the maker of revolutions, was the time belonged to us, the greatest incarnation of all that they hated brain and strongest and most and feared! Even in death they loyal heart.

The fact that Trotsky was baris in litself the clearest refutaand means of democratizing the party. by which they destroyed him then, as the train passed tion of all the slanders of the there was hidden a deep symbol. through Pennsylvania, about four Stalinists, of all their foul acagainst the workers. They mever broken through the defenses and convinced the capitalist world of

The capitalists-all kinds-fear and hate even his dead body! The doors of our great democracy are open to many political refugees, of course. All sorts of reactionaries; democratic scoundrels who betrayed and deserted their people; monarchists and even fascists-they have all been welcomof the oppressed could find asy-

The great and powerful democracy of Roosevelt and Hull night - not only in his great

### A Citizen of the Communist Future

exalts the rascals, cheats, self- disciples of Comrade Trotsky. We seekers, liars and oppressors of now become his heirs, and we are the people. You can hardly name charged with the mission to caran intellectual representative of ry out his testament. He had conthe decaying class society, of fidence in us. He assured us with high or low degree, who is not his last words that we are right a miserable hypocrite and con- and that we will prevail. We need temptible coward, concerned first only have confidence in ourselves of all with his own inconsequen- and in the ideas, the tradition tial personal affairs and saving and the memory which he left us his own worthless skin. What a as our heritage. wretched tribe they are. There is We owe everything to him. We no honesty, no inspiration, noth- owe to him our political existence, ing in the whole of them. They our understanding, our faith in have not a single man that can the future. We are not alone. strike a spark in the heart of There are others like us in all youth. Our Old Man was made of parts of the world. Always rebetter stuff. Our Old Man was member that. We are not alone. made of entirely different stuff. Trotsky has educated cadres of He towered above these pygmies disciples in more than thirty in his moral grandeur.

Comrade Trotsky not only woudn't let him be a citizen of was much more than that. He memory of him as a man, as a es of the world out of the bloody comrade, is more precious than welter of the war into a new sogold and rubies. We can hardly understand a man of that type living among us.

We are all caught in the steel net of the class society, with its inequalities, its contradictions, from Russia, we saved him for its conventionalities, its false values, its lies. The class society poisons and corrupts everything. We are all dwarfed and twisted of their yesterday. Wrotsky, the he sat down in full maturity to and blinded by it. We can hardly visualize what human relations reminded them constantly of the summing up and casting in per- will be, we can hardly comprecause they had deserted and be- manent literary form the re- hend what the personality of man will be, in a free society.

Stalin and Hitler and Roosevelt Destiny has made us, men of be the human race!

The class society we live in | common clay, the most immediate

countries. They are convinced to the marrow of their bones of struggled for a new social or | their right to victory. They will der based on human solidarity as not faiter. Neither shall we ast moment of his life we sure.

Trotsky never doubted, and we shall never doubt, that armed with his weapons, with his ideas, we shall lead the oppressed masscialist society. That is our testimony here tonight at the grave of Comrade Trotsky.

And here at his grave we testify also that we shall mever forget his parting injunction-That we shield and cherish his warriorwife, the faithful companion of all his struggles and wanderings. "Take care of her," he said, "she has been with me many years." Yes, we shall take care of her. Before everything else, we shall take care of Natalia.

We come now to the last word of farewell to our greatest com-Comrade Trotsky gave us an rade and teacher, who has now glimpse of the Communist man is not the grief of prostration, that is to be. This memory of the grief that saps the will. It Now I come to a part that is to kill—the memory and the hope him as a man, as a comrade, is is tempered by rage and hatred our greatest assurance that the and determination. We shall spirit of man, striving for human transmute it into fighting ensolidarity, is unconquerable. In ergy to carry on the Old Man's our terrible epoch many things fight. Let us say farewell to him will pass away. Capitalism and in a manner worthy of his disall its heroes will pass away. ciples, like good soldiers of Trotsky's army. Not crouching in signify, will pass away in blood clenched fists. With the song of and fire. But the spirit of the struggle and victory on our lips. Communist man which Comrade With the song of confidence in Trotsky represented will not pass Trotsky's Fourth International, the International Party that shall

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### The Thompson Pension Case

It is hard to conceive of a lower form of political persecution than taking away the pension of a disabled war veteran. Yet this is precisely what the witch-hunters of the Veterans Administration are persisting in doing in the case of Robert Thompson, an official of the Communist Party.

Thompson served in the army during the last war. In the fighting in the Pacific he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. After being wounded, he contracted tuberculosis and upon discharge was classified as 100% disabled and accordingly was given a \$150 monthly pension. The government asserts that his tuberculosis has since been arrested and that therefore the pension would be only \$67. However, the government is not paying him even this. The Veterans Administration has wiped the slate clean of his war service and his physical disability and instead announces that he has rendered assistance to an enemy of the United States.

The alleged assistance consists of "public utterances" made by Thompson during and against the "police action" in

Thompson has already been imprisoned under the thought-control Smith Act for his Communist Party views and utterances. Now the witch hunters of the VA have held what amounts to a treason trial, without judge, jury or constitutional guarantees, and have deprived him of his

The Korean War was an imperialist intervention by U.S. imperialism against the Asian revolution and was justly the most | Togliatti of the Italian party. unpopular war the U.S. has ever engaged in. Public criticism of it was widespread. If words uttered by Thompson or anyone else against this undeclared war can be punished by a bunch of bureaucrats in an administrative hearing as treasonous or as

aiding the enemy, then free speech has suffered a mortal blow in America. By the VA logic any criticism of a war, or the government, or the politicians and generals running it, or the economic system they serve, "hurts" the war effort and therefore "aids" the enemy. The precedent being established today in Thompson's case can be used tomorrow or the day after against other - and non-Communist Party — critics of U.S. war policies or the

The attack on Thompson's pension was preceded by a similar attempt against James Kutcher, the legless veteran persecuted for his membership in the Socialist Workers Party. Public opinion forced the VA witch-hunters last spring to restore Kutcher's pension. At the time we pointed out that the victory was partial because the VA witch-hunters, though returning the pension, stuck to their premise that they had the right to take away pensions on political grounds.

threatened "police action" in Egypt.

It is now the duty of the labor and civil liberties movement to destroy that premise by forcing the restoration of Thompson's pension and an official retraction of the vindictive policy that men disabled in war can be deprived of their pensions for their political thoughts or statements.

### Polish Justice on Trial in Poznan

Twelve prominent American labor and liberal lawyers at the initiative of the Workers Defense League in this country have requested of the Polish government the right to send observers to the scheduled trial of workers arrested in the Poznan general strike and demonstration last June.

Spokesman for the legal group is John Finerty, who first won world acclaim as attorney for Tom Mooney then for Sacco and Vanzetti. In 1937 he distinguished himself as counsel for the Dewey Commission of Inquiry which exposed the frame-up character of the Moscow Trials.

Finerty's request of the Polish government comes on the heels of similar requests by U.S. and European labor and legal bodies. As of this writing, the Polish government has not answered any of these

It has confined permission to attend the trials to representatives of the British embassy and Western press correspondents. But labor and civil liberties defenders cannot be satisfied with the reports of capitalist governments or the capitalist press. They correctly insist on having their own representatives at the trials.

On the eve of the Poznan trials the Polish regime stands before world labor opinion as suspect on three counts of staging a frame-up.

(1) There is the whole record of Kremlin-launched frame-ups against "Titoites" throughout Eastern Europe and before that against the victims in Moscow Frameup Trials of the 1930's. The odium for these atrocities still falls upon all regimes dominated by the Kremlin.

of it that may cause them in-

However, the Northern liberals

making a lot of noise about a

fight for civil rights in the plat-

form they could retrieve some

of the losses incurred by the

complete sellout of civil nights

That the "fight" was fixed was

evident from the composition of

the subcommittee chosen to draft

the civil rights plank. It was

heavily loaded with white-su-

premacists-including the Gov-

ernor of Mississippi-and North-

ern politicians known to favor

watering down the civil rights

The resolution brought in by

the Dixiecrats. On the key ques-

tion of supporting the Supreme

schools it was silent. In its men-

tion of the decision it merely

said it was "of vast importance."

promises of past campaigns.

by the Democratic Congress.

(2) There is the charge the Polish

government initially levelled against those arrested in the Poznan demonstration of being "agents of imperialism." That slanderous accusation came straight out of Stalin's recipe book for concocting

(3) It is true that the Polish regime has since retreated from the malicious charge. It has even admitted that the demonstration resulted from legitimate grievances of the workers and "callousness" on the part of officials. But the government still proposes to punish workers for using the only method that was available to them to win a redress of

ment headed by Lenin allowed representatives of the hostile Second International to defend Social Revolutionaries charged with committing terrorist acts against Soviet officials, including Lenin himself.

The trials were conducted strictly in accordance with principles of working class justice, and the results were never successfully challenged. On the other hand, under Stalin, the Moscow Frame-Up Trials were staged with none but hand-picked observers plus capitalist diplomats and newspapermen allowed to attend.

The Polish government is far from having the record for honesty that Lenin's regime enjoyed. Despite recent reforms, it to join the Confederate army in also. is still besmirched with Stalin's crimes. All protest against slavery and how the more reason why it owes to international labor public opinion the right to the most complete scrutiny of the forthcoming

## Why Thorez and Togliatti Differ on Stalin

By Morris Stein

Since the 20th Congress of the ing appraisals of the Stalin cult

In viewing the conflicting estimates of Thorez and Togliatti THE STALIN MEN on the origin of the Stalin cult, and its effect on the Soviet system, are we witnessing a process where two self-sufficient leaders, in the course of making independent leader, with a conindependent analyses, h a v e hought the problem through to questions of theory, had long ago different conclusions?

not be consistent with the crats hand-picked by Stalin. evidence. Both Togliatti and

Soviet Communist Party differ- of phrases to justify every twist in Kremlin policy. They are conhave been made by Maurice ditioned to absolute obedience to Thorez, leader of the French the authority of the next higher Communist Party and Palmiro in command in the bureaucratic

They hold their present positions only on the basis of their capacity to prostrate themselves before the Kremlin rulers. Every cern for truth and integrity in been eliminated, leaving the field An affirmative answer would open only for spineless bureau-

Do the differences expressed Thorez represent the bureaucratic by Thorez and Togliatti then intype molded over the years by dicate that these two have been Stalin. They are functionaries, transformed since the 20th Con-

Want Language Rights for Bombay

contempt for theory. For them, pressed deep-going differences. confess Stalin's crimes in order except that the SP seems more theory has consisted of a juggling Thorez, for example, sees the to save themselves. In the Stalin cult as an individual capitalist countries. the pressures Stalin's crimes, then Togliatti's aberration which in no way af- on the CP leaders are of a fected the nature of the regime somewhat different nature and or fundamentally impaired the vary from country to country. democratic process. Togliatti, on In France, for example, the the other hand, charges that Communist Party enjoys a virtual the Stalin cult reflected a monopoly in working class podegeneration of the regime which litics The workers, long antidid violate the democratic process | capitalist, have traditionally given in the Soviet Union.

> fundamental conclusions derived the CP's serious rival, is now in objective reality in the Soviet middle class. In addition, it is Union, they can be resolved only the governing party with full by a free and open discussion responsibility for the mainand vote of the ranks. This is tainance of a decrepit capitalist Stalin destroyed its internal the Algerian freedom fighters. democracy.

> Instead we witness a strange procedure. The differences bethe other or to convince the ranks workers have no other place to made and then the entire matter Stalin's criminal rule which s hushed over.

### NO BASIC CHANGE

tempt it expresses for the right Party has even greater memberof the ranks to settle important ship than the French, it does not differences in the movement, enjoy the same monopoly in relarefutes the idea that any tion to the workers. For years genuine reform has overtaken the Italian CP has been in Togliatti or Thorez, There is no coalition with the Socialist Party evidence that these men, dedicat- of Nenni, and in public policy ed to the service of the criminal they have been virtually in-Stalin, have now been trans- distinguishable. But in such a formed into dedicated searchers coalition, rivalry and subterfor truth.

What then is the source of dif- the workers is inevitable. ference between Thorez and While the CP has been stronger Togliatti? The difference boils so far, the recent municipal elecdown to the question of how tions showed Nenni's party much to admit of the meaning edging ahead at the expense of of Stalin's crimes and how much the CP. Following the 20th Conto conceal. The factor that gress, the rivalry between the determines the line of Thorez two parties was asserted in the and Togliatti, as well as that of pronouncements on the Stalin Khrushchev in the Soviet Union, cult by Nenni and Togliatti. are the specific pressures to Nenni seemed to view the which they are each subjected. development as an opportunity These pressures vary for each, to make gains by going the and each therefore adapts him- furthest in denouncing Stalin's self differently to the particular crimes and the authoritarian exigencies, but all are governed regime in the USSR. Togliatti by the same principle — the has been compelled to limp preservation of their bureau- along. cratic power and privileges.

their support to the party which How are these differences to be is the furthest left. The Socialist esolved? If they truly represent Party, which might have been from a Marxist analysis of the reality a party of the radical certainly how such differences system and with responsibility were resolved in the early days of for dispatching the French youth the Communist movement before to die in the hated war against

Such a party cannot win the ween Togliatti and Thorez are adherence of the revolutionary nowhere counterposed to each French workers. This gives other. No effort has been made Thorez a free hand on the Stalin o justify one thesis as against revelations. He feels the French other. The initial statements are accounting of the 30 years of imperialism that they are. Therez and company abetted and copied for France.

The situation of Thorez must The bureaucratic nature of this be the subject of Togliatti's envy. whole procedure, and the con- For while the Italian Communist ranean struggle for hegemony of

So long as Nenni does not go coming struggles. In the Soviet Union the pres- to the right of the CP, and revosure of the workers compelled lutionary workers see no dif- divisions in the American CP.)

with the functionary's special | gress? After all they have ex- | Khrushchev and his associates to | ference between the two parties consistent in its denunciation of position remains insecure.

However there is evidence that Nenni is prepared to distinguish himself from the CP not on the issue of the Stalin cult alone. According to the Aug. 7 N. Y. Times, Avanti, newspaper of the Italian SP, has taken the occasion of the Suez crisis to side with Western imperialism, expressing "open repugnance and decided aversion as socialists and as democrats to Nasser's Pan-Arabian program."

A continuation of this rightward trend can only serve to repel the revolutionary workers, push them back towards the CP and thus aid Togliatti to regain his bureaucratic equilibrium.

Stalinism has never feared social democracy, even of the "left" Nenni variety. They know how to bribe its leaders, (Nenni is the recipient of a 100,000 ruble Stalin Peace prize), tie them up in coalition or, if need be, to to accept one position or the go and therefore they require no discredit them as the servants of

That is why the Social Democracy cannot destroy Stalinist bureaucratism. The destruction of Stalinism can be accomplished only from the left, by parties of authentic revolutionary socialism, which have consistently fought both capitalist exploitation and bureaucratic oppression with its tragically costly crimes.

### NO HEROES

Stalinism will be destroyed root and branch in France and Italy only when the revolutionary forces in these countries will' prove capable of mobilizing their full weight for a concerted assault on the bureaucratic machines of Thorez and Togliatti.

The workers do not extend their present support to these machines blindly. They follow a Thorez or a Togliatti because they see no plausible alternative before them. But they do not regard their present leaders as heroes. The CP chiefs are, in fact, thoroughly discredited. Stalin's crimes weigh heavily on Thorez and Togliatti, who had long been members in good standing of his gang. The time of their inevitable downfall will be determined in the course of the

(Next Week: Reasons for

# There is a strong precedent for allowing labor and liberal representation at the Poznan trial. In 1921, the Soviet govern-Laboral Labor-Negro Unity their quota in the Socialist Publications Fund in full as of today, Aug. 15, the scheduled date for the completion of the

Women demonstrate in front of Indian Parliament in New

Delhi in demand for inclusion of Bombay in Maharashtra state.

Nine-five percent of Bombay's population, including the entire

working class, speaks Maharati. Bombay is now a separate

state dominated by a Gujerati-speaking capitalist class.

By Ed Snow

CHICAGO, Aug. 2 - The newspaper, the New Southerner, was the rallying point for a meeting held here by white and Negro workers concerned with developments in the South. Donald West, known 3-

Georgia, was the main speaker. federacy. He described how thouin one Georgia county the Union flag had been kept flying over Civil War.

This, said West, was the

to Militant readers as the prevail despite the forces atcourageous editor from Dalton, tempting to retard progress. The "blood-curdling" demagogy of the He described an old Southern White Citizens Councils and the tradition little known to his Ku Klux Klan will not succeed audience. This was the tradition in turning back the historically of opposition by the poor white upward march of struggle in the workers and farmers to the South for any length of time. He slave owners and to the Con- showed that the WCC and KKK were not only anti-Negro, as sands of Georgia farmers refused everyone knows, but anti-labor

West cited the unpublicized results of polls in several Southern high schools where white the courthouse throughout the students owerwhelming voted for racial integration. He also told of racist violence against proud tradition that will yet an interracial cooperative farm in Georgia. At this particular **Democratic Party Convention** farm, where some 60 Negro and white Baptist farmers have pooled their resources and work about 1,000 acres in common, the hard-earned dairy and freezer in-

> The costly equipment is a dead loss because the insurance comauto, etc.

As a foretaste of things to come in the South, West reported the progress being made by the International Association of Machinists in the Lockheed plant in the labor force are Negroes News of such united struggles, as well as those of the Negro could have easily swung the eight lahassee, is the message that the New Southerner will give in the -by waving a banner-to get South, West promised. A collecthe floor. Thus the great civil tion was taken to help further

> Other speakers included Rev. Shantz and Rev. Richardson. A ed with Southern folk songs.

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### Democratic Convention Note The following story, reported

by Murray Kempton, N. Y. Post correspondent at the convention. well illustrates the cynicism as well as the contempt of the capitalist politicians for the Negro people and labor. Kempton writes (Aug. 15): "[Senator] Lyndon Johnson went to see the President of the U.S. on Sunday. He told some friends when he came back that he had run into «Vice-President] Richard Nixon and that he had asked Nixon whether the Republicans proposed to 'nigger it' at their convention next week. He said that Nixon smiled and said, go ahead and write your [civil rights] plank, and we'll raise it."

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was for it or against it.

not because they were against it | not indicated. Aug .16.)

LIBERALS KEEP UP POSE

The decision of the Northern liberals to make a minority report had nothing to do with the Stevenson-Harriman fight. By those up for election this fall in Court decision against Jim Crow gro vote, felt they had to do taking two minutes. something to enable them to continue to pose as supporters of civil rights despite the sellout

No Dixiecrat would argue with this for it fails to describe the detheir "fight." After the newscision as good or bad or to say whether the Democratic Party paper and TV audience's interest had been whetted by big ad-It is interesting to note that vance stories of the approaching cratic Party," who said that the fight ended - not with bang group of young people entertainliberals, who later brought forth showdown, the great moment majority plank "fell somewhat but a whimper."

all about it-or forget any part plank as being too weak, voted platform was offered. Its main Richards of California declared stallations were bombed. for it in the Platform Commit- point was mention of the Su- the amendment simply was a tee. The only votes against it in preme Court's school desegregathe subcommittee were from five tion decision and a pledge "to and labor leaders hoped that by Southern racists. But this was carry it out." How or when, was -they had won a victory-but The amendment hastened to

for it, then people would say, if other court ruling and law of the they're for it it can't be good." land, down to those against spitin a no-parking zone, carry the threat of "force" i.e. arrest except those "guaranteeing" the Negro people their Constitutional

rights. allotted to the proponents of the Truman, who was given the floor that time it was apparent to all minority report. In order to inthat Stevenson had the nomina- volve as many as possible of the tion sewed up. Apparently a liberals, who will be courting Nethis committee was a victory for group of liberals, particularly ground labor votes from now till election day, in the "battle," districts with an important Ne- there were five speakers, each

WELL, DO THEY?

First speaker was D. Robert plank their party was adopting. Short of Minnesota, who intro-For this reason they staged duced the minority report. Then came Sen. Lehman of New York. Then Gov. Williams of Michigan, "the extreme left of the Demo-

a minority report against the came. A brief amendment to the below our ideals." Next Richard "pledge to carry out our courts' decisions. Well, do we or don't panies had cancelled the policies we? Of course we do!" At this beforehand. Speaking of inpoint shouts of "No" went up surance, West mentioned that he from a large part of the con-could not even get a life inbecause, as Walter Reuther ex- reject all proposals for the use of vention and the Confederate flags surance policy in the South beplained, "they felt if they voted "force" in carrying it out. Every of the Deep South delegations cause the companies considered were vigorously waved. Senator him a "poor risk" despite his ex-Douglas of Illinois said the is- cellent health. He is similarly (New York Herald Tribune, ting on the sidewalk or parking sue was so important that he refused insurance on his farm, hoped the necessary eight delegations would demand a roll-call vote.

Speakers against the amendment took 20 minutes. Last Ten minutes speaking time was speaker was former President as a special privilege. He praised

las had called for never came

convention to vote for it. The floor fight that Sen. Doug-

delegations, they did not even make more than a token attempt rights "battle" came down to 10 the work. minutes of talk on the convention floor. To paraphrase the poem: "This is the way the civil rights

UNION PROGRESS the majority plank and urged the Marietta, Georgia, where 15% of off. Though Northern liberals people in Montgomery and Tal-

understand it.

One of the most consistent ways in which they demonstrate this is by their almost unanimous identification of the South with the ruling class of the South. The liberal writers and the politicians do the same thing. They constantly refer to "Southern opinion" as being unwilling to accept integration, and they quote everyone from the rabid Senator Eastland to the soul-searching novelist Faulkner to prove their point.

But the South is not only the oppressors. It is also the oppressed, whose opinions are either ignored as of no account, distorted or misrepresented by white capitalist publications and politicians.

A very different kind of reporting and analysis appeared last week in a special article in the Cleveland Call and Post, a Negro weekly. In a fresh and informative report of on-the-spot interviews with Southern Negroes, Marty Richardson, an experienced newspaperman, gave an account of Southern views that is new even for the Negro press.

The old-line Negro leadership, "almost without exception . . . voiced the hope that outsiders would 'take it easy' on 'this civil rights thing," Richarson reported.

"Never oppressed quite as badly as the rank and file of Negroes, they see the possible loss of their school jobs, their fringe benefits from the white folks, their good homes and 1956 cars.

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picket lines as soon as the na-

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This action was an attempt by

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the basis of a compromise whose price gouges.

"They are all for 'taking it slow and '

easy,' and even advocate letting things alone; 'white people will bring about these changes themselves if you let them alone.'

"The mass of Negroes, however, are not so patient. They repeat over and over that 'The white folks had a hundred years to do it in, and they didn't make things any better in all that time. In fact, they have been making it worse. What's going to make them change now?"

"They back up their point of view with a new technique: they pick their leadership 'from the bottom.'

"It is well known that in the famous Montgomery bus strike the ministers did not INAUGURATE the leadership of the strike; it started from the people, and the ministers were given the choice of Democrats give to their agreeproviding it leadership, 'or else!'

"The same is true of the strike which tions of war and militarism. I caused the Tallahassee, Fla. bus lines to go out of business. Students and ordinary citizens started the strike, and the old leadership belatedly was 'let in on it.'

· "The Southern whites know that they are dealing with a new type of Negro; that the old handkerchief headed leaders are on their way out, sharply accelerated by the refusal of younger Negroes any longer to follow them."

The old race-haters are fighting a losing battle, and they know it, Richard- Washington we recently had the son reports. "They don't even have the spectacle of the Democrats trying consolation of having a solid white front to force the Republican ad of opposition to the rushing tide; the ministration to accept a billion minority of Klansmen and Citizens Council dollars more for the air force members have to sadly face the truth that the better element of white people — and electing such people? in most sections this is the majority will NOT join in a mass lynching of Ne-

"So the hate brigade is violent. It is frightened. It is desperate to the point should be withdrawn from forthat Negroes will tell you 'it will be worse eign soil. Military conscription

workers are concerned with their courage a new large-scale buy-

## THE MILITANT

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## Local 600 Hears Rita Shaw

(Continued from page 1) crats can't give that answer any more than Republicans, because both of them place profits ahead of human welfare.

BIPARTISANSHIP

The second issue is the danger of war, which in the final analysis is the only capitalist alternative

You've all heard about the "bipartisan foreign policy." That's the name the Republicans and ment not to disagree over quesdefy anyone to show a single basic foreign policy issue on which the old parties really differ - the cold war, the Korean war, a huge arms budget, the Suez Canal, support of dictators like Chiang Kai-shek and Franco, or anything else.

The Republicans are continuing the cold war, but who started it? The Democrats. What's the Democratic criticism of Eisenhower? Not that he's too aggressive, but than they wanted. How can the fight against war be aided by

### HOW TO FIGHT WAR

What America needs is to stop the cold war, stop it now and stop it for good. All troops should be ended. The 40 billion dollars a year now being spent on war preparations should be diverted to building schools, hospitals, low cost homes, roads and providing free medical care, trolled the 80th and 83rd Con-Say Ohio Steel Workers

All restrictions on trade with other countries should be lifted. A 100% tax on all profits from of them passed a single civil war industries should be passed

The people should be given the ight, through constitutional McDonald in negotiating the amendment, to vote on all ques-Youngstown district today. Work- provides a net take-home pay of new contract yielded an important tions of war or peace through a ers in the OpenHearth at the seven or eight cents per hour point on the right of all workers democratic referendum. Atomic energy should be developed only the general reaction to the cash the union could and did insist for peaceful and constructive benefits is "Well, we didn't get in many locals that all workers purposes. And the economy must take off for the full time should be reorganized on During the period of the strike of their scheduled vacations. In planned basis to do away with there were marked increases in the new contract, the employer the fundamental cause of war. the cost of living. New federal is empowered to approach each

These are part of the Socialist taxes went inot effect on gaso- individual worker and offer cash Workers Party's program. These the YST steelworkers to settle a line and tires; bread jumped two in lieu of vacation. This privare the steps we must take if we bitter and long-standing griev- cents per loaf; milk, meat and ilege can be granted or with- are to escape war. And these are ance over revision of incentive coffee went up; and potatoes held at the needs of the depart- the steps that both old parties pay rates at the Open Hearth. skyrocketed. The bus company is ment. It is already creating eco-oppose — equally.

### WHITES AND CIVIL RIGHTS

on the issue, and today the work- trical and gas monopolies have ments and it opens the door to ers voted to go back to work on announced their plans for deeper an increase in personal favorit-Issue number three: civil rights. What I say here is intended more The new policy on vacations for the whites among you than hastened to hike prices while the sets a bad precedent of estab- the Negroes. Civil rights is not The Campbell workers were se- steel market is still "bullish"— lishing individual bargaining in- a purely "Negro issue." Racial riously handicapped in their an operation which will yield stead of collective bargaining. It divisions which weaken the struggle with the corporation by them a multi-million dollar bo- is also calculated to save the cor- unions, low wages in the South, a back-to-work order issued by nanza. These price increases will porations large amounts in over- runaway shops to the South. United Steelworkers President eventually affect the steel work- time pay in periods of full pro- failure to unionize the South ers, too. On top of all other in- duction when these coincide with all these jeopardize and undermine the conditions at River . The social welfare measures in Rouge. Denial of the Negro right Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. dues are to be raised to \$4 or the new contract—supplementary to vote in the South brings about unemployment benefits are not the election of the worst antilabor politicians, who then go to Washington to block the laws you expenses, the average \$3 weekly But they certainly meet with the want passed.

-An Eastland at the head of the Senate Judiciary Committee or a Barden at the head of the House Labor Committee hurts white workers in the North as much as it hurts Negro farmers in the South.

That's why it won't do for the labor movement to just pass resolutions against Jim Crow and then go and help elect the party that puts the Eastlands and leadership of that fight. And the best way to do it is by forming a labor party.

Mention Eastland nowadays and Democrats wince. And rightly so. Because a vote for Democratic candidates for Congress is a vote

### Seamen's Defense Committee Dance

The Seamen's Defense Committee announces a gala dance and entertainment at Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41 St., New York on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 9 P.M. The affair will feature the Eric Low Orchestra. Admission is \$1.50, tax included.

The Seamen's Defense Committee founded last January, is sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. It was organized to support legal cases that challenge 'security" screening of merchant seamen. It also publicizes facts about the witch

hunt on the waterfront. Tickets for the Sept. 22 affair are available at the ECLC offices, 421 Seventh Ave., New York.

SWP Candidates





Farrell Dobbs, Candidate for President of the United States, and Myra Tanner Weiss, Candidate for Vice-President on the Socialist Workers Party ticket.

o keep Eastland in his chairman- backs on you, and voted against ship. If you helped to elect the the Powell amendment. Are you liberal Democrat McNamara in going to help elect them again 1954, then you also helped to put this year? If you do, you won't Eastland in as chairman, because be helping the cause of civil that's what happens when Demo- rights. The only way you can crats win control of Congress. help that is by now turning your You may think you're voting for backs on both the old parties and liberalism, but what you get is putting your own party in the Eastlandism. And that's bound to field. That's the Socialist Workers happen so long as you back the Party's answer on civil rights. Democrats.

### BOTH ARE JIM CROW

Not that the Republicans are any better. Take just the last ten years: the Republicans conrights law, and neither of them nas any intention of doing so.

You helped elect the Democrats, Congressman Lesinski and Congresswoman Griffiths. You told them you wanted no federal funds used to finance Jim Crow the untouchable idol of both the schools. But they turned their Democrats and Republicans.

And finally, the fourth issue ending the witch hunt and restor-

ing the civil liberties of all. In a certain sense this should come first. Because if all of us are not free to meet, speak and write as we please - including members of the Communist Party and other radical organizations - then election campaigns are a farce and a mockery. You can't have really free elections when people are muzzled and jailed and fired for advocating ideas

that displease J. Edgar Hoover,

the original "subversive" list; party. Humphrey, a liberal Democrat from Minnesota, co-sponsored with a Republican, the Communist Control Act of 1954, a thought-control measure aimed directly at the labor movement.

### ROLE OF LIBERALS

Act. When this unconstitutional measure was passed by the legislature in 1952, not one Democrat — liberal or conservative had the nerve to stand up and vote against it.

The bill was sent to the governor's desk and liberals begged Williams to veto it. Instead, all his liberalism folded up like.an DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE accordion, and he signed the bill without a peep. So I ask: How can anyone logically claim that electing Democrats will end the drive to establish thought-control in the United States?

### NOW IS TIME TO START

I will finish now by answering two objections often raised to what we Socialists advocate. One objection is that while a

labor party would be good, now is not the time to start one. We've been hearing that song for 20 years, and we'll be hearing it It is far better to vote for what 20 years longer, if some labor you want and not get it, than to leaders have their way.

Is labor stronger now, politically speaking, than it was 20 years ago? It is not. The Demotheir back pocket and therefore you don't like what they stand don't have to give you any real for, if you want to voice your. concessions. The only ones they dissatisfaction, if you agree that are giving concessions to are the a labor party is needed, then you Southern Democrats, who at least can express these sentiments at threaten to walk out if they don't get their way.

Will a labor party win a majority of offices the first time it runs? Probably not, but that's not a real argument against starting one. After all, many unions didn't win much in wages

year contract stimulated these

fulsome praise for the bosses.

The rank and file in the Buffa-

fused about many of the issues

year no-strike pledge has given

continue their schemes to fatten

that the price of steel will be

this extortionate price hike which

on civil liberties? Truman started strike for recognition. They won the present "loyalty purge" of the bigger gains later, but only government employees; his At- because they organized first. It torney General Clark, drew up will be the same with a labor

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### WHAT COUNTS MOST

Maybe a labor party won't win control the first time, but from the beginning it will be creating the conditions for real victories in the future, unlike the hollow and meaningless victories when Here in Michigan we had our the Democrats take office. By own witch hunt law, the Trucks forming their own independent political apparatus to serve their own needs, the unions will be setting the stage for victories that will lead to the abolition of war, depression, witch hunts and Jim Crow. And that's what counts - a thousand times more than which capitalist party holds office temporarily.

The second objection we often hear goes like this: "Won't I be wasting my vote if I vote for Socialists who don't stand a chance of getting elected this year?" I'll answer that by reading what the great Socialist and union leader, Eugene V. Debs, said about it:

"You argue that you are throwing your vote away. That's right don't vote for freedom, you might not get it. Vote for slavery - you have a cinch on that. . . vote for what you don't want. and get it!"

And Debs was right. There is no real choice between the two erats don't take labor seriously, old parties. Both stand for they feel they have your vote in essentially the same things. If . the polls by casting a protest vote for the Socialist Workers Party. We hope you will do so this year. Even more, we hope you will read our literature, attend our meetings and join the Socialist struggle for a better world.

### 'What Did We Get?' Ask ... Egypt **Buffalo Steel Workers**

The recent steel contract which has been so widely heralded by the McDonald machine doesn't look nearly as good from inside the blast furnaces and open hearths of the Bethlehem Steel plant in Lackawanna. A steel worker (wearing a big red Bethlehem Steel icrane operator's button remarked, "Five weeks on the streets and we don't even know exactly what we got." As he moved up to ring his time card, a worker carrying a large bag of freshly laundered work clothes answered, "I know what we got. We got hogtied for three years and nothing we can do about it."

As steel workers moved to diffferent parts of the massive Bethehem plant to begin their jobs, it became clear that some of the gains made at the conference table were illusionary. Right off the bat, the company hit the men with a new work schedule that had heads buzzing. The work week which had always run from 7 A.M. Monday through 11 P.M. Sunday was now changed to Sunday through Saturday.

time and one-half for Saturday, was a good investment. They double time for Sunday which pushed an unprecedented three-McDonald said he would fight year no strike contract on the for. While workers in other un- steel workers, cut many of the ionized industries (e.g. auto) en- original | lunion proposals and joy time and one half for Sat- thinned out their piled up invenurday, double time for Sunday, tories. Then they hit the consumsteel workers for the next three years will have to content them- crease. selves with straight time for Saturday, 10 per cent premium ald's praise for the steel bosses. pay for Sunday for the first especially since it was only a few year, 20 per cent for the sect weeks ago that he was calling ond year, and reaching the mu- them liars, selfish and greedy.

quarter the third year.

the contract was the main talk in the plant throughout the first day back at work. How much was the wage increase? What about vacations and pensions? What are the supplementary unemployment insurance benefits?

Neither McDonald nor Joseph workers.

After the strike pact was formally signed, picket crews were told to remain at the gates. It was hard to understand what was going on. All the next week workers in the Lackawanna area scanned the newspapers for de-This neat trick of making Sun- tails on what was holding up the

With the end of the strike, the a great union leader and Mcbosses for appreciating Mcer with an \$8.50 a ton price in-

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change of a fundamental social character is in the offing. Of it-

The mass supoprt of the Arab attacks from McDonald, but the peoples for Egypt's nationalizathree-year contract brings only tion of Suez has begun to create divisions in the imperialist home-front. Even right-wing lo Lackawanna area may be con- leaders of the British Labor party are now criticizing the polof the contract. This will be icy of the Eden government of straightened out in time. But one threatening Egypt with violence thing is clear to them at this mo- and have demanded a Parliamenment. The unprecedented three- tary debate on the results of the London Conference.
Only last week, these self-same

the company the green light to leaders in their pro-imperialist up their super-swollen profits, fervor, were berating the U.S. They have announced already government as "hesitant" in the fight against the Arabs. \$8.50 more a ton. In the face of In rejecting the "Big Three"

invitation to the London consteel workers sooner or later will ference, President Gamal Abdel absorb, Mc Donald saw fit to Nasser of Egypt termed it an atmake no comment. It remains tempt at "collective colonialism." for the ranks to answer the He rejected "internationalization" of the canal and proposed instead a conference convoked by Egypt which would include all 45 countries whose ships use the canal, instead of the 24 who were

### No Future

There are only 4,200 Jews left in West Berlin and their average age is 60 according to Rabbi invited to London. The purpose of Joachim Prinz of New Jersey, an an Egypt-convoked conference official of the World Jewish Con- would be the drawing-up of a new gress. He spoke in Berlin July 21 agreement regulating use of the saying that there seemed to be Suez canal in line with Egypt's 'no future in the preservation of pledge to keep it open to the ships the Jewish community in Berlin." of all nations.

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Vancouver, B. C. the workers and liberals everywhere, just as it has ourselves. It will encourage and strengthen all of us to take up and resist more vigorously every attack on Bardens in power. That's why civil rights. This should prove to labor must not only fight for us, if anything will, the civil rights but must assume strength of our principled position when properly conducted in

> We would also, at this time, extend our condolences for the recent loss you have suffered in the death of John G. Wright. We, as part of the international Socialist movement will feel the loss of this American socialist activist.

> We join with you in paying respects to his memory and in expressing our appreciation of the invaluable service he has performed. In the better days to come there may be many to perform such services, but he performed them when there were few others. This honor is uniquely his and we honor and salute his memory.

Comradely, J. Spencer

(James Kutcher, a legless veteran, was recently restored to his Veterans Administration job from which he had been fired eight years ago, solely on the grounds of membership in the Socialist Workers Party. John G. Wright, noted Marxist writer and lecturer, well-known as translator of Leon Trotsky's works died June 21. - Ed.)

# By Charles Seaman BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 11— is a pretty cheap price to pay profit every 24 hours! The original company proposal for a fivetionary consequences.

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MEMBERS IN DARK

Molony, Regional Director in Buffalo-Lackawanna, called for any areawide meetings to keep the rank and file abreast of the strike developments. Negotiations were conducted in inaccessible New York City hotel rooms far from industrial areas where steel workers live. MacDonald's reports were scattered and evasive and the uncertainty was damaging to the morale of the

week, the bosses have only to pay steel bosses hailed McDonald as which amounts to about \$1.50 to Donald praised the bosses as fine \$2.00 a day for the average steel fellows. You couldn't blame the This was a far cry from the Donald. The five-week "lockout"

It is hard to swallow McDonprinciples of unionism. In the What happened to MacDonald's July issue of Steel Labor Mcfight to free the steel workers Donald stated, "We strike for from being "some sort of second fairness against greed" and class, sub-normal individual who pointed out the swollen superjust can't live like other Amer- profits the steel company had enicans" as he put it. Two dollars joyed. Four million dollars net

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