# **Miners Break Roosevelt's Domination Over Their Union**

## An Editorial

The miners have weathered the first storm of anti-labor blows and hysteria. They stood firm and united against vilification, threats and false promises. They did not retreat on their wage demands and they have a good chance of winning what they demanded.

They couldn't have done this if they had permitted their case to be buried in that graveyard of grievances, the War Labor Board. They couldn't have done this if they had submitted their case to a court packed against labor. They couldn't have done this if they had entered the fight shackled by the chains of a no-strike pledge.

No, they were able to meet the anti-labor pressure of the White House, Congress, the press and the radio only by asserting their independence of Roosevelt and breaking the grip of his domination over their union. Once they had thrown off the straitjacket of government control which has virtually paralyzed the unions since the war began, they were free to defend and advance their own interests and to hold their own in the first great test of strength with the bosses and the administration.

The events of the last week have demonstrated the power of organized labor when it acts in an independent manner, relying not on Washington but on its own strength. They have pointed the way for the workers to escape from the vise of

. frozen wages and rising living costs. Let the rest of labor become as conscious as the miners of their collective strength and let them use it, and there is no limit to what they can achieve.

Now that the miners have taken the initiative in breaking with Roosevelt's policies in the economic arena, they should take the logical next step. They should assert their independence on the political field by breaking with both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party whose representatives are now rushing anti-union and anti-strike laws through Congress.

The actions of these capitalist parties and their spokesmen in the present coal crisis have amply demonstrated that they are the agents and lackeys of Big Business and the mine operators, ready to use every instrument of coercion at the command

of the government in order to protect the profits of the operators and defeat the justified demands of the miners. Defense of the unions' economic struggle requires that the anti-labor government agents be replaced by representatives of the labor movement.

As a result of their militant struggles the miners are in a position to assume the leadership of a regenerated labor movement. They have inspired millions of workers by asserting their independence of Washington's economic policy. They can arouse and activize millions more and lead them toward a better society by breaking politically with the parties responsible for that economic policy and taking the lead in launching a nationwide Independent Labor Party based on the trade unions.

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# MINE WORKERS WIN FIRST ROUND

# Davies' Film Whitewashes Stalin's Crimes

By John G. Wright

"Mission To Moscow" is now being peddled to movie audiences as a documentary film of events from 1936 to date as allegedly seen through the eyes of ex-Ambassador Joseph E. Davies. Nothing could be further from the truth. "Mission To Moscow" is false from beginning to end. More exactly, it is a 100% Stalinist lie.

The resources of Hollywood and of the press

have been mobilized with the blessing of the Mussolini Also authorities in Washington - to present as the "truth" the GPU version of the Moscow trials, during which the prosecution was unable to produce a single shred of evidence to substantiate its case.

It is an infinitely easier task to spin the web of a lie than to unravel each of its countless threads. Let us observe more closely how these belated falsifiers of history have set about their work.

TRIMMINGS FOR THE BIG LIE

# Liked the Frameups

"Mission to Moscow," the motion picture glorification and whitewash of the Moscow trial frameups, shows that Washington and the "democracies" approve of Stalin's infamous murders of his working class political opponents. But they aren't the only

ones. The fascists - above all, Hitler-Goebbels & Co. also approved of them. In fact. Benito Mussolini was so happy to see Lenin's comrades murdered by the Stalinist bu-



# **The Members Stand Solidly Behind Their Organization**

## **By Art Preis**

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 3. - The hope of the mine operators and every other boss in the country that President Roosevelt speech last night would send the coal miners scurrying back to the pits this morn- By asserting their indeing in a demoralized rout has been completely pendence of the Roosesmashed.

Sticking by their guns in a magnificent display of miners won the first union discipline and solidarity, and in the face of an round in their fight to obunparalleled barrage of government threat and intimidation, the miners throughout this key soft coal area today held hundreds of local meetings and in an organized, deliberate fashion voted to return to work tomorrow pending the outcome of the 15 day mine living. The fight is not strike truce announced by United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis.

It was my great privilege to visit some of the mining towns in this area today, to talk with local union leaders and to attend the peared to have the edge closed meeting of Local 73 in Li-O

brary, Pa., largest local in Dis- throw the blame for his striketrict 5, an autonomous district of breaking actions on the pressure the UMW. express an obvious note of uncer-

A SYMBOLIC GESTURE tainty and doubt. The determination, courage and

# **Roosevelt Failed** To Estimate the **Miners Correctly**

### By Philip Blake

NEW YORK, May 5.velt administration, the tain wage increases to meet the rising cost of yet finished but the United Mine Workers apas this is written. From all indications they have of the mine bosses and the WLB, a good chance of winning a major portion of their And not many of them are de- demands if they continue

Interspersed throughout the film are newsreel shots, many excellent ones. Also paraded on the screen are prominent personages, some living, others dead: Haile Selassie, Roosevelt, Churchill, Shigemitsu, Shacht, Stalin, Ribbentrop, Kalinin, Molotov, Vyshin, sky, Yagoda, Litvinov, Tukhachevsky, Bukharin, Radek, etc. etc. They are all there, including Chamberlain's umbrella.

Settings are elaborately reproduced: Davies' lodge in the Adirondacks; the White House in Washington; the League of Nations in session at Geneva; the Red Square in Moscow; the ship that took Davies to Europe; scenes in Hamburg, Berlin, Prague; the Kremlin; the trains that took Davies from one European capital to another, including Moscow; the ballroom in Moscow where Davies was feted; the American embassy in Moscow emblem and all; the Moscow courtroom where the frameups were originally staged, etc.

Why is all this so necessary? Because it is that kind of "truth" which when admixed with the lie renders its venom all the more powerful and deadly. It is the old trick of being exact in little things in order to put over the big lie all the better. It is that kind of "truth" about which one English poet has said: "Truth that's told with bad intent beats all the lies you can invent."

STALIN'S MURDERS ,

In the space of three years (1936, 1937, 1938) Stalin murdered the entire generation of Russian

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ing held by the German-American

the Garden

ries of articles on the trials in the fascist paper, Popolo d'Italia, in which he declared on March 5, 1938:

"Stalin is rendering a commendable service to fascism by slaughtering its declared though impotent enemies in large sweens.

## They Lie About Tukhachevsky!

The alleged Moscow trial scene of "Mission to Moscow" shows one of Stalin's victims, Marshal Tukhachevsky, the real head of the General Staff of the Red Army and the man who was responsible for its mechanization, confessing to participation in a conspiracy to dismember the Soviet Union together with Hitler and the Mikado. This is just one of the many

brazen Stalinist lies in the picture which will not even be found in Davies' book, or anywhere else. Tukhachevsky never con-

fessed to any such conspiracy in actual life. The GPU never succeeded in extorting any confessions from him. He never was brought to public trial, as the Davies film pretends. He was arrested on frameup charges and was executed in the great purge of

others of Soviet officers, soldiers and revolutionists whom no power on earth could force to confess falsely to crimes

Feb. 20, 1939. The motion picture by the cops of the same LaGuardia the anti-fascist demonstration.

was an anti-fascist demonstration a telling blow to the fascists, smearing the Trotskyists as fas-

of more than 50,000 workers - Nothing was heard of people like cists or agents of fascists.

'Mission' Omits An Interesting Scene

Trotskvists.

miners that had nothing to gain by seeking wage raises. 1937, along with thousands of

they never committed.

# **Brown Says Wage Rises** Won't Aid The Miners

#### By C. CHARLES

As we go to press, OPA officials have at last admitted that prices, particularly of food, are "practically out of control." Their statement is also a clear admission of the justice of the miners' demands for wage increases and is in sharp contrast to the assertions and promises made by OPA Administrator Prentiss M. Brown only a few days before.

Brown spoke on a national radio hookup on April 30, with he deadline for the walkout of

half a million miners a few hours be increased for the farmers away. His aim was to convince the Brown went on to say:

"These increases in wages and farm prices can only mean a After asserting that if the further rise in the cost of living. coal wage rise were granted, "What will it profit workers to increases could not be denied have more dollars in their pay to workers in other inenvelopes if it takes all these extra dollars and perhaps more to feed and clothe their families?"

#### WHAT BROWN CONCEALS

Brown pretends that price increases will FOLLOW the raising of the miners' and other One of the scenes in "Mission | called to action and led by the | Davies that night; they were workers' wages. Not true!

To Moscow" shows a mass meet. Socialist Workers Party, the saving their energies for smear-The miners are fighting first ing anti-fascist revolutionists of all to raise their wages so as This demonstration would have later. And nothing was seen of the to meet the already increased Bund and the Coughlinites in New dispersed the fascist gathering, if Stalinists that night either; they cost of living. Price increases York's Madison Square Garden on the fascists had not been protected called on the workers to boycott. have PRECEDED the miners' scene shows a bit of action inside who now presents himself as an It is not surprising that the wage demands. Brown denies vilification against John L. Lewis the Garden, but it does not show what was going on OUTSIDE of that which every worker and and the militant members of the every working class housewife United Mine Workers who folknows: that price increases are lowed his lead in demanding that

what was going on OUTSIDE of day democracy-shouters were ab- great anti-fascist demonstration, sent that night when the op- for its purpose is not to tell the Outside the Garden that night portunity presented itself to deal truth but to appease Stalin by

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The above pictures are scenes of a demonstration by Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party in front of the Hollywood Theatre on the opening night of the Warner Brothers' motion picture, "Mission To Moscow." The demonstration did not attempt to prevent people from entering the theatre; its purpose was to call attention to the lies in the film and to the truth about the Moscow trial frameups. Thousands of leaflets with auotations from the findings of the Dewey Commission were

distributed to theatre-goers and passers-by. (See story on Page 3.)

**CP** Tried Hardest **To Break Strike** 

Of all the many strike-break-

the miners' struggle for a living wage, none worked harder at

the job than the Stalinists. For the five days immediatey preceding the strike truce, the Daily Worker whipped it-

self into a veritable lather of lowering real wages; that the le- the profit-swollen mine owners gal prices are disregarded on pay them decent wages. Nor was

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ceived by the fact that today the liners were vividly demonstrated at the pack- American flag and a sign, "U. S. to follow the militant poed meeting of Local 73 in the big Property," are suddenly being dis- licy they have pursued up played by the mine bosses. hill overlooking Montour No. 10 William Pierce, recording sec- to now. mine of Mellon's Pittsburgh Coal

Co., largest coal company in In a demonstrative fashion, ment seizure" of the mines has

the members voted to reopen the meant. mine according to the strict inter-"So far as I can see," he stated pretation of their national policy committee's announcement. They ence. The same management is finally agreed to permit the night shift to go on, but no sooner than (Continued on page 3)

12:01 A. M., Tuesday morning, the date for the beginning of the truce set by their own leaders.

America.

This was a conscious symbolic their struggle at the request of their leadership and if they do not get a satisfactory contract. From my observation and tour oday following Roosevelt's appeal to the miners over the heads of their national leaders, I can state categorically that Roosevelt's personal prestige has received a organized coal miners. Many of the miners will still tell you they are still for Roosevelt "as presi dent" although they are greatly disappointed at his latest ac tion. Even those who continue to speak for him and

## N. Y. Forum to Hear Warde On Coal Crisis

"Roosevelt and the Coal Crisis" will be the subject of the regular the fact that this conference was Sunday Open Forum to be held on called on only three or four days' the International Executive Board

officers With the exception of about a

Marxist writer and lecturer, will ference supported not only the lead the forum and present for demands of the miners but also member Leo La Motte, but to no audience discussion a review of the strike which was forced upon avail. The rank and file representhe principal factors producing them.

the coal strike, and will analyze The the effect of the miners' struggle strike which took place under upon the Roosevelt administration every point of the agenda reached and the labor movement generally, its climax when a majority and Pontiac Motor Local, received the An immediate program of action minority resolution were brought greatest ovation of the two day for the entire labor movement in to the floor on the second day of the present crisis will also be the session. The majority resolupresented by the speaker and tion called for all-out support. The discussed by the audience. The minority resolution called for sup-Forum begins at 8:15 P. M. port of the economic demands of

retary of Local 73, said I could It was no secret that the quote him as to his opinion on the Roosevelt administration, was difference the socalled "govern- anxious not only to deny the miners' economic demands — the winning of which would inspire all the other unions to press for emphatically, "there's no differ- similar gains - but also to smash John L. Lewis and crush

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and not by Roosevelt, the mine owners or anyone else. This was a conscious symbolic gesture. These miners are telling the world that they are more united than ever, ready at the end Vote Support **Of Mine Strike** 

**By** John Saunders

DETROIT, May 3. - 1000 delegates, representstrong blow among the powerful ing 350,000 Michigan members of the UAW, gathered in conference on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, at the Masonic Temple in Detroit, overrode the demands of their national leaders and placed themselves overwhelmingly on record in support of the United Mine Workers strike.

> Although not formally on the agenda, the mine trike dominated the conference

and the strike were made by President R. J. Thomas, vice-Presidents Frankensteen and Executive Board tatives could not be moved from way down the line for the miners. James Lucas, president of the

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during the entire two day session. the mine workers; condemnation The pressure of the rank and file of the strike; and support of auto workers asserted itself despite Roosevelt. notice and the delegations were were opposed to the strike action. New York School of Social therefore chiefly appointed by the Speeches against John L. Lewis dozen Stalinists, the entire con- Walter Reuther and Richard

discussion of the mine their determination to go all the

conference when he stated:







dustries and prices would have to

their determination to maintain ers could not be downed in their

25 workers attended a May Day

struggle for emancipation.

The speech was enthusiastically

received. While the friends and

comrades waited to hear Roose-

velt's declaration on the mine

strike, refreshments were served.

The meeting was closed with the

singing of The Internationale.

Greetings were sent to Comrade

noted Marxist writer'and lecturer,

was the principal speaker.

Natalia Sedov Trotsky.

**Boston** 



#### **By Michael Cort**

The militancy of the mine work- | hood of Electrical Workers, AFL, ers has acted as yeast in the trade in Plainfield.

union movement and set things On May 3 more than 1200 fermenting. Top AFL-CIO leaders machinists struck the Air Reduchave been rudely shaken out of tion Sales Company in Jersey have been rudely shaken out of tion Sales Company in Jersey their embrace with the administra-City because it had refused wage New York tion by explosive pressure from boosts by hiding behind the the ranks, and forced to speak "Little Steel" formula. A War out against the government's Labor Board official and two rep- Workers Party held a two day ob- as a harbinger of the coming up- celebration here on May 2. Sam freeze orders.

and Congress to carry out the economic stabilization" and issued Executive Board on May 14. Murray said that the Board would compelled to seek other jobs. . ." prices to the Sept. 15, 1942 level within 48 hours.

or make the necessary wage adjustments to meet the increased cost of living." William Green has Detroit fought back against man- the struggle for the eight hour tasks and their places have been issued similar demands on behalf agement provocations. On May 3 day in the United States, he taken by so-called "friends of laof the AFL executive council.

The line of the top labor bureaucrats is to center their fire on struck at the River Rouge plant countries as an occasion for de- words and promises. He added Brown of the Office of Price Ad- when the management announced monstrating their hostility to the that Roosevelt, the outstanding exministration and McNutt of the that 141 "ringleaders of a series ruling class and their determina- ample of these "friends of labor," War Manpower Commission. For of disturbances" in the foundry tion to struggle for emancipation is today objectively the leader of example, UAW President R. J. had been fired. \* \* \* Thomas sharply attacks McNutt

our support of the President as pressure on top AFL and CIO the entire world. That the grandthe great leader of our war ef- leaders will be increased one hun- lose plans of the American capi- Party with a militant program. fort and as the best friend of la- dred fold. And all the crumbs talists to rule the world will be bor ever to occupy the White thrown labor by the administra- beset with difficulties from the bor ever to occupy the White thrown labor by the administra- peset with difficulties from the Minneapolis tion, such as the announcement outset, is indicated by the trouble Minneapolis Worker, May 1.)

discarded the kid gloves and are War Production Board would go the unrest of the masses of Asia, Many locals however, have demanding wage boosts under to labor men, will not satisfy the Africa and Europe. That trouble threat of strike action.

Typical of the mood of the workers was an ultimatum drawn up 29, the local demanded a rolling the closed shop in the state. back of prices, a wage increase, "or else. . .!" The paper also reported the calling of a meeting of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council for the purpose of formulating a "wage ultimatum" to government and industry. Present Council plans are to give

the government until May 10 to an Independent Labor Party is meet with the metal workers badly needed in Florida. and discuss their demands, "or else, . . !" \* \* \*

Two New Jersey locals also came into conflict with the gov-They were: Local 304 of the Inter- | them. . ."

national Association of Machinists. 1041 of the International Brother- ILGWU.



Local New York of the Socialist symbol of the might of labor, and resentatives of the union's Grand servance of the traditional work- surge of the workers of the world Burton spoke. He gave a brief ovation when he stated:

On May 1 CIO President Philip Lodge appealed unsuccessfully to ing class May Day holiday this in their struggle for emancipa- history of May Day and analyzed Murray blasted the "complete the workers to abide by AFL year. A city-wide social Satur- tion. Answering the charges of the current coal strike. Pointing failure of government agencies President Green's no-strike pledge. day evening and a May Day meet- the capitalist press that the out that although labor had not The electrical workers served ing on Sunday night featured the strike was an act of sabotage, he celebrated May Day in its tradinotice on the Condenser Corpora- activities that were attended by pointed out that the coal bosses tional manner here or in any of a call for a meeting of the CIO tion of American and "all govern- more than 125 friends and sym- were the cause of the strike in the European countries, the workment agencies" that "we shall be pathizers of the party.

E. R. Frank, mid-west trade wages at a starvation level. take up the demand to "roll back unless a wage boost is granted unionist, delivered an inspiring The older type of avowedly May Day address at the Sunday open-shop politicians, Comrade meeting. After reviewing the mi- Dunne explained, are no longer

Meanwhile Ford workers in litant origins of the May Day in adequate to their union-busting more than 4,500 members of the showed how May 1 was soon bor" who attempt to lull the United Automobile Workers, CIO, adopted by the workers of other workers into inactivity by kind

the American labor movement. from capitalist exploitation. The speaker pointed out that through whom the workers are And this is only the beginning, Big Business in this country shackled to the capitalist class. "There is no implication, how- for should the miners receive a hopes to emerge from the present The practical alternative to this ever, that we are swerving from substantial wage increase, the war as masters and exploiters of situation, he stated, is the formation of an Independent Labor

this week by Donald Nelson that that the present governments are Seventy workers gathered for two vice-chairmanships on the already experiencing in curbing the Minneapolis May Day election rally held at party headquarters Saturday night to hear V. R. Dunne, SWP mayoralty candidate, speak for an independent labor party.

Greeting the striking miners on "this greatest of all holidays of the working class," Comrade Dunne declared, "They are fighting in the true spirit of May Day, facing the greatest odds any group of workers ever faced.

The Militant.

An audience of 80 workers responded enthusiastically to Comrade Vincent R. Dunne's address at the May Day celebration of the Chicago Branch of the SWP on Sunday, May 2, at the Hamilton

charge of the governmental appa- | cialism. ratus in the interests of the workers."

taken at the meeting and an addi-

demned John L. Lewis, Whether American youth" and charged we like it or not, Lewis does that "Nazi and Italian money are was the only issue on which there represent the mine workers. They in circulation here." All the was disagreement among the top are fighting the battle today that you and I should be fighting." In circulation here. All the similar reception when they con-Lucas declared: "Their interests the mine strike was helping the promise our fight for a decent are not the interest of the labor Axis.

Uncle Joe tells them to do." Walter Henderson of the GM tion of the Stalinists calling for Diesel Local 163 also received an the support of Roosevelt also im- going to have it. It is being put

"500.000 miners are out on in the mines, Thomas and La strike. Their finances organized Motte came out against both Detroit and we must back them resolutions-against the one sup- go all-out on the question of the up 100%." Art Case of Buick Flint Local the one supporting the strike. winds on this issue and tried to 599, a veteran of World War I They did not dare however to in- ram the speedup down the throats

this war and has another in the of their own and the ranks forced Frankensteen and Secretary Adservice, echoed the sentiments of a vote on majority and minority des, who chaired the meeting durthe auto workers: "I'm in favor of endorsing the ists flaunted the almost unanim- But the majority resolution went

Lewis boys if they stay out of ous sentiments of the conference far beyond the position taken by the mines until hell freezes over. by raising their hands for the the Executive Board at its Cleve-I have never seen so much bick- latter resolution.

this, since a year ago when we voted to give up the right to picket line with the miners."

ings at which William F. Warde. Morelli of Local 235 asserted: "I agree that this is a political

of the war were making American amid applause and cheers, told president of the Pontiac Motor Addes tried to have the last itical Prospects." The consequences workers think in broader political the leadership of the UAW and the terms and impelling them toward CIO they stood overwhelmingly in a break with the traditional capi- favor of the strike. As Morelli talist parties. The miners' strike pointed out, "it is up to the miners indicated how the breach between to decide whether it is necessary the labor movement was widen-decide, more power to them!" ing, he said, adding "The miners' SMALL MINORITY

walkout reties the thread of class struggle which was snapped by

AFL officials.", On May 2 at East Boston Hall Warde spoke on "The Struggle For World Socialism." In a sur-

mirrored by this May Day, he pointed out how the resistance and victories of the Red Army, amples of capitalist suppression the struggle of the Indian and of the truth through the Minneapolis Trial and the banning of Chinese peoples for independence, the growing civil warfare in

Dunne stated, "Our party has been underground fight against Hitlerthe only one to put forth the idea ism in occupied Europe, the radiof independent working class poli- calization of the English masses, tical action. The only way to and the miners' strike, were signs move toward a solution of the of a new upturn in the workers' problems of today is to take struggle for liberation and so

A collection of \$157.41 was Newark

tional \$50 was raised at a social afterwards for the Minneapolis WP celebrated May Day with a

movement. They do whatever

who has already lost one son in troduce a compromise resolution of the delegates with the help of resolutions. Only a dozen Stalin- ing the discussion on this point.

ering in a union as I have in THE NO-STRIKE PLEDGE



Warde talked on "Labor's Pol- and Senate." Thus delegate after delegate,

not to use troops against the tion.

miners.

demned Lewis and charged that incentive plan now is to com-

When it was clear to the of the great mass of delegates who delegates that the minority resoluplied support for the use of troops

> The Stalinists, who did not dare porting Roosevelt and also against miners, threw all caution to the

and more.'

land meeting two weeks ago. The delegates were not interested in

"safeguards," which were stressed Many voices were also raised in in the minority resolution. They strike. I'm ready to walk the favor of withdrawing the no-strike just did not want to have anypledge. Case said he "had always thing at all to do with the plan. In answer to R. J. Thomas, who opposed giving up the right to The majority resolution was had attacked the walkout of the strike" and it was more necessary against all incentive pay for piecethan ever to reseind it now. work, called for assistance to all marked May Day with two meet- strike against Roosevelt," George Several representatives echoed local unions that wanted to get this sentiment and called for im- rid of any incentive plan that mediate action to rescind. Other they now have and demanded that strike, not only against Roosevelt delegates, such as Lucas, called all UAW representatives resign At the Worker Center on May but against the reactionary House upon the next convention "to from any governmental commitrescind unless the promises made tee considering incentive - pay to labor were carried out." The proposals.

Local, who is also chairman of the clause eliminated from the resolu-Oakland County Joint AFL CIO tion on the ground that it would Council, later announced that both mean the resignation of Frankenthose bodies would hold a mass steen from the War Production meeting at Pontiac High School Board Committee to which he Roosevelt's administration and for them to strike and if they so on May 10 "to consider rescinding was recently appointed. This the no-strike pledge given to would be in contradiction to la-President Roosevelt and industry." | bor's policy of seeking greater re-The call for the withdrawal of presentation on government bo-

Against this barrage from the the no-strike pledge met with a dies, Addes said. But the delethe no-strike pledge of the CIO- floor, the International leadership hearty response from most of the gates agreed with Reuther that and the Stalinists were helpless. delegates. This is especially "the only time they ask labor to In vain did Thomas try to con- significant when it is recalled participate is when they have ciliate the delegates with a report that such a request met with some dirty work to do." This, that he had advised President practically no response from the of course, did not prevent Reu-Roosevelt on the preceding day delegates at the last UAW conven- ther at another stage of the conference from advocating labor Next to the mine crisis, the participation in the government,

He pleaded with the delegates question of "incentive pay" as in England.

that to give support to the strike aroused the greatest discussion at When flag-waving failed to would be in violation of the the conference. The auto workers sway the delegates, the Stalinists decision of the last UAW conven- were not taken in by the various played their last trump card by tion to give up all strikes for the disguises with which Frankensteen appealing to the delegates to sup-Minneapolis election, Comrade ing role of the workers in the stood that they could not support put over the speedup system. As and the entire UAW Executive the economic demands of the coal delegate Lucas stated, "No matter Board. But the answer to this miners without supporting John how you slice it, it is still baloney. was given by a member of the The incentive plan is still the resolution committeee who said, L. Lewis and the strike. The stormiest indignation of the speedup. Rickenbacker favors it "Even if the Board is unanimous. conference was aroused by the but he is not by any stretch of it would have made no difference.

You are either for or against piecework. We don't care what Murray's position is on the ques-

When the resolutions finally came up for a vote, the same dozen Stalinists who had disgraced hemselves on the mine issue were the only ones to vote for the speedup.

the hands of the American bosses. ers, AFL. In a front page editorial amendment which would make it Natalia Sedov Trotsky, companion

This proposed constitutional Leon Trotsky, was read by the amendment will be submitted to organizer of Local New York, the voters in the 1944 general George Grant. A \$90 collection

The meeting was opened by Comrade Lydia Beidel, who traced the history of May Day from the

time.

# workers.

to muster only 17 votes in the

DEPARTMENT OF UNDERSTATEMENT:

"Fundamentally, the w a g e earning masses of America are Hotel.

in their own back yard may tie The Florida House and Senate is evidenced in the growing dislast week by Washington Local completed passage of the notorious satisfaction of American labor. Lodge 104 of the International anti-closed shop bill by over. This is most sharply exhibited in Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron whelming majority on April 29. the current struggle of the coal Ship Builders, Welders and Help. The bill calls for a constitutional miners, he said. A greeting from

election. Opponents of the bill were able friends of the S. W. P. House as compared with 66 votes chicago

ernment last week over the heads beginning to feel a sense of disof their international officers. crimination creeping up on

-Editorial in the May 1 issue 8-hour day struggle of 1886 and AFL, in Jersey City, and Local of Justice, official organ of the following years to the present





"Reaction has control everywhere the capitalist class cannot vey of international politics as

bear to have one voice speak out against them," he said, citing ex-

# **United Mine Workers** Win The First Round

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United Mine Workers whose the evening of May 2, Lewis anistration's policy of keeping the Ickes and arranged a 15-day labor movement subdued and truce, and that the UMW nationmeek in the face of rising prices. al leaders wanted the miners to primary purpose of Roosevelt's morning. "hold-the-line" wage-freezing

### order of April 8. FAILURE THUS FAR

But Roosevelt has thus far completely failed to achieve this end. And the reason he failed was that the coal diggers are determined to secure wage increases to meet the rising cost of living in spite of governmental threats and promises. This was demonstrated on several occasions during the last week.

After the coal operators hurried away from the New York wage negotiation conference to place their case into the hands of the Michigan regional conference Roosevelt's War Labor Board, the miners began to walk out of the mines. The WLB appealed to them to return. The answer they got was more walkouts.

the UMW to resume and continue | Roosevelt and even the rank and of the mine contract on May 1 anti-Roosevelt, but the adminishis power as commander-in-chief got on May 1 was a complete tige. As for Lewis - despite his shutdown of all the soft-coal and hard-coal mines in the country.

clusions, despite his organization-Roosevelt then ordered Secretary of the Interior Ickes to take al isolation — he has emerged labor. But it is obvious that their over all the mines and fly the again as the outstanding leader United States flag over them, of the union movement, towering immeasurably strengthened if and he directed the Secretary of above the Greens and Murrays War to provide "protection" to as though they were pygmies, the rest of the labor movement. those who wanted to work, if and has rewon the support of the It would be to the UMW's own Ickes requested it. But no miners miners and the ranks of the other interests to issue a call for comwanted any such protection; they unions.

all stayed away from the mines despite the frenzied attacks lev- the mines yesterday, the union ders. Regardless of the response ied on their action by the radio leaders announced that they were of the official leaders of the nacommentators and all sections of preparing to submit their con- tional CIO and AFL unions, the the daily press from the most tract proposals to Ickes, the ranks would respond today with reactionary to the most "liberal," agent of the "new employer." signs of unmistakeable support like PM and the N. Y. Post and Ickes ordered a six day week for and the miners' struggle would all the mines - one of the minor be greatly advanced. the Daily Worker.

A few minutes before Roose- i demands of the union - but develt was scheduled to make a ra- nied that he had made any agree-

the strong position held by the dio broadcast to the miners on ment with the UMW or that he would sign any contract with it. firmness endangered the admin- nounced that he had met with He declared that the War Labor Board could not be "by-passed." His statement clearly showed that the miners' fight is not yet Everyone knew that this was the go back to work on Tuesday finished, that the administration is still fighting to maintain the

It is possible that the WLB

may rush through its hearings,

with the union not participating.

and grant some concessions in

an attempt to save the whole

Roosevelt labor structure and

thus get rid of a terribly embar-

Roosevelt then called on the authority and dignity of its labor miners to return to work on Monagency which Lewis had deday morning. But only a small nounced as a court packed against minority returned to the mines labor. The WLB announced that on Monday: the great majority it would resume hearings on the waited until Tuesday as they had coal dispute, although Lewis been requested to do by their again made it clear this week that the union did not recognize

Roosevelt underestimated the its authority and would not apmilitancy and solidarity of the pear before it. His statement also miners. Instead of stopping the repeated the UMW's position UMW, the administration's moves that it was no longer bound by succeeded only in strengthening the no-strike pledge.

the moral position of the union and arousing the ranks of the labor movement to support of the miners. This was shown by of the UAW held on May 1-2. (See story on P. 1.)

AFTER THE FIRST ROUND

union.

rasing situation. It is also pos-The AFL and CIO leaders are sible that Roosevelt, afraid that On April 29 Roosevelt ordered determined not to break with even a partial victory for the miners will arouse a tidal wave of production after the expiration file of their unions are still not militancy in the other unions, may decide to fight it out with the and warned that he would use tration, despite what happens in UMW. In that case he is sure the next stage, has already suf- to be faced with another crisis if they refused. The answer he fered a serious blow to its pres- when the 15-day mine truce expires on May 19.

> inconsistencies and occasional .. The miners have done an excellent job thus far in the fight failure to draw the proper conthey are waging on behalf of all chances of winning out would be they had the active support of mon action by all the unions

After the workers returned to against Roosevelt's freezing or-

dinner-social at which C. Charles. election campaign. Harry DeBoer, author of "Your Standard of Livcampaign manager, was chairman ing," was the principal speaker. of the meeting. Citing as the principal events

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hind the miners' struggle for high- the world the masses of the peo- featism among the workers.

er wages. He pointed out how the govern- selves for freedom from the de. of the Daily Worker, toured the try knows that Lewis' character- have the final say. "The conment was acting to defend the cayed social order which produces mine fields and wrote stories to ization of the WLB was 100% corprofits of the coal operators in only wars, depression and unpre- be distributed among the miners rect. sending troops to frighten the cedented reaction. Both the Axis in which he attempted to make BLAME LEWIS FOR

workers back to the mines. The miners' fight is the fight he showed, have no program for spread wavering among the workof all labor, Charles said. In the the post-war world aside from the ers and that they were on the struggle of the miners, not only preparation for another world verge of bolting Lewis' leaderagainst the operators but also a- war.

gainst the government, can be Forty workers attended the dinseen the necessity for creating a ner-social, which included a labor party based on the trade un- March-of-Labor dramatic presentnions to fight for the workers polation given by members of the

A collection was taken for the branch, the singing of labor songs Kelly Postal defense. and dancing.

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THE CP DID ITS BEST

of the last year the upsurge of the Stalinist agitation against the even the anti-union role played the Indian masses, the victories mine workers confined to the by the War Labor Board. Said of the Red Army and the firm pages of the Daily Worker. Sta- the paper on May 1, "Lewis' ex- quets. "To hell with the War La-At the May Day meeting of the stand taken by the American min- linist leaders personally visited planation that his refusal to sub-Philadelphia branch of the SWP, ers in defense of their right to the coal fields and joined with mit the miners' just demands to C. Charles analyzed the economic collective bargaining, Charles local stooges in an effort to sow the and political forces at work be pointed out that in all parts of distrust, discouragement and de grounds that their case is 'prejudged' is fake and demagogic.' ple were beginning to assert them- Louis Budenz, managing editor Every union militant in the coun-

powers and the United Nations, it appear that there was wide-RISING LIVING COSTS seems, the Stalinists actually crat, told them what to do."

blamed the leadership of the patent lies, as even the capitalist UMW for the rising cost of liv- manded speedier action on cases ing! press reports showed.

PRESS, PULPIT AND RADIO

The Stalinists hired Town Hall Lewis . . . had given support to cases; that all cases which were in Philadelphia on May 2 and C. Roosevelt's seven point program before it prior to Apr. 8 should P. National Chairman William Z. for economic stabilization, the be decided according to Executive Foster addressed the meeting to miners and other workers would Order 9250 instead of 9328; and urge the miners to return to work not be finding themselves in that wage adjustments be made and to submit to the "headsman's their present difficult economic according to the rise in the cost axe" wielded by the War Labor situation." (Daily Worker, of living. April 29).

The Stalinist-organized May Day meeting held at Yankee Stadium in New York was also used with the traitorous cry always uction program and over-all rain an effort to intimidate the used by boss agents in the work- tioning, with labor being given miners. The Daily Worker for ing class - that is, don't act in equal voice with management. May 3 reported, "The boos at the self defense or your enemies will On the question of price control, mention of Lewis' name were as redouble their blows. When the the delegates made it clear that loud as any expression of displeasure that ever came from a Yankee Stadium audience." Even radio time was purchased by the Stalinists to forward their campaign of disruption. Charles Anti-Labor Legislation.'

anthracite area, spoke over a Wilkes-Barre station on May 2 and appealed to the miners "not to follow Lewis into a treasonable strike."

FINK WORK IN THE UNIONS terly defeated." Inside the CIO and AFL unions Fortunately the Stalinist influ- all incomes below \$2,500. the Stalinists tried to do everything in their power to prevent the workers from expressing support for the embattled miners. This was especially apparent at the Michigan regional conference linists have succeeded only in ed it in July and in Detroit. They of the United Automobile Work- further demonstrating their true had head rumors there might ers on May 2 where the Stalinists character as finks not only to the not be a convention if they waittried to get the workers to den- miners, but to tens of thousands ed until October, and they were ounce the strike forced on the of workers who closely followed anxious to have it soon so that miners. The editorial comments of the realizing that the UMW's fight is many pressing problems facing Daily Worker for the week pre- the fight of all labor.

only to whitewash Roosevelt, but | WLB DENOUNCED

The War Labor Board also came in for its share of the boubor Board," cried one delegate. "The War Labor Board is stacked War Labor Board on the against labor," said John McGill, president of Buick Local 599.

But Thomas and Addes pleaded that after all the WLB did not structive position is to reform the WLB, not to destroy it," said Thomas. "It has not had enough authority in the past. Byrnes Furthermore, fantastic as it the reactionary Southern Demo-

The conference resolution deneed for eliminating all inequal-In a front page appeal to the ities in wages; that it have the miners, Foster said, "If Mr. authority to act only on disputed

The conference called for the Finally, the Stalinists conclude rolling back of prices to May 15, their case against the miners 1942; for an adequate food prodenemies of labor in Congress be- they wanted a time limit and that, gan to introduce new legislation if prices were not rolled back by attacking the unions, the Daily July, they favored militant ac-Worker of May 4 ran a story en- tion to obtain wage increases to titled, "Lewis Stirs Up Wave of cope with the high cost of living. A resolution was also adopted

After Lewis ordered a truce and for a guaranteed minimum weekthe miners went back to work, ly pay for 40 hours of work. Anthe Daily Worker gloated that the other resolution called for equal Lewis line" (direct struggle by pay for equal work on an industhe workers in defense of their try wide basis for women as well living standards) had been check- as men. The conference voted ed, and demanded that it be "ut- in favor of taxing war profits 100% over \$25,000 and exempting

ence among the miners is negli. The last resolution passed by gible and their violent anti-union the conference was to call a campaign failed to influence the UAW convention on the earliest course of the struggle. The Sta- possible date. The delegates wantthe struggle in the coal fields, they could take action on the the union.

Board. Spencer, C. P. secretary in the

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## The Southern White Liberals

And the opinion of the aver-The problem of the South is also | better organized and have learned the problem of the Negro; the the lessons of the first war and first will have to be settled if the the post-war promises they resecond is to be solved. The Negro ceived then. The Negro masses are constitutes only one-tenth of the putting pressure on their official nation's population, and he is a leaders and demanding action minority even in the South, al- now. Graves has a lot of praise three-fourths of the for the Uncle Toms like F. D. though Negroes live there. The problem Patterson of Tuskegee Institute of the Negro is also the problem but he doesn't like the NAACP of finding and uniting with the and the March-On-Washington correct allies among the white Movement. He blames the leaders population. The Negro leaders of these organizations, completely used to teach that the proper ally falling to recognize that the leadwas the capitalist; that without ers of these groups are subject to his aid the Negro could get pressure and would lose all their nowhere, and that he should line following among the masses if himself, up with the capitalist they were to preach a wait-until-100% SOLID

against the white worker. This after-the-war policy. Graves quotes all the old figures kind of advice is rarely given arello, elected president of UMW today, and if it were it would be about Negro progress in education. District 5, Western Pennsylvania etc. He does it for the purpose of little heeded.

convincing the Negroes that they But there are still a number of needn't struggle-especially dur-Negroes who look to the Southern ing the war-to make progress. Of liberal coming from the white course if the Negroes had listened middle class as their friends. One to his kind in the past, they'd of these Southern liberals. Mark Ethridge, former head of the Fair be even worse off than they are Employment Practices Committee, now. Graves doesn't want the Negroes to struggle now because stated at the committee's hearings it's wartime and he won't want in Birmingham last summer that. them to struggle after the war "the Southern Negro cannot afford to drive from his side, in his either on the ground that it would march to a greater fulfillment of create strife and give new amhis rights, the Southern white munition to the Talmadges and men of good will who have been Graves, not only the Negroes now his chief asset and his chief aid." By Southern white men of good living won't achieve equality, but their grandchildren won't either. will. Ethridge meant Southern Fortunately it isn't up to him liberals. A good self-drawn picture and his kind. The future lies not of this species can be found in a book published last month, "The in the hands of the middle class Fighting South" by John Temple working class. Significantly Graves (G. P. Putman's Sons. 282 enough, Graves' book-which has ist blockade and intervention. pages. \$2.75) and should be read a good deal to say about business by all Negroes who are unproblems-has virtually nothing to acquainted with it. say about the labor movement.

Of course the Southern liberal is a lot like all the other liberals: he wishes things would be better, he hopes for justice, he sees both sides of a question, he urges moderation. But the Southern liberal has certain characteristics not present in his non-Southern brothers. Chief among these are his tendency to resent any "outside" advice about the Negro problem; to blame "outside" influences for the Southern Negro's dissatisfaction with conditions; and to get mad as hell when peo ple start talking about ending segregation in the South.

J.

This is well illustrated in the new book by Graves, who is a columnist for the Birmingham 'Age-Herald. Take his treatment of the poll tax question. Oh, he is against the poll tax, he assures us, and he has been fighting it for us, and he has been fighting it for Protests Movie's Lies politicians have no right to try to force its abolition down the

throat of the South. In fact, he

# The Miners Stand Solidly **Behind Their Organization**

THE MILITANT

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ing the same profits."

still running the mine and mak-

the country believe that these tions in typical mining towns of the men with us burst out laughare Lewis' demands. The truth of this area — considered a "good" ing and said:

the matter is that the Cincinnati area compared to most -- shows "Why, as soon as they announced convention last fall and the meet- why the miners stood firm as a the OPA investigation, the stores ing of the policy committee gave rock in this strike, and why they immediately dropped prices seven age miner was put in a nut-shell Lewis the necessary instructions will again if they don't get better and eight cents on everything. by Alec Fountain, president of to make these demands. He is wages soon. And after this blows over, they'll

What they all said formerly

When I entered the meeting shoot them up again." Local 3436, who stated: "It's the simply carrying out orders as same old woman in a new dress." given him by the members of our hall in Library and stated I want-WHILE WAGES The Pittsburgh daily papers, great union. The members today ed to know some of the real facts ARE FROZEN about prices and conditions, a do-

the paid tools of the Mellon and feel he has done a splendid job zen workers immediately gath-Here are some of the figures of other corporation interests, like in carrying out their orders." This statement was endorsed ered around me excitedly talking price rise percentages at the com- along that a defeat of Hitler will Naturally it would insist on ample the rest of the capitalist press. have been attempting a virtual 100% by local union members all at once. About all I could pany store, the Federal Supply not eliminate the danger to the guarantees for an impartial injournalistic lynching bee of the and leaders. Joe Mautino, presi- gather for the moment in the clamor was "Potatoes a dollar a miners. Above all, these sheets dent of Local 4426, said, "We Federal Supply Co." The latest peck!" and "The papers've been tried to broadcast the lie, indig- went out last Wednesday. We nantly repudiated by every miner took the initiative ourselves to printing a pack of lies about prices are based on the listed Union by all or some of its pres- the investigation is to be made. prices in this town.' "ceiling prices," but as Pierce retalked to, that Lewis had called show the public that the miners After the meeting, Recording marked, "They put a jack under the men out against their will, were really behind Lewis.' Secretary Pierce took me to his the ceiling." that this was "Lewis' strike."

All the evidence shows that the miners' sentiments were guiding home, in one of the four-room

Lewis and that Lewis was not rickety frame company houses In answer to this, John P. Bus- simply dragging them about by which many of the men rent, to show me the local price figures Round Steak their noses. collected by the miners' commit-

area, stated strongly to me this A DOLLAR A PECK tee. While we were climbing up And a check-up of prices, week- the hill, I asked about the somorning in a personal interview: "The public press would have 1y earnings and housing condi- called OPA investigation. One of

# Davies' Film Whitewashes The Crimes Of Stalinism

#### (Continued from page 1) the chief defendants were Leon here too, it appears Stalin was

Trotsky and his son, Leon Sedov. sadly maligned man. other demagogues. If it's up to Bolsheviks, Lenin's collaborators, The whole flimsy structure of lifelong revolutionists, builders of these frameups was laid bare by suited their purposes at that the Bolshevik Party under Czarist the Dewey Commission in 1937. time. It suits their purposes now illegality; men and woman who Leon Trotsky appeared in person to say just the opposite. They passed through three revolutions before it and proved, documents change their minds "in a flash," (1905, February 1917, October in hand, the utter falsehood of like Mr. Davies, to further their 1917); carried the young Soviet the confessions extorted by the own interests. And if in the pro- a month rent. The lowest rent liberals, but in the hands of the Republic through the terrible GPU.

years of the Civil War, imperial-Next to fall under the executioner's axe was the generation that thousands of indisputable documents, and on the basis of these Trotskyists, the most consistent grew up after the seizure of power and the Civil War-the generation The blood purges of 1936-1938 USSR. that lifted Stalin himself to cleared the way for Stalin's own power, his own closest colestablished as strongly as the laborators, those who bore on deal with Hitler. Then in August, American union movement as a their shoulders the brunt of the 1940. Stalin crowned his crimes by whole, but they have already come first two Five-Year Plans. The the assassination of Leon Trotsky, number of victims is incalculable. Lenin's closest collaborator, the says nothing about this or about Hundreds of thousands were organizer and leader of the Red the tens of thousands of Southern killed, literally millions were sent Army, the real projector of the white workers within the unions to concentration camps, exile or Five-Year plans, the unswerving prison. Every sphere of the counlim Crow threatens their own in- try's economic, social and cultural the mortal enemy of fascism. All life was affected. The Red Army these are irrefutable historical

Warner Brothers, gets around The stage for these monstrous these facts by simply ignoring son to be learned from life as and unprecedented crimes was set them; surpasses itself in reproby the Moscow Trials, in which ducing on the screen all the vile slanders that Stalin and his GPU

New York Demonstration were able to invent; improves on many of them, and adds others for good measure.

THE FILM AND THE BOOK

to Moscow" is likewise an im- to aid him but to follow suit?

The Basic Meaning Of **The Soviet-Polish Break** 

-THREE

By M. Morrison

For a revolutionary Marxist | a great number of people. Were the most significant aspect of the the Soviet government headed by break in diplomatic relations be- revolutionists interested in dealing tween the Soviet Union and the a blow to Hitler and to the Polish Polish Government in London is government and in creating great the fact that, thus far, it is the confidence in the Soviet Union on clearest indication of the under- the part of the masses, its reply lying and deep hostility that ex- to a request for an investigating ists between the Soviet Union commission would show that it and all the capitalist countries in does not fear one and thus

the coalition against the Axis strengthen the belief in the framepowers. We have contended all up character of the accusation. Co., which boasts a big sign, "You Soviet Union and that the possivestigation: it might reject an intoo can save when you buy at bility of a continuation of an vestigation at a time when Hitarmed struggle against the Soviet ler occupies the territory where ent allies is very great. Molotoff's But in principle it would accept note breaking diplomatic relations the idea of an impartial investiga-

with the Polish government con- tion. firms this contention. Percentage of Price Rise

What a blow to Hitler and to It goes without saying that in the Polish government and what any armed struggle by any capia strengthening of the Soviet talist power against the Soviet Union with the masses, if an im-Union, regardless of the immedipartial investigation were to be ate cause of that struggle, revolumade and it was found that Hittionary Marxists would consider ler himself was guilty of the exe-

officers of the Polish army were should consent to one when he is

the victory of the Soviet Union as cutions or that there were no a victory for socialism representexecutions at all. ed by the nationalized property Even if Stalin, in this particular These are just a few examples existing in the Soviet Union. With case, is the victim of Hitler's based on the company store's our position clear on this fundarameup, and not the originator price ceiling list posted for the mental point, we can proceed to of a frameup against revolutionbenefit of the OPA "investiga- discuss other interesting aspects ists, he has decided to reject flatly tors." Add many cents to each of the diplomatic break. the proposal for an investigation item to get the prices really It is clear, as Molotoff asserts without making a counterproposal charged. Prices at the so-called in his note, that the Polish gov- for some commission to investigate "private" store are just as bad or ernment seized upon the accusa- in the future. He fears to create worse. Meanwhile wage rates tion of the German government, any precedent for impartial in-

a hostile attitude and constitutes

government to have it recognize

have been frozen at 15% above to the effect that thousands of vestigating commissions. If he the Jan., 1941 levels.

from Jan., 1941 to Feb. 1943

74%

106%

17%

63%

75%

45%

#### MINER'S PAY

Chuck Roast

Pork Shoulder 120%

Veal Chops

Butter

Milk

The local press carried stories about the miners' paying only \$10 cess Stalin is rendered a service, in Library, for a four room com-The Dewey Commission sifted, so much the better, especially to- pany house exposed to the winds examined, and verified a mass of day when they find it expedient on the top of the hill, is \$13.70. It material evidence and literally to pose as "friends" of the Soviet is \$22.50 over in Hammerville. Union and to help frame up the These "houses" are flimsy "shells," as one miner expressed passed its verdict: NOT GUILTY! and genuine defenders of the it. They have no cooking stoves no heating, no plumbing, no noth WASHINGTON BLESSINGS

ing. If the miners want these things, they put them in themsel The Office of War Information ves out of their own pockets. The and other agencies in Washington, company won't even patch roof. "When it rains at night." I was told, "you better sleep with a wash-tub on your chest."

of counter-pressure and serves no-I saw one "good," "better-thantice on all the capitalist allies of average" pay check. It was for the Soviet Union that Stalin does \$111.59 for two weeks. But \$34.67 of this was overtime, which a which he annexed, unless absolutely compelled to do so. was in the "off-takes," which re-As I have indicated in a preduced the cash received to a mere vious article, it is not the part \$65.33 — and this miner has seven of revolutionary Marxists to favor children to feed and clothe. The either Stalin or the Polish governactual cash a miner takes home ment of landlords and capitalists with him when he works a full 6-day week is around \$33.00.

Over in Hammerville, the men have lost so much time that just a system to the American soil. Are few weeks ago some of the men mine their own fate. We urge the The FILM AND THE BOOK system to the American soil. Are so that nostility to Staim others perhaps preparing not only week One miner summed it up. Source Bornholds and to struggle is politically advisable and the week. One miner summed it up. Soviet Republics and to struggle

in this dispute about territory. We are completely on the side of the masses inhabiting the territory and for their right to deter-

executed by the Stalinist govern- innocent, his refusal to do so. ment, as a means to discredit the when he himself is guilty of a Soviet government and to frameup, would be all the more strengthen its claim to the terri- noticeable. tory which was part of Poland \* \* \* until its seizure by Stalin in 1939 Why is there a suspicion in the after his pact with Hitler. minds of great numbers that there Molotoff is also correct when is a basis of truth in Hitler's he asserts that the request of the charges? Because Stalin's record Polish government for an investiof murdering tens of thousands of gation of Hitler's charges by the revolutionists for mere political International Red Cross, without opposition predisposes people to first requesting the Soviet govern- believe any , charge of murder ment for an explanation, shows

a form of pressure on the Soviet are. To preserve an appearance of Polish claims to the disputed ter- unity against Hitler, the capitalist ritory. Molotoff's note is a form press is playing up the angle that Hitler cannot be believed. The American and English governments are exerting all efforts to not intend to yield the territory prevent a complete rupture between the Soviet Union and the Polish Government at the present time. Hence the press, following the line of these governments, is careful not to be too openly hostile

against him, no matter who the

accuser is and who the victims

to Stalin. But underneath the careful formulations there is evident the inference that Stalin is quite capable of murdering thousands of people. Let the political situation

including the State Department, will never be able to wash their hands of the responsibility for this film and its contents. To be sure, defender of the Soviet Union, and approval was not granted "officially." The State Department, it appears, merely permitted the use of its official files. Roosevelt, im-Hollywood, in the person of personated by an actor, is made great many do not get. The hitch to say: "You have my blessing, Joe!"

There is a sinister note in this "unofficial" blessing which is thereby indirectly extended to that 'other Joe" in the Kremlin, to his system of frameups and GPU executions of all political opponets. Stalin has long tried to extend this

abolish it by federal law were discontinued. Lynching? "Lynching is a crime

without necessity or excuse, but on the opening night. it was almost extinct in the South until the war-time racial agitators provoked it again, and the realism and violence might actually increase.

Is that a peculiar kind of logic. blaming the opponents of lynching for lynching and the opponents of the poll tax for the continuation of the poll tax? Not if you are a Southern liberal.

Graves doesn't think that Southern Negroes care very much one way or the other about segregation. He says the issue had already been raised by Talmadge of Georgia when the war came. "It was not a genuine issue then. Talmadge was simply putting up a one-man show. But it became genuine when Negro leaders outside of the South made the war an occasion for intensive campaigning against any and every differential, minor or major, between white man and black." Again, you can see, it is a question of outside subversive influences.

How easy life would be for Graves and his friends if no one would interefere and "put ideas in the heads" of the Negro in the South! Then they could be liberals and "friends of the Negro" and still remain on friendly terms with the lynchers of the Negro and the Talmadges. But since trouble intrudes — and always from the outside — why, the Southern liberals are "driven" (to use Ethridge's term) to take sides and naturally they wind up on the same side as the Talmadges.

War is tough on all kinds of liberals, Northern as well as Southern. But the Southern variety has special troubles. This war is different from the last war in that the Negro masses are much

thinks that in the Senate debate vicious fakery of the movie, "Mis- stration spread. They interviewed provement on the printed one. on the poll tax last fall "the greater sion To Moscow," was fired at its the head of the demonstration but blame for the disgraceful scene premiere on April 29 when the all of their stories were killed by (should be placed) on the in- New York Local of the Socialist the editors. (Warner Brothers are corrigible domestic crusaders who Workers Party demonstrated be spending a lot of money in the forced the poll tax issue" and not fore the Hollywood Theatre with newspapers to advertise the picon the filibustering Senators. He signs telling the truth about ture.) asserts chances of abolishing the Stalin and his crimes against Stalinists, who constituted a

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battles to win before they are

considerable distance. Graves

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erests.

poll tax in the Southern states labor. Thousands of leaflets con- large part of the opening night would increase if attempts to taining excerpts of the Dewey audience, reacted in typical Commission report were dis- manner by spitting upon the tributed to the movie patrons as distributors and attempting to

they entered and left the theater tear up the leaflets. The police kent the crowd moving, however, The demonstration and distribu- and there were comparatively few tion continued from 7:30 to 10:00 disturbances.

was beheaded.

STAGE FOR THE CRIMES

Frameup films will not go un-P. M. It was the first demonstraof the matter is that a federal law tion that Broadway had seen in challenged. The New York Local would create so much Southern many months and hundreds of of the SWP is planning other acresentment that racial hostility New Yorkers walking by took the tions in a vigorous counterleaflets even though they had no propaganda campaign to expose intention of entering the theater. the lies contained in "Mission To

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to Moscow" is likewise an im-provement on the printed one. In his book, of which the film is in so necessary to vilify the int so necessary to vilify the solution in the papers. But the company's got a hook in everything." purported to be an authentic Trotskyists? Why are they willing got a hook in everything." After meeting with and talk reproduction, Mr. Davies wrote to stoop to any contemptible

(after the Radek Treason Trials): means, even those provided by the ing to these miners personally "In conclusion, I wish to say this Kremlin? Because it fits in with and seeing some of their condiwhole trial and surrounding their war plans. Because they fear tions first hand, I can testify that circumstances shock our men- what Trotsky and Trotskyism every American worker owes tality" ("Mission to Moscow." really symbolize today: the strug- them a debt of gratitude for the Pocket Book Edition, pp. 40-41.) gle for socialism, the abolition of great battle they have put up, In the film, Mr Davies is all tyranny and exploitation from for their courageous strike in tion made by Hitler against an gainst the Soviet Union. represented as completely recover the face of this earth. This is not spite of all the vile slander and ed from shock and virtually ec- the first time, nor will it be the tremendous boss and government a spoonful of salt. A liar and A NOTE ON NATIONAL static during the trial scenes.

agency of Stalin and the party. masses. But there is no power in given a powerful boost to the mo-It is in the saddle and riding hard" the world that can stop truth that rale of the organized workers (Page 179.) By 1943, Stalin and is on the march. the GPU had become transformed

into the impersonal agency of truth and justice and the greatest power for good on this earth. A volume could easily be written on the discrepancies between the Davies' book and the Davies' film alone. But we readily grant that in both it "is history exactly as he (Mr. Davies) saw it."

THEY FORGET YESTERDAY Hollywood, Davies and Co. needed this 100% falsification for their 100% whitewash-not only of the Moscow frameups and blood urges that shocked the conscience of the whole world, but also of Stalin's other crimes which dealt dditional terrible blows to the Soviet Union and untied Hitler's hands for the assault. It now turns out that Munich, Chamberlain and his umbrella, and unspecified "appeasers" were really responsible for the Stalin-Hitler pact, but not Stalin. Cynically omitted from this Hollywood "history" are such trifles as the fact that Stalin and Stalin's policy bear no small part of the responsibility for Munich. Hypocritically forgotten are the equally hypocritical protestations of indignation, aversion, horror, etc., etc. by Messrs. Roosevelt-Churchill and Co. at the time of the Stalin-Hitler pact. Cynically expurgated from this "documentary record" are Molotov's pronouncement that "Fascism is a matter of taste," Stalin's proclamation to the Nazis that "our friendship is cemented with blood;" and innumerable other abominations of this period. Even in the case of "poor little Finland" over which all these honest people raged and clamored for military intervention against the USSR not so long ago-yes,

last, that attempts have been pressure. They came out solid frameup artist by policy, Hitler is LIBERATION SLOGAN In 1937, Mr. Davies wrote: "The made to discredit the genuine and they went back more solid, not to be believed in anything he In an article dealing with the secret police is the personal revolutionists in the eyes of the and their fighting example has everywhere. CONTENTS OF THE MAY

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national and social liberation.

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murdering ten thousand revolu- capitalist leadership. tionists in a concentration camp Hitler, Stalin and the Polish govvestigation is impossible — such ment - I am content to leave is settled by an impartial commission.

A feeling of horror is unavoid- ship to a capitalist class in the able at the thought of the deliber- Soviet Ukraine. Does Shachtman ate murder of thousands of human believe that there is a capitalist beings even though they were Po- class ruling in the Soviet lish army officers who, in the Ukraine? vast majority of cases, are as

Shachtman also finds it excruel to workers, peasants and ceedingly amusing that one can Jews as officers of the Nazi perbe for the idea of national liberasuasion. The feeling of horror is tion and against the slogan under not so much at the fate of certain circumstances. For the the officers as at the thought benefit of people who may be imthat society permits not only pressed by the debating points this horror but one on a made by Shachtman, it has to be far vaster scale, the exterminapointed out that the use of a tion of millions of human beings slogan depends not only upon the by the pestilence of war. I get fact that one favors the idea cona little impatient with humanitained in it but also upon the tarians who go into fits at the particular circumstances. execution of some prisoners of Lenin, for instance, certainly war and calmly accept a social

favored the idea of national system that permits the horror of liberation. But he agreed with the Polish revolutionary social-

ists that the use of the slogan Stalin has seen fit to reject would be inadvisable at a parflatly the demand of the Polish ticular period in the First World government for an investigating War.

commission. Technically he may But Shachtman must make his he correct but that does not at points though they may be the all help to allay the suspicions of points of a high-school debater.

lish officers. And the undoubted murder of tens of thousands of revolutionists gives the capitalist press a plausible argument.

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Thus does Stalin by his actions concentration camp? Any accusa- give the reactionaries weapons a-

says of his enemies unless sup-question of the raising of the ported by overwhelming proof. slogan of national liberation for That Hitler is capable of execut- the European countries occupied ing the Polish officers and then by Hitler, and which appeared in blaming the Soviet government is the January issue of Fourth Inquite in keeping with his nature ternational, I said that the slogan implies the support of a struggle Were Stalin to be accused of for national liberation even under

To this Max Shachtman replied: it could easily he believed. He do we not raise the slogan, "For than ten thousand loyal and de-voted revolutionists. Personally I would not take sides in any con- not mean supporting a struggle troversy of this nature between for national liberation under bourgeois leadership? In his ernment. Since an impartial in- glibness, Shachtman completely ignores the fact that I was dealing as is the case of the present mo- with the slogan for capitalist countries in Europe and that the the question undecided until it slogan for an independent Soviet Ukraine cannot possibly have anything to do with any relationFOUR-





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the main fortress of the world proletariat. against perialism and of internal counter-revolution, is the most important duty of every class-conscious

- LEON TROTSKY

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- 5. For a rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.
- Workers Defense Guards against vigilante and fascist attacks.
- the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Govern- Comes First ment.
- 9. Defend the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

#### be coerced, and published opinion would be at the mercy of the Attorney General and the Postmaster General. We don't believe this is the intention of Mr. Biddle and Mr. Walker, and we do believe they will be wise to amend their pleadings in this case.

Thus no one can justly accuse the Times of becoming infected with liberalism and no one can rightly charge it with defending The Militant's right to express its views. Not only do the Times editors, reflecting the views of Wall Street, find it difficult to sympathize with us --- they find it quite easy not to sympathize with us at all and they make it quite clear that they are willing to see us suppressed. They even go further and try to whitewash the administration by referring to its position as "the O'Brien thesis" — as though O'Brien was not a minor official in the Post Office carrying out the orders of his superiors, who was counseled during the hearing on The Militant by Henry A. Schweinhaut, Biddle's emissary, and whose "thesis" was upheld by Postmaster General Walker when he cancelled The Militant's mail privileges. And the Times editors express the opinion that Biddle and Walker don't really want to attack freedom of the press generally although all their actions in this case definitely point to the opposite conclusion.

But in spite of their avowed dislike of The Militant and their support of Biddle and Walker, the Times editors are disturbed by the administration's case. In the concern expressed by this conservative journal of American capitalism is reflected the sweepingly reactionary position taken by Washington. They don't like the way the case has been handled; they have to admit that the administration did not prove that The Militant had either violated or intended to violate the Espionage Act; they have to admit that the administration's position in this case opens the way for the coercion of all papers. What better proof could there be that the administration's attack on The Militant is an attack on the freedom of the press as a whole when even the N. Y. Times feels threatened by it?

Of course the Times editors do not reach the same conclusions reached by us or by our defenders among the labor and liberal press. They do not urge support for The Militant's court case to reverse Walker's decision - they urge only "close attention" to the case, they believe that a neater job can be done in suppressing The Militant, and they in effect ask Biddle and Walker "to amend their pleadings." Nevertheless the Times editorial should be called to the attention of working class and lib+ eral organizations as another indication of the importance of The Militant case and of the need for supporting it against the administration's attacks.

# 7. An Independent Labor Party based on Wage Problem

The miners' struggle has shed a great deal of light on many things, and, in particular, has focussed attention on the stand of trade union officials of the whole organized labor movement.

Do they support the miners? Do they act to protect the living standards of all workers by demanding

# Why Cordell Hull Liked Stalin's May Day Order

### By M. Stein

Stalin's May Day order of the ation of a whole generation of in bondage. day has met with the universal Russian Bolsheviks? Isn't the acclaim of the press. Secretary strikebreaking conduct of the of State Cordell Hull has Stalinist party in this country praised it as "a stirring speech assurance enough? Perhaps it is by an able leader that is most helpful at this time.'

Mr. Hull's endorsement of Stalin's order of the day does not flow from any Stalinist leanings on his part. Not even Martin Dies would accuse him of that. In fact, he has been classed among the most conservative in the Roose-

velt cabinet. Hull has been held responsible for the policy of appeasement toward the Vichy regime in France and the fascist Franco regime in Spain. For that he has been under the continuous fire (or shall we say, whimperings) of the liberals. What is it then in Stalin's May

Day order that Hull found "most nelpful at this time?" WHY HULL LIKES IT

Cordell Hull is old enough to have witnessed a good many May Days. He knows that May Day has been traditionally the internationalist holiday of world labor. The workers of all nations - wherever conditions permit their voices to be heard - rededicate themselves on this day to the common struggle for a socialist world. Hull knows, because May Day has always reminded the capitalist class of its impending doom. Even the treacherous ony. Social-Democrats would on this

day clamber up to their attics to take down the dusty red flags and to find their stock speeches for "socialism" stored away for Goebbels is now able to replenish noliday occasions. Hull's elation over Stalin's order of the day on May 1 is due masses with a few truths that done this a long time ago — but

that not a single word in it even the war and in claiming count- ing hand for its survival. This, faintly hints at socialism as the less additional victims. The Nazi without a shadow of doubt. is way out for bleeding humanity. propagandists can point to Sta- "most helpful at this time" when But doesn't Hull know that lin's order of the day as proof capitalism is undergoing its se-Stalin had long ago renounced that he is in league with the cap- verest crisis.

world revolution? Didn't Stalin italist countries to forge the prove it by his bestial extermin- chains that would keep Germany

to continue the war. The time is

now most propitious for a revo-

such an appeal. Nor would such

an appeal coming from him ring

true. As the head of a bureau-

cratic clique interested in self-

preservation alone. Stalin knows

only how to try to stifle the revo-

AN OPPORTUNITY THROWN AWAY

Stalin's order of the day comes after a winter of telling blows but Hull, in the words of Shakedealt the Nazi war machine by speare, likes to "make assurance double sure," especially since the the heroic Red Army. The German soldiers suffered heavy cas Soviet Union, despite the Stalinualties and those who survived ist bureaucracy, has an inherentthe Red Army bullets plus the ly explosive, revolutionary chartough Russian winter could not acter. Its very existence without possibly have remained with a capitalists is a standing challenge high morale or a fervent desire to capitalism.

CRIME OF COMMISSION

But Stalin's crime of omission lutionary appeal to the German - the omission of any reference masses to lay down their arms to socialism in his order of the and to join the Soviet workers in day — is far outweighed by his the struggle for a socialist crime of commission. For in this world. same order of the day Stalin But Stalin is not capable of

commits the Soviet Union to war aims which are not by one iota different from those of Roosevelt and Churchill. He even repeats the self-same "unconditional surrender" formula of Casablanca fame.

tionary initiative of the masses. Stalin makes no effort to fill Those familiar with the early the "unconditional surrender" days of the Russian Revolution formula with any content of his know that Lenin and Trotsky won own. All that the world has betheir victory in the trying years fore it is the interpretation given of Civil War and German interthat formula by various capitalvention, followed by Allied blockist politicians and journalists, ade and intervention, not by force who vie with each other in deof arms alone. The most powerful vising diabolical schemes that weapon in their arsenal consisted would reduce Germany for genof a ceaseless exposure of the erations to the status of a colcapitalist system of exploitation and war as well as the ringing

The despicable, Goebbels, the call for the victory of socialism. Nazi propaganda chief, is no Hull has indeed every reason to doubt elated over Stalin's May be elated with Stalin's May Day Day order even more than Hull. order of the day. In it Stalin not only deprives the Soviet Unior his arsenal of monstrous lies for of the powerful weapon of revothe deception of the German lutionary propaganda - he has in no small measure to the fact will go a long way in prolonging he extends to capitalism his help-



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every side; that actual prices are the capitalists a catastrophe would far above OPA prices. He attempts to give the impression that the OPA ceiling prices - which themselves have been climbing! form no useful function. They rapidly - are the prices realand shelter. As a matter of fact, ceiling prices, especially wage workers and working farmn minore' unities are

believe that profits must be guar-prosperous for the bosses as the anteed, that the capitalists are year 1941 which was a banner necessary and that without vear.

Besides, the government has take place. ouilt over \$20,000,000,000 in man-Nothing could be further from ifacturing plants, which will be the truth. The capitalists persold after the war to the large corporations at a fraction of their are complete parasites and live cost. For all intents and purposes ly charged for food, clothing off the labor of the productive these government-financed plants members of society, primarily the represent additional profits for the capitalist class.

If, instead of trying to main

tain profits at their present

heights, the government were to

**Bankers Try to Distort Truth About War Profits** The latest monthly bank letter of the National City

Bank in New York City tries to make it appear that the industrialists are not profiteering in this war and charges that those who claim so are either "prejudiced or (have other motives") The bank's letter arrives at this conclusion by examining the profit reports of 40 large corporations and declaring that net income for 1942 "fell 23% below that of 1941 and 17% below 1940."

The charge of "prejudice or other motives" may well be hurled back at the National City Bank for its figures are way out of line with those released by the U.S. Department of Commerce. In the March 1943 issue of "Survey of Current Business," this conservative government agency reveals that nation-wide "corporate profits after taxes were approximately the same in 1942 as in 1941 when the total was \$7.7 billion."

As a matter of fact, it was only taxation which prevented 1942 from even surpassing the 1941 figures. The Department estimated that profits before taxes was 19.7 billion dollars in 1942 compared with 14.6 billion dollars in 1941.

When it is remembered that 1941 profits rolled up by Big Business were the highest in the history of the country, the 1942 record is something to warm the hearts of the Wall Street manipulators. And with a long war ahead of them, they no doubt foresee a "good year" in '43.



May 2 was "National Day" for the Poles and the occasion was celebrated in London by the sending of the warmest greetings to the Polish government-inexile from Prime Minister Churchill. The British government expressed close friendship and said "we all look forward. . .(to the restoration) of a great and independent Poland."

This sudden display of solidarity with the Poles might seem on the surface at variance with the British government's previous concern over the rupture of Soviet-Polish relations, but it is not.

While the British and American leaders are genuinely concerned over the Polish-Soviet split because of its possible adverse effect upon the prosecution of the war, nevertheless they essentially support the Polish capitalists against the Soviet Union. The hope expressed for a "great and independent Poland" shows that they have not given up the hope of establishing a series of buffer states between a capitalist Europe and the workers' state.

On the other hand, Churchill's friendship for the Polish capitalists does not guarantee that he will not sell them down the river if Stalin should demand it as part of his price for suppressing the European revolution. In the game of power politics the weak nations can expect short shrift from their larger capitalist neighbors and rivals.

Poland remains a pawn in the hand of the British, to be used against the Soviet Union either as a weapon or a bribe.



The 'N. Y. Times'

# On 'The Militant'

When the Post Office Department revoked the second-class mailing privileges of The Militant early in March on the ground that an effect of reading its criticisms of the government's foreign and domestic policies might be to discourage enlistment in the armed forces, we warned that the administration was trying to establish a precedent whereby it could silence or intimidate all papers, labor, liberal and conservative, which voiced criticism of the government.

Our warning was taken up and repeated by wide sections of the labor and liberal press and organizations who understood that the administration's attack on The Militant was the beginning of a general attack on the freedom of the press, and who consequently expressed support of The Militant's intention to challenge Postmaster General Walker's decision in the courts. Now, almost two months later, the N. Y. Times has also felt moved to make some comment on the case. On April 28 its editorial writers note that the Post Office Department, "on recommendation of Attorney General Biddle," has cancelled The Militant's second class privileges, and continue:

It is difficult to sympathize with The Militant editors, who admittedly do not approve of the present war. We can get along nicely without this insignificant and cantankerous sheet. But encroachments on freedom of the press always begin with publications we can do without, and affect individuals with whom most of us do not sympathize. The Government's case against The Militant has been made on dangerous grounds. In hearings held by the Post Office Department the Government introduced statements to show that the accused periodical had discouraged enlistment in the armed forces. Post Office Attorney William C. O'Brien then went on to say: "We are not concerned here with questions of truth or falsity. It does not make any difference if everything The Militant said is true. We believe that anyone violates the Espionage Act who holds up and dwells on the horrors of war with the effect that enlistment is discouraged by readers." It was not shown that this effect had actually been intended or has actually been produced.

With the cooperation of the American Civil Liberties Union the case will be carried into the District of Columbia courts. It deserves close attention. If the O'Brien thesis is sustained any criticism of the conduct of the war - for instance, the assertion that "island-hopping" in the Pacific involves a needless waste of life --- would be punishable. In that case any newspaper could

higher wages to keep pace with the rising prices? By no means. The overwhelming majority are busy advising the workers not to fight for higher wages but to accept instead the OPA's empty promises, to keep prices under control and to "roll them back" to previous levels.

These union officials are merely echoing the propaganda of the bosses and the OPA, which is designed to defeat the workers' attempts to get wage increases.

The Militant of course is in favor lowering prices and opposes price increases. However, as we have pointed out ever since price fixing schemes began to be dangled as a panacea, the capitalist government will not and cannot keep prices from going up. To succeed in even partially checking prices, price control and rationing must be placed under the control of mass committees based on the trade unions. consumers and dirt farmers organizations.

This position has been borne out to the hilt. Today even the OPA officials admit that food prices are "practically out of control."

So long as the present social system remains, the workers can have little hope of being able to overcome the decisive influence exercised by the capitalists over the government bodies in charge of regulating the various economic functions, including price fixing.

The workers can, however, not only hope for wage increases to cover at least in part the skyrocketing costs of living, but can actually secure such increases through their unions and by militancy.

Yes. the workers should fight and utilize the most effective measures such as we advocate, to keep prices down and "roll them back" as much as possible. But first of all the already greatly increased prices must be countered by wage raises. The workers must vigorously place as one of the key slogans at the present time:

A rising scale of wages to meet all increases in the cost of living.

complete fiction.

**HUGE PROFITS** 

Above all, Brown's speech careully left unsaid something which However, the government, as a

take a position for the lowering capitalist government, will always of profits, or better yet, their tohe desperately wants to keep hidlen. namely: act to protect the profits of the tal abolition, the income of the Wage rises do not have to mean capitalists, which are its first conworkers and the toiling farmers increases in prices. Wages can cern. That explains its brutal could go up without raising prigo up and prices remain stable stand toward the miners, that exces of commodities. . .if profits go down.

plain Brown's statement, which WHAT LABOR NEEDS It is true that if the governis directed not only against the ment operates - as it does - on miners, but against any group of But it is an illusion to expect the principle that profits must be workers who demand wage infrom a capitalist government, maintained at their present nearcrease. The capitalist government party, or politician anything but peak levels, the capitalists will be actions which favor capitalism. - and that means either a Demopermitted by the OPA to meet cratic or Republican administra To meet the situation the work every increase in wages by an in- tion - will set prices that will ers must demand:

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# **Civil Rights Committee** Launches Postal Week

The period from May 6 to Drivers Local 544, when it voted Kelly Postal from trade union lo-May 15 has been designated as to leave the AFL and join the cals in all parts of the country. Kelly Postal Week by the na- CIO. The most recent contributors for Postal case were:

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tional office of the Civil Rights | Kelly Postal Week will see in-Defense Committee, which is tensified activities by the local mobilizing public support on branches of the CRDC to raise behalf of the Minneapolis union leader who was convicted a leader who was convicted a and is now out on bail. Postal's appeal against the conviction will preme Court on May 17, at which

United Auto Workers Local 735. Detroit, which wrote 'Please accept our small contribution toward the winning of the Kelly Postal case." week by holding a big social on Journeymen Tailors Local 1 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workmaking similar plans as well as visiting friends and sympathizers ers, New York, which says: "We are exceedingly sorry that we

cannot contribute more, but we The CRDC reports that there are trying to do our part. Wishwas guilty of no crime but obey- has been a most encouraging re- ing you every success in your ening the directives of his union, sponse to its appeal on behalf of deavor."

**Propaganda in the Army** 

Last month the United Automobile Workers, CIO, sent a delegation of its members to an army camp to undergo a brief period of military life and see how the soldiers live and work. In return, an equal number of soldiers spent time in Detroit factories in order to become acquainted with the problems of the workers.

This was done by the union in an effort to forge a closer understanding between soldier and worker and to counteract the attempts of the employers and their Rickenbackers to set the one group against the other.

This is an entirely correct and necessary aim. The reactionary capitalists and officers are working day and night to turn the gigantic new American army, predominately working class in composition, against organized labor. Typical of this drive was the recent "riot" demonstration conducted at Ft. Snelling, where troops with drawn bayonets were ordered to disperse a demonstration of "rioters" carrying signs asking for higher pay.

But the UAW plan, good as far as it goes, doesn't go far enough . What is needed in addition is a program for defending the rights and interests of the worker in uniform. The unions must stop washing their hands of members the minute they don khaki. The worker-soldier must win the democratic right to present his grievances to his officers through a democratically-elected committee. To win this right he must have the vigorous support of all organized labor.

Once the unions demonstrate to the soldier that they are ready to fight for his rights when he is in uniform as well as in overalls, then the anti-labor propaganda directed to the armed forces would become completely ineffective.



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