SWP Statement on Dissolution of Comintern

The Third International Is Dead--Long Live The Fourth International!

(The following statement was issued on May 25 by the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party)

In dissolving the Communist International, the treacherous Stalin clique has provided official recognition of the fact that the Comintern has long been dead as a revolutionary international. Its place has been taken by Trotsky's Fourth International, which lives and fights and which nobody can dissolve.

The degeneration of the Comintern began in 1924, after Lenin's death. The degeneration was caused by the isolation of the first workers' state in capitalist encirclement and the rise in the Soviet Union of a privileged bureaucracy, product of the economic and cultural backwardness of the agrarian country inherited from the Czars. The bureaucracy was a fusion of the conservative wing of the Bolshevik Party and millions of state functionaries retained from the former Czarist and capitalist apparatus. The bureaucracy took advantage of the exhaustion of the masses after the civil war and was able to seize control of the party, the unions and the state and to transform them into totalitarian instruments of the privileged caste. This process of degeneration could have been halted and turned back by victories of the proletarian revolution in advanced countries, but the Soviet bureaucracy in turn became the principal cause of the uninterrupted series of defeats sustained under its leadership by the workers of the world

The Soviet bureaucracy consolidated its power under the banner of Stalin's reactionary and Utopian theory, first promulgated in October 1924, of building "socialism in one country" as against the Lenin-Trotsky program of international revolution: Events since then have fully demonstrated that "socialism in one country" means in reality socialism in no country. Instead of fighting for the extension of the October revolution to other countries, the Communist parties were deformed into puppets of Stalin's reactionary foreign policy. Instead of the World Congresses of the Comintern under Lenin and Trotsky (the first four Congresses, 1919-1922), the Soviet bureaucracy has held one Congress (1924) to seize control of the Comintern machinery; another (1928) to secure formal endorsement for the already accomplished expulsion, exile and imprisonment of the Left Opposition and to transfer the Comintern machinery into the hands of the Stalin clique at the top of the bureaucracy; and a final Congress (1935) to record the conversion of the Comintern to chauvinist support of any capitalist government allied with Stalin. Having thus sold the services of the Comintern to his capitalist "allies," Stalin could scarcely be expected to show any more compunction in similarly selling them its formal dissolution.

In 1933, in proclaiming the necessity for the Fourth International we, and our co-thinkers throughout the world, declared that the Comintern was dead as a revolutionary body, by which we meant that there could be no longer any hope of halting its degeneration and turning it back to its revolutionary origins. Like the Second International which preceded it, the Third International had become too ossified to permit of regeneration. This conclusion was rendered inescapable when the Stalinized Communist Party of Germany, with 600,000 members and six million followers, capitulated to Hitler fascism without a fight. Stalin's monstrous crime in Germany climaxed other catastrophes which this organizer of defeats had perpetrated upon the international working class - by his collaboration with the British trade union bureaucrats which facilitated their betraval of the General Strike of 1926, his collaboration with Chiang Kai-shek which enabled the Chinese bourgeoisie to crush the Chinese revolution (1925-1927), etc.



WORKERS IN MASS ACTION AGAINST WLB RUN-AROUND

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How Strike of Detroit UAW Workers Began

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DETROIT, May 24. - The rank and file walkout began at the lefferson and Kercheval plants of Chrysler Corp. at 10 A. M. Thursday, May 20 when 8,500 workers walked out and formed a procession which wound around the buildings under a placard: "United We Stand." There was no further picketing after this demonstration. There was no need for it since sentiment was overwhelm-

ing against going to work until in the mines since his youth. The the grievances were settled. age level is higher than before

the war because so many miners The walkout immediately spread have been drafted, probably a o the Dodge Main Plant containing over 12,000 workers and to higher percentage than in inthe smaller Dodge Lynch Road dustry generally; very few. miners even ask for deferment. plant. Next, 3,600 unionists closed the Kelsey-Hayes buildings. 2,500 | It is higher also because a considerable number of the youth in workers then shut the de Soto Bomber plant. In addition to these the mining areas have gone the small Ray-Day factory staged elsewhere, into higher-paying and a walkout. (The Dodge Truck far safer factory work. Plant containing 4,000 men was DANGEROUS WORK forced to, close on Saturday be-

cause of lack of parts.) Coal mining is a normally In all the plants it was the same hazardous occupation. With the story of failure to settle grie-beginning of the war program, vances. This is particularly true and with the greedy coal of the Chrysler and Dodge Plants. operators seeing the opportunity [See interview with a Chrysler of a generation to swell their union official which appears in profits, production has been this issue on page 4.] speeded up, the coal is not the allowed to "bleed," and Then there was ever prese: in-

The Mining Towns

By George Breitman

Life Today In

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 24-There are more than a hal million coal miners in this country, but the great majority of city workers have little idea of the kind of life they live. Yet it takes only a short stay in the mining areas of Western Penn sylvania to get an approximate picture of their living conditions and to realize that their work is the hardest, most dangerous and considering all aspects, the most underpaid of any important industry.

The typical miner in this area is not a young man or a new-portant center, but this is all to comer to his work. He has worked

The roads are poor and it is not easy to get around. The miner's kids have to travel a considerable distance to get to school. They don't have a chance to go far in school as a rule-they are taught to read and write and salute the flag, and they go to work at an

> early age. CAUSE OF THE CRISIS

The miner produced more coal last year than ever before, (Continued on page 2)

Pioneer Publishes

New Cannon Book

Slashed By Soaring Prices, Taxes, and Anti-Union Profiteers WLB Rejects Main **Demandsof Miners Negotiations** With **Operators Resumed** By Miners' Union

Amidst a spreading strike wave, directed against the War Labor Board and its policy of "starving labor," the board anin the United Mine Workers the past eleven months. case, rejecting the demand of the

all the other important union de- and State governmental appara- workers are entitled according to mands, except to raise the pres- tus, the War Labor Board, the ent \$20 vacation pay allowance Army and Navy top officers, the labor members of the WLB to \$50 and to direct the coal op- F. B. I., the management support- dissented in the decision. erators to furnish the miners ed by the whole capitalist press with safety equipment and work- and all the radio news comment- reached the plants early Saturing tools. Chairman Davis of tors. On top of all this the work- day morning, department after the WLB estimated that the ers found that their own interna- department at the Goodrich comelimination of these occupational tional officers were arrayed a- pany walked out. By 10 a. m. the charges would benefit the miners gainst them to a man.

from 8 to 15 cents a day The Despite the frantic broadcasts drum, and thousands of workers WLB also directed the coal oper- of R. J. Thomas, the international jammed the United Rubber Workators to resume collective bar- president, every few hours over ers Local 5 hall nearby.

By JOE ANDREWS

PRICE (5) CENTS

DETROIT, May 24.-29,000 members of Chrysler Local 7 and Dodge Local 2 employed of the War Labor Board, 40,by the Chrysler Corporation 000 rubber workers in the returned to work today in accordance with decisions made at union meetings yesterday afternoon. This ended their four day walkout which was pro-

Auto And Rubber Workers Join Miners

Workers Forced to Strike in Defense of Their Living Standards

By JOHN SAUNDERS

In Militant Fight For Wage Increases

CALLER CORD 287

voked by the management's and settle the ever mounting nounced on May 25 its decision grievances accumulated over These workers went back to the union for a \$2 a day wage in- plants only after overwhelming panel had recommended an 8 cent crease. The board also denied pressure from the entire Federal

AKRON. OHIO. May 24 -Outraged by the recent decision

Goodrich, Firestone and Goodyear companies, continued their protest strike into the third day. After almost a year's delay, failure to bargain in good faith the WLB handed down a decision on May 21. granting only a three

cent an hour wage increase to the rubber workers, and flatly rejecting their demands for night shift bonuses. This came after a WLB increase, to which the rubber the "Little Steel" formula. The

As soon as news of the decision plant was shut down tight as a

The walkouts were spontaneous.

As the news of the WLB decision

spread like wildfire through the

various plant buildings of both

Firestone and Goodrich, depart-

Since 1933 we have seen the most deliberate betrayals of the workers by Stalin's Comintern, first in the service of the

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New Jersey Unions Take Big Steps Toward Labor Party

Steps towards the creation of | and Byrnes. The only thing left for us is independent political acan independent labor party in tion.'

New Jersey were taken this STALINIST OBSTRUCTION week at the seventh annual con-The official leadership of the League in alliance with the Stalinvention of the American Labor ists did their best to obstruct the League held in Trenton, attendformation of a labor party. 'Before ed by 300 delegates, represent- the convention the Stalinists. ing about 40 local unions and whose main strength is in the approximately 300,000 CIO Newark area in the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workand AFL workers.

ers locals, campaigned actively to While the convention did not send delegates to the convention organize a full-fledged political instructed to vote against the forparty, it did take three measures mation of a labor party.

in that direction. (1) The Chair man of the League, Carl Holderand-file delegates from Shipman was empowered to form yard locals 1 and 16, the dyers una committee of 12 to conduct an on, the auto locals, the Camden organizing campaign in the six textile workers and the retail most highly industrialized counties in the state. (2) Three county ship from making the convention organizations are to solicit indino more than an ineffective twovidual memberships in the League day talking spree for Roosevelt. and call a state-wide convention The delegates were warned a as soon as 50,000 membership gainst any blanket endorsement cards are obtained. (3) An inof Roosevelt by Samuel Colton. crease in the per capita tax on state executive secretary of the the League membership was voted League, who said, "By 1944, it to provide necessary functs. may be dangerous to go to labor

The need for an independent faand say, 'Support President Roosbor party was clearly expressed evelt.' The Chrysler strikes and by delegate Steve Remsen of the the rubber strikes in Akron are UAW who said, "What else can anti-administration strikes. We we do for our people, the workwant an independent labor party ers? We can't strike any more so that we can tell the President because of our no-strike pledge. that he won't have labor's support We can't get wage increases be in 1944 under any and all circause of the War Labor Board cumstances."

question of promotions, demotions dustrial accidents have increased. In 1941, 64.000 of the men who and departmental transfers in accordance with seniority rules. Men go down into the mines were and women "were taken from the killed or injured. The number of streets" for the better paying jobs casualties had increased to 75,000 whereas the old timers with long by 1942, and the United Mine seniority records were not up. Workers estimates that dead and graded despite previous promises injured will reach the total of from the Chrysler and Dodge man- 100,000 in the mines this year. Mine work is as unhealthy as agements. It was just such an incident that touched off the spark | it is dangerous. Working down in n the Dodge plant. the earth subjects you to colds,

rheumatism, asthma, the "miners' Aboút seven weeks ago Dodge opened up Department 229, the cough" and a host of other diseases. Sound Detector and Searchlight

The miner's toil is arduous, sections of the Radio Department cramping, back-straining. When An agreement was made with the he comes out of the mines at the management that they would hire end of the work day, he is 300 workers to get the department started and after that they would thoroughly exhausted. When you hear him complaining about the ransfer workers from other deartments to take the better paying low meat ration and the meat Fourteen additional workers were taken off the street and the management refused to substitute older employees for plains, he finds it hard to do any hese new people. work after the first five or six This dispute was raging when six additional girls were hired by

The miner's community the company at the rate of \$1.12 generally offers a dreary cultural an hour while girls with a long life. He sometimes calls his home seniority record were receiving a shack, and that's a fair descripfrom 93 to 97 cents per hour. This tion for these barnlike structures straw broke the camel's back and owned by the coal companies and the Dodge workers acted with furnished with nothing but the their feet. The deliberate provocawalls when he moves in. There tions of the company was too are plenty of beer taverns and churches and the general store, The organizational document of As Vincent Klein, Financial and in some places there is a Secretary of Chrysler Local 7, exmovie. Where the union has a plained, the answer to all the hall of its own, it becomes an imgrievances was a flat-No! The

company people would sit around walkout of the men in the Ford It was the pressure of the rank- in conference and grin. "Suppose Highland Park plan Ben Garrison. we say no, what are you going President of Ford Local 1400, and to do about it? You can't strike!" other local union officials staged The Chrysler moguls are not the a 23 hour sitdown in the office of Clothbound copies will sell for when it hits the coal fields will

In the first five months of the radio and despite the speeches gaining negotiations with the unpublication the sales of Leon ion on the issue of portal to por- made by him and Richard SPONTANEOUS WALKOUTS Frankensteen, Vice-President of Frotsky's latest book, "In tal pay.

A similar angry reaction to the The WLB, by its decision, has the UAW-CIO, at the Sunday Defense of Marxism" exceed those of any previous Pioneer, proved the truthfulness of the afternoon meetings, the rank and WLB ruling occurred at the Mine Workers accusation that it file resisted the pressure as long Firestone plant, where almost all is a "court packed against la- as possible. They agreed to go Publication by Trotsky, rethe workers quit work shortly after the news of the decision ported Pioneer Publishers this bor" as well as the correctness back only after they saw no other week. Letters from all parts of of the UMW leadership's pol- course open because of the cowardwas out.

the country indicate that this icy in the present coal controofficials. collection of articles and letters versy of opposing the WLB and written during the last year of of the American labor move- SETTLED disputing its role as superarbiter WANT GRIEVANCES Trotsky's life has been imment.

nediately recognized as a Although the labor represent-Marxist classic. Pioneer has just announced that

The rank and file made their ment meetings were held. Rank sentiments known in no uncertain and file workers denounced the atives on the WLB dissented terms. They intended to see that unjust ruling and threw down from the board decision in deny- the company bargained in good their tools.

ly attitude of their international

The Struggle for a Proletarian ing the miners the wage increase, faith and were determined to The miserable three cent wage Party" by James P. Cannon is they continue to hold their stage another walkout if the man-increase was an insult they could scheduled for June publication, membership and by their pres- agement failed to live up to its not take. When the larger deence and support are propping agreement. But their wrath was This book is a companion volume partments walked out, the rest of to Leon Trotsky's "In Defense of up this labor hating, corporation! mainly directed at their own in- the plants at both companies Marxism." It completes the doc- dominated body. ternational officers whom they emptied like a sieve as workers Throughout the present crisis called upon to "represent the umentation of the historical strugpoured out of every exit. After gle waged within the Socialist the coal operators have refused workers and not the managethe first hour only those workers Workers Party against petty-bour- to engage in collective bargain- ment." necessary for maintenance or geois revisionism. It shows how ing with the union. From the Leo Lamotte, UAW Chrysler working on perishable materials

that struggle was organized and first they rejected all the union director, was singled out for remained within, and this was by demands and insisted on special attention. At both meet-agreement with the strikers. elucidates the principles of Bolshevik party organization more throwing the case into the WLB, ings, resolutions were passed un-"We've waited 12 months, the The capitalist newspapers are animously calling for his removal WLB has pondered this thing for concretely and comprehensively than this subject has ever before predicting that the way is now as director. Not even Thomas and almost a year . . . and all for paved for an agreement grant- Frankensteen dared come to his been treated. three cents an hour," one union The book includes J. P. Caning portal to portal pay allow- defense. Nor were the men leader stated. "That's our reward ance to the coal miners. If in the satisfied when Thomas told them. non's pamphlet "The Struggle for for patience." Proletarian Party;" his letters

negotiations which are likely to that he had appointed Frankenbe resumed again, the coal oper-steen to sit in on future discus-The Goodyear Plant was not written during the factional struggle; and the S. W. P. resolutions shut down immediately. This sions with the management and ators do not come across and plant is not as well organized as the WLB. "Boo-Boo" Frankengrant the mine representatives the other two major plants. Some petty-bourgeois opposition: steen received his usual share of a satisfactory agreement a walkdepartments continued to work "The War and Bureaucratic Con Bronx cheers when he arose to out will be precipitated by the servatism" is printed as an ap Saturday and Sunday, and a speak. When he grabbed the mike end of the month, when the premajority of the plant was shut pendix in order to contrast their to try and explain to a young principles on organization with sent truce period expires. militant worker why the local down only after picket lines were The men in the coal fields are stationed at the plant gates. union men were not contacted by

growing increasingly impatient the international officers before "The Struggle for a Proletarian At Firestone small picket lines and bitter. The WLB decision, Party" is approximately 300 pages. they went into session with the were sufficient to keep all workmanagement and the government ers out. At Goodrich no picket only ones who are baiting the Fred Clark, director of labor \$2.00, paperbound \$1.50. Place ad. be viewed as a flaunting insult officials, he was howled down from lines were necessary.

clerks that prevented the leader- men. This is likewise the studied relations, until the latter agreed vance orders with Pioneer Pub- to the coal miners and their plea policy of Henry Ford. To stay a to dicuss the men's grievances, lishers, 116 University Pl., N. Y. for a right to live.

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shortage, it is not because he has a special fondness for meat but because he needs it to replenish his energy. Nowadays, he com-

hours.

nuch for the workers.

By Michael Cort

The executive Council of the pay with the Eugene Mumsell AFL has opened war upon the Mica Company in New York. This is the first major breach anti-labor laws which have been passing the State legislatures in in the line against piece work held by the workers against em wholesale lots.

On May 20 the council charged ployer-Stalinist pressure. that union-restricting laws passed May 22 issue of the U. E. News in Arkansas, Kansas, South Da- official organ of the union, reports kota, Idaho, Texas and Colorado, that the speed-up experts, Mitchel were "part of a sinister and un- Fein Associates, "have been stu derhanded attempt by fascist in- dying the jobs and methods and fluence in America to tear the trade union movement apart and tion." smash the economic and political

strength of America's workers." The A F L announced it would test the constitutionality of the convention in New York City last laws and in the meantime.advised all unions to refuse to obey them. of FDR's wage and job freeze or

The May 15 issue of the United gates against employer-govern Automobile Worker flies to the ment anti-labor maneuvers, the defense of UAW-CIO vice-presi- leadership failed to present any dent Walter Reuther, indignantly program for the real defense of denying that he favors militant the workers' rights, and living defense of the, workers' living standards. Theirs was a trust standards by strike action, as he Roosevelt-and-wait-and-see has been "accused" by Stalinist tude. leader Earl Browder.

"Reuther has always, since Lewis' break with President Roos- workers in the industry. evelt, vigorously criticized Lewis, writes the paper. "Reuther has ... in every situation with which he has contact, opposed strikes during war time.

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The San Pedro branch of the National Maritime Union, CIO. has followed the Stalinist line to its logical conclusion and joined the local Chamber of Commerce. Its officials will now find themselves surrounded by men who originated their no-strike, speed miners because they have the up program

* * * The Stalinist drive for incen- Teamster defends the War Labor tive pay (i. s., piece work, speed- Board and blames the miners for up) has borne its first rotten fruit. repressive legislation. Says the Local 1225 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers thank John L. Lewis for bringing of America, CIO, has signed an on the latest campaign to curb agreement calling for incentive labor unions drastically."

Life Today In The Mining Towns

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despite the manpower shortage. This has meant record profits for as an enemy of his country by operators, but it has the coal brought little benefit to the miner himself.

Price rises, increases in the uation where the government tells real cost of living are staggering him that he cannot strike because in the mine areas, even greater, as the OPA recently admitted, than in other industrial centers. The miner finds it harder to make ends meet than he did two or three years ago. This is at the bottom of the present coal crisis. In ordinary times the miner gets little in return for his backbreaking work. He has a basic wage scale of \$7 a dav but this does not mean that he gets that much. He has to pay for his tools and for their care, sharpening, etc. He has to pay for dynamite and other material to blast the coal. for the light on his cap, for the union checkweighman to weigh the coal and minant in the ranks of the CIO see that he is not cheated. completed-deductions for war regional conferences of the bonds, food, rent, electricity, in- United Auto Workers and the surance, victory tax, union dues, Sailors Union of the Pacific have etc.-the miner may have \$5 or expressed complete support for \$10 left over for his other needs, or he may have as little as fifty cents.

The setting up standards of produc-

The Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, ended its annua week with ringing denunciations ders. While there was much res

entment expressed by the deleatti The TWU claims a membership

of 400,000-about one-third of the

After several years of bitter court fights, the Metropolitan Life nsurance Company has bowed to unionism for its white collar work ers. It signed a contract with United Office and Professional workers, CIO, covering 2,000 work

The Tobin stooges in Minneapolis who pose as leaders of the Teamsters, are horrified at the courage to struggle for a living

wage. The May 13 issue of Minnesota paper editorially, "Labor can

ers in Greater New York.

The real character of the Comintern was illumined by the method employed by Stalin in dissolving it. In complete violation of the Comintern's own statutes, a ukase by Stalin's puppets in Moscow is sufficient, without any pretense of prior discussion in the constituent parties. The members of the Communist Party learned about the dissolution from the capitalist press. The ostensible excuse for this totalitarian method is the impossibility of calling a Congress in wartime to settle the question. But the question still could have been posed privately to the constituent parties, discussed by the membership and voted upon. It is ludicrous, however, to suggest such a method when in reality the line has been handed down from Moscow to a totalitarianized Comintern for nearly two decades. The arguments for dissolution adduced by Stalin's puppets in their "resolution of the 'Executive Committee" are reactionary to the core. It says not one word about the fact that the International arose as the product of the world-wide character of modern economy - a character which of course is not obliterated by Stalin's ukase. It does not even mention the original goal of the International - world socialism. It is equally silent about the method for achieving that goal the class struggle. At the very height of the growth of the Communist International, when great mass parties were represented from many countries at the Fourth Congress in 1922, no one dreamed of arguing that these powerful parties could do without an international center; yet today, when Stalin's policy has led those parties to destruction and only a handful

TRADE UNION SWP on Dissolution of Comintern NOTES (Continued from page 1) of parties remain, the resolution has the offer

Franco-Soviet pact, then in the service of the pact with Hitler, and since 1941 again for the "democracies." In France the Comintern agents joined with Leon Blum in halting the revolutionary strike wave of 1936, giving full support to Daladier who ended by crushing the labor movement; the Hitler-Stalin pact completed the demoralization of the French proletariat on the eve of the war. In Spain the Comintern agents led the most reactionary bourgeois and reformist elements in crushing the Spanish revolution, breaking the morale of the fighters against Franco and facilitating his victory. When these treacherous acts failed to win from the "democracies" sufficiently substantial guarantees of an alliance for the coming war, Stalin made his pact with Hitler, including the "peace offensive" and "anti-war" activities of the Comintern.

The Crimes of Stalinism

When this policy in turn collapsed and Hitler was able to attack the Soviet Union, Stalin turned the Comintern to the service of his new "allies." Already in 1933, as the price of diplomatic relations with Washington, the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement pledged Stalin not to permit the residence on Soviet territory "of any organization or group which has as an aim the overthrow" of the U.S. government. The Comintern and the Communist Party of the United States ceased to have that aim; now the Comintern ceases official existence altogether.

Stalin's latest act merely completes the demonstration of how correct were the genuine revolutionists in all countries when, in 1933, they joined with Leon Trotsky in calling for the Fourth International, a decision given complete organizational expression by the World Congress of the Fourth International in Paris in 1938.

Before Stalin dared to bury the Comintern, he first had to assassinate Leon Trotsky in August 1940, for Lenin's great co-worker, the only one who had escaped the Moscow trials and purges, remained as the living embodiment of proletarian internationalism. But neither the assassination of Trotsky, nor Stalin's murders of Trotskyists in Spain, France, Switzerland, etc., nor his ferocious physical destruction of the Trotskyists in the Soviet Union, nor his present attempt to discredit the very idea of an international, can halt the growth of the international workers' party. The proletarian international cannot be dissolved! It is the imperishable idea and irrepressible need of world unity, which can only be achieved through the proletarian world revolution. The Communist International of Lenin and Trotsky, the Communist International of the first four Congresses, still lives on in the Fourth International, the World Party of Socialist Revolution. Stalin, usurper of the mantle of Lenin, long ago abandoned the revolutionary heritage of Lenin to the Bolshevik-Leninists - the Trotskyists. Not internationalism but Stalin's degenerate caricature of it has been thrown into the discard. The Third International is dead. Long live the Fourth International!

Parties" renders an international center no longer necessary!

It was the proud and justified boast of the founders of the International that it united the "cavalry of the West" --the industrial proletariat of the advanced countries — with the "infantry of the East" - the great masses of the colonial world. Just as the revolutionary party in a given country serves to unite the heterogeneous elements of the workers and the oppressed masses, so the International was to give world cohesion to the workers of different tongues and cultures and stages of economic and political development. The International was to coordinate the different stages of development of the workers' movement into one united activity, to aid the weaker with the services of the stronger, the new parties with the rich experience of the older parties. In a word, the International was to make up for the heterogeneity of the world proletariat.

Yet precisely this heterogeneity is now adduced by the Comintern resolution to justify its dissolution! It declares that the "deep difference in the historical roads of development of each country of the world" and "the difference in the degree of consciousness and organization of the workers" is an "insuperable obstacle" to the functioning of an international center — a center which was founded for just these reasons! The resolution solemnly recalls that Bolsheviks "never advocated the preservation of those organizational forms which have become obsolete" - as an argument for dissolving organization altogether!

False Precedents

Finally, hunting for a historical precedent, and unable even with Stalinist falsifications to pretend that Lenin ever envisioned anything like this, Stalin's puppets write that they "remember the example of the great Marx" who dissolved the First International. They pretend that Marx did so, "as a result of the growing need to create national workers' mass parties." It is true that Marx and his collaborators dissolved the First International. But, unlike Stalin, Marx never pretended that its dissolution represented a victory. On the contrary, he called its last Congress (at Geneva 1873) "a fiasco" and recorded honestly the fact that the defeat of the Paris Commune and the development of opportunism and anarchism in the European labor movement had disintegrated the International by internal conflict. Lest its great historical example be disgraced by its falling into the hands of anti-Marxist elements, he sponsored its removal to New York and its final dissolution in 1876. At the very first opportunity for a second Marxist International it was launched by Marx's followers in 1889. The First International went down in defeat, but with its revolutionary integrity unimpaired and its great lessons clear to all the workers of the world. The Third International, like the Second, goes down in defeat as an antirevolutionary body which long ago lost every vestige of honor.

It is characteristic of Stalin's International that its first and only public declaration since Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union is the declaration of its dissolution. The argument that the International is an instrument which was good for peacetime but not for wartime is not a new argument. Last time, however, it was made by one who was openly an enemy of Leninism — Kautsky, the apologist for the chauvinist disintegration of the Second International during World War I. That international ceased to function during the war and in reality never functioned again. The profoundly symbolic act of the dissolution of the Comintern during war indicates that it is following in the footsteps of its predecessor in this as in all its treachery to internationalism. The dissolution does not of course mean an end to the utterly reactionary interference of Stalinism in the labor movement. The services of Stalinism in this field are too valuable to the capitalists at present for them to insist on immediate dissolution of the Communist party and its various agencies in the trade unions. The most open and vicious strikebreakers in the United States today are Stalin's agents, and they will not cease their dastardly work. So long as it suits their master they will serve Wall Street as its most valuable agency today in fighting against the interests of the American workers

deed not only a free hand but Stalin's participation with them in the counter-revolutionary attempt. In return for goods and frontier concessions, Stalin will accede to their demands. But this too will not satisfy the capitalists. They fear not only the revolutionary European proletariat but also the continued existence of the nationalized economy of the Soviet Union.

For the capitalists understand very well that the very basis of Stalin's power - the nationalized economy of the Soviet Union created by the October revolution - cannot be kept indefinitely in the narrow nationalistic limits to which Stalin attempts to assign it. The capitalists understand that eventually either private property or the nationalized economy must prevail in the world. Hence they will not press Stalin for help in crushing the European revolution but will also make demands designed to undermine the nationalized economy of the Soviet Union. So long as they have not succeeded in decisive steps toward the restoration of private property in the Soviet Union, the capitalists will insist on retention of all possible jumping-off points in Europe for an assault on the USSR. Stalin's attempts to appease the "democracies" thus endanger the very existence of the nationalized economy of the Soviet Union.

How far he is prepared to go to appease them is indicated by his attitude toward the German proletariat. The final document of the Comintern does not by a word express solidarity with the Communists and class-conscious workers of Germany! The German Communists neither exist nor are accorded any tasks now or in the future by the Comintern resolution. But this follows logically from the vile Stalinist propaganda which blames the German proletariat for the rise of Hitler and thus paves the way for oppression of the German nation as a whole by the victorious "democracies." With Germany at its disposal, Wall Street would inevitably dominate the Soviet Union.

Fortunately for the future of humanity, neither the German workers nor the European proletariat as a whole are Stalin's to barter. The German working class is the largest, most advanced and most powerful in Europe. It is destined to play the decisive role in the coming European revolution. Steeled and hardened under the terrible oppression of Hitler fascism, the cadres of the German proletariat will lead into the revolution masses steeped in the most advanced industrial technique and military training. Likewise the workers of France and Belgium and all Europe will never go back to capitalist oppression and a divided Europe. No deal between Stalin and Roosevelt will prevent the revolution whose task of establishing the Socialist United States of Europe has been hammered home by two World Wars.

The lightning of the European revolution will in turn explode the powder keg on which Stalin is sitting. The Soviet masses have endured the totalitarian oppression of the Kremlin because the capitalist invader stood poised to strike at the frontier. The European revolution will free them from that fear. The Soviet proletariat has made three revolutions. We are confident that it will settle accounts with the usurper in the Kremlin when the horizons of the Soviet Union are ringed with red instead of brown. That is what the "democratic" capitalists fear when they refer to the danger of a revival of "Trotskyism" in the Soviet Union - the revival of the poli-

WHAT HE DISLIKES

The miner is not given to complaining, he goes about his work months - by Roosevelt, Congress, aware, he knows how to fight as and so on. militantly as any other worker in the world. But he feels bitter

about many things today. He doen't like to have the struggle to maintain his none-toohigh living conditions denounced best friend, and the more deas unpatriotic. He does not feel termined he becomes to stand that he is an enemy of the counhe wants to have enough food to it may be forced.

Every miner is keenly aware be able to continue to do his work. He has a son or brother in the of how much blood, sweat and armed forces and if he is not be- tears went into the building of yond the age limit he may soon his organization. He suspects the miners the wives have toe shoes have gone up from \$2.95 money goes for food, rememberbe there himself. He does not that his enemies are more conlike to be told that he is "aiding cerned with smashing its power Hitler" when he fights to maintain than in dealing reasonably with ly in the background, reticent things that the men can't do their living standards for himself and the merits of the coal wage dishis son's or brother's family. pute. He knows that if his un-He wants to mine coal and knowe ion is weakened today, he will be that it is not his fault if mine defenseless tomorrow, and he has operations are discontinued. His rallied behind his union more union is willing and eager to bar- firmly than ever before because gain collectively with the mine he wants to protect both his presoperators. But the mine operators ent and his future.

who are depending on the government to defend their profits are operators think they can bulldoze ward tip of the platform they are the ones responsible for the recent che miner or turn him against his decrying their own miserable conwalkout because they refused to union or prevent him from going ditions and substandard existence. continue collective bargaining.

HE WANTS TO MINE COAL

He wants to mine coal and he send a few investigators into the and indifference to the daily about the miners, she called me pany town after another, there is the time my husband has worked ing of herself. The conditions of expect him or my husband to fight reminds you that the union of mine areas where they will quick needs of the men who mine the over:

ie is a government employe and then the government refuses to negotiate a contract with his union.

1a 52 week work year, but that

the operators refused. He asks if

it is not strange to be denounced

the press and the radio when he

asks for the right to work 6 days

a week every week in the year.

He does not like to be in a sit

He is somewhat angry about all these things, just as he is angry to see some of the officials of the CIO attacking his union and his union leadership. He remembers that it was the United Mine Workers which helped to organize the CIO and the powerful industrial unions in auto, steel, rubber

The capitalist newspaper which he reads does not tell much about the pro-miner sentiments predoand AFL unions, and he is ex-By the time deductions are tremely happy to learn that his present fight.

> WHAT THEY DIDN'T EXPECT

The miners has been hit with a lot of pressure in the last two as a rule without griping, al- the press, the War Labor Board, though as his enemies are well Ickes, the labor fakers, Stalinists But this pressure has had an

effect little expected by these people. The more they threaten and denounce, the more certain the miner is that his union is his fast with his union and to suptry which he helped build because port it in any struggle into which

For the moment the dissolution is a substantial gesture by Stalin to curry favor with Washington and Wall Street. But tomorrow they will demand still more, meeting Stalin's requests for food and equipment with ever-greater pressure upon the Kremlin. The capitalists want from Stalin a free tical independence of the Soviet masses, which can only mean a policy of revolutionary internationalism by the regenerated Soviet state.

All this can and shall be achieved by the Fourth International!

Members of the Communist Party! Stalin's latest act has demonstrated, if further proof were necessary, that his false policy cannot be combatted from within the Comintern: even the semblance of the machinery for opposing him from within no longer exists. Every Communist worker who remains true to internationalism must draw the necessary conclusions. The defense of the Soviet Union, the defense of the interests of the international working class, requires now more than ever a genuine Communist International. The national Communist Parties are neither communist nor parties. You must leave them and enter the Communist International of Lenin and Trotsky — the Fourth International. Join the ranks of the Socialist Workers Party, unite with us and the Fourth International parties throughout the world. No one shall, no one can, dissolve our International. Join us and help make the International what our traditional anthem has declared it must be: the International Party shall be the human race!



ney, son!

One miner's wife in Library, for the past year very close try- | The children will plead for a nickel | Christmas time it looked like we same. Their conclusions must be Pa., said to me, "Why, it's just ing to see where the money goes," from their mothers to buy some were going to get caught up but like hers:

PITTSBURGH, PA., May plain hypocrisy on the part of she said. "I can tell you if we sweet cakes in the store. The then these prices started going up 24—An unusual feature of the the outspokenness of their used to sell a number four shovel food we need. Let alone getting running away, "Watch your mo-

for \$1.45, that was in 1941, now anything else.' wives. In the past struggles of they have it priced for\$2.45. Hard I asked her what part of her

to \$4.95and\$6.95. How do they ex- ing that the President in his radio pect us to pay more money for these speech to the miners had mentioned one-third as going towards by doing their shopping in town. work without if they don't give us food.

"Maybe before the war it used to be about one-third but the way two-by-four patch. You might prices are now it is closer to twoneed.'

hant and outspoken as the men cinder and ash and slate around don't leave us anything at all in TYPICAL CASE case we have to call a doctor or • The most vigorous expression of green-looking things coming up can tell you one thing, Mister, wives came from a younger lookthat promised to be vegetables of they better give us some more ing woman whose husand had spoke and the words rushed out day, you aren't going to have any some kind. Having heard that I pay or they won't be seeing any been mining for 11 years. They of her as though hurrying to ex- pride in what you're doing. I got

As one woman said, "We might thing in these company houses rent a bus and take the whole company town down to Pittsburgh, stalled and cared for by the minbut even then you wouldn't have

s situated closer to Pittsburgh,

"It isn't only that we want those operators. They know how didn't get at least one extra Sat mothers of course give in to the again. About four fifths of our enough money to live on. We prices have gone up. Look at urday in every pay we just pleas and invariably shout after money has to go for food here. have to have some little bit to present fight of the miners is their own company store; they wouldn't have enough to buy the the children as they are excitedly Children eat as much as men do, put aside. When the kids grow sometimes mine eat more than I up, if they should want learning can. They're growing, you've got and have the knack for it, well, to feed them." Down in Coverdale, Pa., which

it costs money to give it to them." Her house looked neat and clean I interposed that it looked as those who have automobiles man- as all the miners' houses do. And though the coal operators didn't age to stretch their dollars a bit this takes a lot of "woman's work" care much about that. They just figured on the kids growing up

when you consider that everyand going to work in the mines. She hastily went on: "Yes, outside of the walls has to be inbut haven't we got anything to say about our own kids? And an ers themselves. Cooking is done enough money for the food we with coal as there are no gas lines. other thing is, the way the government is telling you you got to The soft coal in the area penetrates through every crack in the stay on this job and you can't house making a thoroughgoing get any more money. If you just make enough money to buy your cleaning a daily necessity. food with and live from day to She seemed to be tired as she

fered to accept the guarantee of ly learn how mistaken they are. coal for them.

FOOD COSTS

the sentiment of the coal miners' have two children. Of their gen- press all the thoughts that welled a brother in the army. How do they As you walk through one com- eral conditions she said, "For all. up in her. She wasn't only speak-

a refrain that seems to hang in in the mines, we never once drew other miners' families are the for their country if they haven't "I have been watching our pay the air and linger in your ears. a good pay. Last year around same as hers. Their enemy is the got any pride in it?"

usually played their roles quietand shy, unaccustomed to

day sun.

some more pay?' public light as the miner him-

A few houses down there was self is to the light of the noon woman working her victory garden. It wasn't more than a little

In the present crisis the wives of the coal miners are as indig- think that because of all the thirds of our income. And that

If the government and the coal themselves. From the very forthat nothing could possibly grow there. But she did have some for clothing or anything else. I

through with his fight to preserve | They are not hesitant about speakwas from The Militant, a news. more coal to make a profit on." his living standards, I earnestly ing up against the coal operators recommend to them that they for their war profiteering paper that was telling the truth

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The "LABOR WITH A WHITE SKIN CAN-NOT EMANCIPATE ITSELF WHERE LABOR WITH A BLACK SKIN IS BRANDED" - KARL MARX. Negro Struggle By Albert Parker

The NAACP Conference and Politics

As we said in this column last | if the Negro and white workers week, a basic requirement for had their own representatives in tion - a propaganda which his fairmindedness and obeffective work in wartime by or- Washington, if they had a Work- falsifies history through distor- jectivity. . . ganizations trying to abolish Jim ers' and Farmers' Government. Crowism is that they conduct Such representatives and such a their activities on the basis of a government would reflect the inpolicy independent of the govern- terests of the masses and would ment's desires and unspoken dic-need no pressure to pass and entates. They must break the grip force legislation against Jim of the administration's domina- Crowism.

But the leaders of the NAACE tion over their policies and work out a program based exclusively and similar organizations, al on what is needed to advance the though they know the truth of Negro's struggle, we said, or else what is said above, refuse to parthey will be bound hand and foot ticipate in the political struggle by the false doctrine of "national insisting that the organizations unity" and be unable to make any they head must remain "non-parprogress at all against their ene- tisan." To do otherwise, they mies. With this fundamental idea assert, would result, not in gain in mind, we wish to discuss the ing support for their objectives, but on the contrary in losing sup coming conference of the National Association for the Advanceport. No doubt this is a reference ment of Colored People (Detroit, to the many capitalist politicians June 3-6) and the question of pol- who are members of the NAACP board of directors or who once a itics. The struggle for Negro equality year pay membership dues in the

has a many-sided character. It local branches. must be fought on the economic It is true that such people field — in the factories, on the would be deeply offended if the farms, in the unions. It must NAACP were to come out in opbe fought on the social field position to the two capitalist parin the sphere of housing, in edu- ties; they certainly wouldn't like cation, etc. But above all, espe- to see the NAACP supporting a cially in wartime when all other party and candidates who really questions are directly affected by represent the working people. Simgovernmental decisions, it must be lilarly this would also be frowned fought on the political arena

It is hard to think of a single |lanthropists" who salve their conaspect of the Negro struggle sciences every once in a while by which is not tied up with and making financial contributions to dependent on what goes on in the NAACP. But if these people Washington. Legislation rests in were to quit because the NAACP or whether 10,000,000 whites and hundreds of thousands of Negro Negroes in the South will remain workers who would be aroused excluded from the ballot. They by such anti-capitalist party acdecide whether anti-lynch legis- tion on the part of the NAACP. lation shall be enacted or wheth- Their enthusiasm and militancy would more than make up for the er the lynch mobs shall continue to feel completely free of federal departure of the politicians and constraint. philanthropists.

They have the power to decide, There are some Negro leaders as they did early this month, that who recognize the need for uni-Negroes in the South can be tied field political action by the colored their home counties and masses. But what kind of action to prevented from going North to do they propose? Last week Earl in factories by their B. Dickerson, member of the work county agent who is naturally NAACP board of directors and of anxious to keep them where the FEPC, announced that he had they are in the present pe-launched in Chicago a "People's riod of manpower shortage. They Movement for Independent Policontrol the activities of agencies tical Action," whose purpose in such as the Fair Employment to "rally Negro support behind Practices Committee which is sup- issues and men regardless of party posed to investigate job discrim- affiliations." At a meeting in St. ination against Negroes. They Louis at almost the same time A. armed forces.

be frozen while prices continue to These proposals have this in com-

More Protests On Davies' Film

More and more voices are mak- happened in America prior t ing themselves heard in the Pearl Harbor."

of facts. . ."

BLESSING

derstand Russia."

STATEMENT OF

JAMES T. FARRELL

officially."

written

bestowing its blessing

DAVIES' WHITEWASH

GETS STATE DEP'T.

Farrell's statement further rising tide of protest against the points out that "Mr. Davies in Davies' whitewash film, "Mission his book, and Warner Brothers To Moscow" which has been cor- in the film, have completely rectly denounced by Professor ignored the records of the in-John Dewey as "the first instance vestigation conducted by the Commission of Inquiry of which in our country of totalitarian Dr. John Dewey was chairman. propaganda for mass consump- And yet, Mr. Davies boasts of

"Warner Brothers has spent tion, omission or pure invention well over a million dollars on a ilm which carries the message In a statement issued last week. that Leon Trotsky was an agent James T. Farrell, noted author of Hitler. And they even lack of "Studs Lonigan," declared that: the courage to introduce Trotsky in the picture as a character. Why? Has Warner Brothers a guilty conscience?

"Long before any Hollywood studio would dare to consider a pic-In his column for May 12, ture which attacked fascism or Drew Pearson stated that "Amhad one favorable word to say of bassador Joseph Davies' film the Soviet Union, long before the 'Mission To Moscow' has been welcomed by the State Departproposition in which the film stument as one of the most imdio could spend and make huge portant movies which could have been made at this time to ter foe of fascism. He wrote urhelp the American people-un-Apparently the State Dep't. continues to disclaim any responsibility officially while the Super-Wrangel attacking the fies history and even distorts the "un-Soviet Union: it is a known fact, very book on which it is based." hat Trotsky never deviated from Among the signatories are George his position advocating defense of S. Counts, state chairman of the

the Soviet Union. Trotsky's poli- American Labor Party; Harry D. tical record is totally ignored. Gideonse, President of Brooklyn 'Mission To Moscow' follows Why?

"....Trotsky and the old Bolshthe prescription for propaganda by Hitler in 'Mein eviks are dead: you cannot injure Porters, AFL; Max Danish, editor on by some of the wealthy "phi Kampf': it tells a big lie. The the dead; when you misrepresent of Justice, publication of ILGWU, purpose of big lies in totalitarian the dead, you injure the living. AFL; Frank R. Crosswaith, chairpropaganda is that of falsifiying And in this case, the living are main Negro Labor Committee; Jo his second trip to the Kremlin, and raw materials of Europe and ler by the end of this year, it history. This film is a gross and right here in this country. Opposhameless falsification of history. sition to the falsifications contain-It misrepresents the Moscow ed in this film is an immediate others

the hands of the two capitalist opposed the capitalist parties, it trials, the history of Russian and practical question. It conparties. They decide whether the would be little real loss, for in foreign policy in recent years, cerns us here and now. It has anti-poll tax bill will be passed their place would come tens and and the sequence of events which happened here in a reverse way, ing American." Additional signa- ate a white wash of his crimes?



Thousands of copies of THE TRUTH ABOUT "MISSION TO MOSCOW" AND THE MOSCOW TRIALS are being distributed fight against fascism became a from coast to coast wherever the film is being shown.

totalitarian methods have been in- tures have been received from B. sums of money, Trotsky was a bit- troduced into American culture." F. McLaurin, National Secretary, Among the many protests a- March on Washington Movement; gently calling for the fight a gainst the film is one signed by Arthur G. McDowell, National Japan as the chief imperialist rigainst Hitler's assumption of 52 leading writers, educators, edi- Representative in Missouri, Tex- val of American capitalism and it has lost. Should it cease fightpower. After Hitler became tors, and labor and Negro leaders. tile Worker's Union, CIO; Harry would like to annihilate that coun-Reichschancellor, Trotsky wrote In this statement it is asserted Lundberg, President Seafarers predicting that Hitler would be that "'Mission To Moscow' falsi- International Union, and others. in the Far East for the capitalists The latest Stalinist lie in of this country. Its anti-British States. connection with the protests against the Davies' film is that most of the signatories to the above statement are Trotskyists. The fact is that in the entire list College: A. Philip Randolph, Presthere is not a single Trotskyist. ident. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car

"Mission To Moscow" production sentative of German imperialism the end of 1944. Even if military was fulfilled when Mr. Davies, on struggling to control the markets catastrophe should overtake Hit seph Schlossberg, Amalgamated delivered the film. "Mr. Stalin the world, but of fascism sup- will mean that the English masses Clothing Workers Union, CIO and appeared to enjoy the film tre- pressing all the working-class will have been in the war for mendously, it was said." (N. Y. organizations. Undoubtedly over four years. Will they con-The statement has been sent for Times, May 24). What murderer Chandler and those whom he sent to the continuation of the approval "to more than 500 lead- would not be pleased at so elabor-

British Masses Not Bound By Churchill Promises By M. Morrison

THREE

Churchill's speech delivered be-jources were considerably drained fore the joint session of Congress and it would like to see American contained a promise which was capitlism involved in a war where pleasing to the ears of the Ameri- the fighting is exclusively a privcan capitalists but which can not liege of the the United States.

possibly create any great enthus- But in this case Churchill's proiasm among the British Workers. mise will undoubtedly be kept, if A few days before Churchill it is in the power of British imspoke. Senator Chandler of Ken-perialism to keep that promise. tucky delivered an address in the It has too much at stake in the Senate, advocating that the armed Far East to permit the United forces of the United States con-States to fight Japanese impericentrate their attention first on alism without participating in the Japan and then on Germany. The struggle. It must not be forgotten contrary strategy is followed by that Japan took much more from the present administration and of the British Empire than from the course by Churchill. As one of United States. Even if the Brithis reasons for proposing a change ish continue fighting after Hitler in strategy, Chandler mentioned is defeated, their position relative the possibility that Britain would to the American capitalists will cease fighting after Germany is be greatly weakened. For it is the United States that will have defeated.

In proposing his plan Chandler saved Australia and New Zealand poke for that section of the Amer- and, by defeating Japan, wrest ican capitalists which followed an the former British colonies from isolationist policy prior to Pearl Japanese control. There is some Harbor. This section considers doubt, as it is, that the British Empire will get back everything ing after Germany is defeated, it try in order to obtain a free hand would lose all of its possessions in the Far East to the United

bias can be explained largely on One important factor may prevent the British Empire from fulfilling Churchill's promise. That is the attitude of the British workers.

It is generally expected that Hitler will not be defeated until represents are influenced by their struggle for another few years?

desire to have Hitler destroy the It must be remembered that Soviet Union before he is the British masses are supportdestroyed by the forces of this ing the war primarily because country. They would even be they fear Hitler and consider the willing to give Europe to Hitler | war to be a war against fascism. provided he would not interfere As against Hitler they are unwith American capitalism in the doubtedly supporting Churchill Far East and in the Western who appears to them the lesser evil.

The more far-sighted American But it will be altogether differapitalists and their representa-ent if the war should continue tives realize that imperialist Ger- after Hitler is defeated. The Britmany, because of a productive ca- ish masses will then not only be pacity much larger than that of extremely tired of the war but Japanese imperialism, is their will no longer fear a direct invamain enemy. In agreement with sion of a fascist tyrant. Whereas the views of this section of the the war against Hitler can be American capitalists the Roosev- made to appear as one for democelt administration has adopted racy against fascism, a war War has brought worsened con- the strategy of concentrating its against Japan cannot be so easily forces for the attack on Hitler, pictured in the same colors.

A war against Japan is too obviously a war for British colonial possessions and a large section of

For British imperialism there the British masses will not be Negroes to organize a strong poli- with us, they talk to us, the domestic work in the farm- families and forbidden to bring any kind. Even possession of a can be no question that German fooled into believing that it is a They decide that wages should the prices continue to $\frac{1}{1}$ the $\frac{1}{2}$ sit next to $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ sit next to $\frac{1}{2}$

South African Negro Miners And Natives Live Like Slaves

By Henry Parker (The writer of this article is month of being born.

a European South African, who CONDITIONS OF NEGRO worked for years in the South PEASANTS

The conditions of natives in 10,000 African mines. His data, is therefore, first hand.) behavior of your British Tom- whole family, to the white farm- ually unfit for human consumphave the power to permit or to Philip Randolph of the March-On- ful and to explain it can need lings a week the husband works cooped up in these compounds,

the They live in mud huts and

life. An average of five out of live in compounds on the mining see their passes and tax receipts. every ten children die within a property on which they work. At night their houses are raided These "compounds" are noth- and searched without warrant by ing short of prisons. Huge brick the police. The organization of barracks with a single entrance mine workers into trade unions and central quadrangle. From is illegal, and any worker found and 20,000 miners are guilty of this crime is brutally the rural areas are even worse housed in this one building. They punished.

than those of their urban brothers. sleep fifty in a room on concrete "What has shocked every black They are forced to hire out their bunks. They have no facilities ditions to the downtrodden black man from South Africa is the own labour, as well as that of their for washing and their food is us people and compelled thousands to while following a policy of active volunteer for service in the army. defense with reference to Japan. Their character is wonder- ers, for 5 lbs. a year. For 2 shillion. For 18 months they are Under this horrible and brutal regime it is natural that all natives discontinue segregation in the Washington Movement called on many pages. They shake hands on the land, while his wife does separated from their wives and are forbidden to carry weapons of

minals to and from the shaft native troops are not allowed to capitalism in the Far East are own land is one thing; to fight

the basis of a desire to get British imperialism out of the Far East and to annex Canada, Australia and New Zealand. It is this section of the American capitalists that is most sym-One of the main aims of the pathetic to Hitler, not as a repre-

Hemisphere.

rise that jobs should be frozen. I mon: neither one proposes truly that the workers' right to strike independent political action; both in self-defense should be suspended. | are aimed at winning concessions In short, the capitalist parties by exerting pressure on the capi-

are the forces which must be talist parties but not at challengfought if the conditions of the ing the basic power of these par-Negro and white masses are to ties.

be safeguarded. They cannot be fought successfully except by poli- political field, the Negroes must fered us more kindness than God fewer than '600 colored peasants tical action. Yet, in spite of these break altogether with the capiundeniable facts, the NAACP and talist parties, and help form a life that we have seen people of agriculture on infertile land, they compelled to carry an identificamost other national Negro organ- political organization of the massizations refuse to enter openly and es to achieve their political aims. boldly into the political struggle. This does not mean that we call

Instead they confine them- upon the NAACP at its coming selves largely to lobbying. There conference to turn itself into a is nothing wrong in lobbying by political organization. Such itself, although it is usually in- course would be both inadvisable effective. But pleading with cap- and impossible. But what the italist politicians to vote for a NAACP can do and should do, if certain bill, or even demanding it wishes to advance the Negro it of them, is necessary only be- cause and increase its influence cause the administration and among the masses, is to denounce Congress are controlled by par- both capitalist parties and to call ties which are hostile to the in- on the trade unions, the real alterests of the masses. There lies of the Negro, to build an Inwould be no need for lobbying dependent Labor Party.

New Pamphlet On Fight for Negro Equality Published By Pioneer

Pioneer Publishers' new Negro's place in the post-war pamphlet, "The Struggle For world; the relation of the govern-

for sale this week, is a document The pamphlet briefly outlines and commercial parts of the that should be placed in the the kind of world that will be towns, and are entirely segregated hands of every fighter against ushered in by the socialist revolu-from European habitation. Over-Jim Crowism in this country. It tion and how a Workers' and crowding exists in every single is not only the best and most Farmers' Government will act to location throughout the country, thorough analysis of the causes prevent discrimination. Under this the majority of workers living in of discrimination and segregation section there is also a short ac- shacks of corrugated iron and that can be found in current count of the measures in this field bits of packing cases, while the literature on the subject; it is taken in the Soviet Union under also the kind of article which will Lenin and Trotsky, and the Trot- Sanitary arrangements are either play a leading fight in the Negro skyist program for dealing with entirely inadequate or do not exthe problem of the South. struggle for years to come.

Written by John Saunders and Albert Parker, whose writings ap- parties, middle class Negro pear regularly in The Militant, groups, "Negro nationalists" and the pamphlet is sub-titled: "The Program Of The Socialist Workers Party." It is 32 pages long and divided into four main secism; Emancipation Through Socialism; Other Parties And Proggrams; Activities Of The Socialist Workers Party.

Under these sections the pamphlet deals with the following ques- cents per copy, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents in tions: the source of race prejudice in modern society; the ori- ordered from Pioneer Publishers, gin of the "Negro inferiority" myth and its use by capitalism today; how capitalist evils produce allies for the Negroes; the Workers Party.

has done. It is the first time in that kind." This excerpt of a letter from a South African Zulu soldier to H. G. Wells, conveys to anyone con-

Even

versant with the colonial condivel hundreds of miles from their tions of the native, a moving homes to the gold mines of the reminder of the race hatred which Witwatesrand. permeates of the race hatred which NATIVE MINERS LIVE IN permeates the relations between white and black people of South CONCENTRATION CAMPS

Africa, and of the horrible conditions endured by its black pop ulation of 8,000,000.

In a country where the cost o living is higher even than it is in England, the wages paid to the black workers in the towns aver-

least 5 shillings of this has to be spent on travelling fates to and from the "locations" in which the natives are compelled by law to live.

These locations are usually

miles away from the industrial Negro Equality," which appeared ment to the Negro masses. gaps are stuffed with old sacks. its at all. Water has to be drawn The programs of the capitalist from communal pumps, and diph

teria rages.

In some areas these locations resemble concentration camps. the Stalinists are reviewed and High barbed wire fences have been analyzed. The pamphlet closes built around them to prevent the with a picture of the Socialist inhabitants from leaving their tions: The Negro Under Capital- Workers Party, its inner-party prison at night, and to prevent trespassers from entering. The murace relations, its anti-Jim Crow nicipal location managers have activities in the factories and undeclatorial powers and can refuse ions and Negro organizations. permission to anyone to enter a The pamphlet sells for only 5 location under their control.

After paying rates and compulbundles of ten or more. It can be sory poll tax the worker and his family try to eke out an existence on 10 shillings or 12 shillings 116 University Pl., New York, or a week. Malnutrition, miserable local branches of the Socialist housing and unsanitary conditions take tremendous toll of human

British hospital he gets the same clothed in sacks and rags. From a bed in the ward same to other Africa is owned by European pay their land and poll taxes. beds and blankets, he is sent to farmers. An acreage of land con- SLAVERY ABOLISHED --

the ward according to the nature sidered inadequate for one white BUT THE NATIVES ARE To fight for their rights on the of his sickness. They have of farmer is divided between no STILL SLAVES

> All natives in South Africa are and with primitive methods of can hardly raise sufficient prod-tion pass and a poll tax receipt uce to pay their poll tax, and mil- at all times. In addition, special lions of them starve. Under these permits must be carried on speconditions hundreds of thousands. cial occasions. Throughout the African anti-blacks, but unlike the are compelled by starvation to tracountry, natives are subject to curfew at night in their own land. modern British Tommies conscript If they wish to be out after nine workers have treated the blacks

> > "pass." If they wish to travel

In the mines they work 14 from town to town, this also re- skin is different. hours a day thousands of feet quires a special pass. They cannot below the surface for an average seek work, unless they have anof 2 shillings a day. The natives other special "werksoek" pass.

are contracted to work down the They are subject to constant mines for 18 months. During this fear of the police, who can stop period they are forced by law to them at any time and demand to ages less than one lb. a week. At



head. At the end of this period, learn the use of instruments of rican army is that of a Labour tackled first.

corps. The native South Africans ism, Churchill took advantage of. are of course, separated from the white South African troops. But his appearance before Congress to willing to expend the blood and it has been found impossible to strengthen the hand of Roosevelt lives of the British masses to completely segregate them from as against Chandler and all who continue the struggle against the British Tommies. The British officer caste have readily surance that "while there is ful that the British masses will breath in our bodies and while adopted, as they have always pracblood, flows through our veins," ticed in India and other parts the British Empire will continue of Africa, the ideas of the South the struggle against Japan, side by side with the United States. professional armies of the past the Most people understand that promises of capitalist statesmen o'clock at night they are forced to as fellow workers. With profound are not to be taken seriously. If gainst Japan. It is not so simple ask their employer or location democratic instinct, they have re- the British Empire should find it as all that. It can be safely premanager for a special permit or fused to discriminate against to its interest to cease fighting dicted that the British masses them because the colour of their after Hitler is defeated, the will not give Churchill the support

ieve in the freedom and equality is nothing that the British im- is still raging. What the British for all which has been proclaimed perialists would like better than by the Atlantic Charter. The hyp- to have American capitalism con- many factors but one of them. ocrisy of the ruling class is shown tinue a war which would decrease by the fact that South Africa is its resources and thus put British be the continuation of a war

fight against tyranny, race discrimination and oppression. Noof the regime in South Africaa regime of despotic race barbarism it would be hard for Hitler

to equal. On the contrary all efforts are made to conceal the truth from the British workers. As a Liberal. H. G. Wells sent the letter from the Zulu soldier to

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the B. B. C. Naturally they refused to publicize it. For this would expose the real conditions of racialism under the Union Jack. Nevertheless, the actions of the brothers and sons of the British workers in the army are something of which the British workers can be proud. They show the true instinct and class solidarity of the oppressed. It is a good omen for the future of the working class. Fascism and race hatred will never be destroyed by ton to request that the WLB the capitalists of any nation. Only reconsider the rubber case. In a the taking of power by the working class will end the basis of race discrimination and racial ordered the rubber workers back barbarism. The soldier-workers to work. His demand was ignored, have shown by their attitude that instinctively they see, that Goodyear locals joined the Good- as an agency of the governin the words of Marx, "Labour Washington. The executive boards with a white skin can never be of the three locals issued a joint free while labour with a black public telegram to the War Labor skin is branded." The task of the Board which stated: revolutionary workers' government is to make that instinct

very extensive and must be defor the reconquest of Singapore food with them, he lines into the wages they earn half is paid they return home human wrecks war to defended themselves. Their fended, the German imperialist foe and Burma in the interests of the one line with them, he is given in taxes. Most of the land in South and with only enough money to only role in the presnt South Af- is right at the door and must be British capitalists is another Representing British imperial not fail to see the difference.

Churchill may be perfectly share his views. He gave his as- Japan but it is exceedingly doubtconsider this prospect with great enthusiasm.

I do not mean to indicate that the British masses will immediately overthrow its capitalist government if, after Hitler is defeated. the war will continue apromise of Churchill would not that they are giving him now The British workers really be prevent it from doing so. There while the struggle against Hitler masses will do will depend on and not the least important, will an ally allegedly to help in the capitalism in a better competitive which to them will appear to be position. After all, British im- exclusively an imperialist war.

perialism fought for more than In any event the British masses where, do we find a denunciation two years before the United are not bound by the promise of States actually entered the con- the representative of the British flict. In those two years its res- ruling class.

Rubber Workers Walk Out

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living costs for our own people have increased 23% since At the Goodrich Local 5 mass January 1941. We are parties to meeting, held shortly after the a no-strike agreement. Essential walkout, local union leaders to this agreement is orderly responded to the demands of the procedure for prompt and just membership by supporting the settlement of grievances. Another protest walkout and they left im | part of the no-strike agreement mediately for Washington to was the \$25,000 limit on exdemand that the WLB reconsider | ecutive salaries. That part was its decision. They also stated they | thrown out by political maneuverintended to see Philip Murray to ing. The orderly procedure failed enlist his support. President when it failed to give us fair, Dalrymple of the United Rubber equal and impartial treatment Workers also went to Washing- along with workers in other industries. . .

public statement, however, he NO CONFIDENCE IN WLB

"Loss of confidence in the fair-Leaders of the Firestone and ness and impartiality of the WLB rich leaders in their trip to ment finally created the work stoppage. . ."

While the local officers of the unions are negotiating in Wash-"We have shown conclusively ington, workers are sitting tight, before the War Labor Board that awaiting developments.

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- LEON TROTSKY

JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR:

- 1. Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions. Special officers' training camps, financed by the government but controlled by the trade unions, to train workers to become officers.
- 2. Trade union wages for all workers drafted into the army.
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- 5. For a rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.
- 6. Workers Defense Guards against vigilante and fascist attacks.
- 7. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
- 9. Defend the Soviet Union against im-

which they themselves helped to create. In one conference after another, the delegates of the UAW, the largest, most democratic and powerful CIO union, have come forward against their leaders to back up their fellow-workers in the mine-pits. The Detroit auto-workers and Akron rubber workers took strike action this week to add their protests to the miners against the WLB.

These CIO industrial workers are the most dynamic section of American labor, its vanguard and its hope for the future. They are the closest and firmest allies of the miners. By reaffiliating to the AFL, if that is not a step toward the general unification of labor, the miners will not have lowered but rather raised the organizational barriers between themselves and their best allies, their fellow-workers in auto, rubber, steel and other key industries who face the same enemies and must fight them in the same way.

The miners must find a way to level these barriers and effect a fighting alliance with these CIO workers.

The miners have broken the strangle-hold of the Roosevelt administration over the trade-union movement. They have exposed the cowardice of the Murray-Green-Hillman-Stalinist lickspittles. They have cast off the straitjacket of the War Labor Board and its "Little Steel" formula. They have reasserted the independence of the trade unions on the industrial field and blazed the trail for the rest of labor to follow.

What political course should the miners take, now that they have repudiated in action the policies of Roosevelt and his party? The Republicans have ganged up with the Democrats in Congress to condemn the miners, to term them "traitors," and to enact anti-strike legislation. Both political agencies of the bosses have shown themselves to be bitter enemies of the mine-workers. What a backward step it would be if the miners should swing over toward the Republican Party which received John L. Lewis's support in 1940!

Like the rest of American labor, the miners need their own class representatives in Congress, in the State legislatures, in the City Halls. Now is the time for the miners to follow up their declaration of industrial independence by proclaiming their independence of all capitalist parties and politicians. The miners should launch a movement for an Independent Labor Party based upon their own and all other trade-unions.

Not backward to the Republican Party but forward to the Independent Party of Labor! With this political goal in view the miners can not only consolidate their gains and increase their striking power but they will play the same great pioneering role in politics that they are today playing on the industrial arena.



The anti-poll tax bill was passed on May 25 by the House of Representatives. The overwhelming majority of more than two to one reflected not the more progressive character of the present Congress -it remains no less reactionary than its predeces-

sor-but rather the growing pressure of the masses of the people who have become more educated to the meaning of the poll tax and more determined to wipe it out. This growing pressure was symbol-



UAW Men Forced To Strike By Corporations

(Continued from page 1) "After several hours grilling his local. "The Plymouth workers Witte called a recess for ten min- reject the few individuals in the platform. Thomas was forced to take over and apologize for this utes. the labor movement who are breach of democracy on the part responsible for this strike." "When we came back from the

of top UAW officials. ecess the WLB said they would A similar statement was issued The men sat in stony silence now hand down their decision. We by the Stalinist whip Nat Ganley, when Frankensteen told them it could not understand on what business agent of Local 155. The might be necessary for the union basis they could decide. They must Stalinist front man, C. Pat to suffer a temporary setback at have looked into a crystal bowl. Quinn president of the Stalinist the hands of management during We were to go back to work and dominated Wayne County Council the war but that the union would that was all there was to it." issued a blast against the rank more than make up for it after the and file of the Chrysler and Dodg ASSURANCES

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Dodge Plant Committee, told the all their naivete the workers were of strikes during this critical workers what went on behind the not too impressed with this period on the Lewis-Reuther scenes in a nine hour conference assurance. A rank and file worker forces. on Friday May 21 at the Penobscot stated after the oratorical barrage The role that the Stalinists had Building called by Edwin E. Witte, regional WLB director. Ford, Ed. Carev, president of would like to be shown." Chrysler Local 7, Earl Reynolds, president of Dodge Local 2, and other local union men were present. Leo Lamotte represented the International' union. Herman L. Weckler, vice-president and general manager of Chrysler, tions director at the Dodge main Hopkins, Financial Secretary of pathizer told your reporter that it Clarence W. Johnson, labor relaplant, Roy H. Appleman, labor porter: relations director of the Jefferson did not authorize the walkout of and Kercheval plants, and other the workers. It was a rank and company officials sat in for management. Participating in the full file movement. We feel that the regional board were 2 FBI men, Army and Navy representatives, whether or not to go back." the management and the Interna and State and Federal conciliators STALINIST SCABS "The room was filled with generals and colonels and other men in uniform." Ford stated. Witte grilled the local union men one by one. "They were look- Stalinists, the position of Lamotte day. They must now tighten their ing for a scapegoat. That is all being in no way distinguishable ranks and prevent the army brass they were interested in. We finally from that of Browder's boys, hats with the help of their own told them that if that was all they Lamotte was never concerned with top officials from victimizing their wanted we would leave the room the grievances of the men. In rank and file leaders, stewards, and they could pick one of us and typical police fashion he was look- committee men etc. for this comhe would be the scapegoat. They ing for a scapegoat. "Certain peo- pany-provoked walkout. That will were especially out to crucify ple are trying to take over the be the aim of the brass hats who Carey." Ford said. "I finally asked them to ask Not a word about the provocations support from the International ofthe Chrysler Corp. people some of the company. Not a word about ficers. Only the complete solidarity questions but when they started to the long-strained patience of the of the men behind their stewards quiz the minor officials Weckler | men. spoke right up for them and did place. Nor was the position of Thomas not permit them to talk. much better. He too blamed the, Weckler merely said 'that the strike upon the men and his first Chrysler Corp. has lived up to concern was "to find out who all its agreements since it startstarted the Chrysler strike." ed bargaining with the union in The Stalinist machine was in 1937.' We know otherwise. (A high gear. All the Stalinist wheel. workers of Akron have followed. roar of laughter greeted the horses went into action. Pop These are but the first rumblings cynical claim of the Corporation Edelin, president of Plymouth officials). Local 51, was not satisfied with "Why didn't our international statements and letters to officials forward. This march will be officers speak up for us? We urging the men to go back to work facilitated by the formation of pay them 40 cents on every dol- without having their grievances labor's own party, so that the lars' worth of dues. But they settled. He got out a printed voice of the workers can be never opened their mouths once. leaflet which was distributed at heard above the capitalist din They sat there like wooden both Sunday meetings presuming in the press and over the radio stools. to speak for the rank and file of and in the halls of Congress.

Locals. Nor they did not confine themselves to a land attack. The

President Reynolds of Dodge hurried out to sea and called upor local said he was assured by the E. J. Cunningham, Detroit agent wo FBI men that they would of the National Maritime Union see to it that the corporation lived who wired Thomas, issued up to its agreements. The WLB withering tirade against the ranks

and the army and navy officers and praised Lamotte for "publicly gave similar assurances. But with laying the blame for provocation

of Frankensteen and Thomas; "I been playing even before this may be a doubting Thomas, but I strike was fully exposed in an article of the latest issue of the So ingrained are the princi- weekly UAW paper. The blasts by ples of democracy in the UAW their wheelhorses has not only that the local Dodge officers re- further incensed the ranks of the fused to call off the walkout automobile workers against the without having the men them- Communist Party but has brought selves decide the question at into disaffection their own ranks their union meeting. As Barney One Stalinist member or symhe Dodge Local, told your re- was necessary for them to call "The officers' board upon their top party hacks to allay the strong feeling among their members against the party line But what the government of men themselves must vote ficials, the Army, Navy and FBI, tional officials couldn't do, the Stalinists likewise will not be able The scabbiest roles in the to achieve, namely, to break the Chrysler-Dodge strike were re. spirit of the men. They are learnserved for Lamotte and the ing the score with each passing union," Lamotte kept repeating, are receiving passive if not active will prevent this from taking The miners led the way. The auto workers showed in action their determination to support the miners and to fight their own battles as well. The rubber of the new awakening. Labor is getting set for a new march

More Corporations Caught Selling Defective Goods

The Wright Aeronautical Corporation's plant at Lockland, Ohio, has joined the fast-growing list of big business concerns who have been caught producing defective war materials and thereby increasing war profits while endangering the lives of men in the armed forces and merchant marine.

According to a statement issued on May 20 by the Senate Truman Committee, the Wright Corporation placed "unsafe and defective material in completed engines ready for shipment."

The Department of Justice is now making an investigation based upon the evidence unearthed by the Truman Committee.

Meanwhile, officials' of the National Bronze and Aluminum Foundry Company in Cleveland, Ohio, were formally indicted on charges of sabotage. Last month this company, the country's largest manufacturer of aluminum castings, was caught in the act of deliberately passing on to airplane assemblers defective supercharges. Testimony of the plant's workers revealed that the fraud originated with the company's top officials.

If the investigations and "prosecution" of the previous production scandals set the precedent, the officials of the Wright Corporation will get off with a light tap on the wrist. Severe measures are reserved for the workers-such as the case of the welders in a Baltimore ship yard who were victims of the speedup. Last month they were accused of faulty welding and thrown into prison as saboteurs.



In Washington the lid is lifting on another scandal. bringing into, public view the machinations of Attorney-General Francis Biddle. Mr. Biddle, it appears, has for more than a year been seeking to protect Eugene Cox, poll-tax Representative from Georgia.

Washington reporters of the Nation and the New Republic this week charged that since March 1942 Biddle has been in possession of evidence proving that Cox violated Section 113 of the U.S. Criminal Code which prohibits Congressmen from receiving pay for private services before a Federal agency. According to I. F. Stone, the evidence shows that Cox "communicated at least 25 times with the FCC to obtain a license for station WALB in his district, that he received a check for \$2,500 from the owners of the station a month after the license was granted . . . marked 'legal expenses'." (Nation, May 22.)

Cox met the FCC charges by having himself appointed head of a House Committee to 'investigate' the FCC. His method of 'investigation' was made public this week when FCC Commissioner Clifford J. Durr wrote an open letter to House Speaker Rayburn charging that the Cox Committee never meets; that its counsel, Eugene L. Garey, summons FCC employes and forces them to testify in secret under oath; and refuses to give witnesses transcripts of their testimony.

Two years ago, Biddle, who is now busy shielding Cox from justice, was busy handing down indictments against 28 members of Local 544-CIO and leaders of the Socialist Workers Party. More recently, Biddle busied himself with getting the Post Office ment to revoke the second-mailing rights of The Militant. Mr. Biddle is extremely reluctant to enforce the law in a case involving a member of his own political party. But he rushes to stretch the law and even tries to break the Constitutional guarantee of free press and free speech when it comes to the prosecution of militant trade unionists and revolutionary socialists, and the gagging of an anti-Fascist working-class paper like The Militant



perialist attack.

Miners and the AFL

When Roosevelt intervened to aid the coal barons in their fight against the miners, he counted upon splitting their ranks and the UMW from the rest of organized labor. Every available means of pressure was used to break up the solidarity of the miners and make them bow down before Roosevelt and give in to the operators.

But all the maneuvers of the administration failed to crack the solidarity of the UMW. The miners' ranks remained united and unshaken under an unprecedented barrage of threats, insults, slander from the regimented press, radio, and WLB. They continue their stubborn struggle for their just demands.

The fact that the miners were organizationally separated from the other sections of the tradeunion movement weakened them and helped Roosevelt. The widespread support of the rank and file of the AFL and CIO could not assert itself with full power in favor of the miners under these conditions. Especially in view of the cowardly, strike-breaking position taken by AFL-CIO leaders who placed their subservience to the administration above solidarity with the miners who are fighting labor's battle.

To overcome this obstacle the MILITANT suggested that the mine leaders call a conference of all the national trade-union organizations for the purpose of uniting labor's ranks behind a joint program of struggle against wage-freezing, job-freezing and anti-labor legislation. The UMW leaders, however, decided upon a different course and have applied for readmission to the AFL.

There is no doubt that this step will aid them in their immediate struggle. But the miners, we are sure, will not forget that many of the reasons which forced them to leave the AFL seven years ago still hold good. The top officials of the AFL embrace many of the most reactionary figures in American trade-unionism: Hutcheson, the die-hard. ultra-conservative craft-unionist; Tobin, Roosevelt's lieutenant; and many patrons and protectors of racketeering and Jim-crow. The miners will not find real friends and allies among these bureaucrats.

Nor should the miners forget that the readiest response and most militant support to their struggles have come, not from the craft-ridden AFL, but from the rank and file of the CIO movement

zed in the following incident which occured in the course of the debate:

"A sailor who identified himself as Evan O. Jones of Los Angeles, a signalman, second class, stood up in the gallery and shouted:

"'Why should a man have to pay a tax to vote when he can fight without doing it?" (N. Y. Times, May 26.)

This outraged young sailor gave voice to the feelings of many millions; the assembled Representatives know it very well and that is why they voted as they did. But the adoption of the bill by the House does not mean that the battle against the poll tax has been won. On the contrary, the bill now goes to the Senate where a similar measure was filibustered to death last Fall by the Southern Democrats who hold the balance of power in the Senate. With reactionary forces becoming increasingly bolder, these gentlemen wield even more power in 1943 than they did in 1942, and because they remain what they are we can be certain that they will try to repeat the last year's performance. Everyone acquainted with the history of the poll tax knows that its advocates have always pretended it was to be used to uphold "white supremacy" by disfranchising the Negro, but that actually it has been and is still being used to deprive even more Southern white workers than Negroes of votes. Unfortunately, not enough workers are as yet aware that the poll tax in one-sixth of the states directly affects the workers in all the states.

The poll tax issue should be raised in every trade union local in the country. The poll tax must go! The abolition of the poll tax will strengthen the labor movement. The fight to abolish it will help to further open the eyes of trade union members to the real character of the Republican and Democratic Parties and to the burning need for building an Independent Labor Party.



UAW Official Cites List of Grievances

DETROIT, May 24-The provocative and unionbusting conduct of the auto barons was especially marked in the Chrysler plants. In an interview with The Militant reporter, Vincent Klein, Financial Secretary of Chrysler Local 7, said:

"Chrysler stopped bargaining since Pearl Harbor-since the no-strike pledge was given up by the union. During the last 60 days more than 40 major grievances have piled up. It is always the same answer: 'No, no, no, no!'"

Here are some of the grievances that Klein listed:

"A man who lighted a cigarette 10 seconds before quitting time was fired, although he had been in the employ of the company for 11 years and had an otherwise perfect record. Upon intervention of the union the management cancelled the firing but penalized him with a two or three day lay-off.

"The roof leaked in one section of the plant

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where there were electric and welding equipment and drills. Due to continuous rain there was ever-present the danger of electrocution. When the steward appealed to the management the answer was: 'Stop the rain if you want to.' The steward received a two day lay-off for his pains although the company later fixed the leak. He was penalized for saving a man's life, you might say.

"A steward was complaining for three weeks about the inadequate safety devices in the dynamo room where tank motors were being tested. They were revolving at the rate of 3,800 to 4,000 revolutions a minute and there was a continual danger of a worker being sucked up in the big fan in the room. The very danger against which the steward had been warning the company for three weeks actually happened in the fourth week when a man was sucked up in the fan and chopped to pieces."



Norman Thomas represents himself to the American people as an honest man, even a Socialist. He never lets slip an opportunity to preach a sermon on the superiority of his "democratic" morality over that of the Trotskyists.

In a letter to the New York Times of May 12, Norman Thomas writes: "I said that of course it made a profound difference who won the war. I said, as I have said many times before, that once in the war, it certainly had to be prosecuted until we reached a point where we could not suffer under an easy and oppressive truce dictated by the Nazi and Japanese war lords."

In plain words, Mr. Thomas goes all out for this war. "Many times before" Thomas spoke about the Second World War. Between the First World War and the Second he and his party many times repeated that they would never under any circumstances support any capitalist war. When the war broke out in Europe, as a leading figure of the pacifist "Keep America Out Of War Committee," Thomas warned against the intervention of the U.S. government and vowed that he, for one, would have no part of it. Today, Thomas wants the war "to be prosecuted until. . ." the Anglo-American coalition is victorious. Thomas and his colleagues expelled the Trotskyists from his Socialist Party in August 1937 because of their revolutionary socialist ideas. The Trotskyists said then that they would never support any capitalist war. The Thomasites claimed the same thing,

Events have shown who were the honest people. The Trotskyists kept their word to the workers. Their leaders refused to change their views on the war. They faced Federal prosecution in court trial at Minneapolis and now face prison sentences for their, loyalty to Socialism.

Thomas, the apostle of pure morality, broke his word and takes his place on the imperialist bandwagon.

There, in a nutshell, is the difference between "democratic" morals and petty-bourgeois politics and Bolshevik morals and working-class politics.

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