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WLB Says Little Steel Formula Will Continue

Roosevelt's Agents Lay Down Anti-Labor Barrage to Scare Off AFL-CIO Officials from Conducting Fight for Wage Increases.

Roosevelt is now organizing his counter-offensive against the labor movement in a desperate attempt to preserve the wage-freeze. He fears that the WLB approval of the contract signed by Ickes with the United Mine Workers has opened wide the sluice gates to new demands for wage increases. He is striving to overcome his administration's definite loss of "face" on the labor front. The big windbag, William H. Davis, WLB chairman, became quite melodramatic about the "fall" of the WLB. The coal wage agreement, according to Davis had injured the board's strike policy. Then quoting Marc Anthony, Davis exclaimed: "Great Caesar fell. O, what a fall was there, my countrymen. Then I and you and all of us fell down." The quotation does not make it clear whether Davis or Roosevelt is the Caesar who fell. But one thing

is sure: Davis is smarting under the blow of the miners' victory.

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In an attempt to scare off the Murrays and Greens from following in the miners' footsteps, the WLB proceeded to lay down an anti-labor barrage immediately after they were forced to approve the mine agreement.

WAGE FREEZE CONTINUES

On Nov. 10, Davis announced that the coal wage agreement "has not impaired the wage stabilization policy." Davis insisted that his Nov. 5 letter to Vice-President Wallace, where he implied that labor's wages had been frozen while prices had been rising was "widely misunderstood and misapplied."

"So far as I am concerned," he declaimed, "I have not begun to surrender and do not intend to surrender any part of the wage stabilization program."

The next day the WLB returned to the attack by accusing the UMW of "cynical and repeated violations of the no-strike policy." Three of the WLB public members then threatened the labor movement with a new union-busting campaign if they insisted on fighting for higher wage increases. "Legislative sanctions," they de-"more thoroughgoing than

Letter Reveals the Growth of Trotskyist Movement in Egypt

The following extracts are from a letter to Britain from Cairo:

"Of the Egyptians I have contacted some acknowledge themselves as Trotskyists, others do not, but still take up our position.

"The membership of this group is dominated by Stalinists; they ran a fortnightly review in Arabic. The friction in the group came to a head after the dissolution of the Comintern and resulted in the Trotskyists controlling the review from which the Stalinists have withdrawn support. (The press censorship is very strict, however, with a corresponding effect on the policy of the review.)

"One of the comrades has been imprisoned twice: his 'line' during interrogation was similar to Cannon's [testimony in the Minneapolis trial.] He has now been released after 10 months' imprisonment - pending trial. Another comrade recently received some material from another section. It is needless to mention how welcome is any literature to these comrades - and most of them understand English. They have contacts throughout the Middle East.

"About the affair in the Greek armed forces [reference to rank and file movement in Greek army against reactionary monarchist officers] in the Middle East last March - the leaders of the revolt were disarmed and are now in concentration camps. Long live democracy!

"In today's Egyptian Gazette is a report of a speech by Bevin against Trotskyites. . ."

Nazis Face Rising **Tide Of Resistance**

Sweeping Soviet Advances Worry 'Democratic' Allies

Post Office Still Interferes With 'Militant' Mailing

Subscribers Advised To Protest to Walker

Another issue of The Militant has been held up for more than a week by the arbitrary, unwarranted and unexplained interference of the Post Office Department in Washington. The Nov. 6, 1943, issue was finally released for mailing by Washington in response to a telegram of protest from The Militant. However, the postal authorities gave no explanation for the long delay in releasing the issue for dispatch. This high-handed procedure is typical of Washington's interference with the mailing of the paper during the past year.

This systematic persecution of The Militant first began when the Nov. 7, 1942, issue was held up by Roosevelt's Post Office Department. However, The Militant did not learn of the action until phoning the post office the business manager was informed for the first time that Washington had ordered the issue withheld from the mails

hearing in Washington on Jan. war. 21, 1943, government attorneys demanded revocation of The Militant's second-class mailing rights of administration foreign and the percentage increase was

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Wall Street Profiteers Fill complaints from subscribers began to pour in and then upon tele-

The windfall of profits the war has brought American Big Business is shown by two recent reports. The first is a table published in the current CIO economic news letter giving the com-At a Post Office Department parative profits of 29 leading corporations before and during the

Of the 29 companies, 14 made ten times as much in 1942, before taxes, as they averaged in 1936-39. Almost all multibecause of the paper's criticism plied their pre-war income, before taxes, by four. In several cases

2.19% of the total assets of

The total assets of the 250

corporations studied had increased

26.8% by the end of 1942 over

1939 to 1942 the corporations paid

out cash dividends totalling \$5,-

067,245,000, leaving \$2,518,618,-

000 in their reserves. Textile and

carpet manufacturers, makers of

metal working machinery, toilet

and soap manufacturers, and auto-

mobile and accessory manufac-

the 146 companies.

of reserves.

London And Washington Seek New Agreement With Stalin

Red Army Breaks Through on Central Front; Nazi Lines Begin to Crumble in the South

By John G. Wright

NOV. 16.—The Red Army's greatest offensive of the war is gaining crushing momentum. The Soviet forces have swiftly and relentlessly utilized their major breakthrough in the Kiev area in order to widen the breach and to forge ahead at lightning speed toward the Pripet marshlands along the old Polish frontiers. Nov. 15 Moscow dispatches placed the advancing Red columns almost 100 miles west of Kiev.

cling Gomel and severing its main This latest advance vir-

The Red Army, pedestaled in

On the southern front the Red tually cuts the German Army is on the verge of reaping lines in two. The south- the full fruits of its decisive victory in the battle for the Dnieper. ern front is almost isola- Berlin itself broadcast the news ted. Still more, rout now on Nov. 15 that a Soviet army of 500,000 had smashed through threatens the Germans not the lines north and northwest of Krivoi Rog. A full-scale breakonly along the crumbling through in the big Dnieper bend would mean a debacle for the Gersouthern front but in the man armies on the southern front. central a n d northern "COMPLICATIONS" AHEAD

areas as well. A note of panic is creeping into triumph, strikes terror into Nazi

the dispatches of the German hearts. But statesmen in London High Command. What they fear and Washington are also uneasy at this time is the slashing of before the Soviet titan. They may their lines into three segments, still wear forced smiles in public with the northern front severed but their hearts are filled with from all contact with their tenugloom and foreboding.

Tell-tale of "democratic" reacous positions in the center. tion to the news of Soviet **GOMEL CIRCLED** triumphs are the comments of the In the Gomel sector Times er German bastion of the central lyzing the consequences of the front, 140 miles north of Kiev, German reverses at Zhitomir, other Red Armies are lunging to- were compelled to admit sadly ward Gomel's two railways, whose | that the situation was one "like-26.8% by the end of 1942 over 1939. The report pointed out that of retreat in this pivotal area, and the western Allies." (N. Y. Times, for the four-year period from at the same time would isolate the Nov. 15.) Just what is it that these au-German northern flank. The German High Command admits So- thoritative spokesmen of the viet advances in this sector but American capitalist class fear so claims that the initial attacks on | much? They immediately fear. the strategic railway center of among other things, new "compli-Rechitsa had been beaten off. Hit- | cations" with the Kremlin. As the ler's generals can find comfort | Times editors put it, the Soviet nowadays only in boasting that advances are "likely to revive the turers and grocery companies had they have been temporarily able issue of the Polish frontiers shelvset aside the greatest percentage to avert a near disaster. But the ed temporarily by the Moscow Red Army communique of Nov. | conference."

now exist may be required unless organized labor itself demonstrates from now on its determination to accept the bitter with the sweet and to comply with the orderly processes of government.

Big Business proceeded to emit its own savage growl at the labor movement. Momentarily cornered, they were forced to go along with the Ickes-Lewis agreement. Their industry representatives on the WLB voted along with the "public" members to approve the agreement. But now they are trying to organize their minions more strongly than ever Hitlerism. before to prevent the rest of organized labor from winning wage increases.

WANT NEW LAWS

In a separate statement, the four industry representatives urged "the necessity for immediate consideration by congress of legislation to amend existing laws, in order to require responsibility

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displaying in numerous ways **Alton Levy Released After Three Month Imprisonment**

Private Alton Levy, former union organizer, was courtmartialled by the anti-labor, Jim-Crow Army Brass Hats for protesting the Army's Jim-Crow system. He was finally freed from the army stockade at the Lincoln, Nebraska Air Base, after serving three months of a fourmonth sentence.

In spite of numerous demands from labor unions, the War Department has refused to make public the testimony at the trial. Samuel Wolchak, Chairman of the AFL-CIO committee to free Levy stated: "The release of Alton Levy is a real victory but must be followed by his complete vindication. . . On that fight depends the safety of many thousands of American boys like Levy who have been trained by their unions to work for equal rights for all."



Grimness was the keynote in the Nov. 8 Nazi celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Munich Beer Hall Putsch, in contrast to the swagger of previous demonstrations. Hitler in his cancelled the second-class mailing speech made many threats against "German people who despair," 'cowards," "criminals," and others who are defeatists. No gay buntings were permitted to remind the masses that 20 years ago the Nazis made their first bid for power.

This year, the tenth of their unchallenged rule, the Nazis 'celebrate'' amid rumblings

from the German and European their hatred of an anger with the murderous fascist rule. masses which presage doom for **RISING RESISTANCE**

From France come reports of More and more reports of mass increasing worker resistance, the unrest and sporadic uprisings in shooting down of French fascists, Europe are today seeping through the unremitting Nazi-imposed In Lyons, states an unconfirmed censorship. In France, Norway, dispatch to the Nov. 12 N. Y.

Times. 800 persons were shot down by the fascists during Germany itself-in every corner Armistice Day demonstrations of Nazi-ruled Europe, the masses, for peace.

been destroyed by the post office as "nonmailable." The last issue In German-occupied Italy the workers continue their valiant struggle to rid the country of the Communication of the to be destroyed was the 1943 May

Since November 1942 all issues German fascists and their Italian Quislings. Guerrilla activities have of the paper have been withheld been so effective that the Nazis from dispatch until released by have offered amnesty to all Washington. This bureaucratic Italian and French guerillas in interference has meant a delay the Maritime Alps who surrender of from three days to more than before Nov. 15. In attempting to a week, even when the issues are quell the continual street fighting eventually released by Washingbetween the workers and the fas- ton.

cists, curfew was established in Last July 8 The Militant reap-Milan. The workers defied it. In plied for its second-class mailing a demonstration on Armistice rights. Subsequent inquiry as to Day, eight demonstrators were the status of the application killed, while scores were wounded brought the reply that the matter by Nazi gunfire. was "receiving consideration."

Anti-Nazi demonstrations by Four months have passed and the workers in Austria are becoming postal authorities still have not more and more widespread as the acted.

Red Army continues its westward Attorneys for The Militant state drive. Anti-Nazi slogans are that the Post Office Department multiplying on walls. Here is an appears to be using the method eyewitness report from the Nov. of delay as a substitute for an 8 N. Y. Times: "In Jctober, an informant said there was a big outright refusal to grant the second-class mailing privileges. riot in the Hirtenberg munitions works and in a factory at Leitha It may therefore be necessary to that turns out canned goods for go to court and thus force the the German Army. . . Anti-Nazi postal authorities to act.

Meanwhile, we advise the demonstrations have occurred in all parts of Austria, he says, and readers who have complained he cites the Floritsdorf-Vienna about the delay in the delivery locomotive works the Koeflich of The Militant to direct their protests to Postmaster General

(Continued on page 3) Walker, Washington, D. C.

numbered in the thousands. The to ing of Big Business, and its ad-American Car & Foundry Co., vocacy of an independent labor for example, increased its profits party and a Workers' and Farmers' Government. On March 3, 9,700% in 1942 over 1936-39: 1943, Postmaster General Walker, Mack Trucks showed a 624% ina member of Roosevelt's cabinet, crease; Remington Arms went up 521%; Budd Mfg. Co., rights of The Militant. 2,113%.

Many trade unions and liberal Inasmuch as a corporation may organizations have joined in the not be required to pay a tax in protest against this arbitrary canexcess of 80% of its total profits, celling of mailing rights to a a 1,000% increase in profit, beworking class paper. In fact, so raw was the government's case fore taxes, leaves the company

DELAY IN WASHINGTON

against The Militant in the Post All but six of the twenty-nine Office hearing in Washington, companies doubled their average that even the capitalist press, peacetime incomes, after taxes, in

particularly the N. Y. Times was 1942. Several gained five times forced to protest - not, it is true, as much. And most of the war." against the cancellation of mail- corporations are doing even better ing rights, but the method used | in 1943 than in 1942. to do it.

CORPORATION RESERVES

In addition to raking in enormous profits and paying out Five issues of the paper have lush dividends, the big corporations are piling up colossal reserves, it was disclosed in a survey made public on Armistice

Armed popular resistance, which mandatory regime and proclaim the Arabian press had correctly Day by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The SEC has punctuated the entire history you free and independent." reported that, starting almost of French colonial misrule in the Early in November the recently from scratch in 1929, American Middle East, has flared again-Big Business by the end of 1942 this time in tiny Lebanon, situated Chamber of Deputies, tired of the traditional colonial practices. The had increased its reserves by between Palestine and Syria. A constantly broken promises and republic in name only, Lebanon continued exploitation, voted un-

was mandated in 1926 by the animously for full sovereignty League of Nations to France. It and independence of Lebanon. SEC survey revealed that 146 of has long been an integral part of the French colonial empire. The present clash occurs be- Gaullist Delegate - General of Gaullist French Committee of imposed strict censorship, sup-

National Liberation which now pressed the press and all civil exercises the "mandate" over liberties and instituted "modified strators were machinegunned in Lebanon and Syria. martial law." The Lebanese

BROKEN PROMISES

French "democrats." Thereupon The French imperialists have Helleu, after consultation with the broken all their many promises French Committee of National to grant independence to Lebanon. Liberation, acted like all colonial As late as June 1941, during the despots.

Vichy control of Lebanon and TOTALITARIAN PRACTICES Svria, General Georges Catroux, The Lebanese Chamber of former Covernor of Syria, again solemnly promised that Lehanon Deputies and the duly elected Govwould be granted her indeernment were declared dissolved. pendence. President Bechara El-Khoury and and Beirut.

"Free France," he declared. "such other members of the "identifying herself with the real Lebanese Government as could be men and guerrilla formations took traditional France and in the found" were clapped in jail. up the struggle. The Lebanese name of General de Gaulle, will (N. Y. Times, Nov. 12.) Helleu

come to put an end to the then appointed Emile Edde, whom

Yes, Big Business is certainly 16 refutes even this hollow boast This is not exactly prescience

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Lebanese People Revolt **Against 'Free French'**

mekhi, west of Rechitsa, thus cir-

"taking the profits out of the by announcing the capture of De-

designated as a French Quisling, "to take charge of state affairs." elected Lebanon Republican Again, this was in accord with French had followed the same despicable course in Syria in 1934 and again in 1939.

The Lebanese demanded that their arrested leaders be released "In reply to the demand that the French get out of Lebanon, de and their civil liberties restored. They were answered with a still ween the Lebanese and the de Lebanon, Jean Helleu, promptly greater display of force. Senegalese troops, armored cars, tanks were ordered out. The demonthe streets. The number of casualties is still unknown. The instead of being cowed defied the French authorities have pretended from the outset that reports of "disturbances have been grossly exaggerated." According to the colonial administrators, this is all "enemy propaganda." Actually, hundreds must have fallen in the fighting that broke out in Damascus, Aleppo, Homs, Tripoli, Lataika, and later spread to Saida

In the countryside, Druse tribes-

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Austria, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hun-

gary, German-occupied Italy and

encouraged by the downfall of

Mussolini's fascism and the vic-

tories of the Red Army, are

ALTON LEVY

thought it right to say that I did not consider it any part of my duty to liquidate the British Empire. I do not conceal from you that I hold the

same opinion today." (Churchill's speech at the London Lord Mayor's Luncheon, Nov. Churchill has war aims no

different from those of the other big capitalists. He is only more brutally outspoken.

Taking the five largest concerns

the 250 companies had accumulated reserve funds by the end of the 1942 aggregating \$514,-

"Last year, in 1942, I

THE CANDID

Mr. CHURCHILL

2.800%1

n 50 basic industrial groups, the

593,000. These reserves amounted

THE MILITANT

TRADE UNION Party Celebrates 26th NOTES NO Anniversary Of October Los Angeles

\$60.

Comrade Weiss discussed the pointed to the demonstrated

problems of the defense of the power and fighting qualities of

Soviet Union in the Second World the Italian workers as the token

war."

LOS ANGELES - Filling the

Embassy Auditorium South Hall,

members and sympathizers of the

here to celebrate the 26th an-

written in books up to then.

cultural development.

War:

"Second: The Russian Revolu-

"Third: The experience of the

Russian Revolution showed that

without a revolutionary party that

of socialism is a pipe dream."

By Marvel Scholl

There are fifteen million unor- this time to be joined by 4,000 ganized white collar and profes- afternoon shift workers from the sional workers in the country who same department. The department Socialist Workers Party, gathered are still receiving the same rate has been the scene of a couple of of pay which they received in near riots as the supervisory men 1941, before the cost of living mixed with strikers in hand to began its swift spiral upwards. hand battles.

These millions include department store clerks, bank employes, teachers, librarians, city, county

1 W O -

In Cleveland 4,200 employes of and state government employes the Warner and Swasey Company etc. WLB appeals are denied these walked out on strike when the people because they have no union company attempted to discipline shop stewards for not punching to speak for them.

These are the facts set forth time cards during the time they in a series of two articles by were engaged in settling grie-Louis Stark, N. Y. Times Wash- vances within the plant. A conington correspondent in the Nov. | ference of company officials and 14-15 issues of the paper. Stark officers of the International says that the question-how may Association of Machinists (AFL) the wage inequalities between the was called in an attempt to setwages of white collar workers and the the strike. the wages earned by workers

represented by labor unions be redressed ?-was put to federal officials and congressmen. The

answers he got were entirely consistent with the people of whom he asked the question. Not one of these representatives England director, Martin J. Walsh of the capitalist class whose answers were printed suggested to the fifteen million workers that

the way out of their dilemma was to seek and get organization.

Stark virtually admits that it is the lack of organization among these exploited white collar workpresent predicament. But that doesn't mean that he proposed to them that they go out and organize. On the contrary, he puts

living on the wage increases gained by organized labor. The facts adduced by Stark are

a powerful, albeit unintentional, argument for the 15 million white collar workers to join up with organized labor.

* * *

"The fundamental antagonism throughout the whole world. 300 employes of the Engersollbetween the Soviet Union "The Italian masses have lit the Rand Co. plant at Athen, Pa. went ers which is responsible for their on strike on Nov. 13 in a wage and Anglo-American capitalism spark for the new October, which sharpens with every recapture by will end forever the monstrous fight. the Red Army of an important crimes of capitalism with its Soviet town. The thesis of the degredation and exploitation of Aero-Notes, organ of Brewster | Fourth International, enunciated the many by the few, with its

ocal 365, prints a leading editorial in 1934, that 'every big war, wars and fascism," Comrade Benthe blame for the rising cost of in the Nov. 3 issue on the Vinson irrespective of its initial motives, nett said. "The Italian upsurge Naval Committee hearings on the must pose squarely the question has revealed the internal weak-UAW-CIO Brewster Local union: of military intervention against ness and rottenness of capitalist

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3,650 employes of the American

Steel and Wire Co. walked out

on strike at Worcester, Mass. on

Nov. 13 in a contract dispute.

United Steel Workers Union New

said that the company's actions

constituted "a mockery of collec-

* * *

tive bargaining."

"The hearing currently being the USSR applies to Anglo- rule, and that the workers and conducted by the Vinson Commit- American capitalism as well as not the rulers will have the tee goes merrily on. Days run into to German capitalism. weeks and weeks run into months, MOUNTING CONFLICT but apparently the boys have all

"One sixth of the world is out vear. . .

"The committee, which is made of the clutches of world imup, at best, of individuals who are perialism. This arouses the lust Montgomery-Ward and Co. stalwart "defender" of things extremely conservative, is seeking of every capitalist nation that has to discredit Tom De Lorenzo and, poured 90% of its economy into "American" — read open shop have announced that they will not through him, all of Local 365 war channels in order to enlarge renew the contract which they UAW-CIO. And this is not a job its source of markets and its field signed last December with the which is being done in isolation of investment.

United Retail, Wholesale and Deagainst a union which has estabpartment Store Employes Union; lished a reputation for being the Soviet Union and Anglo-American capitalism is finding that they are entering a suit in progressive. It is an attempt federal court in Washington, against unionism in general. Both its expression in the 'border D. C. for an injunction to restrain the CIO and the United Auto- question'," Comrade Weiss added. the WLB from "forcing" them to mobile Workers leadership had sign another contract. They are better sit up and take notice of important role in the long history also suing the union and fourteen what is actually happening. of its officers for one million Frankly the whole thing smells Union. The states forming the dollars for libel for certain old-fashioned 'witch border countries were torn from like an articles printed in the union's hunt.'. . ." paper The Spotlight and the CIO

News.

Union officials label the damage American Labor News, the of- in the work of establishing these suit as an attempt to muzzle the ficial Eastern UAW-CIO Shop border countries, typified by Manunion and deny it freedom of Paper, analyzes the 1943 election nerheim's Finland.'

ults in the Oct. 19 issue: ration of t "The election returns on Tues-* * * lay, November 2, represented a

Lehin and Trotsky reviewing the degenerating influence of the Just fill out some forms, a hundred of unions and to provide additionleaflets bearing a picture of the Soviet Union, despite Red Army were mailed and Stallnist bureaucracy, the speaker

distributed throughout the city. stated fervently: The collection at the meeting was "The conquests of October belong not to the Russian masses They say, "Now don't 'phone us or alone, but to the workers of the world. So long as there remains

niversary of the October Revolu- Chicago one vestige of the gains of the tion. Murry Weiss delivered the revolution, we will not surrender CHICAGO-An overflow meetmain address of the celebration. it to the class enemy. We will "All the basic lessons for the ing to celebrate the 26th an-

defend it to the end." working class are to be found in niversary of the October Revolu-The meeting concluded with the the experience of the Russian tion was held here this afternoon Revolution," Comrade Weiss said. in the Cornish Room of the 'First: the workers conclusively Hamilton Hotel. The meeting, showed in action that the work- sponsored by the Chicago Local

social revolution, the speaker

of the coming revolutionary events

ing class can take state power, of the Socialist Workers Party. solve the pressing national tasks brought out a record attendance singing of the International. confronting it, and hold this state of industrial workers from the power. Thus they translated into auto, aircraft, steel and packing-

stantial contribution.

our latest and best we are So Belle Radlow was chairman of sending to youthe meeting and made the collec-

adoption of a telegram expressing Your case is a tough one we'll warmest regard and solidarity to have to admit be sent to Comrade Natalia Forms Thirty or Sixty just don't Trotsky and with the spirited seem to fit

tion talk which brought a sub-

DETROIT-The 26th anniversary of the Russian Revolution was celebrated here on Nov. 7 by Hailing the Italian revolution spends years in the testing of its and the rise of the Italian masses members and friends of the Detroit Branch of the Socialist program and its cadres, all talk as the beginning of the European Workers Party.

The main speaker was Comrade print it in Scotch Morris Stein, who pointed out

that the Trotskyist celebrations edge vou seek being held today in all parts of the world have nothing in common

Your case has a place down deep

twenty-one miles

spare. sian Revolution, not as a museum You may be certain we'll hide it

hear from us yet

forget

The meeting was closed by the

singing of the Internationale.

a report on the recent Plenum of first meeting attended by a new

Youngstown woman comrade, who The joint session, attended by stated that she was inspired by

to the report on the International the situation in the rubber locals, n made by S Jones A where very heated local union

ITTLE STEEL FORMULA (Continued from page 1) WLB assured Green that "organ-

ized labor, except for the United Mine Workers, has had an excelal protection. . . against those lent record in its patriotic cooperwho misuse the power presently ation with management. . ." But they again attempted to throw

The wage and job freeze, the a scare into the hearts of the Smith-Connally "slave-labor" law. Greens and Murrays: "It is our the Roosevelt sanctions, the draft counsel and most urgent injuncboard regulations, the espionage tion that the Lewis defiance not laws - all these are not enough. be an example, which if followed Big Business is still not satisfied. by other unions, would require It now demands that the anti-lalegislation not only more thorbor drive go still further and at oughgoing but, in its possible feaa more furious pace in the directure, unfair to the labor movetion of total reaction.

ment. . ." The next day, Nov. 12, William

ODE TO WLB WLB STILL ADHERES TO

permitted.

board. . .'

on a job application.

WLB BAITS LABOR Green, AFL president, protested

against the labor baiting offen-It is possible that the Murrays sive of the WLB. In a letter to and Greens will be scared off by Davis, Green said: "Statements this heavy barrage of threats and such as these made by the WLB make it increasingly difficult for dire warnings. But when the CIO labor to participate in the work of convention declared against the the WLB as now constituted and Little Steel formula on the heels to maintain confidence in the of the miners' victories, a trend

was started in the labor move-Of course, Green's threats do not mean very much, and neither ment which cannot be easily Roosevelt nor his henchmen take channalized or damned up. Whatthem too seriously. Still, when ever the pussyfooting bureaucrats even chicken-hearted William decide to do, the rank and file of Green begins to issue threats, it the auto, steel, rubber and the is a sure sign that a real labor other unions mean to follow in crisis is brewing. The "public" members of the the footsteps of the miners.

BrewsterUAWLocal Upholds DeLorenzo

Thomas DeLorenzo was given | DeLorenzo declared: "No, we are an overwhelming vote of connot following CIO policy. We don't fidence by members of the Long believe in turning the other cheek Island division of Brewster UAW or giving a blank check to Roose-Local 365. The Nov. 8 membership velt. We are following our program, which is for the defense of meeting attended by over five thousand workers heard Delabor by a revision of the no-Lorenzo report on the anti-labor strike pledge and the building of a labor party." Vinson Committee which had

"revealed" that DeLorenzo had Similar action was reported to legally changed his name and had have been taken at membership meetings held by the Newark misstated his previous experience and Johnsville sections of the Brewster local.



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LOGIC OF MARXISM

By WILLIAM F. WARDE

OUT OF DANGER AFTER OPERATION "The mounting conflict between Felix Morrow, editor of Fourth International. is convalescing at New York's Beth Israel Hospital from an emer-

"The border question plays an pendicitis. of the struggle against the Soviet

Russia and converted into spears against the Soviet Union. Germany and the Allies participated

DEFEND SOVIET UNION Speaking on the defense of FELIX MORROW NOW

gency operation for acute ap-

Comrade Morrow was stricken while in Philadelphia covering the CIO convention for The Militant.

He is now out of danger. It will be some time before he will be able to resume his editorial duties.

Street. Trotskyists glory in the Ruspiece, but as a great and lasting chievement of the working class from which valuable lessons can be learned and applied to future

struggles. Comrade Stein urged decisive say in the outcome of the the audience to learn these lessons well, since the day when workers the world over will rise again in quest of their freedom is not far

Form Forty-four Thousand Nine Hundred and Two. You will notice the clause in paragraph eight. It cancels all forms you have sent us to date.

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Please ask us more questions in Hebrew or Greek.

with the anniversary meetings held by the Stalinists, or with the

hypocritical gatherings in the in our files Russian Embassy in Washington Which extend underground for attended by the flunkies of Wall

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Now don't be impatient, you'll

n four or five years we will not Your WAR LABOR BOARD will then send to you

Form forty-four thousand nine His real crime, DeLorenzo hundred and two. stated, was that he fought for

Reprinted from Michigan CIO News.

Ohio Branches Hear nent.

SWP Plenum Report

AKRON, Ohio, Nov. 15 - The town branch also reported that discrediting itself. Youngstown and Akron branches it has had a continual growth in of the Socialist Workers Party the last three months, recruiting held a joint meeting Sunday, several steel workers in that November 14, to hear and discuss period. The joint meeting was the

the National Committee. about 20 steel and rubber work- the discussion.

ruling classes in their attempt to growth.

stifle the coming European

Following a report by Joe

Andrews on the Plenum call for

a \$15,000 fund to expand the press

and organizational work of the

Party, the joint meeting un-

animously accepted the quotas

revolutionary wave.

ers, listened with great interest | The Akron branch reported on

The Answer to

Albert Parker

Jim Crow:

strides forward in economic and the great historic achievements Detroit of the Bolshevik Revolution, its international character, and its permanent significance to the international working class.

revolution leads to gigantic from the audience. She described

flesh and blood what was only house industries. Lydia Bennett, the main speak er, gave an inspiring address that tion showed that the proletarian evoked an enthusiastic response

Sporadic strikes continue to defeat for the forces of progress flare up all over the country, and liberalism supported by despite the existence of the Smith Labor.

Connally anti-strike law and the "There are several lessons criminal penalties attached to Labor can draw from these striking in violation of the law. returns.

"One: The realization under-One such strike occurred on Nov. 10 at the Ford Willow Run lined by the fact that the Ameriplant when the workers in three can Labor Party cannot succeed

departments walked out after the by endorsing the better of two company refused to reclassify die poor candidates, as in Detroit or setters. The strike was settled New York, but must rely son on Nov. 11 when the workers independent political action. agent found the following method responded to an appeal from the UAW-CIO local union heads to go itself is absolutely ineffective to of distributing such copies very effective: "New York Local had a distribuback to work pending the outcome accomplish anything, and only

of negotiations with the company. helps anti-union forces to control The die setters strike was the the country. Last week's elections second in two weeks. In the are a strong argument for poliprevious week 3,000 casters in the tical unity in the labor movement. tion advertising the Russian River Rouge plant walked out in "Three: It is apparent that Revolution meeting November 7. protest against the dictator unless labor forces learn to sup- The papers were distributed in fallacies in the Davies' film, reported on the steel union and tactics of a department foreman. port their own people, and not Harlem, in the Italian neighbor- 'Mission to Moscow.' If so, will the current problems facing the The strike was settled late the any political hack that the two hood, and on the East side. One you please mail me a copy. . . I workers in that area; the Youngssame day, but when the workers major parties decide to nominate, worker who came to the meeting returned in the morning they they can have little hope of keepsaid that he had found the paper and a leaflet under his door that Trials and purges as soon as pos-

found the same foreman in his ing the strength they now place. So they walked out again, possess."

Sunday Forum Features Analysis Of Elections

"The elections everywhere have | reaction becomes, the more each worker a letter asking him shown that in the last three years resolute the workers will become, to subscribe to the paper. fewer and fewer workers have thus placing the inevitability of been participating. . . This can open conflict between the two only mean that they have lost classes on the order of the day. faith in both major political Labor will learn in the course parties. . ." said John Fredericks of these political struggles that before a group of workers in his the only road open to them is the lecture on Labor's Role in the road of independent working 1943 Elections at the Sunday class political action. Labor will forum, November 14, held in the learn that only by presenting its York School of Social own party, its own program, can New Science's hall at 116 University they win the support of the poor, ed subs. . . So ends the sub con-test. San Pedro lost so they will Buy 'The Militant' the support of the lower middle Place.

The speaker explained that even class, the white collar worker, though the majority of the work- the Negro, the working farmering class supported Roosevelt and the toiling and exploited. Comrade Fredericks closed his his administration in this election, there is a growing feeling among | remarks by pointing out that only them of apathy and discontent. after the labor movement has

The results of this election, learned the lessons of this past according to the speaker, will election can "the working class The Militant and Fourth Internastrengthen the reactionary forces go forward and build its own tional. The agent writes that they in Washington and in the trade party, formulate its own program, unions. Reactionary congressmen on the basis of independent a few weeks." will push for more restrictive working class political action. legislation, the enforcement of From there labor can go forward which will drive the masses to to a workers and farmers gov- Plentywood, Montana agent con- and foreign Marxist Literature. the left. The more determined ernment."

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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 David Ransom _

Jim-Crow Politicians in Detroit

Whenever election time draws program. But since Fitzgerald to a speech by Oumansky, Stalin's near, capitalist politicians pretend vied with Jeffries in attacking GPU envoy to Mexico, who fixed to suffer a change of heart about the labor movement and the Negro the Polish borders along the line Negroes and their struggle for people, a great many Negroes and established by the Stalin-Hitler equality. Politicians who over- trade unionists stayed away from pact in 1939.

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look the existence of Jim Crow the polls on Nov. 2. the rest of the year discover the The Detroit election proves Negro problem around election again that Negroes and workers

cannot depend on capitalist poli-Democrats, Republicans, and ticians, "reactionary" or "progres-"Independents" alike make sive," to represent their interests.

wonderful promises. If only some of the promises made in the last

INCIDENTS IN DETROIT ten years by politicians had been kept, Negroes would be much Four months have gone by since closer to having the equality that the June 21 flare-up and federal is rightfully theirs. But as everytroops are still stationed outside one knows, once election time is the city waiting for the next outover, the promises are put away burst of anti-Negro violence. The to gather dust until the next cam- first result of Mayor Jeffries paign. Meantime Negroes see the "race hate" campaign and elec- matic circles" were certain that government, controlled by poli- tion, has been to stimulate the Oumansky's declaration "was the lotov-Eden negotiations which, as ing Jim Crow. The elections this provocateurs.

year were no exception to this rule.

There was one campaign this around the housing issue. The year in which Negroes were racial demogogues are set on of fact they were the target for Crow ghettos. vile racial mudslinging by both

sides. This took place in the whites sought the eviction of mayoralty campaign in Detroit Charles Reynolds and his family between Edward J. Jeffries and from a house they bought in a Frank Fitzgerald. Another reason "white" neighborhood. According this campaign deserves the atten- to these whites, the deed to the Deputies who escaped the clutches

Mayor Jeffries, the candidate forbidding anyone of the "African moved to Baalbeck in the interior, running on an open anti-Negro, race" from occupying the pre- where they are reported to have anti-labor program was elected to mises. office.

With a long record of anti- in a committee of whites called resistance. Negro behavior behind him, Jef- on him and demanded that he

fries could not appeal to the move out. Reynolds, who doesn't MIDDLE EAST AROUSED Negroes with promises of fair seem to scare easily, refused to treatment. They remembered only budge and informed this commit- Gaullist colonial brutality quickly too well that Jeffries blamed the tee of prejudice that he would spread throughout the Arabic Negro population of Detroit for resist any attempt to dislodge world. The Egyptian, Irakian, the anti-Negro pogrom of June him.

21. Nor have they forgotten how Jeffries whitewashed the police force that turned its guns on the rioters in their attacks on the

Negroes. Negroes away from Jeffries was his support of Jim Crow housing. remaining portion plus a village adopted by the Lebanese. on this score during the election. groups demanding mixed housing whites in the same neighborhoods. Federation. I have said and will continue to say no.

Sweeping Soviet Advances Worry 'Democratic' Allies personal organ, Pravda has re- greater speed, especially on the lishment of a bloc between U.S.

(Continued from page 1)

sumed in Moscow its vitriolic at- military arena. London is eager and Britain. In words strongly tacks on the Polish Government- for Stalin to get together at once reminiscent of the same demands on their part. For on the previous day the N. Y. Times had carried in-Exile in London. (N. Y. Times, with Churchill and Roosevelt. So voiced by Churchill during the in its columns a dispatch relating Nov. 16.)

NEW "DISCUSSION" URGED

In other words, Stalin had al-

ready served public notice that ago - questions of the occupahe insists on those territorial de- tion of Germany, the position of mands which the Red Army is Poland, etc. - now logically now in a position to realize in life, arise for discussion." (N. Y.

but which had been so solemnly Times, Nov. 16.) "shelved" less than a fortnight These words, approved by the before in order to make possible London censors, are pregnant Stalin's "historic" agreement with with meaning. Their implication

the Allies. The Times report of Ouman- The Moscow agreement is apparsky's speech inferred that it was ently already out-dated - owing made on Stalin's orders. In this ticians they helped elect, spread- activities of the anti-Negro outcome of instructions from the is now obvious, had not definite-Kremlin." (N. Y. Times, Nov. 14.) | ly settled but simply postponed

In the last two weeks, there And as if to dispel any possible the most burning issues. have been a number of incidents doubts in this connection, Stalin's | With events moving at an ever | thinly veiled call for the estab-

STALIN'S DEMANDS

to the Soviet victories. If agreereport it was stated that "diplo- | ment is to be maintained another pact must supplant the Hull-Mo-



landlords. Meanwhile clouds of discord are in and without prejudging of the beginning to gather again over larger world structure that will Stalin and his Allies. These new be erected. ..." (N. Y. Times, Nov. miners, complications" did not come un- 10.) But this could not alter the heralded. Even immediately after | fact that Churchill with his Nov.

the conclusion of the Hull-Molotov-Eden agreement, there were placed a big question mark over signs that all was not quite so the Nov. 1 "three power" agreein some respects is clear enough: harmonious or long-lasting as the ment. Moscow participants had pretended amid great diplomatic fanfare

and festivities. DISCORDANT NOTES

For instance, Churchill concluded his Nov. 9 Mansion House speech in London by re-issuing a

promised nothing by either frustrating the attempt of the legodes to break out of the Jim-Last week a group of bigoted 'FREE FRENCH' COLONIAL DESPOTS

the French accuse the British of protest. . ." (N. Y. Times, Nov. (Continued from page 1)

tion of Negroes is the fact that property contained a clause of the "Free French" jailors

formed a government and issued The night that Reynolds moved orders to continue organized

Mass demonstrations against de

Syrian and Turkish governments have officially protested to London

In an attempt to segregate the and Washington. Even King Ibn Negroes of the village, the white Saud of Saudi Arabia, a subno less cynical: Negroes thereby aiding the white residents of Inkster sought to servient tool of the British, has secede from this suburb of Detroit joined in the protest. The Syrian

awkward position by the staunch

resistance of the Lebanese and

the sympathetic response and

angry protests that have been

East, especially among the Arabs.

"The situation has caused embarrassment because to be pro-

A Cairo dispatch complains:

and set up a new village. Their Chamber of Deputies is reported Another issue which turned plan was to take 80 per cent of to be contemplating the same the territory and leave the anti-mandate measures as those

The Mayor was sufficiently vocal debt of \$750,000 to the Negroes. But it would be a mistake to An injunction to prevent this conclude that the Lebanese He said, "Arrayed against me are swindle was won by Ford Local resistance is limited solely to the 600, UAW-CIO, and the NAACP, Moslems who compose about half -the mingling of Negroes and and the Civil Rights Defense of the country's population. A special dispatch from Beirut flatly The Negroes of Detroit are not states that "for the first time

only fighting the Ku Klux in many years Moslems and The Negroes of Detroit passed Klanners and the city administra- Christians are united against the

their judgement on Jeffries in the tion, but the Federal government French." And, further: "The most coal mines at Graz, and the primaries of Oct. 5. Jeffries, with as well on the question of Jim- interesting aspect of the present Danube shipyards at Linz." 60,000 votes ran a poor second to Crow housing. It is the established disturbances is that members of the 98,000 votes of his rival, policy of the federal government all religions and sects are united."

having "encouraged the Arabs to 16.) The British it is implied are demand independence," gives the following estimate of London's only awaiting a favorable opcourse in the situation: portunity to step in, displace the

"Beyond moral obligations are order." strategic interests. . . It is more

expedient to conciliate the Arabs Meanwhile, according to the than to support the French. I latest reports, the situation in his Allies on the diplomatic chesshave seen British rule in India, Lebanon remains "potentially board is the basic antagonism of and can hardly believe that the grave" and a "real clash" may come anytime.

One thing stands fully revealed in the light of the Lebanese events. French capitalists remain

Washington's viewpoint, as ex- been and always will be-ruthless pressed in an Algiers dispatch is exploiters of their own and colonial peoples. "Democracy" on

"It was indicated that the their lips is the same sham and American action was more in the the same lie as on the lips of all nature of presenting a solid wall capitalists, victorious and defeated with Britain than of initiating a alike.



FERMENT IN AUSTRIA

a vast prison camp."

moves westward.

SIGNS OF COMING STORM

Workers' Attitude Toward **Government Plant Seizures**

- By M. Morrison

There is one aspect about the to oppose the government's takstruggle of the miners that is ing the factories out of the hands exceedingly interesting and signi- of the private owners. For the icant, since it deals with their conservative bureaucrats private attitude to the question of the control of industry means greatownership of the mines. When er freedom for bargaining and John L. Lewis called off the third hence greater justification for strike he issued a statement in their existence.

which he said that the miners were willing to work for the gov-

idea of working for the government without a contract and with- to prevent strikes. It is true that 9 call for a two-power bloc had ernment and not for the private

Two days later Halifax, British owners. Ambassador to Washington, reiterated Churchill's call for "closinterpreted to indicate an iner ties between U.S. and Britain' before the Academy of Political Sciences, Hotel Astor, New York (N. Y. Times, Nov. 11.) Against of the working class, of the whom could this bloc be ultimately directed if not against the third ownership of industry. party in the "three power" bloc

officially set up only a few days If in the period before the Moscow agreement Stalin replied to

Churchill's demands for a twopower alliance by organizing a 'Free Poland Committee" a "Free Germany Committee," and so on then in the weeks since the Hull-Molotov-Eden agreement Stalin's thing to do with this attitude, answer to Churchill comes in the but it would be a mistake to form of flat territorial demands.

to be a two-power alliance "with-

French, and to restore "law and THE CLASS CONFLICT

before?

Reflected in the feverish moves and countermoves by Stalin and on strike.

The workers do not see in the our epoch: the irreconcilable congovernment an employer who tradiction between the decayed system of capitalism, which and this explains their willing-Roosevelt and Churchill are fighting to perpetuate at all costs, and ness to work for the government the new social order which the under conditions where they would Soviet Union still represents derefuse to work for a private emspite its political degeneration unployer. der Stalin. This antagonism tem-

porarily submerged is coming to the forefront by the titanic victories of the Red Army and the powerful revolutionary currents these victories generate on the continent of Europe.

It is by no means excluded that still another agreement, or even agreements may be reached by Stalin and his Allies. A Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill pact may supplant that of Hull-Molotov-Eden. But the same forces - operating under the inexorable laws of the class struggle-which "out-dated" against the Nazis that, as the the Moscow agreement will in the N. Y. Times of Nov. 4 states, end blow up any agreements with Berlin and forty other cities in the "democracies" which Stalin work for private owners. in the next period **Roosevelt** Ignored **Negro Protests in** Warren Selection

Germany have been placed under martial law. Mass arrests of in the new deem it expedient to sign ported on Nov. 12.

As against the workers who ernment under prevailing condi- favor having the government tions but not for the operators. take over factories and plants Undoubtedly this statement ex- where there are strikes, it is nepressed the sentiments of the cessary to point out that this does not in the least eliminate Not that the miners relished the the private owner. In effect it places a policeman in the factory

out any raise in wages, but they the owner does not like the idea were willing to do so for the gov- of having the army or navy take control of his property. He prefers the policeman to be on the This attitude can be correctly outside and prevent strikes without in any way interfering with stinctive dislike to work for the his rights as owner. He sees profit of private owners and a danger even when only nominal growing awareness, on the part control is taken away from him. As against the conservative necessity for abolishing private trade union bureaucrats who oppose government control because In quite a few instances it has they favor private ownership in happened that workers who have principle, the advanced worker gone out on strike were willing must show that to permit private to go back to work without gain- individuals and corporations to ing any of their demands as soon own huge industries is to permit as the government took over the a large proportion of the money operation of the struck plants. made from the labor of the work-Undoubtedly the feeling that the ers to be given to the owners as workers were too weak to fight profits, thus reducing the share against the government had some- which is rightfully due to the

workers. For the advanced militant the ignore the fact that the workers problem is to utilize the sentiwere actually willing to work, for ment of the workers in favor of a while at least, for the govern- having the government take ment without getting any of the over industries where there are demands for which they went out strikes, as a point of departure for educating the workers to the necessity of eliminating private ownership of industry and instimakes profit out of their labor | tuting workers' control. It is necessary for the advanced militants to present their own program for nationalization of all war industries and placing them

under workers' control.

To foster this sentiment against Two powerful arguments can private ownership of industry is be used to convince workers of he first duty of every advanced the necessity of taking industries worker. The attitude of willing- away from the private owners. ness on the part of striking work- One is that the profits derived ers to return to work if only the by the private owners can be government takes over a plant, used to increase the wages of and even to insist that the gov- the workers. Right now profits ernment should take it over, can are higher than they have ever be the starting point of an ef- been before. The advanced workfective agitation against private er must be well acquainted with ownership of industry. It would the amount of money that the of course constitute a tremendous owner's take for themselves as gain if the workers as a class salaries and profits. It is neceswould be imbued with the feeling sarv to make every worker unthat they should not continue to derstand how much his wages could be raised at the present

There is however a serious time if profits were eliminated. danger in the present attitude of Another argument which the workers in favoring the taking convincing to workers is the over of struck plants by the gov- waste that exists in industry beernment. The danger lies in the cause of the exclusive concern fact that the kind of "govern- of the owners for profits. Esment ownership" which results pecially is this true on governwhen the government takes over ment cost-plus contracts. In genan industry where there is a eral, workers resent inefficiency strike, in effect, limits the rights and waste and it is not difficult of the workers and gives them to win their sympathies for a no advantages. Under present system which would introduce Last week liberals and Stalinists procedure the government simply honesty and efficiency in indusacclaimed Roosevelt's reversal of takes over a factory and prevents try. Comptroller Warren's ruling that a strike. It operates the factory Naturally one need not expect government contracts need not for and on behalf of the employer. that the workers, as a whole, will When the government took immediately accept the idea of contain a non - discrimination To maintain their hold on the clause. According to PM and the over the mines there was no nationalizing the war industries people, the Nazis must fall back Daily Worker, Roosevelt rebuked change whatever in the actual under workers' control. A conon threats and terror. Faced with the poll-tax politician Warren and management of the mines. The sistent propaganda in favor of defeats, the Nazis have erected saved the FEPC from extinction. only change that occurred was this idea, using the sentiment of In lashing out at Warren, the that, under the Smith-Connally the workers in favor of the gov-They have built a thick granite liberals and Stalinists presented Act, the workers were not allow- ernment's taking over an induswall six and one half feet high some pertinent facts from War- ed to strike. From this type of try under strike, and utilizing, around the Oslo police station. ren's anti-Negro past. They point- "government ownership and con- among others, the two arguments Laval has increased his personal ed out, for instance, that Warren, trol" the workers may easily re- suggested above, will certainly bodyguard. Vichy has become a as Representative from North act in favor of private owner- help prepare the workers for a "machine studded fortress." S. S. Carolina gained notoriety in 1934 | ship. real struggle on behalf of elimin-

British government will be moved here by purely moral considerations.' WASHINGTON'S ROLE

in defeat what they always have

Fitzgerald, who had the backing to build segregated housing pro- (N. Y. Herald Tribune, Nov. 16.) of the unions and the Negro or- | jects for Negroes.

ganizations. Yet it was Jeffries | Last week a suit to force bi- DE GAULLIST LIES and not Fitzgerald who was racial occupancy of a Federal De Gaulle and his Committee

Housing project came up for trial are trying to crawl from under elected on Nov. 2. Jeffries won because his in Wayne County circuit court. their responsibility for the atro-"progressive" rival, Fitzgerald The suit was filed a year and a cities in Lebanon. They have apfished for the support of Big half ago when the Hamtramck pointed General Georges Catroux, Business and the votes of the Housing Commission passed a to replace Helleu, who is apanti-Negro elements. Although he resolution declaring the project parently slated for the role of a was backed by the unions, Fitz- "for whites only." scapegoat. De Gaulle's headgerald criticised the Mayor for The government defended its quarters hypocritically pretends raising the pay of city employees. Jim-Crow policy by declaring it that Helleu had "returned to And in order to win the votes of would cause chaotic conditions Beirut with instructions composed the anti-Negro elements, this so- throughout the nation if Negroes in the most liberal spirit." (N. Y. called "liberal" 'comdemned bi- should win the right for bi-racial Times, Nov. 13.) At a press conracial housing in these words: occupancy of the project. White ference in Beirut, Helleu issued "it was the mayor who invaded a families would have to be evicted a statement to the effect that: white neighborhood with a Negro to make room for Negro families. "General de Gaulle and the housing project and he can't deny If enough houses were put up, French Committee had ordered it... I never have taken a stand both Negro and white workers the arrest of Lebanese Republican in favor of bi-racial housing. I do could easily be taken care of on leaders despite his warning that an equal basis without causing a there might be trouble." (N. Y. not do so now." "chaotic condition." An adequate Times, Nov. 16.) There is no doubt that the com-

bined vote of the Negroes and the housing program, minus Jim progressive workers could have Crow, is what the white and "DEMOCRATIC" CYNICS put Fitzgerald into office had he Nego workers must demand of the Both London and Washington advanced a pro-labor, pro-Negro government. are placed in a somewhat

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FUNDAMENTAL PECULIARITIES **OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY ERA**

Lebanese means being against The explosive character of this its rapid, almost uninterrupted new epoch, with its abrupt growth in the pre-war period, now another country ["Free France"] collides more sharply than the fighting Hitler and to be proebbs, with its constant spasmodic other continents with the new French means to be open to the class struggle between fascism relation of forces, the new divi- charge of failing to observe and communism, is lodged in the sion of the world market, and the the principles of the Atlantic ist system has already spent war, it is precisely in Europe that The British toy rulers, who at itself and is no longer capable the transition from the "organic" this very moment are keeping of progress as a whole. This does epoch to the revolutionary epoch Indian leaders in jail, now point not mean to imply that individual was particularly precipitous. . . an accusing finger at the d branches of industry and in- The revolutionary character of Gaullists. The N. Y. Here dividual countries are incapable the epoch does not lies in that it Tribune correspondent in Beir of growing and will not grow permits of the accomplishment of after reporting on Nov. 16 t any more, and even at an un- the revolution, that is, the seizure

precedented tempo. Nevertheless, of power at every given moment. clusion of the social democra this development proceeds and Its revolutionary character con- into the coalition, the passage will have to proceed to the detri- sists in profound and sharp power to the party of M ment of the growth of other fluctuations and abrupt and Donald, and so forth), branches of industry and of other frequent transitions from an im- mediately thereafter to force countries. The expenditures in- mediately revolutionary situa- antagonisms to a head again curred by the productive system tion; in other words, such as acutely raise the question of world capitalism devour its enables the communist party to power.

world income to an ever increasing strive for power, to a victory of (From Pages 80-82, "Third degree. the fascist or semi-fascist counter- ternational After Lenin," 19 And inasmuch as Europe, ac- revolution, and from the latter to 357 pages, \$2.00. Order fr customed to world domination, a provisional regime of the golden Pioneer Publishers, 116 Univers with the inertia acquired from mean (the "Left bloc," the in- Place, New York 3, N. Y.)

suspected anti-Nazis were re-Desertions among Austrian

troops on the Russian front have Dissaffection among the troops reached such proportions, that the has also been reported. Five hun-Austrian Gestapo chief, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, has been forced to dred German soldiers are said to admit that "defeatism was parhave mutinied in Southern France, ticularly strong in Austria." after receiving orders to proceed (N. Y. Times, Nov. 4) The to the Russian front. According strength of the mass anti-Nazi to the N. Y. Times of Nov. 12 pressure is further shown by this all the officers and non-commissioned officers were killed, and a fact: even Austrian Nazis are now suspect. Their German masters pitched battle ensued between the troops and the Elite Guards. consider them "undependable"

and are replacing them with Ger-NAZISM IN STRAITS man Nazis. "The Nazi police rule

in Austria is now one hundred percent," a N. Y. Times dispatch of Nov. 13 said. "The country begins more and more to resemble pillboxes in the streets of Berlin.

Nazi troops are being rushed into Bulgaria, because of the tremendous pro-Soviet sentiment among the people. The Carpatho-Ukraine area of Hungary is in a "state of near chaos" with guards and the hastily revived by barring Negroes from the guerrilla activity against the Nazis increasing as the Red Army

police rule. Warren, as chairman of the Most significant of all are the But mass resistance increases House Committee on accounts, had reports of mass unrest inside Ger- and mass pressure intensifies. charge of the restaurant. "It evoked throughout the Middle many, for Germany is the leading These are the kind of reports that never came to my attention until capitalist country on the European came out of Italy in the period Monday," he declared, "that continent, and when it cracks the immediately before the fall of Negroes were eating in the House European revolution will surge Mussolini and the eclipse of restaurant. I ordered that the onward in a tidal wave. fascism. The Nazi rulers see the practice of serving Negroes cease

handwriting on the wall; their as soon as I discovered it was frantic efforts to stem the tide being done."

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The continual defeats on the of resistance will avail them But the liberals and Stalinists Russian front, coupled with a nothing. Just as the Italian masses forgot to tell how Warren begrowing shortage of food and destroyed the fascist regime, so came Comptroller General-a fuel, have aggravated the situa- the German workers will over- fifteen years appointment that fact that the international capital- contradictions deepened by the Charter." (N. Y. Times, Nov. 12.) tion inside Germany. Taking their throw Hitler and his thugs in the carries with it a greater degree cue from the Italian masses, the struggle for the Socialist United of independence from any kind of German masses have begun States of Europe control than any other Federal

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and		For in July 1938, Roosevelt
of	Name	quietly slipped over this Jim Crow
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936,		That is the story the liberals and
rom	City and State	Stalinists forgot to tell about the
rsity	City and State	"friend of the Negro people,"
		Roosevelt, and his friend Warren.

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the main fortress of the world proletariat, against all assaults of world imperialism and of internal counter-revolution, is the most important duty of every class-conscious worker. - LEON TROTSKY

of the White House, is a prominent poll tax politician In his many years in the White House, Roosevelt has demonstrated over and over again that he understands very well how to mobilize public pressure on Congress when he really wants a bill passed. His record on the poll tax issue proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that he does not intend to break his alliance with the poll taxers and To defend the USSR as that if they are insistent enough, he will again permit them to sabotage the bill. Roosevelt may make a perfunctory gesture here and there; he will

never fight the poll tax. The fight against the poll tax is far more than a fight for Negro rights. It represents one significant line of the whole battle-front against reaction. Abolition of the poll tax will be a great aid to the labor movement, not only of the south, but also of the north. The labor movement must press forward to defeat the poll tax.

means of a constitutional amendment. Such a pro-

cedure would only drag on for years. The wardheeler politicians of the state legislatures of thir-

teen of the southern states could hold up the con-

stitutional amendment for years and prevent its

passage. The CIO has correctly characterized

O'Mahoney's maneuver as a "parliamentary trick."

Roosevelt, the head of the Democratic Party, con-

tinues to maintain his tomb-like silence on the poll

tax. The man who spouts about bringing the "four

freedoms" to the people of the whole world has so

far found not one word to say on behalf of the

simple freedom of the right to vote. Like the Wall

Street masters, he, too, has an alliance with the

southern bourbons. He appoints their leading rep-

resentatives to the Supreme Court bench, to his

Cabinet and to the most important war agencies.

His own assistant, Byrnes, who works right out



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An Analysis of **Election Results**

Editor:

brands.

The recent elections have again demonstrated the bankrupt policy these election events sound grave of the union bureaucrats in trying to convince the trade union to break from Roosevelt. movement to elect so-called 'friends of labor" to political office.

The most significant aspect of saw the necessity of building an Three days after the election, the the election has been the defeat independent labor party based on CIO convention, meeting in Philaof the Hillman formula. Despite the trade unions and this expres- delphia, decided to postpone action the endorsement of Roosevelt, and sion was gaining tremendous on the fourth term.

the Hillmans, the Greens and the popularity. Resolutions for an in-Murrays, the Democratic Party dependent labor party were passed the recent election lies in the has suffered terrific defeats in in many unions; heading the list false policies of the union leader-Philadelphia, New York, New is the Michigan CIO convention, ship. These trade union bureau-Jersey, Kentucky and elsewhere. representing 700,000 workers. The crats must either break from It wasn't very long ago that trade union bureaucrats feared Roosevelt and his anti-labor when Roosevelt endorsed a can- this tremendous weapon and policy or be pushed aside by the didate his election was practically wanted to kill it. Hillman's poliassured. We now see a different tical formula was then put forth.

situation in the political arena. It represented nothing new to the The workers understand too workers, just the same old policy well the anti-labor policy of the of "defeating your enemies and administration. They understand voting for your friends."

Gompersism was again brought very well the Little Steel formula, job freezing, wage freezing, soar- forth: company unionism

ing cost of living, increased politics. With all the resources taxation, and the steady decrease at their disposal the union bureau in their standard of living as the crats were able to stem the tide posses rake in super profits. of the independent labor party Roosevelt's hypnotic spell over movement but not kill it, as Hill the workers has been broken and man so fondly hoped.

Now Hillman and Co. will be warning to the union bureaucrats faced with a more determined trade union movement and will Immediately after the 1942 be more cautious in their support elections the militant workers of Roosevelt for a fourth term.

Responsibility for the trend in

power of the rank and file. million organized Thirteen workers will settle for nothing less than an independent labor party.

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UNDERCOVER by John Roy | ers are on the whole dupes misled | ers and bosses is understood we Carlson. E. P. Dutton and Co., by a planned campaign of misin- have the key to a real understandformation. The backers of the ing of the nature of fascism. Fas-1943. 544 pages. \$3.50.

"Undercover" presents a crossdustrialists, and wealthy old movement calculated to establish section of the fascist movement ladies alarmed by the very an open, brutal political dictatorof America. Mr. Carlson shows thought of communism. That is ship of the bosses who can no us the hysterical meetings with trained speakers playing on the the anatomy of the fascist move- longer appease the workers with emotions and prejudices of the ment.

audience; he describes and prints the book which provide back- force against the labor movement. numerous pieces of fascistic literature; he exposes fascist con-ground material for an under-That is why the industrialists standing of racial conflicts in finance their fascist puppets. nections with people highly Detroit and Boston today. There (Though Mr. Carlson thinks they placed in American political life are numerous sketches of rank are unaware of what they are (including many Congressmen) and filers, including that of Tony doing.) gradually it all adds up.

Back in 1938 Mr. Carlson left Bommarito, one time bodyguard for Gerald K. Smith, to whom his quiet life and entered the labor organizing on a racial maze of American fascist movebasis was just a convenient new gram — anti-Negro, anti-comments. For four years, working racket." And there are the almost munist, anti-semptic, and antiundercover, he explored the fasinterviews with the labor. cist scene, joined the organizandless

tions, interviewed the leaders cynical, opportunistic Shrewd, and collected the material which of the various fascist eaders comprises his book. The result is groups. a comprehensive picture of the

fascist movements in the U.S. e points out the fascist danger both foreign imports and native to those in the country who until now have been unaware of its

Christian Mobilizers, Silver existence, and who smugly went that the connection is not in-Shirts, Klansmen, etc., weave in along on the premise that "it and out. In the foreground are ean't happen here." Unfortunately, such figures as Pelley, Deathernowever, Mr. Carlson reacts age, Coughlin, McWilliams, Gersysterically, and never once dur-K. Smith, Senators Nye, ald ing the book betrays any under-Wheeler and Reynolds. Operating standing of the social nature of nore quietly, and providing the fascism. fascist forces with a theoretical Fundamentally, there is no basis, is Lawrence Dennis "intelmeaning to the book except lectual exponent of American Nawithin the framework of Marxism ional-Socialism." Far in the background are what fascism is, and whom it leading industrialists such as J. H. Rand, Jr., Lamont du Pont, Al- serves. Without such an underfred P. Sloan, Henry Ford, etc., standing the Mobilizers, Silver Shirts, etc., must remain merely the ruling capitalist class. as well as numerous "Park Avenue patriots" whose contributions hate movements nurtured in twisted personalities, as Mr. Carlsustain the fascist forces. The leaders are usually clever son naively conceives them. But once the class forces em- without a blade." opportunists, occasionally merely emotional crack-pots. The follow- bodied in the opposition of work-

movement are prominent in cism then shows itself to be a liberal crumbs, and who to There are excellent sections of protect their rule resort to open

> And that is why, too, though there be a hundred organizations there is basically only one pro-

The connection between dif ferent aspects of fascist propaganda appears to be only in-It is to Mr. Carlson's credit that noints out the fascist danger various forms attacks on the labor movement can take. But

Millions of Expatriates ---**Europe's New War Problem**

By Edith Kane

In the N. Y. Times of Nov. 11 there appeared a small box of finely printed figures from which the anguished moans of millions of suffering humanity seemed almost audible. The item reported an official document of the Allied governments estimating the number of homeless or displaced persons scattered over Europe. The grand total listed officially exceeds 21 million, but as the statistics were being compiled, many more millions were uprooted from their homes, and the latest estimate is advanced to 30 million, with the total still growing.

Thirty million men, women and children - almost the equivalent of the population of Britain - bled white by five years of starvation, disease and war, have been torn from their native lands and shipped like cattle hundreds of miles away as prisoners or slaves. These 30 million lives are war casualties which do not appear on the official casualty lists, but their plight is the direct responsibility of those who have unleashed the second world holocaust.

And how do the "democratic" Allies propose to treat these victims? Quintin Hogg, a young Tory member of the British House of Commons, an authoritative spokesman for the ruling class, presents in the October issue of Foreign Affairs an illuminating picture of the nightmare that the capitalist class has in preparation for Europe:

"Droves of expatriated workers will roam far and wide without the means of livelihood. Towns will have been battered. Food supplies will have been disorganized. Epidemic disease will probably appear on an enormous scale.

"All Europe, as well as Germany, will be in confusion. . . Always there will be an insistent cry for food. Homeless people will demand houses. War prisoners and foreign workers from German factories will ask care and lodging on their way home in places which cannot accomodate them. Factories will be closed. Chaos will reign everywhere. . . It is idle to pretend that this period of chaos will prove short."

And the solution? "The one sure source of food," Hogg says, "will be the United Nations Relief Organizations. The one instrument of political security will be the authority of the victorious powers. . . Some," he adds, "will not like the policy they entail. All will have to accept it."

That is where Mr. Quintin Hogg and the other would-be planners make a mistake. The oppressed, exploited, war-ravaged masses of Europe will fight to regain and establish real homelands and win freedom from war and freedom from want by fighting to build a Socialist United States of Europe.

Bosses Drop Safety Rules in Mad Drive for Profits

By Grace Carlson

The capitalist press, radio and movies are filled with stories of the patriotism, ingenuity and initiative of the shipyard owners because of the number of ships which their yards are turning out for the U.S. Very little is said by these capitalist publicity men about the enormous profits which the shipyard magnates are making in this war. Nothing at all is told of the price which the shipyard workers are paying for the speed-up in construction schedules. Numerous articles in medical journals, however, relate the grim story of the mounting number of casualties among the

Dr. Phillip Drinker of the Harvard School of Pub-

lic Health, recently published the results of a survey

which he and Dr. John Roche made for the U.S.

Navy and U. S. Maritime Commission in shipyards

Hundreds of cases of lead poisoning were found

among shipyard welders. Dr. Drinker attributed this

to the fact that now metal plates are often painted

with red lead in the yards in order to keep fast con-

struction schedules, whereas this painting job was

formerly done after the plates were in their final

position. Workers who weld these painted surfaces

without special protection against the poisonous metal

fumes suffered from lead poisoning. In one yard,

shipyard workers.

with government contracts.

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.
- **3.** Full equality for Negroes in the armed forces and the war industries—Down with Jim Crowism everywhere.
- 4. Confiscation of all war profits. Expropriation of all war industries and their operation under workers' control.
- 5. 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. The defense of the Soviet Union

"London's Optimism Over the War Is Shown in Pessimism on Stocks." — Headline in the financial section of N. Y. Times, Nov. 16. The cable from London then goes on to add: "A new phrase, 'danger of peace,' has been conceived. . . and this phrase apparently rings just as ominously in the ears of the American investor as it does in British ears."

The cannibals of capitalism have always coined new phrases to cover up the filth and blood of their profit system. The prospect that they will not long be able to continue their profiteering in the dead is to them — the danger of peace!

War Criminals

Roosevelt and Churchill pledged in the Moscow agreement that the war criminals "will be brought back to the scene of their crimes and judged on the spot by the peoples whom they have outraged." If this promise were sincere, King Victor Emmanuel. Badoglio and the rest of the King's generals would be turned over to tribunals of the Ethiopian, Libyan, Spanish, Albanian, Russian, Yugoslav and Greek peoples, and first of all to a tribunal of the Italian people themselves.

But Emmanuel and his generals have not been handed over to be judged and punished by the peoples whom they have so cruelly outraged. Instead Roosevelt and Churchill have welcomed these bloody fascist butchers into the Allied camp, clothed them with the status of co-belligerency, and by force of arms preserved their rule over the Italian people. Now the Yugoslavs have branded as war criminals two members of Badoglio's cabinet, Generals Mario Roatto and Vittorio Ambrosio. Roatto was sent to Spain by Badoglio during the Civil War. He commanded the barbarous fascist forces that machinegunned helpless Spanish refugees on the road to Malaga in 1937. For two years before the Italian surrender. Roatto was chief executioner against the Croats and Slovenes in the Balkans. The workers of Turin remember Roatto as the man who ordered the troops to fire at the slightest provocation to prevent demonstrations. Ambrosio was responsible for bloody massacres in Yugoslavia and Greece. The Yugoslav charges made Roatto too hot to hang on to, so he has just been dropped from the Badoglio cabinet. But he has not been turned over to the Partisans to be judged at the scene of his crimes. Ambrosio still remains in the Badoglio cabinet while his case is "under investigation" by General Eisenhower. Emmanuel and Badoglio, no less than Mussolini, were the real authors of the atrocities committed by Roatto and Ambrosio. Yet they remain in authority, propped up by Allied bavonets. The leniency of Roosevelt and Churchill toward their Italian puppets is a necessary part of their war program. For the fact is that really to indict war criminals is to indict the capitalist system itself. It is capitalism that is the arch war criminal. And capitalism is the breeder of fascism. Roosevelt and Churchill are committed to preserving the capitalist system against the workers revolution in Europe. But European capitalism, in its utter decay, has spawned fascism. Who is there left to defend rotted capitalism in Europe except the fascists, the reactionary generals, the Vatican? How else can Roosevelt-Churchill save capitalism except by working with the fascist beasts, their natural allies against the revolutionary working class? That is why Roosevelt and Churchill made a deal with Emmanuel and Badoglio instead of turning them over to the peoples they have outraged. That is why so many fascist laws are still being enforced in Allied-occupied Italy.





against imperialist attack.

The Poll Tax

The Senate is preparing to repeat, what has in recent times, become an annual farce. The Senate Judiciary Committee, by a vote of 12 to 6, has finally after weeks of delay reported out favorably the Poll Tax Repeal Bill. Immediately the reactionary poll-tax Senators sprang into action. They openly boasted that they would filibuster the polltax bill as they did a year ago. Senator Bilbo, who represents the State of Mississippi by virtue of the fact that over 90% of the Mississippi population is disenfranchised, served notice that he would start the filibuster. Eastland and McClellan, poll-tax senators of Mississippi and Arkansas, announced that they were preparing "several hundred" amendments.

The poll-tax Congressmen are venal timeservers of the northern banks and corporations and the southern millionaire landlords and growers. This corrupt crew labors in Washington with the one purpose of keeping the Negro and white workers of the south in a subjugated and half-starved condition. The poll tax and its consequent disenfranchisement of the overwhelming majority of the southern population, makes it impossible for the labor unions to exert any pressure on these mercenary politicians.

But the southern bourbons and their Congressional agents could not preserve the poll-tax or for that matter, their oligarchic rule over the South, were it not for the generous assistance and support of northern Big Business, and its Congressional stooges. The octopus of Wall Street needs the southern bourbons not only to bleed the South and extract from its workers and sharecroppers untold profits. The southern bourbons are also the spearhead of every reactionary union-busting campaign. The alliance of northern Big Business and the southern bourbons is not only an alliance against the southern Negro and white workers; it is also an alliance against the labor movement of the north.

Last year the Senators refused to vote the cloture rule and thus permitted a few southern demagogues to talk the anti-poll tax bill to death. Now O'Mahoney, Democratic Senator from Wyoming and a supposed liberal to boot, is running interference for the poll-taxers. He is trying to bury the anti- Germany.

That is why Roosevelt and Churchill are preparing an attempt to put the hated monarchs of Greece and Yugoslavia back on the throne.

And that is why at the first opportunity the "democratic" Allies will make similar deals with fascists elsewhere in Europe and with Nazis in cidental the labor movement long ago recognized. Attacks, for ex ample, on alien or minorities are in reality flank attacks against organized labor and labor's rights. They are attempts to divide and crush the labor movement, and must be recognized as such.

Mr. Carlson would do well to read Daniel Guerin's "Fascism which alone can fully explain and Big Business" which clearly shows the social basis of fascism and the fact that fascists serve as the tools for the interests of

> As a result of Mr. Carlson's failure to draw correct conclusions, "Undercover" is "a knife

> > **Reviewed by Helen Russell**

it was reported that nearly every welder working on such painted surfaces was ill at one time or another with slight or major symptoms of lead poisoning. Flash burns of the eyes of shipyard welders and others working near the welding operations are increasingly frequent. Very little safety equipment is provided to protect workers from the welding glare.

It is up to the workers themselves, organized in their trade unions, to fight for efficient protective equipment and safe working conditions.

Vinson Warns Masses Must Assume Heavier Tax Load

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The Investment Bankers Association met in annual convention last week to consider how Big Business is faring in the war, and to plan further extension of the profits of the monopoly banks and corporations in the coming year. Roosevelt sent his personal appointee Fred M. Vinson, Director of Economic Stabilization, to assure the bankers that their interests are being fully protected by the Administration.

Did Roosevelt's man Friday tell the bankers that the money changers had to be driven out of the temple? No. Vinson proposed to the bankers a "courageous" program of taxation to be imposed on the millions of industrial and white collar workers and the ranks of the middle class.

"Four-fifths of the national income," Vinson asserted, "is held by individuals earning \$5,000 a year or less, and if purchasing power is to be siphoned off from those levels where inflationary pressures are greatest, it must be drawn from these income groups."

After ten years of Roosevelt's "battle" against Big Business and his phoney campaigning on behalf of the "forgotten man," Roosevelt winds up by granting the bankers and the billion-dollar corporations their largest profits in the history of American industry, and by imposing on the "forgotten man" the most outrageously high taxes since the founding of this country.

International Notes The French workers have of the opportunists and traitors information received from Istan-

heroically proven their determina- of the banks and trusts. Every- bul of a force of 4,000 Bulgarian tion never to submit to the thing must be clear and straight- guerrillas battling regular army domination of Hitler. They are forward. . ." just as determined that neither

the capitalist French Committee The Canadian Government has guerrillas are said to have notified of National Liberation in Algiers authorized the use of home the Bulgarian government that nor the Anglo-American capital- defense troops below a certain they will fight until a new govists shall dictate the future of the medical grade for compulsory ernment, that will break away French working class. Here is labor on the railroads. The men from Germany is formed.

what an underground newspaper, will continue under military law The dispatch describes the published jointly by the Socialist and discipline; all work orders guerrilla force as generally leftist and Christian (Catholic) trade will be received in the form of adding that landings of Russian unions of France, has to say on a command by a superior officer. parachutists and seaborne troops this subject: The soldier-laborers will remain on the Bulgarian coast have been

"There must be no trickery on army pay and allowances. This vicious slave-labor decree owards the resistance movement is one of the most brazen devices any more then towards France vet concocted by the "democratic" herself.

capitalist governments in an "France belongs neither to the banks, to trusts, nor to professional politicians, nor yet to the direct representatives of certain trade unions. international tendencies. Nor is * * * she either the property of a decay-

ing capitalist class which, by its recent election in Australia was technical incompetence, political blindness and social egotism has the large "khaki vote." About

led us into disaster, and which, 800,000 Australian soldiers, sailors having first tried to save itself and airmen voted at camps, airfields and battle stations from slavia. Other Italian guerrilla by collaboration with Berlin, is Sicily to Halifax. The breakdowns contingents are mobilizing in the now turning its eyes towards the of the vote revealed that a large Apenines mountains in Italy. City of London and Wall Street. percentage was cast for the labor Puppet Fascist officials in Ger-"The French working class, party with some air stations man-occupied northern Italy are which ever since the Armistice returning a 93% labor plurality. with-holding food rations from has undertaken resistance to the * * * invader, could never lend itself

A Nov. 9 AP dispatch reports guerrillas. to the eleventh hour maneuvers

troops in the mountains of Bul garia near Stara Zagora. The

reported from Sofia. * * *

Newly organized bands of Rumanian guerrillas are reported to be locked in battle with effort under cover of the war to Rumanian Army forces near the break down the wage structure Danube's Iron Gate at the juncin industry and undermine the tion of Hungary and Serbia, and in the Rumanian - Bulgarian frontier districts of Craiova and A significant feature of the Silistra.

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A large force of Italfans are now fighting with the Partisans against the Germans in Yugothe families of known Italian