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Stalinism And The Danger To Europe's Coming Revolution WALL ST. CONSPIRES

The Problem of Poland, the Baltic and Balkan Peoples and the Socialist Tasks and Program

By The Editors

The great victories of the Red Army represent one of the most encouraging factors on the European scene today. The heroic feats of the Red Army soldiers and the Soviet masses on the field of battle have revealed to all who have eyes to see, that the Russian revolution, though stifled and desecrated, still lives. They have effectively annihilated the arguments of all the pessimists, skeptics and renegades who deserted the Soviet Union in its hour of peril and gave up the Russian revolution for lost.

The remarkable comeback of the Red Army after its early defeats, the ability to reconstitute a general staff in the very heat of battle, the unleashing of its tremendous offensive after the victory at Stalingrad and the subsequent unprecedented victories display not only the vitality of the October revolution but presage that the Soviet masses will be heard from at the crucial stage of developments in Europe.

The Soviet masses are performing their feats of valor under the most onerous and terrible burdens. They are saddled with the murderous Stalinist regime which rules the country with an autocratic hand, plunders the masses and is every day attempting to arrogate to itself added power and new privileges. In their frantic effort to stave off the inevitable day of reckoning, the Kremlin bureaucracy is attempting to build up new bases of support. It has widely extended the privileged officer caste. The bureaucracy is attempting to secure a new base of support among the backward peasantry by its recognition and support of the Holy Synod and the entire Greek Catholic hierarchy. At the same time the bureaucracy attempts to wipe out more and more of the great social achievements of the October Revolution by its reactionary decrees on education, its abolition of the Bolshevik divorce laws and progressive woman's legislation.

But these reactionary moves, these frantic attempts to turn back the clock of history will not avail.

THE CRIMES OF STALIN'S GANG

The Kremlin bureaucracy does not represent a new social class in society, which has a future, which is necessary for the socialist mode of production. It is a transitory parasitic caste which was able to fasten itself upon the Soviet peoples because of the protracted epoch of reaction and which will be thrust off again in the coming period of the revolutionary awakening.

How different a situation there would exist in Europe today if the Soviet Union were not hurdened with the counter-revolutionary Stalinist clique! Is there any question that Europe would now be in the throes of a socialist revolution if at the helm of the Soviet Union stood leaders like Lenin and Trotsky? Is there any question that if the Soviet Union were under the guidance of genuine Bolsheviks, the imperialist war would already have been brought to a halt and the struggle would now be between

the ever growing, ever more successful armies of socialism and the declining and dying camp of capitalism?

If the German army continues to fight today it is certainly not because the German masses support or place any trust in the murderous Nazi regime. It is for one reason only. The German masses temporarily feel cornered. From the West they are threatened by the Anglo-American imperialists who openly boast of their robber aims to enslave and subjugate the German people. And on the east Stalin offers the German workers not the Bolshevik program of 1917, not the hand of socialist solidarity in a joint struggle to overthrow all the fascist and capitalist masters; no, he threatens instead to dismember Germany; he threatens the German people with slavery. If the blood of the Russian and German masses continues to redden the territories of the eastern front, the responsibility in major measure rests on Stalin and his counter-revolutionary regime.

THEY FEAR THE REVOLUTION

The victories of the Red Army have already provided a powerful impulse to the revolutionary struggle of the European peoples. The downfall of fascism in Italy signalized the beginning of the European revolution. The revolutionary aspirations and action of the European peoples are already to be clearly discerned in Yugoslavia, Greece, Poland, and elsewhere. These manifestations of the revolutionary vitality of the European peoples have filled the Anglo-American imperialists with dismay. They have however also struck terror into the hearts of the Kremlin bureaucrats. Here is a new factor which threatens to upset all their carefully laid schemes, all their grandiose plans, all their secret diplomatic agreements. It is this haunting fear of the European revolution, it is their common determination to crush it that brought the Anglo-American imperialists together with Stalin, first at Moscow, then at Teheran.

Roosevelt and Churchill aim to Balkanize the European continent and convert its peoples into serfs of Anglo-American capitalism. They want, they now need the support of Stalin for this brutal counter-revolutionary program.

The Stalinist bureaucracy, itself panic-stricken before the revolutionary specter, likewise wants to crush the revolution in its desperate attempt to preserve its criminal regime by maintaining the capitalist status quo in Europe.

To facilitate their predatory aims and to cast over them the cloak of humanitarianism and democracy, Roosevelt and Churchill have provided themselves with Quisling "governments in exile" composed of all the old discredited reactionary monarchist, army officer, capitalist and landlord cliques. These they have cynically named "democratic governments of liberation." Stalin is copying their methods. He has likewise set up in Moscow hand-picked governments (Continued on page 4)

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So many restrictions are estab-

whatever the outcome of the

ficant minority of men and women

in the armed services will be

given the opportunity to vote in

Both the AFL and CIO Fx-

ecutive Committees have gone on

record demanding that Congress

adopt a bill which would give

every soldier the right to vote

without restriction in the coming

elections. But such demands have

been treated with contempt by

the so-called "Victory Congress"

whose main victories have been

thus far scored against the

American soldiers and workers.

The cynical bureaucrats in the

Three of the Eighteen



Carl Skoglund, organizer and former president of Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-CIO, Grace Carlson, New York organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, and Vincent Dunne, National Labor Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, photographed in the Minneapolis headquarters of the SWP on the eve of their imprisonment. Skoglund and Dunne are serving their sixteen-month sentences at Sandstone Penitentiary, Grace Carlson at Alderson, W. Va.

Pardon Of 18 Urged By Liberal, Labor Leaders

Many individuals prominent in labor and liberal circles nave written letters to President Roosevelt protesting the unjust have written letters to President Roosevelt protesting the unjust imprisonment of the leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and The White-Collar of Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-CIO and urging him to grant immediate pardon to the 18, reported the Civil Rights Workers Hit Hard

"Local 155, International La- | it does mean a continual vig

Brass Hats Spearhead Drive To Regiment American People

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Roosevelt Proposal for Labor Draft Paves Way for Reactionary Drive Against Unions

By C. Thomas

One of the most threatening aspects of the antilabor campaign whipped up by Roosevelt is the leading role played by the brass hats in the drive against the unions. The basis for the campaign was laid by General Marshall whose violent attack upon labor was directly inspired by Roosevelt. With the ground thus prepared in advance, the authoritative Army and Navy Journal "predicted" that the president would recommend a la-

the press and radio, has turned

ballyhoo for a labor draft bor-draft law in his mes- originate? For anyone who folsage to congress. That lows the capitalist press and listens to the radio the answer is "prediction" was fulfulled to the obvious: it originates in Wall letter when Roosevelt, in his Street with the leading role message, proposed "a national being assigned to the brass hats service law" to outlaw strikes for of the Army and Navy. the duration. Big Business, which controls

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its facilities over to the brass In order to screen the flagrant hats who are using their military anti-labor character of the forced rank to push the program of labor proposal, Roosevelt em-Wall Street. In a news report ployed his time-worn trick of infrom Washington (N. Y. Heraldcluding it as one section of a Tribune, Feb. 4) we are informed five-point program. By holding that, "Admiral Land spoke at an forth the tempting bait of taxing American Legion dinner here, at "unreasonable" profits, rolling back prices and stabilizing the which General George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff; cost of living, Roosevelt thought Robert P. Patterson, Acting he could make the bitter pill of Secretary of War; Warren Atherforced labor more palatable to the ton, American Legion national workers. But the workers who commander, and Ralph A. Bard. have been swallowing Roosevelt's acting Secretary of the Navy, all promises for too long a time have spoke forcefully for a labor found them to be bad medicine for a continually declining stan- draft. Part of the program was broadcast over the Columbia dard of living. Broadcasting System."

In fact, no one was fooled much by Roosevelt's demagogy-least BRASS HATS TALK of all the top military circles who Assembled on this one program were the acting heads of the tion which would regiment every Army, Navy and Maritime Com-Testifying before a Senate adult man and woman in the na- mission all speaking "forcefully Subcommittee on Wartime tion from 18 to 65 under the con-lucities and Education from 18 to 65 under the confor a labor draft" but not one Health and Education on Jan- Staff. That has been their promouthing a mumbling word in support of a single point of their uary 29, CIO President Philip | gram for years and the Roosevelt "Commander-in-Chief's" five-point Murray demanded government proposal served to remove all program outside of the forced action to boost wages of white restraint from the brass hats. labor proposal. collar workers, who comprise Frank C. Hanighen, well-known The motive given by Roosevelt for his proposal of a labor draft Washington correspondent, relates was the need for nothing less how the former Wall Street than total mobilization of all our lawyer, Henry L. Stimson. Grenresources and manpower in order ville Clark, Colonel Ochs Adler to shorten the war. The brass of the New York Times and others hats have seized upon this theme the United Professional and Of- of their ilk conspired to militarize and play it in all keys. In his the country. Hanighen reveals speech at the American Legion that this group "backed the Milidinner, Admiral Land, who had ployees, and Lewis Alan Berne of tary Training Camps Association previously expressed the idea that which panicked the nation into union organizers should be shot gineers, Chemists and Techni- adopting the Conscription Bill in at sunrise, reported a "sharp drop the Summer of 1940."

SOLDIERS DEFRAUDED OF THE **RIGHT TO VOTE BY CONGRESS**

NEW YORK, Feb. 7-Accept-| compromise on their so-called ing Roosevelt's challenge to Federal voting bill. The ad-"stand up and be counted" a ministration bill provides that coalition of Republicans and servicemen can cast their ballots Democrats steamrollered a in the election regardless of State "States' Rights" soldiers vote bill election laws with the proviso through the House of Represen- that "election officials in the tatives by an overwhelming States would have the final say majority of 328 to 69. Under the as to what ballots should be bill, the voting qualifications of counted." Even this surrender was all servicemen will be determined rejected by the "States' Rights" by the election laws established champions as being too "comby the various States. During the munistic."

debate in congress, officials of the Army and Navy testified that it would be well nigh impossible to so organize the distribution of ballots to the armed forces, under the many different laws in existence in the several States as to permit more than a very few servicemen to vote.

Leading the "States' Rights" the coming elections. The solcoalition was the arch-reactionary diers vote issue has become a Democrat John E. Rankin of political football where primary Mississippi, who, the New York consideration is given to machine Herald Tribune of Feb. 5, re- politics, the democratic rights of ports, "literally ran the show last | the servicemen getting scanty night when the House, at the end attention from either Democrats of an eleven-hour session, adopted or Republicans. his state ballot bill." In a "victory statement" issued after the passage of his bill, Rankin warned the Senate to accept his version

of the state ballot bill without any further palavering. Senator Overton, poll-tax Democrat, of Louisiana, is leading the "States' Rights" contingent in the Senate. Overton's motion for the Senate to take up the House-adopted Eastland-Rankin bill was narrowly defeated in a tie vote of 42 to 42.

leadership of the unions com-In the meantime, administra- mitted as they are to the support tion supporters have been engag- of either the Democratic or ing in a series of parliamentary Republican parties are completely maneuvers designed to force a incapable of conducting a strug-

parts of the world fighting for freedom and democracy, urges you to pardon the 18 Minneapolis trade union leaders who were imprisoned on New Year's Eve . . By doing so you will be eradicating a wrong that we are certain will be appreciated by the

entire nation," wrote Louis Nelson, Manager-Secretary of Local "I think that one of the most serious blows to civil liberties in

all our history was the conviction. . . and the refusal of the Supreme Court to grant them a hearing. . . I am writing to urge that you grant unconditional pardon to these 18 persons," wrote Sidney Hertzberg, Editor of Common Sense.

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gle for the democratic rights of "I am convinced that we must the men and women in the armed watch at this time any more endangering liberty of political

The preservation of the labor opinion. . . I hope that a way will movement demands that the mili- be found to set aside such a verlished by both the "States' tants in the unions take the dict which can create a precedent Rights" bill and the administra- initiative in organizing an Inde- in our law and open the way for tion sponsored "Federal" bill that, pendent Labor Party that will oppression," wrote Rev. J. A. F. fight for the democratic rights Maynard, French Church of Saint present contest, only an insigni- of the service men. Esprit, N. Y.

Similar letters have been written by Mark Starr, Educational **Army Jim Crow** Director of the ILGWU, Israel Knox, Natonal Director of the The following notice was re-English Speaking Division, cently posted by the command-Workmen's Circle, N. Y., Judge ing officer on the bulletin board of Company A, 138th City, Prof. Irwin R. Beiler of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., Tank Destroyer Training Bat-DeWitt D. Barlow, N. Y. attortalion at North Camp Hood,

ent Greenberg. "In the near future colored Among the hundreds of signatures obtained by local CRDC troops will be quartered in the branches on petitions asking RTC area. All men are caupresidential pardon for the 18 is tioned to treat them with rethat of Bertrand Russell, noted spect, but not to cultivate philosopher and educator. friendship with them. For the

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best interests of everyone, stay away from them." The order concluded: "'Ya'll remembah, Sirs, dis is de Yes, and a lot of Negro and white workers in uniform will remember that this has been

From Philadelphia Robert ropolitan Philadelphia Council for on which were being enacted Equal Job Opportunity and Re- events in which they were vitally have more respect for me. gional Director of the National

Committee, Allied and American absorbed, trying to understand War Relief, CIO has written: what was taking place. "Interest and support of the decalled a war for "democracy." dorsement of their beliefs or acts; Rankin ask. "Who is the chief meant to them.

dies Garment Workers Union, ance for the preservation of civil bit housands of members and liberties. Violation of civil libwith thousands of members and liberties. Violation of civil libhundreds who are today in all erties usually begins with an un-

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Goldman Disbarred Class justice lashed out again at Albert Goldman when the Supreme Court of Illinois

month sentence.

floor.

ing the House, scores of soldiers

interested. They listened intently.

one-fourth of the nation's gainfully employed men and woannounced on Jan. 1 that his. name had been stricken from men. the roll of practising attorneys. Following the speech of Mur-In the past two decades Gold-

ay, Presidents Lewis Merrill of. man has defended the rights of hundreds of workers in the fice Workers, Abram Flaxer of capitalist courts. He was both State, County and Municipal Emchief defense attorney and a defendant in the Minneapolis the Federation of Architects, Enlabor case in which, despite his brilliant conduct of the defense. cians pointed out that white colhe and 17 other Trotskyist lar salaries are insufficient for leaders were convicted under maintenance of health. the Smith "Gag" Act. Disbar-Rank and file members of the ment proceedings were concluded the day after Goldman ies of a losing struggle against began serving his sixteen

the skyrocketing cost of living.

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in January ship deliveries." This After they had succeeded in was caused partly, he said, "by this task, they went on to push high turnover among shipyard forward other sections of their workers, and called for national unions then gave their own stor- program of militarization with the service legislation to reverse the objective of putting all persons trend.'

Just a few days before his between the ages of 18 and 65 under military control. Hanighen

(Continued on page 4) asks the question: Where does the

Democrats, Republicans Loudly Applaud Rankin's Rabid Anti-Semitic Rantings

sponsor of it? The chief publicist "I want to say, Mr. Chairman, | crats rose in a body. Rankin reis PM... the chief broadcaster that I am for giving every ser- ceived an ovation. Friends, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. for it is Walter Winchell. . . the viceman the opportunity to vote "foes", Northern and Southern Dorothy Kenyon of New York 3. -- Most of the seats in the little kike I was telling you about in the coming election. . " politicians from both parties

YIELDS TO RANKIN

"The time of the gentleman has ney, Babette Deutsch and Clem- politicians. It was an important preciatively at this anti-semitic expired," the Chairman announcmoment; the Soldier Vote Bill ranting. Rankin bent forward to ed. Rep. Worley, Roosevelt's man was under consideration. Poll- emphasize his point. He raised and sponsor of the Federal Bal-Mississippi, leader of the fight that this (PM) is a part of the tional minutes."

against the soldier vote, had the old Trotsky International-these are Trotskyites running this paper, PM, trying to browbeat Congress into wrecking the Constitution-when they realize I am Parker, co-Chairman of the Met- looked down to the floor below, in bad standing with that bunch of communistic kikes, they will Some representatives looked up

from their morning papers. They laughed. In the gallery the sol-He quoted poetry. "Now, Mr. Chairman, who is diers were still sitting quietly, fendants does not mean an en- behind this bill?" they heard trying to figure out what all this

came over, clapped him on the

back, and shook the hand of this fascist-minded anti-Semite in hearty congratulations.

Mr. Worley, Roosevelt's man, finally took the floor. "Mr. Chairfinest speeches of his entire

The gallery wondered. Why career.' should Worley give the opposi-That day the mild-mannered tion extra time? Worley spoke Worley yielded time. The next so quietly, so disinterestedly. day he was to yield his whole Rankin, the Jim Crow Demo- bill by introducing an amendment crat from Mississippi, closed his which cut the heart out of the speech with a burst of patriotic Federal Ballot Bill, giving the fervor. He protested his lifetime states the right to pass on the loyalty to the Democratic Party. validity of the servicemen's ballots.

"I am the master of my fate: In the gallery the servicemen I am the captain of my soul." from all over the country still The Republicans and Demo- sat quietly, gravely, judging.

by the well-dressed, prosperous vants of the people," laughed ap-

From the visitors' galleries lin-

By Helen Russell

House yesterday were occupied the other day. . ."



CIO President Philip Murray | fusal to fire its two finks, who in a recent speech at Columbus, are accused by the union of going Ohio, called for a guaranteed an- to management with complaints nual wage for workers to ensure that their fellow-workers weren't security against the plans of Big working fast enough to suit them. Business to bring "the old apple An announcement of great sigman back on the street corners."

Warning of the threatened funificance for Negro and white ture of mass unemployment, unionists was made by AFL Murray asked: "Can't we do bet- President William Green last time conscription. "Peace, of ter than the old-fashioned sys- week when he stated that the tem of spreading the work, AFL will sponsor a meeting in spreading starvation, spreading Memphis, Tennessee, for A. Phildiscontent, spreading death?" He pointed to the protection of AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping

the employers' profits through Car Porters. Randolph was banned from provisions of the excess profits speaking in Memphis last Nov. 7 tax, which guarantees regular by the Jim Crow city officials. dividends for two years after the war and permits corporations to borrow within 60 per cent of their excess profits taxes already paid strong blow at Jim Crow by helpin to sustain regular dividend ing to cement unity between Negro and white workers. It should payments.

Murray failed, as usual, to ex- serve as an example for strength- And yet the retention of many of plain how the workers are to ob- ening organized labor by uniting them, because of the unsettled tain an annual security wage. He workers of all colors and races nature of the world when hostil himself opposes militant union against their common foe, the labor-hating bosses. action and genuinely independ-Green could do even more in requiring all young men between ent working class politics which

alone could wrest such concessions from the employers.

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have been a scandal in the labor 6500 workers in four plants of movement for many years. the Chevrolet Gear & Axle Division of General Motors went on The Knitgoods Workers Voice strike in Detroit Feb. 2 to protest official organ of Knitgoods Work the arbitrary firing of six union ers Union, Local 155, AFL Intermembers. The company, which national Ladies Garment Workclaimed the dismissals were a ers, included in its Feb. 1 an-"disciplinary" lay-off, has been nouncement of union nominations committing repeated provocations and elections the following: against the union, Local 235 of "All knitgoods workers in the the United Automobile Workers, armed forces, who have taken CIO.

nilitary withdrawals, will have Playing their usual role of the opportunity to vote, and "cops" for the anti-labor manchoose the Union officers. Ballots agement, UAW president R. J. will be mailed to them as soon as Thomas and vice-president Walthe procedure is worked out by ter Reuther ordered the strikers the Election & Objection Commitback to work, threatening that tee in conjunction with all sides UAW officials "will not protect in the election. While the Union any workers who are penalized as is thus extending to the servicea result of the continuance of the men the vote in Union elections unauthorized action." it is fighting for the right of the

* * * ten million soldiers to participate

Increasing provocations against in the Federal elections." The announcement concludes: union men in the Ford Motor Co. plants have resulted in a series "Democracy begins at home!" of strikes in various sections of

the country. 5600 UAW-CIO members struck trolled CIO Fur and Leather ture. the Highland Park, Detroit, plant Workers union, which is run by recently. They walked out as a the notorious CP hatchet-man result of accumulated grievances, Ben Gold, instituted a suit according to Ben Garrison, Local against a rival AFL union in Bos- Fifteenth Anniversary Fund. They felt that it 400 president, who charged man- ton. The suit, which grew out of was a high privilege to help build the combat agement with "severest discipline a jurisdictional strike by the AFL party. So they went out among their sympathizfor the pettiest of infractions." and challenged the company offi- premise that the AFL violated cials to submit to a "lie detector the infamous Smith-Connally test" after they claimed the anti-strike law! strike was called "without a The anti-labor N. Y. World-

semblance of justification." Telegram was quick to pick this At Edgewater, N. J., 2,000 up and use it as an editorial ar- embodied in a letter from Leona, who says:

UAW-CIO members walked out gument on Feb. 2 to justify the "Enclosed find a money order which is Allenof the Ford plant on Feb. 5 after anti-strike law. If one union can town's way of expressing solidarity with the provocatively the management try to protect

TRADE UNIONWall Street's Long-Term PlanSTALIN'S FINKS FAVORNOTESNOTESWall Street's Long-Term PlanSTALIN'S FINKS FAVORNOTESNOTESNotesNotesStation of the previous stand of the p

By Miriam Carter

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this regard by fighting the Jim- 17 and 19 years of age to take at

the AFL internationals, which ing.

Crow restrictions in several of least one year of military train- N.

As the anti-labor drive increases in tempo and intensity, government spokesmen and Big Business representatives closely associated with them are coming forward with long range plans

to regiment and militarize the American people. Soon after President Roosevelt made public his demand

for a forced labor act, his Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox in a speech on Jan. 15 before

the Cleveland Boy Scout Coun- York, Wilson presented "a fullcil called for permanent peace- fledged program of post-war Times, Jan. 21.) preparedness with American resources and energy geared to be RUSH LEGISLATION worthwhile duration," thrown into war economy at a Knox said, "may only be exip Randolph, President of the pected if we are prepared to put force behind it. The wisdom of the manent conscription and called mass opposition to it. "Immedimaintenance of an adequate navy, an adequate air force and an for a close association of Army, ately following this war there

adequate army, is now widely Navy and industry, "unhampered will be a great slump in the inrecognized. Furthermore, t h e by political witchhunts or thown AFL auspices, would strike a country will find itself at the to the fanatical isolationist fringe tary affairs. . . In other words, conclusion of hostilities, with five tagged with a 'merchants-ofdeath' label." or six million men abroad. con-

sumed with anxiety to get home. United States must be prepared ities cease, will be paramount." from now on "to wage war vic-Knox proposes, in fact, a law

In a revealing series of articles Y. Times, Hanson Baldwin disclosed that the War, Navy and

BIG BUSINESS PLAN While Secretary of War Knox plans for a world police force to wage such a war? There is of puts forward the program of and for permanent conscription. course the Soviet Union. Above permanent military conscription, "The United States is preparing all, there are the revolutionary Charles E. Wilson, former head to assume some of the obligations masses in Europe and Asia. of General Electric and now Vice- of international policing after the Chairman of the War Production | war," Baldwin begins. To imple-Board, projects a Big Business ment this policing, he writes, "the program for a permanent war nation's permanent post-war mil- popular revolutions. The main trend toward military dictatoreconomy. At a dinner of the Ar- itary forces may number one to problem, he says, is to find "the ship and provide fertile ground my Ordnance Association in the two million uniformed men." (N.

after the presidential elections Jan. 18.) - may thoroughly discuss all the

measures suggested," (N. Y.

velt's friends and advisors, also legislation immediately before abroad, but also to regiment the Bridges, Curran and the rest of

terest of the people. . . in miliif we are to have a planned military program - one capable Propounding the idea that "war | of implementing our foreign polihas been inevitable in our human cy - it must be at least started affairs," Wilson declared that the now. . ." (N. Y. Times, Jan. 22.) gime. Knox, Wilson and Baldwin

want permanent peacetime contoriously at a moment's notice." | scription and propose to keep a large part of the present armed on "Post War Policies" in the forces in service for years after Germany's defeat in order, they say, to be ready for another in-State departments have special evitable war. Against whom are divisions at work elaborating the masters of America planning

Baldwin makes no secret of the

"Permanent peace-time selec- Britain and the United States to tive service is a basis for most prevent anarchy in certain warof the Army's post-war military torn areas after the war," a plan planning. . .", he continued. "The which would "have its maximum President is reported in favor of value in the unsettled period impeacetime military training. . . mediately following the close of Congress, therefore — now or hostilities." — (N. Y. Times, to reverse the ClO's opposition to ed" their endorsement of forced

> REACTIONARY AIMS The unholy alliance of the ad- dangerous consequences for Amer-

Baldwin admits that the brass manent militarization in this are trying to bury in silence or support" for their most anti-labor moment's notice." (N. Y. Times, hats and big industrialists are country not only for the purpose misrepresent the events which acts. These policies have cast Jan. 20). Wilson, one of Roose- anxious to push through such of suppressing the masses ensued within the CIO after discredit upon the entire CIO.

> movement at home. While the pro-war liberals and wheeled into line behind Browtrade union bureaucrats spread der's endorsement of the forced

labor plan. the illusion that after Hitler's defeat the workers will enjoy a re- USES STALINISTS turn to their pre-war liberties, the American ruling class is scheming to saddle the American people with a Prussianized re-

Big Business anticipates a ter- reports that after his Conrible economic crisis which will gressional message, Roosevelt impel the workers to bitter class summoned CIO President Philip opposition to capitalism. The Murray and AFL President Wilpresent drive to emasculate or- liam Green for a White House ganized labor under the pretext conference intended to gain their of war-time necessity is paving support for his labor draft a united labor movement." the way for attempts to destroy scheme. After Roosevelt had adthe labor movement altogether. mitted he did not expect to get AFL Weekly News Service, Feb. Permanent militarization a n d through Congress the other points 1, which relates how Green and peace-time conscription are essential to that aim.

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Organized labor must be on guard and fight all these propointention to throttle the coming sals which represent a dangerous quickest and most practical way for the development of American

such slave labor legislation. The full extent of their trea-

highlighted by the Communist conscription. The Stalinists, Party's endorsement of Roose- Bridges, Curran, Quill, Emspak velt's proposed labor conscription and Merrill, were compelled to act and the unsuccessful efforts vote for this decision and crawled of Stalinist union stooges like out of the meeting with the alibi labor.

chery in this instance, and its DISCREDIT CIO

The Stalinist fink policies have ministration, brass hats and Big ican labor, is now coming to not merely enabled Roosevelt and Business wants to institute per- light. The Stalinists, of course, the corporations to claim "labor

The reactionary craft leaders endorsed the proposal for per- the people can organize effective people and beat down the labor their breed violated the national of the AFL have lost no time in CIO convention decisions and seizing upon recent Stalinist actions in order to scandalize the industrial union movement and fortify their opposition to unity with the CIO with a "progressive" motivation.

A detailed account of these Although William Green and events is contained in the Feb. 5 his bureaucratic colleagues have New Leader, which has sources blocked labor unity entirely from of information close to the top narrow, selfish craft interests, CIO officials. The New Leader they now point sanctimoniously to the reactionary role of the Stalinists in the CIO and proclaim that until the CIO "delouses" itself of those who supported the labor-draft "there is little hope of

Such is the line stated in the of his program and would sign Murray "did not hesitate to a National Service Act or a new denounce the draft-labor pro-Smith anti-strike act in spite of posal . . . and presented a united this, Murray stated he would front on this issue"; but then "the Communist lice of the CIO continue his opposition to labor conscription. The New Leader spoke up," to commit "one of the most despicable betrayals in the "Roosevelt's reply was to tell staggering record of treachery

Murray scornfully that he could perpetrated by the Communist not speak for the CIO on that Party in America." view . . . and in proof showed The Stalinists have not

discloses:

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Murray a telegram from Harry abandoned efforts to sabotage Bridges endorsing a labor con- resistance to Roosevelt's forced labor scheme. Thus, Joseph Curscription act."

This report reveals how Roose- ran's The Pilot, National Marivelt is now able to use the Stalin- time Union paper, prints a three ists as a "labor" prop for his column report of the CIO Exmost anti-labor policies. Roose- ecutive Board meeting which was velt's disclosure about the Stalin- chiefly devoted to a reaffirmation ists alarmed even Murray, a of the CIO stand against labor Roosevelt labor lieutenant who conscription without so much as has himself not hesitated to em- mentioning either Roosevelt's brace Stalinist support for his forced labor plan or the CIO servile policies. The CIO ex- stand against it. Instead, the ecutive board immediately con- meeting is described as a veritable vened in special session at Wash- love-feast celebrating Roosevelt's ington and unconditionally reaf- Congressional message.

116 115 Lenin Memorial 109 107 **Meeting in Boston** 107 103 BOSTON, Mass. - The Boston 100 Branch of the Socialist Workers 100 Party commemorated the 100 twentieth anniversary of Lenin's 100 death with a public meeting held 100 on Jan. 29 at Workers Center. 100



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Twin Cities

Toledo

11,000

9,000

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5,000

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1,000

Cleveland

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ONLY ONE MORE WEEK TO GO! Next issue of the Scoreboard will be the last to appear in print. Thanks to those branches which oversubscribed their quo-

Last week the Stalinist-con- the backbone of the party's financial struc-

The comrades in New Haven recognized

Further testimony of this selfless spirit is

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New Y. Times, Jan. 9.)

14,000

12,000

8000

6,000

4,000

2000

By Rose Karsner, Director

as, the total income will exceed 100 per cent. Quite a showing for a "tiny sect," as the pinks and ex-radicals choose to call us. This record is all the more remarkable when we consider that the comrades kept up their regular monthly Sustaining Fund

that it was not a matter of duty to give to the union, is based upon the legal ers, friends and near friends, and offered this privilege to them too. That's how this Scoreboard leader did it. That's how the other branches did it.

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of utilizing the military force of fascism.

promoted two test drivers who another union through this law, had been expelled by the union argued the World-Telegram, why for, acting as "informers" and isn't it OK for the bosses to use helping to institute a speedup. against the workers? That's the This is the second strike within kind of ammunition the Stalinists two weeks over the company's re- supply the reactionaries.



The following letter from our Browder's Speech, happened to Philadelphia agent shows an in- hear of a meeting where the antensification of literature activity niversary of the Daily Worker in that area: was to be commemorated. Our

comrades made a distribution at "Enclosed is \$1 covering attached sub. Please increase our this meeting. About 50 or 60 were Militant bundle by 125 copies for in attendance. One of the comrades who went into the meeting a temporary try.

hall reported most of the audience "Here is one for the books. At a recent meeting of the shipyard Militant." local, some Communist Party * * * functionary and cohorts, fearful Our agent in Milwaukee sent that The Militant would not only us the following letter: "Enclosed contaminate shipyard workers but is a money order for our Militant also members of the CP branch and Fourth International bundle which meets in the same building accounts. This should pay our as the union, tried to chase our February bill. girls away and threatened to call

"Also enclosed is a leaflet adthe cops. vertising The Militant. We

"Union members witnessing stapled a leaflet to each Militant this attempted terrorization spoke which we distributed at the plants up warmly in defense of The where we usually distribute. So Militant distributors, and in turn far we haven't noticed any began to threaten hostile action results, but hope for the best." against the CPers who then The Milwaukee leaflet, entitled thought discretion the better part To Get The Truth," is a very of valor and skulked away. All fine leaflet and will undoubtedly the while, our distribution went result in some subscriptions. on-unionists and CP members taking them."

A report from our Minneapolis agent gives us a good picture of the Communist Party in the Twin City area following its dissolution:

"We mailed the issue of The Militant carrying the story on the dissolution of the CP to about 85 or 90 Stalinists and fellowtravelers in Minneapolis. We thought this would be the best method of reaching them because we did not know of any concentrated Stalinist gathering to make a distribution. But one of our comrades, when buying a copy of the Daily Worker containing

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18 and the Fourth International. Five dollars of this comes from Walter who received it from an out of towner, 'Joe'. . . \$10 represents the money we would have used (out of our own pockets, of course) to have come to the New York Farewell Dinner. But even though we wanted to be with our own 18 I expect the cash

will express what we wanted to say to them before they were taken from our midst."

This sentiment was expressed in numerous ther letters - too many to print in this space. We quote only a few brief ones.

Cleveland, Baker: "Am enclosing money order to complete our quota. More later if posible." Chicago, Belle: "We are a little slow, but

we will complete our quota." Flint, Thorne: "Here is \$15 additional for

he special Fund. There will most likely be another \$10 in a week or two. Special circumstanes delayed payment of the pledges." Dayton, Brown: "I am enclosing \$20 with

his letter for the Anniversary Fund. \$5 of this is a contribution from 'A Friend' here. I am deeply engrossed in reading The happy to see the Campaign progressing so well." New Haven, Winnick: "The enclosed \$60 roes toward the \$15,000 Fund, and is most like-

ly our final contribution." A 300% showing is good enough!





by C. Charles

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Poll-Tax and the Soldier Vote

services of the Southern'Bourbons.

effort through the government

and the two major parties to sup-

South.

aides and advisors.

by their Republican| Responsible to no one but them-Aided allies, the Southern Bourbons are selves and the corrupt Democratic ready to deprive 11 million sol- machine, these poll-tax politicians diers and sailors of their demo- faithfully carry out the bidding of cratic right to vote. They make Big Business. Naturally they have no secret of their reason. Asked supported the administration's Democrat from Louisiana, said, laws to cripple the trade unions. "Let's be frank. Down in the They have rammed through the Solid South we've got to retain plans of Big Business to make the our state voting qualifications to masses pay for the war. preserve white supremacy." Two reactionary laws that

They are bitterly opposed to giving thousands of Negro service | the masses and the very existence men and women from the seven of the trade unions were sponsorpoll-tax states the right to vote. Any kind of soldier vote bill that permitted such an action would deal a blow to the poll-tax system the right of free speech and as a whole.

The Southern bloc has already won an important victory whether | ers the right to strike. Congress adopts the Eastland "States Rights" bill or the revised Green-Lucas "Federal" vote bill. the ruling class exerts every In both bills the state election authorities have the final say as to which ballots are to be counted. In either case the poll-tax states will be able to throw out the votes of Negroes in the armed forces.

It is easy enough to understand why the Southern politicians are ready to go to such great lengths in order to preserve the poll-tax system. It is a powerful means of maintaining their reactionary rule over the South. By means of the poll-tax and the white primary, the Southern capitalists exercise as great a monopoly over the political life of the South as they do over its factories and fields. 10 million people, 90 percent of the population of the South, are denied the right to

The payment of a two dollar head or poll-tax in order to vote is an economic penalty which the impoverished Negro or white Southerner can ill afford. In 1929, a year of prosperity, the per paid, legal fraud and trickery are resorted to by the corrupt election officials to prevent unwelcome Negro or white sharecroppers from voting.

The poll-tax laws were originally enacted to deprive Negroes of the right to vote. But today the poll-tax system helps the Southern oligarchy oppress not only the Negro but the white masses as well. Of the ten million adults who are deprived of the right to brought up for action the third vote, 6 million are white.

week in January. Then it was Illiteracy and poverty are the postponed to the middle of lot of the Southern masses under February. Now they are handing system. But it ha out word that other helped the absentee Wall street must come before it. When Rooseowners of Southern industry and velt delivered his recent message the native landlords to maintain to Congress, he carefully refrained conditions of exploitation that from including an anti-poll-tax bring enormous profits. bill as part of his hypocritical "Bill of Rights" program. * * *

ganized in Europe outside the Soviet Union when the 1929 world economic crisis erupted and the swift rise of Hitler began. Between the parties of the Second (Socialist) and Third Internationals, (Communist) the anti-capitalist workers of to make a statement on the sol- reactionary war program. They Germany numbered over 16,dier vote bill, Senator Overton, have sponsored the anti-labor 000,000. United against Hitler, these two parties would have represented a force which could have crushed Nazism like an

egg shell.

But the policies of the leaders threaten the democratic rights of of these parties prevented such a united struggle. The reformist Socialist leaders prefered to ed by Howard K. Smith, a pollentrust the fight against Hitler to the democratic capitalists, tax congressman. Smith fathered the "Gag Act" which endangers throwing all support to them on the theory of choosing the "lesser shared in sponsoring the Smithevil." The Stalinized Communist Connolly Act which denies work-Party closed the road to unity with its theory of "social fas-

cism." It proclaimed that the In payment for the faithful Socialists and the Nazis "are not antipodes, but twins," and, indeed, of the two, the Stalinists taught, the Socialists were the 'main enemy.' port the Jim Crow system. While

the government enforces segrega-TROTSKY'S WARNINGS

tion in the armed forces, it does The Trotskyists alone sounded nothing effective to prevent the real alarm signal when Hit discrimination in industry. It ler in September 1930 polled his refuses to seriously enforce the first large vote, 6,401,000. Against civil rights of Negroes in the the light-minded claims of the leaders of the Socialist and Com-

Roosevelt pretends to be shock- munist parties, who belittled the ed because the coalition of Repub- significance of Hitler's gains and licans and Democratic poll-taxers disarmed the German workers are ready to sacrifice the right with false assurances, Leon Trotof the soldiers to vote in order sky from his exile in Prinkipo, to maintain the poll-tax. But Turkey, hurled the warning: Roosevelt, like Hoover, Harding, "The gigantic growth of naand Wilson before him, has done tional-socialism is an expression nothing to destroy the power of of two factors: a deep social the poll-taxers, and indeed, leans' crisis throwing the petty bourupon them for political support geois masses off balance, and the

and chooses their leaders, like lack of a revolutionary party that Byrnes and Vinson, for his chief would be regarded by the masses as an acknowledged revolutionary proceeds to crush the vanguard If Roosevelt were interested in leader. If the Communist Party

democracy he might enforce the is the party of revolutionary 14th amendment which says that hope, then Fascism, as a mass come, the number of representatives movement, is the party of councapita income of Alabamans was seated in Congress shall be in ter - revolutionary despair . . \$292. And even when the tax is proportion to the number of peo- Fascism in Germany has beple who vote. If this part of the come a real danger. . . Whoever constitution had been enforced denies this is either blind or a last year, it would have reduced braggart." (The Turn in the Combourgeoisie.' munist International and the Gerthe number of poll-tax congressman Situation-September 1930.)

men from 78 to 13, With each passing month, the Nor has Roosevelt spoken out agitation of the Trotskyists vigorously in public or in Conroclaimed more urgently the press in support of an anti-poll ife-and-death necessity for the tax bill. At the present time the workers united front in Germany anti-poll tax bill is being killed and war to the death against by a silent filibuster in the Senate. It was supposed to have been

real role and danger of Hitlerism, power, it will ride over your White-Collar Workers Hit By



Pages from Our Fight Against Nazism



Reproduced above are headlines from THE MILITANT of 1933, when Hitler conquered power. warning the workers of the mortal dangers of Nazism to their organizations and to the Soviet Union, and calling upon Socialist, Communist and non-party workers to unite in a war to the death against Hitlerism.

THE LAND BARONS Frotsky warned that a victorious skulls and spines like a terrific ists tried to save the situation. Hitler would become the very tank. Your salvation lies in Even in the hour of Hitler's as spearhead of the world imperialist merciless struggle. And only a sumption of power, as the Miliattempt to destroy the Soviet fighting unity with the social tant of the spring of 1933 records, Union. democratic workers can bring vic- the Trotskyists tried to rally the

> munists, you have very little time last-minute united front. Their summons was not heeded.

The eleven years of Hitler's and Communist parties hooted at rule which led to the most terrible Trotsky, and tried to drown his war in history and the Nazi warnings and appeals in a blast assault upon the USSR have of slander. Remmele, one of the tested and confirmed the truth of three top leaders of the Com- Trotsky's predictions and his munist Party, boasted in the program. That program holds Reichstag,-"We are not afraid of | with full force today. The menace the fascist gentlemen. They will of fascism can be destroyed only shoot their bolt quicker than any by the methods Trotsky advocated other government." Heilmann, a from the first, the unity of the leading Socialist spokesman, could working class in struggle against proclaim as late as January 1933, capitalism and its fascist gangs 'The time when fascism was a and for the establishment of deadly danger for the proletariat socialism.

On Jan. 30, 1933, Hindenburg On Dec. 8, 1931, Trotsky addressed the vanguard of the Gersupported as the "lesser evil,

man workers: "Worker-Communists, you are Misled and disoriented, abandoned hundreds of thousands, millions; by their leaders the German you cannot leave for any place; workers were crushed and there are not enough passports butchered. Nazism. In his analyses of the for you. Should fascism come to atomized.

freeze.

To the very end, the Trotsky



By A. Roland

Every one of the South Ameri- | one and a quarter billion dollars. can countries is cursed with the Argentine industry now supplies oblem of feudal landlordism. 40% of its own cotton cloth, The Mexican Revolution, led by 60% of its linen, 85% of its own the liberal bourgeoisie, managed woolen goods, all of its silk. There after tremendous struggles and are even rayon plants. Foreign sacrifices on the part of the branch factories exist in the field masses, to bring about a minor of technology producing autodivision of some of its big estates motive supplies, radios, agriamong the peons. Argentina has cultural machinery, tires, elecexperienced no such revolution as trical apparatus and drugs. Only yet. The land is held in such vast the basic iron and coal production estates that some of them resemis lacking although Argentina has ble separate duchies. Two thoua secondary iron and steel insand families own all the land of dustry based on the importing of Argentina which is one third the iron and steel scrap.

area of the United States. In the Every nation that has gone Province of Buenos Aires there through a period of industrializaare fifty families owning ranches tion has been thus reflected in a each one of which is over 75,000 change in the nature and in the acres in extent. tempo of the class struggle. In

It is these producers of live- Argentina this struggle is comstock grouped together in the plicated, as it is in all semi-Sociedad Rural Argentina, who colonial countries, by the grip on form the aristocracy of the land the nation of foreign monopoly of the pampas. They have ruled finance capital. Native comprador the country with an iron hand capitalists are dominated by the through the Conservative Party, foreign imperialists. To defend today called the National Demo- themselves against imperialism, cratic Party. Opposition to their and to try to gain control of their dictatorship came only after the own home market, the native first World War. There always capitalists in all such countries existed antagonism between the alike try to play off one imperialcattle and wheat raisers of the ist against the other. interior and the commercial

FEAR U. S. CAPITAL classes in the port town of

In the present war Argentine business men fear nothing so

much as that the vast holdings The struggle for control of the of the British imperialists will be national policies has become far transferred to United States immore intense since the growth of perialism. Argenting will then be industrialization. The land barons | left almost helplessly in the claws have always bitterly opposed all of the North American exploiters. attempts to build up industry. British capital owns the railroads They feared the loss of their forand the public utilities of the eign markets. Their view was that southern Republic. United States Argentina could sell her basic capital controls all means of commaterials abroad only if she could munication, telephone, telegraph, buy manufactures in return. radio, and also airplane travel in Otherwise her European customaddition to the packing industry. It is under these conditions that

ers would turn elsewhere. But urbanization and industhe struggle takes place between trialization were assisted by a the Radical Party which reprenumber of circumstances. The first sents the rising but badly handi-World War shut off all manufac- capped native industrialists, and tures for a time and encouraged the National Democratic Party of the rise of native industries the big landowners. This struggle producing for home consumption. appears to be one between the Some of these plants continued provinces and the great urban in the post-war period. The world center of Buenos Aires. In the economic crisis brought about provinces the landowners rule tremendous trade difficulties. The outright through local dictators or depreciation of currencies in the caudillos. No democracy worthy aard-hit semi-colonies forced the of the name exists at all under complete control of exchange. Im- these local dictators. Only in the ports were under restriction from province of Buenos Aires, conwithin, and foreign exporters centrating half the population of refused to send goods that could the country (the City of Buenos not be paid for. This encouraged Aires has two and a half million anew the growth of home inpeople), is there even a semblance of democracy. The people

In addition it brought about the of Buenos Aires are divided in construction of branch factories their allegiance between the of the big foreign companies that | Radical Party and the Socialists. preme Court of the U.S. to hear did not want to lose the Argentine The masses of the country have market. The big packing monopol- up to now supported the Radi ists had already built their cals as against the conservative tremendous frigorificos or pack- minority. ing plants-the Swifts, Armours, The reaction that came recently Wilsons and the English Anglo in Argentina in the form of a Company. Now Ford, 'General coup d'etat or palace revolution Motors, General Electric found it had its internal cause in the fear expedient to set up plants. These of the land barons that a real were not mere assembly plants revolution was in the offing. They -these had existed previously- fear the setting off of the but actual manufacturing setagrarian revolt in which the great number of peons and tenant farmers might seize the land. The ARGENTINE INDUSTRY reactionary landlord class fights The immigration of millions of to prevent its power from slipping Italian, German, Spanish and out of its grasp into the hands ces. The capitalist press has been the senate hearing, the Toledo trust will have the support of all other workers to Argentina of the industrial capitalists. Conprovided a powerful labor force. ditions are certainly ripening in There are now 54,000 registered the Republic for great social industries (1939 figures) employ- changes. The landowners hope to ing more than 800,000 workers. stave off these social changes by The value of the products produc- | a military dictatorship taking the ed is over five billion pesos or form of a preventive "fascism."

tory. Make haste, worker-Com- German workers, establish the WAR AGAINST USSR On Nov. 26, 1931, Trotsky left!" predicted in "Germany, The Key The leaders of the Socialist to the International situation":

"A victory of fascism in Ger many would signify the inevitable war against the USSR. . . Once Hitler comes to power and of the German workers, pulverizing and demoralizing the whole proletariat for many years to the fascist government alone will be the only government capable of waging war against the USSR. . . In case he is victorious. Hitler will become the Super-Wrangel of the world and freedom has passed away."

whom the Socialist leaders had turned the power over to Hitler. Pardon for the 18 Misled and disoriented, abandoned

(Continued from page 1) their organizations popular minority. If not protest-

ed, it may then be spread to the dustry. majority. Therefore I would like

add my personal protest against the refusal of the Su-

The enemies of the Negro peo-The evils that flow from the ple have shown themselves to be N. Y., told of his attempt to suppoll-tax system are not confined the most bitter opponents of the port himself, his wife and three to the South. By virtue of their monopoly of political power, the trade unions and of the demo- children on a weekly "take-home" Rankins and the Dies' keep re- cratic rights of servicemen. The of \$31.51. electing themselves to Congress labor movement therefore has the DIET INADEQUATE year in and year out. Because of | most vital interest in abolishing seniority, these Southern Con- the poll-tax and every other gressmen dominate the most im- aspect of the Jim-Crow system. portant Congressional committees. It can conduct a fight to the care of the apartment furnace, Today 17 out of the 74 committees finish against that system only although she is burdened by ill in the House of Representatives by breaking with the Democratic and 10 out of the 33 committees and Republican parties which as in all workers' families, goes in the Senate are headed by poll- uphold it and building its own independent labor party. tax Congressmen.

PIONEER PARAGRAPHS

WHY TROTSKYISTS ADVOCATE WORKERS MILITARY POLICY

We have put forth the idea of upper ranks. We say plainly that military training under trade we do not trust the generals and proportion of income spent for food, is not exceptional. union control. As Mr. Cannon higher officers to fight for detestified, a training camp was mocracy.

operated in Plattsburg, New York, Because of that we propose that for the purpose of training busithe trade unions train their own nessmen and professional men as officers - officers in whom officers, and the government the workers can have confidence furnished the necessary funds. and whom they can control. And Why not have training camps you must remember, when you where the trade unions could consider this point, that the trade train their men both as soldiers unions are not under the control and as officers? of the Socialist Workers Party.

In our opinion the great but under the control of men who majority of generals and higher are, from our viewpoint, very officers in the army are hostile conservative, and even reac-

to the laboring class. The higher tionary. Still, rather than have as the prosecution is concerned, America, an independent union officers are raised and trained in officers trained at West Point. of a conspiracy to overthrow the of skilled auto workers, are out tion our representation in the an environment which makes them we prefer to have, them trained hostile to the workers. They are under trade union control because not interested in democracy or in the trade unions are organizations fighting for democracy. Have not of workers. Furthermore, you the events in France confirmed must remember that our program tary training, that would conour opinion in that respect? The of military training under trade stitute evidence of conspiracy; the Willys-Overland plant here auto workers union, which has the Minneapolis Prisoners Par-American and British generals union control is a legislative when we are for military trainare not any different from the program. We want Congress to ing, that is brought in as evidence Workers pressed claims for re-French generals. Who surrender- pass legislation making such of a conspiracy!

ed to Germany? Not the rank training possible by appropriating (From "In Defense of Socialand file, but Petain and Weygand funds for that purpose. Of course, as with all other 56-57, published by Pioneer Puband the other generals in command of the French army. Who activities and policies of the lishers, 1942, 96 pages. 10c. permitted the Germans to enter Socialist Workers Party, our idea Order from Pioneer Publishers. Norway? Not the rank and file of military training under trade 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, order commanding them to call Michigan in what the MESA soldiers, but the fascists in the union control is evidence, as far N. Y.)

Skyrocketing Cost Of Living

(Continued from page 1)

of these statistics. Every house-John Alessi, a member of the CIO State, County and Municipal wife knows that this figure is will not solve the problem, how- dangerous and a damning in Workers, who lives in Brooklyn, far more accurate than the 40.2% ever. This is a task that the labor fringement upon the basic and Statistics.

WHAT TO DO

White collar workers have suf-

of food is based on a combination

fered even more than many other Alessi's rent is \$38 a month; sections of the labor movement from the uncontrolled rise in pri- On January 28, one day before a presidential pardon, which I to reduce it by \$8, his wife takes shedding copious crocodile tears Union Journal announced that people of all races, classes and over their plight in order to drive | plans had been made by the Tole- | groups, will bear proper fruit and health. The bulk of their income, a wedge between salaried work- do Industrial Union Council to result in the freeing of these 18 for food; yet the family's diet is ers whose income has remained organize the office workers in men and women."

so inadequate that, Alessi declar- at 1941 levels, and the organized downtown Toledo. A request was Life Magazine of Feb. 7 pubed, it leaves him "so weak he can hardly keep on working and he and there secured a few slight Professional Workers to send an son of the Civil Rights Defense gets sick easy." He added, in exwage increases. The hypocrisy of organizer into Toledo, or to au- Committee, and from Charles R. planation, that "even substitute cheese costs 75c a pound." cheese costs 75c a pound." fooled no one, least of all the ploy one.

Alessi's experience indicates that the growing number of "substitute" foods consumed by workers has just begun to show its Of 20,000 In Mid-West effects. Nutritional deficiencies in their meals, despite the great

\$26,000,000,000, or 7%, during the

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 7-Word | drastic penalties against the Mr. Walker. Evelyn Anderson Figures from the Department of Agriculture, cited by the CIO National Administrative Council tional secretary, has also defied socialist leaders "were originally report, show that total civilian of the Mechanics Educational a subpoena to appear before a indicted because. . . they had orconsumption in terms of pounds, calories, and other measures of Cleveland, today called off "tem- that he would attend only if com- to defend the local union against nutritive values has declined 3% porarily" the MESA strike that pelled "by force." Unlike the CIO threatened attacks by Silver has been in progress since Fri- leaders, the MESA officials have Shirts in Minneapolis." between 1940 and 1943 - while Department of Commerce figures day at the Willys-Overland and never adhered to the no-strike prove an increased expenditure other plants here and in Michigan. pledge. for food, from \$15,000,000,000 to

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 6-More

same period. The CIO estimate Mechanics Educational Society of government by force. No matter on strike at 44 plants in Ohio plants under contract." what we do, it is taken by the and Michigan. The strike, which government as evidence of this is jurisdictional, was precipitated presentation of tool room and whelming majority of the auto N.Y.

machine service men who have workers throughout the nation. ism," by Albert Goldman, pages been under an MESA contract. The MESA leaders have thus far defied a War Labor Board off the strike under threat of leaders called a "general strike."

dom of speech and thought are involved. Raymond Pace Alexander, well-

of a 74.2% increase in the cost, white collar workers themselves. known Negro attorney in Phila-Murray's appeals to a reaction- delphia, wrote: "This is one of ary congress to "do something" the unusual instances of a very estimated by the Bureau of Labor | movement itself must accomplish | fundamental rights of free by organizing the white collar speech; of rights of free people workers and fighting with them to live free, to think free and to to shatter Roosevelt's wagespeak free that has ever eman- ups.

ated from our Supreme Court. .

Buenos Aires.

The Toledo CIO has already We must carry on the fight and taken a step in that direction. I am certain that your appeal for

labor movement which has here sent to the Union of Office and lished letters from Evelyn Ander-

City," protesting its coupling of the 18 Minneapolis labor prisondicted native fascists as "a dis-service to civil liberties." "These

men I know have some of the oldest records of anti-fascist activity in the Unted States." wrote

has been received here that the union. Matthew Smith, MESA na- pointed out that these labor and Society, which is meeting in WLB hearing tomorrow, stating ganized a Union Defense Guard

> y thousand copies of a new leaflet on the case of the 18 have George White, MESA president, stated that the MESA might be just come off the press and are

than 20,000 members of the willing to "make a settlement" available for distribution. Copies with the WLB if it issued a petition blanks can be obtained

BACKS SEGREGATION Committee, 160 Fifth Ave., N. Y

The majority opinion, handed down by Judges Swan and Hand, Contributions for the CRDC City practice of quotas based on racial proportions. No attempt

upheld the army's policy of segregation, based on statutory sanctions established in 1866. They supported the New York

delivered."

was made to explain how a ratio of 90-50 gives equality to Negroes who comprise approximately 10% of the population.

The dissenting Judge, C. E Clark, held that separate quotas did violate the Selective Service Act prohibitions against discrimi-

ers with the thirty recently in-

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 4 | nation because of race or color. -The U. S. Circuit Court by a Arthur Garfield Hays of the 2-1 decision today upheld the American Civil Liberties Union army's Jim Crow segregation defended Lynn. The defendant's brother, Conrad Lynn, Jamaica policy in filling draft quotas.

attorney who first pressed the In this important test case case and undertook the defense, Winfred William Lynn, a Negro was inducted a few months later. soldier, sought release from the By appeals to the defendant, army on the grounds that he was to the N.A.A.C.P., and to Conrad inducted Dec. 19, 1942, on a requisition directing the Jam- Lynn, federal authorities have aica, Queens local board to base consistently attempted to quash its quota on the first 90 white men the case which has attracted so much national attention and support. Forced to an open decision The order further stated "Sepby the determination of the Lynn arate delivery lists are to be made for white and Negro registrants brothers to make this a thorough test of the statutes, the higher court has given sanction to the

clearly illegal discriminatory draft practices of the armed forces.



10, N. Y. It is thus clear that the MESA

The strike began in the tool room of the Willys plant here and immediately spread to two score

READ

plants throughout this state and

'THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL⁴

directive "freezing for the dura-from the Civil Rights Defense

leaders are fighting to preserve campaign to free the 18 should conspiracy. If we opposed mili- by an NLRB order calling for a their small independent union be sent to the same address.

collective bargaining election at against the pressure of the CIO Among the week's contributors to after the CIO United Automobile over 1,000,000 members in the don and Relief Fund is Brewers

industry and represents the over- Union Local No. 4, of Buffalo,

The CRDC announced that thirand the first 50 Negroes in 1A.

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THE MILITANT



Application for entry as second-class matter is pending.



To defend the USSR as the main fortress of the, world proletariat, against all assaults of world imperialism and of internal counter-revolution, is the most important duty of very class-conscious worker.

- LEON TROTSKY

JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR:

- 1. Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions. Special officers' training camps, financed by the government but controlled by the trade unions, to train workers to become officers.
- 2. Trade union wages for all workers drafted into the army.
- **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.

juncture a marriage of convenience, every major advance of the Red Army creates a new diplomatic crisis and endangers their common aims to stifle the independent action of the European peoples and to crush the inevitable revolutionary storm. As far as Washington and London are concerned, far more is involved than mere fear of a strong rival state. The capitalists are first and foremost concerned with the property forms in the occupied territories, they are concerned with the preservation of the capitalist system in Europe and they are fearful that any revolutionary uprising may swiftly spread from one country to the next like a prairie fire. They fear that neither Stalin nor they themselves will be able to curb such a revolutionary uprising, or to crush it.

The European peoples have aspirations and aims entirely different and opposed to those of Stalin or the imperialists. The current situation in Poland symbolizes the problems of the masses of all Europe. The Polish workers and peasants who for four years have been living in a hell of starvation, slavery and war, now feel that the hour is approaching when they will be able to throw off the despotic yoke and build again on a new foundation a society which will give them freedom and security.

A strong revolutionary underground movement exists in Poland which since 1939 has never ceased its fight against the Nazi oppressor and for the strengthening and organization of its proletarian ranks. The underground fighters have indeed gone through a long and hard school. As their published declarations make clear, their most advanced elements understand only too well the predatory imperialist aims of England and America. They are likewise aware of the counter-revolutionary role of Stalin and his clique. They know of the oppression of the nationalities and the peoples inside the Soviet Union. They understand that Stalin's Kremlin gang come into Poland not as liberators but as oppressors. They have learned that in the Europe of today the Polish masses can win freedom and security only through the socialist revolution, they can win and preserve national independence only in a voluntary federation of free peoples, the Socialist United States of Europe.

The advanced Polish revolutionists are anti-Stalinist, but they are pro-Soviet. They understand that despite Stalin, the Soviet Union is nevertheless unlike the capitalist world. They understand the great opportunities that are opening up for the Polish people and their struggle because of the victorious advance of the Red Army. They will organize the Polish masses in the spirit of the program that Trotsky laid down in 1939.

. . . Partisans of the Fourth International must play the most decisive part in expropriating the landlords and capitalists, in dividing the land among the peasants, in creating soviet and workers' committees, etc. While so doing, they must preserve their political independence. . . and they must conduct revolutionary propaganda in the spirit of distrust toward the Kremlin and its local agencies."



No confident boasts of a "thousand year reign" marked Hitler's address to the German people on Jan. 30, the eleventh anniversary of his accession



The columns are open to the opinions of the readers of The Militant. Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers, but keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed. - Editor.

Capitalist Aims American Legion Editor:

Editor: I hadn't read or heard of the On February 2, Warren Atherimprisonment of our comrades on, National Commander of the American Legion, appeared be- until I saw it in the Fourth Infore the Senate Military' Affairs ternational, as I have not been Committee in the role of stooge reading the capitalist press too for Roosevelt when he urged closely lately as it is sickening enactment of a so-called Na- to any thinking person. However this imprisoning withtional Service Act, tantamount to labor slavery. The proposal which out a rehearing proves many has been widely declared by lead- things, mainly that the Trotskying authorities and the press as ists are right but must be muffled, unnecessary and dangerous legis- etc. Here the attempt is to break lation inimical to our Democracy the spirit of the party organiza- rather welcomed them, they would contains other implications as it | tion, drive us individuals away, | now prefer to award with a could be manipulated to regiment or scare us into inactivity. We regency. Thus the enforcement are in the fire test as always, but the voters as well as labor. Commander Atherton's opinions we must survive these times

are fortunately not shared by intact, we must not lose our taken with a grain of salt. Even Legion rank and file, although identity. For the capitalist gov- to our own soldiery who have been Legion officialdom ever ready to ernments (Democratic or Fascist) taught to believe they are fightmake the front pages, has always know they have no correct solu- ing for those freedoms, false consistently opposed organized tion for the peoples after the world conflict ends. labor's struggles for adequate wages and decent living condi-

control by disbanding any sincere tions for the long-exploited workvanguard or union which would Fairplay Los Angeles, Cal. serve as a beacon in the darkness

of confusion and gather the confused for the new dawn. Only the gullible will believe that capitalist governments can

truly be opposed to fascist regimes. It has already been clearly demonstrated in Spain, France and Italy how the demo cracies act toward fascist leaders. If they don't run away they are bargained with, never taken prisoners. For instance Victor Emmanuel who didn't raise a finger against the Blackshirts but of the "Four Freedoms" may be representatives would now deprive The capitalists wish to maintain the right to vote in the presidential elections.

M. V. St. Louis, Mo.

Intimate Portrait of a WPB "Dollar-a-Year" Man

No matter where you fish in the murky waters of the administration's war production set-up, you are bound to hook onto a corporation "dollar-a-year" man running the government show for the greater profit of his own corporation and industry.

The latest such specimen brought to light is J. Spencer Love, head of the WPB's textile, clothing and leather division, and president of the Burlington Mills Corp., a \$50,000,000 open-shop textile concern with 44 plants in North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

Love has been instrumental in blocking the production of low-priced house dresses, work shirts, children's overalls and other items greatly needed by the workers. Through his WPB authority he has refused to allocate available materials and manufacturing facilities for the production of consumers goods which are less profitable than war orders and can be fabricated by smaller, rival enterprises.

Love was appointed to the WPB a few months ago, after he had gained notoriety because of his violent attacks against the OPA textile price regulations. At that time he insisted that the textile corporations could not "afford" to produce the less profitable, but no less urgently needed, types of consumers goods. Love's personal remuneration from his corporation was \$196,340 in 1942. He receives, even while occupying his WPB post, a base salary of \$22,800 a year from Burlington Mills, plus 31/2 per cent of his corporation's net profits

Burlington Mills maintains a 100 per cent nonunion open shop. When the CIO Textile Workers finally managed to win collective bargaining elections within th past two years in three of his 44 plants, Love promptly ordered these plants closed

Brass Hats Spearhead Drive To Regiment American People

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ers.

statement appeared the War Manpower Commission reported that 3000 shipyard workers had been discharged in the San Fran-

give satisfactory explanations are being discharged," reports the WMC director. The discharge of shipyard workers has been going on all over the country as a result of Maritime Commission contract reductions - otherwise known as "cutbacks."

UNEMPLOYMENT GROWS

it is:

1939

1940

1941

1942

1943

The American Iron and Steel Institute announced (Feb. 8) that employment in the steel industry had reached the lowest levels since February 1941 and was continuing a steady monthly decline. Cutbacks in war production are in many instances creating acute reemployment problems. The War Manpower Commission has con-

pretext given by Roosevelt and power of the brass hats means

act is necessary, 'who are we to aimed primarily at the trade question? Therefore, I support unions that the pliable bureaucrats in the leadership of the AFL

and CIO have been obliged to exours but to do and die." That was "unnecessary and ounwise." philosophy stands at the very These white-livered bureaucrats heart of the Military code of un- have been whining for so long they have forgotten how to bark Big Business is out to smash the unions. The brass hats are acting as the spearhead of the drive to perform that task and in their stride to regiment and militarize the nation. As part of the campaign the minds of the soldiers are being systematically poisoned against the workers. And about all the labor fakers have to say about the whole business is that it is "unnecessary and unwise." The military officer caste is no less essential an instrument of capitalist class rule than the Democratic and Republican parties. These forces have joined together to enhance their power and privileges at the expense of questioning obedience to the the overwhelming majority of the

> The workers in the factories armed forces must be mobilized



The proposed new tax bill before Congress is loaded with joker provisions to enable the corporations to evade paying even the meager profits taxes otherwise called for in the bill. These loopholes were packed into the measure at the behest of Big Business tax lobbyists seeking to protect the profits of their various special interests.

One such loophole permits reorganized corporations. which have reduced their capitalization, to figure their profit taxes on the base of their previous larger watered capitalization that is subject to smaller taxation

Depreciation allowances and excess profits tax exemptions are estimated on capital valuation. The bigger the capital, the bigger the depreciation allowance, and the greater the profit allowed before it is subject to "excess profits" taxation.

The new tax bill actually expands the present loophole which has enabled mining corporations to mark off most of their taxes under the heading of "depletion" of their resources. This generous provision last year helped the coal mine operators to rake in 400 per cent more profits, after taxes, than in 1939.

Many corporations with big "excess" profits have been merging with defunct corporations which provide big credits against "excess" profits taxes. Such a merger was recently consummated between a big profiteering food corporation and a dead investment trust.

workers, of course, have been given no such

cisco Bay Area alone and 3000 more were being interviewed in an alleged investigation of "absenteeism." "Those who cannot

Stalinist Fleas

Capt. Edward Rickenbacker reports (N. Y. Times, Feb. 5) that while in the USSR he asked a group of Stalinist bu-

reaucrats about the American "Communists." "You know, captain, every dog has his fleas-and you've certainly got most of ours,"

> was the cynical reply. A doubly appropriate answer, since Stalin's fleas have set up permanent housekeeping in the dirty hide of American capitalism.

tended that there is no manpower orders of the General Staff. The American people. shortage either present or an- extension of the military code to ticipated that would support the civilian life regimented under the and the worker soldiers in the

McNutt could well have paraphrased the poet Tennyson and press their opposition. They said: "Ours not to reason why, whined that a forced labor law

The defense of the Soviet Union to power. Hitler voiced the desperation of a regime against imperialist attack.

Stalinism And The **European Revolution**

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purporting to speak for the peoples of Poland, Germany, etc. All these strategems are of course a travesty of democracy, a mockery of the independence of the peoples of Europe and their rights. They constitute merely one more proof that Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin are not liberators but enslavers.

Stalin's recent action in reorganizing the USSR into 16 "autonomous" republics, with each republic presumably to have its independent commissariats of war and foreign affairs, is part and parcel of his whole policy of fraud, duplicity, deceit and reaction. Stalin has destroyed the autonomous rights of the nationalities of the Soviet Union, first proclaimed and instituted under Lenin, just as he has destroyed the liberties of the Soviet peoples. The new constitutional reorganization of the USSR will no more grant autonomy to the Soviet nationalities than the "Stalinist Constitution" gave democracy to the Soviet people.

Why then the latest constitutional changes? Apparently Stalin among other things is providing himself with a more flexible formal and juridical structure to add eastern Poland, the Baltic states, and other territories on the periphery of the USSR to the structure of the Soviet Union.

At the same time, as demonstrated in his agreement with Benes of Czechoslovakia, Stalin attempts to reconstitute pseudo-democratic capitalist governments within the "sphere of influence" of the USSR. All of Stalin's maneuvers, his tacking, his double-dealing, his spasmodic changes of front, are simply part and parcel of his old bankrupt policy which seeks to preserve the rule of the bureaucracy on the basis of a narrow nationalistic, counter-revolutionary program. The bureaucracy, however, still rests on the state whose economic foundations were laid down by the greatest revolution in history.

Despite the recent agreements concluded at Moscow and Teheran and despite the fact that both the Kremlin bureaucracy and the imperialists are desperately anxious to consummate at the present

with its back to the wall, trying to stave off catastrophic military defeat from without and revolt at home.

The supreme danger, he ranted, is Bolshevism. With hysterical insistence Hitler expounded his nightmare vision of annihilation that he claimed Bolshevism would bring not only upon Germany, but on all Europe and the British Empire itself. These ravings reflected the effects of the Red Army victories upon him, his fears of a revolutionary rising of the German workers, his last minute hopes for rescue at the hands of Anglo-American imperialism through a "Badoglio deal," such as temporarily saved the Italian capitalist ruling class from the revolutionary wrath of the Italian masses.

The German masses, he contended, have no choice but to continue the war in order merely to survive. No matter how bad their conditions might become in the continuing bloody debacle of the war, a victory of the Allied powers or the Red Army would be far worse. With no little cunning, he pounded away upon the one argument which he hoped might still deter the German masses from smashing his executioner's regime. He pointed to the intolerable trap which Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin have sprung upon the German people.

The German masses are in a terrible predicament. At home, they face continued bloody devastation and the iron rule of the Gestapo. From the Allied powers comes only the promise of capitalist conqueror's peace, dismemberment and economic ruin.

Nevertheless the German masses would not flinch from assaulting these obstacles with their own struggle for proletarian power if the road toward socialism were not barricaded against them by the criminal counter-revolutionary policies of Stalin. While the German workers are impelled onto the revolutionary road by the agony of capitalist war and fascism and by the inspiration of the victories of the first workers state, Stalin drives them back with his threats of mass enslavement, his alliance with Allied imperialism to impose a new and worse Versailles "Diktat," his expressed intention of crushing socialist revolutions.

The policies of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin today provide Hitler with his most powerful arguments and serve to dishearten and depress the German people. But the irrepressible force of the European revolution will sweep aside all these obstacles in its path and open the way out of their terrible situation for the German working class.

his brass hats of the need for the end of any pretence of "total mobilization" of all our democracy and the establishment around a bold program in defense manpower. Despite all these of an outright military dictator- of their democratic rights. Only known facts, Paul V. McNutt, at ship. That is precisely the road the labor movement, by breaking a news conference, publicly with- that Roosevelt has opened with decisively with both political drew his previous objections to a his proposal for a national service labor draft law, giving the act. astounding reason that: "When LABOR'S TASK

those in charge of the prosecution of the war decide such an tional selective service act is struggle.

agencies of Wall Street and organizing its own Independent

So obvious is it that the na- Labor Party, can lead such a



The London correspondent of any other demand than the rethe N. Y. Times (Jan. 28) gives moval of a foreman who had been berish and its sponsors as a a table of strike statistics for distributing fascist literature. Great Britain, which holds the * * * highest significance for vanguard labor all over the world. Here

written from Mexico City which Number of Strikes serves to further shed light on 940 922 1251 1281 1775

It will be noted that the first linked closely to the Spanish period of the war brought a sharp | Falange, and sums up its "procurtailment of strikes. With 1941, gram": "We condemn Communism, however, the class struggles begin to mount. The correspondent adds that for militancy there has tyrannies," he quotes from one of never been a year like 1943 in the long history of British trade division of 'leftists' and 'right- parently does not confine itself unionism. There were more strikes this past year than any tionaries.' We repudiate the Nazi and Europe but is capable of exyear-including 1926, the year of the Great General Strike-in this any other foreign symbol."

century. He does not fail to note, He continues: "The Sinarquistas moreover, that practically every are for private property but struggle in the course of this war against its abuses by 'economic has been unauthorized. That is, conducted not only against the employers and their government sponsors but against the authority of the union officialdom as "The official aims of the Sinarwell.

The class struggle is ripping with terrific sweep through the fiction of national unity adhered Sinarquism, calling itself a 'civic Indies, especially among colored to by all-including the "labor" -officialdom. As a finishing touch to his report, the correspondent illustrates | ment.' Its newspapers inveigh | States would spend more money, the broad character-more than against protestantism and ... merely economic-of this pheno- at the same time (are) advocat- political concessions more readily

miners in Snowdown (Kent) guaranteed

Colliery went on strike without Charter."

Lest this be dismissed as gibcrackpot sect, the author admonishes that the Sinarquistas are at least 100,000 strong, have had In the Chicago Daily News ministers in the Federal cabinet (Feb. 5) appears a feature article and that "they are smiled upon by the state department and by many of the Catholic hierarchy the administration's foreign here and in the United States. . policy. It deals with Sinarquistas, Furthermore, at least one man in the clerico-fascist movement below | the huge American embassy here the Rio Grande. The article gives | had a private wire to Sinarquista the origin of the organization, headquarters." The Sinarquistas' devotion to

'Rooseveltian democracy" and the Atlantic Charter" is no more fantastic than the Rooseveltian totalitarianism, dictatorships and democrats' attachment to sinarquism. The "platform" of Ameri their booklets. "We repudiate the can bourgeois democracy ap ists' or 'revolutionaries' and 'reac- to clerico-fascism for Italy, Spain cross, the Communist star, and tension to the good neighbors as well.

That the oppressed colonials of the West Indies, long fed up with liberalism'-they are against a British imperialism are also 'classless' society but also against waking up to the fraudulent boon 'class hatred and class struggle.' of its Yankee counterpart, is They advocate unions without evidenced by Joseph M. Jones in leaders . . . and an end to strikes. the February Fortune. He writes "In the winter of 1940-41, wellquistas call for national unity and qualified observer reported a wide Rooseveltian democracy (sic) . . . | spread desire in the British West movement' not concerned with labor political leaders, for the politics (sic) says it is 100% United States to take over the catholic, but 'not a religious move islands. It was felt that the United . pay better wages, and grant menon by a recent example: 1765 | ing "full religious freedom as Now, 1944, the West Indies no by the Atlantic longer want annexation by the United States. . ."

loopholes. Their taxes are taken directly out of their pay, in advance. Indeed, the new tax bill contains all sorts of direct and indirect increased taxes on the wage-earners.

Big Business Plans Steal of Government Equipment

Big Business plans in this war to pick the country cleaner than a turkey at an orphanage Thanksgiving feast. Among its other projects for appropriating everything that isn't nailed down is a program for acquiring billions of dollars worth of machine tools at a small fraction of the cost at which the government built them.

This is the charge made against General Motors, Chrysler and other industrial monopolies by Walter P. Reuther, vice-president of the United Automobile Workers, CIO. Reuther asserted in Detroit on Feb. 2 that evidence to this effect is contained in the testimony of K. T. Keller, Chrysler president, before the Truman Senate Committee on Nov. 22, 1943.

Keller, whom Reuther accused of "carrying the ball for the corporate postwar bargain hunters," pointedly informed the Truman Committee that Chrysler is using 19,277 machine tools built and owned by the government which the corporation claims it will need for peace-time production.

With a grand gesture of magnanimity, Keller offered to relieve the government of its burden and save it moving and storage expense by buying up these tools at 1937 valuations, admittedly about 65 per cent of their present worth, less depreciation of 20 per cent annually. This would give Chrysler the tools for about 10 per cent of what they cost the government.

C. E. Wilson, General Motors president, two days after Keller's informal bid, chimed in with the information that GM controls 143,744 machine tools, 56,708 of which belong to the government.

Reuther showed that Chrysler now claims that it converted "around 89 per cent" of its pre-war tools to war production, although Keller and other auto magnates before Pearl Harbor insisted they could only convert 10 per cent.

"Could it be," Reuther asks, "that the owners of the auto industry fought early conversion of automotive equipment to war production because they wanted the Government to build new plants and buy billions of dollars of new machinery which might later be acquired by the industry for a small percentage of the actual cost?"

Could it be that Reuther thinks the monopolists entered this war with any other aim than to mop up every drop of gravy that capitalist war provides?