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GENERAL STRIKE SWEEPS NORTH ITALY

National Speaking Tour Is Scheduled By CRDC

Secretary to Visit Principal Cities in Three Month Itinerary; **CIO Shipbuilders' Union President Protests Imprisonment of 18**

As part of its campaign to free the 18 prisoners in the Minneapolis Labor Case, the Civil Rights Defense Committee this week announced its plans for a national speaking tour by its National Secretary, George Novack. His tour, which is scheduled to start on March 16 in Rochester, New York, will extend for three months during which he will address audiences in the principal cities from coast to coast.

In his statement announcing the tour, the CRDC Secretary said: "There is no more vital

issue confronting labor and all real defenders of civil liberties the Minneapolis Labor Case. local CRDC committees during

this tour I hope to drive home to trade unionists and progressive forces throughout the country the dangers to the rights of labor and the freedom of the American people involved in the imprisonment of the 18 under the oppressive Smith "Gag" Act. So long as the 18 are behind bars and the Smith Act is in effect, no trade unionist can consider himself secure from prosecution and every American's freedom of expression is in jeopardy."

JOHN GREEN

President John Green of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, CIO last week added his voice to the growing list of union leaders who have protested against the railroading of the 18 to jail. In a responsible Union leader and as ernment directly into the oil busihlishes a dangerous precedent

real defenders of civil liberties Administration Plans Grab the Minneapolis Labor Case. Through meetings arranged by Of Middle East Oil Fields Roosevelt's Petroleum Re-

serves Corporation, through Secretary Ickes, announced on Feb. 6 the administration's project for construction of vast pipelines across Saudi Arabia to transport to Mediterranean ports and refineries the crude oil from the Arabian fields owned by the Standard Oil, Gulf and Texas corporations. Upwards of \$200,000,000 of public funds is already earmarked for this huge undertaking, which the N. Y. Times has described as "only a compara-

tively small item in the ambitious program" of 'American imperialism to grab up the huge oil resources of the world.

Roosevelt is using the government to safeguard advance the international interests of the his letter to CRDC Secretary American oil monopolies. He has George Novack, Green wrote: "I taken his cue from Churchill who consider it my personal duty as | in 1913 had put the British govan American to sharply protest ness, by government purchase of designed to "sell" the American the recent decision of the Supreme the majority stock holdings of people on the desirability and petrating a deliberate fraud consider the appeal... To permit thus paving the way for British project. This takes the form of a cost of living has gone up over such convictions as these to stand interests to come out on top of War I

BULLETIN DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 7 -General Motors Sub-Council

No. 2 in Detroit area representing more than eighty thousand workers voted tonight with only one dissenting vote in favor of full support to the committee for the promotion of Michigan Commonwealth Federation and called upon the international and all affiliated and local unions to support the movement for the new party.

cheap labor. Thousands of poor peasants are being driven off the land and forced to accept work

at a few cents a day with Standard and the other international oil monopolies. The administration and the big

oil companies involved in the Arabian deal have unleashed a tremendous propaganda drive that America's present oil reserves



Murray Sidetracks Fight To Scrap Little Steel Formula

By C. Thomas

Four months have elapsed since the Philadelphia Convention of the CIO raised the demand that the Little Steel formula be scrapped. Over three months have passed since the steel workers gathered in a national wage conference, and drew up a series of demands for wage increases which were designed to break the Little Steel wage-freeze and to provide the steel workers with wages that would permit them to catch up with the rising cost of living.

In the meantime, the CIO in cooperation with the AFL representatives made a study of the cost of living and found that the government Bureau of Labor Statistics had been per-Court of the U. S., refusing to the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, necessity for the Saudi 'Arabia upon the people and that the the line" against the steelwork-

ers. "scare campaign" to the effect 40 percent since 1941. And yet, least bit serious about their If the CIO leaders were the

Six Million Workers Struggle Against The Nazi Occupation

Stalinist and Socialist Parties Call Off Strike in South of Italy On Order of Allies

By William F. Warde

The Italian revolution is blazing again! North Italy is in the violent throes of a general strike. Anne O'Hare McCormick, N. Y. Times political columnist, writes that the general strike has "the force of an insurrection."

The struggles of the North Italian workers, which have been raging ever since the Nazi occupation, and have in the past three months led to greater

and ever more frequent strikes, came to a head needs and against the forced this week in a general labor conscription. strike of 6 million work. ers. Industrial production in North Italy is vir. Florence where demonstrating tually at a standstill. The general strike has already acquired a scope and revolutionary intensity which situation was beyond control. equals and possibly surpasses the titanic struggles that followed imme.

Our idea of how to run CIO downfall.

> The revolutionary indignation has been smoldering for months against the Nazi invaders who with the aid of the Quisling Mussolini blackshirts have been terrorizing the workers and attempt- which Marshall Badoglio himself ing to reduce them to a slave issued to curb the mass demonstatus. The Italian workers are strations after Mussolini's overexploited beyond description. throw, forbidding more than three Railroad workers in the Milan people to congregate on the area were paid in January with streets. Bloody street fighting is requisition certificates for food, still in progress in Milan where which many local stores would German troops have been called not honor. Workers in a motor out to crush the general strike.

tion and those working for civilian

The Nazi murder machine immediately went into action to drown the strike in blood.

Hundreds were arrested in workers carried out a 36 hour sitdown strike, barricading the factory grounds. Fascist military formations were called out when the civil authorities admitted the

20 KILLED

In Milan, sentries turned machine guns upon a parade of workers who attempted to pass diately upon Mussolini's through a barricaded street where the headquarters of the local Nazi Army commander was located. At least 20 were killed. The Army Commander in Milan broadcast a warning that disorderly workers would be prosecuted. Ironically, he reinstated the same order,

of one of the essential constitu- fields. tional doctrines safeguarding freedom of speech. . . I strenuously insist that no American

(The full text of President But the fact remains that by show Green's letter is published on of arms and bribery of a handful page 3.)

PHILADELPHIA LUNCHEON

thoughts or beliefs."

as representative Negro, church we choose to disguise it." and civil liberties spokesmen are scheduled to speak at this affair.

Michael Harris, President of the American imperialism plans to

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ARMY USED AGAINST WORKERS IN MUNICIPAL WAGE DISPUTE

By DAN ROBERTS

employes of the Municipal Water and Power Department, members of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL, have just ended a militantly conducted "wage protest." The objective of the "protest" was to remove the threat of a salary cut next June and to win a \$15 a month cost of living salary increase. The protest began Monday, February 14 and had stipulated that both raises for "conservation" of American has the ink dried on the promlasted 10 days. It was finally granted since 1939 would be ter- oil supplies. In the double-talk of issory note Browder recently broken by Roosevelt, who ordered the army to operate the Department. The workers went back to work with only part of their de- pay - that is, to reduce the salmands met.

Between 1939 and 1944 the emploves of the Department of Water and Power have received only one \$15 general monthly raise in September 1942, and one \$5 raise in January 1944. These raises represent an increase of 13 percent over the 1939 average Department income. The Department of Water and Power has estimated that the cost of living in the last four and a half years has in-

the World stimulating a disastrous disregard scramble for the Middle East oil

IMPERIALISM

Wall Street naturally seeks to forward that this project will should be penalized for his disguise the imperialist character mean "cheap" oil and gasoline of its aims in the Middle East. after the war.

FALSE ALARMS The claim that the oil reserves of ruling sheiks and landowners

the Allied imperialists have looted in this country are dangerously all the oil reserves from the low follows the typical alarm FRUITLESS BICKERING A Trade Union Luncheon to Arabian peoples. As I. F. Stone sounded by the leading oil organize local labor support for correctly contends in the Feb. 26 monopolies every time they seek the campaign to liberate the 18 Nation: "To go into a colonial government backing for a further will be held under the auspices country and buy oil concessions advance in seizing foreign oil of the Philadelphia CRDC Com- by favors to desert sheiks, to resources. After the last war, the mittee on Tuesday, March 7, 12 embark on a long-range program oil companies' experts put fornoon at the Russian Inn, 1233 for the exploitation of natural ward the solemn warning that Locust Street, Philadelphia. resources which belong to another there were only five billion barrels Prominent union leaders as well people, is imperialism, however of oil reserves left in this coun-

try. Today, over two decades later, there are known proved oil On top of stealing their rich reserves of over 20 billion barrels. natural resources of oil, Anglo-American petroleum production in 1938, the last pre-war year, enslave the colonial peoples of was 70.6 per cent of the world

the Middle East as a source of total, and 40 per cent of the world's oil reserves are within western continental borders. American interests actually control about 58 per cent of all

known world reserves. "Under these circumstances," states I. F. Stone in The Nation. "to picture creased by 26 percent. Actually,

The promise of "cheap" oil put

forth by the administration and

oil monopolies is equally ludi-

crous-and lying. Coupled with

In addition, the American pco-

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 26 according to the AFL-CIO report the United States as a duped and -3,500 out of 5,500 civil service on the Cost of Living, prices have plundered oil pauper is ludicrous. increased nationally by 43.5 per-Just how much of the world's oil cent since January 1, 1941 (not do we propose to hog!"

1939). But even according to the 'CHEAP" OIL Board's own ridiculously low es-



Furthermore, the Department of their drive for foreign oil reserves, Water and Power Commissioners the oil corporations are pushing "standardize" all civil service restricting international output by cartel agreements in order to ary level of the better paid Water maintain scarcity high prices and and Power skilled unionized limit competition. workers to the lower level prevailing among employes of the other ple will have to pay the cost of

departments. huge armies and armaments in Before the army seizure of the order to protect the American Department which broke the oil holdings in the Middle East. Post-War Progress.' 'protest," the employes had won The N. Y. Times, one of the most the extension of the existing raisauthoritative Big Business mouth-

es for the duration. pieces admits the Saudi Arabia The strategy of the "protest" project "points to a significant

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will soon be depleted, and that Murray and the other bureau-America's industrial and military crats who head the powerful Little Steel formula, the impudent potentials are gravely endangered. steel union have permitted Also, the lure is being put months to go by, with the steel from one bureau to the next, of taking this indicated course of es make fools out of the steel

workers and their union.

bickering between Murray and stuff and more serious about their the steel employers. By Christ- | demand for wage increases, walkmas eve, when the steel workers' old agreement expired, the nego- slogan made famous by the tiations had completely broken miners: "No contract-no work!" down. The union then proceeded to petition the War Labor Board for an order directing the steel new contract shall be retroactive to the date of the expiring contract." The petition was rejected payment of a wage adjustment not within the Little Steel formula. This was tantamount to

By Art Preis

est" debts promptly. Hardly

when the Sunday Worker,

comes through with a hand-

some down-payment. This is a

glowing endorsement of the

Wall Street-Roosevelt recon-

Report Offers Labor Basis for

STALINISTS ON BARUCH

No one can accuse the Stal-

demand for the scrapping of the decision of the WLB would have given the signal for the demonstrative resignation of the CIC demands aimlessly shuttled members from the WLB. Instead

while the government and boss- | action, Philip Murray whined that the decision of the WLB, "places the United Steel Workers of America in a position of having its case judged before the facts ane even presented." The steel-First ensued weeks of fruitless workers, however, made of sterner ed out of the plants, raising the

MURRAY FRIGHTENED Frightened by the independent companies to extend the contracts action of the workers, Murray whether or not they have the with the provision that, "Any herded the men back to their jobs authority to even hold hearings of the men involved were locked wage increases granted in the after Roosevelt had sent him a on a case involving the ad- out, following a decision by the by the WLB which stated that it members" of the WLB, a proposal demand of the steelworkers for damage from aerial bombardment tion inside the city. In Badoglio could not approve any retroactive which Murray had previously re- a wage increase involves the and the activities of anti-national style, a curfew was decreed in an open announcement by the case of the United Steel Workboard of its intention to "hold ers, he then joined with the steel

that simple! - Reprinted from Midwest Labor World, published by Warehouse, Wholesale, Retail and Food Production Workers of Missouri (CIO), Feb. 23.

HOW TO PICK

Political Action:

"FRIENDS OF LABOR"

Prepare questionnaires for

all candidates of both Repub-

lican and Democratic parties

"Did you ever walk with la

Then having received unani-

mous "No's" from all candi-

dates, automatically eliminat-

ing them, proceed to organize

a new party which doesn't hes-

itate to pick all its candidates

from those who have walked

with labor on a picket line. It's

consisting of one question:

bor on a picket line?'

corporations in having the case certified to the War Labor Board. How can Murray reconcile the demand of the CIO convention that the Little Steel formula be scrapped, with his action in steering the major test case, the steel wage dispute, into that agency whose particular function it is to ENFORCE the Little Steel formula?

The wage demands of the steelworkers are now bogged down in the WLB swamp. The members of the board haggle over

troactive clause almost identical tion policy," otherwise known as with that proposed by the "public the Little Steel formula. The

factory received 25 percent of their salaries in money, 50 percent likewise been reported in Turin in new war loan certificates "re- and Genoa where the general deemable immediately on the re- strike, according to Swiss newsconquest of the Italian Mainland" and the nemainder in German and bloody incidents." Twentysaving certificates similar to those six persons have been reported introduced in France. A number killed in Genoa and eighteen in of workers who refused to accept | Turin. Apparently the railroad the German certificates were sen- workers played a leading part in tenced to death for "fomenting these strike actions. Hundreds of defeatist demonstrations.'

BREAKING POINT

attempts to draft Italians for themselves were forced to take slave labor in Germany and service in the army.

On March 3, over 6 million workers were reported out. Half

Violent demonstrations have papers, was preceded by "rioting workers in the Milan area who refused to go back to their jobs to get train traffic rolling were The opposition of the workers rounded up by truckloads and against the exploitation, oppres- thrown into concentration camps, sion and hunger was brought to awaiting court-martial. Mussolini the breaking point by the Nazi and Nazi military authorities

over operation of the transit

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BADOGLIO STYLE

systems.

There were so many shootings however at militia who attempted telegram, which proposed a re- ministration's "wage stabiliza- Ministry of Economy to reduce to run trolley lines and busses in consumption of electricity for one | Milan that officials gave up the week "because of the severe atempt to maintain transportajected as "prejudicial in nature." fate of the administration's Partisan groups." The remaining most of the northern industrial Although Murray had accused the wage-freezing program. No one 50 percent walked out in a sym- districts from 5 o'clock in the WLB of having prejudged the in his right mind can even en- pathy strike protesting the lack afternoon to 6 the next morning. of food, inequality of treatment

between workers on arms produc-

Stalinists Acclaim Wall Street's Baruch Plan As Labor's Own Program For The "Post-War"

Not so the Stalinists. They rush plan doesn't give them every- generalities and glossy reas- workers don't seem to realize to wrap in ribbons and cellophane thing!

this Wall Street conspiracy to NO POSSIBILITY inists of not paying their "hon- | snatch up everything in the country. The Worker tries to sell it

to labor as a prize package, no

less. The Baruch-Hancock plan is a upon this point of the Baruch minated in June 1944. At that the monopolies, this means cur- handed American capitalism, legitimate offspring of Big Busi- report as its chief weakness, as inevitable" and if "free enter- by obviously narrow-minded stickness, sired by the corporations though they saw another posand delivered by the Roosevelt sibility than capitalism im+ administration. But that above all, mediately after the war." The according to The Worker, is what Stalinists do not fail to make merits the Stalinist "Good House- clear that such a horrendous as a basis in the Baruch plan for devoted to these two "details." keeping" scal of approval. The possibility does not exist for them. version plan, entitled: "Baruch | Worker especially hails the central proposition of the Baruch (See edit. on Baruch Plan, p. 4.) report which "declares that postwar economy must develop along In order to make Baruch's the path of private enterprise." maloderous stew seem palatable This, states The Worker, has to labor, The Worker first of all Most of the pro-Roosevelt union "greatly strengthened" the plan rhapsodizes ecstatically about the bureaucrats have at least main- because "this smashes the 'free lovely verbiage sprinkled over

tained a diplomatic silence about enterprise' false issue." Now the this Wall Street dish. It "Ohs" this monopoly grab-all scheme. capitalists can't complain the and "Ahs" over the meaningless

surances which the Baruch report their glowing prospects under the puts forth as a "solution" to the Baruch scheme. "Unfortunately, economic crisis and mass unem- some circles take a negative The Worker cannot withhold ployment which "victory" will attitude toward it, picking on its indignation over the fact that | bring. The Worker fishes out of | details or upon omissions." Among "certain liberal groups jumped the Baruch report such phrases the "details" which The Worker prise" is given unlimited sway it lers are the two basic provisions will afford "the greatest op- of the plan. Ninety-nine percent portunities the people over had." of the Baruch report-the con-These phrases The Worker cites crete and specific sections-is "Labor's ' Post - War Program." One establishes the procedure for And those "who wait for the ensuring an all-out corporation perfect' plan," sternly warns the profits-steal on war contracts Stalinist mouthpiece, are simply terminations. The other provides hemused idealists, quibblers or the machinery for handing over downright scoundrels trying to to the big corporations some 50 billions worth of government upset the Teheran applecart. plants, machinery, tools, raw materials and finished goods

NEGATIVE ATTITUDE The Worker is considerably

perturbed over the fact that the

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Problems Of Women Workers In War Industry

By Ruth Johnson

Overworked, underpaid, beset by personal problems, the working women of America can heartily agree with Trotsky's words "The decay of capitalism deals its heaviest blows to the woman as a wage-earner and as a housewife."

American women, today, in their efforts to combine long hours of factory work with the upkeep of their homes, are so beset by difficulties, that 80 percent of them are forced, within a few months, to give up their jobs. Returning to their homes, they find the constantly rising cost of living makes it impossible for them to remain housewives even if their husbands are employed, so they return to industry only to repeat the frustrating circle.

Mrs. Warwick B. Hobart, adviser on employment to the office of the Secretary of War, admits that "Far outbalancing all other reasons for women quitting their war jobs is ill health, principally resulting from fatigue." (New York Times, Feb. 23).

Fatigue

Fatigue comes not only from long, arduous hours in a factory. The fatigue so prevalent amongst women war workers grows out of physical weariness aggravated by undernourishment, home tasks, and constant worry. Surveys show, according to Mrs. Hobart, that 85 percent of the women working in war plants do not eat breakfast. Why? Certainly not because 4,000,000 women war-workers are on a diet! Over three-fifths of the women now engaged in defense work are servicemen's wives,

widows, and women whose husbands' incomes are too meager for the family's support. These women have family obligations. These women simply have no time to eat before going to work. The children must be fed, dressed and sent off to school, or taken to someone's home where they can be cared for during the day. Dishes must be washed, beds made. Every minute is precious, so women eliminate the one thing which affects themselves alone-eating breakfast.

Hard Labor

Having attended to manifold household duties, the woman worker starts off for her job. It may involve hard physical labor -in the shipyards, for instance. It may be monotonous repetitive work, under the most intensive speed-up systems. Or it may require operating a machine designed for men, so that every motion necessitates greater physical exertion than women have been accustomed to using. She probably stands all day, for even in New York, where state labor laws require that she be provided with a chair, war plants violate this small but important comfort under the guise of "wartime emergency."

After eight, nine or ten hours of work, interrupted by a hurriedly gulped lunch, the woman worker punches the time clock, ready to leave the shop. Her day is overwell, not quite.

There is shopping to be done on the way home, for the whole family must eat. By the time she reaches the stores, scarce commodities have all been sold; she may have to trudge from store to store, in search of

a few potatoes, or plan meals based on substitutes. Then she prepares dinner. After dinner, dishes must be washed, the children sent to bed.

But surely her work is done now! Oh, no; there's the family washing to do, because laundry services have been curtailed, and their cost increased: lunches must be made for the next day; the house must be cleaned. If the woman worker manages to average six hours of sleep a night, she is considered fortunate by her fellow-workers.

Manifold Duties

These day-to-day tasks by no means complete the list of chores the defense worker must do. There are periodical shopping trips to keep the children clothed; to take them to the dentist; to pay bills. The smallest added duty begins to loom before her, as a woman co-worker told me, "like a mountain I just can't climb." She spoke to me on the day she left the factory.

"Do you know why I'm quitting? Because my husband asked me to mail a lock to him at camp. Isn't that silly? But for three weeks I've been worrying about getting to a hardware store, wrapping the lock, and going to a post office to mail it. I just can't do it. I'd rather go back to slinging hash at \$15 a week, than be haunted by a lock."

It is not the accumulation of tasks, the constant pressure of a rigid schedule, not the physical strain of the work, or the undermining of her health by skimpy meals, that proves the breaking point for the average woman, however; by far the most

important factor is the problem of her children's welfare.

According to figures revealed at a hearing before the House Appropriations Committee, "at the present time only 65,772 children are being taken care of in 2,243 child care projects. This does not begin to meet the existing needs, as evidenced by the fact that four out of five women hired today leave their jobs because of home problems." (CIO News, Feb. 28).

Frequently women with small children volunteer for night shift work, intending to care for their children during the day, and take "cat naps" during the afternoon or evening. Impossible though it seems, they hold to their plan with grim determination until the inevitable happens-a complete physical breakdown.

Juvenile Delinquency

The woman who chooses the day shift faces the need of finding some way to provide for her children's care while she works. Nurseries are few and far apart: seldom do their schedules match the long hours of defense plants. Usually a friend or relative must be asked to help. If children are of school age, they are left to their own devices for several hours each day, a major reason for the wartime leap in invenile delinquency.

Epidemics of children's diseases strike easily at workers' youngsters who are shunted from home to home in rush hour crowds on subways and buses, sent to afternoon movies for safety, or just left to roam the streets. When illness strikes, the mother

must stay home: frequently this added nervous strain leads to her own physical collapse.

These are the reasons why women consistently have a higher rate of absenteeism than men, and why so many eventually leave the shops. The government, the employers and the capitalist press have been loudly decrying the loss of production due to women's "irresponsibility." Their solution: Chain the women along with the other workers to their jobs by legislative action!

Child Care

The few paternalistic concessions made by some war plants are scarcely worth mentioning, except to demonstrate their worthlessness and the hypocrisy of the bosses. Some companies have set up shopping bureaus, which in effect give a single high-priced store a monopoly over the clothing purchases of the women who lack time to go elsewhere. Other plants hire "counsellors" who benighly advise women under their jurisdiction. The caliber of their advice is well indicated by the incident in which one such sage told a 70c.-an-hour worker to send her mischievous son to a summer camp, explaining, "they only charge \$150 a month, you know!"

The Dec. 27 CIO News suggested a "New Year's Resolution" for all government agencies concerned in recruiting women for war jobs: the launching of a national campaign to help solve the problems confronting women workers. Its author pointed out that money now wasted in training women who cannot remain in their jobs would pay for adequate child care facilities, recreational programs for young people, government restaurants where meals could be served at cost, and so forth. In addition, shopping facilities and laundry services could be improved.

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Minimum Program

The mere publication of these suggestions however will not end the problem, nor will it "pressure" the government into action. As evidence, the Feb. 7 issue of the CIO News, two and a half months later, reports that there is a child care crisis; "the Federal Works Agency has no funds for new projects. . ." The article further points out that even the projects now in operation are in danger of closing for lack of funds.

The unions have the responsibility of taking the lead in aiding women workers, by demanding a continuation and strengthening of protective legislation, to minimize physical causes of fatigue; staggered shopping time, to make continuation of home duties possible; equal pay for equal work, and adequate nurseries, conveniently located in working class neighborhoods, financed by the government, and run under the direction and control of the unions.

This represents a minimum union program today to meet the needs of women workers who comprise a majority of the working force in many industries. Such a program will prove to the women workers, many of whom are new to unionism, that their problems can only be solved through the instrumentality of the labor movement.



THE OFFICIAL COURT RECORD OF ALBERT GOLDMAN'S SPEECH TO THE JURY IN THE FAMOUS MINNEAPOLIS LABOR TRIAL

DEFENSE POLICY

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Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. Rochester, N. Y.

Reflecting the New York workers' increasing disgust with present American Labor Party policy, the Rochester railway workers' resolution states that the workers "are becoming more reluctant to participate in election campaigns in support of either old party and have become sick and tired of depending on

policy and "dictatorial decrees" charges that "the administration must and does give way to the most reactionary and labor-hating



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elements in America" and that week enjoined all AFL affiliated How differently that wage negothan in fighting for the unpost "it is impossible for labor to have bodies "under no circumstances" tiation was conducted! There was ponable demands of the rank and its basic social problems solved to collaborate with Sidney Hill- no question in their negotiations file. by either of the two old parties." man's CIO Political Action Com- about whether the miners union The National Convention of the

ference of all union bodies, invelt. cluding the AFL and CIO, "for

party." * * *

The resolution concludes by mittee. He made it clear, how- meant business! proposing the "immédiate forma- ever, that the AFL leadership In the very first meeting with tion of an independent party of continues its "non-partisan" sup- the coal operators, Lewis, in the The rank and file militants must labor, based on the trade unions port of capitalist party politics name of a half million union men, now bend every effort to have and cooperating with other groups through the traditional "reward flung down the gauntlet of battle. of labor and working farmers who your friends and punish your The WLB, he said, was nothing express a similar desire." It calls enemies" policy, and does not wish but "a court packed against on the international leaders of the its anti-CIO move to be in- labor." Trust the WLB? "If I had railway unions to initiate a con- terpreted as opposition to Roose- a yellow dog," Lewis said, "I

would hate to have his standard say to Murray and Co.: We want Green's action is a completely of living fixed by this man Davis our negotiations handled the the purpose of forming a labor reactionary thrust at the idea of and the men who are doing his miners' way!

The steel workers are in an inlabor political unity as well as an dirty work in the War Labor expression of his opposition to Board." To demonstrate that comparably stronger position New York's American Labor united action with the CIO on the they were not only talking, the than were the miners. They are Party showed a tremendous economic field. As his statement miners' union had Thomas Ken- not isolated. They are part of a

decline in influence in the special indicates, he has no difference in nedy, Secretary-treasurer of the powerful organization of over election for Congressman from principle with the political prothe preponderantly Democratic gram of the CIO Political Action Twenty-First Congressional Dis- Committee, which is attempting trict of New York City. It was to pursue the very reactionary able to hornswoggle only 3,226 course endorsed by Green. voters to vote under its label for

the old wheelhorse Tammanyite John L. Lewis, President of the Democrat, James H. Torrens. United Mine Workers, let out Torrens, running as a Democrat, last week a red-baiting blast at barely defeated the Republican the "communists" who, he said, candidate, in an election which dominate the CIO. Lewis added brought out but one-fourth of that if he had remained head of the customary voters in this working class district.

Not the least discreditable confore now." sequence of the ALP leaders' support of Tammany, was the party's ed away from the Democrats, ex-chief left off. because of disgust with Roose-

velt's Jim-Crow policies. As even the N.Y. Times, March ing the CIO Political Action scriptions continues with good other copy of the February 5 is-

2, admitted: "Representatives of Committee. Lewis doesn't attack results: all groups put the treatment of the CIO Committee because it for the change in . attitude. is dominated by "communists." on segregation of troops, on the refusal of some of the women's union bureaucrat is incapable of renewals is pretty good." auxiliary services to accept Negro fighting the Stalinists on any recruits, and especially on the progressive basis. Either the in Southern States where many northern Negroes are quartered. and Lewis did yesterday, or they efforts are bringing results: Another cause of dissatisfaction red-bait and attempt to bureau-

with the Administration, it was agreed, has been the alleged failure of the President's Fair **Employment Practices Commis**sion to enforce its injunctions



Detroit's subscription campaign | literature and is making a spethe CIO, the "Communists would has been extended and our agent cial effort of his own to get this have been weeded out long be- there expresses confidence that going.

"The Militant is still accepted they will accomplish their goal: "Enclosed find money order for at the Toledo Public Library Every unionist knows that it was precisely under the regime \$13 that came in this week for (Main Branch) and is displayed great loss of prestige among the of Lewis that the Stalinists be- subscriptions. Our goal was 80 so people can read it. Occasional-Negro workers who form a large gan their penetration and gained points. We now have 74 and ex- ly I check to see that it is not part of the population of the their strength inside the CIO. peet to go over the top before the buried under other papers or district. The Negro workers turn- Murray is carrying on where his extended date of the subscription stolen. So far it hasn't been missing." drive."

> This attack of Lewis has the San Francisco's drive for subimmediate purpose of discredit-

"Enclosed find four six-month tions on the good job you are do-Negro members of the armed practices "company unionism" on renewals. These all came from ing." services first among the causes the political field, but because it the Mission District (all white) and were the result of visiting 14 Resentment has fed, it was said, Lewis again serves to remind people who had gotten trial subs, us that the ordinary pro-capitalist so we still think our average on

Our agent in Toledo realizes

Notes and The Negro Struggle civilian attitude near the camps bureaucrats collaborate with the the importance of getting The column. The latter helps a great Stalinists, as Murray does today Militant on newsstands and his deal in explaining to workers what racial discrimination means and "We are working on a book leads to. Am sorry Albert Parkcratically expel their opponents. store and our literature is being er has been called up. accented, but the proprietor wants "We get reports of what is

happening in the U.S.A. from to wait awhile until the literature becomes better known before the press, but I always wait until he advertises in The Militant. He I get The Militant to obtain the against discrimination. . . Also 242 Broadway, San Diego, Cal. is very much interested in our truth."

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Some people, complains The Worker, have even been so small as to "find fault" with "the people who were picked" to administer the Baruch plan machinery. What if Roosevelt has appointed the world's biggest cotton merchant, a notorious anti-labor plutocrat, to have full authority under the Baruch plan to "dispose" of the government "surpluses" to the monopolies? What if Roosevelt has designated a reactionary Harding "Ohio Gang" hold-over, an outspoken opponent of work relief. a corporation executive and candidate for the New York Stock Exchange presidency, to direct the Baruch plan's "employment" program?

are to find jobs, the Baruch plan

does not indicate.

But, lest anyone gets the suspicion that the Stalinists favor "withholding criticism" of the report where due, The Worker finally uncovers one "weakness." Labor, it complains, should be granted some "say-so" about the future operations of the Baruch plan through a "joint labormanagement-government set-up.' The Stalinists feel the need for a bit of "labor" camouflage to conceal the machinations of the corporation agents in administering the Baruch plan. A few labor bureaucrats as window-dressing might help the administration and Big Business to fool the workers. But, no matter. The Stalinists are no hair-splitters. They are ready to vote for the Baruch plan, with or without "labor" window dressing. They are brazenly trumpeting the message abroad that Browder was not fooling when he announced that the Stalinists have become the most slavish adherents of American Capitalism. If Wall Street now intends, by means of the Baruch plan, to steal billions of dollars worth of war plants and equipment, paid for by the people, to further tighten its monopoly stranglehold and pave the way for mass unemployment, the Stalinist finks stand ready to help sell this program too to the American people.

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it comes just a few months after are more interested in preventing

United Steel Workers is scheduled

to meet in Cleveland on May 9.

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top bureaucrats sharply to ac-

count and to condemn their whole

strategy of belly-crawling and

surrender. The steel workers must

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THE MILITANT

"LABOR WITH A WHITE SKIN CAN-The man cipate itself where LABOR with A BLACK SKIN IS BRANDED" - KARL MARX. Negro Struggle _By Charles Jackson____

The Only Way Out

We have reviewed in the two financiers whose interests are, in previous issues the oppressed con- the end, diametrically opposed to dition of the Negro today in the the interests of every Negro Army and Navy that is the result worker.

of the policy of segregation as | Finally there are several groups practiced in this "democracy." of idealistic dreamers who think The question now in the Negro's equality can be attained by "peomind and on his tongue is: what ple of good will" sitting down to is the way out of this dilemma? talk it over and finally convincing

Let us inspect the types of everybody to be nice to everyone political strategy that are being else. These moralists advise "nonset forth by our leaders. The violent" action and other pacifist Democratic politicians ask us to methods. If these people would support their party because pull their ostrich heads up out of Roosevelt is a "humanitarian" the sand long enough to see the and a "friend of the common economic side of the struggle man" at heart. Further, Mrs. | they would realize that we, like Roosevelt must be a Negrophile every other oppressed group, because she has her picture taken must fight for what we get. with Negro children, Negro sol-

ALL THE WAY diers and Mrs. Bethune-as if to

prove that these creatures won't The facts lead us to this decibite. But before the eyes of the sion. Negroes cannot win equality Negro worker today is the plain by limiting their political strategy as day fact that discrimination within the confines of the opand segregation are getting pressive capitalist system. It is steadily worse under the Roose- like trying to fly a kite in a velt policy of talk pretty and do prison cell. Before the kite gets nothing. What can we expect from off the ground we run into a that party of the reactionary wall. Turning back the other way South which is really run by the we meet another barrier. What is Rankins, Bilbos, Connallys and worse, in the case of capitalism today in its death agony, is the Smiths?

fact that these walls are gradually

moving closer together upon us.

Our endurance is almost gone

That is why the only way out

for the Negro is-all the way

out. All the way out from within

the confining walls of this pre-

judice fostering, segregating, dis-

criminating, exploiting and op-

pressing capitalist system. All

the way out into the economically

manifestations are eradicated

forever; where there will be no

more promoting race hatred

through control of every educa-

tional device as well as through

the civil courts, the army and the

A Workers and Farmers govern-

ment would grant the Negro

economic, political and social

equality immediately. It would

do so, as a matter of fact, out

of necessity as well as conviction.

the capitalists' only hope of

regaining their power would be

by splitting the numerically

superior working class along rac-

ist and other lines. A Workers

and Farmers Government would

combat all race prejudices by edu-

cation as well as by law as was

done in the USSR between 1917

navy.

phobia is about to set in.

OTHER PARTIES

The Stalinists are becoming more discredited as a result of and an acute attack of claustrosuch ridiculous proposals that "the Negro should postpone his militant fight for equality for unity in the war effort"-just as if we didn't have sense enough to know that the proper time to fight for your rights is when your opponent is occupied in an outside brawl.

All signs indicate that the free air of socialism here and Republican party is gaining great throughout the world where the Negro support as a result of the profit motive and its greedy mass resentment against the Roosevelt administration and its treatment of the Negro soldier. In fact this may be a significant factor in the national elections. Of course support of the Republicans will accomplish nothing and conditions will worsen regardless of which capitalist party wins the election. It is only because of a lack of correct political education that Negroes can continue to be fooled into shifting back and forth between two Because they would realize that parties that represent the same ruling class interests. This farce, the "two-party system," resembles nothing so much as the aimless two-step of a blind man.

WE MUST FIGHT

Advocates, like A. Philip Randolph, of the "Negro non-partisan political bloc," while admitting and 1923. Under such government

General Strike Sweeps North Italy While Allies Curb Protest Of Workers In Naples

(Continued from page 1) dragged the Italian people back into the bloody mess, the leaders

Law violators caught during this of these parties then told the period were to be shot. Public workers to look upon the Allies utilities in the northern cities as liberators and restorers of have suspended operations. democracy to Italy. Today, they

During daylight, columns of are again trying to enlist the General Executive Board workers rounded up in house-to- Italian masses behind the im-JOHN GREEN President house searches were marched perialist slaughter, this time on JOHN J. GROGAN Vice President PHILIP H. VanGELDER Secretary-Treasurer under guard to "recruiting" of- the Allied side.

ficers in Milan where their names RESTRAIN WORKERS are inscribed on lists of "volun-

teer" laborers going to the Reich. These parties have tried at all After signing, the men are kept costs to restrain the workers from inside barbed wine entanglements the kind of militant mass action until they are taken for tran- which brought about the downfall sportation to the nearest rail- of fascism and which the workers are using so effectively against road.

Thousands of workers, it is re- the Nazis in North Italy. Howprted, have fled to join partisan ever, Allied policy has so aroused groups that are inflicting heavy the workers that the "Committee damage on German transport. of National Liberation" coalition was obliged finally to call a ten-MASSES RESIST minute strike. In the very act of

It is clear that the Italian work- making this menacing gesture, ers are not taking these represthese servile politicians exposed sions and shootings lying down. their utterly slavish attitude. To Retaliations against the fascist prove to the Allied authorities and leaders continue. The Milan Cor- Italian capitalists how harmless riere della Sera on March 3 and house-broken they really are, reported eight killings of fas- they instructed the demonstrators

Poll-Taxer Smith

Poll-tax Representative

Howard W. Smith, father of

the Smith "Gag" Act and co-

sponsor of the Smith-Connally

and Italy

regime.

Telegram, March 3.)

been made public.

ALLIED POLICY

to work an extra fifteen minutes during the noon-hour of the day set for the ten-minute strike! Thus these parties proposed to donate an extra five minutes labor to the Italian capitalists for the "privilege" of demonstrating against the capitalist regime.

ALLIES CRACK DOWN anti-strike law, is extending

the sphere of his anti-labor Subsequent developments quickoperations to other countries. ly showed that they didn't intend On March 3 this Democratic to put up even this much of a Party leader demanded that fight. Alarmed by the prospect of Roosevelt's administration independent working class action. promptly move to suppress the limited though it was, the Allied threatened strike of, the Italmilitary authorities immediately ian workers against Badoglio's moved to head it off. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Eisenhower's "What the administration successor, issued an order from can do is step on it," howled Algiers forbidding walkouts any-Smith. "It's got absolute conwhere in the Mediterranean tertrol over them. They don't have ritory under his command. Gen. to wait for Congress to act in Sir Henry Noel MacFarlane, chief this case." (N. Y. Worldof the Allied Control Commission, sent a letter to the leaders **Roosevelt's Italian agents** of the demonstration prohibiting didn't need any prompting the strike. Together with Lieut. from Smith. They put both Col. Charles Poletti, former Govmilitary boots down upon the ernor of New York and now necks of the Italian workers.

Naples regional administrator, he cists. One, a "colonel of liason conference and put the heat on them. Police confiscated most of between the Wehrmacht and the the leaflets announcing the fascist armed forces," was arrested in a cellar night club by antidemonstration.

These high-handed attempts at fascists disguised as Fascist militia patrols and taken to the out- repression sharpened the hostility of the workers toward the Allied skirts of Milan where his body was found next morning. The authorities. "Typhus-ridden Na-Fascist Vice-Prefect of Milan was ples buzzed with anticipation of

killed in a street fight. This heroic resistance of the respondent on March 3, "since contrast to the cravenness and the turning rapidly from a protest **CIO** Leader Condemns Jailing

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> > March 3rd, 1944

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Dear Sir:

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I firmly believe that we at home must ever be watchful if we are to preserve the liberty and democratic rights which have been the heritage of Americans through the Bill of Rights, and for which millions of Americans are fighting in all corners of the world.

Therefore, I consider it my personal duty as a responsible Union leader and as an American to strongly protest the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United Stated refusing to consider the appeal of eighteen members of the Minneapolis Truck Drivers' Union.

To permit such convictions as these to stand establishes a dangerous precedent, stimu-lating a disastrous disregard of one of the essen-tial constitutional doctrines safeguarding freedom of speech.

I care not for the thoughts of political beliefs of the eighben persons convicted under the reactionary Smith "Gag" Act, but I strenuously insist that no American should be penalized for his thoughts or beliefs.

Furthermore, I cannot conceive of any decent American who would not rebel at the convic-tion of anyone under a law which would have made criminals of the patriots who signed the Declara-tion of Independence.

Sincerely yours, John Green John Green,

President John Green of the CIO Industrial Union of Marine And Shipbuilding Workers of America writes a strong protest against the convictions of the 18 Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-CIO and SWP leaders railroaded to jail under the vicious Smith "Gag" Act.

security" of the Badoglio regime this meeting they proposed to which the Allies are backing with present a petition asking the summoned the party leaders into all their might. The last two Allied authorities to reorganize reasons given show that what the the government along "democratic Allies fear most of all is the lines." "dangerous precedent" of inde-

CIVIL WAR pendent working class action.

They don't propose to give the Italian workers any democratic rights, whether it is the right to strike or the right to choose their rebellion manifest in Southern to the Stalinist faithful that govown form of government. They Allied-occupied Italy show that ernment policies to prevent an-

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Philadelphia Industrial Union Council-CIO, heads the labor sponsors of this CRDC luncheon.

NEW PAMPHLET The new pamphlet published by the CRDC, entitled: "Who Are The 18 Prisoners In The Minneapolis Labor Case?", is slated to come off the press this week. This 32 page pamphlet includes a summary of the salient facts in the case, brief biographies of

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CANADIAN NEWS LETTER

Tim Buck, leader of the Can- should take advantage of the war adian-Labor-Progressive Party, situation --- we cannot agree that new name of the Canadian Stalin- now is the time for political parist outfit, is marching in step ties to utilize this crisis and The ferocious civil war now with Browder, as new salesman waste valuable time in advancing

raging in Northern Italy and the for Capitalism in the western their own political prestige." growing discontent, unrest and hemisphere. Tim Buck pointed out This sycophantic statement, coming soon after the heated sessions which CCL leaders had with the strike," cabled the U. P. cor- intend to keep in power a puppet the Italian revolution which began other depression "will be carried the Cabinet were hailed by the regime of the Badoglio type, no so mightily after Mussolini's through in Canada only if na- capitalist press as "a model of Italian masses stands in sharp the effort to prevent it has been matter how reactionary and hated downfall is not crushed, that it tional unity is maintained on the finesse and something of a TCL it may be. And the Allies intend lives, is growing and will surely basis of a frank recognition of diplomatic victory over the Canatreachery of Stalinist, Socialist against Mr. Churchill's opinions to carry through this dictatorial conquer in the end. Again as in the fact that the prospect is for dian Congress" (Toronto Globe and Action Party leaders, who in and Premier Badoglio's govern- counter - revolutionary policy, September, the Italian workers the continuation of capitalistic and Mail, Feb. 25).

Rresident

and only under such government contradict themselves by advising would white and Negro workers us to "throw our support" to such be taught to unite for mutual individual candidates be they protection and advancement. Democrat or Republican who will Who can successfully lead this "do something" for the Negro. But an individual, even if he fight? The working class of all "means well," once in office is races and all nationalities. We subject to the pressure of his will be resisted, however, tooth party organization rather than and nail by the exploiters and we to the desires of a 10% minority. must be prepared to defend our-A Negro political bloc, therefore selves in our struggle for vinthat supports any representative dication. We, as Negro workof the capitalist "way of life" will ers, being socially as well as not attain its end because the economically oppressed, belong in capitalist agent is always at the the ranks of this army, double mercy of the interests of the strength.

PIONEER PARAGRAPHS

INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

Q: (By Mr. Goldman): What is | to all forms of national chauvinthe position taken by the party ism, race prejudice, discriminaon the question of Internation- tion, denigration of races - I mean by that, this hateful theory alism?

A: (By Mr. Cannon): The par- of the fascists about inferior ty is Internationalist to the very races. We believe in and we stand for the full equality of all races, core. Q: And what do you mean by nationalities, creeds. It is written in our program that we fight that?

A: We believe that the modern against anti-Semitism and that world is an economic unit. No we demand full and unconditional country is self-sufficient. It is equality for the Negro in all aveimpossible to solve the accumu- nues of life. We are friends of lated problems of the present day, the colonial people, the Chinese, except on a world scale; no na- of all those that are victimized tion is self-sufficient, and no na- | and treated as inferiors. Q: What is the position of the tion can stand alone.

The economy of the world now party on Socialism as a world is all tied together in one unit, system?

A: We not only stand for an and because we think that the solution of the problem of the International Socialist movement, day — the establishment of so- but we believe that the Socialist cialism — is a world problem, we order will be a world order, not believe that the advanced work- a national autarchy which is carers in every country must collab- ried to its absurd extreme by the orate in working toward that fascists, who have tried to set goal. We have, from the very be- up a theory that Germany could ginning of our movement, collab- be a completely self-sufficient naorated with like-minded people in tion in an economic sense, that all other countries in trying to Italy can be, and so forth. We promote the Socialist movement believe that the natural resources on a world scale. We have ad- of the world are so distributed vocated the International organ- over the earth that every country ization of the workers, and their contributes something and lacks cooperation in all respects, and something for a rounded and harmonious development mutual assistance in all respects (From "Socialism On Trial," possible.

Q: Does the party have any by James P. Cannon, pages 40attitude on the question of racial 41; 10c; Order from Pioneer or national differences? A: Yes, the party is opposed New York 3, N. Y.)

Southern Allied-occupied Italy ment into a demonstration against regardless of the repression it have called off upon the insistence the Allied Control Commission." of Allied authorities the ten- (N. Y. World-Telegram, Mar. 3).

minute general strike set for 11 DANGEROUS PRECEDENT o'clock, Saturday, March 4.

This same correspondent gives aims is demonstrated by the The political demonstration had originally been called in protest the Control Commission's own following incident. "One of those against the Badoglio regime of reasons for opposing the strike, military dictatorship, hunger and which expose the Allies' real of political leaders with the Allied oppression. Roosevelt and Chur- attitude toward democracy in chill have been propping up this Italy. "The Control Commission all but the Communist represendiscredited monarchist - military holds that a strike even of only tative, Paolo Tedeschi, agreed at perialists and their predatory government since they concluded 10 minutes is an intolerable a secret agreement with King threat to security only 60 miles Victor Emmanuel and the Butcher from the fight, that if a dangerof Ethiopia last September. The ous precedent is set the next one full terms of this deal have never may be more serious, and that strike would be cancelled." (N. Y.

it is a form of blackmail while Times, Mar. 4). the Allied governments still are

STALIN COLLABORATES considering the question of a In defiance of the manifest future Italian government." After a day of conferences, the

How a ten-minute strike which Socialist and Stalinist leaders desire of the entire Italian people was to result in five minutes knuckled under to the pressure to throw the hated monarch and his marshal into the junkpile more work, if plans went as exerted by the Allied authorities receive the support of the revolu- ers and farmers of Canada who strike-breakers in the province of scheduled, was "an intolerable and called off the strike, Fearful alongside Mussolini and his other threat to military security," the of the reaction of the masses, they Meanwhile the Italian revolution even the reformist leadership of capitalist ruling-class accomplices, authorities don't — and can't — announced that a mass meeting the Allied authorities have used is again reasserting its vitality their military force to reinstate satisfactorily explain. The real would be held in a public square explanation is that the strike is in Naples on Sunday, March 5th, and its resources. All support to these criminals in power and to "an intolerable threat to the in place of the general strike. At it! suppress every opposition to them.

The determination of the Italian workers to get rid of Badoglio and the King has been intensified by the recent act of the Allies in Roosevelt Plans Grab turning over all authority in Southern Italy to their shadow southern Italy to their shadow government and by Churchil's declaration in his latest speech to the House of Commons endorsing

requires.

the King and his Marshal as the (Continued from page 1) only legitimate power in Italy. Prodded by the indignant

participation by the U.S. in postmasses, the Stalinist, Socialist war naval police duty in that part and Action Parties, which are

of the world." united with three other organiza-This inevitable military cost betions in a so-called "Committee comes particularly clear against of National Liberation," were forced to call a ten-minute protest the background of four decades strike against these outrageous of bloody imperialist oil rivalry violations of the will of the in the Middle East. In World War Italian people. The red-hot temper | I, hundreds of thousands of the of the masses in Southern Italy flower of British and German can be accurately gauged by the youth were slaughtered on the fact that even these treacherous altar of oil imperialism in rival attempts to conquer the Middle parties were forced to authorize protest actions. East.

These parties have consistently The Allied Peace Conference sold out the revolutionary strug- after World War I witnessed an of the Middle East oil reserves. gle of the Italian workers for unrestrainedly greedy cat-andemancipation ever since Mussolini dog fight among the victors for was overthrown. Last summer control of the dismembered porers to support Badoglio in order which contained oil. The British profits by exploiting the resources goal of world economic domina-Publishers, 116 University Place, to get peace. After Badoglio imperialists finally gained the in- and labor of the Arabian peoples, tion. That road is smeared with switched to the Allied side and fluence over most of the vital oil the Roosevelt administration is oil.

areas, while the French were now establishing a formal gov ernment stake in the Middle East given the mandate over Syria.

oil claims. Any attempt of rival imperialists to edge in on these Trades and Labour Congress ROCKEFELLER INVASION

The American oil monopolies, claims will be represented as agparticularly the Rockefeller Stangression against the United dard Oil interests, began a grand-States government itself. Amerscale invasion of the Middle East ican boys will then be sent to immediately after the last war. Their war with the British in- Saudi Arabia to lay down their terests has been bitter, not | lives in defending "our" property. stopping short of murder of the The Arabian oil deal exposes agents of the contending comthe true character of the war aims panies. After 25 years of the dirtiest international intrigue and of Anglo-American imperialism. maneuvering, the American cor- Roosevelt and Churchill are porations have managed to sink bringing the backward colonial their teeth into about 40 per cent peoples not the "four freedoms," but robbery of their natural To protect the American wealth and slavery. Before the monopoly interests and enable them to derive monumental Wall Street imperialists lies the

are in the forefront of the bat- relationships during the postwar tle. Again, as in September, the years." Italian workers are displaying

How closely Stalin is collaborat-At the same time, to emphasing with Roosevelt and Churchill their heroism, their capacity for ize the fact that the mildly rein these counter-revolutionary self-sacrifice and struggle, their formist program of the Cooperaindomitable courage and will. parently still in the hands of the far too radical for Stalinism, the on behalf of the AFL fakers. Just who attended afternoon meetings Stalinists and Social-Democrats. Control Commission officials said These traitors want to betray the liament in the Federal House, Fred Rose, refused to support the Italian masses to the Allied imthat time to call off the strike. war. But masses learn rapidly A Soviet official attached to the with the reactionary, pro-capitalin struggle. And through experiences, such as the latest ist MacKenzie King Government. commission, General Solodovnik, then was consulted. He said the brazen betrayal, they will learn

> ports, also presented a brief The Stalinists in their blind which won praise from Mr. King. arisen in Italy. They will surely rush to the right are coming in Since this latter priest-ridden orgrow in strength; they will surely head-on collision with the workganization is one of the leading tionary Italian working class. are moving leftward. Today Quebec, Sullivan and the AFL bureaucrats are in the right comthe CCF is able to pose as a de-pany.

fender of socialist integrity The CCL, which represents the against the communist traitors. new mass production unions, has openly recognized the necessity

of labor political action. At its The Trades and Labour Con- last annual meeting, it voted to gress of Canada, AFL, rival of take political action through the the Canadian Congress of Labour CCF. That is one reason why the which is affiliated to the CIO, Stalinists, who have considerable declared last week that it was influence within certain AFL not going to compete with the channelize the labor movement CCL in fighting for the rights of back into the arms of the capital-Canadian workers.

ist government. In a memorandum submitted to

the Canadian Government, the READ THE FOURTH stated: "We do not agree that INTERNATIONAL any section or group of society

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The Canadian Catholic Confed-

eration of Labor, according to re-

TCL Vice-president Pat Sullivan, Stalinist leader of the Seative Commonwealth Federation is men's Union, presented the brief lone Communist member of Par- a few months ago, Pat was in a Canadian government concentration camp. For his new role, CCF amendment to the Speech Prime Minister MacKenzie King from the Throne and cast his vote handsomely complimented him: "You have placed a heavy obligation on the Government to cooper-Thus we have the slightly ludic- ate with you to that end (of advancing the war effort).

offers of unity because the lat-

to distrust the traitors and to rous spectacle of the CCF bureaucrats rejecting Communist

New devoted revolutionary ter are too reactionary. socialist leaders have already

thrust them aside.

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

- LEON TROTSKY

JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR:

- 1. Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions. Special officers' training camps, financed by the government but controlled by the trade unions, to train workers to become officers.
- 2. Trade union wages for all workers drafted into the army.
- **3.** Full equality for Negroes in the armed forces and the war industries—Down with Jim Crowism everywhere.
- 4. Confiscation of all war profits. Expropriation of all war industries and their operation under workers' control.
- 5. A rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.
- 6. Workers Defense Guards against vigilante and fascist attacks.
- 7. An Independent Labor Party based on the Trade Unions.
- 8. A Workers' and Farmers' Government.
- 9. The defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

forces and the poll-tax system which is responsible for it. Labor now has the definite opportunity of hurling back the reactionary offensive of Roosevelt and Big Business with its attempt to turn the soldier mass against the labor movement.

UAW Resolution

To those who fostered the illusion that Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" were more than demagogic promises, the real plans of the administration as revealed in the Baruch report must come as a shock. Roosevelt lost no time in setting up the machinery to administer the plan. The administrators of course are prominent Wall Street bankers and financiers, representative of monopoly capitalism who, in the name of "free enterprise," have been granted the freedom to plunder the wealth of the people embodied in government owned plant and equipment. The only one of the "four freedoms" now left to the people is the "Freedom of Religion." They are still free to pray that the rapacious appetites of the oppressors will leave them a few crumbs to keep body and soul alive.

Until Roosevelt, with his Baruch plan, put an end to the business, the game of post-war planning had been indulged in by liberals, labor bureaucrats and such vestigial remains of the "New Deal" as Wallace who mouths promises about a bottle of milk for every baby in the world. An outstanding "labor planner" was Walter Reuther of the UAW whose elaborate post-war plans were codified by the executive board of the union and broadcast far and wide. Even the fossilized AFL executive committee took a hand in the game and planned a "brave new world" that would be ushered in after the war.

The real plan of the real rulers of this country; a plan to divide the loot, a plan to establish millions of American people in renovated Hoovervilles, a plan of opulent wealth for the few and crushing poverty for the many, looks far different than the plans of these dabblers, windbags, hypocrites and demagogues.

A plan for the future, which in essence is a political program, is not worth the paper it is written on unless an instrument is provided to carry the plan into action. Such an instrument can only be an independent political party of labor. The Baruch plan devised by the agents of Wall Street has been embraced by BOTH the Democratic and Republican parties. Political support to Roosevelt can only mean support for the Baruch plan. Labor cannot avoid the conclusion that this plan will inevitably lead to depression, unemployment and hunger. To avoid such a descent into the abyss, labor must break decisively with the political parties and politicians supporting the Baruch plan and organize its political party to carry on a serious struggle for labor's own solution to its problems.

Baruch Plan

The international executive board of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, recently adopted a resolution made public by the union's president, R. J. Thomas, which warned that: "An increasing number of corporations have taken advantage of the THE MILITANT

Roosevelt Uses Army In Municipal Wage Dispute

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achieve a total walkout and then to reassign to the power stations over responsibility for maintainng repair service and kept a number of repair trucks at "protest" headquarters for trouble shoot- gotiate, which they had steadfasting. After a few days of the "protest" the Water and Power De- to extend already granted raises partment officials were forced to through the duration. But it was admit that service was maintain- also at this point that the Army ed only on sufferance of the "protest" committee.

STANDING JOKE

1926-27.

The standing joke of the workers during the walkout was to pray for rain. Committed to a

storm to interfere with the rest and Municipal Workers of Amerwas not to achieve a complete of the service. On February 20 ica used the shabby excuse that power shortage, but to keep open their prayers were answered. Los the movement had been styled a power service to war plants and Angeles suffered its worst storm "wage protest" instead of a strike hospitals. The union sought to in years. The rain, hail and flood to crash the picket lines that tore down lines all over the city. were maintained before the plants 85,000 homes were without elec- and the offices of the Department. emergency crews of workers. The tricity and a number of factories The local top officials of long-"protest" committee itself took including one important aircraft shoremen publicly denounced the plant were shut down. It was at strike. William Green intervened this point that the Mayor and the at Mayor Bowron's request with commissioners were forced to ne- an angry telegram reminding the workers of the no-strike pledge. ly refused to do up to then, and WORKERS BACK STRIKE

| the movement counted on a good | unions and the CIO State, County

In spite of the fink activity of the top officialdom of the labor intervened to prevent the power movement, the "wage protest" unworkers from gaining further doubtedly had the backing of Los concessions. The workers were Angeles' working class populathus forced to return to work at tion. This is the third time withthe same rate of pay.

in a period of eight months that The "protest" received practically no support from union offi- public utility workers have downmain strategy of partial service, cials in this area. Other AFL ed tools for higher pay.

The author is bewildered by

the incredulous abasement of the

Stalinists before Chiang Kai-shek.

the government" in any way, and

on one occasion, she reports, Chu

Teh gave a talk on the develop-

ment of the Red Army without

so much as mentioning the civil

war that raged between it and

This policy of political capitula-

The British Labor Party's ex-

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head off the growing resistance

of the British workers to the

armed forces.

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SHARK'S FINS AND MILLET | most powerful capitalist and, as | leading Stalinist officials. At this by Ilona Ralf Sues. Little, Sues reveals, one of Chiang's period the Stalinists were just coming into the full flower of Brown and Co., Boston. 1944. principal financial backers. Here is exposed part of the ties that their "Popular Front" and her in-331 pp. \$3.50. bind Chiang's dictatorship to the terviews with the Stalinist leaders The Chinese people are con-

reveal the horrible degeneration reactionary big bourgeoisie. ducting a progressive war for na-Sues heaps example upon ex- of the Stalinist movement. tional independence against the Chou En-lai, Political Directo ample of the Chinese bureaucrats Japanese imperialists. But their and profiteers wallowing in luxury of the Communist Party, stated struggle is hampered, undermined while the masses starve on a diet | that: "Education, not revolution, and betrayed by the reactionary of millet. This is the meaning of would emancipate the nation.' and repressive policies of the the very title of the book. Shark's After some fifty years of "demrotten Chiang-Kai-shek dictatorfins are an expensive delicacy. ocracy," the Chinese people could ship which seized power after which is eaten only by the very "determine freely and knowingcrushing the revolution of the wealthy Chinese. Millet is a ly" whether they wanted "the Chinese workers and peasants in coarse grain cereal eaten by the democratic form of government" or "some other form - socialism, masses

The author of this book or At the time of the evacuation fascism, or communism." China is a typical left liberal. Her of Hankow, when medical equipbook however, provides valuable ment was most urgently needed and interesting reading, because for wounded soldiers, rich Chinese of the description of the real families were using Red Cross They "refrained from criticizing state of affairs in China even ambulances to transport their though she offers only puerile

vases, tapestries and rugs out of and valueless solutions to the the city! When the small amount problems she describes. of cargo space on the few planes The author cites many examples of the rampant corruption of from Hong Kong could have been Chiang's government taken from used to bring sorely-needed medical supplies, one Chinese banker's the Kuomintang for seven years her personal experience in China. wife, typical of her class, ordered Chiang's hypocrisy and corrupa planeful of fruit. tion are revealed in his handling

The character of the Chiang reof the opium traffic, the white imively weakened the position of gime is illuminated by the properialist's "gift" to the Orient. the former Red Armies. Chiang testation of one Chinese intellect- | struck a severe blow at them in Six months after his declaration of the "Opium Suppression Plan," ual who was asked to take over 1941 when he descended upon the Chiang instituted a "revenuea government post: "I am an New Fourth Army in Anhwei nonest man, I can't be an official." vielding" monopoly of opium province and routed it from its Under Chiang's regime the production as a result of pressure positions after a fierce battle. Chinese workers and peasants are from the opium dealers. Widely-A reading of this book, even brutally mistreated whether they heralded "opium burnings" were though written from the point of remain in the factories and fields held in which garbage, bamboo view of a naive left liberal, who and everything but opium were or are conscripted into the army. in spite of all her observations The author tells of the intolerable and experiences still retains a cerburned. When the author asked a working conditions in the Chinese tain faith in Chiang-Kai-shek and Chinese official why opium wasn't | factories and shows how the mihis government, leaves one with burned, she was told that it was litarists "recruit" soldiers for the the unalterable conviction that "too expensive!" A few wretched army. "Peasants and workers the Chinese masses, fighting so opium addicts were shot in the were taken by force, regardless heroically against the imperialist streets while the big opium of age or family, roped together invader, will in the course of the dealers continued their activity by their wrists, and led to the struggle, create a new leadership undisturbed. No wonder! To the barracks in long Indian file." that really represents them, and post of "Director of Opium Sup- Needless to say, no "decent peodoes not trample upon their aspirpression" Chiang appointed Tu ple" were conscripted. ations and aims and betray them An interesting part of the book Yueh-sen, the biggest opium as does the present reactionary is devoted to Sues's visit with the smuggler in China! dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek. Tu Yueh-sen is more than an Stalinist-controlled Eighth Route **Reviewed by DAVE JEFFRIES.** opium smuggler-he is China's Army, where she interviewed the

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"Even-Handed Justice" **Under Capitalist Rule**

A federal charge of "sabotage," involving a possible prison sentence of 30 years, has been brought against a young welder at the New York Navy Yard because he allegedly "made a defective weld" while working on a battleship. The faulty weld had been almost immediately discovered, and the FBI admits it was due to "carelessness" and not "anti-American activities.'

The real purpose for putting the heat on this worker, as revealed by Assistant United States Attorney Albert V. De Meo, is to use him as an "object lesson." "If this indictment is sustained," De Meo stated, "it will serve as a model for prosecuting any person who in the future is deemed guilty of willfully careless work on war equipment."

While pressing a "sabotage" charge against this worker, the FBI has been singularly indifferent to the profit-seeking practices of the shipbuilding corporations, which have been responsible for the crackup of scores of Liberty Ships and the loss of many lives.

As an example, according to the testimony of a Maritime Commission inspector before the Truman Senate Committee, the Kaiser shipyard officials refused to follow the welding procedure specified in the blueprints of the Gibbs and Cox Co., design agents for the Maritime Commission on the Liberty Ships. Cracks in the various structural components of the ships were reported to the company, which "made no move to correct the causes of these failures, but. . . delivered the ships with dangerous residual stresses in them unrelieved." Huge weights, as much as 100 tons, were used to force plates into position when they did not fit.

Workers who make mistakes because of speedup and fatigue are threatened with savage prison sentences. But corporations are permitted to get away with deliberate practices that amount to "murder for profit," and which actually constitute sabotage on a wholesale scale.

Wall Street Prepares For War Against Labor Unions

Under the heading of "industrial munitions," the War Production Board is allocating steel and other materials to produce "shells, machine guns, gas bombs, black-jacks, hand-cuffs and ankle chains" for use in the United States and "in India," according to charges made last week by CIO President Philip Murray. "Industrial munitions" is the term designating arms produced for corporations and local governments to be used in the suppression of strikes and "civil disorders."

Murray is reported to have lodged a vigorous protest against the inclusion of allocations for "industrial munitions" in a recent confidential report of the Controlled Materials Plan Division of the WPB. His complaint was registered in a private session with WPB Chairman Donald Nelson and Vice-Chairman Charles E. Wilson.

The report of the LaFollette Senate Civil Liberties Committee, which held extensive hearings in 1939, revealed that the chief purchasers of "industrial munitions" are the anti-labor corporations and local and state governments. According to the LaFollette report, it has been common practice for the labor-hating corporations to subsidize purchases of "industrial munitions" for local governments.

Although the WPB has not explained the specific

Soldier Vote Fraud

A storm of reaction is sweeping through the halls of Congress. The timeservers and lackeys of the American plutocracy, grown arrogant and selfconfident thanks to the impotence of the labor opposition are drunk with power. They have thrown all caution to the winds. Their campaign of undisguised labor-baiting and unabashed reaction is hitting on all cylinders.

Right in the midst of the war, on the eve of an invasion which promises to pale into insignificance every previous bloodbath in human history, these Congressional jackals have the temerity to disfranchise 10 million men of the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine. That is exactly what the latest "compromise" soldiers' vote measure, agreed to by the Conference Committees of the House and Senate, means in essence.

A century ago, the doctrine of State's Rights was the formula under which the Southern slaveholders fought to preserve chattel slavery. Today, the alliance of northern monopolists and southern bourbons resurrect this doctrine to disfranchise 10 million American citizens. As far as they are concerned, it is all right for American boys to die on the battlefield in accordance with "federal regulations," but they cannot vote, except on the strict basis of "states' rights."

Some political observers have explained the unprecedented action of Congress by pointing to the Gallup Poll findings which indicate that the strength of the two major parties is so evenly divided that the soldiers' vote may determine the outcome of the elections in favor of Roosevelt. Such a consideration, of course, may have influenced a number of the anti-Roosevelt congressmen.

Far more fundamental to the whole issue, however, is the determination of the plutocracy to preserve and perpetuate the poll-tax system of the south; to keep in power the small clique of southern bourbons, who subjugate and enslave the people of the south, black and white, and who are able with impunity to spearhead every national campaign of reaction.

The danger of the poll-tax system with its consequent disfranchisement of the mass of southern people, is now plain for all to see. The poll-tax system has already spawned a bill which proposes the disfranchisement of an additional ten million American citizens.

Labor must make use of this issue to fight for an alliance with the workers in uniform, to smash the attempted disfranchisement of the military

patriotic resolve of our members and have deliberately pursued a course intended to deny them their rights under their contracts and to provoke them into engaging in work stoppages."

To what sad state of affairs has the Thomas-Reuther-Addes-Frankensteen leadership led the proud and militant UAW when they can openly whine about the corporations denying with impunity the rights of the membership under their contracts? The end result of the no-strike policy of the leadership is an open confession of bankruptcy. Do they now propose in their resolution to abandon the policy of cringing toadyism and propose to adopt a policy of militant independent action in defense of the union? Not at all! The resolution threatens drastic penalties for those who "resort to work stoppages in response to the provocative acts of management," including the withholding of "any intervention in their behalf, in the event of disciplinary actions against . them by management." This resolution can only serve to embolden the union hating corporation executives. The corporations now have the green light to go ahead and declare open season on all the shop stewards and committeemen who try to make them live up to their contracts. They have the "unconditional surrender" resolution of the UAW executive board to support their provocations. The resolution lays the basis for a united front between the union bureaucrats and the corporations for a purge of the militants in the UAW.

"Purge those who resist provocation!" That is the formula under which Dalrymple, head of the United Rubber Workers bureaucratically expelled 72 members of the union. The rubber corporation "cooperated" with Dalrymple by firing these workers off the job. The UAW resolution serves advance notice on the auto workers that their executive board is preparing to follow in the footsteps of Dalrymple. Every militant worker, every progressive local in the UAW faced with this threat must demand that the executive board withdraw its provocative resolution.

The chicken-hearted bureaucrats who haven't the guts to lead a fight and compel the profit-bloated corporations to live up to their contracts, now propose to purge those militants who do have the courage to fight for the rights of the union membership. The UAW was not built by, and cannot be maintained under, the doctrine of non-resistance to the bosses' union-busting offensive. The militants who built the union in struggle are now faced with the task of organizing a determined resistance to maintain their democratic rights.



me.' A virtual civil war "exceeding the ferocity of the 1794 reign of KOREA

terror or the 1871 commune" is firmed its intentions of remain-Korean revolutionists who have raging throughout France against ing the indispensable agents of the Nazi and Vichy rulers, acfought Japanese imperialism for British imperialism in the labor cording to Ralph E. Heinzen, over three decades were infuriated movement by voting continued last December when they learned support of the present Tory-United Press correspondent recently released from a Nazi con-Labor political truce. how much of the "four freedoms" centration camp in an exchange These bureaucrats implemented was reserved for them by the of prisoners. their vote by agreement in

An underground army over Cairo conferees. In the Cairo statement of aims toward a 500,000 strong of whom "more defeated Japan, Roosevelt and the Conservatives seek to break than half are either Communists Churchill conspicuously refrained or Socialists," is conducting a from promising immediate and bloody struggle against the Nazi unconditional freedom for the decree to deport a million French Koreans, stating only that Korea workers to slave labor in the would be given national indepen-

Reich. This underground army is dence "in due course." composed principally of young Kim Koo, President of the workers and poor peasants. Provisional Korean Government

political truce which chains them This composition of the underto Churchill's war machine. This ground, plus recent reports of ex- in Chunking, last week expressed resistance has been reflected in once more the fears of the 30,tensive strikes in France, emrecent important by - elections phasizes the proletarian character 000,000 enslaved Koreans that the where independent candidates of the resistance. So fierce is the Allied powers plan to replace have torn up the Tory-Labor struggle that the Nazis have had Japanese imperialist rule over Party agreement and defeated to waive their four-year restric- Korea with their own domination. Conservative candidates. tion against arming of the Koo asserted that "certain in-

Churchill, who unsuccessfully Vichyites, who have organized a dividuals"-meaning the Allied special "security force" numberrulers-intend to place Korea intervened in several of these byunder "international control for elections, has also become panicky ing tens of thousands to combat the anti-fascist rebellion. a transitory period after the war." at the leftward trend of British The ruling French capitalists Koo declared that "nothing short labor. Last week he began pushare particularly fearful of the of full and immediate indepen- ing his cabinet's much-publicized social-revolutionary potentials in dence" would be acceptable to the "post-war" national health prothis revolt. Thus Pierre Laval Korcans, who have been conduct- gram, a sort of Tory-diluted confessed in a recent address be- ing a "holy fight against aggres- Beveridge plan. The arch-reacfore commanders of the new sion, imperialism and injustice. tionary Mackenzie King governmilitia that: "I know that if the We insist that all peoples must ment in Canada, confronted by a anti-Fascist revolution triumphs be free and equal. They all must similar leftward movement of the I will receive a ball in the neck, have a right to govern them- workers, is also pushing a phony but I won't be alone. Many selves." "health plan."

purposes of the "industrial munitions," including that scheduled for use "in India," it is obvious that they are intended to further Wall Street's war against the labor movement in this country and to help British imperialism slaughter the revolutionary masses of 'India.

OPA Director Admits Huge Growth of Black Market

"One out of every three stores" in the country is violating OPA price ceilings and "housewives today are paying \$1,200,000,000 as tribute to the black market in food alone," admitted OPA Administrator Chester Bowles in a radio address on Feb. 29.

Black markets, he declared, are "extensive. . . in some fields dangerously extensive. It has been esti--mated that between 3 and 4 percent of the average cost of all food is due to black market operations. . . In addition there are millions of dollars in overcharges on the sale of clothing, tires, gasoline, furniture, second-hand refrigerators, 'and other home equipment."

Although attempting to give a generally optimistic picture of the price gouging situation, Bowles was compelled to admit some of the real facts about price rises which the Bureau of Labor Statistics has recently attempted to conceal with phoney statistics claiming a cost-of-living rise of only 23.5 per cent since Jan. 1, 1941.

Contrary to the BLS claims - put forward as a basis for denying wage increases beyond the Little Steel formula - Bowles confessed that many vital factors are not included in the BLS figures, including the effect of the black markets and price violations.

For instance, these figures do not measure "the extent to which clothing quality has deteriorated in the last two years," he stated. "Shoddy merchandise is passed off at a price for which you would normally expect to get the finest quality." The term, black market, he admitted "also applies to chiseling on rents in the 350 defense rental areas throughout the country."

These admissions, which can be regarded as very conservative, confirm the charges made by the joint AFL-CIO cost-of-living committee against the fake figures of the BLS, and establish the correctness of the labor survey showing an actual cost-of-living rise of 43.5 percent while wage increases have been limited to 15 percent.

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