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Stalinist Gang Steps Up Red Baiting Campaign Over 10,500 Sign

Tobin Receives Stalinist Inspiration In His Drive Against the Minneapolis Prisoners

By Fred Robinson

To Free the 18 Carrying their campaign into new territory, the Stalinists this week turned their barrage of calumny and lynch-incitation on lecture meetings of the Institute of International Relations (Quakers) which has been holding a summer session at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania.

The week previously Stalinist gangs of hoodlums broke up two Institute lecture meetings held in Seattle, Washington, under the auspices of the American Friends (Quakers) Service Committee. At Bryn Mawr, however, the Stalinists succeeded only the notorious Smith "Gag" Act, in planting a stooge at the lec- •

tures - Anna Pennypacker - inist gang raids on the Quaker President Roosevelt to uphold who reported her experiences in meetings. The June 29 issue of the Bill of Rights by pardoning this gutter sheet quotes the Stal- | the eighteen. the Daily Worker.

The Stalinist lady was terribly inist secretary of the Seattle CIO upset because those attending the Council, Hilda Hanson, as callsessions not only did not oppose ing for the arrest and imprisonbut approved statements by lec- ment of the speakers at the Quakturers that "all idealism is out of er meetings: "We urge the FBI "we are not fighting to put these people in jail as they the war." against fascism," "the Atlantic did the 18 Trotskyists in Minnea-Charter has been abandoned," and | polis and are trying to do with references to the war as "the hor- the 29 seditionists now on trial in Washington, D. C." rible slaughter.'

In an attempt to cover up this "The tragic thing is that the people present apparently accept- | reactionary attack on the elemen- | uals prominent in labor, Negro, ed these things, applauded them, | tary democratic right of free civil liberties and fraternal cirspeech, Miss Hanson said: "Cerand did not contradict them," Miss Pennypacker complains. Na- tainly we believe in free speech, turally she wants the lecturers but not for traitors and Trotskysuppressed because they are "divists.

iding the people, spreading doubt CALL FOR BLOOD and disunity, disbelief in our war government, distrust of our al-

skyists is not enough for the edlies.' The Stalinists are attacking the itors of The New World. In a Quaker lecture gatherings be- boldly displayed editorial in the sause the Quakers and their pres- same issue they call for their

ent associates are a defenseless, blood: "This war is not an acadpacifist, sentimentally humanitar- emic question to be debated. Our ian group which cannot or will fighting men are shooting fascists not defend itself adequately eith- -not indulging in drawing room er against slanderous attack or debates with them. The same gangster-thug forays. And they stern measures must be used on indiscriminately tack the label the home front.' "Trotskyist" on these and all And 3,000 miles across the

other opponents. country the New York Daily Worker steps up the drive of REAL TROTSKYISTS

lynch incitation in a new article It is for the real Trotskyists, by George Morris (July 6) which Union of Greater New York sent however, that they reserve the praises Tobin, president of the a donation of \$250 to the CRDC main-stream of their venomous Teamsters International, for last week, to aid in the campaign fire, because the Trotskyists are "pulling no punches in his war to free the 18 and repeal the antithe only true opponents of the imperialist war, the true van-gratifying to this Stalinist hack to The Executive Board

Over 10,500 workers and progressive individuals have registered their protest against the unjust imprisonment of the 18 Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-C I O and Socialist Workers Party leaders under

Pardon Petitions

by signing petitions urging

Although this successfully concludes the national CRDC campaign to secure 10,000 signatures, the National Office of the CRDC announced that the Local Committees throughout the country will continue until the end of July to send in signed petitions. At the end of July these thou-

sands of signatures, together with hundreds of letters from individc'es, and resolutions and endorsements from trade unions, as well as scores of editorials and articles from the liberal and working class

But mere jailing of the Trot-

Material as well as moral sup-National CRDC office from labor tion of the International Ladies'

ments and urged immediate Pres-

The Executive Board of the

U. S.-British Capitalists Clash At Monetary Stabilization Parley

The Allied Monetary Conference

Conference Unable To Curb The Profit-Hungry Bankers

American Delegate Describes Conference As A "Struggle for Power" Between the Allies

By Ralph Graham

Alarmed by the prospect of post-war economic chaos which would strain the already weakened fabric of capitalist society to the breaking point, economic and financial experts of 45 Allied and Associated governments gathered in conference at Bretton Woods, N. H., on July 1 to discuss plans for currency stabilization and related problems.

The conference, which is continuing until July 19, ostensibly aims to curb cut-throat competition in international commerce through the establishment

of a Monetary Stabilization an unfavorable trade balance did Fund to regulate the flow of not have pounds or dollars with which to finance the purchase, trade. Another proposal enviswould be entitled to draw upon ages the setting up of a United the fund for this purpose, but not Nations Bank for Reconstrucbeyond the extent of its own contion and Development to opertribution to the fund unless those ate in the long-term credit field n control of the fund agreed. and to supplement and partici-It is not difficult to see that pate with private capital in inin such a situation the greater vestments connected with the portion of the world would fall rehabilitation of war-torn couninto economic vassalage to the big powers whose greater contribu-

tions to the fund assure them In reality, however, the represcontrol of this contemplated ntatives of American and British source of international credit --capitalism, who dominate the con-Britain or the United States, or ference, are each seeking to impose on the rest of the world's both.

The capitalists of both these capitalists, financial and economic leading countries are seeking to arrangements intended to further their own exclusive interests. grab all they can of post-war in-Despite the efforts of the conternational trade. Last week's ferees to maintain an atmosphere conference sessions were markof amiability, and to present the ed by debate and wrangling over conference to the world as an ex- the fund quotas to be assigned to ample of genuine effort at "in-ternational cooperation," the ugly the major countries, each seeking to improve his position at the expense of the others. reality of imperialist competition

and rivalry breaks again and GOLD STANDARD again through the brittle crust of

polite speech-making.

INTENSE STRUGGLE

But there is more involved than that. According to the Washington-sponsored plan, each country

What is actually going on at would be required to subscribe 25 Bretton Woods is an intense if per cent of its quota in gold, or muted struggle between the Brit- 10 per cent of its holdings of gold ish and American capitalists for and gold-convertible exchange, whichever is the smaller nination of the n

political press will be presented to President Roosevelt in Washington by a CRDC delegation urging immediate and unconditional pardon for the 18.

LABOR SUPPORT

port continues to pour into the and civil liberties organizations. Following the resolution adopted last month at the Boston Conven-

Garment Workers Union-AFL which condemned the imprison-

idential pardon, the Joint Board of the Dress and Waistmakers



By James Cowan

The role of the Kremlin in the affairs of the European coninent is being revealed with complete clarity in the case of Rumania, where Stalin's henchmen have appeared on the scene as the saviors and supporters of the rotted system of capitalistandlord exploitation and its political regime of oppression and reaction.

At the beginning of April, the Red Army, pursuing retreatng German and Rumanian troops, crossed the river Pruth and entered Rumanian territory. This was its first incursion across the Soviet borders. The capitalist world was manifestly nervous and pprehensive.

On July 11 the press carried

an item that 900 workers were thrown out of work at Burchell Products, Inc., New York

Union officers tried to find out why the Navy contract had been cancelled, but all they got

City, on three hours' notice.

4 Million Jobless

WALL

guard of the labor movement, the is the fact that Tobin "isn't most consistent fighters for labor swinging wild. He is punching rights and independence. The specifically at them and at those Trotskyists have exposed the who give them aid and comfort." Stalinist traitors and their fink Tobin, it is revealed, derives role in the labor movement.

much of the inspiration for his The Stalinist answer is a steady recent red-baiting attacks on the stream of calumny and falsehood | Trotskyists from the Stalinists and incitation to vigilante attacks | themselves. His organ, the Teamon the Trotskyists and their ster; as Morris recalls, "reprinted movement, interspersed with the bulk of a column we ran some frantic calls to Roosevelt's cops weeks ago disclosing how the 'soto throw them all in jail. da-pop' stoppages in Detroit"

A recent sample of this type were - of course! - due to Trotof hysterical ranting is contained skyist machinations. The Stalinists, said Morris, in The New World, Stalinist organ published in Seattle, Wash-(Continued on page 5) ington, scene of the recent Stal

CANADIAN FASCIST MOVEMENT GETS BIG BUSINESS SUPPORT

RELIGIOUS PREJUDICES

This movement demagogically

at night and have conducted

"anti-communist" demonstrations.

organization known as the Jac-

ques Cartier Order, founded in

1928 with the blessings of the

Catholic clergy, in 1936 brought

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Corps

Bouchard charged that a secret

MONTREAL - Frightened | Catholic Syndicates, a Jesuitby the extensive growth of the sponsored trade union organization. He further revealed that this trade union movement and lamovement seeks to establish a bor's developing political consciousness and organization as the heart of Canada. French Catholic-Fascist state in reflected in the electoral victo-

ries of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation, Canada's big business interests are losing | exploits religious prejudices and confidence in the ability of the French-Canadian nationalist senconservative Liberal Party to timent. In Montreal and Quebec act as an effective brake upon the | City, it has fostered a series of working class. The ruling class is | physical clashes between serviceturning increasingly toward a men and gangs of young hoodmore direct and brutal method of lums who have ranged the streets political domination-fascism.

Backed by important sectors of Canadian capital, clerico-fascism, corresponding to an extent to the Sinarquista movement in Mexico and aiming at a regime similar to that of Salazar's Portugal or Franco's Spain, has been making to power the notorious Union Naadvances in Canada.

tionale party, led by pro-Fascist Maurice Dupiessis. He further A startling confirmation of the charged that the super-nationalextent of clerico-fascism was ist, ultra-reactionary Bloc Popugiven in the sensational maiden speech of Liberal Senator T. D. laire, which includes a section of Bouchard before the Canadian dissident French-Canadian Liber-Upper House on June 21. He ad- als, is now the "open political mitted w h a t Socialist-baiting tool" of this secret fascist order. He identified the Young Lau-Mackenzie King's Liberal Govrentians as one of the Order's ernment has long known but conmost active satellites. cealed - that French Catholic-Describing the aims of the Jac-Fascists in Quebec Province, poques Cartier Order, Bouchard litical and financial center of Can-

ada, are already in control of the quoted a message from its "general president" which proclaimed "patriotic" societies, Catholic School Boards, municipal councils, junior boards of trade, and the

Pittsburgh Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at their June meeting endorsed the Minneapolis Labor Case and voted a con-

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Denmark Strikers Force Concessions From Nazi Rulers

Last week, foreign correspond-High courage and an unents were taken to the northern corner of Rumania, where the Red quenchable fighting s p i r i t Army has now been in occupation brought victory for striking for three months, and permitted Danish workers last week as the to cable out their findings. What Nazi enslavers of Denmark, undid they discover? Associated able to cope with the insurrec- Press correspondent Henry C. tionary mood of the masses, Cassidy says: "It was the unanisubmitted to their demands. mous opinion of American, Brit-

enemy troops.'

More than 15,000 workers in Copenhagen, joined by other thou- the Russians are not interfering Rumania. Cassidy reports that sands in the lesser cities, were in any way with the political, ecoout in a general strike which nomic or social life of Rumania." lasted six days and virtually par- Which, of course, is confirmation alyzed the country. In street of Molotoff's assurance to the cafighting with Nazi troops and po- pitalist world that the Stalinist

lice, 700 of the workers were re- | regime will help the Anglo-Amerported killed and 1,000 wounded. ican imperialists preserve capital-Strikers' demands finally acist-landlord rule in the Balkans. ceded to by the Nazis included re-It is, however, the details of moval from Copenhagen of the the correspondents' findings Danish-Nazi Schalburg Corps, which afford the most glaring lifting of the 9 p. m. to 5 a. m. confirmation of the reactionary curfew, closure of the Copenha- role of the Stalinist government gen city transit system at 9 p. m. and reveal the abysmal depths hightly at the request of the of counter-revolutionary vileness street-car workers, a guarantee to which it has descended. Wrote not to take reprisals against any Cassidy: "The Russian occupation

is administered by military comof the strikers. On July 6, the day following mandants whose sole preoccupathe calling-off of the general tion is the maintenance of order strike, the bakers of Copenhagen . The local officials, including struck again to demand immedi- Mayors of the towns and prefects ate fulfillment of the pledge to of regions, are left to carry on remove the Schalburg Corps. their usual functions."

They were immediately joined by CAPITALIST GENDARME

and Wain shipyard. Unable to Thus all the old reactionary ofstall any longer, the Nazi Com- ficials, notorious oppressors of the missioner, Dr. Werner Best, or- masses, have been confirmed in dered instant removal of the their offices and "order" is being employment. This prospect has

Threat of another general strike capitalists and landlords for withholding of workers' wages give to the Red Army, the great for the strike period. To avert liberating army of Socialism another stoppage, the Nazis or- founded by Lenin and Trotsky, dered payment of wages in full, the ignominious role of gendarme

a Stockholm dispatch to the N.Y. of capitalist property. Times reported. But this is not the worst of

Molotoff, Stalin's foreign the ignominy. "Local laws," Cascommissar, hastened to allay all sidy tells us, "including those suspicions and apprehensions with anti-Semitic provisions, are with a statement: "The Soviet left unchanged, pending later change by the people themselves. Government declares it does not This attitude is applied even to pursue the aim of acquiring the Rumanian act outlawing the Rumanian territory or of alter-Communist Party, which remains ing the existing social structure of Rumania. The entry of Soon the books."

The Stalinist ruling clique in viet troops into the boundaries this instance goes even further of Rumania is dictated excluthan the Allied imperialists. In an sively by military necessities effort to keep up the pretense and the continuing resistance of that this is a war of "liberation," one of the first acts of the Allied

Military Government in Italy was to declare null and void the anti-Semitic laws imposed on the country by Mussolini's fascist regime. Stalin, however, preserves all the totalitarian filth of the old semifascist Rumanian regime.

In other respects, the oppressive rule of the Allied imperialists in Italy is fully emulated by ish and Chinese observers that the Stalinist rulers of northern

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The AFL research depart ment just released a report stating that 4,000,000 workers will be unemployed by the end of this year if Congress does not enact legislation to protect workers from production "cuthacks."

Among recent "straws in the wind" are the overnight shutdown of operations at the Brewster Aeronautical plant in Long Island City, N. Y., the layoff of 9,000 workers at Budd Manufacturing Company in Philadelphia, a reduction of thousands in working force at Douglas Aircraft plants on the West Coast, and now, an announcement by the Navy that bombsight production at the Remington-Rand plant at Elmira, N. Y. will be discontinued by fall, affecting 3,600 workers. (See editorial on cutbacks, page 6).

- with the British losing out to Since between 70 and 80 per their powerful foes. One of the cent of the entire world supply of American delegates, who, under- monetary gold is held by the Unstandably, chose to remain anon- ited States, the Washington plan, ymous, blurted this out to a N. Y. if adopted, would deliver control Post correspondent when he said, of the proposed stabilization fund without mincing any words: "This into the hands of Wall Street. is a struggle for power on a gig- This is clearly seen in an apantic scale." praisal of the conference which

At the center of the conference appears in the latest issue of the agenda is the proposal for crea- newsletter of the National City tion of a Monetary Stabilization Bank of New York, one of the Fund of \$8 billion. The United leading institutions of American States would hold first place in Big Business.

the fund with a quota subscrip-It points out that "while the tion of \$2 to \$2% billions. Britain United States would be expected would follow with about \$11/2 bil- to put up \$21/2 to \$23/4 billions as lions and the USSR about \$1 its 'quota,' or theoretically about billion. The remainder would be a third of the initial fund of \$8 subscribed by the rest of the rep- billions, actually our gold and resented countries. dellars would constitute a much

The intended purpose of the larger share - possibly as much fund is to provide the means of as 60 per cent - of the really financing international trade un- dependable purchasing power of der conditions of economic ruin the fund. This because of the and breakdown caused by the im- fact that a large share of the perialist war. Thus, for example, contributions of other countries a country like Belgium which de- would be payable in their own sired to import British or Ameri-

can goods, but which because of (Continued on page 2)

Planning For An Economy Of Scarcity Under The "Free Enterprise" System

By R. Bell

At the current rate of contract terminations and war production cutbacks it is predicted hat millions of workers will be 'disemployed" before the end 000,000 fewer workers employed in the U.S. today than there were six months ago. If the expected military collapse of Gernany materializes this year it vision for the workers suddenly is estimated that production will drop from 30 to 50 percent.

The steady stream of "disememployment" will be converted into a raging torrent of mass un-

then developed because of the whom they rule. Stalin seeks to war" plans for reconversion of mobilization before any extended ployment compensation, public plant. works and housing projects, etc.

Administration or Congress. Following a brief flurry of activity, stimulated by the dramatic sit-in of the Brewster Aircraft the needy." These plans contemworkers, Congress adjourned for plate such a gigantic steal of pubthe summer after adopting the ation bill — the only demobilization legislation so far approved campaign. Both major parties, by Congress. While the bill provides generous cash payments for war contractors it makes no pro-Street. have entered into a tacit conspiracy to seize the most fathrown out of work. All the revorable opportunity to mulct the

public treasury of wealth beyond assuring promises made by Administration and Congressional the dreams of avarice. spokesmen under pressure of the The rich prize for which the militant demonstration of the Robber Barons scheme is the gov-

Brewster workers, that Congress ernment-owned plant and equipmaintained in the interests of the stirred labor spokesmen into re- would adopt legislation dealing ment constructed during the war. newed activity in projecting "post- | with the human problems of de-These government-owned plants, representing 20 percent of all cawar plant facilities to civilian pro- adjournment, were quickly forpital invested in American manuduction, dismissal wages, unem- gotten once the workers left the facture, are valued at 20 to 25 billion dollars. Containing the

The real "post-war" plans of newest and most efficient equip-These measures, dealing with the the government, as revealed thus ment, it is estimated that these human side of demobilization have | far in ACTION indicate that the | plants comprise one-fourth of the

received scant attention from the | political deputies of Big Business | total productive capacity of the intend to follow the pattern al- nation. According to recent figready established of providing ures presented in Common Sense "relief for the greedy and not for the government owns 70 percent of the aluminum production facilities, 95 percent of magnesium, lic wealth that they have to be 10 percent of steel, 50 percent of of the year. There are over 1,- George-Murray Contract Termin- kept hidden from the eyes of the machine tool capacity, 90 percent people until AFTER the election of plane production, 80 percent of synthetic rubber, 20 percent of dominated as they are by the the nation's land. etc.

STRATEGIC MATERIALS

Aluminum, magnesium, steel and rubber - who controls the production of these strategic materials so indispensable for mod-

ern industry possesses a stranglehold on the economic life of the nation. Control over these metals, rubber and allied products has been vested in tight monopolies. The monopolists will move heaven and earth to prevent the competetive operation of these modern plants, built by the government. with public funds, which threaten

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profiteering monopolists of Wall

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THE MILITANT

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Roosevelt's War Labor Board in although it was never enforced Washington last week upheld, against the company for which with minor exceptions the direcit was issued.

tives of the West Coast lumber commission and reaffirmed its own previous order in denying a general wage increase to 130,000 workers of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill and CIO International Woodworkers Unions.

The previous decisions rejecting the wage raise, provoked last month a strike of over 50,000 lumber workers of both the AFL and CIO:

Hoping to get around the administration's general w a g e freezing policy, the unions had argued that their cases were in the "rare and unusual" category because the rotten wages and conditions in the industry were creating a manpower shortage.

The labor minority on the Board registered a dissenting Paul to fill the orders of the themselves before the labor movevirtue of the job-freeze, as well as the Roosevelt-McNutt forced labor decree which went into effect July 1. This decree, which Philip Murray and William Green endorsed, is intended to compel jobless workers to take employment wherever the government sends them, regardless of wages and conditions.

The WLB labor representatives also complained because the body on which they sit and to which they lend their prestige "is being rendered impotent by its timidity" and is "obsessed with an gion. The resolution charged finky all-pervading fear that the wage Bridges with supporting "every ile now that any vigorous action bor forces in this country." The will shatter it beyond redemption."

It is these "labor, statesmen" who are suffering from an "all pervading fear." Their fear is that the anti-labor decisions of the WLB will arouse such resentment that the workers will "shatter beyond redemption" not only the wage-freezing "stabilization" program but the WLB itself. to some feeble concessions here and there.

As for the WLB being "rendered impotent by its timidity"that's an ironic joke. It is the timidity-and treachery-of the union leaders, who curb the independent action of the unions and bolster the WLB, which has made

The General Executive Board of the CIO Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes

union last week adopted a resolution endorsing the action of the union's president, Samuel Wol- doubled by the end of the campaign. chok, in sanctioning the Chicago FROM OUR MAIL BAG Montgomery Ward strike. This is the first instance of any CIO in-

Harbor. The URWDSE-CIO board also passed a formal resolution denouncing Harry Bridges, Stalinist head of the CIO Longshoremen's Union, as a "strikebreaker" for his scabby role in urging the members of his union in St.

opinion, hoping to save face for struck Chicago mail-order plant. The board's approval of the ment, but in no wise changing the past Chicago strike is all very effect of the anti-labor decision. good-but what does it propose In their dissenting statement, the to do now that Avery still refuslabor members argued that the es to comply with the WLB diwage increases were required for rectives and the WLB continues to the "retention of the present flirt with the issue, while the loworking force and prevention of cal union is being systematically turnover," as well as "recruiting | cut to pieces since Roosevelt broke new employes." This argument is the strike with his plant in a new employes." Is the board going to organize a is the board going to organize a real union fight and, if necessary, sanction another strike, or does it propose to horse around with the WLB until the Chicago workers have no union left to fight for Cott with 62 each.

them? * * *

before voting to merge with the successful New York party project in recent years. CIO Steel Workers, the recent

convention of the CIO Aluminum Workers adopted a resolution by our movement in New York." overwhelming vote demanding the removal of Harry Bridges as director for the California CIO re-

aluminum workers denounced Bridges for his "endorsement of labor conscription, support of Sewell Avery's stand in the Montgomery Ward case and other actions to the detriment of organized labor." There is a growing movement

in the CIO for the ouster of Bridges. The Toledo. Akron and St. Louis Industrial Union Coun-That is why they whine about cils have all passed strong resothe Board's decisions, urging it lutions demanding Bridges' removal from his CIO post. * * *

> John L. Lewis' iron-clad dictatorial rule over the United Mine Workers is facing the strongest and most determined opposition in many years. A wide-spread revolt is spreading throughout the union against

> > Outstanding leader in the fight

TRADE UNION
NOTES
By Joseph Keller'Militant' Subscription Campaign
Surpasses Quota By 253 Percent

All 25c subscriptions obtained by the branches during the 3month Militant Subscription Campaign, which terminated June 30, have now reached this office. The final scoreboard shows that a total of 7,614 NEW READERS are now receiving The Militant regularly every week. (See Editorial on Subscription campaign, p. 6.)

The branches are to be commended for their consistent work. The original quota of 3,000 NEW READERS was reached in the eighth week of the campaign. The original quota was more than

Newark: "Well, it was an exciting and spirited finish. Buffalo ternational body formally ap- certainly set a fine pace for all the branches, which we worked proving a strike since Pearl hard to top, only to be nosed out the last day by Rochester. But we are well satisfied with our results and look forward to revisits and contact work. We extend heartiest congratulations to the Rochester comrades whose winning record in the sub campaign is, we are sure, a prelude to bigger things to come for this branch."

> New York: "To keep up with the fast pace of the national campaign, the New York Local smashed a half-dozen of its own quotas. Branch totals are:

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	Brooklyn	· · ·	100	;	545	545
	West Side		175	Q.	825	472
	East Side		175		507	287
	Queens		50	4	108	116
2	Miscellaneous	· · · ·			38	
	-			7		
		•	500		2023	404

"Following the final city-wide mobilization, the New York the strike with his plant seizure? | Local held a social for Brooklyn, the winning branch. The New York Local is proud of the fact that the West Side Branch secured more subs than any other branch in the country.

"The individual high scorers for the campaign were Doris Hill with 89 subs. Justine Lang with 65, and Ruby Parker and Willy

"The Militant Sub Campaign set a new record in membership participation. Old timers and new party members alike worked As one of its last formal actions energetically and enthusiastically to make this campaign the most

> "We are confident that the call-back campaign will result in hundreds of new friends, sympathizers and a greater expansion of

Toledo: "The Reading and Philadelphia Branches have the answer to their rash challenge. They did a good job but they don't bat in the same league with Toledo. I haven't consulted the other comrades about this, but I feel that in the next campaign Toledo stabilization program is so frag- reactionary movement by anti-la- can beat the combined Philadelphia and Reading Branches."

Cleveland is determined to make up for their lag at the beginning by continuing to obtain 3-month subs at campaign speed during the next month.

Los Angeles: "The two one-year subs to The Militant were obtained on the last Sunday mobilization by our local high scorer who at this time has 64 points to her credit. We also have three others with over 40 points. This only includes subs obtained during June

Chicago: "We tried to hit 500 in the sub campaign and it looks as though we've done it."

Seattle: "Comrade Rhodes with 56 subs leads the field in the campaign here, and at the same time continued to lead her department in activity. She is doing a good job on literature. The national total on the drive sure was a terrific tonic to the '18' I'll bet - also to the rest of us."

Detroit: "The national score is something to be proud of. I sold quite a few subscriptions in the shop where I work. The subscriba Catholic people has the right ers tell me they are amazed at the paper. They await it anxiously each week and often speak to me about its contents. One woman and duty to organize itself soworker told me the family fights over it." San Francisco: "Nothing could have pointed out the change

The secessionist aim of



CANADIAN FASCIST MOVEMENT GETS BIG BUSINESS SUPPORT (Continued from page 1)

Our Reasons for a Revolution," This stated in part:

ours, for the true interests of French State."

the French Canadian peoples. ANTI-SEMITISM And the revolution that we want Bouchard further pointed out 'straitjacket' of the gold standard,

shall be practical, efficient, calm that "our secessionists have call- are reluctant to tie closely to gold | and good, because it calls for ed to their help all the forces that or the dollar. This feeling is pure, fundamentally Catholic and would appeal best to the popular heightened by the uncertainties French men. It is the revolution masses-religion, race and creed. that lie ahead in the post-war of the liberated Spain, of the or-Anti-Semitism was called to the period and the need for rectifying ganized Portugal, of France unrescue to promote the recruiting der Petain. of members."

CATHOLIC HIERARCHY Thus, the Catholic hierarchy in | was working underground even | and other losses." Canada, chief bulwark for the in the schools, promoting hatred rich and propertied classes, en- between the French and English gime on the order of that main- French children to obtain Engtained by Butcher Franco or Hit- lish-language instruction. The ler's puppet military-police dic- Order, just three weeks before his tatorship in France. speech, had influenced officials of Bouchard pointed out that in the University of Montreal to con-

1937 no less a personage than one secrate and raise to the mast of of the Pope's delegates to Can- their new building the royal blue ada, Msgr. Mozzoni, was officially and white crossed flag with fleurrecorded as saying: "What we de-lis of the non-existent French want and what we shall work to Canadian Catholic State, "the old attain by all our means, is a state flag of Louis XV."

completely Catholic. . . because **BOUCHARD FIRED**

cially and politically according to alarm-against Bouchard! Both the tenets of its faith."

the Ottawa and Quebec govern- TERRIBLE DILEMMA

Capitalist Powers Clash On Fund Quotas, Gold Standard |London which quoted Labor Min-

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DIVERGENT VIEWS

their balance of payments posi-

tion, thrown heavily out of line by

ister Ernest Bevin as saving. "It currencies, not freely convertible is no use to beat about the bush. into gold and hence unreliable We have spent everything in this

struggle." Lord Woolton, Minfor international usage." The attempt to tie international ister of Reconstruction, seconded currency to a sort of modified gold Bevin with this statement: "For standard, implied in the plan now half a century or more we spent being discussed, is a manifest re- our savings overseas. Now we flection of Roosevelt's "great de- have sold all we have and have sign" to subject all the world to incurred overseas debts double the economic domination of the amount of our previous over-American capital. The American- seas investments." held gold hoard is the vehicle of

British capitalism's only hope, this attempt in the sphere of in- not of recovery but just of surternational currency and trade. It vival, is to force up exports by is precisely in this that the basic all means possible. But British antagonism between American capitalism has lost its world leadand British capitalism is being ership. It cannot compete sucrevealed at the conference. cessfully with its powerful American rival. That is why, at Bret-

ton Woods, they favor a "flex-"Here it must be recognized," ible" international currency arays the newsletter, "that there rangement, so that, when hard are very sharply divergent points pressed in competition, they can of view. People in this country resort, as they did before, to cur-(read bankers and industrialists) | rency devaluation in order to are much more 'orthodox' than cheapen export prices.

the British in their view on gold. American capitalism, on the They favor a currency fixed in other hand, possessed of great stable relation to gold and do not food and raw material resources, take lightly to changes, though an unrivalled industrial plant, the willing to accept them on rare oc- last word in production technique, casions of severe dis-equilibrium. vast accumulated financial wealth, "The British, on the other hand, has no need for such devices. Its with their memories of unemploy- supremacy is undisputed. Hence ment and trade difficulties in the its insistence upon a "hard mointer-war period which, rightly or ney" (gold) basis of international wrongly, they attribute to the exchange.

THE CONFERENCE

The Bretton Woods conference is an attempt by the imperialist governments of Britain and America to regulate in some measure the hungry appetites of ther respective gangs of capitalists. Roosevelt and Churchill, representing He showed that this movement reduction in overseas investments the American and British Big Business classes, are fearful that This "difference" between the an unrestrained all-out fight for

capitalists and bankers on the markets and spheres of influence visages nothing less than a re- pupils and making it difficult for two sides of the Atlantic goes to between England and America the very roots of their interna- may endanger the very structure tional trade rivalry and underof world capitalism.

lines in sharpest fashion the dec-This explains the summoning lining world position of British of the conference, despite the fact imperialism. Washington's stubthat bankers and capitalists on born efforts to force the world both sides of the Atlantic had back on the gold standard (of previously expressed, and still which Britain was once the most maintain, hostility to any stabilardent defender) is one of the ization plan which would in any surest indications of the pre-emway tend to bridle "free competinent world position of American ition.'

imperialism. And Wall Street, of This first important interna-The revelations of Bouchard course, holds the bulk of the tional gathering of the "United stirred the Liberal government to world's gold. Nations" designed to charter the coming "brave new world" and the "blueprint for peace" has al-Today, the terrible dilemma of ready fully revealed that rapaciated themselves from Bouch- British capitalism, expressed in city, greed, hunger for profits and ard's charges. Under pressure of the problem of maintaining ex- imperialist loot, are the "war ports at a level high enough to aims" of the Allied powers and pay for enormous imports of food their respective governments. and raw materials, is acquiring These are the "high purposes" moved Bouchard from his post as new emphasis and threatens to that motivate their actions. These develop into a catastrophe when are the things for which they are waging the second world war. the war ends. Samuel Grafton, the liberal col-In the past, Britain relied upon umnist of the N. Y. Post who her considerable "invisible exports" - profits on overseas in- makes a profession of weeping vestments - plus income from and gnashing his teeth over the the carrying trade of her great iniquities of the decomposing capmerchant marine, to lighten the italist system, emits an anguishadverse balance of her interna. ed cry from the heart at this tional trade. But even before initial frustration of his imaginthe present war these sources of ary "brave new world."

believe this dream is an isolated one." He emphasized that there are "quite a large number" whose desire it is "to create not only a "It is pressing to form leaders | new French province in Ontario . for a revolution that shall be but an independent Catholic and

the WLB tremendously potent in Lewis' system of control, in which fulfilling its real purpose of en- he personally appoints the offiforcing the wage freeze.

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The only time the WLB suffers union's 650,000 members belong in from "timidity" and "impotence" so-called "provisional" districts is in the relatively few instances where they do not elect their own when it renders a decision favor- district officers. The Lewis-apable to a union and is then con- pointed international board memfronted by the defiance of an bers control 287 votes against the employer. The case of Sewell L. 72 votes of the 10 elected mem-Avery is a notable, but not an bers.

exceptional instance.

Down in St. Louis there is the to re-establish autonomy an case of the Meyer Pants Com- democratic representation with pany, which since 1942 has con- the UMW is Ray Edmundso sistently refused to sign a union himself a former appointee contract despite a WLB direc- Lewis and old time henchman tive. In a letter to the regional the Lewis machine, who recent WLB, Harold J. Gibbons, direc- resigned his post as president tor of the St. Louis Joint Council the Illinois district and announce of the Retail, Wholesale and De- his candidacy for UMW presider partment Store Employees, CIO, in opposition to Lewis. demanded WLB action in enforc-Last week over 100 miners' de ing compliance of its directive. egates from 14 districts, met Gibbons pointed out the differ-Cincinnati and passed resolution ence between the WLB's kid-glove | demanding autonomy and lavin handling of employers and "the the basis for a fight on the issue determined efforts you and your at the forthcoming convention. agency have taken to enforce Lewis introduced his dictatori compliance of trade unions with system back in the late Twentie as a means of destroying the pow your Board orders."

One of the peculiar angles of erful left-wing opposition th the Meyer Pants case is that the arose under the leadership WLB directive was used as a John Brophy and Powers Ha precedent for other similar cases, good.

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St. Paul: "We all have some special sub prospects and these will no doubt be coming in to you quite consistently in the next few months. This is an excellent way to introduce people to The Militant."

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Jacques Cartier Order, directed ments demonstratively disassoat the establishment of a fascist state within the heart of Canada. the reactionary elements, Liberal were further revealed by Bouch-Premier Adelard Godbout, head ard who quoted from a 1937 issue of the Quebec government, reof the Order's secret paper, L'Emerillon, to the effect that: chairman of the publicly-owned 'Let us note the interlinking of our groups which threaten to shut Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission! in the center of Ontario, and in

consequence to choke those who This is how union-smashing, ladread, and rightly, our 'French bor-hating Mackenzie King's Libdomination' in a more or less near eral government of Canada future. Our French mass of the "fights" fascism. The cells of north, especially, shall end up by Kingston Penitentiary are open at

weighing so heavily on the popu- all hours for socialists and mili-700 lation of the center and the south | tant unionists - but the fascists 657 of old Upper Canada (Southern roam at will. It is this govern-616 Ontario) that on each side, we ment which is supported and bol-408 shall perhaps think of a secession stered by the Stalinists through to the end of creating a new prov- their Labor-Progressive party, 400 nce, French by a great majority." which is neither progressive nor 387 Bouchard cautioned, "Do not representative of labor. 320



Now that vacation time is improvement in The Militant resenting debts piled up in the here, our agents will appreciate said: "In fact, the biggest im- present war, will total 12 billions knowing how two of our Newark provement in the paper is the of dollars. agents utilized their vacation: variety of style in the articles. "Enclosed are the last 4 subs It is this which gives the paper to deprive Britain of a goodly of the 21 obtained while on a new freshness." vacation in Asbury Park. We

could have gotten more, but we Our agent in Texas writes: from ocean freights, for Amer-122 ran out of papers. Credit these "I'm taking time out from my ica's merchant marine has grown 112 to Newark since we are of the union work to send in these adtremendously and the Wall Street Newark Branch. There's a large ditional subs. We're in the middle shipping magnates are out to workers' area here and we of one of the most important grab the oceanic carrying trade thought it worthwhile getting our labor battles in this area, the out which Britain largely monopolizbest organizer, The Militant, into come of which will to a great ed until a few years ago. 37 that area." extent mark the beginnings of BANKRUPTCY

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that The Militant sells itself is outstanding comment about the lage to American Big Business re-emphasized by the following paper from our contacts here is stares Britain's ruling class in letters: We can read things in this paper the face New Haven: "While sitting in that we never find in our local "BRITAIN IS 'BROKE'" - in

the green in New Haven, I picked papers, and really find out what's these words the N. Y. Times (July up a copy of The Militant. I be- going on.' So you see they realize 7) headlined a dispatch from came interested in it. To whom the value of our paper and look

shall I go in this city to sub- to it to help them in their daily "Just received the communicascribe to your paper?" work." tion in regard to further work-Bellport, L. I.: "Thank you for renewals and new literature sending me the June 17 issue of According to a rep m our campaign. The idea sounds very your paper. Enclosed is \$1 for a San Francisco agent 3ranch good to us and we can certainly 6-month subscription." is going to concentrate during use the breathing spell. Oh no, July and August on getting not for breathing-for catching A reader in New York, after renewals on regular six-month up on our work with our regular

commenting about the general subscriptions which have expired: six-month renewals."

"But what happens to our beauincome had begun to shrink. Brittiful, beautiful dreams about a ain's gold flowed across the Atlantic into the vaults of American world organization, if we can't banks and investments were li. even agree on a world bank?" he guidated outright to make good wails. "Bretton Woods is where we pay off on our fine talk." the trade deficit.

This attrition of Britain's world Mr. Grafton, it seems, and position has been enormously ac- those like him, will never learn celerated under the conditions of that "beautiful, beautiful dreams total war. Practically all her for- about a world organization" can eign investments, which before never be realized as long as capithe war yielded an annual return talism and imperialism, the law of about \$800,000,000, have been of the jungle in the affairs of naliquidated. By the end of this tions and between nations, conyear her "blocked balances," rep- tinue to survive.

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Class Division Of Society And The Need For Building An Independent Labor Party

By C. Thomas

One of the most favored arguments against independent la- leadership of either the capitalist bor political action was recently class or working class: the two advanced by R. J. Thomas, society. president of the UAW-CIO, in disclaiming a "rumor" that he had endorsed the Michigan

that the middle class is capable only of following the political main social classes in modern

How are the interests of a class formulated? The interests of the class cannot be formulated other-Commonwealth Federation. wise than in the shape of a pro-Speaking at a nominating con- gram. The program cannot be adference of the Wayne County vanced otherwise than by creating the instrument necessary to carry CIO Political Action Commit- the program into action-the tee, Thomas assailed the very political party. Do R. J. Thomas idea of labor's independent po- and his cohorts dare to contend litical action when he ranted at that the program of either the the delegates: "You have got Republican of London the interests of the Republican or Democratic parties to get it out of your mind that working class-or even of the we can win alone. We've got to overwhelming majority of the learn to work with other people middle class? Today, more than and to cooperate with them to ever before, it is crystal clear elect candidates who will repre- that the two major parties stand sent all the people of the com- together on all major political munity." And where are such questions. More than ever before "impartial" candidates to be do they resemble those famous found? By his stated opposition twins, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle to any and all "third party" Dum, between whom there is no movements Thomas limits the marked distinction. Both serve selection of such candidates to the interests of the same master the two major parties. But do the -the capitalist ruling class. Republican and Democratic par-

POLITICS ties "represent all the people of the community?" Such a conten-Politics is generalized economics. If it were true that there

tion is arrant nonsense. The "community" is composed is an identity of interest among of diverse elements with conflict- "all the people" in the "coming interests. Standing at polar munity" what need would there opposites are the two major con- be for the existence of that tending forces in present day strictly class organization of the owners of the means of produc- very existence the trade union that is, the corporation executives, conflict between those who own prise the capitalist class. At the who sell their labor power for multiplied. Under present condiproduction at so much an hour, function of the trade union is to conflict with the governmentcandidate or party on the face of of living of the working class. be obliterated. the earth who can serve the Such interests run counter to the mutually exclusive interests of interests of the employers who these two major social classes. use their economic and political power to appropriate for them-

TWO EXTREMES

selves the great bulk of the Between these two extremes in wealth produced by labor." the "community" stand the middle

Election Scene in Georgia



Atlanta, Georgia election official returns ballot to Attorney A. T. Walden of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People who tried to vote in the Democratic primaries. The bourbons of Georgia ignored the recent Supreme Court ruling and would not permit Negroes to vote. The NAACP announced that it is going to seek a further court test of the state's "lily-white" primaries.

political demands. For example, lican parties, labor must countersociety. At one extreme are the workers, the trade union? By its the demand for the revision or pose the organized political might abolition of the wage freezing of its many millioned adherents. tion, distribution and exchange, gives eloquent testimony to the Little Steel formula, is a gen- Does this mean, as Thomas and eralized demand of a political Company contend, that labor will bankers, landlords, etc., who com- the means of production and those nature. Such examples can be have to fight alone? Not at all! other are the wage-slaves, that is, wages. As pointed out in an tions when even the most terests the Republican and Demothose who sell their labor power editorial in the July 1 issue of elementary "economic" demands cratic parties defend, constitute to the owners of the means of The Militant: "The essential bring the unions into head-on an insignificant minority of the day, week, etc., who make up the strive to gain for the workers a functioning as the executive majority of the people are vicworking class. Between master more equitable share of the na- committee of the employing class timized by the scourge of capitaland wage-slave there is a funda- tional income. That is, to raise as a whole-the fine line of ist misrule. Led into a blind alley mental and irreconcilable conflict wage rates, to shorten the work- demarcation between "economic" by their traditional leaders they of interest. There is no political ing day, to improve the standard and "political" demands tends to see no way out. Only the labor movement is capable of offering Under the circumstances the a solution to their problems and

ineffective. Frozen wages in the their needs. Labor will not lack

men, etc. The upper levels of the a particular industry they are capitalist class has been using its Labor Party; if Labor places head off in July. Of course today, political power to increase its al- itself at the head of the move- at the moment, things are apparcapitalist class, its lower levels demands and the trade union uses ready disproportionate share of ment for a political solution of ently better, due to enormous govwith the working class. Because its "economic" power to compel the national income at the ex- the needs of the people instead ernment war orders. But nearly of its social composition, lack of the employer to come to terms. pense of labor and of the lower of at its tail; then indeed will cohesion, instability, as well as But when such demands become middle class. To defend its econ- Labor NOT fight alone but will stops, a lot of other things are the fact that it plays no in- generalized and are addressed not omic interests against the polidependent role in production, the to a particular employer or group tical power of the capitalist class command the eager and en. going to stop too. middle class is incapable of play- of employers but to the employing ruling by virtue of its control thusiastic support of a decisive ing a truly independent role in class as a whole they become over the Democratic and Repub- section of the "community."



By V. Grey but uglify it by stretching the hours, speeding up the process "They tell me," says Scissorbill

and finally robbing him of even Sam, (The bosses' man) with his the energy to imagine himself at usual sneer, "They tell me that a better job. The workers speak under Socialism the workers' govoften of other jobs, other shops, ernment is gonna run production. higher pay. They speak often, but No socialist big shot is gonna tell vaguely. me where to work! No sir! I work

For it is no small step to change where I please-Rugged Individyour job when you have three or four mouths to feed. It is no small

If the bosses' man weren't so loss to worry about-even a week dumb, we'd think he was joking. | looking for work-because it can He's an individualist all right. He | put you in the hole for six months has the proud record of sitting or more. And if you do take the on the boss' lap ever since he's chance you probably get panicky been in the shop. Even if the rest when you see the bills coming of us hankered after that doubtful in, so you jump into some job glory (which we don't) there that might even be worse than wouldn't be much room for us. the one you left. Under even the Fanny-kissing isn't a popular job. | best conditions of capitalism you Those who like it may well be don't have much time or opporcalled "Rugged Individualist." tunity to choose what boss you're But say we were all like the going to work for, and once you've posses' man, spent our time pol- chosen him, he does all the choosishing apples, fishing with the ing for you, for a long, long time foreman, and all that, then could When we, the workers, take we work where we liked? Not by over the shop, however, and take over all the shops under a work-

a jugful! In the first place, according to ers' government, we're going to the War Manpower Commission give a man a real choice of jobs. and other agencies of the capi-Man will have the first real freetalist government, when a man dom he's ever had. People will be wants to change jobs he has to encouraged to do the things they get a release from the company out of ten. the things they want where he works at the time. And to do are the things they do best. then he must go to the U.S. Employment Service which will as-And not only that, we'll create sign him to a job-whatever job wants and ambitions in people by showing them jobs they never they wish to assign him at as low neard of before. pay as they can get him to work. Many ignorant or misinformed people call that socialistic. Nothmade showing the interiors of the truth. This practice is merely the program of decaying capitalism

ualist, that's me."

coming out a little more into the make the old job more interesting as well as suggest new jobs. "VACATIONS" IN WINTER

SOME TRUTH

In the second place, a man who But there is some truth in the works for wages never could work assertion that socialism will aswhen he pleased. Depressions, panics, newer machinery, are consign workers to specific jobs. stantly throwing him out of work, When three or four flour mills making him take "vacations" in in this country can produce the winter; work his sweating enough flour for the whole nation (as they can now if their capacity is fully used) the workers will decide that the people in other flour mills are wasting their time, and advise them to do everybody knows that when this some other kind of work, thus avoiding over-production in the

flour industry and the resulting But suppose this were "normal waste of flour. (At present the times" and a fellow did have result would also be unemploywhat they call the "choice" of ment.) And the workers thus where to work. The minute the freed could go into another inactory door closes on him, he



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Toledo Union Official Ducks Pertinent Issue

By Harvey Brown

In the June 23 issue of the Toledo Union Journal, publish- we would say that the Auto-Lite ward Duck, the Educational Diwant to do, because nine times appeared in the June 10 issue of The Militant. The article 12. It criticized the leadership For instance, movies can be

> presented a five-point minimum program urging the Auto-Lite workers to insist that the provisions of this program be included in the new contract being negotiated with the company. That, in article which appeared in The Militant.

> > Marxist dragon.

It is necessary to establish has struck home. The workers in these facts to begin with in order the Auto-Lite plant have read it to penetrate the thick smoke and found that it corresponds to screen with which the Education- their own experience and needs. al Director of Local 12 envelops That is the only reasonable exthe issues involved. To begin with, planation for the devious attack he neglects to mention The Mili- upon the author of the article by tant as the source of the article an apologist for the union admin-



the latest rulings cooked up by change all that. We're going to ed by local 12 UAW-CIO, Ed- workers in their overwhelming majority are not in the slightest concerned with the spiritual guidrector of Local 12, CIO, takes ance offered by the union leadus to task for an article which ership but are directly and immediately concerned with the question of trade union policy and program as translated into terms summed up the experience over of wages, hours and working conthe past period of the workers ditions. Workers, as a general in the Auto-Lite unit of Local rule, look upon the union as an instrument for bettering their standard of living, gaining some of the union for its failure to degree of job security and a measing could be further from the furnaces, the inner structure of settle grievances, to eliminate ure of protection against the exthe steel, the secrets of all the the piecework speedup system. ploitation of the boss. When they processes before and after you to abolish discrimination seek protection against athersm against Negroes and, above all, ticular function it is to preach for its bureaucratic disdain of salvation in heaven for the ills the rights and interests of the suffered here on earth.

workers. In addition the article | CLAP-TRAP essence, was the substance of the

the case. It is apparent that the atticle in the June 10 Militant



open.

narrow trade union struggle for an alternative leadership based "economic" demands has proved upon a program that will meet face of a constantly rising cost allies if the interests of the of living has lowered the majority of the "community" are When a trade union draws up standard of living of the workers formulated in the shape of a proclass, that is, farmers, profes- a list of "demands" and presents while profits have soared to ever gram; if the program is embodied sionals, technicians, small business them to a particular employer in higher levels. This means that the as the platform of an Independent

Sinarquism: An Experiment In Fascism; Its Reactionary Role And Aims Defined had. Suppose he has an ambition to be an engineer, but he starts

By A. Roland

Sinarquism, financed by American imperialists and sup-Mexico, draws its following from among the most backward peasant sections. This is the familiar technique of all fascist movements. The big landowners too small a national minority to cope alone with the radical working class. Hence they turn to the middle class and the peasants to achieve their reactionary aims. Sinarquism is thus a wedge used by the extreme lians. This land was to be used right wing of the exploiting collectively (in the ejidos). But class to separate the peasants from the workers. Catholicism is the handle of the hammer used to drive home this wedge.

THE PEONS

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makes its appeal to Indian peons the pockets of the bureaucratic whose great dream of rising out "politicos." Then again the capiwretchedness through the agrar- rupt the communal farms. Thus ian revolution has all but van- when the government set a fairly The urgent and forceful high price for cotton to encourished.



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for land reached its climax in a textile barons paid this high Sonora, Lower California, and while. After a couple of years, decade of armed revolt under the price, only to private farmers. Tamaulipas. President Camacho when his family are a little way leadership of Zapata and Villa. They boycotted the collectives. played right into the hands of over the rough spot, he goes to ported by the upper classes in The death of these famous agrar- The result was an agricultural Sinarquists by making the grants night school. This costs him more istas did not end the movement crisis with a drop in production of land in these states not directly than money. It costs him the prebut blunted its edge. The capi- of foods and raw materials that to the peons but to the Sinarquist cious rest his body needs after talists were forced to grant wide necessitated their import in great- organization. Self-interest thus reforms in order to dam up the er quantities than previously. At ties these peons to the reactionary revolutionary current. But the the end Cardenas reversed him- movement. Similarly Camacho that his fingers have grown too real substance of social transform- | self and agreed to the division of | tried to placate this organization | and the wealthy capitalists are ation eluded the grasp of the what small percentages of land by yielding to its pressure in the peons. So long as the capitalist were seized from the big estates, matter of the reestablishment of class retained the power and car- among the individual owners. Catholic schools. ried out the land reforms, the

COST OF LIVING real benefits accrued to them.

Cardenas started out by handing Reforms supposedly made to "military order." When large bring about a social transforma- demonstrations to encourage back a small portion of the viltion in favor of the workers and membership and show strength lage lands stolen from the Indpeasants, turned out to be mere in the big towns are arranged, tokens rather than realities. Agri- the poor peons are paid ten pesos these collectives were undermined the railways, all declined and appear at the rallies. from within and from without. The Indian peons toiled with an acute economic crisis threatthe handicaps of inadequate tools ened under Cardenas. The naand technical knowledge, as well tional economy suffered from as lack of funds, only to see the falling exports and rising im-The Sinarquist movement fruits of their hard labor go into ports. The people were squeezed between rising living costs and wages that did not keep pace. By They have done this through their of the depths of poverty and talists aimed subtle blows to bank- the summer of 1939 the cost of trade unions. They receive high

living index had gone up from 100 wages while the peons starve! only a beginning. Mexico entered the war in May 1942. Even before

these demagogues advocate unions this Mexico had begun to experiwithout leaders - a method of atence all the fevers of war economy. Prices have gone up catbosses. The Revolution that was astrophically. Inflation became so serious that wage increases were ordered by presidential decree. How serious the situation had become may be judged from the fact that the lowest categ- ise land to the dispossessed, die in the jungle for Standard ories were granted a 50% wage through division of the big est- Oil and fifty bucks a month. increase. But amidst the rise of new millionaire war profiteers, hope, will not notice that the FACTORY LIFE

the price index continues to climb movement at the same time calls

SINARQUIST APPEAL Mexican fascism is using the

impasse created both historically and in the immediate situation to win over the peasants. It pretends a great interest in peasant.

at a steep rate.

welfare. It sets up credit unions indigenous Mexican mass move-(how handy are the imperialist ment — and an experiment in this system does to a man's love dollars!) and establishes demonstration farm colonies. Such col- fascism.

"choice," the right he never really demand of the Mexican peasants age its growth in the ejidos, the onies have been established in old to help the family out for a in the shop at about 14 or 15 years the hard day's work. After he goes to school a while, he finds clumsy from handling hammer, wrench and bar-that his mind has become much slower at figures from lack of all practice Imperialist funds come in handy

except counting the slow hours until quitting time. Thus he can't too in the organization of the work where he wants to. He works his whole life where he doesn't want to.

And what about this fellow's kids? He makes damned sure they culture, mining, oil production, and all travelling expenses to go to high school to get the things he missed-the "better" things. He works extra hours. In good It is at these meetings that times, long backbreaking hours the Sinarquists strive to turn the peons against the working class. The peasants are told that it is the workers who have usurped all them allowances and dresses them when they grow older. He gives the benefits of the Revolution. up. He feels their future is a sure thing. Surely they will work where they want to. Well, they (in 1934) to 160. But this was The peasants must destroy the new clothes—and what happens? workers' unions. On another tack Why the bottom drops out of everything. Along comes the 1929 or 1937 depression. The small tacking the corrupt trade union savings melt away. The kids hang around a year or two, then land turned against the peasants must jobs in some office for \$8.50 per be stopped and a corporative week. Things go on like that for state established that will do full a few years. The boy is just about justice to the downtrodden peon! ready to marry when a war comes Naturally the Sinarquists prom- along and he has to go out and

When you come right down to

itself the protector of private cases, who does work where he the "better" jobs will have to be property and has the full support wants to-at any time? Any good rotated. There will be many legiof the hacendados or big estate feeling a guy has about his job is timate beefs. The workers' coun-

Here is a movement fraught him the works with the speedthem according to their merits with danger not only to Mexico up-and-wear-you-down. The fac- and in the interest of the indibut to all the Americas. It is at tory takes a man and pares him one and the same time a growing down to his bare muscles and a whole. bone, and grinds the humanness

right out of him. The worst thing Ask Your Shopmate to of making things is not to kill it. Subscribe to The Militant

has surrendered the right of dustry, a new project, or perhaps into mechanical research to lighten the work in the old industries. But there would be no sense in doing these things bureaucratically; that is, stupidly. If there is a pipeline to be built in the desert. or a pontoon landing field on the ocean, volunteers will be asked for. And not all will volunteer. for the same things. The adventurous souls will seek one thing; the quiet, scientific type, another. There will be sacrifices to be made, too. And there will be heroes to make them. Perhaps the volunteers and the

jobs won't come out even? Per-**MUMBO-JUMBO** haps not. Well, our workers' government will do the best it can to put the round pegs in round holes and square pegs where they belong. We'll hire vocational experts to advise the decision in such cases, so the working man or woman will get the best possible break.

WELL-BEING

note by reiterating that: "Local We'll do this, because it's to our 12 isn't very fertile ground for of overtime so the kids won't we'll get the maximum producinterest to do it. By so doing, Marxian atheism." We do not and have to work as hard as he does, tion; (and the maximum happidid not question the fact that the Educational Director of Local ness for human beings, which is 12 is a God-fearing man whose why we want socialism) and thus pious devotion to the leadership insure a lasting well-being for of the Local is unquestioned. But ourselves. what has all this mumbo-jumbo

We don't pretend that socialism is some sort of scissorbill's paradise where the lazy people, the scum and the dregs from the top and bottom of present society will just be around all day and

reach up to pull a banana or a mint julep off a near-by tree. Not at all. People will do what they want to do, but not aimlessly. We will plan things and agree to carry them out together, so our kids will be sure of a far higher life than ours. We will set goals, strive for them, attain them, and go on from there. Of course, we will assign many people to jobs

soon lost when they start giving cils will listen to these and decide

vidual worker and the workers as

against which he directs his tir- istration who devotes a full colade but refers to it anonymously | umn in the union's paper to erectas a "liberal" weekly newspaper. ing straw men and then demolish-The same anonymity cloaks the ing them with a barrage of print-Auto-Lite unit which is referred ers ink. to as "one of our more prominent

After skirting around or ignor-Local 12 shops." The importance ing every one of the issues raised of the anonymous "liberal" week- | in the article the Educational Dily newspaper is dismissed by a rector concludes by promising: sneering reference to "all twelve |"Very shortly, I will take this of the sheet's Toledo subscribers." little article apart piece-by-piece, Having thus obliterated the trail before the workers of that shop and disarmed his readers the Edu- who are interested in hearing both cational Director embarks on a the article and the answer." That lengthy sermon devoting a full is a very magnanimous promise column of type to laying the for a person who began by sneer-

ing at "all twelve" of our subscribers in Toledo. We anxiously await the fulfillment of that

Of a piece with this clap-trap

about "Marxian atheism" are

other psychological and philoso-

phical flights of fancy which, we

presume, fall within the province

of an Educational Director but

which have nothing to do with

All of which may be very inpromise. For the sake of the workers "of that shop" otherwise teresting and elevating, no doubt, but has little or nothing to do with known as the Auto-Lite plant, the article in question. "The arwho w! know are very much inticle," he says "was purely disterested, we include in this article ruptive and grossly untruthful, its | the program set forth in the June bjective was the promotion of 10 issue of The Militant for in-Marxian atheism, and the usage clusion in the new Auto-Lite of a pen-name required no cour- | contract: age." He concludes on the same

(1)—Abolition of the piecework-speedup system.

(2)-Equal pay for equal work for women.

(3)-No discrimination in upgrading to any job because of race, color or nationality. (4)-Two weeks vacation with

pay for every worker employed about "Marxian atheism" to do 6 months or over.

with the article in The Militant (5)-The escalator clause-the which confined itself to matters | rising scale of wages to meet the concerning the trade union inter- rising cost of living.



Mannheim Woods Forest Preserve, Grove 1, Westchester (Take Garfield Park-Westchester Elevated to end of line, Mannheim road. Walk south on Mannheim 2 blocks, following signs to grove)

Auspices: Chicago Branch, Socialist Workers Party



THE MILITANT

CRDC Report Embraces 3 Years Of Struggle

[The Civil Rights Defense Committee issued a mid-year report of its activities and accomplishments on July 15, the date which marks its third anniversary. The Civil Rights Defense Committee is the authorized representative of the 18 Minneapolis labor case prisoners and of Kelly Postal, who has recently been paroled as a result of the committee's efforts.

We are reprinting a section of the CRDC report.]

July 15 marks the third anniversary of the Civil Rights Defense Committee. The main activity of our Committee in the past six months has been the national campaign to free the 18 CIO and Socialist Workers Party prisoners in the Minneapolis Labor Case.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO FREE THE 18

Immediately following the refusal of the Supreme Court last December to review the convictions in the Minneapolis Labor Case, the CRDC initiated a national campaign to free the 18 and repeal the Smith "Gag" Act under which they were the first to be sentenced.

In New York a huge mass meeting was held in Manhattan Center on December 16, 1943, at which prominent civil liberties figures denounced the imprisonments and urged labor and liberal support for the campaign to free the 18.

Over 30 Local Committees throughout the country were mobilized behind the campaign and began at once to publicize the issues in the case and to raise funds for relief, legal and other expenses.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S TOUR

The outstanding event of the first six months of the campaign was the coast-to-coast tour by George Novack, National CRDC Secretary.

Public meetings were held in over 30 cities, and inspiring demonstrations of labor-liberal support were given. Mr. Novack addressed scores of audiences, representing the most progressive sections of American life - trade unions, Negro organizations, farm audiences, university and civil liberties groups. He talked personally with numerous trade union officials and with Negro leaders, clergymen, lawyers, civil liberties leaders and progressive individuals. He was invited to speak before trade union meetings attended by hundreds of workers.

MOUNTING LABOR SUPPORT

In the vanguard of all this support for the CRDC is the trade union movement. Almost 250 labor bodies representing a million and a half workers have officially backed the campaign to free the 18.

Four Internationals have gone on record supporting this case: The Textile Workers Union of America-CIO; United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employees-CIO; United Transport Ser-







A scene at the New York City mass meeting held on June 8 at the Hotel Diplomat, under the auspices of the Civil Rights Defense Committee. The chairman of the meeting was George Baldanzi, Executive Vice-President of the CIO Textile Workers Union, who is shown at the rostrum. Speakers were George Novack, National Secretary of the CRDC; Thomas DeLorenzo, President of Brewster Local 365. UAW-CIO; Henry Fruchter, National Educational Director, CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes; Roger Baldwin, National Director of American Civil Liberties Union; Norman Thomas, Socialist Party leader; Daniel Bell, Editor of the "New Leader"; and Albert Gates, Editor of "Labor Action".

case, but have sent mailings to their branches appealing to them to contribute to the CRDC.

CRDC PUBLICATIONS

Three times as much literature has been sold and distributed n the past six months as in the preceding $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

The first printing of the pamphlet "Who Are the 18 Prisoners the Minneapolis Labor Case" in February was 30,000. These were exhausted by the end of June and a new printing of 20,000 went to press. The following tabulation does not include the literature printed for the Kelly Postal case:

Previous 21/ veares

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Total	40,000
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	Total

In addition, in the past three years we have reprinted and distributed hundreds of thousands of editorials, articles and endorsements on the case.

PUBLICITY IN THE CASE

In the past six months, the CRDC has utilized three additional avenues for publicizing the case: articles in the press, radio broadcasts and paid advertisements.

Although the liberal and working class political press has carried stories about the case from the beginning - such as the Nation, the New Republic, the New Leader, the Call, the Progressive - in the past six months the trade union press has begun to take its rightful place in this publicity. The following trade union organs



KELLY POSTAL

The CRDC obtained the release on parole of Kelly Postal, May 30, 1944, after he had served over 10 months at Stillwater Penitentiary, Minnesota. He was framed-up by Tobin and the labor-hating Minneapolis courts, on a charge of "embezzlement" for transferring Local 544 funds from the AFL to the CIO.





Minneapolis Prisoners' Last Speeches

From the speeches of the Minneapolis Labor prisoners, delivered just before going to jail:

"We were obliged to tell the truth. We saw the abomination of the imperialist war and we were under compulsion to tell the people the truth about it. We saw the vision of a socialist society and were under compulsion to fight for it at all costs and despite all hazards. We have done our duty."---JAMES P. CANNON.

* * *

"In a few months we shall be back with you again to take our places beside you to carry forward in the struggle for the victory of socialism. We have absolute confidence because we know that the future is ours."-FARRELL DOBBS. * * *

"To struggle for our pardon, for the repeal of the Smith 'Gag' Act and for the nullification of the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals and of the Supreme Court is essentially a struggle for the democratic rights of the masses.

"We have done our bit in the cause of working-class emancipation. We go to prison confident that the struggle for our ideals and for the democratic rights of the American masses will continue."-ALBERT GOLDMAN.

"American imperialism fears that the future belongs to us. American imperialism fears that revolutionary future and it strikes out viciously against us. That is the fundamental class meaning of the Supreme Cout decision. That is the truth which could not be faced by those ex-radicals at the CIO convention who assured themselves that we were not going to prison."-FELIX MORROW.

"The great movement of the working class in conflict with the bosses has already started, and our great party, with deep roots in that working class, prepares itself now for its historic mission of leading the American proletariat. . . With this confidence in our party and understanding of our tasks, the time spent in prison won't be very long. We shall come back as stronger individuals to a bigger and better party, ready once again to take our place on the firing line."--OSCAR SHOENFELD.

"The spirit in which we Trotskyists have lived and worked is one of absolute conviction that one day in the not too distant future, the workers of the world, many of whom have been in prison, and have died for revolutionary ideas, will replace this rotten system which breeds war and fascism, with an international society of free and equal."-GRACE CARLSON.

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The two photographs above were taken at the Minneapolis headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party, on the eve of the imprisonment of the 18 Minneapolis Labor Case prisoners. In the top photograph are shown Vincent R. Dunne and Grace Carlson. sole woman among the prisoners, who is serving a sixteen-month term at Alderson, West Virginia, Below, Emil Hansen, Edward Palmquist, and Clarence Hamel, all organizers of Minneapolis Teamsters Local 544-CIO, now imprisoned at Sandstone Penitentiary, Minnesota.

vice Employees-CIO and International Ladies' Garment Workers Union-AFL.

Among the local unions supporting the case are 50 UAW-CIO, 20 Steelworkers, a dozen ILGWU-AFL locals as well as numerous Councils and Joint Boards.

In the past six months trade union support has more than doubled the same for the preceding 21/2 years. There are three main reasons for this mounting labor support:

1. Progressive labor sees in this prosecution one of the spearheads of reaction against the whole labor movement. They know that if this case is unchallenged, more and greater repressions will follow.

2. The 18 are in prison. Previously many people thought the case would be thrown out by the Supreme Court even if it were upheld through the lower courts.

3. The energetic work of the CRDC, its members, friends and collaborators. A large share of the credit belongs to the members of the Local Committees for their tireless efforts and work in this case.

In recent months, four prominent labor figures have joined the National Committee of the CRDC: George Baldanzi, Executive Vice-President of the Textile Workers Union of America-CIO: Thomas De Lorenzo, President and Gabriel De Angelis, Financial Secretary of Brewster Local 365 UAW-CIO, and Bernard Rifkin. Associate Editor of Aero-Notes, Brewster official publication.

NEGRO SUPPORT

Most of the leading Negro organizations have endorsed the work of the CRDC, among them the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the March on Washington Movement, the Negro Labor Committee, the Future Outlook League, the Mass Movement League, the San Francisco Committee Against Segregation and Discrimination, etc. Many prominent Negro leaders, clergymen and educators have endorsed the case.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION SUPPORT

The two largest labor fraternal organizations, the Workmen's Circle and the Workmen's Benefit Fund, have not only endorsed the | ships.

have carried stories on the case:

THE ADVANCE - official organ of Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America-CIO, N. Y.

AERO-NOTES - organ of Brewster Local 365 UAW-CIO. N. Y.

LOCAL 104 REPORTER - organ of Boilermakers Local 104, Seattle, Washington.

JUSTICE - official organ of the ILGWU-AFL.

KNITGOODS WORKERS VOICE - organ of ILGWU Local 155, New York.

UNION VOICE - organ of Playthings, Jewelry & Novelty Workers-CIO.

AMERICAN LABOR NEWS - official eastern UAW-CIO shop paper

GIUSTIZIA - Local 89 ILGWU-AFL paper.

Two radio broadcasts were given: on April 15 by James T. Farcell over Station WEVD, and on June 1st by Gabriel De Angelis, ver WEVD.

Two full pages were purchased in The Nation and The New Republic, week of June 1st.

PETITION CAMPAIGN TO FREE THE 18

The campaign quota of 10,000 signatures will go well over the top by the time the campaign closes at the end of July. The following Local Committees have been most prominent in securing these signatures on petitions:

Bayonne			150
Boston			250
Buffalo		· .	1,000
Chicago			1,300
Cleveland			100
Detroit		· ***	950
Flint			100
Los Angeles		a las Y	800
Milwaukee			120
Newark			750
New York			2,500
Rochester	с. <u>с</u>		65
San Francisco			500
Seattle			800
Twin-Cities			750

AID TO THE PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

for the 18 prisoners and their families. The CRDC sends \$10 a month of these achievements, the CRDC has established itself as an authorto each of the 18 prisoners. This is all they are permitted to receive. itative and respected organization defending the democratic rights In addition we have provided them with dozens of books of all kinds which they have requested.

The families of the prisoners are provided for in accordance with the size and needs of each family. Every month we receive lettude of the prisoners and themselves for the aid we are able to work. give them. Without this aid they say they would suffer great hard-

Socialist Workers Party leaders jailed in the Minneapolis Labor Case included (Photograph above) James P. Cannon, National Secretary; Felix Morrow, Editor of "Fourth International", and Albert Goldman, SWP attorney, himself one of the prisoners; Below, Jake Cooper, Minneapolis truckdriver; Oscar Coover, Minneapolis organizer, SWP; Harry DeBoer, Local 544-CIO organizer: and Max Geldman, former organizer Federal Workers Section, 544.

During his tour the National Secretary visited the 14 prisoners n Sandstone and before the end of July he will have visited the three in Danbury and Grace Carlson in Alderson.

OTHER CRDC CASES

KELLY POSTAL PAROLED: On May 30, 1944 Kelly Postal was released on parole to the State of Oregon from Stillwater State Penitentiary in Minnesota. He had been imprisoned on June 18, 1943.

This victory is primarily the result of the vigorous CRDC campaign waged in Postal's behalf. The Parole officials admitted that they released him because they did not want "another Mooney-Billings case" on their hands.

The CRDC will continue to provide relief for Kelly Postal and his sick wife until he has secured a job and can provide for him-

MILITANT MAILING RIGHTS RESTORED: On March 17. 1944 the second-class mailing rights were restored to the Militant by order of the Postmaster General's office. These rights had been cancelled on March 3, 1943 after a number of issues had previously been confiscated and destroyed by Postoffice officials.

The CRDC collaborated with the American Civil Liberties Union and the Socialist Workers Party in fighting this violation of freedom of the press.

CARL SKOGLUND: The deportation charges against Carl Skoglund are still pending and will have to be fought upon his release from Sandstone. The CRDC is prepared to proceed with the next steps in this case when that becomes necessary.

CONCLUSION

Today the Minneapolis Labor Case has become nationally and even internationally known as the most important case involving civil liberties and labor's rights in the Second World War. It has become one of the great labor defense struggles of our time. comparable with the Mooney-Billings and the Eugene V. Debs cases during the First World War.

We have forged ahead despite a conspiracy of silence in the official press and against powerful opposition. The growing support accorded our work is the greatest tribute to the devotion of The largest single expense for the CRDC is the monthly relief each and every member of the national and local CRDC. Because of the labor movement and the American people.

The National Office takes this opportunity to thank all the members of the Local Committees for their faithful and loyal col- briefs filed by the Union. It ap- when its members voted to join laboration. The achievements noted in this report should be a source ters from various members of these families expressing the grati- of pride and gratification for those who have participated in our

it through to the end.

Vincent R. Dunne, Labor Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, speaking at the farewell banquet held in Minneapolis in honor of the Minneapolis Prisoners just before they began their prison terms. Dunne is serving 16 months at Sandstone Penitentiary, Minnesota. At left is his brother, Miles Dunne, who acted as toastmaster at the banquet; at right, Oscar Coover, one of the 18 prisoners and Minneapolis organizer for the SWP.

Over 10,500 Sign Pardon Petitions To Free the 18

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tribution to aid the CRDC campaign. The Saturday Lunch Club of Minneapolis at a regular meetng adopted a resolution condemning the convictions and urging Presidential pardon. A similar resolution was adopted by the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers Union, local 190, Minneapolis. Among the recent Workmen's Benefit Fund contributors are Branches 380, New Kensington, Pa.; 25, N. Y. C.; 233 Seattle, Washington.



Listing as its "Number One Deplore," the action of the U.S. Supreme Court in refusing to review the convictions of the 18 Minneapolis Truckdrivers Local 544-CIO and Socialist Workers Party leaders, the American Civil Lib-

erties Union in its June 1944 Relications. Moreover, it involved a refusal of the lower courts to apnort on civil liberties in the U.S. ply the "clear and present danin the third year of the war. stager" test, holding that the statute ted:

"Quite the most notable and exon its fact specifies doctrines ceptional federal prosecution for which in themselves constitute a mere speech and publication in clear and present danger.

recent years, that was brought in 1941 against leaders of the Sopolis between the CIO and AFL cialist Workers Party (Trotskyteamsters unions out of which the ists) and of a CIO teamsters case arose, produced another caunion in Minneapolis, was con- sualty when the treasurer of the cluded by the refusal of the U.S. CIO local union, Kelly Postal, was Supreme Court to review, despite convicted for alleged misannrothree persistent appeals made by priation of funds for taking the

the defendants, supported in AFL local's treasury with him pears inexplicable that the Su- the CIO. His conviction was suspreme Court declined to review tained by the Minneapolis Sua conviction clearly involving the preme Court. The Civil Liberties constitutionality of the first peace Union aided in the effort to se-Our fight to free the 18 goes on. With your help we will carry time sedition act passed since cure his parole - recently grant-1798 particularly since the case ed."



ALFRED RUSSEL

involved only speeches and pub-

"The local conflict in Minnea-

Alfred Russel, one of the Minneapolis case prisoners, former officer of Omaha Teamsters Lo-

cal 554-AFL, is now serving a 12-month sentence at Danbury. Connecticut, along with Karl Kuehn and Oscar Shoenfeld.

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THE MILITANT,

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

_By Charles Jackson____

Answering A Liberal

never hear them advocating So-

I agree that if fascism existed

here the plight of the Negro

would be bad - probably to the

extent of extermination and ex-

portation similar to what the Jew

experienced in Nazi Germany. If

ever, it will not be imported but

home-grown. It will come, as in

Italy and Germany, as a capital-

ist-backed, middle-class move-

ment; a reaction to the failure

when they had the chance.

of the working class to take power

I am opposed to the German

capitalists who control, support

in solidarity with the German

working class which is a victim

of fascist reaction and is determ-

The revolutionary communists,

(not Stalinists) in the various

countries in Europe are faced with

their views and criticizing is-

mean the concentration camp, or

destruction of fascism or reaction.

nothing to do with "ideologies."

The only real war "against fas-

will destroy Nazism.

fascism comes to America, how-

one - revolutionary socialism. "Dear Mr. Jackson: "I am fully in accord with your Many of these leaders even conimpatience with the fifty per- sciously understand that a complete change of society is the only center liberal.

"As a member of the N.A.A.C. prospect for complete liberation P., I've listened to many leaders of the Negro people. Still, you of the organization and have found them to be alert, intelligent cialism, much less fighting for ladies and gentlemen. They are it. It is a fact, however, isn't it, well aware of the force being that the 18 Minneapolis labor leadenacted by some white influential ers and Trotskyists who fought leaders attempting to obtain first the root of the evil, who fought for Negro equality by going to class citizenship for the Negro. "Their acknowledgement of this in the capitalist jails. for a Socialist society, are today 'anti-fascist' was is merely lipservice.

"In the meantime, they are succeeding in organizing the Negro population, awakening them, teaching them the importance of acting as a unified group along with other minorities. However, despite my recognition of the value of the N.A.A.C. P., it, in my opinion, is ineffectual because it does not attempt to uproot the causes of the evils of anti-racism.

"But - what would be the minorities plight were fullfledged fascism to exist in America? Don't you believe the Nazi and profit from Nazism. I am regime would have succeeded in establishing themselves were we not to fight them militarily? Do you think, were we not to fight ined to wipe it out. In the end, Germany you could express your it will be the German masses who views and criticize issues in a newspaper and I write this SAME TASKS letter?

"At least now we still have a straw on which to clutch. When a person is drowning a straw is something on which to grasp. "And who else is there to vote for? Roosevelt is the least of two evils we have as choice. We accomplish nothing by voting for Dewey or not voting at all.

more often, death. Yet they car-"Roosevelt has thrown us a ry on. By the fruits of their efbone. While subsisting on this bone, we can work and fight for. a true democracy, a classless society "I shall welcome a reply.

Respectfully, M. H. Newark, N. J. ill informed us that this war has and capitalist privilege, the right * * *

Miss H.: cism" is the class war to destroy I greatly appreciate your in- its breeder - capitalism. Nateresting letter to this column tionalist, chauvinist emotions and and I assure you it gives me much | wars between capitalist countries pleasure to send you this frank are like racial prejudices and race riots — they only serve to divide

reply. the working class majority and I am glad you agree with our "impatience" with the liberals. permit the rulers to remain in They will, as you correctly infer, the saddle a little longer. only take us half way towards STEP UP AND EAT the solution of our problems. Ap-

As I stated last week, the polparently, though, you "can't see

Browder's Diet "have been giving so much attention to exposing the Trotskyists Scientific minds have long

could be done.

Now, in a letter to The Na-tion, (June 24), Earl Browder,

the head-man of the ex-Com-

munist ex-Party, describes

stomach a Badoglio who op-

erates under British-American

occupation troops and with a

six-party Cabinet as to sto-

mach the pro-fascist Lord Ren-

nell of Rodd as head of the

AMG-and to be fully frank,

I find it even quite a bit eas-

Rumania Reaction

Upheld by Kremlin

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masses.

"respect for our laws."

are being preserved.

the same task that we are faced capitalists and landlords, and

"I find it just as easy to

what he can swallow.

not only because of their menacbeen investigating the digesing activities, but even more imtive capacity of the human orportant, because those who shelganism. Most recently new ter them should be unmasked." data has been supplied by the In this connection he rails es-Stalinists. Mike Gold, Daily pecially against the Internation-Worker columnist, was the al Ladies Garment Workers' first to offer himself as a hu-Union, which at its Boston conman guinea pig last January vention unanimously passed a when he described the former resolution calling for the freeing Communist Party's espousal of of the 18 Trotskyists railroaded capitalism as "a pill fit only to prison under the infamous for a horse" and speculated, Smith "Gag" Act in the famous "where is the human who can Minneapolis labor case. swallow it?" Gold and the other Stalinists then showed it

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NEW ATTACK

This new attack on the part of Morris is part of the deliberate Stalinist campaign of hounding, vilifying and inciting violence against any and every organization, every trade union officer, every worker, every liberal who utters a word in defense of the Minneapolis prisoners, who fights or defends labor's rights, who refuses to go along with the Stalinists in their abject surrender to Wall Street.

Having allied themselves with Roosevelt and the Wall Street capitalists, the Stalinists now make common cause with the worst reactionary bureaucrats in the trade union movement. They traduce every militant worker or labor leader who refuses to go along with them in their treach-

ery. They pounce upon every free, independent and progressive expression of opinion. there is a rigid "ban on public The Stalinists have manifestly meetings" and that a curfew has become the spear-head and ad-

been imposed which forbids peovance guard of every form of reple to be on the streets between 9 p. m. and 5 a. m. These harsh measures are clearly directed ism, as Trotsky once wrote, is the against the revolutionary-minded 'syphilis of the labor movement." This cankerous disease must be Naturally they are very much burned out of the ranks of the their monopoly control and their to the liking of the Rumanian

with here. They are "expressing their political representatives. trade continues to be a state mon-Capitalists organized in the opoly in a planned and controlled sues" in their underground news- Chamber of Commerce at Botoconomic system. tem.

working-class.

papers although the penalty may sani, reports Cassidy, expressed The capitalists may and do acdelighted appreciation of Stalin's ept Stalinist aid in curbing the revolutionary tendencies of the The correspondent does not inmasses. But this does not and forts, and only by the fruits of dicate by as much as a word what cannot in any way lessen their their efforts, will fascism be des, the poverty-stricken, war-weary basic hostility towards the Soviet troyed and peace be restored to masses of Rumania, the workers Union. The capitalist world and Europe. Military victory over the and peasants, think of this sink Axis has nothing to do with the of political iniquity. Evidently the new socialist world whose beginnings are represented by the they don't count. The important No less an authority than Church- thing is that capitalist property Soviet nationalized economy will remain in irreconcilable antagonism to one another. This antato rob and oppress the masses, gonism can be resolved only by he restoration of capitalist pri-

Nevertheless, the masses have feelings and ideas. For long years vate property in the Soviet Union - or by the defeat and liquidathey have struggled to rid themtion of world capitalism. selves of capitalist-landlord rule. Meanwhile, Stalin betrays both Stalin's alliance with their class the Soviet Union and the world stake in future decisions on disenemy will open their eyes to the working-class by his reactionary posal. Three-fourths of the govcounter-revolutionary character policies. What the Kremlin is now of the ruling bureaucratic clique doing in Rumania is of a piece operated by five big corporations, in the Soviet Union, but it will

not swerve them from the struggle for their socialist future. In espousing the cause of re- tatorship backed by Allied bayon- of aircraft and automobile cor-

Stalinist Goons

Stalinists Continue Anti-Trotskyist Drive



Planning For Scarcity Under vance guard of every form of re-action and working-class betrayal inside the labor movement. Stalin-

minum capacity (33 out of 76

Capable of feeding, clothing and housing millions of our population, the government-owned production facilities are a key to the future. The George-Murray Contract Termination Bill, based on from the same source.

the Baruch-Hancock report, is the first of a series of measures paper they are written on unless designed to reward the "private there is forged the instrument for enterprise" tycoons with a liberal carrying them into effect. A plan, helping of public funds. In addi- if it is worthy of the name, canendorsed by Roosevelt and admin- it is meant seriously, can only be istered by Wall Street bankers defended by a political party. and stockjobbers, provides for the Against the political program and plants and equipment at a frac- must counterpose its own prolowing comment by Lewis Corey, ion of their value.

Only the independent action of gan of "free private enterprise" mass unemployment, insecurity and Democratic parties are pretial abundance, that is character- of mass unemployment, artificial tem in its monopoly stage. The production by turning the govern-

Stalinists Approve NY City Sales Tax

NEW YORK CITY. June 23-The Stalinists belong to the species of political invertebrates, crawling organisms lacking any spine whatsoever.

Additional evidence of their spineless state appeared in last Thursday's Daily Worker which featured the abject public "explanation" and apology offered by Stalinist City Councilmen Benjamin J. Davis and Peter V. Cacchione because by recording themselves as "not voting" on the first roll-call for La Guardia's city sales tax they had created an "issue" disrupting the customary amity of the New York City Council.

The Democratic majority howled that the Stalinists were thus trying to escape the onus of supporting the sales tax and were throwing the responsibility for it on the other councilmen. They refused to pass the bill unless the Stalinists came along, blaming them for holding up the budget. On the second roll-call, Davis and Cacchione stretched their arms to the ceiling voting "yes" for the sales tax.

The slobbering Daily Worker apology, signed by Davis, was not intended as appeasement of the workers who are the victims of sales taxes, but was a fawning appeal to the other capitalist relations, the program was preward-heelers.

sented as an "inspiration to work-In ashes and sackcloth, Davis er and soldier." Among the many and Cacchione wail that the inciplanks in the program were several calling for government owndent was "most unfortunate and if not properly understood and ership and operation of monopoexplained could become serious." listic industries and government With tongues hanging out a foot control of other industries to 'prevent abuses of monopoly and lapping the boots of their Counassure production in the public cilmanic colleagues, the cringing Stalinists whine "it was not our interest." The plan looked very intention to create a demonstragood on paper-and on paper it tion or to embarrass the city adremained. Since then there has been a veritable deluge of plans ministration." They wouldn't for the world want "anyone" (mean-Such plans are not worth the

ing the boys in the back room at City Hall) to get the "erroneous impression" that "we were trying to pass the buck to the Democratic majority . . . seeking partion, the Baruch-Hancock plan, not be otherwise than a political tisan gain or . . . trying to avoid sponsored by the Administration, program. A political program, if our responsibilities for the financial welfare of our city." Their purpose in "not voting" originally, they plead, was "to fasten resdisposal of government-owned parties of the monopolists, labor ponsibility for the sales tax upon Governor Dewey,"

gram and party. Against the slo-It is transparently clear, however, that the Stalinists were the working class can prevent the under which both the Republican playing a dirty little game. By "not voting" they hoped to esand want, in the midst of poten- paring to perpetuate the system cape responsibility before the workers of supporting the sales istic of the "free enterprise" sys- scarcity, and monopoly control of tax, which has been fought and condemned by every labor organspectre of unemployment is rais- ment owned plants over to Big ization. At the same time they ed by the current estimates that Business, labor must counterpose thought they might avoid antag-15 to 20 million workers will be the slogan: Operate the govern- onizing the rest of the capitalist unable to find jobs unless the ment-owned plants under work- politicians by not voting against

(Continued from page 1) almost one-half of the new aluplants). monopoly profits. The campaign to swindle the American people of these riches is in full swing under the slogan of maintaining the "free private enterprise" sys-

The working of the "free private enterprise" system has been a marvel to behold! The government built the plants with public funds, furnished the operating capital and equipment, turned them over to private corporations, provided a ready market for the entire product and guaranteed a handsome profit. This situation has been summarized in the fol-

lecturer in economics at Antioch College: "Most of the government plants are being operated by monopoly corporations, which gives them a ernment's steel facilities are now with Stalinist policy in Italy, 40 percent of them under United

where a capitalist-monarchist dic- States Steel operation. A handful and appearing the cause of re-lets receives Stalin's unstinting porations operate the new aircraft present high level of production ers' control as the first step to- the sales tax.

for lookin'" because your point itical course of the U.S. will be of view, as expressed in the rest the same regardless of whether weight of the Soviet Union to the of your letter, reveals you to be Dewey, Roosevelt or any other —a liberal.

SERVE RULERS

scarcely permit the masses to seeks to hold back the mounting vote them out of power. (You tide of socialist revolution. Such In the first place, there are no white (or Negro) "influential don't give up a good thing a revolution anywhere, but esleaders" who are really attempt. without a fight.) The liberal ing to obtain first class citizen. tells the masses to "exist on ship for the Negro. The leaders a bone" and wait to be thrown who are permitted to exercise civ- the meat. The revolutionary soic influence under capitalism are only allowed to carry on because and you cooked him. Since you they serve the ends of the ruling table and eat." class by leading the Negro masses up every other road but the right

CHARLES JACKSON

Pioneer Paragraphs ONLY THE WORKING CLASS OF EUROPE WILL END HITLERISM

France, which after the last Both of these perspectives, in gonism between the Soviet Union war and the peace of Versailles our opinion, are utterly fantastic, was the master of Europe, is to utterly removed from the reality which springs from continuing

day a dismembered and oppressed of things. And unfortunately the social ownership of all property nation. Hitler has conquered all first tendency, the tendency to in the Soviet Union and will preof Europe and transformed it into bow down before Hitler's conquest vail as long as that socialized a horrible concentration camp un- of Europe and regard it as defin- property remains. It is reactionder Nazi domination. He has itive, merges all too easily with ary because it damages the presproclaimed a new order of per- the second one of turning to the tige of the Soviet Union with the exploited masses abroad, sabomanent oppression and denigra- Anglo-American democratic baneat his lunch. tages the socialist revolution, and tion of the peoples of Europe. dits for relief from Hitler. That

therewith tends to destroy the Some see in these stupendous mil- is the great danger of exaggeratitary victories of Hitler and his ing Hitler's successes and Hitler's only sure and dependable support military conquest of the continent power and forgetting the power of Europe only cause, for des- of the proletariat and the revoluclement. pair. They think that perhaps tionary program. You can be

Hitler's victories are definitive, very sure that Hitler himself and that Europe is thrown back for his whole gang do not value their decades, or even for centuries, conquest of Europe half so highly and they envisage Europe begin- as some despairing and disorientning again on all fours to crawl ed people who are opposed to Nazforward along the historic path ism do. There is no doubt whatthrough the medium of national ever that Hitler would gladly setwars. Others, despairing of the tle for half of his conquest if force of the people, of the prolet- he could keep the other half unariat of Europe, despairing of the disturbed for the next period. one idea, the one program that What is the meaning of the speech will spell Hitler's doom, look to he made the other day? It is an the Anglo-American imperialist indirect way of saying: Let us

bandits to liberate Europe from have half of what we conquered Hitler and transform it into a and you can have the rest until colony of Anglo-American imper- we start the next round of the ialism.

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READ **THE FOURTH** INTERNATIONAL'

war. (From "The Workers and the

by countries, in throwing the support. A like policy is being plants. The synthetic rubber prounfolded with respect to Yugosla- gram revolves around the Standvia and Greece. It is the Stalinist ard Oil group, the Dow Chemical side of the capitalists and landcapitalist politician is elected. lords, Stalin is pursuing a twointerests (four plants), the Du

The non-productive parasites will fold purpose. On the one hand, he The defense of the Soviet Union, Pont and Mellon interests, and the the fight for a socialist Europe big chemical and rubber corporaand a socialist world, demands tions. The Dow interests (Dow an unremitting, unrelenting ex- Chemical and Dow Magnesium) posure and struggle against the operate seven of the new magnepecially one in a neighboring poisonous, counter - revolutionary sium plants and five corporations country, would threaten destrucmachinations of Stalin and his operate most of the balance. Altion to the Stalin regime by inrotten gang. coa was highly favored; it gets

spiring the Soviet workers to struggle against it. On the other hand, Stalin hopes that capitalist What Capitalism Means

states like Rumania will become "friendly" to the Soviet Union because of the support given by his

To Toil-Worn Workers regime to their ruling classes. In this way he expects to build up a counter-weight to the great An-By Theodore Kovalesky glo-American imperialist coali-Dying capitalism may appear tion, which, when Germany has

been defeated, will be in a posimost abhorrent in its more obtion to exercise enormous presvious disfigurements such as sure on the Soviet Union. wars and depressions, but scat-This plan is both utonian and reactionary. It is utopian because tered through the daily existit ignores the fundamental antaence of the worker is a shoddy

wealth of examples that also inand the entire capitalist world, dict the system.

> For instance, look at the steelworker in the summer, panting, weak from the intense heat, drenched with perspiration, leaving his work to attempt to

He tears open the paper bag, pulls out a couple of sandwiches. upon which the Soviet Union can and begins to chew them ... but rely in a hostile capitalist encir- in his heat-dried mouth they turn into a thick, heavy paste. With The hostility of the capitalists | a grimace, he washes them down

for the Soviet Union cannot be with water, or with coffee if he worker Only... there are times bought off, nor their friendship can get a thermos bottle these secured, by anything Stalin does days. Yesterday he carried sandor does not do. They are not hos- wiches. Last year he carried them. tile to Stalin and his clique, with Ten years ago. . . he's always whose policies and methods they carried them in his lunch. The have very much in common, but man is tired of them, has been to the socialist foundations of the for a long time, but what can he Soviet state, the planned, nation- do? The restaurant in the plant alized economy, which, having with all its filth and lack of vendemonstrated its immeasurable tilation, its greasy plates and per bag, nor because their restausuperiority over capitalist anar- grimy cups, etched with the dirt rants are grimy, nor even because chy, inspires the toilers every- of many mouths which have car- they go each day to work in the

where to embark on the revolu- ried graphite from the furnaces, dangers and discomforts of the tionary road to socialism. World ore from the stockhouses, dust factories, and they lie in bed capitalism, moreover, needs free from the open hearths, and all "like a dead man" and go out access to the former Czarist Em- kinds of dark smudges from the the next day or night weary and pire as a market and field for other departments. . . even this reluctant even before their work

Second World War," by James P. investment in order to mitigate entirely uninviting place is not ac- is started. But all these griev-Cannon, pp. 12-13; Pioneer Pub- the chronic crisis of its own eco- cessable to many workers. Often ances are a part of a great inlishers, 1942. 48 pp., 10 cents. nomy. There can be no such free when a man gets a chance to leave dignation, part of one sordid pic-Order from Pioneer Publishers, access so long as Soviet industry his job to eat, the restaurant is ture that is the worker's life un-116 University Pl., N. Y. 3, N. Y.) remains nationalized and Soviet closed. Frequently the worker der capitalism.

is maintained in the "post-war" wards nationalization of the basic The "most unfortunate" circumperiod. The labor movement is be- industries, public utilities and stance to which the Stalinists recoming alarmed at the symptoms | transportation. To carry that slo- | fer was the refusal of the Tamalready discernible in the growing gan into action labor must build many majority to be suckers for its own political party-the In- such crude maneuvering. When "disemployment" due to cutbacks and contract terminations, as well dependent Labor Party. Other- their Councilmanic pals began to as the obvious decision of the poli- wise all ta'k about plans for "as- snarl, Davis and Cacchione, with tical agents of Wall Street not to suring production in the public in- tails between their legs, were terest" is so much demagogy. utilize the government-owned quick to vote "right."

of social, economic and political

production facilities for the benefit of the people. This concern, as we pointed out at the beginning of this article, is stirring the labor "statesmen" into authorizing

new batch of "plans" for the post-war" world.

LABOR PLANS

sue of the United Automobile does not feel that he can afford Worker, the International Executo pay the price of a sufficiently tive Board of the UAW-CIO, published an elaborate program of "full employment, security and lasting peace" for the "post-war"

"Three hot meals a day. . ." a vague and distant dream! Yes, today in this, the richest land on world. Covering the whole range the face of the earth, there are

men to whom such a simple pleas-For a Rising Scale of ure as this, little more than a necessity, remains an unattain-"Three hot meals a day," the

worker murmurs and continues with the bitterness rising in his voice. "You work hard all your life in all this heat and fire, and what does it get you? You go home all tired out and fall into bed, and lie there like a dead man, and then pretty soon it's time to

filling meal day after day.

get out and go to work again. . and you're still tired and don't want to go, but you've got to." You don't hear a statement like

able luxury!

that so very often, but you know that it's there down inside the when all the bitterness wells out. and these obvious things are said with a deep anger.

NEGROES In the POST-WAR A little thing perhaps, to carry sandwiches to work for years on end. Men do not rise up in mighty anger against their oppressors merely because they must carry dry sandwiches to work in a paby AIBERT PARKER 25

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A year ago, in the July 15 is-

10 Years Ago n The Militant JULY 14, 1934 NEW YORK-"The Communist League of America (Trotskyist) stands on the threshold of great events," said The Militant, an-

nouncing an organization-and-press-fund campaign to enable the League to extend its work in the mass movement. The second wave of "NRA Strikes" had started; advanced sections of the labor movement prepared to force from the bosses the fulfillment of contracts signed during the first strike wave in the beginning of 1934. In Toledo, Minneapolis, San Francisco and other sections, the workers had, during the first months of the year, won union recognition. The bosses now stalled on wage-negotiations, striving to undermine and destroy the new organizations. The teamsters of Minneapolis, the maritime workers of the west coast called new strikes to secure the initial union victories.

N FRANCISCO-Nearly 4,000 teamsters in San Francisco and Oakland walked off the job, in a sympathy strike supporting the striking waterfront workers. Longshoremen had contemptuously turned down a sell-out proposed by Joseph P. Ryan, president of the AFL Longshoremen's Union. Ryan had signed a contract with the ship companies, by which the Longshoremen's strike would have been called off in return for joint union-company control of hiring halls, leaving unsettled the demands of ten other unions representing the waterfront workers. Workers in all trades stood firm, preserving complete solidarity. The Oakland Labor Council, including eighty locals, voted to submit to the membership the question of general strike. Simultaneously, representatives of eighty Portland locals met to discuss a call for the general strike.

INNEAPOLIS-The strike call of Local 574, General Drivers Union, reprinted in The Militant, was a stirring demand for labor solidarity. "Every attempt of the Union to negotiate and secure satisfaction for the just demands of its members has been met with evasions, tricks and subterfuges," the statement charged. "We rely on the sympathy and solidarity of other unions and labor organizations. . . We appeal for the support also of farmers . . . of the unemployed workers . . . of all who are cheated and oppressed by the financial tyrants. . ." The call concluded with the announcement: "All members of Local 574 will go on strike for the enforcement of union demands on Monday, July 16, at 12 o'clock midnight."



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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.
- 9. The defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist attack.

-but for greater profits and power. They are right now scheming how to rob the people of the 20-25 billions of dollars of publicly owned plants and equipment, how to strengthen their monopoly stranglehold on the country's economy.

The United States News, one of the business men's "dope" magazines, blandly informs its Big Business clientele that "Unemployment will reach serious proportions as industry shifts to peace." And then cynically adds: "By 1946, housemaids should be plentiful again, also carpenters, painters, paperhangers, etc." We are further informed that "In the period of postwar recovery, in 1947 and the period following. . . Unemployment will remain rather large; will be a major problem."

The "labor statesmen," William Green, Philip Murray, and their like, knowing the facts, keep on spouting about "full employment for everybody", but they neither have the courage nor the will nor the integrity to really fight for such a program. How can they? They are so hopelessly, so completely tied to Roosevelt's coattails, they even went along with him in approving the Baruch report, which proposes to turn over all of the nation's vast plants and equipment, which amount to one-fourth of the nation's total wealth, to the Wall Street monopolists.

To really fight off the scourge of unemployment one must have a bold, radical program that will not fear to challenge the capitalist status-quo or the capitalist powers-that-be. For this, labor must find a new leadership which is not concerned with preserving the capitalist system but only with achieving a program that will guarantee jobs and security for the workers. Labor must build a leadership that is not interested in the plaudits and approval of "respectable society" but only with the approval of its working class constituency. As a first step in the achievement of such a program labor must take up the demand to operate all of the government-owned plants under workers' control as the initial move toward a program of nationalization of all industry.

7,614 New Readers

In this issue we publish the final tally on the subscription campaign initiated on April 1 and terminated on June 30. The quota established was 3000 new readers of The Militant for the three month period-or 1000 new readers per month. The final figure, as of the June 30 deadline, is 7,-614 new subscribers or 253 percent above the established quota. Instead of the anticipated 1000 new readers per month the average monthly figure was 2,538 or more than two-and-one-half times the monthly quota. Needless to say the final results exceeded our most optimistic expectations. We thought we were setting our sights pretty high when we aimed at the original quota of 3000-but the results achieved indicate that we failed to set them high enough.

In a certain sense this means that we underestimated the receptivity of the workers to our political ideas and program. Through the medium of our press, fresh and important strata of the working class are coming into contact, for the first time. with the ideas of revolutionary Marxism; that is, of the program of Trotskyism. Instead of addressing ourselves to a narrow circle of politically advanced and class conscious workers, we now have the obligation of adapting our propaganda to the ever widening circle of new readers touched for the first time by advanced political ideas. For the fulfillment of this task, we must depend in large measure, on the opinions and experiences of our new and enlarged audience. We urge all of our new readers to write to us, tell us how you like The Militant, write us of your own experiences in shop, factory or ship. That is the only way the form, character and content of our paper can really be improved. By such participation The Militant can become a sharper weapon and a more powerful force in the life of the American working class. To the extent that our new readers become new contributors will our paper be more and more transformed from a paper FOR the working class to a paper OF the working class. The successful completion of our three month campaign does not mean the termination of our efforts to expand the list of new subscribers. The work of extending our regular circle of readers will continue. In this work, also, our new readers can play an important role. We have already received a number of subs from workers who have but recently become regular readers of The Militant. Our plan for such participation will soon be mailed to all our new subscribers. From the response we have already received we feel confident that one of the main sources of reader expansion will come from the workers who are themselves recent subscribers to The Militant. The magnificent response to our subscription campaigning is eloquent testimony to the force of our ideas and program. The acid test of every working class political program is: Does it correspond to the experience of the workers? Life itself puts every political program to this supreme test. Our program is finding acceptance among ever larger sections of the workers because it meets that test. The trade union leaders, the demagogues and timeservers of the major political parties, have failed, utterly and completely, to provide a solution for the most elementary needs of the working masses. The program of Trotskyism does provide a solution for the great political problems of the day. Only our program corresponds to the needs and interests of the workers-that is why it is so eagerly grasped by increasing numbers of workers groping their way toward a radical solution.



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.

fice Workers took the floor and

tried to dress up their latest be-

Machine Workers and United Of- the country.

the United Electrical, Radio and | The Militant is the best paper in

V. M.

There is so little being done in

the Michigan Commonwealth

Federation that the actions of the

state board, and the proposals of

the various people, are hardly

worth discussing, because nothing

at this stage will lead to specta-

cular action. There is one thing

of interest that I can relate. Tuck-

er P. Smith headed the commit-

tee which drew up the convention

sentation in that call, states that

regardless of the actual repre-

sentation at the convention, the

combined voting strength of the

bloc affiliates (unions, etc.) can

not be more than 45 percent of

the total voting strength at the

convention, thus making it impos-

sible for the union delegations to

gain a majority at the conven-

The way it looks right now, this

A. B.

Detroit

coming MCF convention will be

tion on their own strength.

A Correction

New York

Massachusetts **CIO** Convention

Editor: trayal in fancy words, describing You will be interested in what the happy post-war world in happened at the Massachusetts which the corporation lions would MCF Convention State CIO Convention held in become pro-labor lambs. One Boston, July 8 and 9. Most of the Stalinist faker went so far as to Editor:

time was spent in listening to blame the trade unions for the speeches from everybody running corporations' attack on labor, for office in the primaries next The Stalinists were answered Tuesday, and listening to ad- by Sam Sandberg, Regional dresses by CIO officials, so that Director of the Toy and Novelty finally every speech was met with Workers. "Labor will commit complete apathy by the delegates. suicide," he declared, "if they The convention delegates record themselves against strikes defeated however the Stalinists' after the war. If the convention attempt to put through their new passes such a resolution, it will line of post-war strikebreaking, be trumpeted in the press and The Stalinist delegates, who in will be a signal to the corpora- call. One of the clauses on repretions and bosses that labor inprevious years controlled convention policies, suffered their first tends to lie down and die." Sandmajor defeat when they tried un- berg concluded: "Any member successfully to have the wartime who says to adopt a no-strike no-strike resolution rewritten so pledge after the war should be as to include a pledge giving up investigated to see if he should the strike weapon permanently. be a member of the C10." President Salerno, of the Mas-Apparently this was the first big attempt by the Stalinist-dominat- sachusetts State CIO, who runs ed unions to obtain official CIO interference for the Stalinists, endorsement for the new tried to cover them up with a Teheran' program for shackling parliamentary ruling, but was

American labor - recently an- hooted down. The United Elecnounced by Harry Bridges, presi- trical workers and Office Work- a small one. The most optimistic ers delegates were the only ones figure I can gather at present is dent of the Longshoremen's to vote for the Stalinist recom- that there may be 60 delegates. The fight came up when the mendations. All the other dele-Resolutions Committee brought in gates voted overwhelmingly resolution proposing to give up against it.

he strike weapon for the duration of the war only. Tormey of Local 271 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, took the floor and urged the convention to in- Allies and India struct the committee to revise the

Union.

resolution to include a program Editor: for governmental arbitration and pledging labor not to strike at any time. He was immediately supplies to India to keep down followed by another United Electrical delegate, Simonds of Local 253, who added to the previous Roosevelt and DeGaulle, stated: speech by saying that labor must | "He (Roosevelt) y i e l d e d to invite progressive employers to Churchill on many things, such as deal with them, and labor should shipping tremendous quantities of show their good intentions by U.S. supplies to India, where they giving up the strike weapon for are used not for war but for putall time.

The Stalinists had their speakers all lined up to steamroller their motion through the convention. But before any more of them could get the floor, a militant steel-worker, Al Zabolous, Local 1885, of Worcester, strode up to the platform and denounced both the proposed amendment and the

He described how the corpora-tions were using the no-strike pledge to break the unions and yet I noticed that not a single in-ceived mention in the Afro-Amer-

POLAND

ders and oppressors.

Doctored Statistics Used To Justify Wage Freeze

One of the shoddiest deals of the Roosevelt administration has been its use of the phony U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics cost-of-living figures to justify its wage freeze. It seems the government maintains a "selective service" not only for the military forces but also for statistics. Roosevelt and his agencies "select" those figures, no matter how false and misleading, which are most suited for denying the workers their rights.

The recent thorough CIO report on the rise in living costs since January, 1941, which proves the increase to be 45.3 per cent, in contradiction to the BLS report of 23.4 per cent, also reveals some of the dirty work involved.

No other government agency, outside of the War Labor Board, uses the BLS index. An economic subcommittee of the Department of Agriculture, for instance, has issued its own findings which establish the cost-of-living rise in farm areas at 43 per cent, almost the same as the figures of the CIO. The War Food Administration uses the Department of Agriculture figures.

According to the CIO report, the Social Security Board does not accept the BLS figures but "makes its own higher estimates of price increases." Likewise. the War Production Board. The big business organs "have often repudiated the BLS index and publish their own studies showing larger increases in particular fields."

Then, of course, there is the recent report of the special committee appointed by WLB Chairman Davis which admitted that "the widespread opinion that the BLS Index grossly understates the rise in the cost of living is justified, if the cost of living is taken to mean the amount of money a family spends for the commodities and services it buys."

There is no lack of evidence that the BLS figures are fake. But, what's a "little" fakery to Roosevelt where the object is to shrink the workers' wages and ensure bigger and better war profits for the bosses?

Negroes Denied Ballots In Georgia Primaries

Last April the United States Supreme Court ruled that Negroes could not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic "lily-white" primaries. This decision of the highest court in the land was widely hailed by liberals, including important sections of the Negro leadership, as marking a "new day" for the oppressed Negro masses of the South.

That "new day" came and went last week in the State of Georgia. There they celebrated a combined Independence" and "Primary Day" on July 5, with the good people of Georgia-including several hundred courageous and hopeful Negro citizens-going to the polls to vote, or attempt to vote, in the Democratic **Farty** primaries.

The liberal press reports "progress." It seems no Negro was lynched. Only the Negroes didn't get to vote. They got politeness, some smiles-but no ballots. One Negro would-be voter was even addressed as "sir," a fact noted with gratification by a prominent original no-strike pledge motion. of the French coast was impos- sure by calling your attention to liberal commentator. Of course, the "sir" was preceded by a "No" to a request for a ballot.

A reporter for PM, liberal New York daily, described

Enclosed is a clipping which

shows how Roosevelt is shipping revolts. [Drew Pearson in his June 15th column, writing on

Also the entire left press seems to have overlooked the fact that over 500,000 French soldiers fully equipped at the expense of the taxpayers of "Our Great Amer-

ica" are not permitted to take any part in the "liberation" of France.

Also when Hitler attacked Rus-

week's Militant, Loyang is identified, through a typographical er-

ting down potential revolts."

sia Mr. Churchill said an invasion noticed it I thought of making

Editor: In the second paragraph of my article, "China's 7-Year Fight for Liberty," which appeared in last

M. L.

Boston

ror, as the capital of Hunan prov ince, whereas it is the capital o Honan province. Since Hunan and its capital. Changsha, were mentioned in the same paragraph Hunan got two capitals and the reader probably got a headache. So please pass on this aspirin.

Honan is in north China, while Hunan is central-south. Li Fu-jen

Negro Struggle

Editor: Although you have probably

Cutbacks

The AFL research department has just issued a sensational report that there will be an army of 4.000.000 unemployed by the end of the year unless Congress soon enacts legislation to protect workers from the ravages of wholesale production cutbacks.

"'Cutbacks' are already being ordered at the rate of about 20 a week. . . In the next few months the rate is due to climb, and instead of a 'labor shortage' the country will have a serious 'labor surplus," states the AFL report.

What a commentary on capitalism and its program for humanity! In the very midst of war, while the masses are making unheard-of sacrifices and face unheard-of hardships they are already receiving advance notice that at the end of the trail lies unemployment, insecurity, poverty, a welfare relief handout.

For ten years prior to the war, the U.S., the richest country in the world, proved incapable, under its capitalist rulers, of operating fully the economy of the country and of even providing jobs for the people. For ten years, 10 to 20 million workers roamed the streets, unable to find employment.

The bankers and industrialists who comprise what Woodrow Wilson once called the "invisible government"-that is, the real government-of the U. S., faced with the unsolvable crisis of capitalism, finally thrust the American people into the holocaust and the slaughter of the Second World War. And now after all the sacrifice and misery and the casualty lists (and the end is not in sight), the masses are informed that they must prepare for a new, more terrible, more devastating economic crisis. Why? What necessity is there for this? Only that the wealth of this nation has been grabbed up by a small clique of billionaires, who are determined, that even though millions must go hungry or die, the special privileges and the ill-gotten wealth of the plutocracy must be preserved.

Everybody is talking about "post-war planning," "planning for full employment," etc., etc.-but this is only demagogy, this is only dust that is being thrown into the eyes of the masses.

The Wall Street plutocrats, in all their rapacity, greed and cold-blooded callousness, are organizing not for full employment and security for the masses-that is impossible to achieve under capitalism

We extend our congratulations to the branches and members of the Socialist Workers Party, to our friends and sympathizers, and above all to our new readers for the magnificent job of raising the circulation of The Militant to its present high level.

vasion boat was sunk by a mine. ican of July 1 and his column of how the Georgia ruling class Bourbons evaded the now a one-week strike at the American Steel and Wire Co. So what did Hitler do-pull in June 10 has been printed in full Supreme Court decision. A Negro World War II brought this subsidiary of U.S. those mines so the great "liber- by the Michigan Chronicle of ators" Roosevelt, Churchill and July 8. Steel into line. The convention was thrown Co. could enter? A. S. into an uproar. More delegates for Keep up the good work-I think Detroit

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Mass rejection of the monarchto the proper authorities, duly First of the countries to be and legally constituted." In other ist-capitalist clique was highlightoverrun by the war machine of words, the factories are to be ed by the recent Greek naval mu-German imperialism, Poland has turned back to the Polish capi- tiny in the Mediterranean, which an underground labor movement talists. The program of seizure, this clique, with the aid of Britwhich, according to the best in- very clearly, has been adopted by ish warships, bloodily suppressed formation on the subject, is class- the social-democratic betrayers Some of the mutineers have been conscious to the highest degree. merely as a concession to the condemned to death by a Cairo This movement represents the revolutionary sentiments of the court-martial, and the Greek guerrillas back home have been only real anti-Nazi force in the workers. aroused to fresh fury against the country, for in Poland as in other

surely not fight to get possession European countries the capitalists

boration with the foreign invaploiters-neither those in Poland A description of the movement who are collaborating with the s given in a pamphlet issued by Nazis, nor the emigre section

other's privately-owned means of production, but their own socially- tion" government of the Badoglio owned factory; they must conquer | type around the rotten Greek the factories for themselves. .. " monarchy and the reactionary Into this program of revolu- Greek government-in-exile, have tionary seizure, the Polish social- run into a snag. The Greek massdemocrats have managed to insert | es, while struggling against the a proviso which is typical of these. Nazi despoilers of their country, traitors to socialism. When a fac- have all along refused to countory has been seized by the work- tenance the return of King George ers' detachments, their command- and his reactionary ministers, er is to "appoint a factory labor who set themselves up in business committee entrusted with the so- in Cairo as the "legitimate" govcial and economic management of ernment of Greece when the Nazis the factory, until it is turned over overran that country.

veteran, wearing a service pin showing he has fought in two major South Pacific battles, enters an Atlanta polling place.

"Election official: What's your name, please? Answer: Charles Milton.

"Election official: Are you registered? A.: Yes, sir. Here is my registration card.

"Election official: But this card is for Precinct B, and this is Precinct E. A.: Yes, sir. But the polling place at Precinct B has been closed up by the election officials, and this is the nearest precinct to my home. "Election official: (Business of going through some fat black books on the desk in which the names of registered voters appear.) Well, your name doesn't

appear here. "Milton: Is there anything I can do about that? Election official: You might try at the Court House. "Milton: (wanting an official and decisive statement): You mean I can't vote? Election official: No, sir."

Very simple! The polling places were closed in the Negro districts. White voters were notified. Negro voters were not. Unfortunately, there was some sort of "mix-up." The names of Negro registrants could to outlaw their organizations, the never be found.

EAM and its military arm, the Commenting on the Supreme Court's "white" primary decision, the April 29 Militant stated: "While some liberals have hailed the decision as nothing less than a 'Second Emancipation Proclamation,' the Southern Bourbons of today have seized upon this issue to leave no doubt that they are no less intent on maintaining their power and privileges than were flect them from the path of revo- the slave-holders of yesterday." The Militant predicted that it would take a great deal more than a mere Supreme Court verdict before the Negroes of the South were granted their political rights.

That there was no open expression of the traditional lynch violence against the Negroes was due only to cial Affairs is seeking passage of the fact that but a few hundred "token" voters sought to exercise the franchise. Negro leaders discouraged mass voting after wide-spread threats of violence. Now they propose to go to the Supreme Court once more. Maybe, in due time, the Supreme Court will rule "child prostitution" prohibited | favorably once more. But it will mean nothing. The capitalist government will not enforce any ruling. Today, the Southern and Northern capitalists are combined to keep the Southern masses, white and Negro, in bondage. Only the united mass power of the white and Negro workers, North and South, will smash the economic and political chains of that enslavement.

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wink the Greek masses and delutionary struggle. CHINA According to a Chinese News Service dispatch from Chungking, Chiang Kai-shek's Ministry of Soa law to prohibit the employment

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barrassing to the Stalinist lead-

and to establish a six-hour working day for children between the ages of 12 and 14. It also wants and a law against "public display for profit of deformed children, as freaks of nature."

This is "Free China" after 17 years of Kuomintang rule! Laws will not end these abominations, nourished in the soil of backwardness, poverty and exploitation which Chiang Kai-shek and his class do everything to preserve and perpetuate and from which they profit.

But the Polish workers will monarchy. They are demanding and landlords are in active colla- of the factories just in order to an amnesty. George Papandreou, King turn them over to the Polish ex-George's premier-he is, incidentally, a social-democrat-threatens

the Polish Labor Group in New which has attached itself to the York on behalf of the Polish So- reactionary Polish government-incialist Party and the Polish Trade exile. Poland's underground la-Union Council. The workers not bor movement has been greatly ers of the EAM, who, on Moscow's only strike and engage in acts inspired by the military victories orders, have been trying hard to of sabotage a n d obstruction of the Red armies of the Soviet form a "coalition" with the Pa-

against the Nazis through their Union, because they associate the pandreou clique in order to hood-People's Guards," but are im- Soviet Union with the great Ocbued with socialist ideas and are tober Revolution which expropreparing for the socialist trans- priated the Russian capitalists and landlords. They are antiformation of their country. The underground workers' pa- Stalinist but pro-Soviet. In their

per, Gwardia Ludowa, according own coming revolution they will to the pamphlet, has projected a lift Poland to the great heights program for seizure of the fac- of the Russian October and intories by workers' fighting de- spire the Soviet workers to active

tachments and commanders of struggle against the counter-revthese units are instructed to "in- olutionary Stalinist ruling clique. of children under 12 years of age ness that they fight not for an- GREECE culcate in members the conscious-Efforts to create a fake "coali-