

TRUMAN CALLS FOR SAVAGE LAWS IN BIG BUSINESS WAR UPON LABOR

The Road Labor Must Follow For Victory - By The Editors -

The dramatic events of the past week mark a major turning point in the development of capital-labor relations in the United States. They open an extremely important new chapter in the life of American labor.

For the past six months the mightiest wave of strikes in our history has been rolling over the country. One big union after another has been drawn into this titanic strike movement until it has embraced the most decisive sections of the entire working class.

The first stage of this struggle against Big Business was initiated by the CIO unions, the most advanced and dynamic force in the ranks of organized labor. Now in the second great wave the strike movement has spread to the miners and railroad workers.

Far-Reaching In Scope

The entry of the railroad unions into the arena of strike action is the clearest sign of the far-reaching scope of the class struggle and the profound depth of the social crisis. The railroad brotherhoods are the traditional fortresses of ultra-conservative unionism. The engineers and trainmen have not engaged in a strike for over fifty years. Wave upon wave of strikes have swept over the labor movement without budging the bureaucracies of the rail unions

Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and Alvanley Johnston, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, are among the foremost advocates of class collaboration policies in the union movement. The United Mine Workers President, John L. Lewis, while more militant in his methods, is a champion of the "pure and simple trade unionism" of the old Gompers-AFL school. Only six months ago at Truman's invitation these union leaders were in Washington participating in a joint labor-management conference with the representatives of Big Business seeking a formula for settling disputes withWall Street's Strikebreaking Agency

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strikebreaking duty against American workers. As the 400,000 soft coal fused to abandon their tradiminers today resumed their tional policy of "No contract, no bitter strike for health and safework." Incensed by Truman's strikebreaking "seizure" of the mines, the rank and file strike soldiers from Camp Campbell week prior to the railroad strike. moved into the Madisonville, Ky., More than 200,000 miners were mine fields to escort scabs and already out, when the rail strike "protect" the nearby Pond River brought a virtual halt to mining colliery. operations. For the first time since Roose-Every form of government velt used troops to break the pressure and intimidation is be-North American Aviation strike ing brought to bear against the in 1941, the federal government valiant miners. Even the threat and administration has employed of armed force by the capitalist armed forces against workers government has failed to cow fighting for their rights. This them. Up and down the coal is undoubtedly but the first confields, the slogan is: "You can't tingent Truman intends to use mine coal with bayonets." in his efforts to force the mili-The soft coal miners are contant miners back into the pits tinuing to give a heroic example without satisfaction of their just to all American labor by their demands against the profiteering unparalleled solidarity and fightmine owners. ing unity. Unless they are called Despite United Mine Workers upon to return to work by their President John L. Lewis' dec- leaders, it is unlikely that they laration of a two-week strike will submit to government truce on May 10, large numbers threats and force without the that several large manufacturof the wrathful miners had re- most bitter resistance.

On Rail Unions

By Art Preis After a two-day demonstration of their paralyzing power in the greatest transportation strike in history, the 293,000 members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen were ordered back to work by their leaders late Saturday afternoon. This order came shortly before a deadline set by President Truman in his strikebreaking ultimatum the

night before. For 48 hours, the engineers and trainmen, traditionally Rail Strikers among the most conservative unionists in America, had de-fied Truman's "selzure" of the Show Militancy unionists in America, had decountry's railroads under the Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act.

There was no sign of a break in their ranks up to the very moment when A. F. Whitney and Alvanley Johnston, presidents respectively of the trainmen's and engineers' unions, under the concerted onslaught of the capitalist government and Big Business ordered a return to work on the terms fixed by Truman in conspiracy with the railway profiteers.

WORKERS BITTER A tremendous wave of bitter-bess and wrath swept the strik- pointed, groups of men stood ing railroad workers when word around the hall, damning Trucame of their leaders' submis- man. Both Whitney and Johnsion to Truman's dictate. They ston were criticized for giving were full of fight and were pre- up the fight. pared for a show-down struggle.

From lodge meetings all over the country came immediate reports of boos and sharp resent-

Truman Leads Proposes Most Vicious Bill Vicious Attack Ever Sought By President

Climaxing his savage strikebreaking offensive against American labor, President Truman on May 25 called on a special joint session of Congress to enact the most repressive legislation against the labor movement ever advocated by a head of the U.S. government.

The most drastic and harsh section of Truman's anti-strike proposal was his request for Congress "immediately to authorize the President to draft into the armed forces" all workers "who are on strike against the government."

This means that the President could break

Twin Cities

BULLETIN

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 25-More than 600 men present at the afternoon strike meeting here today heard Vice-President Coyle of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen announce that the nationwide rail strike was over. Strikers were told that they were to go back to work on President Truman's terms of 181/2c per hour and a one year

moratorium on rules. The announcement was greet-

By C. Gustafsen (Special To The Militant)

for draft evasion or desertion. Once under Army command the workers could be subject to court-martial. Continuation of a strike after seizure of struck facilities by the government and proclamation of a return-to-work deadline by the President, would subject workers to a \$5,000 fine and a year's imprisonment. Workers could be summarily fired, and lose all seniority rights if ever

any strike by ordering a

plant "seizure," calling

the walkout a "strike against

the government," and then

driving the workers back to work

under penalty of imprisonment

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rehired. Not only striking workers, but officials of labor organizations representing the employes" can be "inducted into the Army . . . at such time, in such manner and on such terms as may be prescribed by the President.

A section of Truman's bill is trickily worded to give the false impression that profits during government "seizure" would go to the government. This same section provides. however, for

out resort to strikes.

Today these union leaders have not only been obliged to call strikes. They have found themselves violently op- ty conditions in defiance of posed by the very Truman administration which they Truman's "seizure" of the mines, counted upon for help in their negotiations with the rail an armored detachment of 150 and mining magnates.

Alarmed by the uninterrupted series of strikes and the growing strength and militancy of the working class, Big Business has decided to launch a full-blown counteroffensive against labor. The financial and industrial lords of Wall Street are up in arms. Their rule and their priv-(Continued on Page 4)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SWP MEETS IN N. Y.

A thoroughgoing and fruitful examination of partybuilding problems was the center of discussion at the fourday meeting of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, held in New York City early last week. Other important points on the agenda included the international situation, trade un-?

ion problems, the question of distribution of literature, finunification and the party's ances, branch problems, the exinternal relations.

The organizational report. of the party's steady growth in terms of recruiting and influence since ats national convenindication of the problems resulting from this growth.

These problems, themselves a sign of the healthy condition of the party, revolved mainly GROWING CRISIS IN CP around further recruiting, integration and training of revolutionary workers without previous political affiliation. The recent experiences of the party in this connection were subjected to Day. During this period, it was analysis for the purpose of learning the lessons of the past period and indicating the road toward additional progress in the coming months. The discussion among union militants toward demonstrated that American the SWP's transitional program. Trotskyism is not only stronger Considerable attention was paid today than ever before, but is to the best possible means of exsteadily developing from a revolutionary propaganda group to a serious workers' party with firm roots among the masses and their organizations.

ELECTORAL ACTIVITY

cational work, publication and

pansion of the party's activities during the past year. Preliminmade by Farrell Dobbs, editor of ary plans were set forth for a The Militant, gave both a picture great step forward in the party's electoral activity in a number of industrial areas.

A supplementary report by tion in November 1944 and an Charles Carsten, SWP veterans' director, presented a comprehensive picture of veterans' problems, organizations and perspec-

tives.

The trade union reports and discussion were concerned primarily with the application of the party's policies in the great strike struggles that began after V-J noted, both SWP recruitment figures among industrial workers of leaflets to members of the and various union slogans had National Maritime Union were shown a growing receptivity physically assaulted by known tending and strengthening "this influence and of further politicalizing the leftward-moving tendencies in the unions. In the discussion of the organ-

ization and trade union reports, nist Party designed to obstruct Other aspects of Comrade a number of speakers from dif- and prevent the distribution of Dobbs' report, reflecting the ferent parts of the country con- The Militant before trade unions (Continued on Page 6) and to incite physical violence freedom of press in New York." on rail strike effects).

SWP Calls For Labor's Aid **To Halt Stalinist Hooliganism**

NEW YORK, May 22-C. Thomas, Organizer of Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party, today issued an appeal to CIO, AFL and other trade unions, as well as to last week, warned publishers: "It fraternal, civil liberties and other progressive organizations,

calling upon them to aid in. halting the vicious attacks | against the Trotskyists as well by the Communist (Stalinist) as against other opponents of the Communist Party." Party upon freedom of the

The letter states that the Sopress in New York City. cialist Workers Party will not In recent weeks, the letter be intimidated by these "hooligan states, on several occasions girl actions." In continuing this acdistributors of The Militant and tivity despite these assaults, it states, "we are protecting the rights of every section of the labor movement as well as our Stalinist officers and goons, who own.' tore the papers from their hands. The letter urges the trade

"These attacks are by no unions and other organizations means spontaneous or accidento send an observer to the Natal," the letter states. "They are tional Maritime Union memberpart of a nation-wide campaign ship meeting in Manhattan Cenpublicly proclaimed and deliberately organized and directed by the leadership of the Commusame trend, dealt with party edu- firmed the existence of a grow- and working class organizations bear to halt these attacks on (N. Y. World-Telegram, May 24,

Star I die

IN THE NEWS Imperialism Spreads movement spread rapidly last Its Beneficent Raus

"The Eastman Kodak Company made public yesterday its findings on long-range radioactivity effects of atomic bomb explosions. The findings, together with those of other observers, indicate that temporarily radioactive by-products of a single bomb spread over an area about the size of Australia.'

High Cost Of Dying The Casket Manufacturers Association on May 22 demanded before the House Small Business Committee that price control be lifted from burial caskets, advising the House committee ers of low-cost caskets have

(N. Y. Times, May 23.)

ceased operations, while others have stopped handling the lower-priced models.

A Word To The Wise New York City Park Commissioner Robert Moses, addressing the annual dinner of the National Institute of Social Sciences is a pity that decent people must suffer because of the frustration of millionaire publishers of red, radical sheets, whose interest lies not in orderly progress, fanning the ashes of prejudice and inciting class against class. Presumably these publishers want to be on the winning side when the Great Revolution comes, for-

getting that on that day theirs will be the first heads to roll in the gutter." Thumb Bums

"Bankers, brokers and sundry other business men found it propitious if not stylish to invade the transportation byway usualter on 34th St. and 8th Avenue ly reserved for knights of the on Monday, May 27 at 7 p.m., at open road-hitch-hiking. Some which time The Militant will bummed rides with truck drivagain be distributed. "The public ers on ferries. Others simply opinion of all labor and progres- got out on the edge of the road sive forces must be brought to and worked their thumbs.

ment at announcement of the return-to-work order. As even Truman's ultimatum to strikdominated was: 'Whitney says Twin Cities this morning. Tru-Never, in the whole history of ed as "the greatest strikebreakcapitalist rule. The ferocious assault against (Continued on Page 2)

workers fighting for their just officials here. Statements made demands been subjected to such by the President in his nationsavage attack by the agencies of wide broadcast Friday were de-

St. PAUL, May 25 -Unan-"fixing of just compensation to imous defiance of President "the members voiced mixed ing railroad workers marked have had to their owners" while opinions, but the one that pre- strike meetings held in the under government control. we're licked, but our turn will man's threat to call out the army acter of the entire capitalist come."" (N. Y. Times, May 26). to run the railroads was brand- government was further shown American labor struggle, have ing speech in memory" by union licans joined in the House to nounced as "unfounded in fact." vember 1944 was hailed by un-From every railroad terminal ion leaders as a "progressive vic-(Continued on Page 2) tory."

the owners . . . to the value the use of such properties would The complete anti-labor charwhen Democrats and Repubenact Truman's bill by a majority of 306 to 13. This was the House whose election in No-

Why Browder Embarked On **His "Mission To Moscow"**

By Joseph Hansen

Why did Earl Browder go to Moscow? What is the purpose of his consultations with leading Kremlin officials? The capitalist press has been filled with speculation about his junket. The rank and file of the Communist (Stalinist) Party likewise

are wondering what is be- | lowed by Browder, Foster and hind Browder's trip.

Foster in an obvious attempt to/dampen this speculation and ranks of the Stalinists has ofgrant Browder a visa. fered his explanation of the trip. To believe Foster there was no mystery whatever about Browder's excursion. As Browder left. the United States, Foster labelled him "Wall Street's Ambassadorment, acording to the May 14 to Moscow to establish "business passport " as an acolyte of big der could not have arranged business, serving its reactionary these "business relations" ends.'

STALINISTS DISTURBED Precisely how Browder's visit the Daily Worker leaves com-

to Moscow could accomplish pletely unexplained. anything for America's ruling 60

new anti-Soviet insinuations," Communist 'line'" is a "product with Wall Street during the war, of manipulations by Soviet lead- now be rehabilitated and restored

plaints seriously. It has never shameless support of Wall Street? the USSR served as an adjunct been a secret that the line fol- | And Browder's followers, who

believe their leader was unjustly made a scapegoat for a line that originated with Stalin himself cannot help asking themselves: Even if Browder is again made our leader, how did it hapthe rest, is determined in the pen that he was ousted and ex-Kremlin. Moreover, the "sluicegates" of "insinuations" could pelled? How did it happen that have been kept locked simply by all the top leadership unanito ease the profound crisis in the the refusal of the Kremlin to mously attacked him as a renegade after just as unanimously supporting his line during the

After the reports of Browder's war? How do these monstrous interviews with outstanding offishifts in line and flip-flops in cials of the Kremlin, the May 24 leadership occur? Daily Worker introduced a vari-

KEY TO MYSTERY ation in its explanation. Now

The key to the mystery of it appeared that Browder went Browder's trip lies in the me-New Masses, granted Browder a relations with several Soviet chanics of the Kremlin's foreign publishing houses." Why Brow- policy.

In the days of Lehin and Trotsky, the workers' state purthrough Stalin's official represued a foreign policy of inspiring sentatives in the United States, and aiding socialist revolutions. in other countries. The principal channel of this policy was For the rank and file members the Communist International. families was a riddle the Stalin- of the Communist (Stalinist) Although an autonomous organist hacks scrupulously avoided Party, Browder's trip raises some ization, the ideas and methods of probing into. It is true they exceedingly disturbing questions. Lenin and Trotsky shaped its acclaimed Browder's airplane flight Foster's followers cannot help tivities in other lands. The Bolhad "opened the sluice-gates for wondering: Will Earl Browder; sheviks of those heroic times

denounced as the renegade who considered the development of particularly that the "American forced the party to collaborate the socialist revolution in other countries and the defense of the Soviet Union as indivisible-two to leadership? Will the party sides of the same task. Thus But no one takes these com- once again revert to open, the official diplomatic service of

THE MILITANI Truman Leads Ferocious Assault On Rail Workers Probe Their Plea Ment. Congress is proceeding at The stenal of Truman to speed

howlings of the kept press, even strike? surpassed the attack on the striking soft-coal miners prior to sheir two-week truce anounced May 10.

turn to work by 5 p.m. Saturday he would order Federal troops to run the railroads. Thus Truwho three times since 1877 have against railroad workers.

At the very moment when Whitney and Johnston were making their declaration of surspecial joint session of Congress tion which would permit him to ous and that their demands draft strikers into the armed forces and force them to work under penalty of courts-martial. It also provided for firing, loss did Truman voice the slightest of seniority, and fines and imprisonment for strikers and un- for changes in working rules ion leaders in government-"seized" plants.

Within two hours, the House of legislative proposal ever put for- give the slightest hint as to any ward by an American president responsibility for the strike on and approved it by a majority the part of the rail monopolists. of 306 to 13. The measure was delayed in the Senate only because the ultra-reactionary majority desired to make it "foolproof" by amendment and to tack it on to the notorious Case Anti-Strike Bill, which the Senate had previously given precedence on the floor.

GOVERNMENT SERVES WALL STREET

ment acted openly as the instruheaded by the J.P. Morgan interests, which control the country's their conditions to an intoler- ators' refusal to accept them. able state.

Why did these traditionally conservative workers, bound by ing terms WORSE than those the most bureaucratic union they had opposed by their strike structure and dominated by the action. The corporation - dom-

headed by the government and American labor movement, sweep whipped up by the unrestrained aside all barriers and go out on

> Truman, in his Congressional speech, charged that the strike was the result of the "obstinate arrogance of two men," Whit-

The climax of the government's ney and Johnston. That these strikebreaking assault, and the timid bureaucrats, whose entire threat which forced the leaders record over decades is one of reof the two striking unions to treat and capitulation to the bow, was Truman's declaration railway interests and governin a radio address Friday night ment, were in any way responsthat if the strikers did not re- ible for the strike, is laughable. On the contrary, these leaders were finally driven to strike action by the terrific pressure of man was prepared to emulate the union ranks, whom the unhis Democratic and Republican ion tops could no longer hold in predecessors in the White House check. Whitney and Johnston were stating the literal truth in turned rifles and bayonets their last-minute plea before the strike on Thursday when they appealed to Truman to offer some terms which the ranks might find acceptable, declaring render, Truman was before a "we have told you many times that the present agitation among calling for "emergency" legisla- the men . . . is extremely seri-

could not be abandoned." Neither in his radio address nor in his speech to Congress sympathy for the just demands which were the key issue of the strike. His entire attack was directed venomously at the work-Representatives had seized upon ers. He did not even mention the this most viciously anti-labor railway corporations-nor did he

RAILWAY PROFITS

piled up three billion dollars in pared to the 18 and 181/2 cents liberately stalled negotiations in in the rules. order to throw the issue into the Throughout the entire current | lap of the government, because rail labor struggle, the govern- they knew the government would intervene on their behalf and exment of the railway corporations ert its prestige and power to and the Wall Street financiers, force the railroad workers to yield. He did not tell how government officials during the strike rail transport. The anti-labor had agreed to recommend not but Truman insisted that they railway magnates simply sat only an 18½ cent an hour wage, accept his own worse terms. back while the government, led increase, but certain rule changby the Truman administration es which the unions had said conducted a savage strikebreak- would be an acceptable basis for ing war on the rail workers. The settlement, and that these prolatter had been driven to strike posals were either not presented revolt for the first time in 24 to the operators, or if they had years as a result of decades of been, the government officials cumulative blows that brought had kept silent about the oper-Instead, Truman maliciously insisted on the strikers accept-

most craft-ridden, ultra-con- inated "fact-finding" boards pri-



Four members of the delegation of disabled veterans from the England General Hospital in Atlantic City seated on the platform of the recent CIO United Steelworkers convention as their spokesmen, former unionists, pleaded for support in their fight to escape eviction from the hospital for amputees. They got a rousing reception. Big real estate and wealthy business interests have secured the aid of the War Department in ordering their removal from the health resort. The veteran on the left is a former steel worker and union member.

how the leading railroads had ed only a 16-cent increase, comvaults."

net profits during the four war awarded in other industries afyears of 1941-45-an increase of ter strikes, and only seven of the 1,164 percent over their profits demanded 43 rule changes. Trutell how the rail moguls had de- cents increase but NO CHANGES

Whitney and Johnston had no choice but to denounce Truman's terms as even "less favorable" than those offered by the "factfinding" boards. The union leaders finally offered to order a return to work on the basis of the original "fact-finding" offer --These were the terms which ally returned on Sunday. the panicky and fearful Whitney and Johnston finally hastened to accept in a tearful state-

ment to the strikers, proclaiming: "We confess that we lost our cause." They called off the strike "due to the pressure brought upon us by the Presi-

dent of the United States in his address last evening." STRIKEBREAKING TRICK

The chief instrument for breaking the rail strike was the unions, split along craft and jurmethod developed by the late isdictional lines and ready to stab

"This is no longer a dispute

But all that changed in the

"seizure" was that the rail own-

ernment has NOT taken over the

get it. The deeds to the prop-

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Postal Zone.

He did not tell, for instance, or to the strike had recommend- erties are still in the owners' of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, representing 120,000

In short, these "seizures" are members, including a claimed nothing but a strikebreaking de- 40,000 engineers. Robertson orvice to wrap the monopolists in dered his membership, including rake-off in 1936-39! He did not man proposed an additional 21/2 an American flag and protect the engineers, to aid the governtheir profits and privileges. Thus, ment in breaking the strike, wir-

immediately following the end ing his locals to "get transportaof the strike, the ultra-conserva- tion moving." At the same time, tive Republican N. Y. Herald- he echoed the attacks of Truman Tribune, May 26, wrote with on Whitney and Johnston, tellsmug satisfaction: "Now all that ing reporters "these are men remains to be done is the issu- grasping for power.'

The whole course of the rail ance of an executive order turning the seized railroads back to workers' struggle has underscored their owners. The formality a profound lesson for all Amerprobably will be put off until ican labor-a lesson which the Monday." The roads were actuworkers can ignore only at their greatest peril.

Combined with the overwhelm- | PLAYED BALL

ing assault of the government. For long years, the leaders of the Big Business press and the the rail unions have played ball whole owning class, there was with the capitalist government, an additional factor which gravelined themselves up with the ly weakened the power of the capitalist politicians, diverted the rail strikers to hold out. That struggles of the workers into the factor was the criminal division treacherous channels of governexisting among the 21 different ment arbitration. They have unions representing the 1,500,served faithfully as the labor 000 organized railroad workers. lieutenants of the capitalists and The leaderships of 19 of these the hand-maidens of the Big-Business government.

They were neither willing nor

legislation whose purpose and results would mean destruction of the right to strike, repression Murray's Complaints and ultimate crushing of the un-About Congress ions, and a system of forced labor under the shadow of bayonets.

DECISIVE LESSON

Never has the fusion of the capitalist government and the capitalist class been so nakedly revealed. Never has it been so clearly shown that the government is nothing but an executive committee for safeguarding the terrible indictment against the candidates in Congress. interests of the billionaire, monopolist ruling class.

That is the decisive lesson the the rest of the present trade workers must grasp if they are union leadership. to successfully defend their own Since 1933, the Congress mainterests and halt the march of jority has been Democratic. In reaction in the great social crisis general, this majority was susthat impends. This government tained through the influence of is the enemy of labor. It must the late President Roosevelt. be fought by labor's own inde- Every national election, the unpendent political means, a genu- ion leaders told the workers to ine labor party freed of all ties go out and vote for "friends of with the capitalist political ma- labor" from the Democratic chines and agents. American Party.

back to the wall."

traditional policies on political

labor must prepare not only for Now we have the admission economic struggle, but also for from Murray that the results of a remorseless political struggle this policy of supporting capitalto raise labor and all the op- ist "friends of labor" through pressed sections of American so- five national elections has been ciety to governmental power. I to maintain a Congress that has

TWIN CITIES RAIL STRIKERS DEMONSTRATE FIGHTING SPIRIT

(Continued from Page 1) use of troops to operate the railin the northwest, telegrams roads." The message also termed dently savage drive of Big Bus-poured into the strike meeting "unfair" Truman's failure to iness and the government against here this morning, reporting the mention that the demands for the miners and rail workers is solidarity of railroad workers throughout the area. Hostility sue in the strike.

The membership of the Brothto Truman's attack on their erhood of Railroad Trainmen is CIO Organizing leaders and to the radio and newspaper commentators who composed of the overwhelming Atom-Bomb Plant have been using every trick of majority of all train and yard their trade to distort news of the service employees, such as brakestrike, prevailed among strikers men, switchmen, switch tenders, dining car stewards, conductors

In a telegram to Truman, un- and yardmasters. Other operation members in both the Twin ing employes who are members Cities asked the President: "Are of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, the you not . . . convinced that railroad management has, through- Switchmen's Union of North America, the Order of Railroad out all of the negotiations refused to cooperate with the Conductors, and the Yardmasters Association, are also backing the Brotherhoods, and is now seeking to destroy these organiza- strike, despite the fact that their tions? ... The American people organizations have not given it should know that the Presidents official support. Regular strike meetings are of these two organizations (the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainheld twice daily in St. Paul, as men and the Brotherhood of in other railroad centers all over Locomotive Engineers) only rep- the country. All lodges of the resent the wishes and the right- two striking unions are meeting cents to \$1.02 an hour for those eous demands of the rank and jointly in an unprecedented in the same building doing the file of workers . . . if railroad demonstration of cooperation. same work, management and those in con- Members of the unions not oftrol of railroad finance had ficially on strike are also in regshown an honest desire to pre- ular attendance at the strike apparent to the workers that vent this great catastrophe the meetings. A new spirit of en- their rights within the giant situation now confronting this confidence is anthusiasm and capable of resisting the governnation would never have ocparent among the strikers who ment to which they are tied by have at last utilized their ecocurred.' a thousand threads. They had nomic strength to improve work- panese cities." The St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, representing 35,ing conditions that have regram-with which to fortify the 000 AFL members, denounced mained unchanged for nearly 30 President Truman Friday night, years. shortly after his nationwide Even the capitalist press was broadcast. Charges of "strikeforced to recognize the effecttally helpless and unprepared to breaking" and warnings that iveness of the strike. Friday "this is our fight too" were heard morning a St. Paul Pioneer Press which the capitalists, through throughout the debate. A teleeditorial confessed: "The govgram sent by the assembled ernment of the United States workers to the President stated yesterday found itself in the huthat they "immediately went on miliating position of being the On top of this came the direct mine and rail strikes have served record disapproving the position operator of the nation's railroads treachery of such rail union lead- as a pretext, is now being direct- taken by you, particularly that and not being able to operate ers as David B. Robertson, head ed against the entire labor move- part where you referred to the them."



In his concluding speech at Murray again proposes camthe recent CIO Steelworkers con- paigning for "substantial, provention, Philip Murray, the un- gressive, liberal-minded officers ion's president, complained that in the elections coming up this Congress "has not adopted a year" - so long as they are single piece of constructive legis- Democrats or Republicans. lation since the year 1937." For Against this bankrupt policy, the the last nine years, he said, trade union militants must coun-"labor has been fighting with its terpose effective labor political action — the formation of a Without realizing it perhaps, genuine independent labor party Murray in these words voiced a which will fight to put real labor

action pursued by himself and **Big Ford Local 600** Backs Miners' Fight

CIO United Auto Workers Local 600, representing 65,000. workers in the Ford Motor Come pany's River Rouge plant, on May 19 issued a resolution through its executive board calling for support of the coal miners and their wage and welfare demands.

The resolution states that "the real issues of the coal strike are. being obscured by the press of the country - namely, that coal miners need a wage increase, health security and that all labor must support them." It calls on the government "to make the coal operators grant a health and welfare fund to the miners." This pledge of solidarity, which undoubtedly reflects the sentiments of all the auto workers, should be emulated by every section of the CIO. The unprecerules changes are the major is- aimed in reality against the entire labor movement.

The great atom bomb plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, "is now, the first major concentration point in the CIO's southern organizing campaign," reports the May CIO News.

"A corps of CIO organizers. veterans of both World War 11 and other CIO organizing drives are already in the city," the CIO News reveals. There are 40.000 workers in the massive plants. These workers, who produced the most destructive weapon of all time, work under abominable conditions. They are fired without cause and without regard to seniority. Wage rates vary. from worker to worker, from 72.

When World War II ended. says CIO News, "it also became plants were being reduced almost as swiftly as the atomic bomb had reduced the two Ja-

today.

Railway Workers Still Forced To Fight For Eight-Hour Day

Most people would be astonished to learn what elementary demands the rail workers are forced to fight for in this year of 1946, after decades of union organization.

Operating workers in the rail industry do not have the eightweek is between 60 and 80 hours! They get no time and a half for work under 10 hours a day. for Saturday, Sunday and holi- or bottom place, today. day work. There is no differential for night work.

66 cents an hour compared to They can be called out at any only 45 cents in manufacturing hour and forced to work any industry. In 1945, rail wages ers and their agents were given length of time. They must make averaged 99 cents - with some a government label. As Ralph Inlong lay-overs away from home, rates as low as 40 cents an hour gersoll of PM put it: "The Govwithout pay, and foot the entire -compared to \$1.03 for all mancost of hotel and other expenses. ufacturing industries. While railways and made them the Scarcely any previsions are made passenger and freight loads have property of the people-and givfor their safety and comfort on doubled since World War I, there | en the railwaymen at least civil the trains. They must pay for are today 500,000 less rdil work- | service rights. The Government their own uniforms and watches, ers forced to handle this doubled has put out a piece of paper, clean their uniforms and change load under conditions of excru- sent a man into the offices of to clean shirts at their own ex- ciating speed-up, no-limit hours, the Railway Owners' Assn .- and pense after every trip. Regular- and decrepit, antiquated equip- left the railway owners still oply they pay \$5 for cleaning and ment. Truman's assertion that erating, still the bosses, still sayadjustment of watches. These the railroad workers are among ing what they'd pay and how are but a sample of their griev- the highest paid in the country long their men had to work to ancés. was an outright lie!

Under the conditions imposed hour day. Their average work- on them by the government and operators since the passage of ure in the rail strike, which was ROBERTSON'S TREACHERY the Railway Labor Disputes Act | called after the "seizure" on May Many work entirely on straight in 1926, the rail workers have 19. between labor and management. time. They get no paid holidays, seen their wages decline from the he declared in his Congressional no sick leave, no premium pay second highest in 1933 to 27th, speech. "It has now become a strike against the government it-In 1933, average rail wages were self.'

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esident Roosevelt and further each other in the back for narperfected by Truman - governrow jurisdictional advantages, ment "seizures" under the vicious did not go along with the strike Smith-Connally anti-strike law. of the two operating unions. In First, the corporations refuse to the very middle of the strike, concede the just demands of the they publicly announced their workers. Then, the federal ad- acceptance of the terms against ministration "seizes" the plants which the engineers and traininvolved. Finally, the workers men were fighting. This gave are driven back to work on the Truman the opportunity to praise grounds they cannot "strike their "example" and use it as against the government." another weapon against the strik-Truman followed this proceders.

in

no program — no political prorail workers in the type of struggle to which they were inevitably being impelled. They were tocope with the savage offensive their government apparatus, un-

eashed against the rail workers. That offensive, for which the



Railroad Labor Struggles Of The Past

By Larissa Reed

The history of the struggles of American railroad workers, which includes four major strikes in the past 69 years. is an unbroken record of savage, strikebreaking interven-

tion by the capitalist government acting in the inter- | to return to their jobs at reroad magnates. Presidents ing, strikebreaking activities of these White House servants of TROOPS TRAINED Wall Street, Republican and same.

ests of the powerful rail- duced pay. Pledges were extorted from many of them that come and go, but the scab-herd-fight for the 8-hour day. they would not join unions or

But the great militancy and Democratic alike, remain the fighting spirit of the workers frightened the railroad kings.

The first railroad strike in From that time on there began American history was precipi- the erection of great armories tated in 1877, when the Balt- in large industrial cities. The imore & Ohio, followed by the War Department began to pub-Pennsylvania, Erie and N. Y. lish manuals and other tracts Central Railroads, slashed the designed to teach American wages of the railroad workers by soldiers how to conduct armed 10 per cent. This was during warfare upon the American the great depression of 1873- working class. 1880, while unemployment was

rampant and wages already had 1894, it was Democratic Presbeen cut almost one-half. ident Cleveland who this time Backing up the governor of rushed federal troops to Chicago West Virginia who immediately and other points to shoot down dispatched state troopers to the striking railroad workers. shoot down the striking work- The strike broke out during a ers, Republican President Hayes struggle against George M. Pull-Washington ordered out man who, during another de-20,000 armed federal troops and pression year, cut wages from 30 incited them to open warfare. to 40 per cent, and fired one-Scores of workers in many rail- third of his employes.

road centers were shot dead, and many more injured. Before the ferent character. The year bestrike was crushed it had spread fore. 150,000 railroad workers as far as the Pacific Coast. had been organized into the This first strike was a spon-American Railway Union by taneous movement, lacking or-Eugene V. Debs, who later beganization or leadership. After came the great Socialist fighter it was crushed by the armed against the first imperialist might of the Federal govern- world war. Twenty-four rail-

union ordered a boycott of Pull- 1 no wage raises were granted un- ; and protected the strikebreakers man cars on all lines. After til almost two years later in Pullman fired the boycotters, 1918. every union affiliated with the

ARU struck. the U.S. Government then took President Cleveland turned over and operated all the major Chicago and the other centers railroads under a Director into armed camps with 10,000 General. Shortly after the war, soldiers of the infantry, cavalry, in February 1920 a vicious bill and even field artillery. The enwas passed creating the U.S. raged workers replied to the Railroad Labor Board, which capitalist government's armed from that day on served to warfare upon them by wrecking shackle the railroad workers and burning some 2,000 railroad cars. The heroic Debs, who led ernment mediators. the struggle and defied the In 1921 the Railway Labor capitalist court's injunctions, Board granted the railroad magwas arrested together with other nates permission to slash wages, in the main of the lowest paid workers. By this one act, almost

a billion dollars was added to the Although this strike too was huge war profits of the railroad broken by the armed might of owners. the government, Debs created a The railroad workers rebelled. On July 1, 1922, half a million railway shopmen in six brotherhoods joined together for a strike. This time it was Republican President Harding who sent federal troops to break the strike. Martial law was declared in almost every important railroad center. On September 1. the Department of Justice

road owners refused, President the authorities mobilized the National Guard from the big arto prevent a strike, was forced mories built for that purpose. himself to be the enemy of the

with drawn guns. During the three months of this great Using the pretext of the war, strike, the railroad corporations spent close to \$20-million to break it.

WORKERS BLACKLISTED

Once again the armed might of the federal government prevailed and the strike was broken. The wage cuts were instituted. Many strikebreakers kept with the aid of "impartial" gov- the places of the workers. The shopmen lost their seniority rights. Their unions were almost completely exterminated. Many were blacklisted from the railroads forever.

> In 1926, the Railroad Labor Act was adopted. This established virtual compulsory arbitration in the railroad industry through a lengthy procedure for government intervention in rail abor disputes and limitations on the right to strike. Under this act, the conditions of the railway workers declined steadily in the past 20 years.

In the three great earlier strike struggles of the railroad workers against their exploiters, three Presidents, both Democratic and Republican alike have upon the workers, one of the called out the troops to break their strikes.

> Now in 1946 President Truman has threatened to call out troops and follow in the footsteps of his White House predecessors. This political servant of Wall Street has also revealed

ment, the workers were forced roads were tied up when the to grant the 8-hour day. But They opened the railroad shops railroad workers and all labor.

ARU leaders. TRADITION OF DEBS

the class solidarity of the work-The third great railroad strike, which broke out in 1922, began maturing in 1916 but was interrupted by the first world war. The Railroad Brotherhoods de-

a labor union.

tradition of militant struggle which has inspired railroad workers ever since. His was the first break with the craft-union

ers to a new, high level.

slapped a federal injunction most crippling blows ever dealt

manded the 8-hour day and wage Union funds were seized and raises to meet the skyrocketing tied up, in the name of preservcost of living. When the railing the open shop. In five states

Wilson intervened, and in order

This was a strike of a dif-

In the second great strike of

bureaucrats whose timid policies played into the hands of the railroad owners and the Wall Street government. Debs raised

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This is a third in a series of articles in connection with the publication of Leon Trotsky's biography of Stalin.

This book shows how the personality of the incumbent dictator in the Kremlin was molded through the years and what were the outstanding personal traits that fitted him for this future role. At the same time the author discloses the nature of those social forces inside the Soviet Union that swept Stalin into power after Lenin's death, along with the workings of the mechanism whereby Stalin was able step by step to usurp the right to such an exceptional role.

According to official legend, elaborately manufactured in the course of more than two decades by a legion of hirelings, lickspittles and falsifiers, Stalin is pictured as Lenin's closest and most trusted collaborator, as the latter's "best disciple" and cobuilder of the Russian Bolshevik. Party, as a heroic figure in the Civil War of 1919-21, invariably and unfailingly at Lenin's side, as the originator of planned economy, etc. etc. The truth is just the reverse.

REAL ROLE

Stalin's real role and character clearly emerge in this revolutionary movement was book. By painstakingly tracing the career of the future dictator from his birth in 1879 to the year 1923, when he first began to emerge from the shadows, Trotsky does not leave a single stone standing of this official vast edifice of distortions, lies and brazen forgeries.

It is noteworthy that not even the most hostile critics of the book have been able or willing to challenge a single item in the rich factual material presented and hopes. by the author. This biography is 'FLESH' OF THE MACHINE' documented with scrupulous objectivity and conscientiousness, made him an ideal cog in a comdespite the fact that it deals plex political machine. He bewith a period in Stalin's life concerning which least has been of the flesh of the machine and known and strictest secrecy enforced for years.

As an orthodox Marxist and mass upsurge he could think and its most authoritative and bril- react in no other terms. Thus liant exponent since Lenin's one of the earliest agitational Trotsky seeks for an ex- appeals written by Stalin to the death. planation of Stalin's role pri- insurgent masses in the 1905 marily in the mechanics of the period centers around a sumclass struggle. Prominent indi- mons for them to rally not viduals in history are in the final analysis, social symbols- but around the "committeepersonifications of specific class men.' forces

The role of such an individual What made Stalin an ideal is the smaller as all the greater mirror of the monstrous bureau- becomes the sweep of the mass cracy that rose in the USSR movement. This is precisely in the period of reaction follow- what happened in Stalin's case. ing the October Revolution, are and Trotsky demonstrates it irprecisely his outstanding and refutably. The same qualities most deeply rooted personal that facilitated Stalin's rise on



STALIN

m.....s, utter lack of imagination, short-sightedness, an inclination to follow the line of least resistance."

So organic in this individual is his lust for power coupled with his indifference towards the oppressed-which later turned into suspicion and distrust, and still later into animal fear that his very act of joining the motivated exclusively by such negative reactions as envy and

hatred of the rulers. Genuine revolutionists, while remaining mortal enemies of the oppressors, are cast in an entirely different mold. They are imbued with deepest sensitivity for and love of the masses, incarnating their courage, their spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice, their age-long aspirations

Stalin's personal qualities came, as Trotsky put it, "flesh the toughest of its bones." In the periods of most turbulent

pushed him to the background in periods of mass upsurge in 1905, 1912 and 1917, the revolutionary peaks of Russian history. At each of these historical turning points we find Stalin

withdrawing into the shadows, vacillating, incapable of adhering to a revolutionary line, let alone assuming the initiative in advancing it. An opportunist to the core, he exhibits this most glaringly immediately following the February 1917 revolution when we find him among those preaching conciliation with the Mensheviks and urging support of the counter-revolutionary Provisional Government.

LAW OF POLITICS

Conversely it was precisely in these periods of great mass upsurge that individuals like Lenin and Trotsky were propelled most sharply to the fore. While Stalin in 1905 was explaining the virtues of "committeemen" to the Georgian people, the youthful Trotsky played a foremost role in the activities of the Petrograd Soviet, becoming its Chairman during the concluding stages of the Soviet's revolutionary existence. Trotsky resumed this role in 1917, takand later as organizer-leader of unyielding will to struggle, their state and the Communist International.

In the course of his detailed exposition Trotsky demonstrates what may be called one of the laws of politics, namely, that with the weakening of the mass movement the preponderance of political machines increases almost in reverse proportions, and with it, of necessity, the role played by apparatus men, in the given case, by Djugashvili-Stalin.

"Stalin" is invaluable among other things because it brings a had all predicted a slight clearer understanding of the majority of yes votes. paths whereby reaction was able | WORKERS' VOTE DROPS to triumph in the Soviet Union; around their mass organization of how stage by stage the machine, under the leadership of Stalin succeeded first in isolating the

revolutionary proletarian vanguard inside the USSR and then munist (Stalinist) parties had in destroying the great party of Lenin. The reader is thus enabled to grasp more easily all and sponsored a yes, vote, the of the Kremlin's subsequent and current crimes and betrayals of proved this estimate to be wrong.



The first issue of "Neuer Spartakus" (New Spartacus) just received by "The Militant." This revolutionary paper is the organ of the German Trotskyists, organized in the "Neuer Spartakus" group (Fourth International). In the lead article "Neuer Spartakus" declares it stands on the "revolutionary tradition of the German and international working class movement: the theory of scientific socialism of Marx and Engels, the example of Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht, and the Bolshevik method of Lenin and Trotsky," The next issue of "The Militant" will review this important new paper of the German working class.

resumed this role in 1917, tak-ing his place side by side with Lenin, as the leader of the Oc-tober insurrection in Petrograd, Real Meaning Of May 5 the Red Army and co-architect with Lenin of the young Soviet Referendum In France

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PARIS, France, May 11-The proposed new capitalist other perspective than continconstitution submitted to the electorate by the French government, after being drawn up and endorsed by the Socialist and Communist parties, was rejected by a vote of approximately 10,450,000 to 9,280,000 in the May 5 national referendum. This result was D

unexpected by both the ad- Pas-de-Calais and Seine departvocates and opponents of ments (including Paris), for inthe proposed constitution. stance, the vote for the constitu-tion dropped more than 2,000,-Analysts of French politics, 000 as against that cast for the two parties combined at the Ocober 1945 elections.

day.

Even among the poor peasan-A study of the referendum intry, where the Stalinists enjoyed dicates the reason for this vote considerable support last Octos well as the upset in predicber, a drop was registered. In tions. The experts had assumed the Cantal, Var and Morbinan that since the Socialist and Comdepartments, the yes vote was 21,028—about 29 per cent below broken with the capitalist parties that received by the two parties on the issue of the constitution last fall.

It was the abstention, if not working masses would consider he direct opposition, of a conit a class issue. The reality siderable section of the lowest strata of the population that de-In the industrial Nord, Somme. feated the constitution last Sun-

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PARIS, France, May 16-One of the most important election campaigns in the history of the Trotskyist movement has been launched by the Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French Section of the Fourth International. The PCI will run 80 candidates in 12 areas in the June 2 election. About 4,500,000 voters reside

ed. "Break the coalition! Force

Comrade Bouselle dealt with

out. "Food is becoming scarcer

while prices are far above the

reach of the workers. Wages were

frozen at a level well below the

To meet this situation, Com-

rade Bouselle continued, the

PCI demands: Unfreeze the

wages; for a rising scale of wages

to meet the increased cost of

living; against the piece-work

system introduced by the Stalin-

Comrade Bouselle called for

the organization of consumers'

councils composed of small farm-

ers, shop-keepers and housewives

to control the distribution of

food. He demanded a national

plan of production formulated by

the trade unions. The PCI, he

explained, stands for workers!

control of prices, for nationaliza-

tion of all heavy industry with-

out compensation and under

In a rousing speech, Comrade

Beaufrere called upon the work-

workers' control.

minimum requirements."

ist Minister Croizat.

"Workers' conditions are,

in these areas, most of them the PCI is of national and interworkers or peasants with a national significance," he declarrevolutionary tradition. the Communist Party and the So-Despite the excessively high cialist Party to take power on a election fee of 20,000 francs re-

workers' program!" quired for each candidate, the PCI managed to collect the 1,the program of demands of the 600,000 francs. In each area, the PCI plans still deteriorating," he pointed

to post three different issues of placards and distribute two election addresses. The total number of pieces of election literature, including leaflets, addresses and placards will run well above 15,-000,000. Party representatives will broadcast on the Paris, Bordeaux, Britanny, Lyon and Grenoble regional radio stations. Permission to speak over the national radio has been refused on the excuse that the minimum requirement of candidates in 20 areas has not been met. The PCI FOR WORKERS' CONTROL is vigorously protesting this un-

democratic measure.

MASS MEETING

The election campaign got under way with the most successful mass meeting yet held in Paris by the French Trotskyists. Some 2.000 workers jammed the hall. Comrades Pierre Frank, Beaufrere, Demaziere, Bouselle and Garnier outlined the program and election policy of the PCI. The gathering's approval of the PCI platform was demonstrated by the enthusiastic applause that punctuated all the speeches. The ers to support the PCI candiworkers contributed 15,000 francs dates. He described how the PCI uation of their treacherous poli-

the capitalists. The reformists penses. heaved a sigh of relief over the Comrade Pierre Frank, one of break in the tightening embrace the principal speakers, outlined of the Stalinists. The Stalinists, the political situation in France. exposing the treacherous coalia joint CP-SP government. In tion of the Stalinists and Socialfact, Stalinist chieftain Thorez Democrats with the capitalists.

"The bold election campaign of

Nazi Connections struggle for sole government over against the Socialists and of Big Business **Bared In Paris** Stalinists. The margin of no SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT PARIS, France, May 11 -

This week's La Verite carries

The growing dissatisfaction among the masses is not likely secret deals between the to be halted, however. If on May 5 this dissatisfaction did not trust Dupont de Nemours, Likehave a real outlet, the situation will be different when the new

however, are not turning toward

is already proclaiming the al-

leged need now for the "unity of

As for the capitalist parties,

despite their apparent victory,

they are none too anxious to

power against the Socialists and

votes was too slim. Moreover,

they are aware of the profound-

ly militant mood among the

masses. They too prefer a con-

tinuation of coalition politics.

ization of all big industry with-

out compensation, for the con-

trol of all industry by workers'

ist program. What the referen-

all Frenchmen.'

COMING TEST

committees.

wise involved in the foul scanlections are held June 2

tical line of collaboration with to help defray campaign ex- has stood in the forefront of the workers' struggles: how the PCI has fought against the reactionary intervention of French imperialism in Indo-China and North Africa, and for the unconditional freedom of the colonies. He recounted how the

French Trotskyists, despite torture and imprisonment under the Nazi occupation, heroically continued their revolutionary activity. Leading candidates in some of

the areas where the PCI will campaign are:

Seine (1) Marcel Beaufrere, member of the Political Bureau of the PCI, deportee to Buchenwald Concentration Camp. Albert Demaziere, member of the Political Bureau of the PCI, arrested a sensational exposure of by the Gestapo in 1942.

Seine (3): M. Favre-Bleibtreu, Nazis and the great American general secretary of the PCI. Seine (5): Pierre Frank, member of the Political Bureau of the dal are the French trusts: Ugine, PCI, sentenced to six years imprisonment in 1939 for opposition to imperialist war, interned by British imperialism during the war.

traits. namely: "distrust of the the rungs of the machine-ladder, the world struggle for socialism.

by surprise.

Why Browder's Mission Io Moscow?

(Continued from Page 1)

in furthering the revolutionary | port of Anglo-American imperpolicies of the Communist Inter- ialism after Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union. To superficial days of the Big Three love feast, Affairs as the ones to talk with national.

Under Stalin all this was observers these twists and rechanged. The relative roles of versals have come with stunning still giving the world Teheran Even Browder's words in the the two channels of foreign pol- abruptness. But to the Trotsky- and toasting Anglo - American context of these interviews unicy were reversed. The official ists none of these turns have imperialism, one of the sections derline what is involved for evdiplomatic service superseded in come as surprises. In fact the importance the role of the Com- Trotskyists were able to predict up a warning signal. This was tered in accordance with the munist International. The var- them well in advance, including ious sections of this world-wide Stalin's pact with Hitler. Invariably a major turn in the organization became no more than border patrols for the Kremlin's foreign policy has been Kremlin. The policy of inspir- preceded by certain preparatory ing and aiding socialist revolu- steps. These preparatory steps been the official policy of the tions in other lands was aban- serve as trial balloons and likedoned.

This process reached its cul-World War when, on May 22, these shifts in piece-meal fash-1943, Stalin dissolved the Communist International as part of to the rank and file. Thus during the Stalin-Hitler his diplomatic appeasement of Anglo - American imperialism. pact superficial observers thought Since that time the former sec- a lasting marriage had been contions of the Communist Interna- summated. They were perhaps tional have continued to function taken in by the diplomacy of Stalin's major channel of foras instruments of Kremlin foreign policy but without the for- | eign policy, which in the famous mality or pretense of being in- words of Molotov, considered tegral parts of a revolutionary fascism a "matter of taste." Yet international party of the work- even during the hey-day of the pact, Stalin was preparing for a ing class. shift.

As for the official diplomatic service it has degenerated to a level indistinguishable in its munist International, a perceptmethods from the foulest secret ible cooling off toward German diplomacy of rotting imperialism.

PREDICTED BY TROTSKYISTS

Stalinist press, a few articles dev-Stalin's foreign policy during liating from the line followed by the years has undergone remark- the other sections. It is true able shifts and turns. It is suf- that the actual shift away from ficient to cite the support of Hitler came much sooner than German imperialism during the Stalin had counted upon; but Stalin-Hitler pact and the sup- this was because he lost the in-

Down in Mexico, along the

secondary channel of the Com-

imperialism was observable. A

few derogatory caricatures of

Hitler were permitted in the

PHILADELHPIA FORUM On Leon Trotsky's Biography "STALIN: An Appraisal Of The Man And His Influence" Speaker: JOHN G. WRIGHT Associate Editor, Fourth International FRIDAY, MAY 31, 8 P.M. Militant Labor Forum 1303 W. Girard Ave.

Kremlin, Duclos' article could Browder on May 23. "with the wise tip off Stalin's seasoned ag- mean only one thing, prepara- attitude toward me. I have been ents to get ready for a new zig tion for a shift in the Kremlin's received like an old, known and mination during the Second zag. Stalin prefers to make foreign policy. And such it trusted friend of the Soviet Unproved.

ion in order to reduce the shock STUDIED CALCULATION

ued with the comment that Now consider Browder's trip Browder was "in a conspicuously to Moscow. If ever a Stalinist amiable mood."

Browder throughout the war had wise headed by Lozovsky.

The political implications of political move bore the earmarks of studied calculation this one Browder's visit to Moscow are does. It is not easy to get into thus already clear.

ion."

This dispatch, after cen-

sorship by the Kremlin, contin-

the Soviet union. In fact even Throughout the war the rank such a minor agent of Wall and file Stalinists smarted under Street imperialism as a humble the necessity of acting as finks reporter of the N. Y. Times must and strikebreakers, of putting wait as much as six months or the finger on militants who longer before the Kremlin for- sought to better the wages and eign office grants him a visa, working conditions of the work-

How much more cautious could ing class. They burned with we expect the Kremlin foreign shame over the dirty task of supoffice to be in the case of a "de- porting Wall Street's imperialist serter from Communism," a war aims.

"renegade and traitor" who "con-SUSPICION JUSTIFIED tinuously scorned and violated These honest rank and file

all Party principles, discipline Stalinists greeted the discarding and decisions," a "social imperof Browder and the turn to the ialist" "branded" and expelled as left with relief. To them it "an enemy of the party and seemed to indicate a turn toworking class." Yet this perfidward genuine militancy, a turn ious enemy of the working class toward revolutionary Marxism. whose name has become synon-Small wonder they are worried ymous with the policy of collabover Browder's mission to Mosoration with Wall Street was cow. They cannot help asking granted instant entry into the themselves, has Stalin taken this

Soviet Union! means to indicate that Wall But this was not all. On ar-Street is not to take the "left" riving at Moscow he was quar- turn too seriously? To indicate tered in a luxurious suite in the that if certain conditions are met Moscow Hotel "where official the Kremlin is prepared in redelegations from abroad normalturn to make a shift in foreign ly stay." And still more signifipolicy toward the line exemplicant, upon the return of Foreign fied by Earl Browder? Minister Molotov from his con-And these rank and file Stalference in Paris with Byrnes, inists are thoroughly justified in Browder was ostentatiously their suspicion. There can be granted an interview. no other reason for the Kremlin To make unmistakable the sig- taking Browder off the shelf and

nificance of Browder's presence beginning to refurbish his badly in Moscow, Lozovsky, Vice Min- tarnished reputation.

The reaction of these workers and peasants was a blow at the wage-freezing, "production-first" policy of the coalition governitiative to Hitler and was taken ister of Foreign Affairs, likewise

ment in which the reformists saw Browder. The choice of the and Stalinists constitute the ma-Again during the balmiest two topmost officials in Foreign jority. **CP-SP REACTION**

welcoming address.

French authorities.

period, told of the mistreatment

they had received from the

when official Kremlin policy was Browder is of course deliberate. Support of the thoroughly capitalist constitution could scarcey inspire the masses with revolutionary optimism. These votof the Stalinist international ran erything he says is not only uters observed at the same time the famous article by Jacques Kremlin's wishes, but the disthat the government coalition Duclos, criticizing the policy fol- patches are carefully censored remained intact despite the diflowed by Earl Browder. Since and approved by the Soviet Inferences between the capitalist the policy faithfully followed by formation Bureau which is likeparties and the Socialists-Stalnists over the constitution. Thus the bout over the referendum "I am very much pleased." said appeared like shadow boxing.

The masses are concerned about their own misery and hunger for which, the constitution held out no solution.

dum proved negatively the June The reaction of the Socialist and Stalinist parties to the refelections will demonstrate posierendum indicates they have no tively.

Viet Nam Delegates Greeted By Huge Crowd At Marseilles

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

MARSEILLES, France, May 4-About 4,000 Indo-Chinese workers and soldiers gathered in a rousing demonstration here today to welcome the Viet Nam parliamentary delegation which is in France for negotiations with the Guoin government. Flying

the Viet Nam national flag, of the Viet Nam government. He recounted the story of the revoan autocade of Indo-Chinese lution. told about the setting up soldiers received the delegaof the republic, the struggle tion headed by Phan Van against the French expeditionary Dong at the St. Charles station. force, and the truce signed with Amid cheers they escorted the the French on March 6. group to Camp Viet Nam in the

The demonstrators carried Mazarguis suburb of Marseilles. banners inscribed "Down with At the camp the thousands of Cochin-China Separatism" (the workers and soldiers packed the French are attempting to set up square for three hours of fesa separate republic in Cochintivities and speeches. After the China, the southern part of the gathering had sung the national Viet Nam Republic, an area anthem of the Viet Nam, a replikewise inhabited by the Indoresentative of the Camp's dele-Chinese); "The 'French Union' gates' council made the official Is Imperialism" (the reference

here is to the new name given Another council member then to the Empire by the French made a report on the situation government); "Long Live the of the workers during the six Viet Nam Revolution," "Down years of war. A third speaker, with the Traitors," "Full Supwho reported on the conditions of the soldiers during the same

port to Viet Nam Resistance," "Complete Independence for Viet Nam," "Long Live Ho-chin-

Minh" (President of the Viet Delegation chairman Phan Van Dong replied in the name Nam Republic).

Pechiney, Francolor and Kuhlman. La Verite (Truth) is the In these elections the Parti organ of the Parti Communiste Communiste Internationaliste Internationaliste (French Section

(French section of the Fourth of the Fourth International). International) will run slates According to well-founded reof its own candidates. The PCI ports, records of the business program calls for the immediate deals with Hitler during the war unfreezing of wages, for the slidwere uncovered at Berlin-Templehof and brought to Paris. ing scale of wages to meet rising living costs, for the national-

MILITARY SECRETS La Verite reveals that the complete files, listing the transactions, are guarded as a military secret by the American Military government at Cassel and A substantial Trotskyist vote Gresheim, Germany. Agents of

will clearly reveal what the firms involved, reports La Verite, have been commissioned as masses expect of their political 'Colonels" and "Lieutenantparties-an SP-CP-Trade Union Colonels" and charged with government with an anti-capital-"keeping guard" over this damning evidence.

> The French government, in which "socialists" and "communists" (Stalinists) participate as ministers, has not even demanded release of these records from he American authorities. Yet the nain propaganda slogan of these servile bootlickers of the French capitalists is, "Break the unpatriotic trusts!

Finistere: Alain Le-Demas. eather worker, member of the Political Bureau of the PCI. Isere: Laurent Schwartz, proessor of mathematics, member

of Central Committee of the PCI.

Gironde: Madeleine Forcada shop assistant.

Puy de Dome: Gerard Block, member of the Central Committee of the PCI, deported by the Nazis.

Marne: R. Chermy, professor, Savoie: Paul Parisot, journalst, member of the Central Committee of the PCI.

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-Leon Trotsky

The Road Labor **Must Follow**

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ileges have been challenged by the workers. Their profits are endangered. The masters of America want to demonstrate that they remain boss, not only in industry, but in the government as well.

The capitalist rulers are determined to halt any further advances by labor. They want to put this aroused giant back into chains, to rob labor of its rights and gains, to cripple the unions and curb their striking power. They aim to isolate and smash the unions, clearing the way for a return to the open shop.

The government at Washington is the spearhead of the Big Business drive. Truman's speeches of the past week were declarations of war upon the labor movement. His strikebreaking seizures of the mines and railroads, his preparations to use Federal troops to run the trains, his demands upon Congress for labor conscription and for the most vicious anti-strike legislation are direct and brutal acts of class war 'against the workers.

Truman continues to boast that he is "a friend of labor." But is there a worker who cannot now see that Truman is an out-and-out strikebreaker, a tool in the hands of Wall Street?

Up to now, Truman, like Roosevelt, relied mainly upon deceit to cheat the workers out of their just demands. He exploited the illusions of many workers about the government's impartiality and even friendliness toward labor in an effort to resolve labor-capital conflicts. But this is a policy of the past.

The Mailed Fist

At the same time the strikes have uncovered grave weaknesses within the labor movement. First of all, they have disclosed the total bankruptcy of the policies and outlook of the official union leaderships in the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods.

With but few exceptions, these top union leaders failed to prepare and organize their forces for all-out struggle against the employers. They feared strike action. In accord with their conservative and bureaucratic mentalities, they hoped to gain their demands, or a satisfactory compromise, by appealing to the "reason" of the corporations or by relying upon governmental intervention and pressure. They were all supporters in one degree or another of the Truman administration which they depicted as sympathetic to labor.

Moreover, out of timidity or narrow bureaucratic interests, these leaders deliberately abstained from consolidating their efforts and coordinating their common struggles against Big Business. Each big union negotiated and fought on its own, apart from the others.

This culminated last week in the shameful performance of the officials of 19 railroad brotherhoods. They not only held back from joining the strike action of the engineers and trainmen, but some even ordered their members to operate strike-bound trains. This disunity, imposed from above by the union bureaucrats, immensely aided the strikebreaking activities of the government and the corporations and has seriously weakened labor's fighting power.

These union heads completely fail to grasp the real nature of the struggle. They have neither an economic nor a political program capable of solving the vital problems confronting American labor.

It is already obvious that the wage gains made by the CIO unions through strenuous and protracted struggle are being rapidly eaten away by the soaring cost of living. None of the top union leaders know how to cope with this problem. Murray has even promised not to reopen ngeotiations for higher wages until after the present steel contract terminates next February. Meanwhile prices keep rising, and the workers find their living standards sinking lower and lower.

Yet there exists a simple and effective answer to this problem. The unions must fight for the inclusion in all contracts of a clause providing for a SLIDING SCALE OF WAGES TO MEET THE RISING COST OF LIVING. Under these conditions wages would not remain fixed and frozen while prices soared. Wherever and whenever the unions would find that prices had risen, they would be entitled under the terms of the contract to demand and receive from the employers a proportionate raise in wages. There is no other way that the workers can defend their wage levels against the growing menace of inflation.

The limitations of the union officialdom stand out most sharply in their ruinous political policies. For decades they have been complete captives of the Democratic and Republican parties of Wall Street. They called upon the workers to vote for congressmen of these parties who now almost ananimously support the most savage legislation against organized labor. They preached confidence, first in Roosevelt, then in Truman, as "friends of labor" when these Presidents have acted in reality as masked enemies of labor and governmental agents of the corporations. They have opposed and fought every attempt by union progressives to free the unions from their enslavement to the political. machines of Big Business and organize an independent party of labor. Now, in the face of this greatest crisis in the history of American labor, when the unions must fight for their very existence against the attacks of the employers and their government, they again show that they have learned nothing. They are obviously ready to continue and repeat the fatal policies which have disarmed the workers in the presence of their enemies.



"Why don't they just phone?"



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PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

By CHARLES CARSTEN

Tax Profits for Soldier Bonus!

The question of state and federal bonuses for veterans is coming increasingly to the fore. Legislation granting a bonus of \$10 for every month of domestic service during wartime and \$15 for every month of overseas duty during wartime was recently passed by the Illinois state legislature. Bills are pending discussion in other states and several have been presented to the appropriate committees in Washington.

In a manner that is likely to be followed by legislators in both Washington and other state legislatures, the Illinois "law-makers" are discussing ways of saddling veteran and non-veteran workers with the burden of paying for the bonus.

They have carefully avoided consideration of a tax on wealthy corporations and turn their attention to increasing the taxes paid by workers. They view with favor an amusement tax, a cigarette tax, and an increase in the sales tax. If enacted these proposals would take more money out of the already heavily taxed pay envelope of veterans and non-veterans.

There is a way to finance the bonus without driving down still further the living standard of the workers. It can be done without extracting it from the men who were forced to fight the war and who made huge sacrifices in wages and health. That way is to tax the war-profiteers.

Everyone must remember the promises made by the government and war propagandists before and in the early stages of the war. They said there would be no war-profiteering, no war-millionaires. Roosevelt even assured the workers that the salaries of the corporation executives would be limited. This is what they promised the workers when the wage freeze was imposed on them.

But contrary to Washington's assurances, net profits of the big corporations soared as never before. Net profits increased by an average of 300 per cent. Eleven additional corporations entered the BILLIONAIRE class. Big Business netted no less than 56 BILLION dollars in profits. All of this during the war and as a result of the war.

Workers Must Support Demand

At the same time workers' wages were frozen and the cost of living mounted steadily. At the same time millions of servicemen were being subjected to the privations, horrors and agony of war on battlefronts in every part of the world. Millions had their health impaired, other hundreds of thousands were wounded. All servicemen lost precious time and return to civilian life with added handicaps. Many are now unemployed and the majority who find jobs receive from 25 to 30 dollars a week.

Now as during the war, the big corporations are raking in substantial profits and have every reason to expect them to increase to new heights in the sear future.

Despite these facts, federal and state legislators now propose to increase the cost of the bare essentials of life by adding to the already high sales taxes. The Illinois legislators are acting like all Democrat and Republican politicans. They are extremely sensitive to the interests of their masters, the capitalists, but are indifferent to the interests and needs of veterans and non-veteran workers.

Veteran and non-veteran workers must support the demand for a bonus. Ex-servicemen are fully entitled to it. But they must demand a tax on Big Business to finance the bonus. The money barons profited from the war, now they must be forced to pay for the care and the needs of the men who sacrificed so much during the war.

Wall Street refuses to give any more concessions to labor. Prodded by Big Business, Truman has taken off his kid gloves and wielded the mailed fist. His administration is replacing deceit by compulsion. That is the meaning of Truman's anti-labor actions in the past weeks.

The advanced workers must understand, and explain to all their fellow workers, that the capitalist rulers have declared war to the death upon the unions. They are using all their instruments of propaganda to inflame the middle classes aganist the unions, to delude them into believing that labor, and not the wars and anarchy of capitalism are responsible for their sufferings.

U. S. capitalism has launched upon the road of reaction that leads toward fascism and World War III, toward the destruction of the labor organizations and the liberties of the people, toward the degradation of their living standards. Along this road they are prepared to use troops, to enact the most restrictive legislation, to strike blow upon blow at the labor movement. The rebirth of the Ku Klux Klan, the activities of Gerald L. K. Smith. the government attempts to mobilize ex-servicemen as scabs, show where American capitalism is heading.

Under these conditions, how stupid, blind and criminal it is for union leaders to talk and act as though nothing else were involved but their conomic demands. These demands are important. They must be fought for and won. But far more is at stake.

The strike struggles, which have swept over the entire country like a flood and set into motion even the most backward sections of labor, transcend the normal limits of a purely economic movement. They constitute an upsurge of the entire working class in combat against the exploiters.

Social And Political Crisis

This strike wave has produced a social and political crisis of the first magnitude. The cumulative effect, the colossal impact of these strikes have gone beyond the intentions of its leaders or participants. They have inevitably posed the fundamental problems of our society. Who is going to control the economy, who is going to rule the country-the monopolists or the workers?

This is the essence of the present critical situation. Its full implications must be understood by every advanced worker. For the future of the entire labor movement depends upon it.

This vast strike movement has stirred labor to new life. It has raised the self-assurance

For example, the angry rail union leaders now threaten to expend millions of union funds to "defeat Truman," the very man they helped elect. And whom do they intend to support in his place? Another Democratic or Republican capitalist "friend of labor!"

Program Needed

What then is to be done?

If the American workers are to beat back the Big Business-government offensive and avoid the terrible fate inflicted upon the German and Italian workers by capitalist-fascist reaction and the cowardice of their own leaders, they must be forewarned and rearmed. They need a clear picture of the issues at stake. They need to get rid of their fossilized leaders and repudiate their bankrupt policies. They need a fresh leadership from the ranks, composed of the best fighters who have shown their mettle in the recent strike struggles.

Above all, they need a new social and political program and a clear goal. In addition to their powerful economic movement, they must build a broad social and political movement which can overthrow the ruinous rule of Big Business and defend the interests of the American people. The first step in this direction is the formation of an independent Labor Party, based on the trade unions, which can oppose the Democratic and Republican parties in the coming 1946 elections.

The present crisis bars any further progress along the old road. The labor movement must break with its past and march forward along a new road. The American workers must be mobilized for irreconcilable combat against the monopolists and their government servants. They must prepare themselves to become the leaders of the entire nation, the controllers of its economy, the reorganizers of its life in the interests of the whole people.

They provide the analysis which to use troops against strikers, need for transitional demands alone can guide the working and who have read his demands and the role that they play in class to the destruction of the that Congress forge new chains the struggles of the working infamous capitalist system with for the labor movement, will class in every country. It clariits criminal wars, famines, and readily agree with the confer- fies the relationship of democrarepressions. ence that "The ostensibly tem- tic demands to the program, as

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Wiley of Wisconsin.

importance. The editors' Review of the Month, which hails the conferwith the world famine and the Nuremberg Trials. Other articles in the June issue include "The Scientists and Atomic Energy," by John G. Wright, and an exposure by Jeff Thorne of "Profiteering in the Second World War.'

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Reviewed by Ruth Johnson

Congressmen At Work we get Wisconsin cheese'?" Senator Wiley held out the hope to his cheese-hungry col-

leagues that something can be done soon to increase the supply of cheese required by Congress: "I notice that my colleague in the Senate (Mr. La Follette) this noon was lunching with the two big cheese men of our state.'

The Senator then gave a practical demonstration of how a diet of Wisconsin cheese sharpens the brains of a capitalist politician. The "significant state-

ments" about the cheese-eating doctor and his cheese-eating dog were just the necessary premises for the inescapable logical conclusion-all price controls on cheese have got to be done away with!

That way the cheese makers will discover an incentive for supplying the needs of the cheese eaters. "Mr. President," concluded Wiley: "I still have hopes that into the brains of those in OPA there will come light sufficient so that Senators can get the cheese they want . . .'

NEW HAVEN "The Strike Wave's Lessons for Labor" SUNDAY, JUNE 9 Rakorta Club, 170 Dixwell 2nd Floor 7:30 p.m. Statement Of National Committee Of The Socialist Workers Party

The Plenum of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, at its meeting on May 22, 1946, established the following facts:

1. Comrades Goldman and Morrow and other party members associated with them in the faction have over a long period of time deliberately and systematically violated Section VIII, Article 8 of the party constitution, which reads as follows: "Political collaboration with non-members of the party must be formally authorized by the party committee having jurisdiction."

2. The Goldman-Morrow faction conducted its activities in direct collusion with the leadership of the Workers Party. The purpose of these activities was to disrupt the Socialist Workers Party and split away a section of the membership under guise of a demand for "unification" of the two parties.

3. The plan of operations was to provoke expulsion through a series of flagrant violations of discipline. In pursuance of this plan, Comrades Goldman, Morrow and other party members associated with them in the faction committed a long series of acts of indiscipline and disloyalty despite repeated warnings and appeals that they cease and desist.

In order to restore party discipline and protect the party from disruption, while giving Comrades Goldman and Morrow one more opportunity to change their course and return to a party-loyal attitude, the National Committee resolves as follows:

1. To censure Comrades Goldman and Morrow and warn them that any further violations of the party rules will be met by further disciplinary action. 2. To instruct the Political Committee and the local and branch executive committees to take careful note of this resolution and see to it that it is promptly and rigorously enforced in case of any more violations of party discipline on the part of the above-named party members.

3. To publish this resolution.

National Committee, Socialist Workers Party

NEW YORK FORUM 'Behind Browder's Moscow Trip'

- The Crisis In The Communist (Stalinist) Party
- What's Behind the Shift in Leadership?
- Why the Gangster Attacks on the Trotskyists?

CHARLES CARSTEN Militant Staff Writer

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To prove this contention Wiley Wisconsin cheese: "Mr. Presiquoted from the article: "A Wisdent, the reason I have called consin cheese is his favorite and this to the attention of the Senhe consumes such quantities ate is that a number of my asthat once when a truck pulled sociates have asked, 'When can



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Why The South Must Be Organized



The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters pre velcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and aress. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Stalinist Leaders Thwart Picket Line Against May Quinn Editor:

Rank and file Stalinists who hoped their leaders would seriously fight fascism, have been submitted to another rude shock. Tonight, May 17, "the friends of May Quinn" held a capacity meeting of 1380 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Upon the insistence of Stalinist leaders, a projected picket line had been called off. and the fascists were unmolested by any "unpleasantry.

May Quinn is a civics teacher suspended from the school system for preaching anti-Semitism and race-segregation to her students. The Board of Education later reinstated her with payment for time lost. The meeting tonight was a "celebration" by her supporters.

Conference on Civil The an organization made Rights, up of Stalinist-controlled unions and other Stalinist-dominated organizations two weeks ago at a stormy session had voted to throw a picket line around the Quinn meeting.

For months the Stalinists have been circulating petitions, and sending letters to Congress, condemning May Quinn as a fascist. However, at virtually the last moment a report was submitted to the Conference on Civil Rights asking that the original decision for a picket line be reversed.

"It is obvious," said Stalinist spokesmen at this Conference meeting, "that this issue will be misunderstood as an issue of Jew against Catholic and split the trade unions." Leaders of the Conference claimed that "progressive" (Stalinist-led) unions would not support the picket line. Despite tremendous pressure from the Stalinist rank and file. especially from veterans, the Stalinist leaders succeeded in sabotaging the picket line.

A. R.

Philadelphia Vets Get Runaround

Editors ments and are forced to live in City Council wants the veterans ernmost tip of Philadelphia, you only painfully and awkward. cramped quarters, with in-laws to raise their children. who may have been fortunate enough to find any space for themselves.

London Reader Says Workers Grow More Class-Conscious

I am a regular reader of The Militant, and have been for some time, not missing more than an occasional copy. You

One feature of The Militant

which I welcome has been the

inclusion of some short poems

on revolutionary subjects. In spite

of what the philistine will say, I

you two poems I have written.

worthy to appear in your paper.

the first revolutionary paper of

the world, I am,

ris.

Editor

With my warmest wishes to

Yours fraternally,

Editors' Note: We print else-

Val Morris

London, England

know!

where on this page one of the the milk over to ice-cream pro-

poems sent us by Comrade Mor- ducers for - "a better price,"

TO ALL REVOLUTIONARY MARTYRS

Who pressed with adamantine will the fight

Their martyrdom. Song shall not hymn the fste

(Phrased with industrial steel) memorial love.

Not stone or bronze their stature shall record

Of Liebknecht, Luxemburg and Ignace Reiss.

But threnodies be made in action's verse,

Practice. In victory, be our requiem of

The Old Man (done to death in Coyoacan)

Our deeds to thunder paeans in the keen

Whose buildings shall preserve their fame intact.

Traveling south on fashionable atively lucky. They still have

Broad Street, toward the south- hope. They can move, even if

can't miss Philadelphia Naval They can leave some day, half

Of all man's history, that has incurred

Incisive lettering of Bolshevik

Such deep felicity as will evoke

World Revolution is the architect

When we read about the butter

By Val Morris

man-made members are compar-

shortage, we also read about how

big dairy concerns are turning

feel sure that, even from the Dear Editor:

may be interested to learn that the issue dated April 13 was in my hands by the 25th. There will not be much I can izing determined picket lines! There will not be much I can cell you of the political situation in Britain which will be fresh to you. However, I should like to say that there is a deep transformation of working class consciousness going on, which is often

esthetic point of view, one must under-estimated by self-styled realize that the rebirth of litera-"leftists" because it is at present ture will take its inspiration and only implicit. first find itself, through such I mean that it expresses itself modest but sincere beginnings. This has encouraged me to send

chiefly in a greater tolerance for genuine communist propaganda, not actual receptivity. Moreover, the self-styled labor intel- which I hope will be thought lectuals cannot understand how it is possible for a very rapid development to take place in a worker's attitude by virtue of his social position. Thus, not so long ago I sat in

Smithfield cafe and listened to the porters' criticism of the great dock strike, which showed that they had largely swallowed the slanderous lies being peddled by almost every paper. Within a

was so vague and the Federal Public Housing Authority so impatient that its representative left the city without even locating the site for approval.

In the past three months only five of twenty-two proposed sites for 376 housing units out of an insufficient 2,000 proposed units were authorized by FPHA and allocated by the Philadelphia City Council. These five sites approved have been found unsuitable for anyone to live on, even though they were approved by the City Planning Commission. The sanitary facilities consist of open cesspools and open drainage **Vet Hospital Unforgettable**

Brooklyn, N. Y. ditches. They are inconveniently located far from schools, stores, and transportation.

One proposed site has an in-idence of rheumatic fever 13.8 Revelation Of Broken Lives cidence of rheumatic fever 13.8 times as great as the average of Since December a crisis has the remainder of the city; this existed in Philadelphia. Veterans disease leads to mortality at the are without homes and apart- ages of 35-40. This is where the

Disgusted with the lack of any and Veterans Hospital. Twelve man, half machine, and return concrete planning by the City stories high it soars. Built of to the living. Council or any other body in solid steel, concrete, and glass; For the rest there is no hope. the community, the veterans pro-

C. Blake

Philadelphia



per person in the southern states in 1944 was \$722, less than half the average of \$1,459 in Federated Pictures

Housewife Denounces Profiteers Who Create High Living Costs

applies to all big concerns di-"Society is composed of two verting their products for a "bet-

great classes: those who, have ter price." Their products? In reality they more dinners than appetites, and those who have more appetite are our products. Without us, they would not be produced. than dinners."-Chamfort.

Without us the wheels of indus-How true! Only we housewives try would not run. watching a budget can tell you.

Recently there appeared in the We aren't mathematicians. We press an item on the shortage of can't show you by charts, etc. poi in Hawaii. What is poi? Why But when we go to market we speak of Hawaii? We are talking know what's happened!! And about the high cost of living in when we try to buy clothing, we the U.S. Well, poi is the staff of

life to Hawaiians. just as potatoes or bread are to us. And Hawaiians are workers, exactly like us, and like us, exploited by Big Business. Why is there

profit in it," states the reporter. "Not enough profit" is the cry

CROPS PLOWED UNDER 10 or 15 years right here at home. years we saw food and the raw der, while we and our children went hungry and poorly clothmarkets were glutted. We had no reading to any worker who money to buy back what we produced so there was "No longer any profit."

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od in building up a circulation From Newark, we received this note: "One of the members of a steel local here whose members Campaign methods applied to had been receiving The Militant newsstand sales can result in quite regularly during the recent similar gains towards the extenstrike told us the following anecdote: 'One of our officers told We want to urge all literature the fellows not to read The Miliagents to send us any ideas tried tant. But I saw him once when by their branches to step up you were distributing the paper. newsstand sales, which we can take it, look around to see if print in the Militant Army, as anyone was watching and stick illustrated by the following rehis copy of The Militant under his coat. He didn't want us to read it. but he wanted to know Massey of Pittsburgh what The Militant was saying'.' writes: "When a new stand is E. Jarvis of Cincinnati writes: obtained, we plan to conduct a

The Militant has been very well received by workers out on picket lines in Cincinnati, especially out at Allis-Chalmers. I've also sold a number of subs to these workers, and have promises of quite a few more.'

Many workers of the Timken Roller Bearing Co. became subscribers to The Militant during their recent strike. The following are two recent letters we've received attesting to their anpreciation of our paper:

H. M. of Canton writes: "I Another plan is contained in find your paper one of the outstanding labor papers in Amerthis note from Rose Cappy of ica. We won our strike at the Tacoma: "Will you please increase our bundle order? Our Timken Roller Co. which was a newsstands are selling out and very tough battle, and in view of already we have succeeded in that I want to extend my subrecruiting two new members to scription from six months to one the Socialist Workers Party from year, for your great paper."

H. L. M. of Canton sent this note: "I enjoy your paper very movement from the original ex- know that before we put the much, and appreciate your writings, due to your fairness to all creeds, colors and nationalities."



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meaning greater profit. And this a shortage of poi? "No longer any

During the war huge mills and plants were opened to manufacture every known and unknown item for destruction, but not for use by us. And whose war was it? Our eyes are being slowly but surely opened to the fact enough to loan me in Defense

ness for more markets - for style (this Burnham conceded) Now we are in the period call- ty-bourgeois ideology thought ed "Peace." To us it means cut- they possessed a monopoly.) In backs, layoffs, loss of purchasing addition, the doubts I have had

'Not enough profits." These are "Peace" prices. You (Trotsky), and so-both pleasure

brought out The History of American Trotskyism by James of Big Business the world over. P. Cannon, which tells the story our newsstand sales. of the American Trotskyist Let's take a look at the last pulsion of a small group of Trot- papers on the stand, we include skvists from the Communist a little note or leaflet to the During the depression Party in 1928 to the launching prospective buyer informing him

of the Socialist Workers Party of any meeting or event which material for clothing plowed un- in January, 1938. The three books, as a set, are sold for \$5.00. They are essential our recruitment.' wants a firm understanding of Trotskyism, its history and its basic program.

This week we have this very interesting letter from a friend in Basle, Switzerland, dealing with the first two books mentioned above. He says: "One of my friends was good

that it was the war of Big Busi- of Marxism. It truly combines with Science (of which that pet-

power while prices continue to on the nature of the Soviet State rise. And still Big Business cries: have been entirely dissipated by

the arguments of the Old Man

can maybe get a pound of but- and profit from reading it! As for covering hundreds of acres; an Buried alive in darkness, pain ter if you buy \$3 worth or more The Struggle for a Proletarian (by James P. Cannon) J am quite in agreement with the the familiar brands of products Old Man that had the controversy produced only this book, only ones to suffer; there are There are new, unknown brands it had not been in vain. I am at practically double the former completely in accord."

During 1942, Pioneer published eon Trotsky's In Defense of Marxism, and in 1943, James P. as we obtain them." Cannon's The Struggle for a Proletarian Party. These two books

contain the documents of the 1939-40 fight against the pettybourgeois opposition within the Socialist Workers' Party. In 1944 Pioneer Publishers

The local municipal administration has done absolutely posed the erection of temporary nothing to alleviate the housing housing units in Fairmont Park. situation despite the protests and During the war the Park Comdemands of the veterans through mission, appointed by the Repubthe AVC, CIO Veterans Commit- lican machine, had permitted the tees and other veteran organiza- army to construct temporary tions. Here is what the veterans barracks and the veterans saw of World War II have returned no reason for their not being perto in the 'City of Brotherly Love': | mitted to live there with their Through the pressure of the families during the housing em-

veterans' organizations the City ergency. The Fairmont Park of-Council made promises and plans ficials couldn't see the need for in December for temporary hous- veterans' housing and denied ing of veterans. Since that time them the privilege of living on not one unit has been initiated public property ... the city park in construction. One of the proposed sites by the City Council

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or paralysis, for them the moarchitectural beauty: a monument to human ingenuity. Home notony of living is only broken of the hopeless and the despair- by eating and sleeping.

The men in here aren't the ing. Home of broken bodies and crushed minds. This is only one of the thou- their families - mothers, wives sands of hospitals where the men and children. Three times week- prices. The chain stores sell what who fought the War To End All ly they are allowed to come for they can make the most profit Wars met the sons of their com- an hour. Overflowing the long rades, who just 20 years later corridors, they move more runfought again to win a Peace. They | ning than walking, carrying preshouse the misery of two genera- ents and little comforts for the tions-the men without arms or men who eagerly await them. legs, the blind, the diseased, the There are many wards where

hopelessly burned and disfigured, no visitors are permitted entrance; tuberculosis wards, comand the men without reasonthe backwash of two imperialist municable disease wards. And Before the war cheap dress shoes there are men who have been so wars.

Designed and built to house 4,disfigured that they have to be 000, the Philadelphia hospital hidden out of mercy to them. overflows and spreads into count- | selves and their families. less long ugly buildings, and still There are men who fought the more are being built to house the Battle of Belleau Woods and worn out in a few weeks, but of many thousands who are wait- Argonne, for 25 years over and such inferior quality that it over again; and, men who have doesn't pay to have them reing for the care they can't afjust begun to suffer anew the paired. ford.

The greatest portion of patients horror of the beaches of Anzio Today, cotton garments for are amputees being fitted for and the jungles of the Solomons? men, women and children are so inferior that they go to pieces There are men. new arms and legs, but there When will we build the wards in the washing machine. Instead are also amputees who have lost of trying to repair them, they too many of their members for for Atomic casualties? practically have to be thrown artificial devices. T. Rust Philadelphia

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In Defense of Marxism, by Leon on-the type and kind of foods Trotsky, clothbound \$2.00, pathey decree, or we go without. per \$1.50. The same is true of fresh vege-

The Struggle for a Proletarian tables. The housewife who can Party, by James P. Cannon, obtain fresh vegetables from a clothbound \$2.00; paper .\$1.50. The History of American Trotskyism, by James P. Cannon, Let's take a look at clothing. clothbound \$2.00, paper \$1.00. Order from Pioneer Publishcost \$2; good dress shoes \$5. Toers, 116 University Place, New day these cost \$5.95 for the cheap York 3, N. Y. and \$8.95 and up for the better

> Youth Group Activities

NEW YORK-For information on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y. Open Forum: Every Friday, 8 away. And so you could go on and on, without even scratching p.m., at 116 University Place,

Dancing and refreshments fol-The more, we delve into the low. cost of living and its fluctuations Brooklyn: Class on "Struggle for Negro Equality." Instructor: through the years, the more vivid becomes the answer. And if Harry Robinson. Every Tuesday we strike or struggle against at 7:30 p.m. at Brooklyn headgreedy Big Business, we are "put quarters. SWP, 635 Fulton Street. in our place" with the help of Dancing, refreshments. the government. What we need PHILADELPHIA-Youth Forin our struggle against Big Busiums held every Saturday, 8 p.m. ness is our own independent La-1303-05 W. Girard, 2nd floor. bor Party. Candidates to rep-LOS ANGELES - Socialist resent us would come from Youth Club meets every Friday, our own ranks, from picket cap-8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, tains, from men, and women who 316^{1/2} W. Pico Blvl. Educationals have proven their capabilities in

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Watch this column for further and producers of the world's finest things, hold the key to a betannouncements of youth activities.

No More Body?

"The atom bomb has ended one age and begun another, 'the new and unpredictable age of Militant Reading Room the soul,' President Truman declared," reports the N. Y. Times, May 19. His statement was part of a message to churchmen meetin Atlantic City.

the increased cost of living!

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Down with Jim Grow!

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No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

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Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions! Trade union wages for all workers in the armed forces

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For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!

Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

9. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!



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THE MILITANT

\$12,294 REACHED IN 'MILITANT' FUND AS DRIVE FORGES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

By Justine Lang **Campaign Director**

The eager determination of the comrades of the Socialist Workers Party, as well as our Militant readers and friends to reach our goal of raising \$15,000 to sustain The Militant is well illustrated by

the oversubscribing of our asking them to contribute funds projected weekly quota of \$1.000.

At the end of the tenth week, as in each preceding week, our weekly quota has been oversubscribed, thereby enabling us to obtain to date, \$12,294.39, or 82 per cent of our quota. We are ahead of schedule by 11 per cent, and there is every indication that we will surpass our original goal.

A surprise note on our scoreboard this week is revealed by Portland in second position. Herb Cappy sent us the follow-Portland has held this position ing note: "Enclosed is check for for many weeks, but the overfulfillment of Cincinnati's pledge itself to a \$25 quota in the to our Militant Sustaining Fund Drive, has relegated Portland to third place. However, it's still not too late for Portland to overcome this setback, and we hope to see some active competi-

tion between the two cities. **ST. LOUIS CLIMBS**

St. Louis is another branch to be added to our 100 per cent category. We want to commend them for their remarkable jump from sixteenth place last week

to eleventh this week, in addition to having fulfilled their quota to our fund drive. Next week's scoreboard should have a number of additional

"100 per centers," judging by the many branches that have already obtained way above 80 and 90 per cent of their quotas.

We want to again urge those branches which are still below 75 per cent to make every effort in the next couple of weeks to pay on their pledges in order to be part of the "100 per cent" category by June 15.

FROM MAIL BAG

From our mailbag, we pass on to our readers, some interesting items:

Douglas Snyder of Flint writes: "With the enclosed payment we are well on our way towards completing our quota. I'm very proud of our Flint branch, and now it is not a question of our merely making our 100 per cent, but how much

we can exceed our quota. "The Militant Fund Drive is really in full swing and the comrades are getting a remarkable response from sympathizers and friends. We have a contest here amongst our comrades to determine who can obtain the most the working class with its revomoney from sympathizers.

for our Fall Election campaign. Despite this fact, we have received \$12 for the fund from Militant readers, who sent it in to us, plus another \$5 pledge. We have every confidence that by the time the campaign ends we will go over our quota."

TACOMA PLEDGES \$25 We want to especially commend the initiative of one of our newest branches in Tacoma, Although they Washington. have no formal pledge to our the Cincinnati's replacement of Militant Fund Drive, organizer \$10.45. Our branch is pledging

> present drive." There are only four more weeks to go in this Militant Fund Drive, and we're well on our way to a most successful conclusion. Let's maintain our weekly oversubscription, thereby assuring that we will surpass our original

Readers Spur Fund Drive By Mailing Coupon

goal.

"I Want To Help!" has become the slogan of many readers of The Militant in the course of our \$15,000 Sustaining Fund Campaign. Just two weeks ago we reported that \$74.91 had been contributed by Militant readers by means of the collection lists. circulated by Socialist Workers Party members and friends. In addition, readers have been contributing directly by using the "I Want To Help!" coupon clip-

ped from this page. FROM MANY CITIES

Coupons with contributions totaling \$37 have come in from cities all over the country; New York: Baltimore; Turtle Creek and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Chicago; Minneapolis; Tolleson,

Arizona; San Francisco. Nor does even this exhaust the help given us by readers who want to see The Militant continue to reach lutionary socialist program.

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SWP MEETS IN N. Y.

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ing crisis in the Communist traced the whole history of this Party. This is evident particular- question. It indicated that the ly in the unions where rank-and- unity proposal was designed, not file elements were on some occa- as a serious step toward unity, sions openly defying the orders but as a hostile maneuver inof the Stalinist bureaucrats. The tended to create a rift in the Political Committee was instruc- ranks of the SWP. The report ted to devote further attention surveyed the deep programmato this trend and to devise mea- tic differences between the two sures for influencing it. organizations, which were now

The international discussion the subject of consideration. ook place chiefly around the The National Committee deence of the Fourth International the discussion of the theoretical been reported in recent issues of ing the differences in concept The Militant and in the June is- of a revolutionary party. The sue of Fourth International. A Political Committee was instrucresolution was adopted, hailing ted to issue its recommendaconference as "a signal tions on the matter prior to the achievement," testifying to "the next convention of the SWP." virility of the parties of the Discussion of the party's in-

principles of revolutionary in- is printed in full on Page 4 of ternationalism." The resolution this issue. expressed its full agreement with Prelimin



The Parent Without a Child By V. Grey

Suppose I have a million dollars and, I want it to "make money" for me, as they say money does. Will it grow bigger if I put it in a hole in the ground and cover it up with dirt? No, I must invest it. If I don't want the trouble of deciding what to "invest" it in, I can put it in a savings bank-lew them invest it for me, and the law will guarantee me an income on which I can live beautifully without touching the million.

What magic does this million have, to act like that? What does it do to yield up this new fortune every year? It is more than human, apparently. For it creates new life without ever dying itself.

Let us follow this million dollars around in its "investment": A large building is bought for 50 thousand dollars. Forty machines at an average cost of 15 thousand dollars are bought for 600 thousand-lathes, planers, shapers. boring-mills, etc. Throughout the year 250 thousand dollars' worth of steel bars, shafts, castings, etc., are bought from other capitalists to serve as the raw material for these machines.

There is 900 thousand of the million accounted for. Will it "make money"? By all the laws of logic, it should make nine-tenths as much as a million. But will it? Suppose I let those things all stand there for a year. At the end of the year how much would I make?

Well, the building would probably still sell for 50 thousand dollars. My 40 machines, if they had been soaked in oil, might still sell for 600 thousand, but most likely I would take a loss on them. The same applies to my 250 thousand worth of raw materials.

So here is 900 thousand of my million that is very stubborn and singularly inept about this business of creating. new values out of itself. The machines stand next to the raw materials like so many male and female mules. They have a lot of latent power but they cannot generate anything new. No matter how long these things associate with each other, nothing new is created. And no new value appears.

But if 40 workers are hired to put the raw material in the machines, operate and guide the work, at the end of the year, instead of rough castings there will be fine machined products, smooth close-tolerance shafts, etc. These will be a new creation. And they will represent a greater value than before. They are new things and new values.

New Value Has Been Added

They have the old value of 250 thousand that was given them by the previous labor worked up in them in the steel plants and foundries. Now they have a new value added to the old-the labor worked up in them by the machinists. Now they are sold for 450 thousand instead of 250 thousand dollars. That is a new value of 200 thousand dollars added by the machinists during the year.

Now if each of these machinists has been paid 50 dollars a week it will cost me just about 100 thousand dollars for the year. This, you will remember, was the tenth part of my million. If there is any magic about my million it is that tenth that is paid for labor. Because the labor added April 1946 International Confer- cided, however, to proceed with 200 thousand in value to the product, and I only paid the laborers 100 thousand. So my million has at last given and its decisions, which have and political differences, includ- birth to a little image of itself. It has apparently presented me with a 100 thousand dollar profit.

Here is the real problem, and also the real clue to the source of profits; the labor of other people that is worked up in the capitalist's product—and the wages paid for that labor.

Products are bought and sold all the time by the capi-Fourth International and to ternal situation resulted in the talists among themselves. They are sold according to how their continued devotion to the adoption of a resolution which much labor is incorporated in them. But after a capitalist has bought products that represent a certain amount of labor. he must add some more labor to them sell them for more than he bought them for. To make a profit he must always be sure to pay the vention of the Socialist Workers worker less values than the worker produces-or adds to Party, and a period of pre-con- the product. But how does the capitalist get away with

From Seattle, we received a Though rather slow in getting started it is gaining momentum letter enclosing \$10. "I am 92 years old," the letter began. "I and is proving most successful."

From Newark we received the have prayed over 70 years to outlive capitalism and I haven't following note: "We have regiven up the fight yet. The ceived pledges from our branch wealth they squandered in the members amounting to more than \$300, our quota for the past five years could have made Militant Fund Drive. The pledges a paradise for every man on earth, instead of the sorry plight are being paid promptly, as can be seen from our position on the peoples of the world are in the scoreboard. today.

"I am sending you five sub-'We haven't put on a campaign to get contributions from scriptions and \$5 for the \$15,000 our Militant subscribers in this fund, and more power to you. area, because we will soon be May you live long."



(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, May 22-A campaign to force the Continental Baking Co., distributor of Wonder Bread, to employ qualified Negroes as driver-salesmen on its bread trucks is being vigorously continued despite police provocations and arrests. The campaign

launched by the Negro Labor | tive picketing of all stores that Relations League in March refused support was organized These are picketed daily until has gained increasing public they agree to cooperate.

A sound truck was used to in-The majority of grocery stores form the public of the campaign in the area bounded by Wentagainst the discriminatory pracworth Avenue on the west; Cottices of the Wonder Bread mantage Grove on the east: 31st ufacturer. Lt. Earle Sardon, di-Street on the north and 67th on rector of the campaign, was arthe south are supporting the rested and charged with "illegal campaign by refusing to carry operation of a sound truck." He Wonder Bread, In this area 11 was fined \$200 and court costs of the 13 routes delivering Wonon May 7. Arguments for a new der Bread have been discontinutrial will be heard July 2. The ed. The campaign has been excase will be appealed to the tended to the west side where higher courts if necessary. over 30 stores now refuse to carry

DEMAND FREE SPEECH

His lawyer, Cyrus J. Colter The Continental Baking Co. has a few women bread demonargued that the use of a sound strators and a number of Negro amplifier is a means of expresmen hired for inside work, but sion as much as the radio or soapbox-speaking on a street correfuses to interview qualified Negro veterans who answer ads ner. "An ordinance prohibiting the use of one of these means, namely the sound amplifier, The NLRL campaign was amounts to a deprivation of the launched by printing hundreds freedom of speech." of posters and initiating a drive During the trial a protest to enlist the support of all stores

picket line marched in front of carrying Wonder Bread. Effecthe police station carrying banners and placards.

> Lt. Sardon was again arrested last week when police officers found him checking the route of the Wonder Bread trucks to determine at which stores they were still delivering bread. He was held for hours at the police station before he was booked on a charge of disorderly conduct. SUPPORTED BY SWP

The NLRL campaign, vigorously and aggressively carried on, is actively supported by the Socialist Workers Party, the CORE (Committee for Racial Equality), the Washington Park Forum, the NAACP, the Afro-American Congress, the National Negro Congress, the Veterans Adjustment League, the Ministers Alliance and other organizations.

Chicago readers of The Militant are urged to actively sup-DEArborn 7652, for further in- their friends. formation.

Preliminary arrangements were the general political line of the made for the next national contheses and manifesto of the con-

ference. The Political Committee report on the proposal for unifica- vention discussion was desig- this? tion with the Workers Party nated.

(Next week: Labor and Labor Power)

Mid-West Vacation Camp And School Is Ideal Place For Summer Holiday

By Justine Lang

With the approach of summer and warm weather, the city dweller turns his thoughts to plans for a vacation. A couple of weeks away from the blistering pavements and sweltering city are the very most \Im

that workers can afford, and behind the main house was a only this at the sacrifice of challenge to ambitious hikers. and for less hardy souls the wide many, many weeks' savings. The next question with which grass lawns were invitations to lie in the sun or relax under the ne is confronted is, where shall shaded trees.

go? Where can I obtain the Boating and swimming on best in food, atmosphere, re-Little Pleasant Lake was a tincreation, and yet be among peogling experience, marked by ple who are congenial and whose friendly challenges of "Beat you interests are similar to mine? to the Raft" and "Last one in Where I don't have to maintain gets a ducking." a pretense of formality and Inspiring classes in the "His-

propriety that I don't ordinarily tory of American Trotskyism' nave, and can just be myself? and "Historical Materialism" To answer these questions by presented by top notch instrucsimply saying, go to the Midtors, in addition to Friday nigh West Vacation Camp and lectures, were well attended by School is not enough. Let me vacationing workers who were supplement this by some personal experiences.

anxious to understand world events, and the necessity for My plans last summer called fighting for a better world in a for a late August vacation, and socialist society. for a number of weeks previous, The "Saturday Night Follies," comrades and friends who had

the campers' own vaudeville attended the Mid-West School show consisting of the best amacame back with glowing reports teur talent. was an eagerly about the camp, which left me awaited weekly event. The evewith the impression that it was ning weenie roasts marked by just too good to be true. From group singing cemented even previous experiences at other further the worm friendships vacation spots, it didn't seem begun at camp. possible to have as complete and

enjoyable a vacation as these And the meals! In addition to food for thought, an abundance reports attested. of delectable well prepared meals However, my skepticism 'as were served providing one with alleviated after the very first the energy to participate in the

camp's many activities. Mid-West Camp was attuned It is with a deep feeling of not to making a profit as other camps and hotels were, but regret that one leaves Mid-West. rather to the promoting of It is no easy task to say goodfriendships, and providing a bye to new found friends, but port this campaign. Volunteers healthful, happy and wholesome the consolation one finds is in for picketing should call the So- vacation for Militant readers, the plans to meet again next cialist Workers Party office, workers and their families, and summer.

Will be seeing you at Mid-The expanse of natural woods | West!



A dip in the cool, sparkling waters of Little Pleasant Lake, is enjoyed by students at the Mid-West Vacation Camp and School. Reservations for the school are now being taken for the 1946 season.

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Why Stalin Inflicted Mass Purges On Revolutionary Soviet Workers

THE MILITANT

By Joseph Hansen (The second of a series of articles)

Editorial Note: The Stalinist prosecutors at the Nuremberg trial have failed to produce a single document from Nazi archives supporting Stalin's contention in the notorious Moscow Trials that Lenin's main collaborators all ended up as Hitlerites. The Stalinist prosecutors failed to ask a single question of the Nazi prisoners about their alleged connection with the defendants in the Moscow Trials. In fact the Stalinist prosecutors have failed to mention anything connected with the Moscow Trials. Thus they have unwittingly underlined what had already been proved in 1937 by the International Commission of Inquiry headed by John Deweynamely that the Moscow Trials were frame-ups and that Leon Trotsky and his son Sedov were innocent of the foul charges cooked up by Stalin. As a result interest has again been aroused in the Moscow Trials.

Last week Comrade Hansen demonstrated how the monstrous Purges from 1934 to 1942 by their sheer size and extent reveal the falsity of the Moscow trials.

Many attempts have been made to explain this long series of frightful purges suffered by the people of the USSR. All serious commentators without exception have personal dictatorship of Stalin. dismissed out of hand the lying official explanation of abysmal traitor to Lenin's pro-Stalin that it was in answer of the restorationist tendencies, to a pact made with Hitler by and eventually-like a Twentieth Lenin's former collaborators. Century Cain-began murdering They have rejected as utterly abhis former comrades, those Bolsurd the contention Stalin was sheviks trained in the school of stamping out a "Fifth Column." Lenin and Trotsky who were cap-Some observers have attempted able of leading another workers' to explain the Purges in terms of revolution in the USSR that the mysteries of the so-called might overthrow the political "Russian soul" which is alleged regime of Stalinist decay. to enjoy self-degradation, flagellation and death.

designed to terrorize the mili-But the only satisfactory extant layers of the working class, planation based on economic, social and political facts is that break up their ever-renewed made by Leon Trotsky before he fell under the blow of a pickaxe in the hands of one of Stalin's urge of the masses to restore the hired assassins.

TROTSKY EXPLAINED

Trotsky explained the purges as a stage in the degeneration of the socialist revolution in the Soviet Union. Even before the successful October 1917 uprising of the workers, all the leading Bolsheviks had predicted that unless the revolution in Russia were followed up in short order by socialist revolutions in the STALIN'S FORMULA more highly industrialized countries, particularly those in Eustore and eventually lead to the crush-

ing of the workers' state. took the form of bureaucratic de- no countries. generation of the workers' state.

tendency to organize a political opposition, and block the deep democratic form of government they began building in the days of Lenin and Trotsky. The political objective of the Moscow Trials was to stigmatize this revolutionary socialist tendency of the working class as "criminal" and thus provide a public excuse for murdering all possible leaders of a working class upsurge.

Stalin's role was that of an

The whole wave of purges was

til finally it wiped out all de- ed to world imperialism that Sta- cialism.



Head of the Bolshevik Party which guided the Russian working class in the first successful socialist revolution. All of Lenin's companions and co-leaders have been liquidated by Stalin, most of them on the monstrous charge they had become fascist mad dogs. On January 4, 1923. Lenin wrote the following judgment: "Stalin is too rude, and this fault entirely supportable in relations among us Communists, becomes unsupportable in the office of General Secretary. Therefore. I propose to the comrades to find a way to remove Stalin from that position and appoint another man who in all respects differs from Stalin only in superiority-namely, more patient, more loyal, more polite and more attentive to comrades. Less capricious." By 1926, Lenin's widow, Krupskaya,

declared that had Lenin lived he would be in prison,

Stalin's liquidation of Lenin's action could do business in its terror, Stalin did not succeed. former general staff of the re- struggle to block the develop- The program of the Fourth Interrope, then the tendency to re- volution likewise coincided with ment of revolutionary socialism. national today is gaining a hear- strengthen the organizational capitalism in the USSR the requirements of the Krem- For these reasons the prosecu- ing from ever greater numbers would inevitably grow stronger lin's foreign policy, which in tor in all the trials staged by of the oppressed. Sooner or lat- delegates agreed upon several italist profiteers and their agents those years was aimed at con- Stalin selected as his principal er these invincible ideas will vincing western imperialism of victim and target Leon Trotsky, again become the rallying cen-The socialist revolution did not its renunciation of the Bolshevik the great living symbol of the ter of the Soviet masses. When succeed in Europe despite all the program of world socialism. Sta- October Revolution and the the final balance sheet is drawn heroic efforts of Lenin and lin formulated this betrayal of Marxist program of world social- up, Stalin will stand indicted as Trotsky and their followers. The Marxism in his notorious slogan ism. With dagger, poison, lies, the worst traitor of the Soviet mounting pressure for the resto- of building socialism in "one frame-ups and the firing squad Union, the arch-betrayer who ration of capitalism in Russia country." In practice this meant Stalin sought to stop forever the helped pave the way for the secspread of Marxist ideas and the ond World War, for Hitler's as-The slaughter of Lenin's for- growth of the Fourth Interna- sault on the USSR, and the un-

The government bureaucracy be-came stronger and stronger un-till finally it wined out all de-ed to world imperialism that Star ist system.

American Legion Top Brass Hit By Labor Legionnaires

NEW YORK, May 27-Delegates to the seventh annual meeting of the National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires (a caucus in the American Legion) meeting in the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, expressed their solidarity with the striking engineers and trainmen last Saturday and sent telegrams notifying President Truman, government officials and @

Congressmen of their stand. | land, homes, apartments, hotels and resorts. In discussing the action, dele-

gate after delegate took the floor to condemn the strikebreaking actions of the President and that the city, state and federal Congressmen. Angry delegates governments declare a housing denounced the "friends of labor" who have given lip service to the union movement but who in practice solidarize themselves with the reactionary forces that are attacking labor. financed by the government.

OPPOSE 'KING-MAKERS' The meeting unanimously a-

SWP Candidates dopted a resolution criticizing the lack of democracy in the American Legion. It named five "King Makers," who control the Score Truman's American Legion, decide on and In denouncing the bureaucratdictate its basic policies.

ic Legion setup, the Union Legionniares protested the undemocratic method used in selecting representation to the national conventions of the Legion and the high-handed way of selecting state and national leaders. They roundly condemned the procedure followed at Legion conventions.

Indicating that they are ready to the local press today. to conduct a determined fight against the Legion Brass Hats and for the defense of labor's rights, the Labor Legionnaires decided to publish and give wide nor; William E. Bohannon for circulation to the resolution condemning the Legion's dicta-District. torial regime.

The meeting decided to keep the present organizational form the just demands of the rail and of the National Conference which mine workers and oppose any

is based on labor posts and un- restrictions on the right to ion members. In order to strike," the statement continued. cord into their ranks . . . I try and folks, THAT type of society "The real enemies of the people structure of the Conference the are not the workers, but the cap- ganization . . . and above all I measures: 1) The Conference will work the people's living standards by the working people to better or the establishment of more ever-rising prices. We demand their condition . . . I am for the labor posts by putting pressure a sliding scale of wages adjusted on the Legion tops to issue char- to rise as prices rise and we urge ters to both AFL and CIO workthe unions to fight for such a

er-veteran groups. Many such clause in all contracts. applications have been rejected "Finally, since the events of and many are pending a decisthe last week have shown labor has no real friends or defenders.

2) To raise money for the in the government, we call for many organizational needs of the formation of an Independthe Conference, the meeting ent Labor Party, based on and agreed to levy a per capita tax controlled by the unions, to elect



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What A Fascist Thinks

With every week that rolls around come more reports of vigilante violence and threats against minority groups. A Negro veteran's home is burned to the ground in Detroit or a Jewish merchant is

to train.

gangs which I am now helping

"I hope to divide the masses

by setting majority against

complished I hope to conquer

and subject BOTH . . . I hope

to reduce all workers to the low-

est possible level . . . yes, even

to slave and sub-slave ... and

"Right now I am afraid, how-

ever, that the working people

will organize their OWN poli-

tical party which I will not be

able to control . . . For I know

comes powerfully organized POLITICALLY AS WELL AS

ECONOMICALLY then I AM

LOST FOREVER . . . just as I

"I know that if the little peo-

tion to look out for THEIR OWN

interests for a change . . . I

know that if a WORKERS' gov-

ernment ever was achieved the

working men and women both

black and white would IM-

PROVE their living conditions

by 100 per cent . . . I know that

of full employment, of freedom

"For, you see. I AM A

FIRST.

their lot will be the same.

or a Jewish merchant is police to break strikes ... I am threatened with beatings and for the state militia to break forced to leave a small town strikes . . . I am for the army to in Tennessee. break strikes . . . and finally I More and more are politically am for general anti-labor ter-

conscious workers realizing and rorism carried out by organized warning against the very real danger of rising fascist forces here in America. More and more are they pointing out that such

, The meeting adopted a resoluacts of terrorism are meant not minority when this is action on housing which demands alone for minority groups, but in the end for the entire working class which in this country is emergency and take immediate largely not black, but white. steps to make all unoccupied This week Comrade G. Owens housing available to the vetersends in a contribution to the it matters not to which race they ans. It further demands inaugcolumn along this very line. We belong . . . If I have my way uration of a full-scale. low-cost. are glad to publish it and we relow-rent public housing program peat once again the invitation

to all readers of The Militant to write down and send in their ideas on subjects of interest to the workers. This holds good regardless of whether there is full well that when labor beagreement or not with the opinions previously printed here. The mad musings of Owen's fanatical fascist follow: CANDID CONFESSION

also know that when labor be-"I am the Ku Klux Klan . comes organized " IN THE I am Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith. SOUTH as well as in the North

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT NEWARK, N. J., May 27-... I am Bilbo, I am Rankin, I then I WILL HAVE BEEN We vigorously condemn the am Ellender and all the rest of DEALT A BODY BLOW. Truman strikebreaking prosuch vermin . . . I represent the gram, supported by Repubmost vile forces of evil in Amer- ple consolidate themselves and ica . . . In the interest of the gain a voice through their union licans and Democrats alike," four few I seek to destroy the many. in the GOVERNMENT which Socialist Workers Party candi-... In the interest of the para- my friends now control ... that dates for office in the 1946 state sitic vine I seek to strangle the they would then be in a posielections declared in a statement stalwart tree.

"I stand for supremacy of The four SWP candidates are: white over black . . . I stand George Breitman for U.S. Senfor supremacy of male over feator; Alan Kohlman for Govermale I stand for supremacy of gentile over Jew . . . I stand Congress, 11th District; and Arfor supremacy of American-born lene Phillips for Congress, 13th over foreign-born . . . I embody every conception of bigotry and they would then be on the way "We solidarize ourselves with intolerance . . . In fact, hatred to a society of peace, of security, and prejudice is MY MEAT. "My checkmate is the labor for all peoples and of REAL brounions . . . I try to throw dis- therly love IN THE FLESH . . . to prevent and destroy their or- I HATE!

am pledged to prevent and break FASCIST in Washington who steadily cut up strikes or other struggles of



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A Typical "Officer and Gentleman"

thing else to do himself, stood what to do."

by and gave directions while

taking a sun-bath. Someone with

a camera came by, taking human

the shovel from him, assumed

a position in the hole and had

his picture taken. Then he got

out and ordered the medic to

Some months later Captain

Flick was interviewed by a radio

home and his remarks, suitably

vague, made it seem he was one

of the chief reasons why the in-

vasion had been successful. Ac-

tually, Captain Flick's chief ac-

firing their carbines at night

In private Captain Flick de-

commander that you couldn't

didn't see it that way. And so

sexual intercourse anyhow.

STOOD ON RANK

"Yes. sir."

By George Breitman

During the last few months there has been considerable discussion in the press about the officer caste system. In an effort to attract recruits, the army has even set up a board which will soon make recommendations for eliminating some of the more glaringly outrageous aspects of had got drunk for the first time place up. That was the only time DEMAND BONUS, HOMES the caste system. This inevi-Otably reminds me of Captain, Flick was given the job of tak- the book at him - discipline do a lick of work. Flick, our commanding of- ing us to our bivouac area. With must be maintained at all costs. ficer overseas - the most unerring inaccuracy he led us cers, heavily drunk, broke a chair typical, the most officer-like to the east instead of the west, over the head of an enlisted man as to inspire confidence in his so that it was night by the time in a quarrel over a French girl. of all I encountered.

Captain Flick had been in the Officer Reserve Corps in peacetime; had signed up while at school, got a smattering of military training, and in due course do with our outfit for a couple took his place with the other of days after we got there. So some things. He called the enofficers and gentlemen by act of we began to dig ourselves bigger listed men "the hired help" and Congress. We came overseas and and better foxholes. Such activjoined his outfit in England about a week before D-Day. Ours of a gentleman. Captain Flick ed help is supposed to do all the was a battalion headquarters; he was commander of the headquarters detachment, batallion adjutant, summary court officer. etc. We didn't pay much attention to him at first because everything was so strange to us and because we were supposed to go to France on D-Day plus five.

SITUATION NORMAL

The invasion situation was normal, and we got across the chan- resume work. nel only three days later than we were supposed to. When we got within landing distance earbroadcaster he knew back ly in the afternoon, there was no landing craft available and no one seemed to know where we should go, so we stayed on the ship all night. That proved unwise because when it got dark tivity during the crucial weeks some German planes began of the Normandy campaign was dropping bombs on the ships in court-martialling soldiers for that area.

At the height of this activity, without visibly good reason. when we were beginning to appreciate the thoughts of a sit- murred weakly to the batallion ting duck. Captain Flick appeared among us, looking for some- | court-martial men and fine them thing, and shining a flashlight for firing their weapons in a in such a way as to inspire grat- combat area, but the colonel itude in the German bombardiers. We frankly told him what Captain Flick, "like a good solto do and where to go. After that, dier," obediently carried out the we watched him a little more summary courts-martial and talking to a captain of the United

made several hundreds of dol-When we got off at Omaha lars for his government. Beach the next day, Captain An enlisted man with charges

against him by an officer never | But toward his senior officers icy committee" of the National had a chance with Captain Flick. he was generally obsequious and He was all for "upholding disci- timid. One time a general was pline." He even court-martialled supposed to come to inspect our one of the members of our own quarters and there weren't many detachment, a young medic who enlisted men around to clean the in his life. Captain Flick threw in 18 months I saw Captain Flick

Somehow or other Captain what we later recognized to be But when later one of our offi- Flick had got a college diploma. But his education wasn't such judgment. One time we went in we got to the area, and we had there was no court martial. A a convoy from Normandy to Le to dig ourselves in in the dark. month later the offending offi-Mans, by way of the ruins of St. The situation remained nor- | cer was just transferred to an-Lo. Captain Flick was at the mal and nobody knew what to other outfit and a better job. head of the convoy, directing it. Captain Flick was frank about We went off a main road and considerably out of our way. Finally we got lost, although it treated them accordingly. He seemed a difficult thing to do. ity was unbecoming the dignity used to say: "You know the hirhe hadn't continued to follow the signs pointing to St. Lo. Of Production ordered one of our medics to do work around here. Us officersthe signs pointing to St. Lo. his digging, and, not having any- we're just supposed to tell you answered. But, we said, every His social outlook was not very

one else had seen them. and we broad. He never read anything turned back and showed him but picture magazines and comic where they had been. "Why, I interest pictures. The captain books. He used to go out of his saw those signs," he admitted. ordered the medic to halt, took way to embarrass one of the "but I always thought Lo was Catholic enlisted men, who was spelled L-o-w."

Captain Flick fascinated me. very devout, with questions which must have seemed amusing He seemed to personify most of among the Ku Klux Klan. Bethe officers I came across. I used hind their backs he was always to promise myself that some day making cracks about the Jews. I would write a semi-fictional He had been born in the South story about an officer like him, and had the traditional cracker finishing it off ironically with attitude toward the Negro solan account of his promotion to diers. As for the French people the rank of major. But toward -they were dirty foreigners the end of the war Captain Flick who spoke a repulsive and inwas promoted to major. That took the taste out of the procomprehensible language and who were responsible for everyject for me.

thing that had happened to them He went home around Thanksand no good for anything but giving, 1945, and we heard that he had reenlisted for another year. Where else but in the army can a man of his qualities get a Toward enlisted men Captain job that automatically com-Flick was often rude. Even with mands not only good pay-but his junior officers he often "respect" as well? stood on his rank. One of these

contradicted him about some The Man With The Hoe moderately active man at 3,000 minor matter once and Captain Flick's face got red. He "LONDON, May 22 - King drew himself up and said: "You George VI described himself as want to remember that you're a farmer-with all 's farmer's responsibilities' at the centenary States Army." "Yes, sir." "And luncheon of the Royal Agricul-I'm due the respect of such." tural College of Circencester today." (N. Y. Times, May 23).

which includes associate membership in the Conference. 3) With the aim of increasing the authority of the "labor pol-Conference, membership on the committee was increased to three members each from the CIO, AFL and the Railroad Brotherhoods.

Some of the other actions tak-

ion.

en by the meeting included resolutions calling for drastic amendment of the so-called GI Bill of Rights and the granting of substantial federal and state bonuses to veterans. The meeting called on the government to take over and make available to the veterans all tax-delinquent

Vienna Strikers We asked Captain Flick why be hadn't control

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT VIENNA, Austria, May 4-Work stoppages throughout the plants here this week marked the first important social movement since V-E Day. Under pressure from the ranks,

trade union officials formally sanctioned the stoppages. The resolutions endorsing the action demanded workers' control of production and called for placing food distribution under supervision of the trade unions. Despite the greatly weakened physical condition of the workers, hunger is creating widespread unrest. Yet the famine has scarcely begun. According to latest reports the food ration is to be cut on May 25 from

1.000 calories a day to 330-a cut from the equivalent of 10 medium slices of brown bread to three and a third. (The Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council lists the minimum requirements for a

calories.)

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combat vigilante or Klan terror

and offer help to anyone who was

threatened. "I haven't thought

much about that and I don't

know if it's necessary now, but

it soon will be if we don't or-

We discussed further the char-

acter of the campaign we must

organize and then I left in

order to visit one of the white

neighbors who might possibly

be "friendly," a Mrs. Cline, who

lived up the street a way. She

was busy cleaning house for the

use of the election board in the

coming primaries. She is an el-

derly woman and politely asked

I told her I was anxious to

learn whatever I could about

the burning of the cross. "No,"

I don't know anything about it

except that someone told me that'

the Hickersons burned it them-

selves for cheap notoriety." She

wouldn't tell me who had given

her this absurd self-assault

me in.

ganize against them," he said.

Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

The room was high and bright with the reflections of the marble walls. Five or six lines of men and women moved slowly toward as many desks that stood near the

front wall.

surance?'

I stood for a moment

near the door, wondering

which line to join, when

somebody said, "Look-

ing for unemployment in-

"Yeah," I said, turn-

to see who had

spoken.

It was one of the elevator men, an old fellow with a twisted look to his left leg. I noticed later that when he walked, his left hip lifted queerly in a rocking limp.

ing

"Just get in any one of them lines," he said. "You from the steel plant too?"

"Yeah," I said again. "A lot of us here, eh?" "Too bad," the old man said, shaking his head. "Course, you can't blame the miners any. If they don't fight, they won't get nothing."

I smiled. I knew that the fellows in the plan were wholeheartedly in sympathy with the miners, but it surprised me a little to see an elevator operator in a government building feeling the same way.

"Glad you feel that way," I said. "I'm a working man like anybody else," he

answered. We talked a few moments longer. Then he. slosed the door of his elevator, and I joined one of the lines.

More people came in, and the lines lengthened. The temporary shutdown of the steel plant had certainly put a lot of us on the hunger rations of unemployment insurance.

Suddenly there was a flurry of commotion over at my left. Turning, I saw a tall young man falling into the arms of two other men in the same line. I heard him gasp and saw his legs hanging loosely as they lowered him to the ground, where he lay quite motionless, breathing with a queer, slow snoring noise. I don't think I ever saw anyone so pale before.

In a couple of seconds a crowd began to form. Two cops ran up, shouting, "Come on, get back. Give him some air."

They opened the man's collar, undid his belt, and began rubbing his wrists. In about five minutes, a doctor came from somewhere and took charge.

The silence that had followed the general

Seamen's Enemy Number One

knowledge of what had happened had by now changed to an excited babble as everybody talked about it.

"Poor guy," remarked the man behind me. "I wonder what happened to him." "Heart attack," somebody else answered. The man's eyes were open now, and he lay there on the shiny marble floor staring at the ceiling, a look of hopeless despair on his thin face.

"Stand back and give him some air," we could hear the cop bawling in irritated tones.

Who is he, where's he from? everybody was wondering. Then, from some place in the hall the answer was whispered along the lines: This man was not a steel worker. He'd been in a smaller plant and had been out of work for quite some time. He was here for his regular weekly check, just as he had come each week or months.

The lines moved forward. I was before the desk getting my check. Then, I was on my way out.

As I passed the elevators a couple of men valked slowly past, supporting the sick man between them. The old elevator man looked at them in surprise and called out, "What's wrong?"

The sick man grinned faintly at him and went on out the door supported by the other two. I stopped for a moment to tell the old man what had happened. "Do you know him?" I

asked. "Just from seeing him come in here," the old man answered. "He's got a wife and four young kids."

"Say," he added after a short pause, "he won't get no more unemployment insurance now, will he?"

God, no, I thought. The man was not "ready, willing, and able" to work. The government, couldn't waste money giving unemployment insurance to men whose heart might give out when they went to work!

"I hope they don't claim he knew his heart was bad all along and try to get back the payments he's already drawn," I said.

"Nobody'll hire him now," murmured the elevator man, "and he won't get this money no more . . . What'll become of his wife and kids?" I shrugged my shoulders wearily and started. out the door.

"It sure makes a man think," I heard the old man mutter. "It sure makes a man think!"

"We Are Not Afraid," Say Negro Couple After KKK Cross Is Burned Before Home

Ku Klux Klan Atrocity In Los Angeles



Above, Mrs. H. O. Hickerson tells her story to Myra Tanner Weiss, Organizer of the Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Workers Party, after the Ku Klux Klan planted a flaming cross on the front lawn of the Hickerson home. This vicious Jim-Crow action followed close on the heels of the Fontana outrage, when an entire Negro family was burned to death by just such capitalist-inspired "white supremacists" who are carrying on an organized campaign to terrorize the Negro population of this area.

At left is a typical street sign brazenly marked "restricted"-which means closed off to Negro occupancy.

New York Vets Picket City Hall, **Demand Action In Housing Crisis**

> By A. Royce (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, May 18-Despite rainy weather, 600 vet- house veterans; erans picketed City Hall today to demand action on the housing crisis in New York City. They carried hundreds of housing suitable for veterans, explacards sharply criticizing the stalling of the City ad- cluding only those structures to

an immediate solution for ans and dependents in New

The demonstration climaxed crimination in this, or any vet-"Housing Action Day," which crans housing program because had been sponsored by the of race, creed or color. Strauss Committee, led by Nathan labor, veteran, and civic organi- now: CIO United Electrical Work- American Veterans Committee. tures other than sub-standard The AVC not only supported dwellings into adequate housing the demonstration, but devoted units. a major part of its current Bul- 2. Despite their obvious inletin to exposing housing condi- adequacies, we demand the im-

ed percentage of all the quarters navy. He'll know how to fight in all clubs, hotels and resorts to

(C) Halt the wrecking of all be used for public housing pro-

(D) Take all possible measures the 211,000 homeless veter- to utilize all tax-delinquent land and properties to ease the housing crisis. That there be no dis-

demonstration was the tical, transform available struc-

By Myra Tanner Weiss (Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, May 15-"I had already retired. It was close to midnight when my wife saw a sudden light and went to the window to investigate. She saw a flaming cross on our front lawn. She called to me and I knocked the cross down and put out the . fire. It was a wooden cross. | he thought about a labor defense organization which would

padded with rags and soaked with an inflammable oil." Thus, Mr. H. G. Hickerson to-

day described to me the racehating Ku Klux Klan-like threat to him and his wife on May 12 and their long two-year court fight for the right to live in a home of their own in a section labeled for "whites only."

Mrs. Hickerson, mother of a girl 20 years old and a boy just out of high school, said she didn't know who might have placed the cross there, "but whoever was guilty wanted to frighten us, but I wasn't frightened a bit."

I asked about her neighbors who have been trying to evict them. "None of them appeared on the scene although the fire was very bright. As a matter of fact, even afterward, when the police were there and flashing their lights all over, and the place was crowded with newspaper people, none of the neighbors came over to see what all the commotion was about." While we were discussing the

theory. case, a young Chinese-American Mrs. Cline blandly assured me neighbor, Tom D. Amer, joined that all the people on that block us. His family, also forced to were "very nice" and would nevfight in the courts to remain in er burn a cross. "Besides why their home, was visited just two would anyone want to burn a days after they moved in by a cross? It seems to me if I were Mr. Kroeger and two others. who to burn anything, it wouldn't be warned the family to move or a cross. It would be closer than they would fight them in court. that." She had been pumped so Young Tom said, "Just wait unfull of "white supremacy" that til my brother gets out of the she could utter words of race hate, even implying murder, in them.' the same manner as she might

"They aren't going to frighten us out of our homes." Mr. Hickerson agreed. "There's more involved than just us. The whole question of restrictive covenants and all the conditions made by prejudice are at issue. We must not only fight through the courts, but we should also conduct a campaign to get legislation passed doing away with such things. People have been coming to my house and telephoning constantly offering to help. But some-(E) Take all possible measures how we've got to be organized Strauss, former Federal Housing to utilize available appropria- so we can all work together. If Administrator, together with 42 tions to build decent housing they can get away with burn-

would enable the member un-

ions to face the employers with

purpose of the gathering, how-

ever, was to prepare for broad-

the "One Big Union" conven-

formed the Committee for Mari-

time Unity, under Stalinist

leadership. Both sides advertis-

set for June 15, was discussed

other organization.

zations. Most active in launching (F) Where feasible and prac- they can do it anywhere."

ing crosses on my front lawn, I asked Mr. Hickerson what

cans too! Two interviews: one with Mrs. Hickerson, a courageous woman ready to face all terror for her elementary right to live in her home, and so that others might have that right; the other with Mrs. Cline, a misguided representative of organized hate, who wants to keep all whose skins are not pale enough segregated and marked out for police brutality. slum conditions, and all the evils that go with a ghetto whether for the Jews in Europe or the

appraise the weather. The only

objection Mrs. Cline said she had

to restrictive covenants was that

they didn't exclude the Mexi-

Negroes in America.

AFL MARITIME UNIONS **MEET IN SAN FRANCISCO** that 800,000 families need homes Patman Bill and the Wagner-El-

The U.S. Government is the real boss in the maritime industry and the seamen's main en-The Maritime Commission today owns 85 per cent of the 5,000 ships that comprise the American merchant fleet. Of the so-called "privateowned" vessels now in ommission, the vast maority are still chartered

to the War Shipping Administration. The number returned to private operation can be counted

on your fingers. The ship operators, posing as private employers, have made a pretense of negotiating contracts with the maritime unions. In these negotiations they have deliberately stalled union demands for a 30 per cent wage increase and improved working conditions. Their most repeated argument is that they are only operating agents for the government and that even if they were in favor of a wage increase (which they are not) such increases would have to be

approved and paid by the WSA.

Announcement by the CIO unions of the June 15 strike deadline brought immediate counter-threats from spokesmen for the "private" operators." This will be a strike against the government, they charged. Stanley Ferguson, shipping expert for the Journal of Commerce, is already campaigning for the arrest of union leaders under Section 6 of the War Labor Disputes Act, which outlaws strike agitation against government-owned plants or facilities.

Thus, the "private operators" have abandoned their pretense that shipping is a "private enter-prise" and are now preparing, in their capacity as government spokesmen, to break the strike. They hope to use the legal power of the government if the strike is called. But they have other weapons besides Section 6 of the War Labor Disputes Act.

Under authority of the 1936 Merchant Marine Act they have established a vast system of government training schools and hiring facilities which von an 18-cent an hour for the

Phila. Workers At Westinghouse **Vote To Return**

By C. Blake

PHILADELPHIA, May 12 Westinghouse workers of the ers Locals 107 and 105 here today voted to go back to work after 119 days of bitter but successful strike struggle.

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tions in New York. It pointed out mediate passage of the original

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Notes Of A Seaman F. J. Lang the real boss in the industry but also as a potential strikebreaker.

Weapons of A Strikebreaker

served to expose the government not only as

These same operators are not only agents for the WSA, they also hold executive posts in that government agency and dictate its policy. Because of this they have been able to deal with the unions in a double capacity-first as "private operators" and secondly as "impartial" government spokesmen. As WSA officials they have told the unions that any wage increase agreed to by the operators probably will be conmidered favorably, but that it must finally be approved by another government agency, the Wage Stabilization Board.

. This double-dealing and buck-passing has nade a farce of negotiations between the maritime unions and the "private operators." We have watched this farce for eight solid months. These operators are completely parasitic, besause the ships are government-owned and cost operation (including wages) is paid out of the public treasury.

The threat of strike action by the Stalinist leadership of the CIO maritime unions has

In the period between World Wars I and II,

public health agencies spent tremendous amounts

of time and money and energy in trying to

make the American people "vitamin-conscious."

Posters in schools and plants, health leaflets,

autrition classes for housewives, hammered away

at the idea that people needed vitamin-rich

describe the condition of the hundreds of thou-

sands of American men, women and children.

who were getting enough food to eat, as meas

ured in calories but not enough of the protec-

tive foods - milk, fresh fruits and vegetables.

In "Food and Life," the 1939 Yearbook of the

United States, Department of Agriculture, the

dangers of using calories as the sole measure of

an adequate diet were pointed out in the fore-

"People of a certain age will remember the

furor about calories early in this century. Ap-

parently the only thing that mattered about

food in those days was whether you got enough

calories-or too many, so that you became fat;

and even today, undernourishment or starva-

tion is still thought of as failure to get enough

calories. People can starve to death, however,

even when they eat too much food, if some ele-

ment necessary to life is lacking in the food

"There is once again a "furor about calories"

and the question of vitamin lacks and "hidden

hunger" has been pushed into the background.

The science of nutrition has dropped back four

"Hidden hunger" is still a serious problem

among the poorly-paid workers of the United

States, but this problem has been overshadowed

by the terrible specter of open hunger, which to-

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meat and eggs.

they get."

decades!

word:

The phrase, "hidden hunger" was coined to

foods in order to stay strong and healthy.

Shipping. Administration they can re-allocate ships from "private" companies to the Army Transport Service. This Army Transport Service takes merchant seamen from the government training schools, loads and discharges wage differentials, discriminate by the Housing Action Commit- earning less than \$50 a week; ships with Army personnel, and is prepared to transport cargo to and from the docks with Army trucks. This is the way the machinery of the government is now rigged to break a maritime strike.

Preparing for the Strike

Calories Are Not Enough By Grace Corlson

A successful strike can be organized only if out on strike January 15, dethis danger of government strikebreaking is recognized in advance. It is a threat to the entire labor movement. It may be used to wipe out an important section of the trade unions in this country.

In their preparations for strike action, the maritime workers must discard any and all illusions about the role of the Big Business government, which is the main enemy.

day threatens so many millions of European,

Asiatic and Indian peoples. This is the state to

which capitalist war and destruction, greed, in-

efficiency and mis-management have brought

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writer of the St. Paul Dispatch, who said on

whose ailments are more from overeating than

the National Research Council recommends, with

1 pint of milk at least, preferably 1 quart

2 servings of potatoes

I serving of meat, fish or poultry

Butter or vitamin-fortified margarine

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reneral increase.

They had defeated the corporation's attempts to underagainst women workers and eliminate many protective provisions included in former contracts.

For 63 days the company made nc offer to the workers who went manding an 181/2-cent increase and equal pay for equal work. Despite its \$125.000.000 wartime profits, Westinghouse had insisted "make up for loss in takehome pay by working longer hours.

ULTIMATUM REJECTED

Later the company handed down a 25-page Ultimatum, offering only 9.7 cents average increases, no raises for 10,000 lamp workers, discrimination against women, and demanding the right to fire union members at will. The ultimatum was immediately rejected and thrown back into the company's face. Through the boss courts and

are getting only one-third to one-half enough state anti-picketing injunctions, calories to sustain life, the American people are the corporation caused the arrest being urged to cut down on their calories and of union leaders and secured hare their food with the hungry. The desire police aid in escorting scabs and to "feed the hungry" is shared by all decent peoassaulting pickets. The courageple. American workers and farmers are no ous workers were successful in holding their picket lines firm But American workers and farmers are not for 119 days.

going to subscribe to the theory of the editorial The Westinghouse workers consider the final agreement a May 18 that the United States is "a nation" victory because the company was forced to concede on the major wage rates and working conditions that the workers de-

the food allowances of the average American LEARN FROM STRIKE

manded.

working-class family and see whether overeat-While the workers at the meeting today generally felt that the is reached on an overall plant agreement was a victory, there basis the change over to day work was also the feeling that "there will be made. This will mean the 2 servings of fruit, one of which should be is much that we can learn from the strike." as one worker put it. Many of the men feel that the and deals a strong blow to the 2 vegetables; one of which should be leafy lack of a unified plan of action ership of the UE and auto and 1 whole-grain cereal dish steel unions served to prolong the strikes and weaken their ef-Whole-grain or enriched white bread at every fectiveness.

This should be the goal for the people of this under any kind of a decent social system. Because enough calories are not enough! tional negotiations.

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posed Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill would at best provide only 22.- building program to provide: 000 new dwellings, and 50,000 mine the union, introduce more are the maximum proposed projects for veterans and others tee. Thus, even if all proposed legislation were enacted, seven dwellings; out of eight families would STILL be homeless!

The program of the AVC de- ties. clares: 1. We demand that the Fed-

this city alone, while the pro- lender-Taft Bill.

trations proclaim a housing emer- form the program from a scrap gency in order to: all unoccupied housing;

(B) Make available an increas- ans."

Cleveland Fisher Body Union Wins After 173-Day Strike

CLEVELAND, May 14-CIO United Auto Workers Local 45 members at General Motors' Fisher Body plant here, after a victorious strike of 173 days, began returning to its organizations."

Fisher Body workers forced the company to come to terms on production operations in the ward.":

plant. The agreement provides that as each job classification reaches. the level of production during the 1941 base year, negotlations will begin to establish a day rate for the job. When the 1941 level

piece-work in the coming months

3. We demand a full-|scale (a) Low-rent public housing (b) Low cost cooperative

(c) Low cost private house California State Federation construction with veteran prioriof Labor; International

Longshoremen's Association; This program was unanimously adopted by the New York Seafarers International Uneral government and the New Metropolitan Area Council of ion and the Sailors Union of York State and City Adminis- AVC on April 1, 1946. "To transthe Pacific. of paper into reality," the AVC (A) Take over for the veterans Bulletin emphasizes, "requires comb sessions, the major one

the united action of all veter-

with the necessary constitution and by-laws to "act as a coordinating body to promote the interest and welfare of said organization within the maritime transport industry." This department "shall not engage in

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work yesterday.

Continuing the local strike for $\begin{array}{c} \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \end{array}$

two months after the general The great morale maintained GM settlement, the militant by the workers during their sixmonth strike was reflected in their chief local demand, the eli- the comments of the returning mination of piece - work. An unionists yesterday: "Now the maritime unions. This conagreement paves the way for the job is to hold on to what we ference followed by one week conversion to day rates on all won, build our local and go for-

A key factor in the victory was the support of the International Union, which provided funds sufficient to pay strike benefits ed their meetings as steps toof \$20 weekly. These began after the fifth month of strike and were the final blow needed

against the corporation. This victory has given great encouragement to 3,500 workers but no position was announced. strike in this area.

Local 45 President Charles K. tion of the union for the supan hour in general increases since in cash for the strike welfare the terms left to various lo- basic or guaranteed piece rate Especially inspiring were the oppose certain progressive steps country and every other country in the world cals to settle individually, should for each job. Percentage bonus contributions from workers in of the CIO unions as "political forge real unity in their comhave been thrashed out in na- rates then are to be computed other plants at special plant- and not trade union" actions.

By R. Chester (Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18-Meeting in closed sessions top representatives of six AFL maritime unions, this week made preparations for the setting up of an AFL "marine trades division." Unions represented were: the Masters, Mates and Pilots; Teamsters; 🥯

man for this reactionary clique, made this point clear in public statements that the AFL unions would respect "legitimate" CIO picket lines, but not "political" ones.' Mayes, a renerade from the Marxist movement, a servile publicist of certain Calif-

Only brief press statements ornia AFL red-baiting bureauwere made from the Hotel Whitcrats, and an expert in putting the "finger" on Trotskyism, outannouncing a request sent to the lined the tactics to be followed: AFL Executive Council to set up "The AFL people feel the moves the marine trades department made at the CIO conference were political and had nothing to do with trade unionism as such. Control of the waterfront would be a damned important thing for those who wished to help Russia." any political activity" and has

Thus it appears that one imas a main purpose to prevent "jurisdictional disputes within portant factor behind the conflict of the AFL bureaucrats with the Stalinists is the formers' anti-Soviet bias and their Although this tightening - up desire to bolster Wall Street imperialism in its campaign against the Sovet Union. The demands a more solid front, the major raised by the CIO, however, are exclusively those connected with securing better wages and workscale conflict with the CIO ing conditions. With the antagonism between the AFL and CIO maritime unions constantly sharpening, provoked in good tion of the CIO unions which part by both the Stalinist and reactionary trade union leaders. the shipowners and waterfront employers are put in a more favorable position just when all ward "unity," while each cast the unions are being forced to threats in the direction of the press for wage increases and shorter hours. The avaricious AFL action in regard to the employers undoubtedly are doing coming CIO waterfront strikes, all they can to increase the antagonisms, hoping to play one group of unions against the

other. The ranks of the unions sincerely want unity of all waterfront and maritime workers. For this very reason, every backward step of both leaderships is always carried out in the name of "unity." It will be up to the maritime workers, in opposition to all fake "unity" moves, to mon struggle against the pro-Barney Mayes, a paid spokes- fit-hungry shipowners.

Instead of coming out for support of the just wage and other conference left the door open for possible strikebreaking through jurisdictional war. The CIO is considered by these hidebound and red-baiting trade union leaders as "dual unions." They

gate collections.

on the part of the top CIO lead- of speed-up and rate-cutting.

Also, many felt that some of June 1941 will be added to the fund and \$50,000 worth of food.

on the higher basic rates.

ALL ALL REPORT OF A PARTY SALES

Concerning wages in the port it received from other meantime, the agreement pro- unions and individuals, acknowl vides that a total of 32½ cents edged contributions of \$120,000

complete elimination of hated in 10 other local unions now on

traditional Fisher Body system Beckman, voicing the apprecia- demands of the CIO, the AFL