

CIO LEADERS STALL ON WAGE FIGHT **4 More Negro Victims Added Pickets Half Fascist Smith**

In Chicago To Lynch Toll By Robert L. Birchman

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Aug. 15—Gerald The current wave of lynch terror in the South has claimed four more Negro victims. As usual, there is no sign that the lynchers will be punished.

1. The bruised body of John C. Jones, cotton seed oil refinery 3, shortly after he left to go when pickets from the Soworker and World War II vet- to work.

eran, was taken from a lake near It is believed by citizens in Jewish War Vetefans and Minden, Louisiana last week. Gordon that he was killed be-Jones and another Negro had cause of his participation in a

been arrested when a white wo- recent AFL organizing moveman said they had tried to en- ment in the chalk mines. Anter her home. But she did not other Negro, Willie Dudley, was When the two severely beaten in Gordon under press charges. were released, they were seized similar circumstances several by white men, driven out of weeks ago. town and brutally beaten.

The local coroner and sheriff The Deputy Coroner, Dr. Tho- gave out the verdict of "gunshot mas Richardson, hastened into at the hands of unknown partprint to defend the lynchers by ies," and nothing further has saying he could tell from the na- been done to find Gilbert's murture of the wounds that they derers. had not attempted to kill Jones,

3. Another Negro veteran, J. but "only" to flog him. C. Farmer, who worked on a 2. Another lynching took place farm near Bailey, North Caroin Gordon, Georgia. Like many lina, was attacked by a policeman, who shot himself in the other such atrocities it would have remained unknown to the hand during the fight. An hour public, except that the National later, a mob of 25 men caught Association for the Advance-Farmer and shot him to death ment of Colored People happenin the presence of his mother. ed to have investigators nearby, 4. James Walker, who had who had been working on the quarreled with a white man, was sitting on his father's porch in recent mass lynching of two Negro couples in Monroe. Elko, South Carolina, when four According to the NAACP, these white men came up and started

firing. Walker was killed and are the facts: John J. Gilbert, who worked several people nearby were narin a chalk mill in Gordon, was rowly missed. One of the four shot to death on a roadside about men was held and then released 500 yards from his home on Aug. on \$2,000 bail.

Government Smashes Strike

Of 50,000 In South Africa

government on August 16. The Negro miners struck for a banded.

L. K. Smith. America's No. 1 fascist, was prevented from speaking here last night cialist Workers Party, the the American Youth for Democracy protested the attempt of the America Firsters to hold a meeting. Smith's crowd had rented a

room at the Stevens Hotel under the name of "Regular Republicans." When the pickets gathered in front of the hotel and hotel officials found out that Smith was to speak at the meeting they cancelled the hall and called police to bar the fascists from the hall.

The America Firsters, led by the notorious Elizabeth Dilling, then proceeded to the Embassy Room at the Morrison Hotel. The oom had been rented a few hours earlier, also in the name of the "Regular Republicans." The pickets immediately followed to the Morrison Hotel where they gathered in the lobby shouting their protest against the fascists. A picket line was established in front of the hotel and the pickets carried banners reading: Stop G. L. K. Smith-Hate Peddler", "Drive Smith Out of Chi-

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mine workers in South Africa was brutally smashed by the they ordered the meeting dis- from

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eral thousand World War II

veterans, members of the

CIO United Auto Workers

employed by General Motors in

Pontiac, Mich., yesterday cele-

brated the anniversary of VJ-

Day in a manner the Big Busi-

Palestine.

"Four Freedoms" For Refugee Jews

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dier", "Drive Smith Out of Chi-cago", "Smash Fascism Before It Smashes Organized Labor", "Smith Preserved Nationalism... so Did Hitler." The pickets shouted militant slogans and sang "Solidarity Forever." The Morrison Hotel Manage-

The Allied powers wrote spots transferred some 1,300 im- lany who tried escaping. know the identity of those who another shameful postscript migrants to floating prisons. Angry protest demonstrations rented the room and after the to the Atlantic Charter last Men, women and children, sob- swept Palestine. Violent out ion. Its main points are: The heroic four-day strike of over 50,000 native gold pickets assembled in the lobby he workers in South Africa was brutally smashed by the ennment on August 16. The Negro miners struck for a content of the and after the brught for a content of the and after the and after the brught for a content of the and after the and after the brught for a content of the and after the after a content of the and after the after a content of the and after the after a content of the and after a content of the and after a content of the after a content of th 1. Wages shall rise automatically one per cent for every one per cent increase in the cost of ish imperialist troops battered World War on the promise of a

Say Higher Wages Needed, **But Offer No Real Program**

By Art Preis

The CIO leaders are stalling any real campaign for higher wages. Their program, issued by a national CIO conference in Washington on August 15, shows thnir opposition to any union fight on the wage front.

They paid lip-service to the demands of the union ranks for higher wages. Their statement renewed appeals to the

creases."

NO DEMANDS

Truman administration

to give "full and official

recognition" to "the need

for immediate wage in-

They proposed to gain this

'full and official recognition"

solely through another con-

ference of union and employer

representatives sponsored by

Nothing is said in the CIO

program about any action by

the workers themselves to win

wage increases. No specific

wage demands are raised. No

time limit is set for when the

government must give this "re-

cognition" of the "need for im-

CIO leaders merely say that "the

future of wage stabilization

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Along With Prices

The

mediate wage increases."

Profits Soar

new OPA bill was passed.

Goodrich Local Opens Drive For Rising Pay Scale

(Special to The Militant) AKRON, O., Aug. 17-Goodrich Local 5, CIO United Rubber workers, this week Truman. They first made this fired the opening gun in its proposal early in July before the campaign to have the demand for a rising scale of wages incorporated in the wage program of the international union at its forthcoming convention. Local 5 represents 15,000 workers

The local made public a resolution, adopted at the membership meeting yesterday, calling for an escalator wage clause that would provide automatically rising wage scales as the cost of living rises.

This resolution was in response to an announcement by URWA President L. S. Buckmaster that the wage and price question will be discussed at the union's international convention next month.

Local 5's carefully-drawn program was drafted by George R. Bass, Local 5 president; Gideon Lowe, secretary; and Jules Geller, a member of the local un-

merce reports that overall be equal to any previous year. Reports for the second quarter of 1946, according to the National City Bank tabulation covering about 300 corpora

and Emil Mazey, UAW Inter-

ber, wired their support of the

rally and their regrets at being

Myra Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles

unable to attend in person.

show that corporate profits have not suffered. "The Department of Comcorporate profits for 1946 will

"While prices soar," says

the CIO wage-price statement

issued on August 15, "figures

minimum wage of \$2 a day. Their present wage is 50 cents a day. Fierce clashes follow- 🤒

escort strikebreakers into some of the 10 mines affected. The police opened fire upon the unarmed natives, killing six, seriously wounding 41 and injuring 405. Strike leaders were arrested as "agitators."

Preparations for the strike were made early in June. More

Conditions in South African Gold Mines Page 3

than 1,000 delegates of the African Mine Workers Union, representing some 300,000 Witwatersrand mine workers, raised the demand for a \$2 daily wage. African miners and their union are not recognized by the bosses or the government. The un- test against the breach of faith ion sought among other things to obtain legal recognition and African (Negro) people." to abolish the barbarous "con-

tract labor" system-which is tical organizations in this counnothing less than slave labor. try, including the Socialist The \$2 a day demand of the Workers Party, have sent cables miners swept through the whole condemning the government's

Johannesburg area. It forced the strikebreaking actions and re-Johannesburg City Council to pressions against the South propose to the government that African miners.

SWP Protests Atrocities Against African Strikers

The following telegram, protesting the South African government's attack on the strike of African miners; was sent last week to Premier Smuts by James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party:

"The murderous attack of your government against striking workers in Rand gold mines will receive condemnation of labor movement in United States and throughout the world. The Socialist Workers Party demands immediate halt to anti-labor repressions, full recognition of right of Rand workers to bargain for members and abolition of serf-like contract labor."

Copies of the telegram were also sent to the South African Ministry in Washington, D. C. and the Rand Miners Union in South Africa.

The entire labor movement in this country should join in protest against the anti-labor activities of the South African government and express solidarity with the African miners fighting for decent living conditions.

ed attempts of the police to | a commission be appointed to study the whole wage question. Some 9,000 native workers in Johannesburg announced their intention of demanding the same wage raise. The slogan extended to other Negro workers,

including the Transvaal Municipal African Workers Union. Eighteen Negro unions, not connected with the mines, on August 14 began considering the question of calling sympathy strikes. The Indian passive-re-

mobilize their forces. (See Picture On Anti-Fascist Picketing Page 2.) THE NEWS IN

Seems to Be a Habit sistance council supported the

cause of the strikers. er prices, Edward A. O'Neal, Before the strike was crushed, American Farm Bureau Federa-American Farm Bureau Federa-tion lobbyist for the live-stock Demonstrate For white miners were preparing to consider action on whether they interests, last week complained too should seek higher wages. before the Prices Decontrol Board The Native Representative that "I'm afraid that as a Na-Council, which convened on tion we have become used to August 14, adjourned "as procheap food."

by the Government toward the A Penny More Labor and working class poli-

Opposing price ceilings, M. F. Mulroy, of the Millers' National Federation, told the Prices Decontrol Board that "just a penny more on a loaf of bread" is "not important in the cost of living."

Capitalists Have One Law—Their Own

An article in the American Body and demonstrated in pro-Wool and Cotton Reporter, textest against GM's refusal to pay them a full vacation bonus for tile manufacturers' trade journal, urges manufacturers to get 1946. The plants were shut down. The veterans picketed in miltogether to fix wages and working conditions "and then if there itary formation, four abreast in is any trouble let the employers platoons of 150 men. All other go on strike. It may be illegal workers respected the picket according to the Wagner Act lines and refused to go through. but what of it."

General Motors, which had more than 13 billion dollars of They Sure Will Help war contracts and raked in more than a billion in war profits, has "All the better wages and bet-

ter conditions of life will not denied veterans full vacation bonuses because these are norbring goodness, kindness and love into the world." (Rev. Dr. Har- mally based on the previous old A. Cockburn of Dumfries. year's wage-earnings. A great Scotland.) number of veterans were out

fighting to "make the world safe The Truth Marches On for GM profits" and had little Among top best-sellers on the | or no such earnings in 1945.

Japan Publishers Association's The marching veterans carried signs saying: current list, reports Time maga-"Jungles in '45, no vacation zine, August 5, are The State and bonus from GM in '46." Revolution, by Lenin, and The Communist Manifesto, by Karl "Don't force us to use Tennes Marx and Frederick Engels. see tactics in Michigan."

new victims whose only "crime in the faces of those who made Jewish homeland are becoming kets were mobilized on only a was to demonstrate in behalf of the slightest show of resistance. increasingly bitter and disilfew hours' notice and the trade refugees from Allied rule in Then the grim ships, with lusioned. union movement made no effort | Europe seeking to enter Palestheir bleeding human cargo, set But the only answer of the to mobilize pickets. The Stalin- tine. Among these victims on

sail for the island of Cyprus. ists, as in the past, failed to August 13 was a girl 18 years of There the helpless families were driven at bayonet point into Three days later a British ish immigrants are scheduled to concentration camps. drum-head court condemned 18 Jews who had survived Hit-

arrive. Jewish youth to death and senler's barbed wire camps shouted Britain insists on a strangletenced four girls to life imto correspondents of the capihold on the oil fields of the Midprisonment. They had resisted talist press and pointed to the dle East. Britain insists on a Britain's dictatorial rule in serial numbers tattooed on their military base in Palestine as an arms as identification marks by anchor to shipping lanes run-

the Nazis, "Tell what you see ning through the Mediterranean. there!" they shouted. Britain insists on these imperial-Two children died the first ist objectives even though it

means concentration camps for day in the camp. As the 1,300 milled in the Al- the Jewish survivors of Nazi teried stockade, the British patrol- ror and ruthless oppression for led surrounding roads in tanks the Arab people of The Middle and armored cars to hunt down East.



An Editorial -

Truman told the press August 16 that he "might" ask Congress" to admit a "designated number" of European displaced persons, "including Jews."

ness patriots didn't like one bit. What does this weasel-worded statement mean? Is The UAW veterans walked it an attempt to quiet the rising indignation of sections out of three General Motors Plants, Pontiac Motor, GMC of the American people over the brutal Allied treatment workers is just one of a series Truck and Coach and Fisher of Jewish refugees in Palestine?

Is it a vague, lying campaign promise calculated to snare a few badly-needed votes for the Democratic machine? Will it land in the waste-basket after election day?

Did Truman deliberately wait until Congress adjourned before ladling out this soothing syrup, knowing that Congress will not reconvene until next January?

What are the "desigated number" of persecuted Jewish refugees to do in the intervening year or so before the anti-Semites in Congress get through discussing it and filibustering against it?

The Militant has long advocated the immediate opening of the gates of America to the refugees in Europe. The lives of the pitiful remnants of the Jewish people who survived the Nazi terror are in danger. That is why they want to get out of Europe.

Emergency measures must be taken to save them. Truman's declaration, however, shows that Washington is giving nothing but hypocritical lip service to the entry of these hounded refugees. Only tremendous pressure from the American people can hope to force a concession from the Truman Administration.

Put the heat on Washington!

Save the survivors of Hitler's terror from the living hell of Allied concentration camps!

2. Cost of living shall be determined by regional cost-of-living committees set up by the union: 3. Wages shall be reviewed British to these demonstrations monthly on a regional basis; was intensification of the blockade on ports where more Jew-4. Wages prevailing on June

tions, show that profits are 'almost double that of the preceding quarter and almost 12 per cent higher than for the second quarter of 1945." On August 13, Reconversion Director Steelman reported 30, 1946 (date of ending of old 1946 "profits after taxes were OPA) shall be considered miniat the highest levels on recmum unless Congressional acord" for any peacetime year. (Continued on Page 2)

Detroit Labor Rally Assails Arson Outrage Against SWP

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT. Aug. 15-Representatives of all sections of Detroit labor tonight participated in a rally to protest the recent fascist-like arson-attack on the Detroit headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party and to aid the

fight against attempted evic- . tion of the SWP from its sociation for the Advancement hall. The rally was sponsor- of Colored People representative, ed by the Detroit SWP. All speakers stressed the need national Executive Board memfor united labor action to combat the growing anti-labor and fascist terrorism here.

Arthur Burch, Detroit SWP organizer, opened the meeting by pointing out that the fire sct SWP organizer, said: "The labor ir the SWP hall during a meetmovement should no longer rely ing of more than a hundred on the government authorities to combat fascism." She urged the

of terrorist attacks on labor and unions to re-organize flying Negro groups all over the counsquadrons and form defense guards as the only reliable de-

Fred Jenkins, president of CIO fense against terrorist attacks. United Auto Workers Chrysler The enthusiastic audience un-Local 490, said the bitter exanimously adopted resolutions. perience of the German workers demanding that the authorities has taught the need for united apprehend those responsible for labor struggle against the fascthe arson-atrocity and that the ists. He complimented the SWP City Department of Building for rallying all sections of labor and Safety Engineering rescind and said that "only by a real its eviction notice against the fight can we meet such attacks." SWP. President Tom Clampitt, UAW

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fire.

Briggs Local 212, said that "all the workers are exploited by capitalist employers and whether they happen to be to the left or right in the labor movement, they all suffer under fascist attacks unless they stick together." Genora Dollinger, one of several Briggs Local militants who were seriously beaten by procompany thugs, showed the relation between the slugging of



On August 13, the British de-**UAW Veterans** Bewailing resistance to high-

GM Vacation Pay (Special To The Militant) DETROIT, Aug. 15-Sev-

For Profiteers!

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UAW Executive Board Authorizes Chrysler Locals To File Notice For Reopening Of Wage Contracts TRADE UNION

The Executive Board of more as pressure on the Price jour the CIO United Automobile Decontrol Board and Truman tion." Workers on August 16 an- Administration to "roll back" nounced that it has authorized prices, than as any serious inits Chrysler Division and other tention to launch a real camunits with 30 and 60-day renegotiation clau : in their con- UAW STATEMENT tracts to file immediate notice of intentions to reopen wage These do not inagreements. clude General Motors and Ford. This action followed the recent demand of the Chrysler locals that the UAW Board authorise them to reopen contracts

of-living bonus to meet rising serve notice upon Government prices. A similar demand was and industry that our further raised by Ford Local 600, largest local union in the world.

erators of the Lakes with a

strike call to all organized

and unorganized Lake sea-

are tied fast to the docks."

ships on the lakes.

months ago.

NMU President Joseph Cur-

men.

UAW President Walter Reuth- relation between prices and er revealed, however, that the wages existing at the end of the so named and so designed. Board"s move was designed sixty-day period from the date of

CIO Unions Rally To Aid NMU

In Battle With Lake Carriers

(Special To The Militant)

paign for higher wages.

"But we are compelled to take these preliminary steps," he added, because "we have got to get ourselves in a position to act

if the Government fails us." A statement of the UAW Board says the filing of the and to seek an adjustable cost- Chrysler notice is intended "to wage action shall be determined after a careful evaluation of the

The statement says the UAW will "demand adjustments in our wage structure necessary to compensate for increases in liv-

ing costs"-if the government has "not taken vigorous steps to restore effective price control on food, clothing and other basic necessities."

It has been proved both during the war years and since VJ-Day that the capitalist government has no intentions of establishing any kind of real price controls. In the last six months the cost-of-living has more than outstripped the wage increases won last spring. The new price bill is a price DECONTROL bill, It is merely sowing illusion to

wage-reopening notifica-

base any union program today on the hope that this government can or will halt inflation. The auto workers are obviously serious about making the necessary preparations to press new wage demands. The UAW leaders, however, are apparently

paying only lip-service to the DETROIT, Aug. 16-The most important inland watermemberships' desires. The UAW way of the world, the Great Lakes, became the scene of Board is still concentrating upon a new maritime labor struggle beginning yesterday. The the futile campaign of appeal-CIO National Maritime Union capped seven months of ing for a "roll back" of prices. futile negotiations with powerful and arrogant ship op-



(Continued from Page 1) tion or union contracts provide a higher minimum;

5. A cost-of-living bonus on an industry-wide basis to reimburse workers for the increase in the cost of living between June 30 clause.

REOPEN CONTRACTS

opening of the Big Four Rubber Agreement (Goodrich, Goodyear, Firestone and U.S. Rubber), and provides that the international union shall instruct all locals not covered by the Big Four

600 has put a flying squadron of "Runaway inflation already has has promised active support to Agreement." He added that the

the Socialist Workers Party, at not protect the standard of liv- control Act strictly limits the a mass meting protesting the re- ing of the working people." cent arson raid upon its head-In a letter to all URWA mem-

Chicago Pickets Halt Smith

DRIVE SMITH OUT OF CHICAGO SOCIALIST WORKERS THREEY

Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith was prevented from speaking in Chicago on August 14, by pickets from the Socialist Workers Party, the Jewish War Veterans and the American Youth for Democracy. For full details see story on Page 1.

Decontrol Board Can't Roll Back Prices, Porter Admits

Union leaders, including CIO President Philip Murand the signing of the escalator ray, and numerous consumers' representatives let off a lot of steam during the four-day hearings of the Price Decontrol Board last week. Their main demands were for

> on "decontrolled" foods and reason to believe that OPA can achieve now what it failed to do a "roll back" of prices to before June 30?"

> The most significant revela-Making these demands before tion of Philip Murray at the the Price Decontrol Board of hearing was that the former OPA, far from enforcing "price control," had itself initiated a "top priority, all-out campaign" "decontrol" thousands of represent Big Business interests commodities. This campaign was put into "high gear" in March. This he charged, under an UNPUBLISHED ADMINIS-TRATIVE ORDER.

The CIO bitterly assails the

government's "stabilization" pro-

gram up to now. "A stabiliza-

tion program which means curbs

on wage increases and soaring

price increases is not a stabiliza-

tion program but a fraud," the

The CIO leaders threaten that

"we cannot accept a situation

CIO statement says.

OPA Approves **Hundreds Of New Price Rises**

OPA Administrator Paul Porter on the eve of the meat famine on the people and Price Decontrol Board hear- are now charging sky's-the-liings last week reassured the mit prices propose to do away profiteers and price-gougers that | with union security clauses in the contract that expired Aug-OPA would maintain a "flexible" policy in raising or removing the few remaining price ceilings.

ion security.

In addition to \$1 an hour min-

monthly cost-of-living bonus.

regularly in direct proportion to

the rises in living costs. It is

a modified form of the sliding

scale of wages, automatically ris-

ing with price rises, advocated

A recent issue of the Bulletin

of UPWA Armour Local 4, South

St. Paul, gave a strong endorse-

"The only controls on prices

Armour Local Urges

Sliding Wage Scale

by The Militant.

principle. It says:

How well that promise is bedues check-off. ing kept and how "flexible" the imum wages, a guaranteed an-OPA has become was shown by nual wage, and elimination of its latest aproval of wide-spread geographical wage differentials, price increases. the UPWA has raised the far-

Most of the 40 per cent of food items still subject to price regulations have already been boosted by OPA in the past month. So the government's price agency began concentrating last week on granting higher prices-and profits-to manufacturers of household equipment, automobiles, etc. The OPA approved price increases of three to 12 per cent on 20 groups of home essentials ranging from radios, stoves and washers to window shades, dishes, cooking utensils and beds. The list includes such electrical kitchen items long wanted by the public as toasters, irons, coffee makers.

Having made the home equipment manufacturers happier, the abor are those instigated by OPA could do no more than show the labor movement. First of the food profiteers that they are not being forgotten. Not only will consumers pay higher prices When prices go up, wages must for coffee-makers, they are gogo up automatically." ing to pay 30 to 40 per cent more for coffee. Coffee prices were raised 10 to 13 cents per pound. NO CONSOLATION

To make it tougher for the working man to get a little consolation for these soaring prices. the OPA tacked another one to two cent price boost on beerboth draught and bottled. That new car in every garage the advertisements promised for

after the war is farther away than ever for the wage-earners. Another big price - hike has been piled on previous price boosts for automobiles-both new and second-hand. OPA added increases of \$70 to \$300 - an average of 7.3 per cent-more-to the retail prices of all new passenger autos. It threatens to bile Workers Union, with a comadd 5 per cent more for handling bined membership fo 165,000 charges.

This is the FOURTH general It now appears that the union rise in auto prices since Novem- form of the sliding wage scale. cal 306 in Detroit. leaders' demands to "Save ber. But the auto workers got OPA!" would not have meant only one wage increase-and that

Packers' Insulting ernment, the needs of American workers cannot be adequately Answer To UPWA-CIO met. We have organized our own The "Big Four" meat packers unions and elected our own unhave answered the CIO United ion representatives to speak for Packinghouse Workers' demands our economic rights. We must for higher wages and a cost-ofalso organize our own political living bonus by insolent counterparty and elect our own political demands designed to destroy unspokesmen who will be responsible only to the labor move-The profiteers who imposed a ment.'

Both these proposals show Armour Local 4 has its eye on the ball!

ust 11. Among these are main- The Richest Prize tenance of membership and the In All Dixie

On August 20 and 21, the CIO Atomic Workers Organizing Committee and the AFL Atomic Trades & Labor Council will compete in an NLRB collective bargaining election for what one reaching demand for a semilabor paper called "the richest . prize in all Dixie" - the atomic This is to be adjusted upward bomb plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee

> Some 20,000 workers are employed in this government openshop plant operated by such antilabor corporations as Monsanto, Tennessee Eastman and Union Carbide. Conditions in the plant have been appalling.

The Army brass has interfered with union organizing. Until recently they would not permit union literature to be distributed ment to the sliding scale of wages without first getting Army approval. For a time, a ban was imposed on distribution of unand production that can benefit ion leaflets at gates of the production area.

Organizers still have to get these, is a sliding scale of wages special "labor" passes to functo meet all increases in prices. tion in Oak Ridge; they cannot do house-to-house soliciting: they cannot hold a meeting ex-The Bulletin adds: "Second is cept under conditions specified an independent labor party to re- by the Army.

present the labor movement in The CIO is appealing to the governmental, policy - making workers to vote for "one big efbodies. Until the labor movement ficient union of the industrial is directly represented in the gov- | type."

Powerful CIO Unions Support Sliding Wage Scale Principle

The principle of the sliding scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living is fast taking hold in CIO unions representing hundreds of thousands of mass production workers.

The Chrysler locals and Ford | month declared itself in favor of Local 600, CIO United Automo- reopening wage contracts and called for a sliding scale of wages. This action follows on have demanded an adjustable the heels of similar proposals by cost-of-living bonus, a modified Briggs Local 212 and Budd Lo-

wages.

and Cudahy.

meet rising prices.

The UAW-CIO General Mo-The powerful Akron Goodrich

tion adopt an industry-wide de-

mand for a sliding scale of

The originator of the cost-of-

living bonus form of the sliding

scale is the CIO United Pack-

inghouse Workers. It is one of

the union's main demands in its

current wage contract negotia-

tions with the Big Four meat

packers, Armour, Swift, Wilson

Many local unions, AFL and

CIO, are also on record in favor

of the sliding scale of wages to

This principle has been advo-

ran, co-chairman of the strike strategy committee, announced today that "73 contract ships and at least 25 unorganized vessels Many vessels now sailing are expected to join the strike when they return from the "upper lakes." The strike's success depends in large measure on its effect upon the unorganized ships belonging to the notorious open-shop Lake Carriers Association. These unorganized vessels comprise the majority of The major demand of the

NMU, a 40-hour week to replace the present 56-hour work week, after eight hours per day and 40 has a strong appeal to all sea- hours per week, and hiring from men. Deep sea seamen of both the union hall. east and west coasts now work a

44-hour week at sea and 40 hours in port as the result of threatened strike action several The NMU is also demanding 10 to 18 cents, an hour increase in wages and overtime payment

NMU Ties Up Six Lake Ships



JOSEPH CURRAN

RALLY SUPPORT Major CIO unions in the Lakes area are rallying to the support of the NMU strike. Ford Local 900 at the disposal of the strike. The Wayne County CIO Council

The resolution calls for the rerestoration of price ceilings 3 June 30 levels.

Agreement to reopen the wage hand-picked bankers and busquestion in their contracts. Local 5 President Bass, in aninessmen was like beating the air. First, the Board members to nouncing this program, said: eaten up the 181/2 cents wage inand are normally inclined tocrease achieved in the Big Four ward aiding the cause of bigger the strike. The Detroit Local of new OPA bill, "is a fraud and will profits. Also, the Price Depowers of the Decontrol Board. PORTER'S ADMISSION bers President Buckmaster stated that the problem of inflation Administrator Paul Porter in a must be fought both on the wage radio address on August 17. He and price levels. He announced pointed out that the present law a conference on the question so ducts and other foods on which the government formerly paid subsidies. The amounts of gram arrived at. these subsidies are required by While the national CIO pro-

At Buffalo

(Special to The Militant) BUFFALO, N. Y. Aug. 17-The CIO National Maritime respect the NMU picket line. It that all views on wages and prices Union to date has six ships refused, however, to join in with may be aired and the best protied up at this port in the Great Lakes strike, accord- Lundberg, president of the SIU, ing to Frank Leason, NMU port announced that his union was agent here. The crews of these freighters have walked off the ships and are picketing some of these vessels.

The Buffalo CIO Council has voted full support to the strike and it is reported that CIO United Auto Workers Bell Local 501 has taken similar action. J. Moloney, director of the CIO United Steelworkers here, has made a public statement supporting the seamen. But no steps have been taken as yet to order the steelworkers unloading ore boats to cease work.

AFL waterfront unions are continuing to unload grain boats under instructions from the top officers of their organization. NMU port agent Leason protested to the Coast Guard that ganized labor ashore. Labor two ships had left port without full crews. This constitues, he said, a violation of law concerning the safe operation of ships. | the midwest.

uarters called for full suppor o the NMU strike from all sections of the labor movement. The AFL Seafarers International Union, which has a share that the international convenof the organized ships under tion in September will conduct contract. announced it would

the NMU strike call. In a statement issued yesterday, Harry in process of negotiating new contracts with SIU-contracted operators.

The struggle against the powlem of the rapidly sinking real erful Lake Carriers Asociation is wages. the first serious threat facing The Rubber Workers Conven-

this open-shop stronghold since tion, one of the first important it was first organized. In 1908 international CIO conventions the LCA publicly adopted this since the institution of price "deanti-union policy: "That the control." will provide an arena owners of ships on the Great for a thorough-going analysis of Lakes do now declare that the the problem of wages and prices. open principle be adopted and Goodrich Local 5's program adhered to on our ships."

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ternational officers at the conporations, mining and railroad vention. If the escalator clause empires that dominate the ecoprogram is adopted, the URWA, nomic life of the industrial midside by side with the CIO United west. It is nearly a decade since Packinghouse Workers who are they bowed to the power of or- already negotiating for a costof-living bonus, could lead the afloat must now close one of the way in a real fight to protect labor against a constantly lowerlast of the major open shops in ing standard of living caused by PRICES WON'T DROP rising prices.

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law to be tacked on to the formgram on the wage question places er retail ceiling prices. all its emphasis on holding down In addition, the Price Deconprices. Buckmaster has wisely trol Board is required to rule left the door open for a more

against restoration of any price realistic approach to the probregulations unless it "finds": 1. That existing prices on the five groups of food products under consideration-live stock (meat), grain, dairy products. soy beans and cotton seed oil-

"have risen unreasonably" above ceiling maximums of June 30. 2. That such commodities are in "short supply" (now vigor-

in which wages are frozen while the cost of living soars" and that ously denied by the meat packwill no doubt find many sup-"labor cannot continue to partiers and other food profiteers). cipate" in such a "stabilization porters among delegates and in-3. That price regulations are program." "practicable and enforceable" (also denied by the food profiteers, who threaten to invoke shortages and a black market if ceilings are restored)

> 4. That "the public interest will be served by such regulations.'

Unless the Decontrol Board trol of all prices." agrees that all these conditions

are met, it must order the con-READY TO TRADE tinuation of price "decontrol" on In this way the CIO leaders the five groups of foods that are indicate that they are ready to supposed to go back under price trade away demands for highregulation on August 20. er wages for capitalist govern-Whatever the Board's decision ment promises of "price-control"-or what can be palmed on Tuesday, August 20, it is certain that it can have little effect off on the workers as "price conon inflationary prices. trol."

Representatives of the meat, What any such promise would dairy and other food interests be worth, even if given, was intimated to the hearings that shown during the war when if the Board should order re- Roosevelt froze wages with a storation of some limited price promise of freezing prices. But controls, this would be followed prices swiftly outsped wages as "shortages," wide - spread the war profiteers raked in the by violations and black market biggest profits in history. operations. Mack L. Langford, spokesman for the chain grocery mits that the Truman adminis-

sider very seriously": "How is our Government going

from again vanishing out of corporations. The CIO charges law-abiding stores? Is there that "the cold and unsympath- profits and conceal the fact any way to keep them from re- etic treatment which labor re- that existing shortages are a returning to illegal and irrespons- ceived at the wage stabilization sult of a single-minded quest for ible hands, if price control is al- board contrasts sharply with the higher profits" that "large scale lowed to return? Is there any enthusiastic price rises which American industry now hypo-

saving the consumers from in- didn't even make up for prev- in Flint, representing 65,000 GM paign to have the coming CIO This was made plain by Price flation, even under the old law. ious rises in the cost of living. workers, at its meeting this United Rubber Workers Conven-

will not permit the pushing back of prices on meats. dairy pro-**To Gain New Wage Raises**

(Continued from Page 1)

employers by the OPA.

"While the wage stabilization gestion that the answer to our board danced on the head of a economic ills lies in the speedpin in devising refinement after up or in wide-spread deteriorarefinement to thwart wage in- tion of terms and conditions of creases, the OPA waxed more employment," the statement ADVOCATED BY MILITANT generous," says the CIO. says.

Truman's hand-picked WBS used every technicality to deny wages-although not accompaemployers already enjoyed liberal price increases." But the OPA "sought to conceal and weeks. confuse its abandonment of price control."

ADMIT OPA ROLE At the same time, they leave

the door open for future support For the first time, the CIO of Truman's wage-price policy. leaders admit that the OPA itself all along was aiding and "Labor's acceptance of any abetting the price-gougers. They form of wage stabilization is possible only if there is an imfurther admit:

mediate roll back of food prices "Nor can anyone be deceived and an administration of the that prices have been stabilized. present price control act which will produce a maximum con- of those who have examined the

new price control law that we are in for substantial rises in living costs which may well the principle of the sliding scale dwarf the rises hitherto experienced."

with rising prices. Packinghouse The CIO program, while deand auto workers are asking for claring the "need for immediate regularly adjusted cost-of-livwage increases," seeks to gain ing bonuses. Akron rubber worksuch increases only by begging ers are demanding the sliding them from a government that

scale escalator wage clause. admittedly has shown extreme These workers remember only hostility to labor—a government too clearly the flasco of the whose program and promises the labor-management conference CIO declares a fraud perpetratlast Fall. They intend to rely on ed in the interests of Big Bustheir own organized strength in iness. action to win a wage program

CIO statement repudiates the cry of the employers that "more

the inflation. The "desperate

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will be decided in the next 30 were initiated at the request of critically raises the cry of 'pro-days."

"The CIO repudiates any sug-

The renewed CIO emphasis of

cated since 1938 by The Militant and the Socialist Workers wage increases even when "the nied by any effective program of Party and is the main plank in action-reflects the pressure of the Trotskyist program to fight the CIO ranks in the past few capitalist inflation. Under the sliding scale plan,

More and more CIO unions the union contract would call for are demanding the reopening of an automatic increase in wage wage contracts. The CIO lead- scales, based on a fixed miniers' recent complete concentramum, for every increase in the tion on a "roll back" of prices cost of living. Such living-cost has already proved entirely inrises would be determined according to an index acceptable Packinghouse workers, auto to the union.

workers, rubber workers are rais-The fact that unions repreing insistent demands for a real senting large sections of industwage program to meet the pro- rial workers are adopting varfor it is the considered judgment blems of a constantly mounting lous forms of the sliding scale plan testifies to the growing re-

The program they are pushing alization that the sliding scale of contains in one form or another wages is the only immediate, direct and effective means for of wages that rise automatically safeguarding the workers standard of living today.

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groups, asked the Board to "con-

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tration has consistently ad-

ministered its own wage-price squeeze" on the American work-

regulations entirely in the in- ers, declares the CIO, is due to "unchecked profiteering."

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cialist Workers Party candidate for the U.S. Sen- | that boasts it is the land of freedom. But it was ste from New York, at the rally celebrating the not enough for the Truman Administration. Hrst anniversary of the Indonesian Republic, held under auspices of the Indonesian League of America at Labor Temple, New York, Aug. 16:

If we are able to celebrate the first anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia, it is certainly not because of anything done by the powers who proclaimed the "Four Freedoms" of the Atlantic Charter at the beginning of the Second World War. They have done everything they could to drown this new republic in blood.

During the war, the Dutch colonial despots specifically promised the Indonesians their freedom. But when the war ended, these same colonial rulers tore up these promises as so much war propaganda and set out to re-establish the hated, oppressive regime that had ground down the Indonesians for some 300 years.

The British capitalists backed the Dutch. British generals directed operations in Java and British forces began invading the island within a month after the Republic of Indonesia was born

The war of these two powers against Indonesia has continued ever since. Within the past week alone, another 275 Indonesians were killed by these Allied victors who had promised to bring the world "Four Freedoms."

Most people might have expected these two powers to go back on all their promises - they are old, case-hardened experts in the use of the lie and cold steel in maintaining colonial empires. But what about the United States? After all America became a republic through a colonial rebellion, and the democratic principles of 1776 are still taught in the public schools.

Wall Street's Government

The United States has changed since that heroic time. Today Washington is concerned about the Indonesian investments of powerful companies like General Motors, Goodyear Rubber, and Standard Oil. These companies would be weakened if control over their investments in Indonesia passed out of the hands of the Dutch overlord

Even more important, if the Indonesian people should succeed in gaining independence, their tions occurred in South Africa, in Singapore and example would inspire the entire colonial world. Ceylon. The workers in Tokio, despite the Allied Wall Street's holdings in China, Africa, Arabia, and Latin America would become endangered. The working class right here in the United States would become bolder and more aggressive in defending its rights and its standards of living.

The Negro people would feel immeasurably heartened and strengthened in their struggle against segregation and discrimination.

Jack and the Dutch Tri-color over the smoking ruins of the cities and villages they conquered. Washington acted as the arsenal for the British

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and Dutch colonial despots. The tanks, rocketfiring planes, ammunition, and other frightful instruments of modern war were furnished by the Truman Administration. And that was not all. From 400 to 600 ships were deployed to carry these supplies to the invading imperialist armies.

Shot Down Indonesian Peoples

The Indonesians were ill-equipped. Many of them fought with nothing but primitive spears. The invader was ruthless. The imperialists bombed defenseless villages; took reprisals on

Truman's Infamous Record

On November 27 the Wall Street political agent who sits in the White House decorated the four British generals on the Combined Chief of Staffs in charge of over-all operations in the Far East, including putting down the Indonesian people. He pinned the Legion of Merit on the chests of Colyer, Macready and Somerville! He gave the Distinguished Service Medal to Sir Henry Maitand Wilson! Thus Truman put the finishing ouch on his answer to a desperate plea for help! The picture would look dark indeed for the Republic of Indonesia if its fate depended on he powers who proclaimed the lofty principles, of the Atlantic Charter.

But it is not so easy to forge new chains on a nation of 72,000,000 people who have struck off their old shackles and lighted the torch of liberty. The imperialists of Holland, Great Britain and the United States will discover to their cost that the battle is barely begun.

Besides, the Indonesian people have friends who have taken up their cause.

In the Netherlands itself, the most advanced workers have raised the slogan: "Free Indonesia from Holland Now!" These workers, the followers of Leon Trotsky organized in the Revolutionary Communist Party, are doing their utmost to arouse the entire working class of the Netherlands to take up the cause of Indonesia and fight against the Dutch capitalists.

Working-Class Demonstrations

In other lands, too, the workers have rallied to the side of the Indonesian people. The most powerful blow yet struck for the Republic of Indonesia was that delivered by the dockworkers of Australia. On September 28, some 30,000 went on strike. They refused to load any supplies for the Dutch rulers. They demanded, 'Hands Off Java!"

The great ports of Sidney, Brisbane and Melbourne were closed to the Dutch oppressor.

This magnificent working class demonstration in defense of the Indonesian people inspired workers elsewhere. Similar militant demonstraoccupation authorities, likewise managed to show that their sympathies were with the Indonesian people.

To this day, the dockworkers of Australia have maintained their refusal to load supplies on the Dutch war ships. When they said, "Hands Off Java!" they meant it.

They gave a mighty demonstration of the power of labor in defending a colonial rebellion. That is why Washington participated in the Australia was the military base of operations for decision of the Dutch and the British rulers to the Dutch. They had accumulated huge stores put down the Indonesian Republic. When the in Australia. They intended to ferry these sup-British landed their troops last September, they plies to the beach heads taken by the British raised the Stars and Stripes as well as the Union | with the connivance of the Truman administration.

Example of Australian Workers

But they have been forced to abandon these plans. The latest dispatches say that the Dutch have been compelled to give up their Australian military base.

Unable to get their supplies loaded on ships, they now have decided to try to salvage what they can by putting them up for sale. By their militant action, the Australian dock-

seek other territory as a base for their bloody operations.

One Year of Indonesia's Puerto Ricans Treated Like Battle For Independence Slaves in Pennsylvania Camp

Bringing "Four Freedoms" To Indonesia

ALLIED IMPERIAL Manuesua

Blood, Tears And Sweat In African Gold Mines

By Larissa Reed

In the South African gold mines fabulous fortunes are prisons. South African "Pass amassed by British absentee bondholders. The rapacious British ruling class squeezes enormous wealth out of the natives. These Pass Laws are enslavement and exploitation of the native mine workers, who produce more than half the world's gold. But for the Daily, like criminals, they are mine toilers themselves, there is nothing but filth, squalor, disease and barbarous living 3

conditions, comparable only in the mines from 18 months to two years. During this period to life in a concentration they are forced by law to separate from their wives and chil-In a colony where the cost of dren, and live in the compounds

living is higher even than it is in England, wages for native they work. mine workers are about 50 cents a day. Out of this they must pay land rates, poll taxes and transportation.

Inside the mines, the natives abor 14 hours a day thousands of feet below the surface, in unhealthy and unsanitary condi-Always undernourished, ions. the mine workers become a workers have compelled the Dutch capitalists to ready prey to disease.

camp.

sumption. Native mine workers are indentured laborers. They are For the period of their con- companies replenish their sup-Where do the Dutch intend to secure this new forced to sign contracts to work tract, they are cooped up in these plies of this speedily outworn magazine. Signed by Hernan

daily lives and freedom of all head. At the end of their contracts, they are sent home, virtually human wrecks. They repay their land and poll taxes.

Under these conditions the av erage native miner manages to live only about five years in the

and becomes tubercular. The remainder of his life is a lingering death.

By Paul Kelly (Special To Tthe Militant)

CHALFONT, Pa., Aug. 19-Hundreds of Puerto Rican laborers, lured into this country by crooked labor concractors, are existing in conditions of indescribable misery and exploitation on farms in

the camp.

sources.

CIO AID

Workers.

Perez and Jose Vargas Roe, who

protested their treatment to gov-

ernment agencies, have faced

threats of being thrown out of

Not only are the workers de-

ceived into serving as slave la-

bor, but local farmers too are

being tricked. One farmer, Frank

Welch of Hilltown, states that

he had to pay \$5 fare from New

York for each of the Puerto Ric-

ans, plus \$8 for their board at

the camp. Thus Friedman ap-

pears to be collecting from two

Efforts to help the Puerto Ricans have just begun. Rev. J.

Westburgh of Newville has been

extremely active in their defense,

and much of the information in

this report was obtained through

gram of The Militant. He dis-

covered the plight of the Puerto

Rican workers when he went

among them distributing Spanish

Rev. Westburgh contacted the

American Legion, which sent a

representative to inspect the

camp-but what the Legion de-

cided to do is not yet known.

The only other aid the Puerto

Ricans have received so far has

been from Local 80 of the CIO

The investigations of the Le-

translations of the Bible.

Pennsylvania and New Jer-U. S. Army veterans, Alcides sey. Yesterday I saw with my own eyes the frightful conditions of some of these workers brought

into this country as a source of cheap labor. I visited the camp of nearly a hundred of these workers here at Chalfont.

These workers were brought to this country under vague promises of getting wages of \$50 and \$60 a week. They were fooled into signing "contracts" which they couldn't even read, by the Harry S. Friedman International Trading Commission Company at San Juan.

PAY OWN PASSAGE

After paying \$85 of their own money for a \$50 passage from Puerto Rico, they find themselves at the mercy of the labor him, although he explained that contractors, who hire them out he does not agree with the proto local farmers for wages of as little as \$3 a week after "deducions."

The workers are housed at the George Washington Boys Camp, owned by the Patriotic Order of Sons of America at Chalfont. It is rented to the labor contractor who farms out the workers on an hourly basis. Nominally the worker is supposed to get 50 cents an hour. He has no assurance of even a day's work. \$1.40 a day is deducted by the contractor for room and board and \$3.50

Farm, Tobacco and Agricultural per week for a return ticket to Puerto Rico. One worker I spoke to told me he earned \$30 a week in his own gion, the Board of Health and Laws" govern and restrict the country driving a truck. For 57 others have caused Friedman hours work in the tomato fields and his foremen some worry, here he received \$9.50 in cash and a slight improvement in condoubly enforced in the mines. and \$5.70 sent to his family. ditions has been noted by the Others end the week with only men. They got more to eat, and marched to and from the shaft \$3 or \$4 for themselves - and Friedman himself has been out

families. to the camp to see what was go-Seven to nine workers are ing on. Whether this is a temforced to live in one room, ten porary improvement will depend turn with only enough money to by ten feet. Only cold water is on what further publicity the available. All say the food is camp receives and on what acinadequate for men expected to tions the farm workers themdo hard labor in the fields. Two selves undertake,

mines. If he lives that long, he usually is stricken with silicosis and becomes tubercular. The re-**Trotsky's Biography Of Stalin**

(Special 'to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Aug. 14—An article viciously attacking Trotsky and his biography of Stalin, which is being pubmum of two years. The mining | lished serially in one of the daily newspapers of this city, appeared in the July 18 issue of Todo, a Mexican weekly

20,000 miners. They sleep 50 in HIGH MORTALITY a room on concrete bunks. Fa-

Because of this high mortality rate, contracts for native mine usually unfit for human con- labor are held down to a maxi-

on the mining property where These "compounds" are virtual concentration camps. A huge brick barracks, with a sin-

gle entrance and central quadrangle, houses from 10,000 to

cilities for washing are dangererously inadequate. The food is

civilians in the fashion of the Nazis; shot down base? This has not yet been revealed. According helpless men, women and children.

The head of the Indonesian government appealed to Truman for help.

answer from Secretary of State Byrnes. This high and authoritative spokesman told the British and Dutch generals to remove the insignia of the USA from the equipment they were using in slaughtering the Indonesians. That made the role of the Truman Administration a little more hypocritical, but not less criminal.

Indonesian appeal for help. Very shortly the State Department issued an official statement supporting Dutch rule in Indonesia. And then the Export-Import Bank, apparently wishing to speed up the slaughter, granted the Dutch capitalists a credit of \$50,000,000.

On top of this, the Truman Administration sent thousands of Dutch marines, trained and equipped by the U.S. Armed Forces, to fight against the Indonesians.

Even these cruel blows against the heroic battlers for Indonesia's freedom were not all. The Truman Administration put on a man-hunt against the Indonesians residing in this country. These Indonesians were not many - only a pitiful, few hundreds. But it was the principle of the thing. Some of these defenders of the new republic were seamen who refused to sail Dutch ships loaded with arms for use against Indonesia!

These men acted as men should act. They defied the brutal Dutch despot. They tried to protect their loved ones and their fellow countrymen from death at the hands of the foreign invader.

The Truman Administration went even further. It tracked down Indonesians who had re- nial despotism: "Life, liberty and the pursuit of sided as long as 16 years in this country; rounded them up; put them behind bars; and ordered them deported to Indonesia into the tender mercies of the Dutch butchers. Today these partisans of the new republic are held in prison at live in Hell than be colonized again!" San Francisco. They may be sent to their deaths any day.

This would seem a sufficient answer to the

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Betrayed

TROTSKY

to the press, they hope to get supplies from the United States, to replace the supplies the Australian dockworkers forced them to sell. The In a few days the Indonesian people got an Dutch despots are convinced the Truman administration will force the American workers to load and deliver the bombs, the high-velocity shells, the rockets, the rifles and other supplies needed to crush the Republic of Indonesia. What shame for America that these tyrants count on help from the country which boasts it

s the land of freedom! What bitter feelings there This did not complete Truman's reply to the must be in the hearts of the Indonesian seamen who were rounded up by the Truman Administration and herded on to Ellis Island—in the very shadow of the Statue of Liberty!

"Hands Off Java!"

The Australian dockworkers did their duty. Now it is the turn of the American workers.

Let the American labor movement take up the cause of the 72,000,000 people fighting for the freedom of their land. It is a just cause. Let the longshoremen follow the splendid example of the Australian dockworkers. "Hands Off Java!" Let the mighty American labor movement begin action in behalf of the sorely beleaguered Indonesians. Demand that the Indonesian residents be freed from prison and allowed to remain in America! Save them from the Dutch executioners!

Demand that the State Department recognize the Republic of Indonesia which has battled heroically for an entire year against terrible odds! On the streetcars and buildings of Batavia in the first days of the Indonesia Republic a slogan appeared that must remind every worker of the struggle of America for freedom from colo-

happiness is the right of all nations! And alongside that slogan appeared another that reminds us of the militant spirit in which America gained its independence: "Rather to





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New Philippine Government Uses Mailed Fist On Huks

By Dave Dreiser (Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16-What "independence" has ly appalling. In these Black brought for the peasants in the Philippines is well illustrated by a report received from an American soldier in Manila. Here is his report:

"Yesterday I went to see a something like 4 or 5 per cent Dr. Lava who is associated with of the population and in the the Hukbalahaps. This man be- province of Papanga where fore the war was a professor of most of the trouble is, 2 per chemistry at the University of cent of the people own 98 per the Philippines and when the cent of the land.

"One of the systems which invasion came he went to the keeps the farmers in poverty is hills and for three years. lived there as a guerrilla leader with that a large landowner will lease his land to one or more leasees. a price on his head. The rigors asking half the chop in payof the life broke his health so ment. The leasees in turn take that now he must stay in bed all half of what's left, leaving the

the time. I'll tell you what he peasants with one fourth of their crop. The peasants even "There is a large peasants" have to furnish their own plow

union which tries to ameliorate and carabao. the serf-like status of the farmers, who before the war received on the average 80 pesos (\$40) a year and now probably less. Half the land is owned by

had to say.

Troop Demonstration Is Labelled "Mutiny"

(Special to The Militant) LONDON, Aug. 13-Charges of

mutiny are being pressed against rorizing the inhabitants with the 263 paratroopers of the British result that more and more peo-Second Division in Johore, Ma- ple are joining the Huks. Meanlava. These troops, chosen eswhile President Roxas makes pecially for use against colonial grandiloquent speeches to the uprisings, mutinied against the effect that if the Huks will only filthy camp conditions which, ac- lay down their arms and submit cording to the Commanding Ofto government authority their ficer, were "not at all what might grievances will get 'a just hear-

be expected." ng.' Perhaps it would be more The paratroopers sat upon a honest to say 'just a hearing.' sea wall and despite the re-"Some idea of the size of the peated threats and appeals from movement may be gained by the the officers refused to return to fact that there are at least 10,000 work. General Arkwright, chief of the Huks, some of whom are of the Malaya Command, ordapparently fighting as guerrilered two companies to place the las. They often fire on trucks paratroopers under close arrest. bringing produce from the pro-The court martial, which is now vinces to Manila. The 86th Diproceeding, brings to light not vision seems to be training 2 to only the abominable conditions. 3 thousand Filipinos for duty but what is more important, the against the Huks. Of course the fact that not even "picked" American government supports troops (and these soldiers were Roxas. The Manila police are beginning to stop and search chosen especially for use in people for weapons, probably in Java) can be fully relied upon hopes of catching Huks." by British imperialism.

These agents go to the towns and farms, holding out the prospect of "high wages." For wages on the farms and in industry are even lower than in the mines. In Johannesburg, the "City of Gold," and other townships, where some of the miners are "recruited," conditions are equal-Ghettos, living quarters are mostly shacks of corrugated iron and bits of packing cases. The gaps are stuffed with old sacks and other rubbish. Sanitary facilities are inadequate or do not exist at all. In some hovels whole families live in one room. Water

is drawn from a communal pump and diphtheria rages. In some around the ghettos, prevent the inhabitants from leaving at night.

out of every ten children die

Conditions in rural areas,

where other miners are "recruit-

ed" are even worse. These natives

within a month of being born.

PELLAGRA RAMPANT

The cost of food is high. The underpaid native subsists largely on his mealie-meal, which is his staple diet almost unrelieved by other foods. Such a diet pro-

"The more militant elements duces pellagra, a disease which in the peasants' union are in is widely prevalent and which the Hukbalahaps which started eventually produces insanity and out as a people's army to resist death. Malnutrition and filth the Japanese invasion. take a tremendous toll of hu-

"Most of the congressmen are man life. An average of five land-owners and the new President, Roxas, supports their inerests, and is using the mailed fist policy toward the Huks. The government forces are constantly raiding the villages and ter-

live in mud huts and are clothed in sacks and rags. Millions of them starve. Under the pressure of hunger, they are compelled to "volunteer" by the thousands to sign contracts for work in the mines.

It was against these conditions that the 50,000 miners struck for union recognition and a \$2 daily wage.

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labor through recruiting agents. Laborde, one time secretary years ago, but the campaign to Party, the venomous "review" repeats almost word for word the malicious slanders contained in a companion piece written by V. J. Jerome for the June 25 New Masses. (A refutation of this later article was carried in the July 6 Militant.) Such fidelity in the reproduction of lies leaves no room for doubt: the real author of both articles is Stalin's loathsome GPU.

One of the Kremlin-hired killers, Charles Jacson, succeeded in murdering Trotsky in Coyoacan.

areas, high barbed wire fences around the shettos prevent the Uruguayan Union **Hits Wall Street Military Scheme**

> (Special To The Militant) MEXICO, D. F., Aug. 15 Announcing a mass campaign against the Truman plan to convert Latin America into a Wall Street-dominated military camp, the Union General de Trabajadores (UGT) of Uruguay issued a call to the people of that country to fight the Soviet Union. against the new "foreign inter-

vention.' Characterizing Truman's pro-

position as "an attempt to subject all the military, economic and political forces of the South American continent to the imperialist control of the United States," the UGT charged that Wall Street "imperialism is allied with the feudal forces of Latin America and with the warenriched speculators in order to maintain monopolistic privileges and dominate the entire world. This alliance causes misery in

Branding Washington's plan of its anti-USSR policy, the UGT in Russia or abroad. declared that this program was also calculated to impede the 'Peace' At Any Price! progress of Latin America. The the UGT "will refuse to particiweak nations."

of the Mexican Communist assassinate the great Marxist's character continues unabated. Why? Because Trotsky was not conducting a personal struggle for power his physical destruction did not solve Stalin's problem: assassination of the great revolutionist did not eliminate Trotskyist opposition to the Kremlin bureaucracy.

FEARED TROTSKY'S IDEAS

Stalin fears Trotsky's ideas, disciples and organization—the Fourth International; Stalin still sees in them one of the greatest threats to the hated Soviet rul-Mexico, on August 21, 1940, six ing caste. Hence, Stalin's literary GPU agents are under standing orders to defame Trotsky's role in the October revolution. and besmirch his character in the vain hope that they can erase the memory of his heroic record and eradicate the knowledge of his powerful ideas from the minds of workers throughout the world. They must falsify his great contributions to Marxism and deny that he was an untiring defender of the Soviet Union. They attempt to confuse workers. who are naturally interested in defending the conquests of the October Revolution, by identifying a political attack against Stalin and the bureaucracy which he dominates, with an attack on

TIME-WORN FORMULA

This is a time-worn GPU formula and Laborde, like his fellow-agents in the United States. faithfully repeats it. He makes no attempt to discuss or refute the factual material presented by Trotsky in his book. Like Jerome in the New Masses, ne deals only with slanders based on the Kremlin's utterly falsified history of the Russian Party.

Both the literary campaign against Trotskyism and the present mass purge in the Soviet Union reveal, not stability of the Kremlin bureaucracy, but the regime's growing fear of all polifor hemispheric defense as part tical opposition, whether it be

President Truman on August Latin American people, stated 13 signed a bill upping American diplomats' pay from former levpate in a new Holy Alliance els of \$10,000-\$17,500 yearly to against the Soviet Union, against new scales of \$15,000-\$25,000. the democracies of Europe and This, Truman said, was a step against the independence of the to make U.S. efforts "much more effective" to "win the peace.

both city and country."

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The Socialist who

aids directly or indirectly in perpetuating the privileged position of one nation at the expense of another, who accommodates himself to colonial slavery, who draws a line of distinction between races and colors in the matter of human rights . . . such a Socialist deserves to be

Leon Trotsky branded with infamy.

Veterans And Politics

It wasn't until a dozen years after World War I that the veterans were called "forgotten men." The second imperialist world war ended only a year ago. And already those who were sent out to fight and die are being called "forgotten men."

"Forgotten men"-that is the conclusion of a report on what has happened to the returned veterans, issued last week by the New York City Veterans Service Centers Committee. It is a harrowing story-told not only in cold statistics, but in hundreds of actual case histories.

Scores of thousands of veterans forced into miserable dwellings, robbed by greedy landlords and rental agents. Hundreds of thousands jobless and other hundreds of thousands working for almost starvation wages. Veterans on government compensation scarcely able to feed themselves and their families.

That is why the veterans as veterans are beginning to turn to political action That is why the veterans' little civil war against a corrupt political machine in Athens, Tennessee, has aroused veterans' groups all over the country to seek political expression.

Are the veterans as such justified in using their own political means to safeguard their interests? Absolutely. But can the veterans, independently of the rest of the working people, effectively defend their interests? Only to a very limited extent.

Most of the veteran political action groups now springing up want to kick out corrupt indictment and prosecution of lynch-inciters like Bilbo, Talmadge, Rankin and Eastland. It must call for the immediate reconvening of Congress to pass effective anti-lynching legislation.

These demands must be backed up by independent action. A broad committee of union, Negro and veterans' groups is needed. It should offer large rewards for information leading to arrest and conviction of the lynchers. It should conduct its own investigations on the scenes of the crimes. Wherever Negroes or other minorities are threatened with terrorist attacks, Defense Guards, must be organized to protect their lives and homes.

The latest lynchings, the "hush-hush" attempts of the government officials, makes this program more imperative than ever. Halt the lynchers!

The War Scandals

U. S. Comptroller General Warren recently testified that during the war "untold billions" were looted from the U.S. Treasury by the biggest corporations. He told how their monumental thievery was aided by the connivance of government and military officials.

The Senate War Investigating Committee has already uncovered some stench, although it is not exposing the really big crooks like General Motors. But it is clear that a real investigation would incriminate government and military officials from top to bottom.

They were all involved in the war contracts procurement racket. They all helped to grease the wheels of the gigantic war profits swindle. Those few not involved directly knew what was going on and either approved or kept silent.

Now that the war is over and the thievery accomplished—and now that some of the scandal is leaking out-the War Department tops last week issued an order forbidding Army procurement officials to maintain close personal association with war contractors. The explanation for the order is that even if there is nothing "dishonest" about such association -it looks bad!

What's behind the "investigating" going on in Washington? Whats behind this new Army order? Didn't we have a similar farce after World War I-although nobody ever went to jail? But the capitalist politicians then prommised, at least it would "never happen again."

We get a hint of the real motive for the "invetigating" in one capitalist newspaper, the August 9 Newark (N. J.) Evening News. An editorial, "Investigating Procurement," says the object of such investigation is "not to develop scandal" but "to secure information upon which more correct letting of war contracts can be based."

"If that sounds like preparing for another war, it is no less than wise government procedure. . . In view of the uncertain stabilization of peace, we ought to know what our errors were in order not to repeat them," says the Evening News.

American capitalism is preparing for a "bigger and better" world war. That war is to be run more "efficiently" than World War II. Crude methods of thievery must go. The graft and corruption of the last war was a "mistake." World War III will be "different." It's going to be an "efficient" and "honest" war.





MRS. PALMER'S HONEY by

NEWS FROM NOWHERE, by William Morris. Kerr Pub-socialist state and the first I, end of Hitler, to be accomlishers, 258 pp. growth of a bureaucracy. This plished before Act II, liberation, News From Nowhere, written bureaucracy is finally eliminat- can be achieved. Along with this about 1890, is subtitled "chap- ed as the workers restore the patriotism, of course, goes supters from a Utopian romance." shattered economy, and a work- port of the bosses' Democratic It is simple in plot, based, like ers' democracy develops. From Party (the party of Rankin and many other socialist novels of this flow genuine brotherhood Bilbo) as against the bosses' Rethe nineteenth century, upon a and freedom. Readers in this atomic age may dream-trip into man's future

communist, society. There is warmth and charm a new handicraft age as the ul- sings out praises of Wallace, in Morris' picture of men, wom- timate form of communist life. Roosevelt and the war-supporten and children who live happily But they will appreciate the ing Democratic Party line-up of and healthily in a world free of penetrating prediction of com- CIO's Political Action Commitoppression and war. Everyone ing fascism, which developed so tee. Her characters mouth glorhas all he needs. Each person many years after this socialist ious promises "if you vote PAC," works when he pleases, at what- classic was written. ever task he chooses. The state

has withered away, there are no laws, no courts, no prisons. Mutual love and respect are the sole government.

THE MILITANT

Even the memory of capitalpp., \$2.50. ism has all but died out in this new society. Only the old men of ninety (who are as vigorous as men of 40) can recall the suf- Cook's novel of a colored girl's convincing. But it is also the fering endured by their grand- struggle in a white world has a very fact that she is still a parents. Most fascinating section of the the telling.

book for readers today, is the Honey Hoop, one of a large of facts presented. chapter on "how the change family of Hoops from Big Mama A review of this novel in the came." Morris was fully aware down to teamb, mothers not only Pittsburgh Courier praised it as that the capitalists would not her own family but also the Pal- more realistic than Ann Petry's yield voluntarily to the will of mers, whom she serves as a do- The Street, recently reviewed in the people when the majority de- mestic until war and a defense The Militant. This reviewer dismanded socialism. He describes job come along. The story of agrees, as any thinking and honthe fascist bands organized by Honey's first contact with the est Negro must disagree. Support wealthy monopolists. He tells of CIO and her slowly growing of the Democratic Party and the the ensuing civil war, in which realization of the power of the war has brought the Negro peothe capitalists were willing to labor movement as an instru- ple not one thing in the way of destroy the world rather than ment in the freeing of her own freedom, save the right to consee it made free by the workers. race, could have served as a novel tinue being lynched, mobbed, He describes how the capitalists of progressive social content. were thwarted. The army, which The book starts out to do this, lynchings, the terror in Columflamed with the same revolution- pointing out that the solution bia, Tennessee, the shootings in ary desires as the masses, joined for Negroes and all minorities is Freeport, the Fontana and Chithe workers and ensured their uniting with labor against a cago fires! common enemy. Where Mrs. Cook victory.

publican Party.

Telling three-fourths of her smile at Morris' description of story to this tune, the author but nowhere does the book go Reviewed by on to say that the pattern of seg-Ruth Benson regation and discrimination remains unchanged under the Democratic Party.

Fannie Cook, Doubleday & Mrs. Cook has yet to learn to Company, New York, 1946, 280 be a good propagandist. Too much of her story preaches a Winner of the first George false doctrine, and it is partly Washington Carver Award, Mrs. because of this that she is unmessage to give. But it fails in "preacher," rather than one who conveys a message by the force

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Stalinist Policy In New York Primaries

NEW YORK, Aug. 19-When this issue of The Militant comes off the press, the tally in the capitalist parties' primaries in New York State will already have been counted. The results will be of little consequence for the workers of this state. A faker will be defeated and an opportunist elected. In all cases, the winning candidates will be agents of Wall Street's political machines, at the best they will be captives.

For the Communist (Stalinist) Party the outcome of the primaries is of decisive importance. Day-in day-out, they have been hammering in their press for the defeat of this capitalist candidate and the election of that one. Their members and supporters are being urged to leave the country resorts for the voting.

Despite all the diatribes against Browder as "friend and tool of monopoly capitalism," the present policy was either written by him or by his excommunicated ghost. This policy gives the real measure of the sham campaign now being conducted by the CP to place their ticket on the state ballot.

In Manhattan they are supporting three candidates for nomination for Congress on the GOP ticket, the party of Wall Street, Hoover and Dewey. And they are supporting three candidates for nomination on the Democratic ticket, the party of Wall Street, Bilbo and Talmadge. In Brooklyn and Queens they are supporting candidates for the Democratic nomination and in Buffalo candidates for the Republican nomination.

It would be sufficient to indicate the Wall Street political machines from which their candidates seek support, to condemn the Stalinist policy out of hand as an anti-working class policy. But the Stalinists themselves give us an insight into the personality and record of some of these men. Take two examples:

Joseph Clarke Baldwin is competing for the Republican nomination in the 17th Congressional District, popularly known as the "rilk stocking" district. Baldwin - according to Marcantonio, a well-known Stalinist mouthpiece—"is by no means a laborite or a liberal, but is definitely an honest and patriotic conservative . . . a sincere defender of free enterprise." In other words, a true-blue son of Wall Street.

Donald O'Toole is supported by the Stalinists for the Democratic nomination in Brooklyn's 13th Congressional District. Five weeks ago when the Stalinists were backing Douglas McMahon of the Transport Workers Union for the same nomination, they screamed that O'Toole is viciously anti-labor. On August 7 the Daily Worker stated that: "Many who voted for O'Toole in 1944 undoubtedly will protest his anti-labor stand on the Case Bill . . . Then suddenly they dropped McMahon and supported O'Toole because of his "progressive" (!) views on international and domestic issues.

Loud talk for an "independent" CP slate. Rivalry for the backing of Wall Street's parties. Cheap, back-room deals for the support of the corrupt Tammany and GOP machines. That's the Stalinist policy in the New York primaries-and in the 1946 elections.



In an article entitled, "Bargains in War Surpluses

local political machines. That is a worthwhile and progressive aim. But it does not and cannot solve the veterans' basic economic and social problems.

These local veteran groups act as appendages of those other local political machines, Democrats or Republicans, who represent the "outs." They have no program-other than "honest government" - fundamentally different from the "ins."

The veterans' real problems-housing, jobs, decent wages-are merely one important and special aspect of the problems of the entire American working class. Political action to solve the veterans' problems must be directed at solving the problems of all the workers.

The progressive aspirations of the veterans need a broader and more fundamental political expression. They must be fused with the aspirations of the whole working class. The interests of the veterans-and all the other workers-will be best served through the building of a labor party.

Lynchings Hush-Hush

While Federal and state officials put on a show of "investigating" the wave of lynchings down South, four more Negroes were murdered last week by white lynchers.

As The Militant revealed last week, the government "investigators" don't lack clues. But there have been no arrests. Known killers are walking around free.

Meanwhile, the impression is being given that "something" is being done. The FBI is "on the job," we are told. No need for any more agitation.

An official campaign of "hush-hush" is being pushed by the FBI and Georgia officials in the mass lynching of two Negro couples near Monroe, Georgia. For instance, Major William Spence of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said, "We want public interest to die down. We can get more information if folks are not stirred up."

If the American people forget about these lynchings, these cases can be quietly buried. That's the real reason why Major Spence-and the FBI-don't want folks "stirred up."

This is a warning to the labor movement and the Negro people that they'd better stir things up a lot more. Or there will be more corpses of lynched Negroes - and union organizers.

The labor movement must loudly protest this attempt at "hush-hush" and demand that. Truman take vigorous measures to arrest and prosecute the lynchers. It must demand the

Ominous Trend

Wall Street's tendency to rely more and more heavily on the military caste in running the country has the most alarming implications for the American workers.

On May 6 Truman placed in the Congressional hopper a bill for "Inter-American Military Cooperation" (H.R. 6326). This bill would have authorized standardization of all armed forced in Latin America according to a master blueprint in the hands of Wall Street's generals.

This bill is part of a grandiose scheme to convert all Latin America into a vast military camp to bolster Wall Street's drive to smash the Soviet Union and gain complete world mastery. It likewise intended to prop up reactionary regimes to safeguard the Latin American investments of the big corporations. Assured profits from Latin America enable Big Business to better resist the wage demands of workers at home.

But Congress adjourned without acting on the measure. People unacquainted with Wall Street's political cunning might imagine that execution of the plan had been at least postponed.

However, Wall Street's military clique is going right ahead with brazen lack of concern about Congress. Admiral Halsey went to Chile to advance the plan and General Eisenhower went south to work out the details of Brazil's and Mexico's participation.

Frank L. Kluckhohn, correspondent of the N. Y. Times, outlines the strategy in an August 8 dispatch from Buenos Aires. "United States" diplomatic and military representatives are making an all-out drive," he says, to carry out the Truman plan. "This may have the effect of presenting the United States Congress . . . with a fait accompli when next it meets." Kluckhohn explains that "it would be difficult indeed, it is held, for Congress not to approve President Truman's plan."

Kluckhohn emphasizes that "it is impossible in the present state of world affairs to be certain that war with Russia will not occur soon."

It is the preparation for this war that accounts for Wall Street shifting more and more real power in Washington to the military clique. Congress by the same process is being reduced to nothing but a rubber stamp body that OK's the plans of the militarists.

The unauthorized activity of Wall Street's brass hats in Latin America is a straw in the wind. It points in the direction of military dictatorship.

Morris then indicates, though fails, however, is in preaching



AFL and CIO leaders agree tory. They took credit for help- action within six months. completely on at least one thing: |ing to defeat in primary elec-The 79th Congress was the tions 16 incumbent reactionary to go in for a little more elec-"worst" in decades, if not in all Representatives and Senators-U. S. history. including some "progressives"

tive Council on August 12 issued tions. a statement that called the rec-

ord of Congress "dismal" and a "danger signal to the American people.". It urged a "sweeping Congressional housecleaning."

ly opposite to the union leaders' Truman - endorsed candidate, dates under a special "microestimate of the 79th Congress in Enos A. Axtell. The PAC's "great scope" and determine those who November 1944 — less than two victory" was in winning the Dem. have a hair-line more "progresyears ago. They then hailed the ocratic Party's nomination for a sive" records. They will send this election of this same Congress as 100 per cent tool of the corrupt information out and urge the a "great progressive victory." Pendergast machine!

SHOW REAL COLORS Most of the "progressive" cap-

italist politicians whom the CIO a million of the workers' hard-Political Action Committee helpearned dollars to put some more ed elect in 1944 - yes, boasted "progressive" capitalist politicabout electing-showed their real lians in Congress next Novemstripes once safely in office. Their | ber. They propose to repeat their pattern was anti-labor and reacperformance of 1944. If they tionary. have their way, we can look for

But last week the CIO Political another "great progressive vic-Action Committee began to crow tory" three months from now over a "really progressive" vic- that will prove a victory for re-

burned: witness the Georgia Reviewed' by

Winifred Nelson

The AFL leaders also propose tioneering. They make it clear they don't propose anything even faintly resembling independent labor political action. "Despite garbled newspaper reports," the. August 6 AFL Weekly News Service emphasizes, "the AFL does in Missouri. There they opposed not contemplate setting up a 'political action' committee.

> They're going to put all candi-AFL members to "elect the friends of labor and defeat its enemies."

It is this very policy that has found its latest results in the last Congress - admittedly the 'worst."

Have the American workers no real alternative to this futile policy of trying to find microscopic differences between capitalist politicians of the Democratic and **Republican** parties?

THE ALTERNATIVE

There is an alternative -- the only one the labor movement can grasp if it is not to go from defeat to defeat. That alternative is: Build A Labor Party.

Labor will be able to make a "sweeping Congressional housecleaning" only when it breaks all ties with the capitalist parties, organizes its own political party and runs its own candidates. The election of genuine labor Congressmen by a labor party will be the first political action labor will be able to honestly call a progressive victory.

ring U.S. Privileges Abroad," World Report, one of the house organs of Big Business, provides an instructive glimpse into Wall Street's drive toward world domination.

Goods and equipment worth more than 11 billion dollars, stored in U. S. depots all over the world, are now being sold "at bargain rates" to 80 countries. Over three billion dollars worth of Army tractors and equipment, transportation stock, hospitals and food rations, have already been sold "at, a 72% loss." In return for these "bargains," Wall Street has gained the following "privileges":

1. U. S. commercial planes receive the right to land on important round-the-world airports built during the war. A globe-encircling air transportation net is thus provided for American exporters, Equally important, American military planes also have permission to land on these bases.

2. Navigational aid stations, providing vital weather information for long-range planes, are to be maintained in many countries. Thus U. S. commercial and military planes crossing the Atlantic will continue to receive these important reports in peacetime as in war.

3. The U.S. gets permission to use China's drydock facilities for her fleet repairs, instead of towing damaged ships across the Pacific. This agreement with China is-for the time being-"limited" to a period of 30 years!

4. Trade with other nations will be stimulated by the sales of vast surplus quantities of U.S. equipment. In addition, new equipment will be needed for any plants which may be built around surplus supplies, as well as replacements for wornout material.

5. Guns and fighting equipment are sold to friendly nations at scrap prices. Needed replacements and parts can be supplied only by American munitions factories. As soon as Congress passes the military cooperation bill, Latin American nations will receive large shipments of these weapons to standardize their armies on the American plan, thus further intensifying their dependence on Wall Street. In brief what World Report cynically calls "bar-

gains" turn out to be imperialist chains which all the more securely tie these already dependent countries to Wall Street.

Or, as World Report puts it, "as compensation for the loss in dollar values, the U.S. is gaining new property and privileges abroad." And further "gives America a foothold in strategic areas of the world." The real price of these "bargains" is thus slavery. Taking advantage of the precarious economic situation of the "buyer" countries and their dire needs, the U.S. imperialists turn them into even more servile dependents by wresting political and economic concessions through these "tie-in" sales.





The conservative AFL Execu- they supported in the last elec-What kind of new "progressives" they helped nominate is shown by their "great victory"

Representative Roger C. Slaugh-This, you will recall, is entire- ter. The CIO-PAC backed the

> Now the CIO-PAC leaders announce they are going to spend

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

Harlem Workers Greet SWP Speakers Against Lynch Law

WORKERS FORUM Editor:

The Socialist Workers Party's recent meeting protesting anti-Negro police brutality was one of the best received meetings held in Harlem in recent months.

We made a sound truck out of a car by mounting a public address system on it and loaded the car with pamphlets, Militants, resolutions, election petitions and placards and proceeded to 125th Street and 7th Ave.

We took possession of the corner by raising our colorful kin, Talmadge," "For A One-

Every comrade had a job to Editor: do. Some sold pamphlets, some sold tickets to the Trotsky Memtants, and others gathered signatures to get our party's candi-

Our speakers were greeted enis E. Byrd, one of the victims of general public was asked to parpolice persecution who had been manhandled by New York's 'fintold his story. He got a real ovation when he announced that the SWP was calling for a mass stoppage in Harlem against police terror. We had already handed out this resolution calling for

The chairman called for a vote. the resolution passed in their tions is glaring proof of this in-

ganizations. Trotsky Memorial Meeting, and collected over 1,000 signatures. that the fight against inflation were made from individual discussions.

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NEW YORK

'Best Newspaper'' Please renew my subscription for another year to one of the best newspapers that anyone can

read. I enjoy every part of the paper, and pass-it on to some friends of mine when I am through with it.

I do wish more working class people could read your paper. It would wake them up plenty. and that's just what they need. Thanks to Mr. Farrell Dobbs for the fine work he is doing. Mrs. A. M. Norman Robbinsdale, Minn.

banners whose slogans read, "In- Scores Leadership dict The Lynchers, Bilbo, Ran- Of UAW-CIO Day Work Stoppage in Harlem." In Wage Struggle

Editor:

A concerted effort on the part of the UAW-CIO to implement orial Meeting, some sold Mili- their program of "maintenance of price line" with concrete activity resulted in an elaborated dates on the ballot in the com- plan to picket numerous business sections here in Detroit. Saturing N. Y. State elections.

est', spoke from our platform and fight against inflation is being made. demonstration and one-day work Inflation" and press publicity such a work stoppage.

A resounding "Aye" was heard It is apparent that the UAW from several hundred workers membership as a whole regards and each person put his copy into this method of combatting inhis pocket for further study and flation with extreme apathy. The discussion with his fellow work- complete absence of picket lines ers. Many also promised to have in very important and busy sec-

various church and fraternal or- difference. Contrast this, if you will, with the militancy and en-At the end of the meeting we ergy displayed by the UAW-CIO had sold more than 200 Militants, workers on problems that have approximately 50 tickets to the even a semblance of plausibility.

The crowd dwindled slowly and is doomed in advance if the main many new friends of the party effort of the auto workers is directed in this channel. The program of The Militant in advanc-

Buy 'The Militant' Here:

seems more logical and practical to achieve. It appears to me that the UAW-CIO leadership is purposely directing and dissipating our efforts in this direction to avoid

> a head-on struggle against the auto-barons for an immediate wage increase and the inclusion of the "sliding wage clause" in our contracts. This misleadership will not long prevail. The urgency of "more money" in con-

trast to the ineffective pickets and "buyers' strike" will soon compel a struggle for more wages. The pressure of the workers will force the leadership to abandon this farce they are now playing.

Fred Riggs Detroit, Mich.

UAW Official Aids Distributor Editor:

I have some news about our experiences distributing The Militant at the CIO Hall. You will remember that about a week ago I enclosed an account of how one of our youth, who was distributing the paper was

well received by the workers.

Enthusiastic About

West Coast Camp

It was with great pleasure

that I read the announcement

of this year's Annual West Coast

Encampment. As one of those

who participated last year I can

suy that it provided me with a

Editor:

'May Manning

Los Angeles, Calif.

day, Aug. 10, was proclaimed a molested. "buyers' strike day" in which the This week, when our distributor went back, one of the officials in the UAW office in that ing the price of food stuffs. building told her that he had Through this type of activity the heard of what happened to our comrade the previous week, and that if any other Militant dis-Many stickers in the various tributor is molested, he is to re-

plants reading, "Unite to fight port it to the office immediately. He said we have as much right announcing the "buyers' strike" to distribute our paper as the plus arrangements to picket busy Stalinists have to distribute markets resulted in a small intheirs. effective picket line in numerous Furthermore, he said that we localities visited by this writer.

could place a stand near the office and that he would see to it that the stand and the papers inists have their stand just a few feet away. Of course we intend to follow up on that as soon as possible. especially since our paper is very

It can be predicted in advance

Mili Adams ing the "sliding scale of wages New York to meet the rising cost of living"

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Picket White House To Protest Lynching



Pickets from several states marching outside the White House to demand immediate federal action in ferreting out the killers responsible for recent lynchings. Labor and Negro groups lead mounting protests against Jim-Crow terror.

Federated Pictures

A Working Mother Gets Politician's Letter

By Mille Fredreci

I have a letter from a Mr. Patrick J. Hannigan. The let- Dorothy Malcolm, one of the ter-head reads: "Elect a Veteran-Patrick J. Hannigan for had fifty rifle shots pumped in-Congress, 18th Congressional District." This district in to her pelvic region alone. You New York City is now repre-9sented in Congress by Mar- of "watering" the meat so that

cantonio, ALP - Dem. - Rep. after it passes through this pro-Here's the letter:

"Dear Friend: You know that like a bargain. But when I the issue in our district is Amer- cooked this shoulder, it shrunk icanism versus Communism. You so that I almost strained my and I believe in the American eyes looking for it. What proway of life. You know that the gram do you have to meet this problems facing our community problem, Mr. Hannigan? have an American solution. We "Pure Irish Linen" & exwere not destroyed. The Stal- do not need help, from Moscow tremely strong and outlasts any is. That's what more and more

or Communists to solve our prob- other kind. But we can't get it, Mr. Hannigan, not even after ilies are beginning to believe, and This letter is typical of the the end of the Second World kind of program offered by the War for Wall Street. Instead we them are looking around for a

Democrats and Republicans who are buying so-called "sheets" control everything and who are which used to sell for 79 cents; known not to deal fairly with but now sell for \$1.98 and look anybody. Here is my answer to like cheese cloth when washed.

Mr. Patrick J. Hannigan: On the counter, they're heavily It is your Democratic Party weighted with starch or some that has been getting help from other chemical stiffening to Moscow all during the war years. make them look good. So we We haven't asked for any and can't even sleep between two we didn't get any, so now let's sheets anymore as we used to before the war. I ask you, Mr. come to the point.

I have a dollar with which I Hannigan: What is "the Ameriam going to buy two bottles of can solution" for the sheet Publishers' newest 10c pamphlets milk at 22 cents a quart, two problem?

loaves of bread at 14 cents a The struggle to stretch a dolorder. Build a Labor Party NOW, by ation as well as study, in sharp loaf and another small item. lar so we can live is not the only contrast to the "city life" grind How much change is there left one we face. There is also the George, Clarke, which came off from my dollar, Mr. Hannigan? question of the cruel crimes the press late last week, has al-

THE MILITANT ARMY **Red Sunday Mobilization Steps Up Chicago Subs**

Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party uses Red Sunday mobilizations to step up subscriptions to The Militant. They obtained 42 subscriptions on their first mobilization, 17 the following Sunday, and 30 this week. Sara Preston, Chicago's litera-©

ture agent, writes: "Enclosed is | four one-year subs and a six-\$18, the result of our last Red month.

Clara Kaye, Seattle, Wash.,-Sunday. There are 30 subs. No numan interest this time. One four subs. John Russo, Reading, Pa.voman refused to renew her subscription because the things she five subs, new and renewal. reads in The Militant excite her

too much-there are so many horrible things going on today, and she is not allowed to get excited as she is not well."

We welcome M. Brooks; new iterature agent for Boston Branch. His first report is accompanied by nine subs. A good eginning, Comrade Brooks!

* * * * Pauline Ryder, new Militant

agent for Philadelphia Branch. sent 13 subscriptions in her first Branch tells how a comrade was communication. She tells about initiated into subscription work, the good work done by the for-"Yesterday I had a very encourmer, agent, "I'll try to handle Militant subscriptions as well as Comrade Fitzgerald, but believe me, no one can really meet her efficiency. She really is tops."

. . . Milwaukee Branch is determined to meet its sub quota in August. "From my rough estimate," writes Fred Martin,. "we sent in 29 renewals and new subs for June and only 15 for rately. In a short time he got July. Our quota is 36 per month, read about the incident, didn't so I am sorry to report that we we had covered little more than you, Mr. Hannigan? It took are way behind. These summer place as a direct consequence of months sort of put a damper on total of seven subs.

the election campaign waged by consistent, normal activity. But and looks extremely large, just your Democratic comrade in we will try our best to redeem ourselves in August by attaining our quota. Enclosed are 11 Tow I ask you, Mr. Hannigan,

renewals." is that "the American way of i this about? Is that the

be't that Wall Street's candidates have to offer us in this working people and their fam-

that is why more and more of Pioneer

Steady subscription work is done by Akron Branch. Every week without fail Doris Hilson who are reading The Militant." sends-in a brief report enclosing from two to six subs. How about ished the experience. Today he a few lines on how you are doing it, Doris?

Many subscriptions are sent in with only brief notes or no comment at all. For instance, for three of his friends. "Would H. Stump of Quakertown, Pa., sent in four new subs. June Carey of Allentown, Pa., sent in six Militant renewals. Ruth Querio, Pittsburgh, Pa.six renewals.

Maggie McGowan, Toledo, Ohio-five subs. From coast to coast, Pioneer A. Field, Minneapolis, Minn .-

Activities

NEW YORK. - For informa-

Brooklyn: Class on "Struggle

for Negro Equality." Instructor:

quarters. SWP, 635 Fulton Street.

Queens - Open forums every

Wednesday at Odd Fellows Tem-

Dancing, refreshments.

aging experience. At our branch meeting a comrade who had not been subbing before, asked to go subbing with me Saturday afternoon. So I picked a street I had done very well on before. For the first four visits we stayed together and I did most of the talking. We got three subs out of our visits. Then my comrade suggested we both try it sepa-

three subs and I got one. And half of one side of a block - a

"Although I can't be certain I believe the write-up in the Militant Army of July 27 was the straw that broke this comrade's resistance against subbing. That plus the fact that he has recently talked with fellows he once worked with at General Motors Apparently this comrade rel-

Jack Bishop, a Militant booster in New York City, sent \$1.50 to cover the cost of six-month subs appreciate your beginning the subs to these people at the earliest possible date," he writes. "The consistent high standard which The Militant has set for itself has not stopped its drive for improvement as the recent issues conclusively show. Congratulations and best wishes from

worker.'

sent us seven more subscriptions.

a sympathizer and intended co-



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making good headway. Accord-

ing to John Leavitt The Militant

has been placed on newsstands

there and additional copies of a

recent issue have been ordered

for special distribution. "A young

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lege, has been giving me splen-

did cooperation so that we are

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Dick Clarke of the St. Louis

toward the future."

The comrades in Baltimore are

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News Exchange, 51 S. Main, "Militant" Bookshop, 405 Everett 101 University Pl. 116 University Pl. Bldg., 39 E. Market St. BOSTON Sam's Corner, Central Square, Lynn. Avenue Tobacco Shop, 312 Blue Hill Ave., Roxbury. Friendly Variety, Warren St., Grove Hall, Roxbury. Uptown News Co., 234 Huntington Ave., Boston. BRISTOL, CONN. Jack & Lindy Ice Cream Bar, 188 N. Main St. N Main St. Bristol Smoke Shop, 240 Main St. BALTIMORE Newsstand at N. Liberty and Bal-Manhattan, at 125th St. Lenox S.W. Corner 7th Ave. N.W. Corner 8th Ave. S.W. Corner 8th Ave. N.W. Corner timore Sts.; Calvert and Fayette St. Howard and Baltimore Sts. Eutan St., near Fayette BUFFALO S. E. corner Main & Mohawk Delaware Ave. & Chippewa S.E. Cor, CAMPBELL, O. / Eidelman's Newsstand, Wilson Ave. near Sheet and Tube Employment Office. HILADELPHIA CHICAGO Ceshinsky's Book Store, 2750 W. Division Socialist Workers Bookshop, 777 W. Adams. CLEVELAND G & M Newsstand, 9th and Superior. PITTSBURGH DETROIT PERMOIT Family Theatre Newsstand, opposite theater "Militant" Bookshop 6108 Linwood Ave, Newsstand at the triangle, (City Hall) on Lafayette, Griswold and Michigan Sts. Newsstands at Cass and Michigan P. & A. Newsstand, PARTLAND. ORE. nd Michigan. Zity Hall Newsstand, Woodward and Michigan. Newsstand opposite Book-Cadillac Hotel, Shelby and Michigan. and S.W. 6th Ave. AN DIEGO, CAL. HARTFORD, CONN. Capital Newsstand, 450 Asylum. Nate's Store, 287 Main. AN FRANCISCO KANSAS CITY, MO. Newsstand, corner 19th and Walnut. LOS ANGELES 316½ West Pico Blvd. Room 2, near Olive St. Downforwn: NE corner 5th and Main: 326 W. 5th St.; Consolidated Bld. 6th and Hill; Schleith, Wester Socialist Workers Party, 3161/2 Pice Blvd co Blvd. esslers' Newsstand, 3351/2 South Tessiers' Newsstand, 335½ South Hill Street. Boyle Hgt.: corner Wabash & Ev-EATTLE ergreen. 22103/2 Brooklyn Ave. Hollywood: Stands at Hollywood and Cahuenga, Hollywood and Los 219 W. 8th St. Newsstand 4220 So. Central Ave. Pike. ST. LOUIS MINNEAPOLIS Book Store, 10 8. 4 St. Labor Book Store, 10 B. 4 a Shinder's News Agency Hennepin Ave. and 6th St. 238 2nd Ave., South N.W. corner, Wisconsin Ave. on Third St. MILWAUKEE T. PAUL 540 Cedar St. Militant Book Shop and SWP office -424 E. Wells St. R. 215. NEWARK ocialist Workers Party, 423 Spring-12 Sts. on Pacific. Socialist Workers Party, 423 Spring-field Ave. S. W. Corner, Broad & Market. Broad & Branford Pl. Broad & Academy St. NEW BRITAIN, CONN. Prosperity Smoke Shop, 60 Church Ideal Cut-Rate, 432 Main St. Descii: Store Stapley & Church St. TOLEDO 213 N. Michigan St. Ideal Cut-Rate; 432 Main St. Rossi's Store, Stanley & Church St Brewton's Smoke Shop, 69 Hartford Madison Ave. TOUNGSTOWN NEW HAVEN Nodelman's News Depot, 106 Church St.

116 University Pl. 42 E. 14th St. SE 4th Ave. & Broadway SW 4th Ave. & Broadway SW 4th Ave. & 14th St. NE 4th Ave. & 14th St. 212. East 14th St. Manhattan, near 42nd St.: SW 5th Ave. & 42nd St. SE 6th Ave. & 42nd St. SE 6th Ave. & 42nd St. SW 6th Ave. & 42nd St. Manhattan, at 125th St. For those Militant readers to give a brief description of our camp life. We had the full use of a very large sized, modern swimminpool which was one of the central attractions of the camp. A recreation hall with a stage gave us opportunities to hold dances tournaments (chess, checkers; etc.), plays and games of all kinds. St. Nicholas Ave. N.W. Corner St. Nicholas Ave. S.W. Corner In the midst of a small park located right on the grounds we Bronx: NW 174th St. & Boston Road Tremont Ave. & Southern Blvd. had a large cabin which was used as a library. Our educational director brought to the PHILADELPHIA Germantown and Lehigh Aves., N.W. corner 13th St. & Market Labor Forum, 1203 West Girard. Broad and Arch. N. E. corner 15th & Market N. E. Corner, Broad & Race. 1343 Girard Ave. Nisseno, 23rd & Venango S. E. Corner, 13th & Filbert. camp over a hundred books. Two cabins were set aside as school rooms in which classes on American Labor History, the Russian Revolution, Marxist Philosophy, and advanced and beginners economics were taught. Hirsch's Bookstore, 1623 Center Ave The spacious grounds which allowed for picnics and hikes were 322 Federal St. Mr. Mason "Newspapers' 1119 E. Carson St. the scene of an all night "snipe hunt." Finally we had several courts for badminton, tennis 134 S.W. Washington, 3d floor Rich's Stand, cor. S.W. Washington and similar games. We had visitors from all parts of the West Coast, including Grocery at 2896 Clay St. Oregon, Washington, Northern SAN FRANCISCO Fitzgerald News Agency. 21-4th St.: Duncan's Newsstand 1886 Sutter St.: Ray's Smoke Shop 1174 Sutter St.: MacDonald's Book Store, 867 Mission St.: Golden Gate News Agency, 81 - 3rd St. San, Francisco School of Socia Science, 305 W. Grant. and Southern California. The camp ended with an evening bonfire and the singing of revolutionary songs. I am certain that this year's encampment in which we will use all the ex-Science, 300 W. Grain SAN FEBRO Johnson's Pool Hall, 531 Beacon St LaRue Pharmacy, 1309 Pacific St. Abrams Pharmacy, 1002 S. Gaffey Williams Book Store, 284 W. 6th St perience gained from last year will be even more successful. Los Angeles, Cal. Coover and his committee. Militant Pub. Assn., 1008 S. Pacific, Room 214. EATTLE Eckert's, corner Washington St and ist Ave.; Bishop's Drug Store. 507 Jackson St.; Pool Room, 500 Main St.; Raymer's Book Store. 905-3rd Ave.; Liberty News, 3rd and Mail This Blank For Your Reservation At **Mid-West Vacation Camp And School** Season June 30-September 2 Adults \$25 week, Children \$15 **OSCAR COOVER, Manager** Floyd A. Glasby, Northside Phar macy. 2957 Thomas St. Newsstand at 8th and Locust. Reserve accommodations for below from...... to..... Newsstand at 9th and Washington, Newsstand at 4th and Locust. Family 🗆 Couple 🗆 Newsstand at 8th & Olive. List all who will attend: Name TACOMA, WASH. Cor 8th & Pacific Amusement Center, Between 11 & (Mr., Mrs., Miss) List Children and Age I enclose \$...... (as deposit) (full payment......) 213 N. Michigan St. Butler's Shoe Repairs, 447 Indiana Hill's Cleaning Shops at: 403 Indiana; 3619 Summit. Hirsch Newsstand, 319 St., Clair, Main Drug Store, Michigan St, and Name of Applicant Address Terrace Confectionery, 1947 Jacobs Road. City & Zone

wonderful opportunity for relax. of the rest of the year.

who did not have an opportunity friend McEvoy, whose father ties. Just look at the headlines, ies are being distributed to branto attend last year I would like came from Ireland, the dear old Mr. Hannigan, and this is what motherland. McEvoy makes \$8 a you'll see: day, but he has to buy six bot-"Cop Gouges Out Both Eyes of tles of milk a day at a cost of Negro Vet.", \$1.32 a day. Have you a pro- "Man Flogged to Death in Misgram to meet the high cost of sissippi." milk for babies, Mr. Hannigan? "No Negroes Wanted - U. S.

The butcher's got me again. I Army." was charged 49 cents a pound "Dewey OK's Freeport Mur-

for a smoked shoulder costing ders." \$3.50, but I really paid \$1 a "Racial Terror in Chicago."

pound. The butchers have a way | The press reported that Mrs.

MID-WEST SCHOOL PREPARES FOR LABOR DAY JAMBOREE

A gala three day Jamboree has been planned for the last three days of the 1946 season of the Midwest Camp and School at Little Pleasant Lake, Grass Lake, Michigan, This three day period will extend from Saturday, August 31, through Monday, September .

2. The special rates for this. The educational program, unsession are \$10 for adults and der the direction of William \$5 for children under the age | Warde, the director of the camp from Pioneer Publishers, 116 Uni- | floor. of 15. This fee for the three and school, has already been days includes food and lodging. laid out. He will lecture on the With this special rate we are Educational Work and Perspecexpecting a bumper crop of tives of the Socialist Workers friends and supporters to avail Party. Ernie Kennedy will dethemselves of the opportunity liver a lecture on Trade Unionof joining us in terminating the ism and the Lessons of the Gen-1946 session of the camp and eral Motors Strike. Myra Tanner Weiss will speak on Fascism and school in a memorable fashion. the fight against it. Carl Skog-Already the plans for housing lund, one of the eighteen CIO and feeding the visitors are be-

Alfred Lynn, ing carried out by Comrade prisoned after the infamous Minneapolis trial, will also give

Grass Lake, Mich.

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and Recreational Committee is planning many new activities to supplement its regular program games, dancing, boating, fishing and swimming. We plan to make the Midwest Follies, our regular Saturday night feature, the biggest and best show ever presented here. The Jamboree looks like the biggest three days in history of the Camp. Make sure of your reservations by sending them in early with a small, deposit. Address all communications to Oscar Coover, Manager, Midwest School and Camp, Grass Lake, Michigan. Be sure to be on hand for this gala Labor Day Jamboree. Make your resetted now.

Let me tell you about my committed against the minori- ready drawn praise as 4,700 copches of the Socialist Workers Party.

Notes

are reaching popularity in short

Georgia, Talmadge.

party of their own.

tion on the Trotskyist Youth Jack Reid, Newark Branch Lit-Group send name and address erature agent, wrote: "Pioneer is to be congratulated on pubto 116 University Place, N. Y. 3. lishing George Clarke's articles N Y from The Militant as a pamphlet. Every Sunday: Beach Party at This work gives a clear and Brighton Beach between Bay punchy explanation of the need for a Labor Party. We intend to make this our leading party

pamphlet in the New Jersey elecp.m., at 116 University Place. tion campaign." Dancing, refreshments follow.

Los Angeles Branch came through as promised with a second order for 300 Veterans & Labor, by Charles Carsten. The Branch plans special sales campaigns for this pamphlet, the new Labor Party Now and Only Victorious Socialist Revolutions Can Prevent The Third World ple, 160th St. and 90th Ave., War & Manifesto of the Fourth 8 p.m. International, April, 1946).

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announcements of youth activi- \$5 per day. \$5 for children under ies.

Opens 3-Day Camp Weekend

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12 The West Coast Summer Encampment is opening this year for a three-day week end, September 13 to 15 in--8 (take BMT to Ocean P'way). | clusive. Situated at the Work-Open Forum: Every Friday, 8 men's Circle Camp in Carbon Canyon, San Bernardino County, the camp is two miles from Lavida Hot Springs and 32 miles from Los Angeles.

Many workers and their wives Harry Robinson, Every Tuesday who attended the encampment at 7:30 p.m. at Brooklyn head- last year will remember their enjoyable and instructive vacation. The camp is spacious and provided with comfortable accommodations and many recreational facilities, including a large swimming pool. Diversified outdoor sports include badminton, PHILADELPHIA. - Youth tennis and other games. Social tertainment.

A special feature of the camp will be a series of discussions on the coming American Revolution The Militant are urged to send in their reservations early. Rates Watch this column for further are \$10 for the full week end or 12 years of age.

Mail This Blank for Your Reservation At WEST COAST ENCAMPMENT September 13, 14, 15 Three day week end Workmen's Circle Camp, Carbon Canyon, San Bernar-

dino County; 2 miles from Lavida Springs, 32 miles east of Los Angeles. Take Route 101, turn left to Brea, then to Carbon Canyon. Rates: \$10 for full week end; \$5 for one day and \$5

for children under 12 years of age. West Coast Vacation Camp, c/o. The Militant, 316 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles 15, Calif. Reserve accommodations as follows:

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an interesting lecture. The Entertainment, Social,

SUBSCRIBE and SWP leaders who were im-CTITIES . **NEW YORK** Campaign Jamboree!

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1946

Blistering Attack On Lynch Terror Delivered By Milton Richardson

By Robert L. Birchman (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Aug. 17—In a blistering attack against lynch terror, Milton Richardson, S.W.P. candidate for Lieut.-Governor of New York, last night outlined the re-volutionary socialist program to combat the mounting wave of anti-Negro violence. Over 150 Negro and white

workers attended the mass? meeting, called by the Socialist Workers Party.

Richardson presented a historical and factual analysis of the reasons why lynch terror is rising. He pointed out that the only road to freedom and security for the Negro people is through the revolutionary socialist program. He called upon the audience to join with the SWP in the struggle against capitalist exploitation and oppression.

Mike Bartell, Chicago SWP Organizer, explained that Big Business was behind these terrorist actions against the Negro people. He pointed out that the only al-Mes of the Negro people in their struggle against tyranny and oppression were the organized labor movement and other minority groups.

Bartell presented the six-point program of the SWP to halt the have permitted these terrorist errorists in Chicago.

Chicago united front to include sentatives of labor and persecutall local unions, Negro, veteran ed minority races. and progressive organizations.

2. Organize mass demonstrations, including a militant march Communist (Stalinist) Party, of thousands of Negro and white which has refused to actively workers through the streets of participate in the Chicago united Chicago

Independent Investigating Com- demand that their leaders join mittee to hunt down and punish in the fight. the terrorists. Increase the amount of the reward offered for

information leading to the apprehension of the criminals responsible for terrorism.

ference to Combat Terrorism the 60th attack on Negro homes Against Minorities.

5. Build a Defense Organiza- ed out that tension is mounting tion. based on the unions, Negro and timely protection to threatened of such Defense Guards, demand tions was launched against the that city authorities deputize Negro people, followed by terspecial guards to be selected by rorist actions. the labor organizations, armed

and financed by the city. party, and break with the cor- program of the SWP.

Wages, Prices And Profits

MILTON RICHARDSON

rupt capitalist politicians who crimes to go unpunished. Re-

1. Broaden and expand the place them with genuine repre-Bartell also condemned the

passive and negative role of the front campaign. He called upon 3. Conduct an independent any members or sympathizers of TIRELESS CAMPAIGNERS

natures.

public investigation through an the Communist Party present, to Henry W. McGee, president of the Chicago Branch of the of Oneonta, where C. P. peti-NAACP, announced that last tioners were driven out a week night a second attempt was made ago, intimidation took a more

to set fire to the home of Mrs. subtle form. A local cop took '4. Demand the appointment of W. G. Campbell, 4203 S. Wells the petition and copied two of a special prosecutor, to be chosen St. The first attempt to destroy the names on it. This flagrantly by the labor and other organi- this family's home was made on illegal action was vigorously zations represented in the Con- July 12. He stated that this is protested by our veteran. In Seneca Falls a Stalinist in less than two years. He point- worker signed our petition and

Only Defense Guards, under these terrorist attacks. Among the speakers was Gerveteran organizations, in coop- ald Bullock, chairman of the slanders us as "fascists" he reeration with all anti-fascist forc- Committee on Racial Equality, plied: "You know there are stues, can provide adequate and who drew a parallel between the pid fanatics in all parties. Up present situation and that in here we are for the unity of all Negro families. In the absence 1919 when a wave of provoca- left wing forces.'

After the meeting 15 Negro 7 p.m., August 27th.

NEW YORK SWP CAMPAIGN MANAGER NEW YORK, Aug. 19-The petition campaign to place Farrell Dobbs, Milton Richardson and the Socialist Workers Party ticket on the ballot is now on the last lap. Only a few thousand signatures re-@ main to reach our set goal of 25,000 signatures or double the Black Market legally required number.

By Karolyn Kerry

But for the rainy weather this weekend, the goal would have been reached in half the time been reached in half the time allotted for obtaining signatures. By next week there is every in-By next week there is every indication that the campaign will NEW YORK, Aug. 16-The finish in record style.

William Kitt, candidate for OPA yesterday filed 55 com-Comptroller, writes us that "the plaints of black market practices against the "Big Buffalo Branch was greatly enthused to hear of the amazing Four" of the meatpacking trust—Armour, Swift, Wilson progress made to date in the campaign. It certainly is a and Cudahy. testimonial to the spirit and

The government's charges, power of our party." The Buffiled in the War Emergency falo Branch itself is already well Courts of Manhattan, Bronx, over half its quota of 5,000 sig-Brooklyn and Queens, accused

the "Big Four" and their agents The Harlem Branch came in of numerous acts in violation of for honors this week, turning in OPA regulations over a nineover 500 signatures. Outstandmonth period prior to June 30. ing in this case is the report that more than 400 of these sig-Some of the worst practices natures were gathered by James, were forced tie-in sales and dea new comrade who joined the livery of unwanted items to rebranch less than two weeks ago. tailers. This put a big added cost on the retailers, who in turn added the illegal price to what Two of our veterans and tirethe consumer was compelled to less campaigners returned with

an interesting account of their pay. OPA interviews with hundreds upstate experiences. In the town of retailers disclosed that they were compelled to buy scrapple, yeal brains and other items they didn't want in order to get meat and butter to sell.

Armour & Company was nam-14; Wilson, in 9; and Cudahy, in

got some of his friends to do market practices during the likewise. When he was reminded meat famine they imposed on that the Daily Worker regularly the people, the "Big Four" were hypocritically issuing public statements complaining about the "black market" getting all the meat because OPA price ceilings were "too low."

The next petition mobilization Washington lobbyists of in New York will start from University Pl., and from Brook- more threatening that meat will day and unanimously passed Campaign Headquarters at 116 and white workers requested more lyn Campaign Headquarters, 635 be diverted into the black mar- a resolution calling for a 6. Build an independent labor information on the activities and Fulton St., on Saturday evening ket if any price ceilings are re-

Veterans Win Election Battle





Knox Henry, a veteran of the North Africa campaign, was elected sheriff of Athens. Tennessee, after ex-GIs won a victory in an election day battle against the old-line, corrupt Democratic machine. A six-hour struggle with bullets as well as ballots was necessary before the machine politicians, who tried to terrorize the veterans with 300 armed "deputies," were driven out. **Federated Press**

Armour & Company was nam-ed in 23 complaints; Swift, in 14: Wilson in 9: and Cudaby, in while engaged in these black For United Labor Conference

By Russell Morgan (Special to The Militant) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15 -A joint conference of some

200 delegates from the AFL, CIO, and Railway Brotherthese meat profiteers are once hoods met here last Thurs-United Labor Conference of all unions to work out joint action against anti-labor legislation.

year. Among the speakers were Ro-These are the figures con-

Half of America

under \$40 a week.

Lives Sub-Standard

One-half of all American

families in 1945 had an income

More than two-thirds had

incomes under \$3,000. And

9,300,000 families were forced

to exist on less than \$1,000 a

of less than \$2,000 a year-



Machines Create No New Value By V. Grey

Here is a steel plant worth a hundred million dollars. Phousands tons of steel are produced each day in this plant. The product is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

What is happening to the plant itself as the products come rolling out the gate? What is happening to the plant while the ten thousand workers are producing surplus value for the owners?

Why, the plant is wearing away. Bit by bit, rust, corrosion, decay, wear and tear — all take their toll. You see machinists, millwrights, riggers, pipefitters always repairing and replacing. (In the blast furnace department, for instance, there are over a hundred maintenance men. with only about a hundred and fifty workers actually operating the furnaces.) Every so often a whole furnace is relined and rebuilt. Shops are torn down or remodeled. Mills grow old fashioned. New ones replace them.

Company-owned lake boats bring ten to twenty thousand tons of ore in a load. The weird "leg" unloaders that dip down into the hold like men-from-Mars, scoop up twenty tons at a grab, and a hopper sifts their load onto a moving belt to the huge piles of ore in the rear. They unload the limestone in the same way.

Behind the "legs," up skyward over these mountains of ore and lime are the "bridges." These are cranes on straddled stilts 60 feet high, running back and forth to pick up more tons of lime and ore for the waiting gantry cars on the trestle, still further inland, parallel to the ore piles. These cars rumble up and down the trestle day and night — loading and dumping their twenty tons or so every few minutes. Everything clatters, bumps and wears, out.

The stock house below the trestle receives the loads of lime, coke and ore into its bins. And still another group of "larry" cars run up and down inside the stock house getting their smaller loads from the bins above. They stop opposite each furnace and spot their loads above the waiting "skip" cars, which take the stock up to the top of the furnace, five and ten tons at a time.

So before the stock is even put into the blast furnace for its first operation, millions of dollars of machinery handles it, and wears out in the process.

Then the million and a quarter dollar blast furnace blows, burns and blasts the stock. It coughs up the slag and finally pours the molten iron. Huge ladles, each mounted on eight railway car wheels, receive the iron below the furnace floor. Steam and Diesel locomotives pull the live iron to the Open Hearth.

The Open Hearth has machinery almost, as tremendous nd expensive as the blast furnace. The charging machines which lift up the "coffin" boxes full of lime or scrap steel, turn them over, knock them against the side of the door to be sure they are empty; the overhead cranes which pick up small ladles of live iron and pour them into the furnace; the locomotives which also run up and down the Open Hearth floor.

When the "heat" is tapped and the new steel leaps into the pit behind the Open Hearth Furnace, a huge 80 ton vessel receives it into its battered sides lined with clay. and brick. A hundred ton crane overhead picks up this full ladle, and pours the liquid steel into ingot moulds on flat cars.

After all this, the resulting steel ingot, with its iron ore, coke, limestone, carbon, silicon, sulphur and sometin es other things as well is only worth around 80 dollars a ton! And these materials have gone through machines and processes costing millions upon millions of dollars.

Instead of saying that machines produce profits by themselves, you might almost say, "How on earth can the company afford to sell steel for 80 dollars a ton when they use up such expense machinery?" But there are thousands of tons produced. For each dollar of value worn away in the machinery, a dollar of value reappears in the steel product; and a mew value appears above this, which is added by the creative human beings who run the machines. The corporation enters this in its bookkeeping. The money it takes in which represents the surplus value produced by the workers, it calls "profits" or "dividends" and

The Relation Between Wages and Surplus Value

By Warren Creel

Normally, the price of commodities reflects the laborvalue that is in them. This point was dealt with in last week's installment. Wages, the price of labor-power, are controlled by the same law of labor-value, through the same process of competition. In this case, it is competition in the labor market.

The sellers, the workers, try to get the best wage they can, while the buyers, the employers, try to buy cheaply. The workers nust sell their labor power somehow, for they cannot live without a job. No one worker can keep his wage standard high, because he knows the employer will hire some other worker at a lower wage, and leave him unemployed.

The employer offers the lowest wage at which he can hire workers. It turns out there is a point below which workers will not go. In the long run, workers will not take jobs at wages below the cost of living, because they can't. They might as well starve unemployed as starve on the job. Moreover, at that point the workers can organize most strongly to strike for higher wages. No group of the workers within the union will consent to settle a strike and go back to work for less than a living wage.

So the level of wages that comes from bargaining in the labor market is determined indirectly by the cost of living. The cost of living is another way of saying the cost of production of the worker's labor power. In order to work the worker must get goods enough to live, to keep him healthy and strong enough to work, and to support his family so there will be other workers in the future.

Wages obey the law of labor value. The normal wage for a day's work equals the amount of labor required to produce the worker for the day's work.

How much labor to support a worker for a day's work? He and his family eat a certain number of pounds of food, which took a certain amount of labor to produce. They wear out a certain fraction of their clothes, use up a certain fraction of housing, burn up some fuel for heating, and so on, all of which took labor to produce. At a rough value" in Marxist economics. estimate, the goods used up by an American worker and his family in l'ving a day probably took less than two hours total labor in production. He works eight hours (or more) and gets back the output of two hours labor.

As farming becomes more efficient, a worker on a farm produces more pounds of food by a day's labor. Thus each pound of food contains less labor-value. But so many pounds of food will nourish a worker and his family just the same. A similar increase in efficiency takes place in clothing, housing, everything. Productivity goes up. But wages do not go up with productivity. Through the law of labor value wages are controlled by the amount the worker needs to live on, not by what the worker produces.

We see from statistics pictured in the above chart that the average worker's output in goods doubled between 1919 and 1938. But real wages, wages measured in goods, did not go up. They stayed very close to an even level Marx said, by their "traditional standard of life," and by through the whole time. The law of labor-value shows the strength of their working class organizations. the reason why.

Productivity and Real Weekly Earnings In Manufacturing, 1919 to 1938 (1923-25-100)



The goods a worker produces in one day contain the total value of his one day's labor. We'll call it 8 hours labor time. That's what he produces, measured in laborvalue. His wages buy enough goods to live on for a day. Commission, the New Jersey some time ago condemned these The labor it took to produce the goods he can buy is the State Public Utility Comis- engines in interstate commerce. amount he gets, measured in labor value. We'll estimate 2 hours labor in what he gets. The difference, the output of 6 hours labor stays in the hands of the employer. This the engineer and then make him difference between the labor-value the worker produces prove he is innocent afterwards? and the labor-value the worker gets is called "surplus-

The surplus value is the employer's margin. Increased efficiency in output only increases the surplus value.

The law of wages, like the law of prices, works out indirectly, through the bargaining process between employers and workers. The actual wage settled on depends, as Marx said, on "The respective powers of the combatants," (Value, Price and Profit). The Real Wage line in the above chart shows how wages dropped in 1932, as unemployment weakened the bargaining power of the workers. Wages rose from 1934 through 1937, as the strike waves, and the CIO organization drive in the mass industries increased labor's power to bargain.

The level of wages settles at the point where the workers must say, or have organized strongly enough to say, "Below this we will not go." That point is governed first of all by the amount of goods they need, but also, as Next Week: What Becomes of Surplus Value

Hughes, vice-president of the tained in a recent Federal Reserve Board study. They do AFL painters, Richmond; Dave not take into account reduc-Bers, Marine Cooks and Stetion of real income due to wards: G. F. Irvine Brotherinflated cost-of-living. hood of Locomotive Enginemen At the other end of the inand Firemen; and Sylvain

come brackets, the same re-Schaittacher, AFL laborers. port showed that the wealth-Delegates Hughes, Adams and iest ten per cent of American Schnaittacher reported methods families hold 60 per cent of used in conducting so-called all liquid assets. buyers strikes in the East Bay area. Brother Hughes pointed out that the only buyers strikes

endorsing and getting behind a which had met with any suscall for a United Labor Council tained success had been those composed of all unions to fight conducted by the trade unions all anti-labor legislation. through militant action, such as The conference also adopted picket-lines, work stoppages, resolutions calling for a special session of Congress to enact "a

Probably the best represented bona-fide OPA bill"; demanding delegation to the conference was the price decontrol board reinthe Marine Cooks and Stewards. state price ceilings on all items It was one of their delegates, now exempted; approved the Dave Bers, who urged the del- Bay Area buyers strike to be while moves against inflation by 26 to September 2.

s them to the owners. The money it takes in, which represents the value of the worn-away machinery, it lays aside and calls a "sinking fund." If it takes a machine or a furnace ten years to wear out entirely, then the sinking fund must contain one-tenth of the machine's value each year and purchase a new one at the end of ten years.

U.S. Steel, for example, has to produce and sell fifteen million tons of steel a year before they start making a profit. The enormous machinery they have to replace will wear out in a few years whether it produces steel or not.

The machinery and plants of U.S. Steel do not produce any new value. Not only that. If less than fifteen million egates to back-up these worth- conducted the week of August tons of steel can be produced, these machines and plants are a liability.

Who's Really To Blame In Jersey Rail Wreck?

Who is responsible for the wreck on the Central Railroad of New Jersey of August 2? The blame has been put the engineer be the goat for this ference to protect the rights of on engineer William O'Neill of the second train by the Hudson County Prosecutor's office in a closed session. Three other investigations

are going on simultaneously, neer with any reasonable possi-bility of averting real trouble. by the Interstate Commerce Even the ICC realized this and sion and the CRRNJ. The ICC ordered the use of en-

Will they too first condemn gines with cabs on the end where gether and can help each other. Will any of these investigations Injector valves are generally the fireman's job. Is it the engineer's bring out the following facts? 1. Age of Locomotive: That engine was built anywhere between have not been taken out of ser-1900 and 1910. The engineer says vice

he had to fix some injectors (which control water feed to the boilers) while running and couldn't see the signal light at west approach to the bridge carthe same time.

rying the CRRNJ tracks over 2. The Construction of Locomotive: The locomotive cab is the Hackensack River to Newark slung across the middle of the and Elizabethport. This has temboiler just in front of the fireporarily closed the alternate box. The fireman can be either route to the seashore. on the left side of cab with the One of the trains in the wreck

(the one run into) ran over this boiler between him and the engineer, or on the tender feeding coal to the fire, with the firebox was damaged. Instead of trying management against the riding to fix this bridge so that this public and the workingmen who between him and the engineer. In either case, if anything alternate route could be used make it possible for the owners went wrong with the engineer again, the railroad had applied to get their big profits. All the or some part of the controls, the to the ICC for permission to CRRNJ brotherhoods ought to fireman couldn't reach the engi- abandon the line altogether. Will send delegates to a united con-

too? the laboring men involved. The

4. Age of Engineer, Retirebrotherhoods ought to be present ment, and Pension Payments: at all hearings involving Broth-The engineer was 71 years old. er O'Neill and see that he is The question might be asked why properly represented and prodidn't he retire on his pension tected. No investigations should at the age of 65 as he had a be held behind closed doors, like right to? The joker is: His penthe Hudson County prosecutor's. sion entitles him only to \$85-\$110 per month, while his wage that could be looked into, but the entitles him to \$250-\$350 per facts should be sufficient to fix fireman and engineer work tothe responsibility for the CRRNJ month.

This puts the engineer in the position of having to choose befault that these rolling coffins | tween retiring at an elderly age (65) and trying to maintain his

dependents on \$21-\$27.50 a week: or working beyond the limit of 3. Congestion of Trains on Main Line: In February of this his strength, nerves, eyes, ears, year, a 14,500-ton steam engine and other physical factors that go into making the difference crashed into the beams of the

between safety and danger in handling speeding trains. It is peculiar that in six days of investigating, no official has thought of investigating the company!

Dan Roberts The railroad brotherhoods SWP Candidate for State should get together to inves-Senator from 31st District alternate route until the bridge tigate this crime of the railroad

Dance Songs Fri., August 30, 7:30 p.m

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wreck where it belongs-on the company. CRRNJ Worker, Bayonne, N. J.

There are many other things

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THE MILITANT

companied the exile and his wife

Natalia to Mexico. This officer

who was chief of police by the

time of the Bukharin trial, de-

clared Trotsky could not possibly

have received any communica-

tion from Bessonov or replied to

got a sentence of 15 years.

That didn't save Bessonov. He

The worst blunder of all in the

frame-up was the "confession" of Krestinsky that "Trotsky came

to Merano (Italy) about October

10 (1933) together with Sedov"

error in the GPU frameup was

on par with the one about meet-

ing Sedov in the non-existent

flying to Oslo in an airplane that

The Dewey Commission had

already established that Trotsky

lie of course did not save Kres-

lie. Harry Gannes spoke learnedly

co-Italian border."

tinsky. Stalin had him shot.

never landed.

How The Third Big Frameup Trial The NEGRO Exposed Stalin's Gangster Regime STRUGGLE

By Joseph Hansen

(Thirteenth in a series on the Moscow Trials and their significance.) If it is possible to reach an absurdity in mud-slinging. lies, slander, bloodshed and horror, Stalin achieved it in the frame-up trial of Bukharin, Rykov, Rakovsky, Krestinsky, Yagoda, and the others on March 2-13, 1938.

In the dock of victims sat[©] no less than eight former Soviet ministers, not counting Trotsky who was exiled in Mexico. "After the death of Lenin." Trotsky told the press, "Rykoy was the official head of the government for more than five years. From 1918 Bukharin was the editor of the central organ of the Party, Pravda, and from 1926 the official head of the Communist International. Later, after his fall into disfavor, he became the editor of Izvestia. Rakovsky was the head of the Ukranian government and later ambassador to London and Paris. Krestinsky, the predecessor of Stalin as secretary of the Central Committee of the party, was afterward ambassador to Berlin for several years. For almost all of the last ten years Yagoda stood at the head of the GPU as

Stalin's most trusted henchman and cooked up the Zinoviev-Kameney trial in its entirety. In now clear why there are interthe list of the accused there are ruptions of supplies here and no fewer than six former mem- there, why, with our riches and bers of the Central government. abundance of products, there is Of the nine people who were a shortage first of one thing, members of the Political Bureau then of another. It is these traitduring Lenin's lifetime, i.e., actual rulers of the fate of the USSR, there remains only one unaccused, Stalin."

WORLD IS SHOCKED

The entire world drew back regime to the scapegoats in the from the charges in amazement. "The chief line of the wreckers in the sphere of finances . . . said the former White Guard Vyshinsky, become Stalin's prosthe Soviet ruble' . . . Wrecking oned the great author Maxim in the financial sphere spread Gorky, who died in 1936. Yagoda to various branches of economy. In agriculture, which is of tremendous importance to the Party and the government of aceight billion poods." Fantastic? It's only the beginning.

"Grinko," continued Tabinsky. "has mentioned the ecking, work he performed in the it were the pen prostitutes on sphere of taxation and in the Stalin's payroll or Wall Street disavings banks, where he tried in plomats given the official assignevery way to incense the pub- ment of pandering to Stalin. lic." It is on charges such as this SAME FRAME-UP PATTERN that the defendants were condemned and shot.

Vyshinsky accused the victims



Vyshinsky continued: "It is ors who are responsible for it." With those words Vyshinsky revealed the real purpose of the frame-up - to divert public wrath over breakdowns and shortages away from the Stalin

dock. TO DIVERT PUBLIC WRATH Operating on the theory that if you throw enough mud some ecuting attorney, "was 'to strike is bound to stick. Vyshinsky acat the Soviet government with cused the victims of having pois-

confessed to this crime. Coming directly after the long investigation of the Dewey Com-USSR, the wrecking work was mission into the first two trials, designed as far as possible to this new lurid trial served only frustrate the task set by the to underline the Commission's findings that the defendants were hieving a harvest of seven to victims of a frame-up. It was ting to the investigating authornot necessary to launch an extensive investigation into this trial. No one took it as genuine.

The only ones who tried to defend

The trial developed along the cause of the working class, said ing. same basic pattern as the prev- bitterly: "What would it matter

ious frame-ups. In the dock sa

SUMMARIES AT NUREMBERG SILENT ON MOSCOW TRIALS

The Nuremberg trial of Nazi leaders is entering the last lap without a single word so far on their alleged connections with the old Bolsheviks shot by Stalin in the Moscow Trials on the charge of being agents of Hitler.

Despite the demand by Natalia Trotsky that her attorney be permitted to cross-examine Hess and the others on Stalin's slanderous accusation Trotsky had made a "deal" with them, the court has maintained a rigid silence.

The U.S. Prosecutor, Robert H. Jackson, summed up July 26. He ran through the whole calendar of Nazi crimes. But not once did he mention the Moscow Trials.

The British Prosecutor, Sir Hartley W. Shawcross, followed Jackson with a demand to execute the Nazis as "common murderers." But in his 8-hour speech he too failed to say a word about the Moscow Trials.

Then General Roman Rudenko, the Stalinist Prosecutor, on July 29 summed up the Kremlin's case. He used "the strongest language yet heard in the court" as he denounced the Nazi leaders. And he took up the prisoners one by one to give an "exhaustive description of his part in the conspiracy." But the Stalinist spokesman likewise failed to so much as hint about the infamous charges levelled by Vyshinsky against the Bolsheviks in the Moscow Trials.

There is only one reason for the silence throughout the nine months of the Nuremberg Trial. The Moscow Trials were so thoroughly exploded that Stalin decided it was politically advisable not to mention them at Nuremberg. Better to keep quiet about the frameups rather than have the crimes of the Kremlin dragged once more into the light of day!

charges that he blew the frame- | how former members of the Cenup skyhigh. He spoke with wry tral Committee, former members miles away as the crow files! irony: "I further consider myself of the government, former amresponsible both politically and bassadors have ended up here. legally for wrecking activities, What form of insanity brought although I personally do not re- them to this dock of political member having given directions infamy . . . Yes, it was raving, about wrecking activities." Buk- real raving, the ravings of a madharin declared he had not plot- man . . . " cried out Rakovsky. As in the previous trials, agents ted as charged, and that he had never even heard of some of the of the GPU sat among the vicdefendants until he read their tims selected to confess crimes. But their importance had innames in the indictment.

creased. The head of the GPU, SHOT AFTER "CONFESSION" Yagoda himself, had ended in In explaining "how I came to realize the necessity of capitulayears he had acted as a butcher ities and to you. Citizens Judges." after a year in prison, Bukharin declared: "One must be a Trot-Lenin's comrades on order of sky not to lay down one's arms." Stalin.

After he had laid down his Now Yagoda confessed that in arms and "confessed" the glory the GPU arsenal was a poison of Stalin, Bukharin naturally was cabinet and that poisons had been used to end the lives of Rakovsky, an old man, who had prominent individuals in the devoted his entire life to the USSR. Stalin hesitates at noth-

ters" mentioned in previous trials. Bessonov's "confession" was **Mussolini** Thanked proved a lie in short order. The **Stalin For Trials** Norwegian newspaper Dagbladet

checked up with the Norwegian authorities. From September to December 19, Trotsky had been held incommunicado by the Norwegian police. They had censored every item directed to Trotsky, even holding up the manuscript of his book, The Revolution Betrayed. On December 19, the Norwegian police put him on a ian fascist regime: tanker and a police officer ac-

"Stalin does not resort to castor oil to punish Communist leaders who are so stupid or criminal as still to believe in Communism. Stalin is unable to understand the subtle irony involved in the laxative system of castor oil. He makes a clean sweep by means of systems which were born in the steppes of Genghis Khan . . . Stalin renders a commendable service to Fascism."

gone back years to re-write hisfor a conspirative meeting. This tory so the GPU went back in this trial. They returned to 1918 and claimed that Trotsky, the head of the Red Army, was in a Hotel Bristol in Copenhagen, or plot with Bukharin to do away with Lenin!

This charge was levelled by Vyshinsky who was fighting with the White Guards against the So-

was near the border of Spain on October 9 under the surveillance of the French police. Apparently the GPU got mixed up in its Bukharin had always been a plotgeography and thought the Py- ter. Yet Lenin in his last testarenees were between France and ment in December 1922 had call-Italy. So the GPU claimed Trot- ed Bukharin the party's "best sky was in Italy precisely at the theoretician" and "the favorite time Trotsky was at least 600 of the whole party."

and stupidly repeated the GPU general staff of revolution walked off the stage of the frame-up about how Trotsky's living trial to face Stalin's executioners, at that time in the Pyrenees Hitler's legions poured into Ausbrought him near to the Fran- tria. The Nazi war machine was already inching toward the bor-



Circuit Court Judge Joe M. Ingram, presiding over the frame-up of 25 Negroes in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, is brazenly denying their civil rights even before the trial begins. On August 15, he nine times ruled out defense motions to exclude from the jury an avowed white supre- oath, or whether they would give macist, Herman Vandiver, equal weight to the testimony The revelations about this pol- who had claimed he "knew" of white and Negro witnesses. While propping up the anti-

Benito Mussolini was greatly pleased with the Moscow frame-up trials. The fascist dictator was only too happy to see Lenin's comrades slaughtered. At the time of the Bukharin trial, Mussolini, in the columns of Popolo d'-Italia, compared Stalin's methods with those of the Ital-

viet Union at that time.

1909 to try and make out that

The Bukharin trial was an-Just as the previous trials had ders of the Soviet Union.

cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded." -KARL MARX By William Bohannon putulut The Government and the Lynch Mobs

We are demanding that the government take action to prosecute the lynchers and the high government officials who incite the lynchers. And we will continue to make the demand until either the government acts or is driven out of office in dis- •

grace. But that does not mean we have any illusions about the government. In fact, I think the great majority of the Negro people in this country has a pretty good idea about what kind of government is seated in Washington. They know that they cannot depend on it to act in the interests of the fight against Judge Lynch and Jim Crow.

If they didn't know it before, they certainly know it after the events of the last month. Lynchings, floggings, beatings,

mass terrorism — you hardly ever open up a newspaper without reading of some atrocity in Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana. Occasionally, maybe once a week, you read the statement of some official who is "shocked" and "deplores'

the situation. Investigations are promised; generally they don't take place; when they do take place, 99 times out of 100 they are whitewash jobs like Dewey's Vyshinsky even went back to investigation of the Freeport our main emphasis on the mobilmurders in Long Island, N. Y. In a few states action to ban the Ku Klux Klan is taken or is being discussed. But in no case are measures put forward by federal or local officials to cope with the activities of organiza-

tions like the Ku Klux Klan un-Proof of this brazen and stupid other indication of how thor- der a new name. In no case are oughly Stalin was undermining the known Ku Klux leaders acthe defense of the Soviet Union. | tually punished for their crimes | in The Militant two weeks ago, And the Daily Worker blindly As the last members of Lenin's and appeals for lynch action. MISERABLE JOKE

> What a miserable joke it is to ecution of the Bilbos and immetalk about curbing the Ku Klux diate reconvening of Congress to Klan when a swine like Bilbo can enact anti-lynching legislation.

get up on the floor of the U.S. More than that, we call on the Senate and incite race hatred! unions to: When he can hold campaign meetings calling openly for mob composed of representatives of action against Negroes exercis- the unions, Negro and veteran ing their democratic right to organizations. This committee vote! When he can speak on a should conduct its own investinational broadcast and blandly gation of the lynchings at the boast that he has been and al- scene of the crimes. It should ofways will be a member of the fer a huge reward for informa-Ku Klux Klan!

Any government that was real- conviction of the lynchers. ly interested in protecting the "2. Set up Defense Guards to rights of the Negro people would protect the lives and homes of begin by cleaning up its own Negroes and other minorities in house. Any "government that danger of attacks by the minoridoesn't clean its own house first ties."

stands convicted of hypocrisy | Bither we will get the support and deceit. of the labor movement along the We demand that the govern- lines indicated in that program, ment act against the lynchers, or else the Negro people in this but we don't place a nickel's country will undergo the same worth of confidence in a govern- | fate as the Jewish people in Ger. ment whose officials' hands are many. red with the blood of murdered I intend to return to further



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"Labor with a white skin

then the fight for Negro equality would be doomed.

That is why we members of the Socialist Workers Party place ization of the labor movement for the struggle to halt lynching. The white workers are the real allies of the Negro people; their interests are our interests: and without their support we can never be successful.

If you read the statement of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party printed then you know what we are aiming at. We urge the unions to demand action of Truman, pros-

"1. Set up a broad committee tion leading to the arrest and

in the dock of deliberately setting out "to disrupt horse-breeding." On top of this "they deliberately infected pigs with ervsipelas and the plague," he said.

You wonder how Stalin could expect people to believe that? had been with Stalin longer, and here that I first met some of the Listen to these charges of Vyshinsky: "Take Zelensky. I shall | Trotskyism than previous defendonly refer here to the most abominable practice of mixing glass been with Stalin throughout the and Trotskyites . . . '" and nails with foodstuffs, butter | fight against the Left Opposition. | in particular, which hit at the most vital interests, the health frame-up juts out at every point He has disappeared since then, and lives of our population. in the "confessions" of the vic-Glass and nails in butter! This tims.

is so monstrous a crime that, in When Bukharin made his final

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well known Bolsheviks who had capitulated to Stalin. The only difference between them and pre- ed of many of the crimes and of vious Stalinists in the dock was the most appalling crimes of the the fact — that except Rakovsky 'bloc of Rights and Trotskyites' - they had capitulated earlier.

here in Court, and that it was had had even less to do with participants? . . . Like a galleyslave fettered to-his galley, I am ants. Bukharin, for instance, had fettered to the 'bloc of Rights The Stalinist judge sentenced As in the previous trials, the

led out and shot.

Trotsky Memorial

meetings in the following cities under the auspices of the

Socialist Workers Party.

my opinion, all other crimes of plea, he denied so many specific question which arises . . . is . . . | more than any of the other "let-

for the substance of the case if son cabinet added weight to a I should attempt to establish here | conviction long held by Trotsky | the defendants were guilty." before you the fact that I learn- that Stalin in his drive for power had poisoned Lenin.

Stalin rewarded faithful services by putting a bullet through his head. Just as fatal flaws had showed up in the previous trials, so they

inevitably turned up in this one too. Bessonov confessed he got a letter "written in December. 1936, by Krestinsky to Trotsky." Rakovsky to 20 years in prison. This letter, according to Bessonov, "was passed on by me. In a but his words remain in the offi- | few days I received a reply from

cial court record, forever con- Trotsky." Naturally this letter demning the Stalin regime: "The was not produced in court any

from newspaper reports that The 25 men, picked up at random during the anti-Negro ter-

Yagoda's ror last February in Columbia Tennessee, are charged with 'murder" in the death of a white cop who took part in the bloody assault of 1.000 state trooper and a lynch mob on the helpless

Negro community. Scores of colored men, women and children were shot and beaten. Two Negro men were lynched in fail. Attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, defending the 25 accused men against an attempt-

ed mass legal lynching, were orced to use one of their 200 peremptory challenges to remove Vandiver from the lists. Every such challenge is precious, for in Lawrenceburg, anti-Negro prejudice is running rampant. The white ruling class is determined to "see to it" that a "hanging THE MILITANT invites all its readers and friends to attend the memorial jury" is chosen. NEGRO BARRED

District Attorney Bumpus used his own first peremptory challenge to remove a Negro. J. E. Collier, from the jury list. Only 15 Negroes are on the panel of over 300 from whom the jury is to be drawn. Furthermore, Bumpus was forced to admit under questioning, that "never had he known a Negro to serve on a petit jury" in this Jim-Crow county, although 700 Negroes are citizens. Judge Ingram has refused the men every constitutional guarantee of a fair trial. He has barred the defense attorneys from asking prospective jurors whether they

would believe a Negro under

Negro prosecutor, Judge Ingram insolently orders the defense attorneys to "hurry up with the questioning." He wants no time wasted in making an "example" of these Negroes who dared defend their homes and lives.

Negroes. If we placed our hopes discussion of this question in a or reliance in such a government, future issue of this paper.

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ran for Mayor of St. Paul on the

SWP ticket, and, although al-

ready convicted and sentenced

to prison, she received 3 per cent

After the appeal of the 18 was

lenied, Grace Carlson was taken

to the Federal Penitentiary for

Women at Alderson, West Vir-

ginia, to serve her sentence.

After her release from prison on

January 24, 1945, she returned

to work for the Socialist Work-

ers Party. In the summer of 1945.

she made a national tour, speak-

ing on the injustices that are

For many years she has been

active in labor defense work, and

s, at present, a member of the

National Committee of the

Workers Defense League. She has

also been an active worker in

the National Association for the

done to women in prison.

of the total vote cast.

Diery Of A Steel Worker ----Our Comrade – Leon Trotsky _____ By Theodore Kovalesky -

The Old Man turned his back. The assassin caught his breath and struck . . . Time passes. Six years have come and

gone. There is a monument in Mexico marked with the hammer and sickle.

To speak of Leon Trotsky, brothers, is to speak of you and me. For he lived and fought for us. We sweat in steel

plants; we are smeared with the filth of our jobs; the hot fatigue of our toil may dull our brains. Trotsky saw and knew all that and more. He said we were the only hope of the world, that the workers must and will rule. Trotsky believed in us. (We are American,

Russian, French, German, English, Italian, Japanese - all races and nationalities, with brown, red, white, black or yellow skins. We are the brotherhood of the earth's workers, and what's good for one is good for all.)

In 1905 the Russian workers rose against the Czar's cruel despotism, But the time was not yet ripe. They failed, and Trotsky was hounded out of the country.

He fought on. His confidence pulsed with his heartbeats. World War I blazed in Europe. Kings, Presidents and Dictators herded the workers to the slaughter. Misery howled over the earth. Death clotted upon the battlefields. Cold eyed generals commanded. But Trotsky's confidence never wavered. "The workers," he said, "will be the final victors!"

Revolt broke out again in Russia, and he hurried home. (Home was where workers fought for freedom, anywhere, any land; it was the fight, the red banner of liberty and brotherhood that called to him.) The Revolution grew and deepened.*October came, and Leon Trotsky, side by side with Lenin, organized the great October

Have you noticed lately how water collects in

up as the heat drives out the

moisture? Maybe you thought it

was just a damp day or some-

thing was wrong with the

If you'll read page 8,741 of the

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cord you'll discover the real

the toaster when you put in a slice of bakery

bread? Have you noticed how the bread shrivels

toaster.

Insurrection in Petrograd that killed Capitalism in Russia. And when the reactionaries shook off the first stunning blows and returned to fight against the new-born workers state, it was Trotsky who organized the Red Army and led it to victory over them.

Always and everywhere he fought for the man in the mill and the shop and the mine. When Stalin rose like an evil genie from the exhaustion of the workers in the Soviet Union and the defeats of the workers in other countries, Trotsky fought him. He fought desperately against the rising bureaucracy that stole the worker's new freedom and turned from the worldwide struggle.

Once again Trotsky was exiled, hounded from land to land, from Alma-Ata to Turkey to France to Norway to Mexico. His followers were imprisoned and jailed, and his name was smeared with lies. But still he fought on. (He believed in us, prothers, he believed in our final victory, and he kept fighting for it.)

His voice rang out always. People used to stand hours in the Russian rains and shows to hear what Trotsky had to say . . . workers like you and me. And people still listened. The Czar and the capitalists tried to silence him, and now it was Stalin.

Trotsky spoke the truth. Always and everywhere he urged the workers to organize in their might, to fight against tyranny. And always he exposed the crimes of Stalin.

In the Kremlin a hard-eyed man rubbed his hands in satisfaction. At last Stalin had succeeded. The voice of Trotsky was stilled . . he thought.

But Trotsky's world organization, still lived. The Fourth International lives and grows. And it is here that the Old Man's confidence in the working class flames brightest. It is here that the great idea still shines:

WORKERS WILL RULE THE WORLD!

Candidate Expains Position Of SWP To New Jersey Women Voters League

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 17-George Breitman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from New Jersey, lation toward this end. We favor | against rising prices, we advocate | To effectively control prices today submitted the following answers to questions on foreign and domestic policy asked of Congressional candidates by the Voters' Service of the League of Women Voters of New Jersey:

ATOMIC ENERY

The Socialist Workers Party's

TARIFF

We support abolition of all

capitalist restrictions on inter-

national trade, including the tar-

ff. The tariff is only one of

the obstacles to the free ex-

the atomic bomb?

ANSWER:

struction.

OUESTION:

QUESTION: gency? 1. If an international authority ANSWER:

with power to control atomic enery We strongly favor shipment (such as the one outlined in the of food to famine areas. To in-Baruch report) can be established sure that distribution of such under the United Nations, would food is not used as a political you favor a gradual transfer to it weapon by Washington, we favor of our technical knowledge about placing it under the control of committees representing the labor movement both in this coun-

the duration of the famine emer-

try and the famine areas. COLONIES

main concern in atomic energy is seeing that it is used not for QUESTION: war, but for the peaceful de-2 (c). What should be the posivelopment of the productive tion of this country regarding placforces and medical research. ing mandated territories (including Neither U. S. government monour own Pacific Island bases) under cooly nor the Baruch Plan will

achieve that; in fact, both will **ANSWER:** leave control of atomic energy We are opposed. "Trusteeship" in the hands of the U.S. governand "mandates" are just fancy ment, which is producing atomic names to cover up foul imperialbombs 24 hours a day. We seek ist policies. We demand immecontrol of atomic energy by the diate independence for all countoiling people of the world, who alone can be depended on to prevent atomic warfare and de-

will maintain production and emered U.S. tariffs as our contribution ployment in this country at their toward removing restrictions on the present high levels? ANSWER:

> Nationalization of the basic industries under the control of committees democratically elected b. the workers in those industries. This measure will lead to a planned economy, which will

change of commodities on a vorld not merely maintain production. scale. More important are the but raise it to levels never reached in this country and will end unemployment altogether.

> HOUSING **QUESTION:** 4. What is your position on (a) Government housing for lowest income groups, including programs for

> slum clearance? (b) Federal encouragement of housing for middle income groups? ANSWER:

We vigorously support legis-



measures to check inflation?

4 (c) What is your position on

QUESTION:

ANSWER:

taking the 18 billion dollars a the sliding scale of wages, an we advocate consumers comescalator wage clause in all union mittees - composed of housecontracts to provide automatic wives, workers, farmers, small wage increases to meet the ris- businessmen-empowered to fix ing cost of living. We also favor and police prices.

applying this principle to all fix-To combat profiteering, we aded incomes-such as unemployvocate nationalization of the food ed workers and veterans, people industries, which have been exliving on pensions, students untorting price rises, and their op-To protect the working people de. the GI Bill of Rights, etc. | erations under workers' control.

Meet The SWP Candidates

Grace Carlson Candidate for U.S. Senate

From Minnesota The daughter of an Irish-American railroad worker, Grace Holmes Carlson was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1906. After receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1933, she lectured for two years at the University in the Department of Psychology. Then for five years. she held the post of Vocational Rehabilation Counselor for the State Department of Education. Grace Carlson was a charter member of Minnesota State Employees Union, Local No. 10, and one of its most active organizers and supporters. For four years, she was her union's delegate to

Assembly and served on the Assembly Education Committee for three years.

In 1940, she resigned from the olis Labor Case, Grace Carlson Minnesota Education Depart- was given a 16-month prison for U. S. Senator on a militant under the infamous Smith "Gag"

Joseph Hansen

Candidate for U. S. Senate From New York State

Joseph Hansen was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1910. His earliest memories are of the stern struggle for existence in the Nevada mining towns. At the age of 4 he saw a battle he never forgot - the desperate struggle of the McGill strikers against armed scabs brought in by the copper kings.

A few years later he learned what child labor is like under the hot western sun in the Utah beet fields.

He first heard about socialism from the stories in the capitalist press about the victories of Trotsky's Red Army. At the age

of 12 he read a pamphlet on socialism by Daniel De Leon which SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 17—The Socialist Workers Partys' someone had slipped on the selection campaign is winning new friends for the party in shelves of the public library at He ruled out the Socialist Party the Soviet Union



and Socialist parties. The only woman among the Advancement of Colored People

18 defendants in the Minneapfor several years. As one of its regular columnists, Grace Carlson has become ment and ran as SWP candidate sentence on December 8, 1941, known to thousands of readers of The Militant in Minnesota, as anti-war platform. She received Act. While the case was being well as in other parts of the 8761 votes, more than the com- appealed to higher courts, she country.



broken up by Stalinist thugs. This act convinced Hansen that Stalinism represented nothing but a degenerating tendency. He joined the Trotskyists. In 1936 he entered the maritime industry, serving as Asso-

then organized in the Commun-

ist League of America, was

ciate Editor of the Voice of the Federation, official organ of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. During the war he sailed as an unlicensed seaman.

In 1937 Hansen became Secretary to Leon Trotsky, shortly after the great revolutionary found refuge in Mexico from Stalin's accomplish the great goals of gangsters. He was with Trotsky socialism. He set out to deter- at the end when the GPU as-

national boundary lines which stand as walls obstructing international commerce. We advocate the Socialist United States of the World as the only means to achieve international prosperity and the genuine brotherhood of man

FOOD

tion of this country regarding ship-



portation agencies got another cut on hauling the flour - .13 cents. The big bakeries figured costs of ingredients "other than flour" (includcents. On top of this they added 3.81 for production and distribution. Still not satisfied, they added.45 for "profits,"

2.09 cents, making the final price 9.27 cents. this chain gouge the public under the new OPA would be a worthwhile project for a committee



In 1922 a farmer got 1.14 cents out of a loaf whose average price was 8.55 cents. In 1942 he got only 1.03 cents. Yet the price of bread had risen meanwhile to 9.27 cents.

Since 1942, of course, the picture is much worse. Not only has the loaf been lopped in weight until it begins to look more like a sandwich, but prices are shooting up so fast the food trust can hardly keep the printed price-bands up to date.

The 1942 inquiry of the Federal Trade Commission reveals some interesting figures on how the price pyramids in a loaf of bread. After the farmer was paid off 1.03 cents, the country elevators added .06 cents. Then the transportation agencies laid on a tariff of .13 cents.

a loaf. The mills listed costs at .32 cents and added .11 cents for "profits." Then the transing ingredients out of the water tap) at 1.06

To track down how much the profiteers in of consumers. With some good union backing,

QUESTION: 2 (b). What should be the posi-

ment of food to famine areas for



By Clara Kaye

WASHINGTON SWP C AMPAIGN MANAGER

domination of the U.S. or any of the other United Nations. PRODUCTION QUESTION: 2 (a). What should be the posi-3. What measures do you believe tion of this country regarding low-



trusteeship of the United Nations?







Fresh Winds Blow In Rail Unions -By Henry Adams

Selling Water In A Bread Wrapper

The "reward your friends and punish your enemies" school of labor politics has dominated the political action of railway labor organizations

The increase was mainly due to a "higher mois-

In other words, these short-change artists

were running an extra 15 pounds of water across

the counter for every barrel of flour they dumped

into the bread mixer. How much more water

the food trust has succeeded in getting inside

The stepped-up dividends from this profitable

little operation were pocketed by the food trust,

naturally. The farmers who grow wheat never

saw a red cent of the pay-off. In fact their

a bread wrapper since 1942 is not revealed.



ture content!"

for half a century. A whole bureaucratic apparatus has grown up, spending its time at lobbying, dealing with government boards. begging a multitude of minor legislative rulings and amendments within

the framework of capital-

ist machine politics.

Disgusted with this petty politics, most of the union membership have grown indifferent to the maneuverings of the bureaucratic official crust

It is all the more noteworthy then to find, stirring within this creaking machinery, the hasic political discussion reported in the justpublished proceedings of the convention of the Minnesota State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (BLF&E), held last May in St. Paul, Minn.

For the first time in years, every one of the 26 lodges of the BLF&E in the state sent delegates. Both CIO and AFL representatives were invited to speak on the question of working out more unified action on common labor problems. A strongly-worded resolution calling for amalgamation of the BLF&E and the Brotherhood of

Locomotive Engineers (BLE) was passed unanimously.

Center of the discussion was the labor party question. A resolution introduced by one of the want to help us. Minneapolis lodges stated: "... the workers must organize politically around their own program and behind their own candidates not only to obtain penny-ante favors like those asked for by our lobbyists in the past but to put the working class in control of the government." The secretary-treasurer of the Board, I. Nel-

son, Lodge 510, Minneapolis, pointed out how D. F. Robertson, International President, had prevented discussion on this important question in the BLF&E magazine. He cited an article which he had written on LABOR NEEDS ITS OWN POLITICAL PARTY which had been denied publication by the Grand Lodge. After the article was read to the convention, the delegates voted to have the article printed in full in the Proceedings.

Although by-passing a forth-right declaration how it insists on full equality on the immediate formation of a labor party, for minorities. the Legislative Board finally passed a resolution NO OTHER ROAD "favoring in principle the ultimate aim of the organization of a political party that shall express . . . the right of the producing members of society to enjoy to the fullest the fruits of their labors." This is clear evidence that the ranks are demanding a change in labor politics that can offer them a real program.

Seattle. Many workers who formerly were only mildly interested in the SWP are to- day definitely sympathetic |gram must be put into action to it. They see that the party if the world is not to be shattered by the atomic bomb. They is carrying on a vigorous fight

pointed to the great Russian on behalf of an honest labor Revolution and the countless othprogram in this campaign. They er revolutions of history as proof not only respect us for this, but that revolutionary ideas are

adopted by the majority of peo-A typical example of this inple and become reality-when creased interest was the Electhere is no other road to take. tion Social held last Saturday And they showed that there is night. Negro and white workers no other road in the world tocame together to eat, dance and day.

discuss. They listened to a speech Following the discussion, three by Dan Roberts, organizer of the people present who had been Seattle branch, and candidate for sympathizers of the SWP for State Senator from the 31st Dissome time signified their inten-

Roberts explained how the platform of the SWP defends Meeting. he workers' income against inflation and depression: how it guarantees full employment, job security, and adequate hous-

tion of joining the party at the forthcoming Trotsky Memorial The SWP's first public election rally in Seattle is definitely scheduled for Friday evening,

August 30, 7:30 p.m., at 19191/2 ing for all workers and veterans; Second Avenue. It will be a banquet and dance, with speeches by the two candidates. All Washington readers of The Militant are urged to send in their res-After his speech, one of the ervations now, at \$1.10 per plate. listeners objected to the pro-The campaign will officially gram, saving it was fine in theory open in Tacoma at the Trotsky but would never be adopted by Memorial Meeting, to be held enough people to be put into Wedn day evening, August 21.

practice. 8:00 p.m. at the Odd Fellows He was immediately answered Temple, 6th at Faucet. Charles by several Negro friends of the Swett, candidate for U.S. sena-SWP who stated that this pro- | tor, will speak.

Veterans Exploited As Cheap Labor - By Alvin Royce

It used to be said in the Army that "when a general chews out a colonel, then the privates Gen. Omar N. Bradley, in a had better duck."



scorching speech a few weeks ago, revealed that the onthe - job - training program was a "national scandal." He stated in no uncertain terms that the employers were taking full advantage of the program to build a huge reservoir of cheap labor.

An unitiated rookie unfamiliar with the ways of Army Brass would heave a deep sigh, after that explosive speech, and expect culprits' heads to roll. But the venerable General handled the problem in a way to make West Point proud. According to the logic of the brass, if the employer is at fault it's obvious that the veteran should be punished.

Bradley's solution was a bill that would limit the total earnings of veterans on this program to \$200 a month for married men and \$175 for men without dependants. Washington's "friends. of the veteran" were quick to come to the General's aid. Representative Rankin, who breathes anti-labor and anti-Negro fire everytime he opens his mouth, was quick to introduce the measure into Congress. President Truman, without wastin any time, signed the bill on August 8 to make it national law.

Previously, a veteran who is learning was entitled to the amount an employer paid him as an apprentice plus his subsistence, up to the amount that a skilled worker earns in the particular occupation. Now a veteran can earn no more than \$110 a month without a reduction in his subsistence allowance. Veterans are tied to this maximum no matter how many dependents they have.

Officials charged with administering the program in New Jersey have already admitted that 'the new standards will encourage employers to exploit veterans as a source of cheap labor." These paid officials of the VA have exposed fully this measure before the ink of Truman's signature had fully dried.

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Richfield, Utah. From then on, as an empty shell. For a year Since Trotsky's death, Hansen he counted himself a socialist. he studied the press and writ- has been active in the Socialist During the depression, Hansen ings of the Stalinists and Trots- Workers Party as a Marxist learned that only a highly dis- kyists. In April 1934 an open writer. He is at present an Asciplined, revolutionary party can meeting held by the Trotskyists, sociate Editor of The Militant.

Next week: William E. Bohannon and Daniel Roberts *

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1. Defend labor's standard of living!

A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!

Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!

Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!

Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! Asliding scale of hours-reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!

Government operation of all idle plants under workers" control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans

during the entire period of unemployment!

Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!

No restrictions on the right to strike and picket! No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!

r. Build an independent labor party!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!

7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!

8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!

- 9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.
- Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!
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Full democratic rights in the armed torces!

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Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!

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For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

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