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## Bid To German Capitalist Class MARITIME LABOR DISPLAYS Made By Byrnes MIGHT IN NATIONAL STRIKE

## In Drive For New Imperialist War On USSR

#### By Joseph Hansen

Socialist Workers Party Candidate for U.S. Senator from N.Y.

The speech of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes at Stuttgart, Germany, on Sept. 6 is another milepost on the dark and gloomy road to World War III.

There was grim symbolism in the way Anglo-American imperialism organized Byrnes' appearance. He entered Germany in the ornate car formerly used by Hitler

as if he were trying to remind the German capitalists of the tours the dead Nazi leader staged in his "war of nerves," before 1939. Amidst the melancholy ruins of the once beautiful Stuttgart, the representative of Wall Street spoke like a Consul of the Old Roman Empire, holding out to the vanquished "enemy" the hope of junior partnership in the conqueror's grandiose scheme of world conquest.

CARVING COUNTRIES The American Secretary of

State disposed of borders, areas and whole countries of Europe as casually as a Yankee storekeeper cutting up cheese for sale across the counter.

The Ruhr, and Rhineland, he said, couldn't go to France because the people there "desire to remain united with the rest of Germany." But imperialist France can have the Saar because France has been "invaded three times by Germany in seventy years."

Byrnes' speech was a bid to the German capitalist class to line up with Anglo-American imperialism for the projected war on the Soviet Union. All the points of the text he read fit into that aim, including the declaration that the eastern border of Germany is not permanently fixed at the Oder river.

The offer to set up a "provisional government" likewise fits into this pattern, as does the promise to build up Germany's industrial strength.

IMPERIALIST PLAN



BYRNES

savage policy ascribed to Morgenthau. But the truth is, the capitalists of Britain and Am-

erica have long been working on a plan that is far more realistic from their point of view. This plan is to unite world against the Soviet Union. In 1940 Trotsky observed that the USSR "still remains a workers' state, terrifying to the bourgeoisie of the whole world."

WALL STREET AIM Passing agreements between INSULTING OFFER this or that capitalist power do not alter the fact, said Trotsky,

recalling words he wrote in 1934, that "taken on the historic scale the contradiction between world imperialism and the Soviet Union is infinitely more profound the individual capitalist coun-

tries in opposition to each oth-Hitler demanded world mastery as his price for leading the imperialist onslaught on the and



(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Sept. 9-The powerful grip of the general trucking' strike that began here September 1 was strengthened last Wednesday when some 10,000 northern New Jersey drivers walked out in sympathy with the 15,000 striking members of the AFL Teamsters Local 807 in this city.

The militant and determined

temper of the New York drivers was demonstrated at a stormy meeting of 6,000 here yesterday. Incensed by threats of the city administration to use cops to move "emergency supplies" and capitalism in common battle by provocative statements of the truck - owners' spokesmen, the rank and file overwhelmingly refused even to vote on an unacceptable compromise sponsored by Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer.

Previously, the trucking fleet

union leaders recommended at yesterday's over-flow meeting at the Sixty-Ninth Regiment Ar

Story"—See Page Two.)

week.

## **Truck Strike Spreads**



SWP Candidates In Los Angeles **Pledge Fight Against Fascists** 

## All Unions Back AFL Fight To Block Wage-Cut By WSB

By C. Thomas

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. — The greatest strike in maritime history paralyzed shipping in every, coastal port in the country as ships were pinned down to their piers by picket lines of the AFL Seafarers International Union and Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

This mighty demonstration of union power came in protest against Truman's Wage Stabilization Board ruling that slashed wage increases gained in collective bar-®

gaining agreements with at the "prevailing" level was de-clared to be "government policy." the ship operators. The complete effectiveness of

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the strike was due to the unprecedented solidarity of all sections of the waterfront workers. Longshoremen, teamsters and harbor workers pledged to respect the AFL seamens' picket lines. All seafaring unions, AFL, CIO and independent, declared their support and condemned the antiunion action of the wage-freez-

SEAMEN SOLID

ing WSB.

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The Danish, Swedish and Norvegian Seamens' Unions wired their branches in this country to do everything in their power to aid the strikers. Other union branches representing foreign seamen in the United States sent messages of solidarity and sup-

lectively with their employers. After extended negotiations the SIU-SUP finally reached agreement with the ship operators. The agreements were approved by the War Shipping Admin-

If permitted to stand, the WSB decision would set an adverse precedent for all unions. The strike of the seamen is,

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therefore, immediately a strike against the Wall Street government's wage policy.

The spirit of the strikers is excellent. Despite long ten-hour picket watches here in the port of New York, the men express their determination to stay on the bricks until the WSB reverses its decision. No one goes through the line without an OK from the strike committee. Members of other unions employed on the ships or docks contact the strike committee for instructions.

SHIPS ARE DEAD

With the sympathy walkout. of the towboatmen Saturday the busiest harbor in the world is as placid as a frog pond. Ships now entering the port are unable to dock and are compelled to ride at anchor. Men employed on ship-to-shore launches check with the union on who can ride. istration, the government agency men and cargo rests in the hands

## port. The primary issue is the right of the seamen to bargain col-

operators had already refused even to discuss O'Dwyer's proposal, thus provoking the strike. Their only counter-proposal to the union's original demands for than the antagonisms which set a 30 per cent wage increase and reduction of the work-week from 44 to 40 hours was an insulting offer of five cents an hour.

O'Dwyer's proposal, which the

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finitive close of the Allied pro- London considered this price too paganda about converting Gerhigh. Wall Street in particular many into pastureland-the so- saw the possibility of dominatcalled "Morgenthau plan." Even ing the world itself. Having crushed Hitler. Wall had they wished it, the Allied (Continued on Page 3) imperialists could not realize the

## Nation-Wide Meat Famine Imposed By Packing Trust

Profiteering meat packers and millionaire 'stock-raishours. ers are imposing another nation-wide meat famine. They GETS TOUGH are refusing to sell even at new high ceiling prices and are deliberately withholding meat supplies.

Truman's OPA on September 6 sought to coax a bit more | of their books." (N. Y. Times, meat into the market by fixing Sept. 6.) The meat shortage in New new ceiling prices that will snatch an additional \$600.000.000 York will be "bad next month" and "terrific" by the end of the a year from consumers and pour year, said Harry Pfeffer, New it into the vaults of the meat York food prices enforcement trust. chief. The shortage will spread

Retail prices of lamb were boosted an average of 10 cents a pound over June 30 ceilings; eight cents for beef; seven and eight cents for pork; and  $5\frac{1}{2}$ cents on lard. But the profiteers' cry is: "No limit on prices -or no meat!"

As wholesale ceiling prices went into effect on September 5, the flow of cattle to market turned to a dribble. The huge Chicago stockyards, which a week before handled 3,180 animals in a day, received a scant 500. At Kansas City, an all-time record low was set.

#### SECRET HOARDS

On the same day, OPA investigators found in Philadelphia a hoard of 300,000 pounds of meat "hidden away" in huge ried by the angry and truthful cold storage plants. And they words of one harassed OPA ofexpected to uncover another ficial.

200,000 pounds. power in the government. It's In New York, the big packno accident that their bosom ing corporations were setting friend and fellow livestockthe black market into operation raiser, Cilnton P. Anderson, is again. They were back-dating Secretary of Agriculture. Don't their invoices "Sept. 4"-before | the packers always go unmolestwholesale ceilings became effec- ed while the OPA agents scurtive-and charging the highest ry around looking for "two-bit" prices in their history. Retail chiselers?

butchers could pay the price There is only one way to bring and cover up the racket - or the meat from the ranches to close up their shops. Investiga- the workers' tables. That istion by OPA agents was laugh- nationalize the meat industry ed at, as "several" wholesalers and operate it under control of "refused to permit examination the workers.

mory, called for an 181/2-cent hourly increase and a 40-hour week But rank and file strikers pointed out that with the shorter work-week this will mean in many instances only one dol-

lar more per week in take-home But They Didn't Pull The minimum which the ranks **Out His Poison-Fangs** indicated will be acceptable is Mississippi's Democratic Senthe former 44-hour-weekly pay for 40 hours' work plus an 181/2

ator Theodore G. Bilbo, anticent an hour increase for 40 Negro, anti-Jewish and anti-labor lynch-inciter, underwent an

IN THE NEWS

O'Dwyer, dropping his mask of "impartial mediator," last Frian "inflammation of the mouth." day at a closed meeting of truck It was described as "highly sucowners and drivers representacessful."

tives got "tough" and threatened to use cops and city employes as

#### 'Long Time' Is Forever scab drivers in an "emergency." He later back-tracked on his Under Capitalism threats and admitted that the

A delegation of women repcapitalist press scare-heads about resenting the Inter-American 'food shortages" due to the strike Peoples' Mandate Committee inare unfounded.

terviewed British Foreign Secre-However, strikebreaking threats tary Bevin at the Paris Conferare again issuing from the offices ence on September 3. They quoted him as saying: "We must be patient and not try to do things of O'Dwyer's Police Commissioner Wallander.

A frenzied press campaign hastily. Perhaps after the first World War peace was made too against the strikers, featured by the usual "disaster" headlines, is quickly. We must get things being unloosed as the strike written into treaties and then see that they are applied. That tightens its grip and spreads. will take a long time." ("A Truckdriver Tells His

Law-Abiding Capitalists A recent report of the Wage-Why Prices Soar Hour and Public Contracts Divi-Dividend payments to rich sion of the U.S. Department of coupon-clippers were 13.3 per Labor revealed that 74 per cent cent higher in July 1946 than of all establishments inspected in July 1945, the Department in 1945 for compliance under the of Commerce reported last Wage-Hour and Public Contracts Act were found in violation of

Food corporations are grabone or more.provisions of these bing the biggest profits in laws. their history. Price ceilings

#### Which One's Lying? have been removed from dairy

products. National Dairy "The policies of the Truman Products Corp. in the first half administration . . . are a faithof '46 cleaned up \$11.802.554 ful continuation of the policies net profits compared to \$6,of the late Franklin D. Roose-977,276 in the first half of velt." (Robert E. Hannegan, Na-'45. Borden Co. netted \$8,tional Chairman. Democratic 875,000, compared to the '45 Party.)

take of \$5,875,000. "... that FDR program Tru Armour's meat packing man is pretty badly betraying." profits in six months ending. (Daily Worker editorial; "Tru-April 30 surpassed-profits for the entire previous 12 months.

By Al Lynn

(Special to The Militant) LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8. — At a jammed meeting of the Socialist Workers Party here last night, candidates the wage increase. It arbitrar-

were nominated for Governor and State Assembly. This ily ruled that any increases beevent took place a scant 24 hours 🖲 after news had reached here that on the AFL by the Merchants

Gerald L. K. Smith, America's and Manufacturers Association. Number 1 Fascist, had scheduled several meetings in Los Angeles. strikers and minority races. The two SWP candidates,

Promises of another crushing Steve Roberts for Governor, and Cynthia Rogalin for State Assem-"Minneapolis-style" defeat for Smith are inherent in the action operation at a Jewish hospital in blywoman, immediately an-New Orleans on August 31 for nounced their intention of maktaken by the CIO Friday, the day his meetings were announced. ing the anti-fascist struggle a The CIO Council unanimously central plank in their election passed a motion calling on the program. Mobilization for Democracy to or-

Smith announced that the ganize a mass picket line against Board of Education has granted Smith. The Mobilization for him the use of the Polytechnic Democracy twice called mass High School for meetings on picket lines against Smith last Sept. 22 and Oct. 6. year. His return to Los Angeles

The Socialist Workers Party comes on the heels of a crushing defeat inflicted on him by promptly endorsed the action of the joint action of labor and the CIO Council, and sent letminority organizations in Minneters to the various local unions. apolis, where his meeting ended It enclosed copies of the Sept Militant, containing the inin a complete rout.

Smith has once more declared spiring account of the united that he intends to make Cal- labor anti-Smith demonstration ifornia his base, and campaign in Minneapolis. The SWP called for "pro-Nationalist" candidates for similar action here. In addiground for support in the attack tion, it has sent an appeal to in the coming elections. He sees the Communist (Stalinist) Party ground for support in the attack for united action against Smith.

## **Nationalize** Meat Trust **Demand Packing Locals**

#### (Special to The Militant)

Chicago, Sept. 9-Leaders of | adequate supply of meat at rea-25 locals of the CIO United sonable prices and the worker a Packinghouse Workers here and steady job under decent wage and working conditions."

in Milwaukee yesterday demand-Thousands of packinghouse ed the federal government take workers are being laid off as the over and nationalize the meat profiteering meat packers refuse

industry. to process meat supplies. Their demand is aimed to halt Today, the UPWA begins a nathe meat famine that the big tional strike vote involving 200,the country in order to force the of Armour, Swift, Cudahy, Wilelimination of all price ceilings. son and John Morrell Co. In

Nationalizing the meat pack- addition to hourly wage increasfor his cattle, the consumer an costs.

the strike committee. The submitted to the Wage Stabiliships are dead and the men vow zation Board.

**SLASHED BY WSB** 

they will stay dead until their demands are won.

The WSB refused to sanction Meanwhile the administration at Washington is stalling for time. In an effort to avert the yond the "prevailing" rates es- walkout, the WSB requested the tablished in June for the CIO unions to postpone strike action seamen were "inflationary." This until the board has met on Sept. would automatically bar the AFL 10 to consider additional eviand in the police brutality against unions from concluding agree- dence. ments with a higher wage scale.

The SIU-SUP strike bulletin This attempt to freeze wages (Centinued on Page 2)



The most decisive weapon of the maritime workers in their present titanic struggle is the unity and solidarity of all water-front unions in action.

This has been achieved for the first time in the long history of the seamen's struggle - a struggle that too many times in the past had been weakened by lack of coordinated joint action.

The imperative need to establish such coordinated joint action between the CIO and AFL unions was stressed by The Militant during the strike crisis involving CIO unions last June.

Unfortunately for the complete solidity of the present strike, the magnificent solidarity so far displayed by all maritime workers has not dispelled the old atmosphere of suspicion and mistrust.

This is the one thing the bosses and their government are especially counting on to drive a wedge between the different groups of water-front unions and weaken the strike. The Big Business press eagerly pounced upon the report that the SIU-SUP strike committee in the port of New York has refused to meet with the NMU-CIO committee to work out jointly the practical arrangements governing the conduct of the members of the respective or-. ganizations.

This disagreement over procedure tends to obscure what appears to be a major difference in policy.

The absolutely correct policy of the AFL unions is to tie up all shipping in order to make the strike completery effective and of short duration. Some leaders of the CIO maritime unions especially the Stalinists, propose to make meat packers have imposed on 000 workers, including employes all sorts of exemptions permitting many ships to sail under one or another pretext.

This vital question of policy must be clearly posed to ing industry, the UPWA local es, the UPWA is negotiating for all the seamen. No dispute over joint conferences and leaders said, is the only way "to a cost-of-living bonus to com- joint procedure should be permitted to stand in the way man is Not Roosevelt," August guarantee the farmer a fair price pensate for all rises in living of a proper understanding by all the workers of the real issues involved.

that violators are primarily But the packers are not wor-

"those regularly in the meat business," and not mysterious 'Al Capones.' **ONE ANSWER** 

They wield too much

'over most of the nation." an-

other Times account admitted.

At Washington, George Mon-

charsh, deputy commissioner in

charge of OPA enforcement, la-

beled as "nonsense" the packers'

claim that the black market

'reduced the supply of meat to

consumers." The meat, ne said,

still winds up in the mouth of

the consumer. The trouble is, it

winds up in the moushs of

those with the money to ray."

Moncharsh avoided naming

the culprits. But he charged

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# Maritime Labor Shows Might TRADE UNION NOTES

#### (Continued from Page 1)

replied: ". . . the Wage Stab-|come of the present dispute. ilization Board has scheduled a Most of the issues of the June meeting on Tuesday of next 15 crisis remain unsettled. Among week to 'reconsider' its anti- them is the demand for equaliunion decision. On that day, zation of the wage scale at the our strike will be just five days maximum rates.

voluntary consent of the unions. strike. The impotence of these boards is important section of the labor movement.

far has forced Truman to soft-



#### HARRY LUNDEBERG **SIU-SUP** President

pedal on belligerent strikebreaking threats such as he hurled at the CIO Committee for Maritime Unity during the June crisis. But the administration cannot duck very much longer. An ex- ing their action on a nationwide tended tieup of such vast scope will create a major crisis. The mark a tremendous forward step ploitation and domination. Indications are that the Truman "brain trust" is trying to devise a face-saving formula with which to appease the seamen while restoring the authority and prestige of the discredited Wage Stabilization Board.

The administration will very likely attempt to engineer a rotten compromise leaving unsettled AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 74 Varick nain issue in dispute. Such a compromise would only postnot be long in coming.

old. We venture to predict that From the beginning of the five days of strikebound shipping present dispute, the National in all ports will generate enough Maritime Union and other CIQ steam to thaw out the wage affiliates have come out strongly freezing bureaucrats of the in support of the AFL demands. All CIO affiliates are respecting

The Truman administration is the SIU-SUP picket lines. SIUin a dilemma. If the WSB is SUP men are picketing NMU forced to reverse its decision, it contracted ships. Under the will be a body blow at the gov- circumstances it is inevitable ernment's key wage - freezing that questions arise daily conagency. Such tri-partite boards cerning policy and practical arderive their authority from the rangements in the conduct of the

The NMU has requested a revealed once they are faced with meeting with representatives of the determined opposition of any the SIU-SUP to work out a common agreement on matters concerning the conduct of members The tremendous power of the of the respective organizations. strike and the overwhelming sup- Such an arrangement is both port for the striking seamen so just and necessary to prevent misunderstandings that might lead to conflicts that could oth-

erwise be avoided.

The SUP on the Pacific Coast nas reached such an understanding with the other maritime unions. Harry Lundeberg, President of the SIU and Secretary of the SUP, has urged the joint SIU-SUP strike committee in New York to meet with the NMU. However, at the time this is written, the New York committee has failed to take the indicated step. The tendency in the New York AFL group has been to oppose such necessary collaboration with the NMU. If this tendency prevails it will serve to weaken the strike front. The New York boss press immediately seized upon this "disclauses. agreement." The labor - hating Daily News carried a front-page scare-head: "CIO Seeks Hand In Ship Strike-AFL Rebuffs Bid Packinghouse Workers who have For Meeting." These jackals are quick to sniff any rift and to play it up in the hope of dis-

meat packers. rupting the fighting solidarity of the waterfront workers. The strike is an epoch-making event in American labor history. Never before have the maritime workers succeeded in coordinatscale. Such united action can and need never be advanced.

Wall Street's plans of world ex- be allowed to undermine this cuts when prices start down." magnificent solidarity.

By Evelyn Atwood

Staff Reporter, The Militant



Members of the AFL Sailor's Union of the Pacific and the AFL Seafarers International Union walking off their ships in New York. Federated Pictures.

## **Cost-Of-Living Bonus Demand Attacked By Stalinist Editor**

#### (Special to The Militant)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn .- The Stalinist-controlled Minnesota Labor, organ of the Minnesota CIO, on August 23 attacked the progressive demands of CIO packinghouse, auto and rubber workers for cost-of-living bonuses or sliding wage scale escalator

| falsifiers know, the packinghouse This editorial attack, entitled workers are simultaneously seek-'Escalator Trap," was a direct ing a general raise in basic wages stab-in-the-back at the CIO along with an additional cost- WSB ruling. The dispute would made the cost-of-living bonus one of their key demands in cur- no reduction of basic wage rates rent negotiations with the big and the union is free to fight for still higher rates. The cost-

of-living bonus and sliding scale The Stalinist editors deliberately misrepresent the cost-of- protect the workers against making the strike a success. The living bonus and escalator clause. They claim such demands are "a tacit admission that the prescontract. The Minneapolis Star-Journal,

ent basic wage rates are adequate a capitalist newspaper, echoed Such a step also commits a un-Actually, as these Stalinist to a real wage fight.

#### Not A Ship Moving As Seamen **Chrysler** Profiteers **Picket San Francisco Docks Oppose Bonus Demand** stacking up big profits, quickly

#### (Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5-Ships lie idle against the rejected the CIO United Auto docks and cargo hooks are motionless as striking AFL Workers demand for a cost-ofseamen of the Sailors Union of the Pacific and Seafarers living bonus. International Union pace the entrances to all piers where their ships are moored. All other maritime workers, CIO, AFL and Independent, are respecting picket lines here in

a real demonstration of C ground. These seamen, though working class solidarity. comparatively new to the in-This is part of the first nadustry, cast an exceptionally tion-wide action of seamen high vote for the strike. against the bosses since before the war. It is aimed specifically NEW STAGE

against the decision of the Wage Stabilization Board to reject some wage increases negotiated and agreed upon by the unions and the ship operators.

A last minute plea by Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach to delay the strike while the Board reconsidered its decision, received a very fitting reply from Harry Lundeberg, SUP Secretary-Treasurer.

"For my part," he said "the Board can reconsider a decision tics, but politics sure recognized to go back to sleep." Lundeberg us." said the picket lines would be withdrawn only when the WSB

reverses itself and approves the wage raise. The strike date was agreed up-on by over 3,000 of the SUP- In Seattle;

3, to hear the report of their strike committee and the results of their secret strike vote. It was announced that a landslide vote of approximately 95 per cent

of the members expressed their determination to oppose the of-living bonus. There can be now be decided on the picket

Without any fanfare or bluster the strike committee proceeded with the practical plans for mounting prices after the basic men were to pile off the ships wage rates are written into a the following day and prepare to begin picketing on the morning of Sept. 5, today.

Ship-operator 'and governthe Stalinist arguments the next ment hopes that the younger shipping industry is too vital to for maritime labor. Nothing must ion to a policy of accepting pay day. These arguments are a seamen, with the draft board at cover-up for Stalinist opposition their tails, would oppose the strike, were dashed to the

This strike forces the SUP leadership into a new stage in a fight for higher wages to meet policy. In the past they have the rising cost of living, pressure claimed that since they were from the auto workers has forced only an "economic" organiza- the UAW Executive Board to aution they would have nothing to thorize renegotiations by the do with politics. They now find themselves in higher wage increases.

the position where the ship-"owners" have passed the buck mally called for a cost-of-living to the government. The maribonus, in addition to basic hourtime workers are face to face with | ly rates, to provide compensation a government board. As one rank of all living cost increases after and file member expressed it the signing of a new contract.

"Maybe we don't recognize poli-New York AFL Warns

**Seamen Solid** SIU who jammed into Eagles Hall, Tuesday night, September Port Tied Up

By A. Bradley (Special to The Militant)

will not stand by and permit our SEATTLE. Wash., Sept. 4 real wages to shrink in the face -Broad picket lines are toof soaring living costs. If (price) day covering the entire controls are permitted to die out, Seattle waterfront. one by one, we will fight to win Members of the Sailors Union compensating adjustments in

wages.' of the Pacific and the Seafarers International Union, AFL, left This strikes a considerably their ships here yesterday morndifferent note than the advice ing. They began their strike being peddled by top AFL leadagainst the Wage Stabilization ers like Robert J. Watt, AFL Board's ruling of August 23, which member on the National Wage refused approval to the \$22.50 Stabilization Board. Watt told monthly increase for able-bodied the workers to "tighten their seamen recently granted the SUP belts" and "bend all their efforts in the contract negotiated with to boost production" - that the Pacific American Shipown- means, to boost employers'

ers Association. profits. At a membership meeting last **ACW-CIO** Prepares night attended by over a thousand Seattle seamen, the results Pay Raise Demands of the strike-vote conducted last The General Executive Board week were announced. The vote of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, one of the largest CIO international unions, last week

was 3,000 to 290, overwhelmingly in favor of walking out. The membership enthuiastically acset up a committee of nine to cepted the recommendation of

Today, the seamen crowded men's clothing industry.

service to the only policy that can protect the workers' standards of living-the renewal of the struggle for higher wages.

#### Labor Day Marks Year-Long Strike

Chrysler Corporation, which is

round of strikes."

Of New Wage Fight

The recent convention of the

New York State Federation of

the wage front to combat the

in the state, said in part: "We

due to bounding prices.

The longest strike in recent Robert W. Conder, Chrysler's labor relations director, formaldecades — a bitter struggle by CIO textile workers against the ly replied to the union's demand big Athens Manufacturing Comfor reopening the wage contract pany at Athens, Georgia-was by smugly saying the Chrysler moguls do not believe "there more than a year old on Labor Day and still going strong. The should be another round of wage anniversary of the strike, begun increases at this time or another in August 1945, was celebrated

by a Labor Day parade in Athens. Despite the reluctance of the with CIO unionists in a giant top UAW leaders to undertake motorcade coming from Atlanta and other cities to back the courageous Athens strikers.

The company has tried to starve the workers out, but so far union's Chrysler Division for has failed. It has refused for more than a year to negotiate

The Chrysler locals have forany form of union contract.

#### **Bosses** Use Starvation **Tactics** In Strikes

Never has American labor fought so many prolonged and bitter strikes as in the present period. Since the end of the great strike wave last spring, there have been a number of smaller but very important Labor sounded the first note in strikes which have already found AFL ranks of a possible fight on the workers holding out for eight, nine and more months.

sharp slash in living standards The CIO United Auto Workers has been conducting three es-The wage-price policy resolupecially gruelling strikes against tion of the convention, reprehard-bitten open-shoppers. senting 1,300,000 AFL members

J. I. Case workers passed the 250th day of their strike on August 27. NLRB officials have admitted that the company has refused to bargain in "good faith," refusing to put into operation War Labor Board directives more than a year old. Allis-Chalmers workers have also been out since last spring. Mack Truck workers have been on strike for nearly five months.

The CIO United Electrical Workers has been conducting a strike against the Phelps-Dodge Corporation for nine months. These strikes are indications that the employers are placing greater emphasis on starvation

tactics against strikers. Huge accumulations of war profits, government tax rebates and treasury hand-outs for "losses" are keeping the bosses in position for their strike-breaking holdouts against the unions.

It is imperative that all sections of organized labor give full and immediate financial and other material support to these strikers, so that their valiant struggles will finally force the ACW leaders pointed out that

ruthless profiteers to terms

NEW YORK, Sept. 5-The headquarters of Local 807,

**Truck Driver Tells His Story** 



line.

Moreover, when the A&P closed their stores on holidays, the union committee for strike prepare demands for wage inthe truckers had to make up action.

"GO BACK TO SLEEP"

directly concerned with the out- cipline prevailed.

## **At Buffalo SWP Election Rally**

BUFFALO, N. Y. - William with me at a desk in one of the Kitt, western New York or- bright, cheerful offices. Workers Party and SWP can- life, and organized teamsters for state elections, will speak here on Saturday, September 21, at employers want to give us comes 8:30 p.m. His speech will for- to about five cents an hour." mally open the election cam- His disdainful smile showed what paign of the Buffalo-Lackawan- the men thought of that. na SWP branch, at the Militant Forum, 629 Main St.

The September 21 meeting will week on a five day a week basis. also mark the opening of the Saturday is to be a premium day, Militant Forum for the fall and with time and a half overtime. night beginning September 21, is a two-week vacation with there will be a lecture and dis- pay." eussion on current topics of in-

Admission to the election meetopen house affairs. is free.



Street, was a busy place today, second day of the big pone the showdown which would truck drivers strike here. Telephones rang, union men were dispatched here and there.

The CIO maritime unions are a spirit of firmness and dis- boys were patriotic at that time and we were riding practically 100 per cent war materials.

Harold Williams, recording "We really should have got secretary of the Local, greeted what we asked for, but we had me cordially and introduced me to go along under the Little to Arthur Hammer, adding, "He's Steel formula at that time. But on the Hours and Wages Comnow that the war is over, we demittee." Hammer is a big, powserve better, and we're going to erfully-built man. He sat down get it."

Today, Hammer pointed out, the average weekly take-home ganizer for the Socialist "I've been a truckdriver all my pay is only about \$50. That reminded him of the problem of didate for comptroller in the strike we're having now will be in Locust Valley, Long Island. "I've got a good wife and three daughters," he said. "But prices are terrible and keep going up. I hear it every day at home. My girls are 'milk babies.'" He is behind this organization "Our union is asking for a 30 laughed, because the youngest is per cent increase and a 40-hour nine. "But they sure like their milk. And growing girls need clothes. My wife keeps asking me

when are we going to get a bigprices." An active member of the

The last time the truckdrivers Teamsters Union, Hammer told terest to all workers. The talks received a wage raise was in me in some detail about his work in his gray eyes. will be followed by social activ- 1944, Hammer told me. "That in organizing truckdrivers in the "When I starte ities, dancing and refreshments. was only \$2.50 more a week. We Bronx. "I was one of those who were asking for \$6 more. But we helped to organize the A&P food ing and all other Saturday night | took it so as not to create a work | carriers. A&P doesn't have its

stoppage during the war. The own trucks. They have a special



That's the way it is-they throw icy streets. When you put the and the Urban League. These the dog a bone when he starts brakes on, very often the trailer

growling! That was the first of gets out of control." the organizational drives.

ARTHUR HAMMER

Carriers' Association of truck-

men who haul food exclusively

for their stores. But the A&P

found out they should have been hill, his truck got out of conorganized long ago. They stop- | trol and lurched across the highped listening to employers' pro- way, colliding with a milk truck paganda about how they would on the other side. "Fortunately, demonstration, along with more lose out if they joined a union. that time nobody was hurt," he In the second drive they threw concluded. us another bone. That was a sick

benefit."

When I asked Hammer about unload them. Each driver has one the hours of work, he told me helper. They load up twice a how for many years the greedy night. "That's 80,000 pounds of bosses chiseled the truckdrivers freight to put on and off a Labor Review. Excerpts from reason of Sheetmetal Workers out of overtime pay. "They had truck," Hammer said. "And not a regular system so they only that, but we have to wheel wouldn't have to pay overtime. these 40 tons of freight into the They figured our hours on a stores."

four-week basis. If you worked, As I rose to leave the offices say, 60 hours one week, they at the end of the interview. I wouldn't pay overtime, but would asked Hammond what he thought give you only enough work the about a United Labor Confernext week, so it wouldn't go over ence in Washington, as some the regular 44 hours per week. union leaders were proposing. He So some days you would work replied quickly: "It would be an 12 hours a day or longer and excellent thing. The sooner all of some days maybe three. We never us workingmen get together, the knew where we were at." better off we'll be.'

d the following overtime pay.

"We would never know from day to day how long we were going to work the next day. We didn't know if we would work in New York City or Wappanga Falls. At the end of each day's work, after we got home, we would have to phone in to see if we would be needed the next day. From where I live, that cost me 25 cents a phone call."

The uncertainty and irregular hours disrupted his home life, he pointed out. "I couldn't even make a date with my wife to go to a movie and be sure I could keep it."

After the second organizing drive, the corporation was finally compelled to compute the hours by the week instead of by the month. "Now they can't get

grinned. Hammer operates a huge 20ton trailer truck. He said the new trucks just coming out are even larger.

While I was asking him about the hazards connected with the reactionary Minneapolis press job. Harold Williams came over "When I started to organize," and joined the conversation. and by so-called liberals from he continued, "the employers Williams explained: "Driving the Mayor's Council on Human gave us a week's vacation with those trucks in winter-time is Relations, the Minneapolis Round pay to try to keep us satisfied. plenty dangerous, especially on Table of Christians and Jews

> organizations had denounced the trade union pickets as "irresponsible" for militantly defending Hammer agreed and told me

themselves against Smith's goons "After the men won this, they that once in Hartsdale on an icy and routing his meeting. Socialist Workers Party members took part in the gigantic than 1.500 pickets from AFL. CIO and Railroad Brotherhood

The men not only drive these Unions and other anti-fascist mammoth trucks, but load and groups. A long report of the Central

Labor Union meeting appears in today's issue of the Minneapolis this story follow:

"Commendation of President George P. Phillips of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and Walter M. Frank, Business Rep- Phillips of Central Labor Union resentative Lathers' union, was voted at the last meeting of the terers.

Minneapolis Central Labor Union for their contribution to the peaceful picketing of the Gerald young fellows into the street and L. K. Smith meeting. . .

"Previous to the passage of justice for minorities and bitthe motion, Business Representa- terly condemned Gerald L. K.

Street to register for picket duty rising living costs have wiped and other strike activities. Picket out wage gains won last fall and

that the "economic stabilization" lines will tie up the ships and will continue around the clock in program has "broken down." four shifts for the duration of Here is further evidence that the strike. 1,500 seamen are sign- the union leaders' policy of deed up for picket duty. Welfare pending on the capitalist govarrangements for the strikers ernment to "control" and "roll are being worked out. back" prices has had sad results. One-hundred per cent cooper- Much against their will, union ation with SUP and SIU strikers officials are being forced by the is being observed by all local un- sentiment and pressure of the union ranks at least to pay lipions. both AFL and CIO.

HARLEM READERS Complaints have reached us that many of our Harlem subscribers are not getting The Militant every week. If you do not receive yours, let us know. If your friend is not getting his copy of the paper. ask him to notify us. We will check each complaint.

of the Negro race have fought

"President Phillips declared he

thought the pickets did the best

job of peaceful picketing they

of the Ku Klux Klan and I think

"It was evident that the dele-

was so different from what pre-

tended to be a report of the hap-

Reversing the stand which one

of their officials had taken in

picketing, the Executive Board

pening in the daily press."

our battles.'

**Minneapolis CLU Commends Anti-Smith Picket Leaders** 

#### (Special to The Militant)

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 5-By an overwhelming majori- Smith.... He declared 'members away with so much juggling," he ty, the delegates to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union voted last night to commend their officials who helped to

organize the August 21 united labor demonstration against the Fascist Gerald L. K.O\_\_\_\_\_\_ tive Frank, who had been a cap-\_\_\_\_\_\_ tive Frank, who had been a cap-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tive Frank, who had been a cap-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Smith.

tain of pickets for the Smith could do. 'I do not believe silence meeting, made a report of the is ever going to combat this, for This action was the CLU's reply to a series of attacks by the happenings on the night of the I think Smith is the forerunner meeting. . .

we should support the pickets,' "'Incidents of disorder caused he said. . . by enemies of the picket lines and misrepresented by the daily gates were impressed by the repress should not mislead or disport regarding the Smith meetcourage organized labor regarding and the fact that the truth

ng picketing,' Frank said. "He declared he had always been an anti-fascist, and had seen the fascists coming up in Norway and Germany where he said the so-called silent treatment regarding the fascists had attacking the G. L. K. Smith

failed. . . ""The pickets have been abused and lied about by the daily press,' Frank said.

"He was applauded at the conclusion of his report. . .

spoke in behalf of the pickets as did Business Representative Harry Leonard of Electrical Workers



"Delegate Gleason declared he saw one big burly man push two he made an eloquent plea for

to Minneapolis and attempts to hold a meeting, the NAACP will engage in peaceful picketing and call upon all other anti-fascing groups to join it."

**Newark Social** Saturday, Sept. 21 Dancing . . . Refreshments 423 Springfield 8:30 p.m.

**Business** Representative Andthat: "If Gerald L. K. Smith returns

of the Minneapolis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People yesterday voted its support of the principle of picketing of American fascists. A news release issued by the Board stated

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1946

## (Special to The Militant)

ATHENS, Greece. — As of August 27, the balance sheet lish influence in Greece. of 143 days of the Tsaldaris government of Greece was as Large scale mintary opera-tions, with the participation of follows: dead, 579; gravely wounded, 415; tortured, 1,664; the Second and Third Greek disappeared (carried off by reactionary bands), 39; de- Army Corps, and under the suported to various concentration islands, 1,266; new prison-pervision of English generals, ers in the jails, 3,942. The number of people intimidated new recruits from among the the new Greek Army," have re-

archy cannot be calculated. Despite the extent of mon-

archist terror organized throughout the country, the fighting spirit of the Greek masses is still unbroken. The two years that have gone by since the dehave been filled by a series of working class struggles which several times reached the level of the general strike.

These struggles had their origin in the determination of the Greek workers to fight back against the consequences of inflation and of the attempts to the ranks of the new Maquis in great majority of the Greek impose a dictatorial regime on Northern Greece. the country.

The action of the masses has been facilitated, furthermore, by the fact that the Communist Party is outside the government and in opposition thereto, and therefore tries to exert pressure Build Marxist Party. on the capitalists in order to secure a definitive compromise with them.

These struggles of the working was the case during the events of ist newspaper. December, 1944, the Greek workagain, in July and August of ism." this year, several partial strikes have burst out in Athens, the Piraeus, Salonika, and other Greek industrial centers. NEW MAQUIS

Side by side with these labor struggles, a new Maquis has de- Fourth International." veloped in the mountainous North, the region of Olympus, of Labor Challenge, together with which replied with a general Epirus, and the Yugoslav-Greek its supporting groups throughout strike at Salonika and through frontier. The Maquis is compos- the country, is taking immediate all Northern Greece, and by a ed on the one hand of former steps to call a representative na- 24-hour general strike at Athens ELAS partisans, who cannot or tional conference of revolution- and the Piraeus. legal life, and on the other by party as soon as possible.

lice, the army, or reactionary Maquis. The army, aided by avia-

bands. There is also in the frontier throwers and artillery, has carregion of Yugoslavia a popula- ried out several pitched battles tion of a nationality separate against these new partisans, and from that of the Serbs, Bulgar- during the latter half of July ians, Greeks — the so-called and all of August the Athens Slavomacedonians, who aspire newspapers published daily "war feat of the December uprising to autonomy. This population communiques" on the developabout which exact statistics are ment of operations! Whole villong lacking, but which is per- lages voluntarily abandoned by haps not less than 300,000 people their inhabitants, taking refuge on Greek soil alone, is terribly in the mountains on the appersecuted by the Greek govern- proach of the troops, have been ment which seeks to achieve its burned down as "reprisals" by forced assimilation. Numerous the new conquerors. elements of this nationality swell

> This Maquis is, furthermore, favored by the Yugoslavia of Tito, by Bulgaria, and the

USSR itself, which sees in its

## Canadian Paper Says bidder, and men whose authority "The Revolutionary Workers'

class have won for it partial Party Must Be Founded-Now!' gains on the economic plane, but declare the editors of Labor have been unable to stop the Challenge in the September isdrive toward dictatorship. As sue of that Canadian Trotsky-

This important editorial exers did not have the benefit of amines the policies of the redirect aid from, the European formist Canadian Commonwealth and world workers, and further- Federation, which recently held more had to fight not only its ninth national convention, against the forces of Greek re- and of the Stalinist Labor Proaction but also against the forces gressive Party, and brands them of British imperialism which as "a brake on the struggle of dominate the country. Recently the working people for social-

"The time has come," it continues, "to lift this stainless banner (of the Fourth International) from the realm of propaganda into the world of action by found- apparatus under the direct coning the Canadian party of the

trol of the police. As a result the editorial board indignation in the working class,

**U. S. "Democracy" In Germany** 

Labor.)

the hearings.

of the votes."

tion:

**Restrictions In Provincial Voting Expose** 

'instructors and organizers of against opposing the mon-

> tion, provided with tanks, flame-In the trade union field, the workers are organized in the

General Confederation of Labor dominated by the Communist

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Party. In Greece, there is no important reformist wing in the trade union movement; its few representatives in the past were

always considered as men ready to sell themselves to the highest rested only on police protection. HAND-PICKED

Recently the Tsaldaris government gave one more proof of the "democratic" guarantees and conditions in which the plebiscite for the king's return is being

(Continued from Page 1) prepared. Under the pretext that Street is now preparing the the leadership of the CGT was irregularly elected in its recent ground to crush the Soviet Un-Eighth Panhellenic Congress, the ion. This preparation proceeds government replaced it and the along two lines: ideological and elected leaders of the individual military.

unions by a leadership named by the Minister of Labor. The strawmen of the pro-monarchist government were called on to "temporarily" take the leadership of the trade union into acquiescence to another That includes all land and buildmovement, and in reality to prepare to integrate it into the state slaughter.

On the military front, Wall etc. Street is converting America This action provoked a lively into a permanent armed camp. 1y, building up a huge reserve

Atomic bombs are being manu- of trained shock troops. factured on a 24-hour basis. Experiments proceed at a feverish rate with rockets, bacteria," robot planes, and even deadlier means of wiping out masses of will not take up again their ary socialists to found the new (Next week: Politics of Greek human beings. The plan is to continue conscription indefinite-

#### Squeezing Blood Out Of A Stone As of last week, with U.S.

claims not yet in, the total of The diplomats and propagand- reparations demanded by the Big ists serving Wall Street are now Four powers and their satellites whipping up a tremendous cam- from Italy amounted to more paign against the USSR, stir- than 30 billion dollars. The total ring up the hot coals of war talk, national wealth of Italy is estitrying to hypnotize the people mated at only 26 billion dollars.

is building up its overseas bases.

In the Atlantic and in the Paci-

fic military bases fan out from

the mainland in a vast peri-

meter reaching almost from

NIGHT AND DAY

The work of lining up aux-

necessary to retreat in this work

pole to pole.

STALIN'S POLICY Union, Byrnes' speech is another evidence of the bankruptcy of Stalin's policies. Only a socialist

jected war.

revolution in Germany can conings, railroads, mineral resources, Europe into a powerhouse of planned economy. The third military and political purposes." it listed the vote as: For King "alternative" listed by the Stal- He said 400 UNRRA trucks George, 1,135,675; anti-monarinists, "a new type of popular democracy," is nothing but a At the same time, Wall Street

lying mirage. For the German people, Byrnes' speech means Wall Street has again underwritten the German capitalist system which bred fascism. It means the reinstatement in power of the reactionary industrialists and landholders who backed Hitler. undertaking continues night distress in Germany is inevitand day. When Congress finds it able."

and Generals continue it unof- tain on the rosy scenes of a

#### By Larissa Reed

Martial law and the suppression of all civil liberties, formally lifted for a few days before and after the fraudulent plebiscite returning King George II to the throne, were reinstated last week, five days after the plebiscite. The "election" was conducted

in an atmosphere of terror, mandeered by the military and backed up by the guns and troops police to transport personnel, of British and U.S. imperialcontrary to regulations. Opponents of the monarchy

Armed bands drove up to vil- claim these trucks were used for lage booths and voted for the multiple voting to pack the vote king. In several villages peas- in favor of the king.

ants voted for the king under CONFUSING REPORTS threat of pistol butts. Wherev-

Despite the presence in Greece of many reporters from the American press, their cabled reports of how the balloting was conducted, contradict each other. The capitalist press here is concerned only with fooling the American workers that a "free and democratic" election took place.

They all report that two slips

were handed to each voter. A

white slip was marked: "For

King George." A blank slip,

which was colored, so that it

could be seen through the tissue

paper envelope, registered a vote

ever, became a marked man.

since it could be clearly seen how

Whoever used this slip, how-

Reports on the voting issued

by the Greek Ministry of the

Interior make it appear that

there were three categories of

voting: For the King; For the

Republic; and blank ballots. The

last two categories counted for

But how reliable these reports

masses and preventing them from

cessary to turn over formal po-

litical power to the Indian cap-

italists and landlords (as U. S.

render their economic and mil-

tary power without the most wi-

The leaders of the Moslem

League have refused to effer the

Executive Council. They are an

to enter into a deal with the

British, but they are unwilling

to enter unless they are given

equal representation with Con-

river by the British, and they

olent struggle.

TRASS.

for the republic.

he had voted.

the Republic.

on the throne. ARBITRARY LIST

the polling places.

er anti-monarchist observers pro-

tested, they were expelled from

Threats, intimidation and force

Even Hitler would have en-

ied the methods by which the

hated George II was shoved back

vere supplemented by fraud.

Out of a population of some eight millions, about a million and a half Greek citizens were permitted to vote. Since all lists of eligible voters had been destroyed during the occupation, these were arbitrarily selected. Their eligibility was determined by their loyalty to the king.

The cards were stacked against the republic. Moreover, a special system was set up for men in the armed forces and government employes. Special voting booths were used; an uncontrolled number of special voting certificates was isconstitutes a public announcesued. It was charged that since ment of Wall Street's, drive to no effort was made to indicate

line up German capitalism as on the certificate that a vote FIGURES DON'T TALLY another auxiliary for the prohad been cast, these people voted not once, but many times. After are, can been seen by the final voting in one area they used the "official" tabulation, which For the people of the Soviet same certificate to vote in other topped off this panzer "elecareas. tion." According to a Septem-

Buell Maben, chief of the ber 4 UP dispatch, three sets of UNRRA mission to Greece, ac- figures were given out-none of cording to an AP report of Aug- which agreed with the other. vert the industrial heart of ust 30, admitted "unauthorized | The official breakdown placed use of UNRRA trucks for both the vote at 1,603,000. However,

He said 400 UNRRA trucks George, 1,135,675; anti-monarwere estimated to have been used chy, 521,540 which totals 1,to transport persons to a royal- 657,215. Simultaneously the ist rally. He confessed that in Greek press was given figures the Thessaly region from which showing the total vote as 1,673,-

he had just returned, as many as 933. This total was greater than 40 trucks at a time were com- the number of registered voters!

## India Congress Party Leaders work of lining up aux-powers for the gigantic taking continues night distance "suffering and

The first all-Indian Executive Council, headed by Con-For the people of America gress Party President Nehru, was sworn into office in New because of fear of retaliation at and the rest of the world, Byrnes' Delhi last week. But British imperialism remains the masthe voting booths, the Admirals speech draws the last cur-ter of the country. India still has only the promise and the substance of free



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# Eye-Witness Report From Athens Relates Background Of Plebiscite By Jean Paul Martin (Special to The Militant) By Jean Paul Martin (Special to The Militant)

U. S. Warships Back Up Greek "Election"

PAGE THREE

The Military Government brags about the "dem- e tion day the name of the A-P ist Workers parties (the latte ocratic elections it permits in the U.S. zone in Germany, but a letter received by The Militant this week shows how was not on the ballot anyhow. difficult it is in reality for an anti-fascist workers' party | to participate in these elec-D tions.

The organization concerned is the Arbeiter-Partei (Workers Party) in Offenbach-on-the-Main. This party was organized bigger parties knew about them in 1945. But since it appears to be an independent organization, critical of the policies of the capitalist, Socialist and Communist Parties, its activities are hampered and it is constantly confronted with all kinds of obstacles.

#### ELECTION PROCEDURE

In July of this year the Ar- ernment and therefore needed beiter-Partei wrote a letter to a greater number of signatures. the Military Government in 3. In electoral district 4, Committee is a body set up to munist Party. In 1928 he was Wiesbaden complaining about Frankfurt-on-the-Main, where undemocratic carrying the A-P claims to have its tion irregularities. Invitations to basic differences concerning "the through of the elections" to the strongest support, its petition attend were sent to A-P leaders European politics. Provincial Constituent Assembly was accepted along with that of on two occasions, each of them in Greater Hesse on June 30. The four other parties. But on elec-

## International Notes

#### Panama

The Panama Assembly last eral Democratic Party and the election result is in no way reweek unanimously adopted a Christian Democratic Union re- lated to the response which our resolution calling on the U. S. ceived 22 and 21 per cent respec- participation in the elections re-Government to immediately give tively. Ten per cent of the balup all the bases granted during lots were void; members of the the war. The U.S. got 131 Socialist Party who refused to "temporary" sites during the join the Socialist Unity Party cratic preparation and procewar, and although the date for are believed to have expressed relinquishing them was Sept. 1, their protest by casting most of only about half of these have the void ballots. been returned. The American Additional provincial elections Ambassador to Panama is ex- will be held in other parts of erting pressure for continued the Soviet Union's zone during control over many of the sites the first half of September. now illegally held.

#### Germany

The issue of a one-house or The Stalinist-dominated So- two-house French Parliament, cialist Unity Party (forced which was prominent in the May Its letter declares in this connec merger of Communist and So- referendum rejecting a proposscalist Parties) won a majority ed constitution, will probably in last week's elections in Sax- not play an important part in ony, first authorized in the the next constitutional referen-Soviet Union's zone in Ger- dum. Last week the Constituent many. But its majority was Assembly, which is drafting a by great sections of the creative much smaller than had been new constitution, approved a people." anticipated either by the Stal- two-house Parliament. This inists or the capitalist parties would include a National Asopposing them.

France

Despite the favoritism shown and an Advisory Council of the the SUP by the occupation auth- Republic, which could delay quences of continued undemoorities and the greater election legislation by expressing disapfacilities enjoyed by the SUP proval. The set-up is similar to (paper, vehicles, gasoline, meet- that of the British two-house ing halls, radio facilities), the Parliament.

letter raised the following points: press and radio, "information and inadequate, but it is a gen-1. The organization was not informed about the June 30 elections until June 14, although the long in advance of this date. province receive a 3,000 liter WORKERS' ORGANIZATION The A-P, which had planned to monthly allotment of power fuel.

only 16 districts. 2. In seven districts the A-P's

electoral petition was rejected on the ground that it had not been sanctioned by the Military Gov-

regarding our party was either uine workers' organization, whose abbreviated or else distorted leadership includes such oldbeyond recognition." 5. The four big parties in the Hebeisen, Rott and Ankermann.

campaign in 30 electoral dis-, The A-P petitioned for a single Galm, was a leader of the Socialtricts, was confined because of exceptional allotment of fuel be- ist Labor Youth (SAJ) before The petition was sanctioned by tive trade union official after

submitted to the Provincial Econ- Offenbach City Council. From omic Bureau for action. But no 1924 to 1928 he was a member fuel was given the A-P. of the Hessian Provincial Diet 6. The Provincial Election as a representative of the Com-

hear complaints about pre-elec- expelled from the CP because of prisal against Mexico, the campaign launched by U.S. in-

From then until 1933 Galm was two days after the holding of an independent deputy. He was immediately arrested by the Nazis and sent to the Osthofen con-GREAT DISADVANTAGE centration camp. His property "All in all," the A-P complaint was seized. notes, "these things placed our

He was arrested and imprisonparty at a great disadvantage ed seven times from 1933 to 1944, and prevented us from developand was never a member of the Stalinists polled only about 56 ing our full forces in this election Nazi party or any of its organper cent of the votes. The Lib- campaign. In actual fact, the izations. In 1944 he was arrested after the June attempt on Hitler's life, and held in the Gestapo prison at Darmstadt. ceived . . . Had we had the op-

But a party of men like Galm portunity to run in all electoral who talks about the need for "a districts with a genuinely demonew socialist party" is not looked on with favor by the Allied dure, then the Arbeiter-Partei Military Government, and is would have received far more denied its democratic rights. than the required five per cent Meanwhile the Military Government grooms former associates The A-P, which was given per-

of the Nazis to run Germany. mission by the Military Government to operate in the city of

Offenbach, has been trying for some time to obtain authorization to function as an organization throughout Greater Hesse. "We are firmly convinced that new socialist party must arise in Germany, and we know that we are joined in this conviction

The letter concludes by requesting that the A-P be recogsembly with legislative powers nized as an all-province party and warning against the consecratic practices.

The Arbeiter-Partei was organized by former members of the Communist. Socialist and Social-

ficially, All Latin America, acwas a centrist workers' party in cording to the military blue- painted by the war propagan-4. The A-P notes that while Germany before Hitler came to print, is destined to be brought under the control of the General Atlantic Charter. The official other parties had access to the power). Its program is confused Staff at Washington.

time militants as Galm, Berker,

In Europe, Washington and ment and the Truman Adminis-London have been tightening an tration, has outlined Wall iron noose around the Soviet Street's policy for Germany, the Council, whose authority is Union. In Greece, for example, key to Europe. It is a policy of they reinstated the puppet outright reaction leading straight The first-named, Heinrich King George II. Byrnes' speech to a Third World War.

## the short time at its disposal to cause of the June 30 elections. the first world war, and an acthe Military Government and the war. For ten years before the Minister of Economy and 1933 he was a member of the Needed By Mexico

#### (Special to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Aug. 28-U. S. government to impose the With threats of economic re-

The editorial denounced the U.S. government is preventing terests against "one of the richthe importation here of 320 est sources of income in Brazil and the only source that is found zebu hybrid bulls from Brazil.

taminated

Washington demanded that the zilians." zebus be placed in absolute quar-

antine on the pretext that they U.S. PRESSURE

are either carriers or are con-"The pressure exercised by with aphthanous the U. S.," according to the August 27 Mexican daily Excelsior, However, former director of "had as its basis demands by the cattle raising section of the Texas breeders of zebu hybrids." Mexican Secretary of Agricul-The Texans consider Mexico cure, Guillermo Q. Bravo, who their private market and fear visited the region in Brazil from Brazilian competition.

which the cattle come, Goiaz y Brazilian zebus cost Mexican breeders less and are of better stock than those raised in the U. S. The three-year-old bulls

ed there and "complied with all text under • which the bulls are threatened with the loss of its

imported the zebus from Brazil. IMPORTANT BREED This trade, he said, amounted to Mexico is trying to improve "an annual export to the U.S. of approximately 500,000 head

of cattle with a value of about \$20,000,000 a year. The zebus have been in quarantine on the Island of Sacrimost cattle pests, can find food fices, off the port of Vera Cruz where other breeds would starve, since May 12. It appears that the U.S. will be successful in preventing their entry into Mexico.

work as traction animals. They are considered a matchless aid to the economy of many areas. In an editorial "International Brigandage," Correo Manha declared that representatives of

dom.

The British Viceroy retains achieving genuine independence dists in such documents as the the "absolute powers" which he through revolution. In the end has always exercised. He is also the British may even find it nespokesman of the State Departex-officio chairman of the Executive Council. Consequently, the sharply limited, can do nothing imperialism did in the Philipwithout the permission of the pines), but they will never sur-British rulers, although its establishment is hailed as a step on the road to freedom.

The Executive Council is given what the Vicerov calls 'day by day"administration of the country's national affairs. But the willing as the Congress leaders Viceroy keeps real control of the armed forces and economic policies, insuring that the vital interests of British imperialism are not endangered.

After having served for many The Council is supposed to revears as Britain's pretext for not main in office for an "interim" permitting Indian self-rule, the period, until a constitution is Moslem League leaders feel that adopted. they have been sold down the

exclusively in the hands of Bra-DIVISION OF SPOILS

> The establishment of the Counare exerting pressure in order to cil represents the conclusion of get more favorable terms for a deal between the Indian cap- participation in the deal. italist elements in the leadership of the Congress Party and the British imperialists. Under this deal a greater share of govern ing power will be turned over to the Indian capitalists in return for their assistance in supporting

and defending British imperialist interests. The exact division of spoils has not yet been made clear, but both the British and Indian capitalists see eye to eye on the need for restraining the bitter Indian

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Against a bounding rise in prices . . . one can fight only under the slogan of a sliding scale of wages. This means that collective agreements should assure an automatic rise in wages in rela\* tion to the increase in price of consumer goods.

—Leon Trotsky

### **Storm-Warning**

Wall Street and the Stock Exchange last week flashed storm-warnings of an economic hurricane heading toward the American capitalist system.

Stock prices, a sensitive barometer, plummeted down in the sharpest break in 15 years. Small investors scrambled to unload millions of shares at a loss.

Economic sooth-sayers, press commentators and government "experts" admitted utter bewilderment, but hastily issued reassurances of capitalist well-being. Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said: "It's just the general situation. Everyone's taking a fresh look at things after Labor Day."

This is like a man with heart-disease passing off a sharp twinge in the chest as "just a little gas."

Partly, the sharp drop in stock prices is due to inside manipulations by the Big Money boys. They are squeezing out the small fry, who bought at high prices and are being forced to sell'back at low prices.

But fundamentally this is the rumbling of great-underground fissures opening under the seemingly solid surface of American capitalism in the very hey-day of its world power.

All the contradictions of capitalist chaos and anarchy that exploded such violence back in 1929 are building up for another titanic upheaval. Aggravated ten-fold by the trilliondollar waste of World War II and the insatiable greed of American imperialism for world domination, the next eruption will dwarf the 1929 catastrophe.

The signs are mounting. Production, the

#### union movement are stating in sharp terms what must be done. They are demanding the reopening of wage contracts. Like the CIO packinghouse workers, the Chrysler and Ford workers, the Akron rubber workers, they are

calling for higher wages. And they are demanding not only higher wage rates, but additional cost-of-living bonuses and sliding scale of wages escalator clauses that will keep workers' incomes automatically in line with every rise in the cost of living.

#### **Terror In Philippines**

The Roxas regime has begun a reign of terror in the Philippines. Roxas has ordered the Philippine Army to suppress the Hukbalahap movement that includes 150,000 small farmers, sharecroppers and farm hands.

Roxas is backed by Wall Street. He has been supplied with artillery and other modern equipment of the U.S. armed forces. Full scale battles are now shaping in Central Luzon.

The "crime" of the Hukbalahaps is their insistence on rural reforms. They demand an end to the semi-feudal system whereby landlords on huge estates customarily appropriated 50 per cent of the crops raised by the tenants.

During the war the Hukbalahaps took over the land. Arms in hand they resisted the imperialist armies of the Japanese. The landlords and their representatives fled to the cities, seeking Japanese protection.

Roxas himself became notorious as a collaborator with the Japanese imperialists.

When MacArthur landed in the Philippines he systematically set about restoring the privileges of the landlords. He refused to recognize the Hukbalahaps. Leading figures were arrested and groups of Hukbalahaps were slaughtered.

Wall Street's imperialist interests coincided with those of the landlords. Consequently Wall Street consistently backed them against the Philippine people.

Roxas succeeded in gaining office primarily because of Wall Street's support.

Repeating the tactics of the British-backed reactionaries in Greece, Roxas served an ultimatum on the Hukbalahaps to give up their arms. These weapons had been seized by the guerrilla fighters from the Japanese or were obtained from the U.S. armed forces during the underground struggle.

Then Roxas followed up by moving the fullyequipped Philippine Army into the central Luzon districts where the Hukbalahaps are strongest. The civil strife in the Philippines is thus assuming the proportions of open war.

The sympathies of American labor belong wholly on the side of the poor people of the Philippines. Roxas is a puppet of Wall Street, just as the Greek monarch is a puppet of the British.

In defending the Philippine guerrilla fighters, American labor defends its own cause. For the principal enemy in the Philippines is the same as in America - Wall Street.



MARTIN EDEN. By Jack ents, but it is too late. He can- knocks his foreman, a Connecti-London, Penguin Books, not interest himself now in the cut Yankee, back into the year attentions of people who coldly 528 in King Arthur's Court. Thus 1946, 346 pp., 25 cents. ignored him and left him to opens this famous and fanciful "Let me live out my years in starve in his hardest days. See- Mark Twain classic, written in the heat of blood! ing no point to further existence, 1889. Let me lie drunken with the Eden ends his life. dreamers wine! Let me not see this soul-house Jack London's life story closely

built of mud Go toppling to the dust a vacant shrine!" jute mills for 10 cents an hour, With these lines Jack London

prefaced his autobiographical novel. It tells the struggle of "champion of the underdog." an uneducated young seaman to find a purpose for his life and Eden speaks London's philosothereby justify his existence. It is the fascinating story of an "survival of the fittest" theory is so terrified he releases the inquiring mind that discovers science, philosophy, and litera- fies life. London was a socialist Minister, with the title of Sir ture for the first time, opening up a new and undreamed-of dual strength. He described it sun. world. this way once: "I am Martin

Martin Eden, working-man Eden. Martin Eden died because adventures in feudalistic Britain. with calloused hands, scarred he was an individualist, I live He becomes famous and notoriface and the ungrammatical because I am a socialist and have ous through the "magic" of orspeech of the sea, rescues Arthur social consciousness." Morse, a rich young man. Morse takes Eden home with him. There the reviewers did not recognize Dark Ages he starts newspapers, the sailor meets and falls in love "Martin Eden" as an attack schools, factories, telephone, etc. with Arthur's sister, Ruth. To against individualists. But this The story is very amusing, but win her love, Eden studies with is not the only worth of the also gives the author a chance to a will so vigorous that in a few book. It gives a vivid picture of make some very pertinent criyears he has gained more knowl- the effect of economic circum- ticisms of feudal England and edge than Ruth who was educated in a University. Ruth's disapproving parents of class and the capitalist class. society.

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The unknown Connecticut Yankee is nearly burned at the parallels that of his character membering that an eclipse of the 10-hour day in canneries and sun will take place the next day. He threatens Britain with the and served his time at sea. His permanent blotting out of the writings gained him the name "champion of the underdog" sun if he is not freed. When the clipse takes place as the Yankee predicts, the people believe the stranger has the power to turn phy when he enunciates the the sun off and on. King Arthur as the biological law that justi- Yankee and makes him Prime with an admiration for indivi- Boss, in return for restoring the

Sir Boss then has a series of dinary 19th Century capitalist London regretted the fact that science. In the middle of the stances on man's life and views, indirectly, but by no means inof the gap between the working effectively, of modern capitalist

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1946

## **UNRRA** Promises **Prove To Be Lies**

- By Eugene Shays

UNRRA was founded in 1943, and a great amount of publicity assured the peoples of the world of the humanitarian intentions which especially the U.S. and Great Britain had in creating such an agency. The war-torn lands of Europe and Asia, they said, were to be at least partially rehabilitated through it, and their starving, suffering peoples were to receive some of the necessities of life until normal times had returned.

But the promises of UNRRA proved to be as empty as all the other war-time promises of imperialism. Congress appropriated \$2,700,000,000 as the American contribution to UNRRA - a trivial amount when compared to the war expenditures (two billions for the atomic bomb, 500 millions for the Bikini tests!). Before one can arrive at the paltry amount that did go for relief, one should deduct the considerable profits made from the sale of these materials to UNRRA, both by American capitalists and foreign governments reselling them to their nationals.

The fundamental indifference to the needs of 150 million destitute people in Europe and 250 million in Asia was exposed not only by the small sums appropriated for UNRRA, but also by the decision of the U.S. government to discontinue the organization.

The UNRRA Council, consisting of 48 nations, is now in session at Geneva, to deliberate the cessation of its operations, and what to do about the many tasks it left unfinished. Among them is the disposition of one million displaced persons, who cannot be repatriated and who have no place to go; the urgent need of 750 million dollars worth of food and 200 million dollars' worth of fertilizers, to say nothing of medical supplies and clothing for the coming winter. The figures cited are UNRRA figures and probably do not cover even minimum needs. According to the Department of Agriculture, even improved harvests in 1946 throughout the world "will leave food supplies next spring considerably below demand.

The reason for stopping what Under-secretary of State Clayton brazenly calls the "gravy train" lies in the desire of U.S. capitalists to return to "channels of private trade." Concerning UNRRA, World Report, an authoritative business weekly stated on Aug. 15: "Normal markets, free of governmental restrictions and operations, are at the heart of the program officially sponsored by the U.S.

Private exporters thus are to be enabled to extort the last penny of profit from the devastated nations of Europe and Asia, forcing them into debts from which there is no way out, forcing them into making concessions which are to give U.S. imperialism a further hold upon their economies. Clayton's statement, in the light of these facts, clearly reveals the connection between the government and "private enterprise" - the government being the latter's eager and willing agent in this as in any other matter affecting the interests of capitalism.

The fact that the Soviet Union and areas dominated by her have received 40 per cent of UNRRA shipments and have not reciprocated with contributions of their own, with the USSR failing to give quotas of her own production and consumption of goods, is adduced as another reason, although an "unofficial" one, for the decision to discontinue UNRRA.

The true reason undoubtedly must be sought in the fact, however, that the chances of export trade with these regions have dimmed considerably since the inception of UNRRA; hence the latter has ceased to be the promising investment it appeared to be at first. The elimination of relief from this area is part of the design of Western imperialism to force it into its orbit of trade. Humanitarian considerations are, of course, completely foreign to this issue.

administration boasts, is the greatest in American peace-time history. Inventories of goods in warehouses show the point of glut is being reached. The monopolies withhold these goods to force high prices, while mass purchasing power shrinks.

Inevitably, the basic contradiction of capitalism will assert itself. The market will be flooded with goods the people cannot buy. One day the factories will start to shut down. Unemployed masses will march the streets. Arrogant, almighty American capitalism will writhe in death convulsions.

#### What Must Be Done

Every prop of the union leaders' program for "strong" government "price control" as a substitute for a real fight on the wage front, has been blasted away.

After the Price Decontrol Board ruling several weeks ago, CIO President Philip Murray appealed to the bankers and industrialists of the Board "to reconsider its decision and reinstitute ceilings on all items which it failed to control."

The Price Decontrol Board promptly brushed this plea aside. It indicated in no uncertain terms it would not change its course. It publicly rebuked and repudiated OPA officials who even intimated it might restore price ceilings of dairy products.

The latest slap in the face to the union leaders was Truman's response last week to their pleas that he call a special session of Congress to deal once more with price control. Truman flatly told a press conference that under no circumstances would he reconvene Congress, although he had promised in July to call a special session if the new OPA bill did not check runaway prices.

Prices are rising daily. The meat trust is imposing a national meat famine to break price ceilings. It is plain, even to the most stupid, that the capitalist government is backing the profiteering price-gougers to the hilt. The union leaders' policy of dependence on the capitalist government to "control" prices is washed-out.

In .its wage-price policy statement, which Murray repeated in his plea to the Decontrol Board, the CIO Executive Board said "when American workers are squeezed between rising prices and declining take-home pay, something must be done to protect their living standards."

"Something must be done." Yes! But what? The union leaders do not say.

But more and more militant sections of the

#### **Minority Parties**

How the election laws are rigged to favor the big capitalist parties at the expense of smaller parties has once again been demonstrated in New York State.

According to the law, it is necessary to obtain 12.000 signatures of eligible voters to place on the ballot an independent candidate or party. Out of this 12,000 a minimum of 50 signatures must come from each of 62 counties, many of them in sparsely populated areas with a tradition of extreme political conversatism.

The rich and powerful capitalist parties are exempted from these arbitrary regulations by the fact that having polled 50,000 votes in a previous election they are listed as a regular party on the ballot.

In the present election four minority parties met these difficult requirements: the Socialist Workers Party, the Communist (Stalinist) Party, the Socialist Party and the Liberal Party.

But after the labor of obtaining the necessary number of signatures, three of these parties have been "challenged." Formal objection was made to the Socialist Party petitions on the ground they lacked sufficient "valid" signatures although a total of 15,000 had been collected.

The same objection was made to the petitions of the Liberal Party although they had obtained 51,015.

The Communist (Stalinist) Party filed 20,-000 signatures but it too was challenged on the grounds the signatures had been obtained through "misrepresentation."

The Socialist Workers Party with 23,727 signatures was not challenged.

The objections are now being considered by the Board of Elections which has the power to rule in favor, or against an objection, or even to disqualify a petition on its own initiative. Since the members of the Board of Elections belong to the Democratic or Republican parties, it is clear that in the final analysis these two political machines of the capitalists have the arbitrary power to prevent a minority party from appearing on the ballot.

When a party can be challenged after it has more than quadrupled the number of signatures required - as in the case of the Liberal Party — and its place on the ballot endangered, the voters should take note of this fact when they enter the polls.

The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party vigorously protest the undemocratic election laws that serve to bar political minorities from the ballot.

tion to become a writer. They cannot work together, that their Century when capitalism was call it laziness and avoidance of interests are irreconcilable. work. Ruth herself has a set of values ("bourgeois," London calls them) that Martin Eden cannot follow.

When his participation in a socialist meeting makes headlines in the daily paper, the engagement is called off and Martin is left desolate. Later he achieves fame as a writer and wins

\* \* and Bros., 450 pp. \$2.50. A husky machinist in a dethe esteem of Ruth and her par- bate "conducted with crowbars"

Mead Wants "Efficient" War

- By Ruth Benson -

Senator Mead, chairman of ders." Deliberate thievery is dis- FBI spying on the world. "Knowlthe Senate War Investigating missed as "errors."

To prevent "unfortunate" Committee, released the compolitical and social conditions is mittee's annual report on Aug- waste and duplication, Mead necessary," he says. It "can asust 31. You might think the re- thinks Wall Street and Washport would stress the billions ington should plan now for sist in determining the size and stolen from the public treasury World War III. He complains character of the armed force." by ruthless war profiteers. You that in the past, they "had to And in crushing workers' revolumight think it would expose the cope with the War and Navy De- tions! deliberate sale of defective war partments which sought to con-Mead's report is written to Wall equipment that cost the lives of trol every aspect of national de-Street's order. How much it did thousands of soldiers and sailors. | fense." Big Business wants to NOT say about profiteers can be But all you'll find is a mild scold- give orders not take orders from gathered from a column by Haning over "inefficiency and blun- the military caste. son W. Baldwin in the Big-Busi-

Instead of risking the same ness N. Y. Times, Sept. 8. Baldders. The committee, a few weeks set-up again, Mead says, "we win warns of what happened ago, got front-page publicity by should draw on our war experwhen World War I profits were revealing how an Illinois arms ience with government controls exposed: to formulate plans now," so that combine rooked the treasury of "The cycle that followed

"another emergency will not find a few million dollars, with the us with a plan that is obsolete help of Congressman Andrew J. May, head of the House Military and unworkable." Affairs Committee. He recommends a "workable"

'merchants of death' and to disindustrial mobilization scheme But the committee has steered miss the military as war-monclear of bigger scandals involving which would give contracts in gers and brass hats - must not powerful corporations and top advance to the huge monopolies. be allowed to recur - for such government officials. Testimony There would then be no lasta psychological attitude can do of Comptroller General Lindsay minute scramble for war orders; vital harm to our national de-Warren, "watchdog of the trea- no dickering around with Army fense. sury," was quickly shut off. He contracting agents. The loot Baldwin need not worry. Mead was too anxious to relate how would be safely in the grip of is careful not to discredit the "untold billions" had been stolen General Motors, Ford, du Pont, merchants of death, for he too with the connivance of govern-General Electric, Alcoa, and other favors Wall Street's mad rush ment officials, while his own industrial giants. Small-fry optoward the next World War. He's

investigators were "sent to the erators like the Illinois combine sticks" if they dared protest. would be locked out. The real purpose of the Mead Mead also wants the govern-

Committee is not to punish any ment to store up supplies of rubbig-time crooks. According to its ber and other war-essentials not report, the committee never had produced in the U.S. He wants "a pinch-penny" attitude to- American imperialism to hang ward war expenditures. It just onto all overseas bases, and snatch back any it has given up, wants "a more business-like administration within the armed because they may be "commerforces," to hasten preparations cially useful in peacetime" as for World War III. well as of "strategie importance.

Screening the fraud, graft and in another emergency." greed in World War II that rain-To further clear the way for gold on Wall Street, Mead Wall Street control of the world, criticizes only "confusion," "du- Mead calls for "a more efficient plication of effort," and "blum- intelligence agency" - a super-

still on the rise. He considered Reviewed by American society the height of Winifred Nelson progress. But the judgment he made of feudal society with its A CONNECTICUT YANKEE parasitic royalty can be applied IN KING ARTHUR'S ciety with its parasitic Dollar COURT, by Samuel Clem- Kings. In the proletarian 20th ens. (Mark Twain), Harper Century there is no longer any reason for their existence.

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manufacturers as profiteers and

Reviewed by John Jones

American workers must create their own relief agencies through which help can be given to their working class brothers overseas.



When the American workers were dragooned into the Second World War, Roosevelt promised that no war millionaires would be created out of the bloody holocaust. What came out of the war were billionaires.

A study by the United Press, made public on September 3, shows that the "Billionaire Club" which expanded steadily during the war years under Roosevelt, has not declined under his successor, Truman. There are now 43 such billionaire corporations, trusts and banks which hold a monopoly stranglehold on American economy.

Total combined assets of these 43 monopolies today amount to \$101,808,613,411, compared with \$97,731,561,226 on December 31, 1944. Of these, 18 are banks; 11, insurance companies; six, railroads; five, industrial or manufacturing corporations; and three utilities.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company tops the Billionaire Club for the third successive year, with total assets of \$7,561,997,270. Second is the Bell System, American Telephone and Telegraph Go., holding \$6,765,557,026 in resources. Prudential Insurance is third, with \$6,355,984,306.

First among the world's most powerful banks, and fourth on the billionaire list, is the Bank of America, with \$5,554,310,000. Chase National Bank comes next with \$5,403,847,000. Two more banks and two more life insurance corporations follow: National City Bank of New York, Equitable Life Assurance, New York Life Insurance and Guarantee Trust Company. Each controls from three-and-a-half to over five billions in assets.

Tops among the industrial corporations, and ranking tenth on the billionaire's list, is the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, with more than twoand-a-half billions in assets. Two more banks follow: the Manufacturers Trust Company and Continental Illinois National Bank, both with assets well over two billions.

Pennsylvania Railroad is first among the railroad billionaires, and thirteenth on the list, with assets of \$2,223,000,000.

U.S. Steel Corporation, greatest steel producer in the world, is 16th on the list. General Motors Corporation, biggest automobile manufacturer, is in the 24th place. Consolidated Edison Company of New York, first among the nation's power and light utilities, is 31st on the list. .

New additions to this select "Billionaires Club" are Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company and Northwest Bancorporation. Three billionaires became common, ordinary multi-millionaires, when their assets dropped slightly below the billion dollar mark. These are: Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Ford Motor and First National Bank. But they're not starving.

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#### 84 Yeas Old and Still Interested

Editor: I give you my heartiest com-

work you are doing for the poor press). Through The Militant I working people. I am 84 years see the American working class, old, but still interested in the just realizing its power and polabor movement. Keep up that work. Your suc-

cess is in sight. **T. H** 

Hicksville, N. Y.

#### 'American Way'----A Sweatshop Editor:

The bosses think that the average wage-earner who spends most of his life in a factory, is Editor: callous about the wretched conditions in which he works. They think these conditions are "normal." That's why they continue to make fake speeches about "the American way of life."

A couple of weeks ago, I went to work in one of the largest paper factories in New York. Eight hours a day we are imprisloft. I tend a machine that does one operation, a hollow drill an article should be written punch that punches holes in pads. The operation is simple and monotonous. But the job of feeding the machine, piling

up the finished work and finally removing it with a hand truck. is very tiring. There are no regular rest per-

of understanding that we can ers as we do our own relatives take a few minutes in the morn- when they are hit by unemploying and afternoon "to have a ment-give them a hand. Of all companies except GM, this smoke." But everybody does this surreptitiously and hurriedly, as tion, and we must establish a if they were taking something they were not entitled to.

There is no decent place to take even this phony rest period. The men to to their small, stuffy wash room, the only window opens on a shaftway. There are no chairs, so we lean up against a wall. This is called "relaxation.'

Soon after I began work, I heard bells ringing at indefinite intervals, for five or ten minutes at a time. When I asked a fellow-worker what it was all about. he said he thought "the bosses are calling someone.'

Later I discovered the reason for the bells. They're set off whenever we all begin to feel tired and bored. Bang! The bells remind us we're at work in a factory and that the boss and his foremen expect us to hurry

up with our work.

#### risen since first seeing The Mili- ] Detroit Workers tant. No more do I imagine Americans as a pack of flagwaving patriotic fools (as one might gather from your capipliment on all the very hard talist-controlled radio and Editor:

tential, and entering an era of revolutionary struggle. In wishing you continued success, I extend the hand of international working class soli-

darity. A. G. Canada

#### **Refugees Don't Cause Job Problem**

A Militant reader with whom worked raised an objection to they would be used to lower

wages, and create unemployment by taking jobs away. Be- into a union-company conferoned in a dark, gloomy, noisy cause this conception may exist ence. in many other minds, I believe dealing with this question in detail.

I briefly pointed out how the victims of capitalist war include over Europe unable to find work. iods. Instead there is a kind And we must treat these work-

> course this is a temporary solu- is becoming more apparent. Workers' and Farmers' Government as the only real cure for capitalist war, unemployment and fascism.

As to the possibility that refugee immigrants will lower our wages and create unemployent. while it is a possibility, it doesn't necessarily have to follow. The labor movement is organized strong enough today so that wage cutting is not such an easy matter, at least not in union shops.

I pointed out that lower wages and unemployment are inevitable under capitalism whether we have refugees or don't have them. Only in a Socialist society, where production is carried on for use and not for profit, will the worker receive the value of

his labor and work will be shared by all. J. H. Newark, N. J.

**Resent Production** For Export Alone Last Thursday, August 29, a

work stoppage of a few hours occurred at the Detroit Nash plant. The cause was the resentment of some of the men at being forced to work on right-handdrive cars — that is, cars for export, at the exclusion of work on

cars for home consumption. Four men initiated the strike.

When they were threatened with discharge the other workers not directly involved rallied behind

the cause. To the union's query as to why so many right-hand models were being produced, our slogan "Open America's the company retorted that their Gates to Jewish Refugees." He foreign markets must be mainpointed out the possibility that tained, domestic competitors must be met and it wasn't any business of the union.

The case was then sidetracked

This is not an isolated case, although it is the first concrete action we know of in the Detroit area. The workers, as their own desires for cars, washing ma-

chines, etc. fail to materialize. are becoming increasingly bitter at the thought of production for people of every nation who roam foreign consumption at the expense of production for domestic consumption. They are plainly seeing the fruits of their labor denied them. In my own plant, Briggs, which produces bodies for

Last week we were laid off for 10 days. Only one line of five men was kept running. All cars off the line were ear-marked for foreign service. There was a great deal of grumbling and many remarks to the effect that "We

can't get cars and other things AFL unions in which they are because they're shipping out of organized are in a better posithe country where they can make tion to understand their real more money on them." needs than this overfed and un-And the workers watch the derworked spokesman of organiz-

ears continue to roll off the belt, ed Christian charity. This is not with increasing despair and very surprising. YMCA cafeteria rustration. workers are paid only \$60 to \$70 To my mind this indicates

a month. The union scale is that the next period will be one \$108 to \$125 a month. f rapid political education for BIBLE STUDENTS SCAB the American workers. To the A club that the YMCA officials coffers, those who look with

disdain upon the American hold over the heads of the reguworkers-wait, we shall see. lar employes is the fact that Incidentally, motorized bicycles young would-be missionaries are becoming increasingly com- studying at the Moody Institute mon among the workers here. are ready to work for as little

**J.** G.

Detroit

The American proletariat is ap- as 50 cents to \$1 a day and parently being "Europeanized"- meals. These lads have had it

much about.

worldly trifles as paychecks.

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#### Wall Street's Decontrol Board



Mead and Daniel Bell, two bankers and one industrialist composing the Price Decontrol Board, ruled in favor of price gougers and profiteers. Truman's Board decided that grains, dairy products and principal grain feeds would be free of Federated Pictures. price control.

## Chicago YMCA Heads Offer Strikers "Pie In The Sky"

#### By Eugene Zucker (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO—Since last June, 13 Chicago AFL locals have have been picketing three YMCA buildings. They hope to persuade the defenders of the open-shop who run the Young Men's Christian Association that their employes could use a little of the Chris-

that "those who are for a third cago Community Fund. tian charity they hear so Kramer offered CIO support of the nation." to "any legitimate move design-The chairman of the Board of Tracy Doll, president of the ed to make social agencies rec-Directors of the YMCA Hotels, Michigan State CIO Council, ognize their full responsibility in millionaire broker John Nuveen, dealing with unions of their own blamed the political weakness of Jr., has refused to recognize the employes." The AFL leaders are the working class, not on the unions involved or to negotiate correct in acting upon the asbankrupt policies of the CIOcontracts. He maintains that his sumption that there are no PAC which continues to throw its employes are fanatically Christhird parties in the war between support to candidates of the two tian and not worried by such capitalist parties, but on the labor and the bosses, even when the latter hide behind a chari- workers, because "they don't But the miserably underpaid table front. come out to vote." YMCA employes feel that the

## Working Mother Describes **Domestic Servants Life**

#### By Mille Fredreci

If I could sing for a living, I wouldn't be doing the trousers, wide suspenders, suit workers in his shop: "Comrade hard work I'm doing now. Housework takes too much bending, pushing, shoving and walking about, picking up this Machinists, electricians, seamen, and that, and jumping up and down like a jack-in-thebox. No job is really a good hands. The Madame hired her quiet confidence. job, but some jobs are bet- lik- other cheap employers hired

ter than this!

## THE MILITANT ARMY St. Louis SWP Branch

**Doubles Monthly Quota** St. Louis Branch of the So-|got a majority of subs. Our star cialist Workers Party doubled its saleslady was Helen Burns who ion of the Detroit labor move- monthly quota of 16 subscrip- got 10 renewals for the month. ment, by a union parade down tions of The Militant. The com-

Woodward Avenue, the main rades of that branch obtained from our street corner sales. The 36 subs during August, and according to a letter from Rudy name and address and asked us Rhodes they aim to do as well every month. "We will have to and he took a year's sub and increase our Militant bundle orbers. In the afternoon, 40,000 der again very soon," she writes. "Comrade Harry has been go-

CIO unionists marched in their ing out for subs every Saturday respective local contingents, and the rest of us intend to keep winding up in Cadallac Square up with him. Last week another vhere they were addressed by comrade announced that he had obtained five new subs in his CIO United Auto Workers plant.

Ford Local 600 brought out the "We won't have any difficulty largest local representation ever in maintaining our quota of 16 seen on Labor Day, when over subs per month in the future." 10,000 workers from the Ford

Rouge plant filed past the re-Pittsburgh Branch just mailed in more subs (without comment) Prominent among the Local

which raises their monthly total 600 slogans were "For a Cost-Of- for August to 22-double their quota.

Milwaukee Branch has comleted its quota of 36 subscriptions for August. "We will just Briggs Local 212 placed partimake our quota for August with the enclosed 12 subs," says Fred Martin. "We had 24 and with this 12, we hit 36. Most of these were gotten by individual comrades on their own time and not on a mobilization basis. It seems

**Big Labor Day** pulled out the old chestnut about Parade Held In party now sabotage the workers of the nation."

that a small minority of members

By Russell Morgan (Special to The Militant) SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sept. --San Francisco's organized labor movement, AFL, CIO, Railway Brotherhoods and independent unions-70,000 strong-participated in the largest Labor Day Parade in this city's his-

10 a.m., the marchers were still send you weekly reports of our passing the reviewers' stand in progress." mid-afternoon. Husky longshoremen, wearing

ditional work garb of dark twill comrade sells The Militant to coats and felt hats. Office Bertoni has been very successful workers in black and white. in getting subscriptions in the boilermakers and cooks. All ery week and passes them out to strode briskly with an air of the best trade unionists. He gives

shop. He takes several copies evthe paper to the same workers

Many floats were seen through- for a couple of weeks and if they women: picked out the strongest out the vast procession. The like it, and they usually do, he I've often thought of doing looking one, and then paid her maritime workers had three, one asks them to subscribe. Then he 25 cents an hour to wash win- a huge painting of a flame-rid- starts giving The Militant to dows, ceilings, walls and wood den, sinking ship. It bore the other workers and so on down legend: "In Memory Of Our Lost the line. His method has already Brothers. Over 6,000 Men Of produced a number of subscrip-The Merchant Marine Lost Their tions." Lives In World War II." Behind it marched the moth-Leon Forth of Chicago Branch ers and fathers and wives of unwrites: "Our plan here is to have about one Red Sunday a month. ion seamen. Banners bore such slogans as, Last Sunday 10 of us were out-'Peace and Friendship With the some on the North Side and Soviet Union;" "Franco Must some on the South Side-and Go;" and "Pass A Federal Antigot a total of 19 subs." Lynch 'Law.' \* \* \* D. A. MacKenzie, Grand Lodge The comrades of Seattle vice-president of the Independ-Trotsky and other writers of the ent Brotherhood of Railway Branch are successfully combining sub work with their election Trainmen, one of the speakers, activity. This report was receivcalled for greater unity between ed from Clara Kaye: "The enall organized labor and indicated the likelihood of the Railway closed seven subs were obtained Brotherhoods joining hands with mostly by a new comrade on a the CIO at some future date. branch mobilization to sell "Lack of labor unity," he said. tickets for our forthcoming Elec-"gave sufficient assurance last tion Banquet to acquaint people May to Harry Truman, termed with our program . . . Thus you the world's greatest strikebreak- can see that our campaign is er by President Whitney, to crack helping our sub work and vice down on us." versa.'

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One of the new subs resulted

subscriber gave a comrade his to call on him. I did so myself bought two pamphlets." Minneapolis Branch will undoubtedly get in under the wire.

A. Field writes: "Enclosed are 14 subs. This brings our total up to 33 subs turned in so far this month. As you know we accepted a quota of 40 subs per month. We are having a mobilization Friday night and I hope to have

the seven subs needed. Today's mail brought five more subs and this note from Comrade Field: "These subs bring our

total for the month to 38. We have one more which has not been turned in yet, and we are going out on call-backs tomorrow. So I am sure that we will get our quota of 40 for August."

A scoreboard showing the total subscriptions sold by each branch during August will appear in next week's Militant.

A report from George Grant, shows Cleveland Branch comrades are determined to get renewals: "Enclosed are six subs with a money order to cover. We have had considerable difficulty with a renewal campaign because many of the comrades are on second and third shifts, etc., but believe we will manage despite the obstacles."

We can look for exciting news in the way of subscriptions from Boston Branch, according to S. M. Brooks. "Beginning the middle of September we start an eight-week drive in the Lynn and Boston area with a goal of 250 subs. We are having Sunday mobilizations for eight weeks and now that the hot weather is about over we should find most tory. Stepping off promptly at of the workers at home. We will

E. Brent, literature agent for white caps. Teamos in the tra- Detroit Branch, tells us how a

they're loudest of all in the wash room. They make you jump and Stalinist Sympathizers hurry up to finish your cigarette. They make it impossible to relax even for a few minutes. They make you feel you, are a machine, not a human being.

This is only one sample of the real "American way of life." H. Daniels Brooklyn, N. Y

#### **Canadian** Reader **Changes** Opinion **On U. S. Workers** Editor:

I have been reading The Militant for about six months now, formerly through copies given to me by your sympathizers and now through my own subscription

My opinion of Americans has

**CHICAGO** "The Childhood of Maxim Gorky" Saturday, Sept. 14 Movie begins at 9:30 Dancing, Refreshments Socialist Workers Party 777 W Adams

tacked.

We distributed 750 pieces of campaign literature, 750 Militants and sold 40 copies of "Build a Labor Party Now" at the entrance to the hall where a meeting was held after the parade. I might add that the papers went not only to the paraders, of whom there were only a few hundred, but also to the onlook-

ers on the sidewalk. Clara Kaye Seattle, Wash,

**NEW YORK** 

Friday Evening, Sept. 13th Three Harlem Street Rallies To Hear Candidates Of The Socialists Workers Party MILTON RICHARDSON-for Lieut. - Gov. SYLVIA BLECKER-for Atty. General JOSEPH HANSEN-for U.S. Senator 116th Street & Lenox Ave. 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. 125th Street & 7th Ave. 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. 135th Street & Lenox Ave. 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. Friday Evening, Sept. 13th

#### Friendly To Seattle 'Militant' Distributors Editor:

On Labor Day we distributed The Militant at a parade in Seattle, organized by the CIO Council, which is dominated by the Stalinists. As you can imagine

our distributors met with some hostility from the Stalinists But what is more important, is that we met with much sympathy, interest and curiosity from many sympathizers of the

Stalinist movement. This feeling was strong enough to cause them to restrain the hardened CP'ers from destroying our literature, and tell them that we were sincerely working for socialism and shouldn't be at-

specially welcomes letters of the type sent by J. G. of Detroit. We urge our readers to send us similar accounts of their per-

more correctly, pauperized.

sonal experiences and observations of conditions and issues facing the workers on the job.) J. PIERPONT MONEYBAGS

Says: "JOBS FOR EVERYONE? -- WHY THAT'S GOCIALISTIC!



fund.

Youth Group Activities

meets Friday, 8 p.m. at 777 W. no amount of phrases about Adams St. LOS ANGELES. - Socialist Youth Club meets every Thursday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 3161/2 W. Pico Bivd. Educationals by Youth and SWP speakers.

NEW YORK. - For information on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y.

Open Forum: Every Sunday, p.m., at Chelsea Workers Center, 130 W. 23rd St. Dancing, refreshments follow. Queens - Open forums every

Wednesday at Odd Fellows Temple, 160th St. and 90th Ave., 8 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA .- For information call ST. 4-5820, from noon to 6 p.m.

Watch this column for further announcements of youth activi-



**30 Stuart Street** 

needle point or of embroidering drummed into their heads that a little scabbing here and now portraits on linen, but one has is a small price to pay for the to be an artist to do portraits. loafed. (Editors' Note: The Militant reward they are sure will come My employer on Riverside Drive

in the hereafter has just had a portrait of her Not satisfied to wait until the dog done in oils — it cost \$1,500. righteous wrath of the Lord des-She had one done of herself, too cends upon the heads of the pickets. YMCA office employes - that's bigger and cc t \$25,000. at the Wabash Hotel, evidently Spending \$26,500 for paintings men of little faith, have hurled didn't prevent her from being tones and inkwells at the pickets

surprised when I told her she from the upper stories of the would have to furnish better meals for me and pay mc \$8 for The Chicago Federation of Lapor, representing 400,000 work- an eight-hour day. She wanted ers, has decided to boycott the to know why I wanted a raise. Chicago Community Fund from I told her! Rolls which cost which the YMCA receives \$216 two cents last week, are two for 000 annually. In the past, the ena nickel today. Cheddar cheese tire labor movement of Chicago has gone up from 55 cents to has supported this fund. For ex-69 cents a pound. The market

ample, building trades workers is flooded with eggs, say the exhave donated three to six hours' perts, but the price of eggs pay every year. Hotel workers tiny ones the size of ~ minute! have given 5 to 10 per cent of a - is 71 cents a dozen, weekly pay check. However, un-My employer rustled herself til the YMCA changes its unionout to buy my lunch to make me busting stand. AFL members in "feel better about it." She gave Chicago will not support the me two hamburgers, grapes and

#### CIO ROLE

The CIO leaders have played a shabby role on this issue. Kenneth L. Kramer, representing the National CIO Community Service Committee, declared that the failure of the YMCA to recognize the striking AFL unions

building.

dry for 12 years. Her ankles are is "clear-cut anti-labor action CHICAGO, - Youth Group on the part of the agency and swollen from strain. Her sight is impaired by the glare and steam that rise up when she service' and 'community relations' can conceal this fact." irons the wet clothes. Mathilda But he added that the CIO would has vacations — without pay. Before .she landed this job, continue to give support to the Community Fund because it was

BOSTON WORKERS FORUM

"The Meaning Of The Wave Of Terror

Workers Educational Center

Against The Negro People"

"not in the interests of the union of women who stood on street members" to injure an "innocent | corners during the depression, third party," namely, the Chi- holding a scrub bucket in her

**Every Sunday Afternoon** 

**SEPTEMBER 22** 

MILTON RICHARDSON

SWP candidate for Lieut-Gov.

of New York State

3 p.m.

Speak of

sometimes not a speck.

work, while the rich Mistress

65,000 March

In Detroit On

(Special to The Militant) DETROIT, Mich., Sept 2.-

Labor Day was celebrated

today in the traditional fash-

Something new was added this

year, however, when the AFL

paraded in the morning, with an

estimated turnout of 25.000 mem-

Living Bonus"; "End Fascism":

Wipe out the KKK"; "Stop

Lynching" and "Stop Produc-

cular emphasis on the slogan:

Briggs Local Wants a Labor

The labor party issue was dis-

cussed by speakers on the re-

viewing stand, but only to de-

nounce the progressive elements

who demand a labor party now.

George Addes, UAW Secretary-

Treasurer, stated that a "third

party is in the cards." But he

The placards carried by UAW

Labor Day

street of the city.

various CIO leaders.

viewing stand.

tion Speed-Ups."

Party - Do You?"

## **Trotsky Works** In Wide Demand

Within the month of August Pioneer Publishers received orders' from 15 different countries of the world for works of Leon Trotskyist movement, Bookstores. libraries and individuals were the buyers-plus the Soviet Union, which submitted the smallest order of all.

The Soviet government through the red-tape maze of its American agents, ordered only The First Five Years of the Com-

munist International, a compilation of Trotsky's writings of 1919 to 1924, never before published in English.

Large shipments of books and tea. What do you think she gave pamphlets went to three book me for lunch before I demanded dealers in India and Ceylon, to better food? Sometimes one egg mass co-operative organizations in Trinidad and British Guiana, I'm not the worst off. Mathilda, to individuals in Bolivia, Cuba, the Madame's laundress, is old Switzerland and China, to the enough to be my mother. She has Library of Hawaii, to two perbeen doing the Madame's launsons in South Africa, to dealers in France, England, Canada and Belgium. September opened with a shipment to Greece.

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At the same time Pioneer's popular new pamphlets were selling in quantities throughout Mathilda was one of thousands the United States. Literature agents of the Socialist Workers

Party in Los Angeles were able to sell 30 at a Communist (Stelinist) party meeting at which William Z. Foster was the speaker. Notwithstanding the hostility of the Stalinist leadership, workers bought 25 copies of Only Victorious Socialist Revolutions Can Prevent the Third World War! the Manifesto of the 1946 World Conference of the Fourth International. Three copies of Build a Labor Party Now, by George Clarke, were also sold. At a Political Action Committee rally in Chicago, 47 copies of Build a Labor Party Now were sold.

\* \* \* Send for price list: Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place New York 3, N.Y.

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## New York Democrats, Republicans And ALP Stage "3-Ring Political Circus," Says Farrell Dobbs

Text of a statement on the New York State Conventions of the Democrats, Republicans and American Labor Party by Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party Candidate for Governor of New York.

The New York State Conventions of the Republicans, Democrats and American Labor Party last week constituted a three-ring political circus with Wall Street cracking the whip.

name. It was simply a glorificaine, the Democrats.

#### NO BETTER

was no better than that of the Republicans. As everybody expected long in advance the Democratic donkey had nothing to offer but Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Since not even the most gullible people can vote for someone no longer among the living, it was necessary to spread Roosevelt's cloak over the political machine that survived him. Eleanor did this very neatly at the convention stating that the

**Democratic Stooge** 



Truman adhered to the progressive ideals the "elements of weakness" eviof the Democratic party" meaning Roosevelt.

Then the opening paragraph

As everybody knew long in ad- | sponsors, proved to be the shortvance, the Republicans had est in its record. This was only nothing whatever to offer outside | natural since all the backroom the silk-stocking personality of deals with the capitalist political Governor Dewey. The "plat- machines had long ago been put form" cooked up by the Republi- on ice. The convention was held can chefs does not deserve the simply as a rubber-stamp affair. The ALP nominated the Demotion of Dewey and an attempt to cratic candidates, Mead for Govpicture his tenure in office as ernor and Lehman for Senator. somehow superior to that of the Then to complete the shameful other Wall Street political mach- picture, on September 5 the ALP withdrew three of its candidates - Benjamin F. Fielding, Harry J. Chapman and John J. Abt. The Democratic Convention The ALP heads endorsed in their place three more Democratic candidates, Erastus Corning 2d, for Lt. Gov., Spencer Young for State

> of Appeals. The ALP thus stands foursquare for the candidates of Big Business. It is backing the political party of Truman, the Bilboes, the Rankins and Talmadges.

Comptroller, and Henry Epstein

for Associate Judge of the Court

STALINIST GAME

The Stalinists of course manipulate the policy of the ALP. They are playing the most deadly of political games - coalition politics with the capitalists. That is why the Daily Worker is opening up with all guns firing on the Republicans and wild shouts in favor of the Democrats. How such politics pay off can

tic convention Mead got the greatest ovation of the gathering when, in obvious reference to his Stalinist cheering squad, he declared he would not accept one speck of support from any Fascist, any Communist or any member or friend of the Ku Klux

a smile in the direction of Wall Street always pays. They stag-tem is raging at the way the gered to their feet after this brutal kick in the mouth and forced their bruised lips into an movement as a whole expect acingratiating grin. Robert Thompson, State Chairman of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, in the

administration "has characterized the blow as one of dent in the platform and conven-

tion of the Democratic Party. Dewey's record in regard to the tion."



"like a Fuller Brush salesman

who is unwanted and is greeted

of the best fund-raisers nation-

the rest of the country is like."

'frankly discouraged" and add-

ed that there is evidence "that

But in several hours of discuss-

They merely advocated a con-

tinuation of the very policies

genuine labor candidates and

The PAC leadership's bankrupt

we have failed."

like PAC

with a strained welcome."

#### By Alan Kohlman New Jersey SWP Candidate For Governor

NEWARK. N. J.-Last month's conference here of the New Jersey CIO Political Action Committee (PAC) showed conference leaders managed to the growing dissatisfaction of the workers with the policies of the PAC leaders.

It was clear from the attend- sey PAC Director, deplored the ance at the conference that PAC's fact that although there are some appeal has declined. Only 44 persons attended despite the urgent state, only \$7,500 had been raisletter from Carl Holderman, New ed by PAC. "I feel," he said, Jersey CIO president, to all CIO regional directors, city CIO council and local union officials.

Even the PAC leaders were DISCOURAGING WORK forced to bewail the diminishing interest in PAC. Al Barkin, Jer-

**Thomas Scores Attempt To Evict Detroit SWP** 

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 9. ing and deploring PAC's present - R. J. Thomas, Vice-Presi-PAC leaders gave a clear exdent of the CIO United Auto- planation for PAC's loss of inmobile Workers, last week fluence among the workers. publicly denounced efforts of anti-labor forces trying to evict which are at the root of the the Socialist Workers Party from PAC's admitted failure. That is its headquarters at 6108 Linwood the PAC leaders' policy of sup-Ave. Full text of the public let- porting candidates of the capitalist parties, instead of running ter follows:

"As Vice-President of the Unit- building a labor party. ed Automobile Workers, CIO, I want to add my voice in protest against those reactionary forces one incident at the conference. oust the Socialist Workers Party only five of 28 capitalist party Particularly disgraceful was Linwood. the performance on the ques-

"If the Socialist Workers Party can be made to vacate its premises because Negroes attend its meetings, then freedom of speech and assembly is menaced, for a precedent will have been estabmurderers are being covered up. lished which could be used against all labor and liberal organizations.

"Labor will never permit the Menace Of Dread Diseases tion to halt the terror and bring zoning laws of the city to be utilized for the purpose of dis-criminating against any section Fails To Stir Law Makers. of our citizens' because of race. The Republicans commended creed, color or political affilia-

elitis (infantile paralysis). Every summer, therefore, med-

more "friends of labor" among the boss party candidates. After much scratching of heads, the come up with just one candidate, Mary A. Norton, Congresswoman from the 13th District. HAGUE'S "LIBERAL" 250,000 CIO members in this

She is the nearest thing to a liberal" the PAC leaders could find—and they fail to mention that she is Jersey City Boss Hague's personal representative in Congress

Another CIO official pointed ther endorsements. Even by out that the Jersey PAC is one PAC's weak standards, it is pretty hard to find a capitalist ally, so "you can imagine what politician in New Jersey who can be palmed off on the work-New Jersey CIO President ers as a "friend of labor." Holderman admitted that he was ence speech that "there is something the matter with PAC and don't know what it is."

> The Socialist Workers Party and a lot of militant workers can tell Holderman "what's the matter with PAC."

CIO-PAC leaders are not conors—and few of those. Everywhere, in local, state and

icy has resulted only in keeping the spokesmen of Big Business in the political saddle. Political reaction has never been more poley was again revealed in rampant in decades.

in this city who are trying to A sub-committee reported that interest in PAC and rally to it, from its headquarters at 6108 candidates had answered a CIO change in course - toward a

doing things.

The conference postponed fur-Holderman said in his confer-

ducting genuine independent labor politics. They are playing the game of throwing labor's votes to labor's political enemies for labor power). . . in return for petty political fa-

national governments, this pol-

The workers will revive their only when it makes a sharp complete break with the capi-Labor's ranks will be mobilized candidates running on a fighting labor program—that is, by



#### From Competition To Monopoly By V. Grey

We have stated the general law of constant capital, and particularly the machine. Constant capital produces no new value. It is merely transformed by the hand of labor into something else, thus preserving its original value in labor's creation of a greater one.

But when capitalism was young things seemed to be different. For the FIRST capitalist to get a particular machine coins money out of his advantage over his brother capitalists. His laborers can produce ten things where other laborers produce only one. As long as this rosy heaven remains for the first capitalist, the price of his product is still high.

When the other capitalists get the machine, the socially necessary amount of labor to make the product finally becomes only one-tenth of what it was. And the price drops way down.

This happened again and again in the palmy days of capitalism. As a result there were cheap goods for all. There was constantly better machinery, better ways of

The 19th century was an age of progress mainly because of the race for machinery. There was great encouragement of inventions, engineering colleges, scientific research, popular education, and finally a greater degree of PEACE in which to trade and grow rich.

Most thinkers of the 19th century saw these advances and thought such progress on a capitalist basis was going to go on and on without any interruption. They thought the golden age of man had at last arrived. But Karl Marx, the real genius of the time, peered into his sociological microscope and saw differently.

"As the use of machinery becomes more general in a particular industry, the social value of the product sinks down to its individual value. And the law that surplus value does not arise from the labor power replaced by the machinery, but from the labor power actually employed in working with the machinery, asserts itself. Surplus value arises from the variable capital alone (money spent

Machinery and other constant capital was heaped up nore and more, until it was no longer possible to discard an old machine for a new one so easily as before. Machines were too big now, and too expensive. It was a losing proposition for the capitalist to be on the side of progress.

Moreover, the products of the machine were so cheapened by now that the machine couldn't be paid for in a short time, but only over a long period, as it reproduced its value gradually in its products.

So the same capitalists who once had price-cutting wars" to drive each other out of business, now began to band together in monopolies to keep prices up-suppress new machinery, bury new inventions.

But only the biggest banded together. They ran smaller capitalists out of business, and began to prevent new ones from starting up. But they solved their contradiction only to make it worse. Now they had super profits to re-invest. They expanded their production again (that is, they increased their constant capital). This led to ever fiercer struggles, and on a world scale.

They conducted a world war to expand into markets of the world they did not yet control. But in the very process they expanded their productive capacity again. This means they must search for still more markets than they have yet won.

Out of capitalist competition grew capitalist monopoly. Warm and humid weather is extremely favorable for And out of capitalist peace grew capitalist war.

Next Week: The Struggle for Markets



By Susan Adams

ism in America. They did nothing to halt the mad rush toward a Third World War. In fact they did everything they could to build up the mili-

The Negro people and the labor

DEWEY

over 181/2 billion dollars of pub-

lic funds for one year's expenses

mushrooming growth of militar-

They did not object to the

of the war machine.

war. Their gestures on such grave issues as housing were nothing but the most pitiful type of cam-



solve the housing crisis; that is, on rent-gouging landlords interested in maintaining the present scarcity.

tion of Jim Crow. A ferocious Klan.' wave of lynch murders has swept But the Stalinists believe that the country. Every person with

the guilty ones to justice. But what happened at Saratoga September 6 Daily Worker, Springs and Albany? **OILY PHRASES** 

tion of the Democratic Party. Dewey's record in regard to the doll. "Especially reprehensible," said Ku Klux Klan and race preju-the eviction proceedings began the growth of bacteria. Every summer there are recurof the Democratic platform placed between fascism and com-pledged "the accomplishment of munism in the Democratic plate and comnunism in the Democratic plat- on the wrist. Both parties in- lives of more than 100 people

tary, increase the expenditures, hasten the approach of another

gram in this State and in the form. This is historical nonsense." nation under President Harry S. |3-RING CIRCUS Truman, in the tradition of our late great leader, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.'

In this way the Democrats hope to lend the aura of Roosevelt to the main-spring and chief in-Truman and crown the strike- strument of reaction in our breaking, militaristic, Jim-Crow state." And he called for a "cru-Democratic political machine sade" to defeat the Republicans. with the halo of the man who There's heroism in the face of a promised "again and again and again" to keep America out of war.

#### **ALP IS BRIEF**

The real issues that face the incapacity of these political masses were avoided by both par- clowns and confidence men to ties like the plague. meet the great issues facing the The American Labor Party people.

cluded the usual oily phrases and damaged the SWP head- ical authorities issue warn-9 forms. And that was that. Nevertheless Thompson con-The two slates supported by flammable liquid, set fire to it regularly, come September 23, tinued to shout, "The conventions the Republicans, the Democrats and ran away.

of the past week have further exposed the Republican Party as ment. brutal kick in the mouth from

the Democrats! All this three-ring circus suc-

Only one party in New York stands on a program of revolu- er minority races. tionary socialism. That party is

convention, as advertised by its They did not object to turning tical thugs and their backers. CIO United Automobile Workers.

Wages, Prices And Profits

#### Myra Tanner Weiss, SWP or- lowing summer. and the ALP are slates of Big Business politicians. Neither of ganizer in Los Angeles, was the them represents the interests of the main speaker at the meet- able? On the contrary. They the working class. They are the ing held on the night of the worst enemies of the labor move- fire. She had been on a tour exposing fascist terrorists and

the murderous methods they employ against Negroes and oth-

Scores of prominent labor lead-

ceeded in proving was the utter the Socialist Workers Party. ers protested against the arson That is the main lesson to be outrage, including Walter Reudrawn from an analysis of the Vice-President and George Adconventions of Wall Street's poli- des, Secretary-Treasurer of the

could be prevented by proper public health measures and sanitation. In 1945 the Journal of the American Medical Association and other publications reported that the polio virus, the organism that causes infantile paral-

Are these epidemics unavoid-

ysis, was isolated from water containing raw sewage. SANITATION NEEDED

about "civil rights" in their plat- quarters. The fascist arson-bugs ings about safeguarding Nothing has been heard of these sprinkled the stairway with in- public health. And just as bills since their introduction. Meanwhile a number of states this summer have had a nearthe warnings cease until the folepidemic spread of polio.

Well, maybe if you can't get clean water, you might try drinking milk-if you can afford it. from disease.

Did you know there is no federal pasteurization law, even for milk in interstate shipment? And not one state has a pasteurization law. Of the 6,600 towns and cities in the United States, less than 300 have made pasteurization compulsory.

ion.

workers.

Diseases spread through infect. Publication No. 34 of the Naed raw milk include diphtheria, tional Foundation for Infantile strep infections of the throat Paralysis reports: "Actually the and tonsils, dysentery, scarlet infantile paralysis virus is most fever, typhoid and paratyphoid highly resistant to many things fevers, undulant fever, and a that kill bacteria. It can withvariety of intestinal disorders stand antiseptics and germicides; called "food poisoning" and inor it can be kept at tempera- fant diarrhea. tures far below freezing and re-Many a youngster accused of

tain its vitality.' being "dull witted and lazy" is This same publication adds:

simply a victim of undulant fev-'Swimming itself is not thought er, the most prevalent and serto be harmful, but if the water ious of diseases spread by inis contaminated by sewage and fected milk. The symptoms ofhuman pollution a definite dan- ten resemble arthritis, anemia, ger certainly is introduced." etc. It is difficult to diagnose

An article in the N. Y. Times, and there is no real cure for it. August 6. also reports: "Flies The Progressive of July 15 tells may carry the virus and they probably pick it up from sewage 'there were recurring fatal epidemics of dysentery and typhoid organizer so that complaints in which it has been found. Sanitation would therefore seem one fever traced to infected raw milk against workers by foremen get . . in 1918. As a result, there immediate action, while workers' against the milk producers who ignored.

Ohio River, including Pittsburgh, boro in 28 years." NOT INTERESTED But Congress is not interested in passing measures to halt epidemic disease spread by polluted Similarly Chester, Pa., and Cam-

spending of two billion dollars to develop the atomic bomb, throw waste-drain of capitalist war. appropriate more than 18 bilern sewage treatment plants, elitis and undulant fever.

-American Sweatshop How The Stalinists 'Manage' Our Union - By Dinah Sanders-

Last week I told about the vile working conditions in Let's see if you'd be much safer the New York sweatshop where I work, making metal tubes for your shaving cream and tooth paste. We know condi-

tions would be lots worse if we didn't have a union. But they would be lots better, if 9

we didn't have Stalinist | - and at the next meeting we go leaders to "manage" the un- through the same procedure again.

No accounting is made to the Our shop was organized in the membership of the expenditure fall of 1945, when we got an over-all increase of 10 cents an are held at irregular intervals; of dues money. Shop meetings hour, upping the starting wage general union meetings (it is an to 60 cents. And that was that. amalgamated local) only when We have the same filthy, unthere are elections to be held. lighted locker room: the same in-During the summer there was no tense heat in the unventilated meeting for four months. Five washroom. The girl operators or six months ago, a union memare still doing janitor's work ber proposed that the Union set cleaning up floors and machines up a health and benefit fund; after they finish regular work. the organizer said he would "look We still have high-quota, low- into it."

rate piece work. Hot hunks of The contract is full of doublejagged steel are still breaking talk, always subject to "interthrough thin "guards" to cripple pretation." Like the following typical clause under the "wage The Stalinist leaders of the

schedule" heading: union act in collaboration with "The union may recommend to the bosses to hold the workers the Employer and informally disdown. Shop stewards, completely cuss individual classifications the story of Tarbora, N. C., where inexperienced in union work, and individual rates, BUT THE are instructed by the Stalinist EMPLOYER ALONE, IN HIS DISCRETION, makes individual increases within a classification or assigns an individual to a

was an uprising of the people complaints against foremen are classification." Workers here have had bitter The organizer was informed previous experience with unions, because of an AFL sellout in a sewage to be poured into rivers owned and operated pasteuriza- whole department to scarlet strike 7 years ago. Now the policies of the Stalinist leaders of ery service which is unique in hand and the bosses' lies about this CIO union are encouraging the U.S. There has not been his "carelessness." At every meetthe anti-union elements. But there are workers in this about the filthy locker room and shop, solid unionists, who are lack of lockers. The organizer determined to fight in the union takes comforting notes, assures for a militant policy and leaderus everything will be all right ship.

> water and milk. The same Con-DETROIT gress which could approve the Fall Classes Begin Thursday, Sept. 19 Parliamentary Procedure **Public Speaking**  History of American Trotskyism 6108 Linwood Ave. 8 p.m.

## Productive And Unproductive Labor **By Warren Creel**

Not all labor is productive. Capitalism in the present stage turns more and more labor to waste in unproductive channels, which is one of the things wrong with capitalism. To see clearly what really happened in war producdifference between productive and unproductive labor.

Productive labor produces goods, and also distributes them in the real sense of moving the goods to consumers. hands of the employer does not remain as profit. He has By making and delivering all our food, clothing, and so on, to spend it on wasteful sales effort, to collect his profit. productive labor creates the total output of commodities.

to the capitalist because he is selling goods in the commodity form. He hires workers for advertising and selling. Now selling contains two kinds of labor, which we can call real distribution and commodity selling. The first

kind. real distribution, is necessary and would be necessary under any economic system; it is shipping and warehousing goods, and handing them over the counter to customers, etc. The other kind, commodity selling, is wasted labor, used up by the capitalists in getting business away from each other. Most selling and commercial work belongs to this type of unproductive labor.

The Brown Corporation spends money and hires workers just to move merchandise by getting customers away from Black, Incorporated. And Black, Incorporated, spends money and hires workers to get the customers back again. They can use up an enormous amount of labor in outdoing each other this way.

Waste of labor in commodity selling takes many forms. A common example is three filling stations on a corner where the business only calls for one. We know the extra ciency rises, waste rises also. filling station attendants represent workers wasted in

competitive selling effort. They are not necessary to serve the public. They only serve their different corporations, each of which wants part of the business on that corner. They sell gasoline which costs five cents a gallon from the producer. They sell it for about 20 cents a gallon. tion and in the post-war period we have to clear up this leaving a fifteen cent margin. We know part of that margin is used up in paying the extra expenses of this wasteful competition. The margin, in general, as we have seen, is surplus value. So some of the surplus value in the

Much of what is commonly called production is com-There is another kind of labor that is necessary only modity selling. For instance, we think of construction workers as productive. But how about the carpenters and bricklayers who built the surplus filling stations, and the workers who made the bricks? Their work didn't add to society's wealth, it only helped certain corporations go after business, and keep it away from competitors.

We can buy a fifteen cent package of breakfast food, puffed by a cheap steaming process which takes almost no labor. It contains four ounces, or three-fourths of a cent's worth of wheat. The manufacturer dresses it up Louisville and Cincinnati, dump with a colorful cardboard box that costs far more than the food. A mountain of labor in fancy packaging in main-

taining unnecessary outlets, and in other lines of work too numerous to list here, is wasted in commodity selling.

Such labor makes no goods and does society no good. It creates no labor-value and hence no surplus-value. The capitalist, as Marx pointed out, must spend part of his surplus value to collect the rest.

This is where part of the surplus value goes. As effi-

Next week: Capitalist Waste of Human Labor

way of checking poliomyelitis." With this knowledge of the means of the spread of this terrible disease, local, state and federal governments still permit raw Tarboro established a town- about Margaret's exposing the and lakes where the polio virus tion plant together with deliv- fever; about Jimmy's maimed

into homes.

their sewage into the Ohio River and then take drinking water from this same "Beautiful Ohio."

den, N. J., pour their sewage into the Delaware River.

CONGRESS STALLS

Yet since the middle of 1945 300 billion dollars down the there have been six bills pending before Congress for waterway-pollution abatement. These lion dollars a year for war prepbills would extend federal loans arations, refuses to spend a cent to encourage cities to build mod- to halt the spread of poliomy-

refused to correct the situation. can infect swimmers or be piped Almost all the cities along the a milk-borne epidemic in Tar- ing, the girls complain again SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1946

**Identified Lynchers Still At Large** 

## **Oil Swindle Motive Disclosed** In Louisiana Lynch Murder

For over two weeks, the FBI has known the names of 13 Louisiana white men, including three deputy sheriffs, who murdered John C. Jones, 28-year-old Negro veteran, and left for dead Albert Harris, Jr., 17-year-old Negro youth. Yet federal authorities®

questioned the lynch gang! This week the story of the blow-torch and meat-cleaver lynch murder grew even more sordid. Theft of oil rights once owned by the grandfather of killing which took place at Minden, Louisiana, on August 5.

Albert Harris Sr., father of the surviving youth, who accompanied him on the dangerous flight North, told his story to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He revealed that many years

ago, oil had been discovered on Urge Defense the land of the boys' grandfather. The grandfather, now 76 years powerful oil syndicate. One of this, the poverty-stricken old man receives \$1.50 a month.

'ODD' CIRCUMSTANCES According to Mr. Harris, the circumstances under which the syndicate got the oil rights were write.

after the brutal lynching be- against racial minorities in this came known, "careful efforts" area. had been made to mislead the complaint.

After their release from jail The resolution pointed out the Albert Harris, Jr. and Jones failure of the Police Department were seized by a waiting lynch to give protection to those Negro mob and driven into the swamps. families who broke through the Harris was beaten for hours, iron wall of restrictive covenants kicked in the stomach, and left and moved into areas outside for dead. When he awakened in the "black ghetto." It declared the morning he found his cousin that the attacks are the concern still alive, his face charred by a of not only minority groups but blow-torch and his hands chop- of the entire labor movement as ped off. Jones died in Albert's they are a device of the reacarms. Albert escaped and made tionaries to divide the forces of labor on racial lines. his way North.

NAACP investigators, working The resolution then called for in Minden under constant threat, the conference to "recognize the building at 249 West Alexandria lowing an explosion. Six people tracked down clues given them need for the establishing of a Street went up in flames, at the were forced to jump from upper by Albert, and turned over their defense organization by the powinformation to the FBI. But the erful labor movement in coopergovernment is stalling and the ation with minority and progressive organizations as the only eflynchers walk the streets.

This is not the only case in fective means of protecting min- fire nets arrived. Seven suffered that after the fire was extingto convict lynchers, and fails to tacks."

have not even arrested and make arrests. On July 29, the NAACP turned over the names of several of the lynchers who killed two Negro men and two Negro women in Georgia. There, too, the race-hate murderers still walk the streets, free to slay again. The labor movement must dethe two victims, emerged as a mand that the government stop "possible motive" for the torture- | the atrocities against the Negro people. It must launch, together with Negro and civil liberties organizations, a full-scale campaign for a federal anti-lynch law, that will make the national government responsible for halting the

The grandfather, now 76 years old, "leased" these oil wells to a powerful oil syndicate One of the wells still pours out thous-ands of barrels of oil, and for Race Terrorists

lynchers.

(Special to The Militant)

(CORE) at its recent meet-"odd," since the aged grand- ing endorsed a resolution father can neither read nor pointing out the need for a

first newsmen to report the introduced by the Socialist crime. The usual false charges Workers'Party to the Conference of "attempt to rape a white wom- to Combat Terrorism Against an" were given out, although Minorities, in which the CORE both victims had already been participated. The Conference rereleased from the Minden jail ferred the resolution to all partiwhen the white woman allegedly cipating organizations for disinvolved had refused to file a cussion and opinion on the ques-

CHICAGO. - The Committee on Racial Equality

defense organization to prevent The NAACP points out that further vigilante terrorism The resolution was originally

tion of organized defense guards.

Escaped lynch victim, Albert Harris, Jr., shown with his father, upon arrival in New York. Young Harris still bears wounds on his body inflicted by a blood-thirsty Louisiana lynch mob, which left him for dead. Harris was brought to New York under the protection of Madison Jones NAACP Photo by courtesy of Amsterdam News. official.

## **13 Injured In Chicago Fires** Set By Jim Crow Terrorists

#### By Robert L. Birchman (Special to The Militant)

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placed in power.

satisfaction. They all yearned

CHICAGO, Sept. 7. — The wave of Jim-Crow terrorism against Negroes who cross "Black Ghetto" boundaries here, reached a new high during the last week in August. In three fires of incendiary origin, 13 Negroes were injured.

In the most serious of these fires, the front entrance of the | Street was destroyed by fire, folsame time that a fire in the floors to save their lives. back room blocked the rear ent-Investigations by Michael Barrance. People on upper floors tell, Chicago Organizer of the were forced to jump before the Socialist Workers Party, reveal

which the FBI holds information ority groups against terrorist at broken limbs and other injuries. uished about 6 a.m., white men a lieutenant across the chest last three charges and in four after the slaveholders' grip on twentieth century revolutionists. The building at 228 West 23rd attacked and beat up Negroes. with a knife. Charge: attacking instances of wrongfully dispos- the government was broken for- We honor him by continuing and

## Survivor Of Louisiana Lynch Mob Defense Continues Grim Fight In Tennessee Frame-up Trial

Defense attorneys of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are continuing their grim battle to prevent the selection of an all-white "hanging jury" in the trial at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee of 25 Columbia Negroes framed-up<sup>®</sup> on a charge of "attempted reds of state troops, police and white lunch mote scainst the an-

murder." tire segregated Negro section of articles.

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Last week defense attorneys Columbia. The mass asasult was were muzzled on their rights to launched against the Negro popquestion prospective jurors conulation after a Negro woman cerning their feelings of race defended herself against a blow never been given proper recogprejudice. A new speed-up sysstruck by a white man, owner tem was instituted by Judge of a radio repair store. Ingram in which veniremen are A former chain gang boss was and carry through the fight aquestioned in groups of ten or another white man declared gainst slavery. He was a permore. With only seven jurors qualified by the white court. Afin the box, defense attorneys are ter he admitted that he thought Negro people in the nineteenth fast using up their 200 peremp-all Negroes are "criminally in- century did not merely sit back tory challenges. After that they clined," a peremptory challenge and wait to be liberated, but

will be helpless to prevent the by the defense attorneys kept that wherever possible they ac-State's packing the jury with him off the jury. Another white man who was gle, and played leading roles in race-hating whites. The kind of men declared declared qualified by Bumpus, "qualified" as jurors by the white was known to have attended Ku court shows that the atmosphere Klux Klan meetings. He admitis one in which the 25 are condemned beforehand. Frank Busthat he not only believed in the we cannot smash the brutal sysprinciples of the KKK, but ad- tem of Jim Crow and lynching. bey, who was eagerly accepted vocated "taking out persons and But unless we ourselves join by District Attorney Bumpus, whipping them when they get militantly in the fight against admitted under defense questionout of their place." Bumpus the capitalist sponsors of this ing that the 25 Negroes would cynically defended this prospect- system, we will never achieve have to prove themselves innoive juror with the remark that the second emancipation. Doucent. This is a flagrant viola-

tion c' the law which explicitly his sympathy for a lynching or- glass showed us that we must ganization "would certainly not fight for our rights, and even states that a man is innocent affect the defendants." until he is proven guilty. Busbey further testified that All but five of the first panel his son was a member of a state of 312 who showed their race

guard company sent to Columbia hatred were kept off the jury. to participate in the pogrom The examination of a new panel against the Negroes last Februof 230 began on Sept. 5. The 25 ary. The "trial" grew out of the Negroes face 20 years in prison savage, armed assault by hund- if convicted.

## Army Court Martial System **Gives Two Kinds Of Justice**

#### From the big brass hats you never get anything but

praise for the court-martial system. If you listened to them you might get the idea that there is some kind of jussystem. tice in the "military justice"

set-up. But recently a staff writer for the N. Y. World Telegram, Roger Stuart, had the misappropriating a government opportunity to check some of vehicle. Sentence: hanging, latthe War Department's own reer commuted to life imprisoncords. ment.

What he found shows that GCMO 611 dealt with an ofthere are at least two kinds of ficer tried on these charges: 11 dustrial working class was just "justice" in the Army - one instances of wrongful disposal being born. The revolutionary kind for enlisted men, another kind for officers. Here are some of the cases Stuart cited on an officer, one instance of dis- capitalist society, and enabling the capitalists and seeking to

the capitalist system to develop obedience of orders, one in-A Pfc in the European Theater stance of issuing a false official and expand the economy of the was court-martialed for slashing statement. Found guilty of the country. (This was accomplished Douglass belongs to us, the

#### The Heritage of Frederick Douglass

I urge all readers of The Militant to read the September issue of its brother publication, Fourth International, which contains an informative and thought-provoking article on Frederick Douglass, and sections from white lynch mobs against the en- three of his speeches and

#### CORRECTION

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In last week's Militant a picture of Paul Wylie, SWP candidate for the Ohio General Assembly, was incorrectly printed above the name of William E. Bohannon, SWP candidate for the House of Representatives from the 11th District, New Jersey.

during the last century Douglass not'only played a leading part, tively contributed to the strugbut he understood the logic of the fight against the slaveholders far more clearly than most

That alone is worth emphasof the statesmen of that time, izing today. Without the aid of including Lincoln. ted, under defense questioning, our allies, the white workers, While Lincoln sought to com-

promise with the slaveholders, Douglass realized that a revolution was coming and he advocated revolutionary methods. He saw that the Civil War meant the end of slavery, while the Northern politicians were trying to close their eyes to this question.

if he did nothing else, we would He understood that the Negro should and would be permitted Douglass lived a remarkable to serve in the Army when the life. Born a slave, he became one very idea of such a thing seemof the greatest speakers, writers ed ridiculous to the Northern and organizers of the country. government. He foresaw that Although he himself managed to emancipation would have to be escape bondage and before the accompanied by economic seage of 30 to secure personal curity or the freed Negro would freedom, he nevertheless devoted still have a second-class status. the rest of his life and all of his In other words, he was not only many talents to the fight on a revolutionist, but a farbehalf of his less fortunate brosighted one. thers and sisters. (Yes, he was a

What would Frederick Doufar cry from many talented and glass be fighting for if he were educated Negroes even today alive today? One thing we can who find a small measure of sebe certain of: he would be curity for themselves and imfighting to finish the job, that mediately turn their backs on the plight of the struggling is, to secure complete equality for the Negro people. And he But the most remarkable part would be fighting as a revolu-

about Douglass was that he was tionist. a revolutionist to the very mar-A hundred years ago he col-

row of his bones. He did not attempt to commit murder and want to merely reform the slave system, he sought to destroy it altogether. He was not a socialist but a consistent revolution-

masses.)

st just the same. In those days the modern inof government property, one struggle then consisted of overinstance of conduct unbecoming throwing the remnants of pre-

things the chief prop of Jim Crow oppression. Douglass would now be fighting against overthrow them. The heritage of Frederick

aborated with representatives

of Northern capitalism against

the slave-holders, because cap-

italism was still a progressive

force. Today he would see that

capitalism has degenerated and

become a completely reaction-

ary system, and among other

NEXT WEEK George Breitman and Milton Richardson give the Socialist Workers Party's answer to the court-martial

The NEGRO "Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded." -KARL MARX STRUGGLE Summingummming By William Bohannon Communication

There are many reasons why

call attention to this article.

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The great rebel Douglass has



## **Yankee Imperialism Guided Overturn In Bolivian Capital**

#### By C. Fernandez

#### (Special to The Militant)

for a return to the brutal meth-MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 1-The true character of the ods employed by President Pennorthern "Good Neighbor" is shown by an analysis of the aranda during the strike in Caevents in the capital of Bolivia on July 21. On that day, tavi where more than 400 minan uprising led by professors and students and supported ers were massacred when they by a section of the population overthrew and assassinated demanded wage increases. President Villarroel. Follow-

in Washington's dictates, | roel to power.

To gain support against the Yankee press correspondents in La Paz have erroneously tin magnates and in order to reported it as the culmination of stem the mounting tide of disa genuine popular movement content among the poverty stricken masses. Villarroel made against the military dictatorship the latter some concessions such of Villarroel. as relative union freedom, slight

It is well to bear in mind that | wage increase, etc. He tried to nearly 15 per cent of the world's restrain the intervention of Patin supply comes from Bolivia, tino and Co. in the economic that tin accounts for 70 per cent and political life of the country. of the total value of exports | He issued decrees reducing confrom this small South American | cessions to the tin triumvirate, country and that practically its and began construction of smeltentire economy is based on the ing plants in Oruro, an importindustry. ant mining center, in an effort

A mining triumvirate, formed to reduce the profits of the tin by the multi-millionaire Patino | magnates. -owner of the "Patino Mines WALL ST. WAITED

and Enterprises." Mauricio Hochschild and the "Compagnie Ar-

amayo de Mines," is the real Bolivian situation very well. It discontent, channelizing it in a power behind Bolivian politics realized that Villarroel would not manner most favorable to the and economy, and the strongest bow docilely to the interests of native and foreign exploiters. pillar of Yankee imperialism in Wall Street. Therefore the State the country. In the past, Boliv- Department branded the moveian governments have been mere ment that lifted Villarroel to agents for these tin magnates, power as Nazi-Fascist. and have suppressed the work-The Yankee imperialists decid-

ers with unrestrained fury.

Super-exploitation of the Bo- cessary. They patiently awaitlivian masses, carried out pri- ed the first opportunity to reinmarily by this imperialist tri-state a "democratic" governumvirate, increased enormously ment in Bolivia, that is, a govduring the war. Bolivian work- ernment that would resume the ers are desperately impoverished. role of absolute lackey to the In the last few years the cost of tin triumvirate.

living has risen fantastically. It Every action taken by Villar-

is the highest in South America. roel against the tin monopoly Mass discontent reached such made his government more-unproportions during the war that popular with the Yankee State

it shook the government to its Department. The imperialists foundations. In 1943, a group of were displeased because Villarmilitary leaders, counting on the roel did not use the army to assistance of the dissatisfied suppress the mine workers dur- government represents: The mer- were able to direct the disconmiddle class and the passivity of ing strikes which followed each

chants of La Paz, who are nothe workers and campesinos (far- other in rapid succession. Both | toriously subservient to the im- their own class interests and into mers) revolted and lifted Villar- native and foreign mining func- perialist tin magnates, joined channels favoring imperialism.

Washington understood the

ed an insurrection would be ne-

Firemen participated in the as- a superior officer, the sentence sault. One white man pulled a for which is death. The sengun and threatened to shoot. . | tence was commuted to life im-The third fire occurred in the | prisonment.

Aug. 22:

In the same theater of operabasement at 268 West 23rd Street, tions a second lieutenant attackafter an explosion. Fire Attorney Downes states that in his ed an enlisted man with a knife, opinion all the fires were of in- | cutting him up severely. He was cendiary origin. Police try to court-martialed for this and for dismiss them as accidental or of being drunk on duty. Found guilty, he was sentenced to five 'undetermined" origin.

The district is one in which years' imprisonment and dismissal from the service. His Italians, Negroes, Mexicans, Crogeneral then remitted the priatians and Chinese live in a son sentence, and the lieutenant densely populated area of firegot off with dismissal from the trap tenement houses. In the

Stuart also tells about three

A second lieutenant in the

Another lieutenant was charg-

Stuart also reports a contrast

in two General Court-Martial

GCMO No. 652 concerned the

case of a private found guilty of

dismissal from the service.

Orders.

service. past the district was largely con-MORE "JUSTICE"

trolled by a group or Italians How, then, can the success of headed by Bruno Roti, whose the July 21 revolt be explained? "business" is beer distributing. cases of desertion. The court-Merciless exploitation had He handles most of the political brought the masses to an abysmartial of a private in Europe patronage for the Kelly machine resulted in the death sentence, mally low living standard. Food and the Democratic Party. commuted to life imprisonment. is not only expensive but scarce. The Chicago Defender charges Agriculture has been restricted that there exists "a deep-rooted same vicinity and at about the by a conscious policy of previous political plot, using race ten-

governments who hoped, by dissame time was also found guilty sions and arson as a weapon to of desertion by a court martial. couraging agriculture, to force oust Negroes from Chicago's tur- Sentence: dismissal from the the native population into the bulent, patronage - rich First mines. The masses, therefore, service. Ward." It states: "Negro citiwere at the mercy of the tin magzens point out that the influx of ed with "running away from the

nates. Negroes from the South and oth-They were terribly desperate er sections of the city threatens enemy." His only punishment: and the agents of the monopo- to upset the delicate voting ballists were able, through the midance and affect the 'pork barrel' dle class, to throw the blame for patronage from one of the city's the situation on the Villarroel richest political districts."

government. Groups of well-

paid and well-organized agitatthe "general strike" against Vilors gave direction to the mass larroel. The reactionary former-President Penaranda expressed desertion, escaping confinement, joy over the hanging of Villarroel. The insurgents used tanks Villarroel, like other Latin-MADE IN THE U.S. in the American military-police dictatstreet battles of La Paz. And the ors, relied mainly on the army new government was immediatefor support both against imperly recognized by the U.S. State ialism and the workers. He Department and its imperialist made concessions to the workers partner, Great Britain.

only in an attempt to win their Yankee imperialism has demsupport as a counter pressure to onstrated once again its firm inthe tin magnates. But when tention to maintain redoubled crumbs from the national econ- exploitation of the semi-colonial omy failed to placate the miners South · American countries at he restrained their struggles with whatever price and by whatever dictatorial methods. Hence, he means necessary.

had no base in the country other It is obvious that the lack of than the army, and when he lost a strong union movement and its support he was immediately a conscious working class with overthrown. A new gang, se- well organized political parties lected by the tin magnates, was facilitated the task of the imperialists. In the absence of in-These further facts show undependent working class organimistakably who the present zations, reactionary elements PIONEER PUBLISHERS tent of the masses away from

dismissal from the service. caste system operates in behalf socialism.)

ing of government property, his ever, and now the country is extending the struggle he led. punishment was-that's right- more than ripe for the next Young Negro militants who stage-the abolition of capital- aspire to follow in his footsteps In the military courts as in all ism which today prevents pro- belong in the ranks of the Soother spheres of Army life the gress and the establishment of cialist Workers Party. Join us and join the struggle for genuine of the "officers and gentlemen." In that progressive struggle and complete emancipation!

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#### Diary Of A Steel Worker ----If You Were A Negro . . . \_\_\_\_ By Theodore Kovalesky \_

We can read something and understand it without really feeling it, really KNOWING what it means. We can read about the lynchings in the South ... and the North



look at it another way. Imagine, white brother reading this, that it is YOU. You look back as far as

you can. You were a kid on the farm, and folks were just folks. You played, you

... and the words we read

went swimming and fishing with the white kids. You ran in the weeds and hollered and climbed trees and called everybody, naturally, by his first name. You romped and had a good time. Then maybe one day you played a little too hard and knocked one of the white boys down. You did it without even meaning to, and you were sorry you made him skin his knee. Only, when he got up, he looked at you with mean

angry eyes and called you, "Nigger!" You fought with him. You made up again, but it wasn't the same. You grew older, and one day he said, "Jim, it's about time you start putting a handle to my name." You looked him in the eye, you remembered diving in the river together, hunting squirrel and possum together, stealing watermelons together from Mr. Dagget's. big farm. But you were older now. You knew the land and the customs, so when you saw him after that, you called him "Mister.'

You grew up. You never voted. You watched the politicians come and go. You heard them talk "white supremacy" and taxes. You got used to things. (Southern moon and Southern breeze and a black, battered body swinging from a poplar branch, you got used to everything, no

Anti-fascists throughout the country were un-



at home, only here there was more food and etter clothing.) They packed you aboard a boat and shipped SWP Candidate better clothing.) you off to Europe. They told you to fight for

good as anybody, white or black. On the boat coming back they packed you Housing Action in even tighter. They mixed you right in with the white soldiers. In the bull sessions they talked about what happened to them in Normandy, and you told them how you got hit. They had their ribbons and battle stars. You had yours. They were men, and you were a man. Things

would be different, somehow. But things weren't different. They were the same. You got in the back of the bus where the "colored" sat. (You had helped lick the race-hating Nazis,) The driver went past your stop. When you protested, he called a cop.

"Smart nigger," the cop called you, and he hit you with his club. "Run off to Europe and forget how to behave," and he hit you again. "Please, I didn't mean any harm," you tried to plead, but he hit you again, and some watching white men laughed.

You were lucky. They didn't gouge your eyes out, didn't beat you to death or shoot you or burn or hang you like they did to some. They let you live so you could get your old overalls and go back to the fields. They just "reminded" you to remember your place.

Think it over, brother. Just suppose your skin were colored instead of white . . . and think it over.

# democracy, to beat Hitler and his race-hating Nazis, You fought. You did your best. just as In Jersey Asks

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 6-Alan Kohlman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor, today endorsed the

demand for immediate calling of a special session of the New Jersey Legislature on housing. ents. He scored Governor Edge's obstinate refusal to call such a ession.

"Governor Edge has declared that he is opposed to a special which she helped to form dursession until somebody presents a workable program. This formed into working class pomeans he has no program. This self-confessed admission of a base for the Young Communist ack of a housing program is a

clear-cut confession of the bankruptcy of the Edge administration on the vital housing matter. "The Governor's position is

worsened when one recalls that as far back as August, 1945, CIO State President Holderman requested a special session to deal with housing, price and rent control. The Governor spurned this request. BOAST FAILS

"Moreover, the Governor's lack of a program is in distinct izer of the local. Sylvia Blecker was always more contradiction to his boast made

"The Socialist Workers Party annual federal appropriation for low-cost housing. In addition, we are now formulating specific State legislative measures for soon learned of the degeneraaction by the much-needed special session. It is up to the veteran and labor organizations to compel Edge to call such a session.'

**Seattle SWP** 

**Candidate Backs** 

**Seamen's Strike** 

## **MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES**

#### **Svivia Blecker** Candidate for Attorney-

General, New York State Sylvia Blecker has a long and militant record of working class activity and leadership. Born in Russia in 1901, she was brought to the United States by her par-

She plunged into educational and political activity among the immigrant Jewish population in Harlem. The educational clubs ing this period were later translitical units. They became the League. As a young woman Sylvia

Blecker entered the millinery industry, which employed close to 10,000 unorganized women. With energy and vision she began the task of organizing these unor-

1930 she was chosen as Comganized. Her work contribute? munist Party candidate for Con- tion for the first time, contrigreatly to the founding of the gress from New York. In the buted \$10, and many \$5 dona-Millinery Workers Local 43 with midst of this election campaign tions were given by comparative-4,000 members. This local was she was expelled from the Party ly new friends of the party. to become the largest women's for Trotskyism and was forced Daniel Roberts discussed the local in the AFL. During the to withdraw from the Congres- miserable record of the Republiperiod of 1925 to 1928 she was sional contest. Since then she can and Democratic parties, re-Secretary-Treasurer and Organ- has been active in what is now vealing them as servants of Big Secretary-Treasurer and Organ-

the Socialist Workers Party. Her early experiences in the and barrel by America's infathan a trade unionist, she was a Sacco - Vanzetti demonstrations, mous Sixty Families. political and class conscious in the Paterson silk strike and worker. She understood the ne- in the hunger marches of the he cited the contemptuous treatcessity for the overthrow of cap- 1930's, have prepared her for the ment of Washington's old-age italism and throughout her early role of militant teacher and agi- pensioners by Governor Wallyears was active in the Com- tator in the 1946 election cam- gren, a Democrat; and on the

munist youth movement. In paign.

#### Alan Kohlman Candidate for Governor, New Jersey

Alan Kohlman was born 27 years ago in Louisville, Ky. In found the Louisville Branch of the Communist Party. But he tion of the Stalinist movement, and became one of the leaders of a local group which split from the Communist Party and oriented toward Trotskyism. In the summer of 1936 he entered During 1935-37 Kohlman was

the Workers Alliance, and help-

ber of the sectarian Revolution-

ary Workers League. He re-

mained with this group until 1941

announcement of permanent

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 6-The first election campaign in the history of the Washington State District Socialist Workers Party shifted into high gear last Friday evening with a rousing banquet and?

dance held at the Seattle

Campaign Headquarters. Members and friends of the SWP were treated to a delicious home-cooked fried chicken dinner, followed by community singing of labor and socialist songs. The after-dinner program was m.c.'d by Johnny Black, who introduced as speakers Charles Swett, candidate for U.S. Senate; Daniel Roberts, candidate for Washington State Senate; Charles Taylor, founder of the local SWP and ex-State Senator from Montana;" and Clara Kaye, campaign manager. Over \$300 was raised in donations and pledges, bringing the

Business, controlled lock, stock

As evidence on the local scene,

total amount of money already DANIEL ROBERTS collected and pledged to well

over the basic \$600 budget origists are falling on deaf ears as inally planned for. This is an the workers, especially the Neexcellent indication of the en- gro workers, awaken to the true thusiastic response accorded to nature of capitalism.'

the campaign after only a few Recounting many of his rich weeks of preparatory election acexperiences in the labor, electoral tivity. One young worker, for inand socialist arenas in the light stance, attending an SWP funcof the struggle for socialism, Charles Taylor pointed out the tremendous opportunity offered \* by an election campaign to spread revolutionary slogans and principles.

"While nothing short of a thorough social revolution can eradicate the roots of capitalism," he stated, "labor's candidates in Congress can function very effectively both in blocking reactionary legislation and uti-

lizing to the fullest extent the broad avenues of propaganda available to members of legislative bodies." national scene, the action of the

Taylor emphasized the fact National Wage Stabilization that socialism is not mere "wish-Board in freezing the wages of ful thinking" but "an historical seamen and lumber workers necessity, arising from the ruins while, at the same time, giving the go-ahead signal to the Deof degenerate capitalist imperialism just as capitalism itself arose control Board - staffed with to replace shattered feudal sobankers and industrialists - to ciety." pave the way for inflation by

Campaign Manager Kaye Roberts called for an Indestressed the need for active parpendent Labor Party that would ticipation in the election camtruly represent the working paign. "Sympathy and good masses of this country and the wishes are not enough," she statestablishment of a Workers and ed. "In order to conduct an extensive and successful campaign,

The dire threat of a third we must have the material means world war was discussed by can--both in money and manpower didate Swett. "If I am elected -necessary to lift our activity to the U.S. Senate," he said, from the literary to the active doorbell-ringing plane."

'I would immediately introduce Master of Ceremonies Black legislation to take the war-making powers away from Congress closed the program by urging all and place them squarely in the present to work to elect Trotskyist candidates as the only methhands of the people. The working class wants no more wars od of exposing the lies and hybetween rival bandits. The work- procisy of the ruling boss class. ing to organize AFL truckdrivers to The Militant and a frequent ing class wants nothing to do He invited everybody to study SEATTLE, Sept. 5—Charles R Swett. Socialist Workers

#### doubtedly inspired by the way 1,500 members of Minneapolis unions, veteran, Jewish, Negro and other organizations successfully defended themselves against the followers of Gerald L. K. Smith and forced the cancellation of his scheduled fascist meeting

Who's For Free Speech?

-By Grace Carlson-

Showing Off Their War Profits

- By Ruth Benson -

An Indictment Of The ICC

-By G. Gustafsen

on Aug. 21. But the Minneapolis bosses were not inspired by it! And the Minneapolis daily press heaped abuse on the heads of the anti-fascists.

"Because a little mob of irresponsible citizens refused to let him exercise his constitutional rights of free speech and free assembly, Mr. Smith currently dons the robes of a martyr," say the editors of the Minneapolis Daily Times (Sept. 3).

After reading this plea for "free speech" for a fascist, I went through a complete file of the Daily Times for 1941 to see what they had said about "free speech" for the anti-fascist defendants in the Minneapolis Labor Case.

You won't find a single word of protest in this or any other Minneapolis daily paper about the violation of the "constitutional rights of free speech and free assembly" of the 29 leaders of Local 544-CIO and the Socialist Workers Party who were indicted under the infamous Smith "Gag Act" that year.

Instead, you will find a Times editorial on July 2, 1941 attacking the American Civil Liberties Union which, truly concerned about "con- in a press interview on Decemstiutional rights" of free speech and free as- ber 30, 1945, when he recalled sembly" had entered the case on the side of the housing shortage and rent the 29 defendants.

That this capitalist paper wants free speech for fascists and a gag rule for revolutionary socialists comes as no surprise to those of us who understand that fascism has its roots in the decaying capitalist system we are trying to replace. This doesn't mean that the Times is backing the fascist Smith. At present, a good section of American capitalism looks on Smithas a silly demagogue-like the German capitalists regarded Hitler in his early days.

In his book Fascism and Big Business Daniel Guerin tells why the German and Italian capitalists later had to turn to fascist demagogues. Guerin also offers some good advice on how to fight fascism when he quotes a speech of Hitler after the Nazis came to power: "Only one thing could have broken our movement-if the adversary had understood its principle and from the first day had smashed, with the most extreme brutality, the nucleus of our new movement.'

Minneapolis workers want to fight fascism and know how. They are not going to permit the capitalist papers to mislead them with hypocritical arguments about "free speech" for the fascists who want to destroy all democratic rights, including free speech.



advocates an 18 billion dollar his sixteenth year he helped

the Socialist Party. active in Louisville in building

R. Swett, Socialist Workers strikes in a column he wrote for Organizer of the Newark branch, her people, despite its opposi-the the two the people. Strikes in a column he wrote for Organizer of the Newark branch, her people, despite its opposi-

increasing prices. Farmers Government.

Washington State SWP Election Campaign Shifts Into High Gear With Seattle Rally

Would you like to know where some of your money is going-the money you paid in taxes that the government gave to war profiteers?



ulous clothes and extravagant trimmings in the world. Last week I walked along New York's famous Fifth Avenue, to see what they're really like. Once just any mink coat would do to prove one's

wealth. But no billionaire's wife would be satisfied with that today! For her, there are new kinds, spec-

ially bred to get attention; a Hollywood-platinum-blonde mink, and a "white blaze" mink which has distinctive stripes.

For warm fall days there are "simple" suits banded with blonde mink-\$540. A blouse to go with it, handwoven from yards and yards of ribbon. is \$95. A light fall coat, with just a touch of Persian lamb, is studded with rhinestones to make it less common. That was cheap-\$395.

Of course you'd expect her to wear fancy hets. They're huge, wide, and weird; whether feit, fur, or feathers, they're likely to have se-

The July issue of The Railroad Trainman,

personal organ of A. F. Whitney, president of

quins and rhinestones, too. But did you know that even her garters-costly copies of the kind Woolworth's sold in flapper days-have sequins It's buying the most faband beads?

And when she rests at home, Mrs. du Pont or Mrs. Rockefeller can lounge in a \$145 slack suit, also dotted with sequins, while she eats viciously unfair decision the \$5-a-pound chocolates, or smokes cigarettes in a pure gold holder.

Her children are equally pampered. I saw a white dotted swiss dress, size two, hand made and embroidered. Only \$39.75. And a white satin in negotiations with the shipblouse and shorts for a year-old boy, at \$42.50. Can't you imagine them all at dinner, with a table covered in Italian lace—at \$1,049? Maybe it's because I'm a woman, that all most. this window shopping made me decide to do

some of the real thing. I left Fifth Avenue and went to an "ordinary" department store. All I wanted was a pair of shoes to wear every day in the week; black leather, with closed toes and heels. There weren't any, of course.

That's what the "luxury market" really means -finery for the rich, and almost nothing for the working people. The manufacturers won't make practical things for us to use, when the parasites are buying finery to show off their war profits.

ate, today issued the following statement in support of the seamen's grievances against the thorities. Wage Stabilization Board.

"I wholeheartedly support the strike of the AFL seamen. In a Wage Stabilization Board seeks to deprive the seamen of a large portion of the \$22.50 monthly

increase that their unions won owners. I urge all workers in the State of Washington to help the seamen's struggle to the ut-

"The SUP-SIU has already made it clear that the main issue involved in the strike is the WSB's attack upon labor's right to bargain collectively. By this attack, the Truman administration shows once again that its real policy is to prevent the unions from defending the work-

when he joined the Socialist Workers Party. Kohlman then went to work in the steel industry. In 1942 he was one of a handful of volunteer organizers who brought 5,-000 workers of the Crucible Steel Co., in Harrison, N. J., into the CIO United Steelworkers. In this plant he served thereafter

as shop steward, grievance committeeman and educational director of Local 2194, United teelworkers, CIO. Alan Kohlman is a contributor

ers' standard of living. "The seamen's unions by their strike are fighting the battle of **Toledo Readers** all organized labor. As an act The Toledo Branch of the of solidarity with the seamen, the AFL and CIO should im-Socialist Workers Party has mediately withdraw their repremoved to temporary headsentatives from the WSB. suarters located at 370 West "If I am elected to the U.S. Bancroft, Tel. ADams 2304. Senate, I will introduce legisla-Watch THE MILITANT for tion to abolish the WSB and any

of the column by the school au-New Jersey. He is also acting as Union." campaign manager for the SWP

In the summer of 1937 he in New Jersey. worked as a machine operator in the American Radiator plant. and George Breitman. Shortly after, he became a mem-

a student paper at the University and in May nominated as the tion to the treacherous Stalin-The response to requests for of Louisville led to suppression SWP candidate for Governor of ist bureaucracy in the Soviet active aid has been excellent. Now, with forces and finances Swett spoke also of the changes guaranteed, the Washington

occurring in the minds of work- State SWP looks forward to an Next week: Milton Richardson ing people" everywhere. "The exceptionally energetic and retime-worn slogans of the capital- warding election campaign.

Our Program:

#### 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!

#### 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!

For the 6-hour day. 30-hour week! A sliding 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!

#### 3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!

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

4. 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!

Against capitalist conscription!

Abolish the officer caste system!

Full democratic rights in the armed forces!

Trade union wages for the armed forces!

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

#### 10. Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!

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

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This federal agency for 26 years has had the authority to force the carriers to install safety devices.

These safety devices could have prevented thousands of railroad accidents and tremendous loss of life.

Whitney is finally forced to expose the record of the ICC. He shows that it has acted actually as an agency of the carriers to safeguard their profits and cover up their criminal negligence in this mass murder of railroad workers and passengers.

One of the principal hazards confronting train operation is lack of adequate protection to a train that stops or slows down on the main line. For the past 70 years automatic block signals have been in use. Yet today, according to the article, 100,000 miles of high-speed passenger track have no automatic block. In one year, 1934, there were 19 major train collisions attributable to lack of adequate block system.

In these days of high-speed trains, automatic block signals are not enough protection. Autematic train control, which eliminates the human factor in safe railroading, is the answer,

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But even today only about five per cent of passenger track is so equipped. In a three year period (1925 to 1928), 203 people died and 2,025 were injured through

failure of the ICC to force the carriers to install this equipment. Lack of electrically-operated switch locks, and lack of adequate signal protection for open.

drawbridges still cause wrecks. The callous disregard for the lives of passengers by the carriers and the ICC is only surpassed by their lack of interest in the safety of the railroad workers.

Over half the freight cars in interchange are equipped with a type of air brake condemned by the ICC itself back in 1924.

Although the BRT has been negotiating with the railroads since 1938 for the universal installation of safety running boards on the tops of box cars, the vast majority are of a type that become very slippery and dangerous when covered with ice and snow.

Successful automatic steam and air pipe couplings have been developed; yet the steam and air couplings now in use necessitate carmen or trainmen getting down between the cars to make these couplings. 550 trainmen were killed and 969 injured between 1940 and 1944 in coupling and uncoupling operations.

Whitney's article proves conclusively that the Interstate Commerce Commission acts to safeguard the profits of the carrier and "to delay and impede every technological advance.

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the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, contained an article which is a damning indictment