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# **BIGGEST MARITIME STRIKE FORCES GOVERNMENT TO RESCIND WAGE-CUT**

# **Dobbs Defends Seamen. Drivers In Radio Talk**

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York, tonight opened his campaign with a powerful radio address in defense of Reuther Hits

the striking seamen and New York City truckdrivers.

His 15-minute answer to the lies of the capitalist press and his attack on the Democratic and Republican politicians who are aiding the employers, was broadcast over Station WJZ at 10:45 tonight.

Dobbs exposed the "friendsof-labor" pose of the candidates of the Wall Street parties, the Democrats Mead and Lehman and the Republicans Dewey and Ives. He ripped savagely into Mayor O'Dwyer, political henchman of Mead and Lehman, who "was put into office less than a year ago with the workers' votes" and "today is threatening to spill their blood" in the truckdrivers' strike

#### TEST OF EVENTS

Even in advance of the elections, Dobbs points out, "living events are testing" the votecatching promises of the capitalist politicians.

"Where are the voices of Mead defense of the seamen and truck- same time, he said, "I would use litical careers they have never employers to satisfy the full desaid one word on behalf of any mands of the strikers."

Full Text **Of Farrell Dobbs' Radio Address** See Page 2

workers in any strike." The Socialist Workers Party candidate for New York Governor charged that "a vast and well-financed propaganda drive has been unleashed to arouse hysteria and turn the people against the strikers."

ANSWERS BOSSES He replied in detail to the boss propaganda about the strikers being "responsible for shortages." Turning the attack against the bosses, he showed how the monopolists are responsible for real shortages. He contrasted the fact

that the capitalist press and boss politicians like O'Dwyer show no indignation about the meat trust cutting off all meat supplies, with the way they attack striking workers.

#### **Detroit SWP** DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 14 -Walter P. Reuther, President of the CIO United Automobile Workers, this week denounced the attempts of anti-labor elements to evict the Socialist Workers Party from its

headquarters in Detroit. Reuther's statement was along the lines of a similar public protest made last week by UAW-CIO Vice-President R. J. Thomas. Full text of Reuther's statement follows:

Attacks On

"As President of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, I want to add my protest against the forces within the City of Detroit who have banded together in a reactionary drive to force the Socialist Workers Party from its

freedom of assembly. Any such attack must be met on those grounds because the rights of all citizens of this country will be jeopardized if such a precedent can be established by these reionary forces.

The Snake Charmer

NEW YORK, N. Y., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1946.



# Stalinists Drop Own Candidates To Back Capitalist Party Slate

NEW YORK, Sept. 14-The withdrawal of candidates cans to freedom of speech and of the Communist (Stalinist) Party from the three top places on the New York ballot is "one of the most cowardly and ignominious acts in the political history of this state," the New York State Com-.

mittee of the Socialist | against reactionary attempts to

# **CIO Pickets Tie Up Ports** To Follow Up AFL Victory

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Maritime labor's militancy and solidarity tied up every port in the United States so completely that the AFL seamen have won a smashing victory against the government.

Within eight days the Truman Administration was forced to capitulate. The AFL seamen won their demands — a pay increase of \$22.50 a

matter, great and small, the

government confronts the mari-

for the ship operators.

time unions and wields the club

political field, labor could crush

month on the West<sup>®</sup> now redouble their efforts to Coast; \$27.50 a month on whittle away maritime labor's the East Coast and Gulf. latest gains. Washington will The AFL's victory was assured push price-boosting measures when the CIO maritime unions and repressive legislation. supported the strike. Now, the It has become crystal clear that

Committee for National Mari- the government has largely retime unity, representing six CIO placed the ship operators in dealing with the seamen. In every

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This means that the battle to unions and one independent, is safeguard the seamen's gains and following up with a strike to their unions has become a daily bring CIO seamen's pay to parity political battle. with the AFL rates. But Wall Street monopolizes Last June, the CIO's strike the political field today. Labor

hreat won a gain of \$17.50 a has no effective independent polmonth. The AFL unions then ne- itical weapon - no party that gotiated for still higher pay. Truis really its own. man's Wage Stabilization Board If the tremendous power, the disapproved the higher rates, magnificient solidarity demonthus provoking the AFL strike. strated in the maritime strike by all labor were extended to the

DANGER REMAINS But the seamen still face a

its Big Business enemies in reat danger. Washington. After every great upsurge of the seamen, the capitalist gov-

WHAT IS NEEDED The maritime workers in partiernment has opened up a counter-offensive. In 1921 the gov- cular need an independent Labor ernment spearheaded a union- Party. Organization on the poli-Workers Party declared deprive them of their right to this week declared deprive them of their right to a shot In The Arm For smashing drive that broke the tical field, free of all capitalist ackbone of organized maritime ties is labor for years. After the great of combatting the government's "FRANKFORT AU MAIN, strikes of 1934 and 1936 the gov- anti-labor moves. The need to ernment introduced the Copeland organize an independent Labor fink book in an attempt to crip- Party at once is the main lesson ple the maritime unions. to be drawn from the maritime Wall Street's politicians will strike.

its premises because Negroes atchallenge to the fundamental constitutional rights of Ameri-**Stock Market Slump Reveals** 

"If I were Governor," Dobbs headquarters at 6108 Linwood. and Lehman, of Dewey and Ives, stated, "I would make "It my first ?" "The latest form of attack, today?" Dobbs asked. "Why have duty to support the picket lines that of trying to force the Sothey not said a single word in of my fellow workers." At the cialist Workers Party to vacate drivers? During their long po- every power of office to force the tended its meetings, is a serious

tion.'

this week.

office.

Of their original five candi-

and switched their candidacy

from Governor and U.S. Sena-

tor respectively to that of

Comptroller and Attorney-Gen-

eral. This move of the Stalinists

is part of their drive to put Wall

Street's Democratic machine in

At the same time, the Demo-

crats are trying to throw the CP

completely off the ballot. Louis

Cohen, executive assistant to

Mayor O'Dwyer and secretary of

the Bronx County Democratic

Committee, announced he is hav-

ing the CP's nominating peti-

tions photostated and checked.

"No one can take them seri-

ously now, not even their own

members," the SWP Committee

in the grueling work of obtain-

they raised a storm of protest political posterior."

#### **By Art Preis**

Wall Street's View Of Future

As the Truman administration boasts of record-breaking peace-time production and as dividend payments soar to new highs, the stock market ominously clangs an alarm.

A new feverish wave of selling last week tumbled prices on achievements at home. On Aug. 30, Civilian Producthe Stock Exchange. For the second week in a row that barotion Administrator Small remeter of the capitalist systemported that July production had the stock market quotations ---reached a new all-time peacefell sharply. time peak. "The stop and go

The landslide unloading by output . . . has now been resmall investors and speculators placed by coninuous, high-level climaxed a steady drift down- production," he said. "Industry ward since the May high point. is within sight of full produc-By last week, more than 19 biltion of finished goods." Employment has reached the alllion dollars of stock values had been liquidated---\$9,300,000,000 time peak of 58,100,000. in the first days of September. EXPORTS BOOM

#### "LOOKS FINE"

Administration spokesmen port trade boomed to heights have responded with a cheery never known before. "Commernote of "optimism." U. S. Treascial shipments are expected officially to reach \$10,000,000,000 ury Secretary Snyder on Sept. this year. That would top the 11 opined business prospects "look fine." Civilian Production previous peak of \$8,228,000,000 Administrator Small said, "It's reached in 1920," reports the all a state of mind." United States News, Sept. 13.

Why, then, does Wall Street And RFC Director Allen boomed: "Wonderful! Wondervote thumbs down on its own ful! We're going to have a wave 'long-term future."?

of prosperity like you never saw First of all, American Big Busbefore. And let me tell you this ness has now placed a minus -we're never going to have ansign beside its hopes for prosother depression in this counperity based on the world try." (Life magazine, Sept. 9.) market. American productivity, But these economic witchdoubled during the war, has outdoctors cannot with a mere pass stripped the capacity of a ruinof their hands wave aside the ed world to buy its products. Not visible symptoms of malignant ten billions in exports-but 30 disease eating at the vitals of billions was the hope.

American capitalism. The great markets of Europe The Stock Exchange is recordand Asia are disrupted. The ing Wall Street's outlook on peoples are burdened by colos-America's future. As Henry sal debt. Their economy is hope-Hazlitt, N. Y. Times financial lessly disorganized. Their procommentator, observed on Sepduction stagnates at levels far tember 9: "The stock market below the pre-war years. seldom reflects today's events; ADDING IT UP it reflects, instead, today's judg-

ment, good or bad, on the longterm future." Business weekly of world af-

#### "NO CONFIDENCE"

fairs, "is that odds are against For the "long-term future" of continuance of the present exits own system, Wall Street has port boom much beyond two or cast a vote of "No confidence." three years.' That is the real meaning of the

stock market slide. The stock market's advance mental accumulation of capital?

comes when American capitalworld power. It has crushed the black clouds. Here at home, capitalist ecomost aggressive of its capitalist

rivals abroad. And it boasts of peace-time economic record (Continued on Page 7)

"Labor cannot permit the zoning laws of this city to be utilized for the purpose of discrimination against any individual or organization because of race, creed, color or political affilia-

#### **Atom Workers Vote 2-1 For Unionism**

Workers in two of the three atom bomb plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, have voted to have the CIO or AFL represent them in collective bargaining. The CIO won the election

at the second largest plant. run by the Carbide & Chemi-At the same time, U.S. excal Corp., by a vote of 1,918 to 1,893, in a run-off with the AFL. The AFL won at the Monsanto Chemical plant by 331 votes to the CIO's 136. The vote at the Tennessee Eastman plant was 3.120 for "no union" against 2.530 for the AFL.

# **Meat Trust Causes Famine**

Thousands of packing- | nation had little or no meat | house workers were out of and no prospect of early supply," work, and housewives search- the N. Y. Times admitted on illegal sales continued. Some ed in vain for meat to feed Sept. 13. But there was plenty their families this week as the

of meat on the black market, packing trust intensified the for those with money to buy. And \$1.21 worth of steak; 98 cents meat-famine it has imposed on where the meat came from was the country to force elimination an open secret.

of price ceilings. At the Chicago yards, for in-Virtually no meat is on sale at even the high ceiling prices stance, cattle were being bought given to the packers by the OPA, at above-ceiling prices, supposedalthough price increases averly for feeding and fattening.

"The real destination of the aniaged 10 to 12 per cent. The pack-"What it all adds up to," says ers are shutting down their maj- mals purchased as feeders seemthe Sept. 5 World Report, Big or plants and operating through ed somewhat in question," the Times added. The article also

black market outlets. observed that "80 per cent of In Omaha, T. J. Lloyd, international representative of the all animals were going east" AFL Amalagamated Meat Cut- where "black market operations

ters and Butchers Workmen Un- were larger." Where is American capitalism | ion, announced that 25,000 of the Only one day before, on Sept. to find an outlet for its monu- union's 160,000 members have al-12, the Times had told how

ready been laid off, and another "Black marketers 'get tough'" warning of an economic disaster Where can it invest its idle dol- 25,000 face lay-offs next week. with OPA investigators assigned being gouged by soaring prices

lars profitably? Searching the The CIO United Packinghouse to check retail prices. The gov- and deprived of meat by the ism stands at the summit of whole world horizon, it sees only Workers reported that half of ernment agents "found the way packers' greed, there is only one its 30,000 members in Chicago barred yesterday by determined real solution. Expropriate the control expert, said today the are out of work because packers butchers," who flatly refused to meat profiteers! Nationalize the next few months would see a send the drivers back, charging papers will sustain tremendous

nomists acknowledge that to are curtailing legal production. Butcher shops "throughout the boxes.

out so they could withdraw at erman Capitalists the proper moment in favor of dates, the Stalinists left only the Democratic candidate who Sept. 11-As a result of Sec-Robert Thompson and Benja- brackets them with the Ku Klux retary of State James F. Byrmin J. Davis Jr. on the ballot Klan. "The policy of the Communist

nes' speech on the future of Party is a blend of hypocrisy and Germany at Stuttgart Sept. 6, deceit. About a year ago they industrial stocks on the Frankexpelled Earl Browder as an furt Exchange have risen an agent of Wall Street. One of his actions as a Wall Street agent average of 10 per cent while bank stocks have risen as much was to support Lehman for Govas 30 per cent . . . Industrial ernor and Mead for Senator. stocks have now virtually reach-After purging itself of 'Browdered the permitted ceiling price.' ism,' the CP 'reformed.' Today (N. Y. Herald Tribune, Sept. it supports Mead for Governor 12.) and Lehman for Senator.

"For months the CP has been denouncing Truman's foreign Hogs Never Satisfied policy as imperialist, war-mon-The U.S. Emergency Court of gering and anti-Soviet. They Appeals rejected demands of promised to withdraw if the New York City landlords that Democrats repudiated Truman's they be permitted to jack up reforeign policy. The Democrats sidential rents 15 per cent. The wrote a platform that supports court contended landlords were Truman lock, stock and barrel. making bigger profits under rent continued. "First they sent their | The Stalinists withdrew. Obvicontrol than during the prewar members throughout the state ously, the way to get Stalinist years. support is to do the exact oppoing thousands of signatures to site of what they demand and

#### Propaganda Sure Makes place them on the ballot. Then give them a public kick in their A Hearty Breakfast

IN THE NEWS

"Each morning as I carefully spread a thin film of 66-cent butter on my undersized, offcolor toast, I dutifully remind myself that America is eating day, has forced the recalcitrant more than it ever did before." The powerless OPA agents truck operators associations to (Saturday News, Lewisburgh waited on the sidewalks, while

### Capitalists To Work?

"There will be no limit to production once labor makes up its merce Alfred Schindler, Sept.

> Civilian employment has reached an all-time peak of 58,-100.000. Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small reported on Aug. 30. He added: The stop-and-go output . has now been replaced by con-

#### Decontrol's Already Jet-Propelled

"Washington, Sept. 16 (UP). - John M. Bulkley, OPA's deof price ceilings."

## **New York Truckdrivers Stand Firm; Break Operators' Front**

(Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Sept. 16-Grimly determined to win substantial wage raises and a 40-hour week, the 15,000 striking members of AFL Truckdrivers Locals 807, 282 and 816 here are fighting back against the pressure of the boss newspapers, Democratic May-9-

"bloodshed and injury." or O'Dwyer and their own weakkneed leaders.

resume direct negotiations. (See

Evelyn Atwood's account of dra-

matic strike meeting, on Page

A break in the truck fleet op-

Six.)

"cause is just." At the same The militant rank and file time he ordered members of all have rejected O'Dwyer's phony other Teamsters Locals not to compromise proposal and brushcontinue sympathetic strike aced aside his attempt to divide tion in support of Local 807. This their ranks with a red-scare. was a move to isolate and weak-Their determined stand, exen the general truckdrivers pressed at a stormy membership strike. meeting of the largest local, 807, at Manhattan Center last Thurs-

Further efforts to weaken the strike were made with the proposal of union leaders that drivers for the big grocery chains accept a separate settlement and go back before the rest of the men. This proposition was overwhelmingly rejected at last

Tobin replied that the strikers

Thursday's meeting. erators front has been reported.

This meeting also limited the power of the negotiating committee. They can sign no bindamounting to \$7.40 a week for ing agreement without prior a 40-hour instead of the prevapproval of the membership. Anious 44-hour week. The only other membership meeting will previous offer of the truck opbe held today to consider the rators had amounted to \$2.86 proposal of the negotiating commore for a 44-hour week-61/2 mittee to permit separate agreements with firms granting a

\$7.40 raise for a 40-hour week. The Big Business daily newshelp of his Democratic political papers have been cut down to a shadow by their inability to get newsprint, tied up at warethe drivers back without assured houses. They have become more gains. O'Dwyer, who had tried restrained in their attacks on the to put over a "compromise" giv- strikers, since a continued holding the drivers only a dollar more out of the truck owners will a week, demanded that Tobin mean that most of the daily let them check counters or ice- meat industry! Operate it under great speed-up in the removal that "communists" had taken losses because they have had to

over the strike, and threatening eliminate all advertising.

O'DWYER FAILS Mayor O'Dwyer sought the henchman, AFL Teamserst President Daniel J. Tobin, to force

ents an hour.

While black market operators laughed at OPA investigators. the attorney for the N.Y. State profiteers charge black market

condescend to give the people meat. But for the workers who are

workers control!

Association of Retail Meat Dealers said: "Elimination of ceilings might be the answer to the meat shortage." That is, let the meat

prices legally, and they would tinuous high-level production."

for 60 cents worth of veal chops; 72 cents for 56 cents worth of mind to get busy and go to Two large operators are now lamb chops; 58 cents for 42 cents, work." (Undersecretary of Com- said to be offering wage raises worth of liverwurst 10.)

customers later reported over- How About Putting charges like these: \$2.10 for

#### PAGE TWO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1946

# 'Why We Support The Striking Seamen And New York Truckdrivers"

# Radio Address By Farrell Dobbs, SWP Candidate For N. Y. Governor

Full text of the radio speech made by Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York State, over Station WJZ, New York City, Thursday, Sept. 12, 10:45 P. M .:

You have read the scareheads in the Big Business press about the maritime and truck strikes. You know that a vast and well-financed propaganda drive has been unleashed to arouse hysteria and turn the people against the strikers.

I will tell you the facts the daily press has not seen fit to print. I will tell you who is behind the lies and slanders hurled at the strikers and who is really responsible for shortages falsely blamed on the strikers.

Election time is the season when the woods are full of so-called "friends of labor," Politicians of both major parties, Democrats and Republicans alike, have oiled up their political hunting rifles and are gunning for labor's votes. They are setting out their old lures and decoys-the promises they always use in vote-hunting.

But even in advance of the elections, living events are testing their promises. While Mead and Lehman, and Dewey and Ives, are swearing undying love for labor, their words are being tested by great events and great struggles.

Right here in New York City tens of thousands of workingmen have been forced into bitter strike struggles to defend their standard of living. These men - these fathers of families, most of them - work in two of the most dangerous and difficult occupations. They are seamen and truckdrivers.

All year long they risk their lives on the sea-lanes and the highways. And all they have asked is decent working conditions and sufficient wages to maintain their wives and children in decency and health.

Where are the voices of Mead and Lehman, of Dewey and Ives, today? Why have they not said a single word in defense of the seamen and truckdrivers? During their long political careers they have never said one word on behalf of any workers in any strike.

Are the workers always wrong? Are the people who do the useful work and produce all the necessities - are they never right in their demands against the tiny capitalist minority who live off the labor of others?

To the politicians of the Wall Street parties, the Democrats and Republicans, the workers are always in the wrong when it comes to a showdown with profiteers and exploiters. Just let the workers stand up and fight for their rights - just let them demand a small share of the profits they produce for the employers - and then these election-time "friends of labor" reveal their true stripes.

I speak here tonight to denounce and expose all these spurious "friends of labor." I speak here tonight on behalf of justice for the striking seamen and truckdrivers.

#### **Case Of Truckdrivers**

Let us take the case of the truckdrivers. These men have not had a raise in more than two years. The last raise they received amounted to \$2.50 a week. Can anyone, in all conscience, say that even the 30 per cent wage increase they now ask will compensate for the rise in the cost of has cut off the meat supply like turning off a faucet. A unions, whose support of the living in the past year? The United States Bureau of Labor handful of multi-millionaire monopolists are depriving the Statistics admits that living costs have gone up 11 per cent just in the past three months - and its figures are notoriously low.

The big truck fleet owners have been raking in staggering profits. Throughout the war, and right to this day, their trucks have been operating day and night. The trucking industry received its full share of juicy government war contracts.

The trucking corporations are protected by tax laws that provide rebates of profits taxes and carry-back clauses covering losses. Their regular profits taxes have been greatly reduced by Congress. They are sitting pretty -that's why they can arrogantly reject the demands of the truckdrivers. That's why they can offer the truckdrivers an insulting raise of about five cents an hour. That's why they deliberately provoked a strike. I know what the life of a truckdriver is like. For many the Western Ocean. years in Minneapolis I was a member and organizer of the famous Minneapolis Truck Drivers Local 544. I was a picket dispatcher in the great 1934 Minneapolis drivers' strike. I served as secretary-treasurer of Local 544, and I was secretary of the 11-state area committee which secured the first union contract for 250,000 over-the-road drivers in the Northwest.



FARRELL DOBBS

to get out of paying justified wage increases? If the capitalist newspapers and the truck operators and Mayor O'Dwyer are so concerned about shortages, they can end the situation in a minute. Let them grant the workers' just demands!

And while we are on the subject of shortages - I want to speak about some real shortages that no one can say is due to strikes. The working people of New York and of the entire country are facing a meat famine. This meatfamine is caused by the deliberate withholding of meat maritime strike has forced Truby the profiteering meat-packers' trust.

The big packinghouses made stupendous profits during the war. They diverted meat into the black market and the full wage increases they previolated all price ceilings. They robbed the people blind or denied them meat.

Now the OPA has granted new price increases of as as much as 16 cents a pound. But the grasping meat trust tie-up continues as CIO maritime



NEW YORK-She is a large new ship, a C4, built to the AFL seamen's demands

of the politicians of the Democratic and Republican parties. themselves.

Yet Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer, political henchman of Mead and Lehman, doesn't hesitate to intervene on behalf of the rich truck operators. He has tried to force the truckdrivers to accept a wage offer that would mean as little as one dollar a week more in their pay envelopes.

#### **O'Dwyer** Threatens

And now O'Dwyer is issuing threats against the truck-Daniel J. Tobin, that if Tobin doesn't halt the strike "it is very possible that bloodshed and injury will result?" the AFL seamen. O'Dwyer was put into office less than a year ago with the workers' votes. Today, he is threatening to spill their Cause Is Just blood.

O'Dwyer is dragging the old red herring across the trail. He is raving about the "reds" and "communists." That is one of the oldest and smelliest methods of trying ticket stand four-square behind the striking seamen and to smear striking workers.

The overwhelming majority of truck drivers have rejected O'Dwyer's phony compromise proposal. They are my first duty to support the picket lines of my fellownot staying out on strike just because they like to lose pay. workers. I would use every power of office to force the They are not putting up such a determined stand just be- employers to satisfy the full demands of the strikers. Incause communists or anyone else told them to do so in a stead of persecuting strikers, I would investigate the recleaflet. O'Dwyer's yell about "Communists" is an insult ords of the employers with a microscope. And I would crack not only to the intelligence of the truck drivers but to the down on every dishonest employer with the full power whole working populace of New York.

If by "communists" O'Dwyer means the Stalinists of the Communist Party - didn't he himself welcome their me say: Your cause is just! You deserve the support of support and votes in the November 1945 elections?

The case of the seamen is another example of double- fight of all labor!

whole nation of meat. They are blackmailing the people for | dealing and injustice against the workers. In this case, robber-prices. But you hear no cries of indignation about an agency appointed by President Truman has tried to this from the press, or from Mayor O'Dwyer, or from any reduce the wage increases granted by the ship operators

> Over 6,000 merchant seamen died at sea during the war. The reward to the surviving seamen for terrible risks and sacrifices was to get a \$45 a month cut in pay after V-J Day. The ship operators, as their reward, got hundreds of millions of dollars from the government. The government is turning over six billion dollars' worth of ships built with our money as a virtual gift to these ship operators.

One of the biggest steals in all history is being endrivers. He is threatening force against them. Isn't that gineered in Washington to benefit the ship operators. At the meaning of his words to AFL Teamsters President the same time, Truman's Wage Stabilization Board chisels

As the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor, I wish to state here and now that my party and its entire truckdrivers. We make no reservations whatsoever.

I say further, that if I were Governor, I would make it of the law.

To the truckdrivers, seamen and their families, let every right-minded person! Stick to it! Your fight is the

# **AFL Seamen Win; CIO Unions** the propaganda about shortages was a lie. If there are shortages due to the strike — who is to plame? Isn't it the arrogant truck owners who are trying Hit The Bricks For Equal Pay

#### By C. Thomas

(Special to The Militant) NEW YORK, Sept. 15 — The unbroken solidarity of 'America's waterfront workers in history's greatest man to reverse the decision of his Wage Stabilization Board and to grant to the AFL seamen viously negotiated with the ship perators.

But the national waterfront AFL strike was an important factor in the victory, pulled out their members in a fight to enforce their demand for equality of wages in the industry. As AFL pickets were being withdrawn, CIO picket lines took

their place to keep the ships dead in all ports. John R. Steelman, Truman's

"economic stabilizer," announced the government's capitulation





the WSB attempted to enforce as the wage ceiling.

With the AFL seamen on record to respect CIO picket lines the present strike remains in full force and effect. The original strike policy of the CMU. under the influence of the Stalinists, was to make numerous exceptions permitting various categories of shipping to operate. This policy was contrary to that adopted by the SIU-SUP. The AFL unions sought to shorten the duration of the strike and increase its effectiveness by tying up all shipping with very

few exceptions. If the CMU policy had prevailed, any effective strike action would have been seriously endangered. However, the dynamics of the struggle itself forced a change in policy. The CIO National Maritime Union's strike committee in the port of New York has adopted a resolution to tie up all ships. If this policy is firmly pursued it will deter that section of the AFL

Seamen Close Ports

#### Who Is To Blame

Have you ever hauled a 30-ton load in a giant trailertruck? Have you ever tried to steer a truck through crowded city streets, or down a long icy hill? Have you ever helped to load 80,000 pounds on a truck, and then helped to unload it after hours of grueling driving?

You won't find anyone who has ever done such dangerous and back-breaking work condemning these striking truckdrivers. Only persons who sit in swank offices and rake in profits, only the paid flunkies and propagandists of the rich are howling against these truckdrivers.

The newspapers are weeping crocodile tears about the men step from the car and aptruck strike holding up food and other necessities. They yelled "wolf" even when Mayor O'Dwyer -- who is no mean 'wolf"-shouter himself-admitted there was no cause for alarm.

We heard such hysterical raving last spring when the tug-boat strike was on. Mayor O'Dwyer even went to the fantastic lengths of shutting down the city for 16 hours. in some shipping company. After the strike was over, federal officials admitted that pickets who stops and stares at

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time she was launched she them fixedly.

had moved restlessly from ship," explains the Skipper, busy piers into the sea lanes of Now she lies quietly alongside the pier. No clattering winch disturbs the Sunday calm. The

year-old Picket Captain. only sound besides the lap of "Let me see your clearance!" the incoming tide against the demands the young picket. previously accepted by the ship hull is the footsteps of two young sailors who pace back and forth at the entrance of the slip signed by the Strike Com- which provoked the strike. pier. The hook is hung and her mittee. The young Picket Capseamen are "on the bricks."

tain examines it carefully, read-NOTHING MOVES ing it word for word even And throughout the world's bigthough he has read it a number gest harbor the scene is the same. of times before. Nothing moves on water except

"Where's your clearance?" a few small craft given clearthe Picket Captain then asks ance by the Strike Committee. the other, the portly gentleman. The piers with cargo piled to The latter explains in a voice the rafters are dark and desertthat barely conceals his feeling ed, their quiet disturbed only by of frustrated outrage. "I'm the the screeching of the sea gulls.

Port Captain-I have business A shining new Buick car apaboard the ship." NOTHING DOING

This is a new experience in his action in history. proach the pickets. One, dressed in the full uniform and relong career as a company official. His world is one of cargo was caught on the horns of a the strike until the government galia of a Commander in the Naval Reserve, is the ship's skipmanifests, custom declarations, per. The other, well dressed and portly, is an obviously "big" man

> of paper signed by—a strike had aroused such tremendous pressed their resentment at the committee.

Picket Captain backed by the strike. Strike Committee-tells him:

"Nothing doing, Cap'!" The Skipper boards the ship. . After stalling for a week, the tain stands gazing after him.

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BOLSTER WSB .

Down on the dock, the Port Cap- Truman administration sought to resolve the dilemma by a typical

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ing.'

the AFL strike.



The AFL seamen, organized in somewhat nervously. He hasn't the Seafarers International Un-Sailors' Union of the Pacific (both AFL) struck to regain the yet got over the shock of hav- ion and Sailors' Union of the wage increase which had been slashed by the War Shipping ing to explain his business on Pacific, wrested government ap-Board. Other AFL unions and the Committee for Maritime his "own" ship to an eighteen- proval for general wage increases Unity (six CIO and one unaffiliated union) support the ranging from \$22.50 to \$27.50 strike. per month. These wage scales,

maneuver. The WSB held a "re- , and Wipers' Association who had The Captain fumbles in his operators, had been rejected by hearing" which upheld its pre- walked out immediately followpocket and pulls out a yellow the Wage Stabilization Board, vious decision. This threw the ing the WSB's statement reafdispute directly into Truman's firming its previous rejection of lap. Steelman, Truman's Econ- the AFL wage scales.

Claiming the AFL wage scale omic Stabilization Director, then were "inflationary," the WSB hastily announced a formula deruled that the \$17.50 granted the signed to bolster the crumbling CIO seamen in June after a strike authority of the WSB, maintain threat constituted the "ceiling" for the industry. The AFL unpolicy and grant the AFL seaions declared that the WSB's men their wage demands. wage-freezing ruling was a vio-

lation of "free collective bargain-The strike called on Sept. 5 by

the SIU-SUP completely immobilized U.S. shipping and was the SIU-SUP membership meeting, unions following the strike of most effective maritime strike held immediately after Steel- the railroad workers and miners. man's radio statement, went on STRIKE STILL ON The Truman administration record unanimously to continue

dilemma. If the WSB reversed gave unambiguous assurance that ships papers, documents of great its decision, as the unions de- all union demands had been met. meaning in the law offices and manded, it would suffer a mortal The men were in no mood to be brokerages of Wall Street. Now he blow to its prestige and author- trifled with. Both rank and file he—is asked for a yellow slip ity, On the other hand, the strike members and union leaders ex-

support from all sections of or- cheap trick played by Steelman His face turns purple and he ganized labor that Truman did in making a public announceblusters indignantly. Firmly, the not even dare to repeat the ment of the government's decionly recognized authority today threat made in June to use the sion before communicating with on the whole waterfront—the Navy against an impending CIO the strike committee. The men-

who pounded the bricks for eight days to tie up every port in the country were not going to be stampeded back to work by any double-talk from Washing-

ton

#### FULL COMPLIANCE

The unanimous decision of the joint membership meeting was that there would be no return to work until the agreements were "signed, sealed and delivered." It wasn't until the following evening that the strike was called off officially when union officials received confirmation that the operators and government had complied with the full wage demands.

In the meantime, the CIO had established its picket lines in all salt water ports and joined the pickets of the independent Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders



Federated Pictures

unions.

phony" and send their men. through the CIO lines. Both the AFL and CIO rank-and-file oppose any rift in the solid strike front.

The only blot on the magnificent solidarity of the waterfront workers thus far was the action yesterday of AFL longshore boss Joseph Ryan, who tried to force his members to crash an NMU picket line around a struck ship. When the rank and file longshoremen refused to act as finks for "King Joe"

The CIO maritime unions Ryan, he tried to provoke them early this year had joined with with the taunt: "Are you going to let a couple of punks scare the independent Marine Firemen to establish the Committee you?'

the government's wage-freezing for Maritime Unity. When the UNION SPIRIT operators refused to accede to

But it was not fear of the six the CMU demands, a strike date NMU-CIO pickets that prevent-The Steelman formula was was set for June 15. It was dured two hundred AFL longshorecouched in such ambiguous lan- ing this period that the Truman men from refusing to crash a guage that no one could quite administration had whipped up picket line, as Ryan insultingly make out what it meant. A joint a lynch hysteria against the implied. It was their union spirit and class solidarity that made them repudiate Ryan's strikebreaking order.

Ryan later declared he would Truman's threat to use troops make no other attempt at scabto smash a CIO maritime strike herding that day, adding that called forth an immediate rehe expected the strike to be over sponse from the AFL seafaring by Monday.

They declared they Ryan's disgraceful fink action would walk off the ships if any has alerted all maritime workers such strikebreaking attempt to be on guard to preserve their was made. The dispute was magnificent unity in action to temporarily settled when the the end.

CIO unions accepted a govern-It is that unity in action that ment proposal for a \$17.50 genhas been the back-bone of the eral wage increase, with all colgreatest demonstration of orlateral issues submitted to arbganized maritime labor power in itration. It was this scale that history.





SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1946

# State Of Greek Political Parties **Before The Recent Plebiscite**

#### **By Jean Paul Martin** (Special to The Militant)

ATHENS, Greece-On the eve of the plebiscite, the Greek labor movement is divided into four parties:

, The Community Party-The Greek Communist Party is far | and above all the Greeks. Greeks and away the strongest; during of all parties, don't play the the war it developed influence game of reaction. Reconciliate yourselves . . ." etc. over the "Resistance" and thereby over a large part of the peas-

antry in the country and the ruined middle class of the cities. The Communist Party reach-

ed its highest point immediately after the "liberation" of Greece the reactionary offensive and in October 1944 and before the demoralizes the workers' ranks. December events. After the defeat and the Varciza agreement, its influence diminished rapidly, to rise again somewhat as a result of the aggravation of the economic situation and the excesses of the reaction.

#### INTERNAL CRISIS

Since May 1946 this party has been visibly going through a profound internal crisis.

An opposition which has developed is headed by a number of old cadre-elements of the party, among them Petsopoulos, and militants of the "Resistance" such as Orestes and Zacharias, who, thanks to their exploits, won great prestige among the party ranks.

In a separate article we will discuss the development of this crisis and the accusations of this opposition against the policy of the Stalinist leadership. This crisis is in reality the result of the whole impasse into which the opportunist and adventurist policy of the CPG has led, before and especially after the "liberation.

Faced with the brutal reactionary offensive trying to tion of the labor movement, the today is hunting for an inter-Stalinists at present answer with the slogan: "Conciliation!"

velops in all the columns of its central organ Rizospastis is the following: It is the monarchist reaction to whose interest it is TROTSKYIST PARTY to feed and spread the civil war. The CP says to the people:

The Socialist Party - The Greek Socialist Party is a recent production of social and political regroupings which took place in the country during the war. The socialist movement as a mass movement of importance was non-existent in Greece be-

fore the war. When the Communist Party took the leadership of the "Resistance" movement and created the EAM, it

formed or helped form a whole string of "democratic" and "socialist" organizations which it used as fronts. Among these socialist parties, the most important one has become that led today by Professor Svolos and Tsirimokos, who come from the

of Venizelos This Socialist Party has benefited from the aid of a few reformist trade union leaders, such as Lascaris and Stratis who have a certain influence among the railway workers. Its base is composed especially of city pettybourgeois and above all of intel-

lectuals. The Archeomarxist Communist Party was before the war part of the London Bureau and

Its influence is limited to certain labor circles of Athens, the broad masses, which it arms lishes a weekly newspaper, The Class Struggle.

There is, finally, the Internationalist Communist Party, "There are no monarchists and which accepts the program of democrats, there are no Right- the Fourth International, and ists and Leftists. There are only which is the product of a recent

**Crisis Over High Living Costs** 

In Brazil Shakes Dutra Govt.

By Charles Carsten

the high cost of living thousands of people last week surged

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 4-In mass demonstrations against

(Special to the Militant)



The dissolution of the present trumped-up parliament and the election of a Constituent Assembly. The political and economic demands of the masses.

Workers' militias against the white terror.

Trotskyist organizations.

y newspaper, The Workers'

Struggle, and collaborates with

the Archeomarxists in the trade

union field. In its manifesto is-

sued by the Unification Congress

which took place at the end of

A general amnesty. Support for the political economic demands of the masses. CONCLUSION

The climate existing in Greece on the eve of the plebiscite is that of civil war.

The capitalists do not hope to restore their economic power in Greece, and British imperialism cannot consolidate its domination in this strategic part of the left wing of the Liberal Party Balkans and the Mediterranean, without a "strong" regime which

finishes off the struggles and resistance of the masses. This "strong" regime which the capitalists are preparing, and which they wish to crown and consolidate by the return of the king, does not, despite the terror against the masses, have enough of a mass base so that it

can be characterized as fascist. We are witnessing the birth of a military and police dictatorship of the worst sort which also makes an appeal to declassed elements still isolated from the

NEED SUPPORT

The fighting spirit of the working class is not broken, but the policy of capitaulation of the Communist Party, which rushing defeat. The Greek

vorkers needs the active support of the European and world working class, World-wide labor opinion must be informed about the unspeakable crimes which capiery day against the Greek masses. Let us not permit the capital-

ists to replunge into the barthrough the streets of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, shouting barism of dictatorship and fascism a country whose workingclass was in the forefront of the

15,000 Belgian

Dockworkers

conservative Brazilian paper These widespread disturbances Correo Manha as follows: "The anti-capitalist struggle engenare an indication of the intoler- police tried to present the ver-

# THE MILITANT

## Nation-wide Strike In Japan **Against Puppet Government** unification of three separate This party publishes a week

Workers Demonstrate In Jc, an

Scenes like this are common in Japan today as workers strike throughout the country. This picture was taken in January, when Japanese Government Railway workers from seven districts demonstrated in Tokyo to demand wage increases.

# **Nationalization In Britain**

# concentrates on the slogan of To Mine Owners

(Special to The Militant)

LONDON, Aug. 23 - The Tribunal appointed by the Coal Industry Nationalizaalist reaction, aided by British tion Act has fixed the comimperialism, is committing ev- pensation to be paid to the coalowners as 164 million pounds sterling. Charles of

miners and workers.

stockholders.

seriously amend."

"This sum" guarantees an anmillion pounds for 20 years. Capitalist satisfaction with

It represents a total capitulation to the steel barons and reveals the cowardice of the . Labor<sup>\*</sup> Party leaders when faced with threats from the

By Larissa Reed

A tremendous upsurge of the Japanese labor movement involving almost 1,000,000 workers - one-third of the organized labor force — began on Sept. 10 in Tokyo with a general strike of the All-Japan Seamen's Union. This was followed in a few days by a strike of 556,000 men in the Japanese CIO and

330,000 organized farm hands in the All-Japan Agricultural Union.

This powerful strike wave is taking place in the face of a dicatorial decree issued by General MacArthur two weeks ago, backed up by the puppet government, prohibiting "strikes, walkouts or other work stoppages." The Hitler-like decree and

MacArthur's threat to use occupation troops as strikebreakers served to smash a three-day strike of seamen at Sasebo. This week, according to un-

ion reports, 3,899 ships are tied up, virtually paralyzing the Japanese merhant marine. Sympathy strikes of the Japan to coal miners, steel and chemi-

Workers Union and Port 000 merchant seamen who walkof eight Liberty ships, due to reout, and crews of six others are preparing to do the same. SEAMEN'S DEMANDS

The Japanese seamen's union

s demanding a 100 per cent wage increase. Even more important, they are determined to prevent the government from carrying out its threat to dismiss 80 per cer+ of the seamen, without consultation with the union.

The union states that these mass dismissals are not only unnecessary but, according to the

Sept. 12 Christian Science Monitor, "may actually be a governcause the Japanese trade union movement is determined to defeat attempts of the American workers back to semi-feudal servitude.

dustrial Unions (equivalent of war." the American CIO) ordered all its major industrial affiliates to the face of this strike threat and go on strike and stay out until the Transport Ministry rescind-Premier Yoshida collapses." The CIO strike call was issued ating under a temporary truce.

#### The Third Convention of the Internationalist Communist Party, French section of the Fourth International, greets the striking American seamen and truckdrivers now fighting in defense of their vital interests. Our convention wishes to, express its full sympathy with this struggle. We know that the French working class is in complete solidarity with this battle against the capitalist onslaught on workers' living standards.

**Cable from France** 

PAGE THREE

cal workers, printers, machinery Japan Coastal Shipping Union and electrical workers and others. added 60,000 strikers to the 54,- The strike of the unionized farm hands followed close on the heels ed off the ships. Japanese crews of the CIO strike call, after failure of the union to reach agreeturn to the U.S., joined the walk- ments on collective bargaining rights and wage increases with the representatives of the big landed proprietors. The Japanese CIO has 1,600,-

000 members, including 600,000 railway workers. The General Federation of Government Railway Workers also issued a strike call, after the government threatened to dismiss 75,000 railway employees for reasons of "economy," the same pretext used in the threatened mass layoffs of seamen.

ment effort to stunt the growth government of being concerned of the labor movement under the only with meeting interest paypretext of economic necessity." ments on wartime bonds at the The seamen's strike spread be- expense of the workers. These imperialists and their Japanese imperialist war, and who are now puppet government to crush their protected by MacArthur. The unorganized strength and drive the ion prepared to strike as a pro-

The government retreated in the reactionary government of ed the dismissal order. The railway union is reported to be oper-

**Homeless Workers In London** 

Grant Huge Sum British Steel Barons Will Retain Their Stranglehold On Industry

capitalists. The government has retreated from its original intention, which nual rate of profit of 9.9 million was to nationalize the steel inpounds for 17 years, or of 8.2 dustry along the lines of its

Coal Industry Nationalization Act. Now it proposes to form a this decision may be judged by the fact that colliery shares to-

(Special to The Militant) LONDON, Sept. 1 — The final plan of the Labor Government for the British steel industry has been announced.

JOCK HASTON

National Secy., RCP

of the mines, because this placed

dustry onto the shoulders of the

workers and at the same time

gave the coal capitalists guar-

DEMAND OWN PRICE

ACCUSE GOVERNMENT

The railway union accused the payments go to the same Japanese capitalist profiteers who dragooned the workers into their

test against victimizing the workers for "deficits" which were The Japanese Congress of In- made "for the purpose of waging

able living the masses in Brazil, which "is being shaken by one of the worst economic and political crises in its history." (AP dispatch, Sept. 1.) Prices have risen 300 per cent. Workers' wages remain abnormally low.

"Death to the black market?

merchants!"

The Brazilian government demonstrated its inability to cope with the situation in any other way than by force, when Presi- against the Stalinist party. This dent Eurico Gaspar Dutra proclaimed martial law in Rio de Janeiro on Sept. 1. Fully armed soldiers began patrolling the crush the Stalinist parties in evstreets in an attempt to prevent a recurrence of the demonstrations which had lasted for two days. Before "order" was restored one person had been killed, 100 wounded, and 500 imprisoned.

#### STUDENT DIES

The death of a student from this policy. food poisoning touched off the demonstrations. On 'learning War II drained the country's reabout the death of their com- sources and is an important facrade, students immediately at- | tor underlying the present ecotacked the bakery which sold nomic crisis. Much of the Brathe contaminated food and left zilian merchant marine was lost. the store in ruins.

The students, who expressed tion deteriorated. As a result the general public dissatisfac- commodities accumulate in the tion with the poor food and ris- productive states in the north ing cost of living, were soon joined by throngs from all sections there is a scarcity of food and of the population. Windows of other commodities in the large stores and restaurants and the cities. marguees of theaters were smashed.

Mounted police charged the crowd with raised sabres in an in the big cities. These mer- gion, the wave of struggle rose attempt to disperse it, and were chants, who are linked with the with a strike of the metal workanswered by a hail of rocks. Despite the use of clubs, rifles, mercilessly exploit the situation. The desperation of the masses, handcuffs and tear gas bombs, caused by the soaring cost of the police were unable to curb the demonstrators and President living and chronically low wages, rose to the breaking point last Dutra was forced to call out the Army.

General De Goes Monteiro, government, declared that the ture. disturbance was inspired by the Communist (Stalinist) Party. Government forces surrounded the Stalinist headquarters and arrested 200 party members.

However, according to an Aug. 31 Reuter dispatch from Rio de Janeiro, Stalinist leaders issued a "manifesto" in which they urged the populace to be "calm," and not allow themselves to be provoked because, said the manifesto, "this would give a pretext to people with illegal designs against democracy." The same dispatch quoted the

conditions suffered by sion that the disturbances had been organized by the Communists (Stalinists) and hundreds of Communists were arrested. The Communists are capable of organizing disorders but in this case they did not do it."

#### **On Picket Lines** ATTACK STALINISTS

The Brazilian government uti-(Special to The Militant) lized the demonstrations as a BRUSSELS, Belgium, Sept. pretext to launch an attack 4-Two days ago 15,000 dockis in line with the present polworkers in the ports of Ghent | anarchy, and brought immeasuricy of the U.S. State Departand Antwerp quit work. The able suffering to millions of ment. Washington intends to strike is solid and is led by an Action Committee opposed to AT WORKERS' EXPENSE ery country in Latin America as one of its moves in preparthe policies of the reformist ing the Western Hemisphere for

war against the Soviet Union. Dutra's government, which slavof 6,000 members in Antwerp, loishly follows the dictates of Wall cal union leaders, including both Street's government, is among Trotskyists and Stalinists, dethe first to begin carrying out

nounced the foul role played by Brazil's participation in World the reformist leaders.

The strike was caused by an agreement between the official union leaders and the employers. Under this agreement the workers would be given a plan Railroad and truck transportaof social security only if in re-

turn they gave up some of their hard won gains, including holiand south of the country, while days with pay, etc. This strike can be understood

only in relation to the growing offensive of the Belgian workers The Dutra government has not

as a whole. Starting with sporcontrolled the black market, measures (nationalization, withwhich has become very powerful adic strikes in the Brussels redrawal of troops from Egypt, etc.) and the rather intoxicated howls from the extreme right "legitimate" native capitalists, ers in the regions of Louviere

of the capitalists have mainand of Liege, a postal workers' tained the Labor Government's strike, and a national strike of widespread, though inactive, supthe tramwaymen. Altogether, more than 150,000 port.

workers have been drawn into WORKERS CRITICAL

Master Bakers.

While the advanced workers

are critical of some of the La-

bor Government's policies, they

are determined to smash any

the strike movement, which is week. Despite government represthe biggest in this country since sion, other similar or more vio-Dutra's Minister of War and the lent outbursts and strikes are 1936 and which does not yet seem "strong man" in the Brazilian bound to occur in the near fu- to have reached its highest point.

> CHICAGO **Piano-Vocal Recital To Aid Anti-Fascist Fighters Abroad** Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. **Roosevelt College of Music** 218 S. Wabash Recital Hall, 9th fl. Auspices: American Comm. for European Workers Relief

gether with other nationalized boards of the big undertakings. industries, rose on the Stock Ex-The names and individualities change.

the fact that colliery shares, to-

of the companies will be pre-This is the first decision made served, a central body composed by the Labor Government on the of representatives of the governquestion of compensation. The ment and private enterprise will pattern is clear: The nationalbe formed to administer the inized industries are to be saddled dustry. with fabulous sums of compen-

#### WORKERS TIED sation which will equal the aver-

As Jock Haston, General Secage annual profit that brought the basic industries to chaos and retary of the Revolutionary Communist Party, points out in the mid-August Socialist Appeal: "Thus, even the steps taken to

restrict the anarchy and sabotage of the coal capitalists, such Thus the rationalization of as were taken in the case of technique and production in the coal mines, will not be taken union leadership. At a meeting these basic industries (iron, steel, in relation to steel. The steel incoal, transport) is to be carried dustry, unlike the coal industry, out at the expense of the workis not to become a state-owned ers and not, as the workers decapitalist trust, but to remain mand, at the expense of the as a privately-owned monopoly wealthy capitalists who become trust, to work in conjunction with the state. The effective con

As the London Economist retrol will remain with the given marked in another connection group of monopolists but the all the burdens of a wrecked in- the people, denounced the moveon Aug. 10: "There is probably workers will be tied and chained not a single one of these Acts with bureaucratic state regula-(nationalization, etc.) that the tions.' (Tory) Opposition. if they were

The capitalists did not even to come into power tomorow squeal about the nationalization prewar. would repeal in its entirety, and



memorial meeting on August 25. The program opened with the tion under workers' singing of "The Internationale." Then Guillermo Lora, leader of position from the steel barons. the Revolutionary Workers Party But rather than pursue such a (Partido Obrero Revolucionario), told about Trotsky's outstanding contributions to the workers of of Big Business.

Tory obstruction. This fact is the world. again revealed on the simple questioning of bread rationing, jas, Romulo Rojas, and Leticia where the organized workers ral-Fajardo. The poem to the revolulied to the government against the attempted sabotage of the

Fernando Bravo J. spoke on the The struggle in the nationalneed of building the POR as the ized industries will certainly cenrevolutionary party of the Boliter around the question of convian workers. Amanda Bass trol in the future. The experi-Werneer paid tribute to Trotence of the workers will lead sky's exemplary life. them to demand workers' man-

The meeting closed with the agement of the nationalized insinging of "The Workers' Mardustries, abolition of compensation and real measures against seillaise," ("La Marsellesa Prothe capitalist saboteurs. letaria").



More than 2,000 miners and students of La Paz, Bolivia, paid

homage to Leon Trotsky at a genuine socialist policy of na-

Next speakers were Bravo Rotion, "Uplifted Fist," ("Puno en 'Indonesia's Struggle Alto") was recited by Ligia Lopez.

For Freedom Speaker: EVELYN ATWOOD 'Militant' Staff Writer Friday, September 20

Socialist Workers Party 423 Springfield, 8:30 p.m. **Take Over Vacant Mansions** 

More than 2,000 homeless people in London, fed up with the government runaround on housing, took matters into their own hands last week. Beginning on Sept. 8, they marched in disciplined fash-D

ion into the wealthy West | ments renting from \$40 to \$60 End section of the city and ocweekly. Abbey Lodge apartments cupied a dozen vacant buildings, including the fashionable Duchess of Bedford apartment house. Before the week was out, they had seized a 600-room hotel in ed to turn them back to the Bloomsbury and numerous other owners.

smaller dwellings. Many of the "squatters" were veterans with their families. They held out in the semi-besieged dwellings and defied inthem.

The government, more concerned with the profits of the they were met by stewards who big landlord and real estate interests than with the plight of claims at empty buildings in the ment as "Communist-led." On ment, they rushed off home to Sept. 14, five prominent members of the British Communist anteed profit at rates equal to Party were arrested on warrants of conspiracy to incite persons

to trespass on private property. City authorities sent police "But the steel industry, in the squads against a crowd of 2,000 hands of the Thomas Baldwin sympathizers massed before the octopus, does not want even this luxurious Abbey Lodge apartstate-capitalist measure. The ment house. They were demonsteel barons, who hold the entire strating against police refusal motor car, aircraft, armament to permit them to pass blankets and metal manufacturing indusand food to some 50 families, tries in their grip, can demand including a number of children in the building.

#### STOP TRAFFIC

The demonstrators lay down three deep in the middle of Park Road, blocking all traffic. They shouted: "Give them blankets!" After a sound truck suggested policy in the interest of the that a collection be taken, the workers it prefers to capitulate police gave up. Blankets, food shamefully before the demands and money were handed through the windows to the besieged. This "squatters" movement



The Duchess of Bedford House contains well-appointed apart-



timidation by the police and through notices in shops which government threats to evict told those needing accommodations to "apply within for in-formation." At Kensington, sent them off to stake their district. After pegging an apartbring goods and chattels.

#### COMMITTEE ELECTED

Under organized direction, hot drinks and food were supplied. Sympathetic local residents carried luggage and look+ ed after children while parents; were busy. At a meeting of the new settlers, a deputation was elected to call on the Borough Council to furnish essential services, such as light, heat and water, where these were not already turned on.

By the time the war ended, 70,000 of London's 814,000 houses were destroyed by bombs. The erection of a few Nissen huts and other temporary housing did little to alleviate the distress. The "squatters" movement is recognized as a challenge to the Labor Government for falling down in its promises and betraying the workers who voted it into office last year.



their own price. The Labor Government, by a tionalization without compensacontrol could have swept aside the op-

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### **Government Boards**

The maritime workers have just gone through another bitter experience with socalled "impartial" government boards. They have learned their lesson about such "tripartite" agencies, where the minority of labor members serve as window-dressing while the employer and government majority act together to cut labor's throat.

Both the AFL Seafarers International Union and Sailors Union of the Pacific have called for removal of the AFL member from the Wage Stabilization Board that tried to cut their wage scales.

Without the union members, such wagefreezing, employer-dominated boards as the WSB would collapse. It is only because they are bolstered and supported by the union leaders that such boards can put over their "impartial" decisions against the workers.

AFL President William Green has responded to the appeal of the AFL seamen's unions but not in the way they asked. "The Wage Stabilization Board now stands repudiated and disgraced," said Green on Sept. 13. Therefore-"It's PUBLIC and INDUSTRY members have forfeited the confidence of the public and labor and should resign at once." (Our emphasis.)

According to Green, the trouble with the WSB is Truman didn't hand-pick the "right" industry and "public" members. Now if only four "good," "impartial" capitalist representatives were put on the board, everything would be fine for labor. Keep the board, change the faces, says Green.

But the whole purpose and function of such boards is to front for the employers and to whittle down the workers' demands-all under the cloak of "impartiality." The union representatives are graciously permitted to sit on the board to cover up its real function and bolster its authority in the eyes of the workers. In 1941, we had Roosevelt's National Defense Mediation Board to cut wages and break strikes. It folded up overnight when the United Mine Workers walked out on it. Then the top union leaders helped form the War Labor Board. It froze wages and broke strikes until the Administration was forced to discard it when the workers no longer recognized its authority. All such capitalist government boards are traps for the workers. This is once more proved to the hilt by latest actions of the WSB. The union ranks must demand of the AFL and CIO leaders: "Get off the WSBand stay off!"

mon with the Japanese capitalists, the oppressors and exploiters of the Japanese masses. Let American labor stretch out the hand of union fellowship to our Japanese brothers. Demand the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Japan! Voice our class solidarity with the Japanese workers! All support to the valiant union men and women of Japan!

### Workers' Control

Demands for the government to take over and operate the meat industry are being raised in the labor movement. Twenty-three Chicago and Milwaukee locals of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers and the New York State CIO have called for nationalization of the meat industry.

These demands are inspired by the meat famine and the lay-offs of thousands of packinghouse workers. The meat-packing barons have deliberately curtailed meat processing and are withholding meat supplies to force elimination of all price ceilings.

We are certainly for nationalization - not only of the meat industry but of all basic industries. However, the workers should carefully consider the limitations of nationalization of industry by the capitalist government where the monopolists continue to get their profits and to maintain actual, if not formal. control.

We have witnessed many instances of the capitalist government "seizing" plants and industries during the war and post-war periods. In every case, the purpose of such "seizures" was to break strikes, force the workers back to work and safeguard the profits of the owners.

The packinghouse workers themselves had a taste of this kind of "nationalization." Last January Truman tried to break their strike by "seizing" the packinghouses.

This kind of "nationalization" is undertaken strictly to protect the profit interests of the monopolists. It will not ensure a steady supply of meat at low prices, full employment and decent wages for the packinghouse workers.

Behind the cover of "nationalization" by the capitalist government, the greedy meat profiteers would continue their extortions from the consumers and exploitation of the workers.

Nationalization of the meat industry can function fully in the interest of the workers only under two conditions. 1.) Control and ownership of the meat industry must be taken from the present private monopoly owners without compensation. 2.) The industry must be operated under workers' control.

Expropriate the meat profiteers! Nationalize the meat industry under the control of the workers! That will end the meat famine in short order.

### **The Wallace Speech**

It appears that two men are inside the donkey's hide symbolizing the Democratic Party. A Southern Bourbon of the race-hate. lynchlaw, James F. Byrnes type is manipulating the head, front legs and backbone. A so-called "progressive" of the New Deal, Rooseveltian, Henry A. Wallace type is dragging along the hind end and tail.

The coincidence of an election and diplomatic preparations in Europe for another world war crossed up these two ends of the Democratic jackass. Worried about the labor vote, Wallace wrote a speech denouncing the "get tough" attitude Byrnes has been spearheading against the Soviet Union. Truman read the advance copy of the speech. apparently thought it good to catch the votes of workers who want peace, and gave it his official OK. Wallace delivered the speech in New York on Sept. 12. But the head and backbone of the Democratic donkey decided the speech was "embarrassing" to Byrnes. Wall Street thought it more important now to maintain the "get tough" attitude abroad than to spread molasses for labor votes at home. Wall Street feels pretty sure of the labor vote anyway-at least in the key state of New York. Haven't the American Labor Party, the Liberal Party and the Stalinists promised to deliver this vote on the line for the reactionary Democratic machine? Feeling no necessity for any concession on this question, Wall Street cracked the whip square across the rear end of the Democratic donkey to get it lined up properly with Byrnes. Truman held a press conference Sept. 14. The President read a statement, carefully prepared for him, that he didn't really mean to endorse Wallace's speech as an indication of U. S. foreign policy. All he really meant to say was that he endorsed Wallace's right to make a speech! To the accompaniment of world-wide jeers and laughter the ex-necktie salesman escaped from the White House reporters without answering any further questions that might trip him up. The episode has served, to clear the air, however, of some of the Democratic election campaign lies. Now there can be no doubt. After due consideration, Truman has been forced to admit that the Democratic Party doesn't have the slightest intention of changing its reactionary foreign policy. The Republican Party agrees wholeheartedly with this policy and even sent a Republican Senator, Vandenburg, along with Byrnes to Paris as a demonstration of its agreement. The two capitalist parties are thus completely indistinguishable on one of the most important issues facing the people of America. The Wallace speech and Truman's shamefaced "correction" should serve once again to remind the workers that the Republicans and Democrats are following a common policy-a policy leading straight to a new world slaughter.



"I don't care if they are my size—what do you think I'm going to do — walk!"



## INFLATION IS COMING! by are guilty when they take orders weaving! Ralph Borsodi. Published by from their masters.

Bayard Lane, Inc., 1945-46, 61 pages. \$1. The author of this book, written in popular style, is a retired der the runaway inflation which wars and the atom bomb! To consulting economist for big emand the National Retail Dry Goods Association. His claim to fame rests upon

the fact that he was not deceived by the big boom of the '20s. On the contrary, he predicted that "America was heading toward a great disaster." The 1929 collapse confirmed his prediction. Now in this book, which is well advertised and has had two printings, Borsodi predicts the worst depression in all history, which will make the last one

look like prosperity. With charts and figures, Borsodi proves that all previous wars produced the evils of unemployment and inflation. The national debt mounted over the years to War I the national debt per not forward into socialism ,capita was \$11.96. Today the but backward into the Dark than a belly laugh. hidden national mortgage clamp- Ages. family in the U. S. has grown the-land" movement, and "de- today under capitalism. Righteto \$7,960. The "pay-off," he centralization." He admits there ous morality, spiritualism, and states, is coming with a "fran- is' no hope for the masses of politics are also dissected with tic flight from the dollar." The author is a supporter of "individual families." These few are so appealing that you wonthe rotting capitalist system, favored familes, with money now der why they put up with Thurwhich is responsible for these in stocks and bonds, should buy ber's men and women as their catastrophies. He apologizes for a "homestead." They should keepers. Wall Street by blaming the poli- "uitlize all the labor of the memticians in Washington for the bers of the family in producing bankruptcy of the system. That food, clothing, shelter and fuel' is like saying that only servants and everything else including

Borsodi has no faith in any paper "securities," either of Big | machine age - in the epoch of Business or its government. Un- mass production, imperialist can trust the stocks and bonds stocked his Ark "with all the

only about \$666 in purchasing

system he supports. That is why the author's proposed "solution" is such a monstrosity. He wants to flee from the most obvious afflictions of capitalism, while leaving its economic and political base un-

Borsodi proposes a "Back-to- satire on matrimony as it's lived

Why The Veterans **Remain Homeless** 

- By Ruth Benson

Over 4,000,000 veterans and their families will be homeless this winter, while billions of dollars are being spent to erect race-tracks, night clubs, stores and offices. In New York City, Charles G. Bolte, Chairman of the American Veterans' Committee, laid the blame on a "systematic campaign . . . waged by the private builders, real estate interests and the government's Civilian Production Administration (CPA) to undermine the Veterans' Emergency

Housing Program." His speech, reported in the N. Y. Times, Sept. 13, warned that "we may well have squatters in America this winter. In fact, our homeless veterans will take over summer estates and boarded up Fifth Avenue brownstones unless we move now . . . to

break the housing bottleneck." The Emergency Housing Program called for the starting of 1,200,000 new dwelling units in 1946. In the first seven months of the year, barely half were begun, and only one-sixth, 287,100 units, were finished. The completed units included 18,600 trailers and 25,500 quonset huts and other temporary shelters unfit for permanent use.

Even if the 1946 goal were reached, it would leave three-fourths of today's homeless veterans without a roof over their heads. It would do nothing to provide for the increasing population. It would not replace ancient buildings.

In Los Angeles, for instance, where 125,000 families are already homeless, the population is increasing at the rate of 25.000 a month. Everywhere. tenements burn down, collapse from decay, or are razed to make room for commercial buildings. Their occupants swell the ranks of the homeless.

While the situation grows constantly worse, John D. Small, head of the CPA, "has consistently demonstrated that he is more interested in 'protecting' commercial construction than he is in getting homes for veterans," Bolte charged, in a PM article on Sept. 15. He said that Small is worried only about the "dangerous low" of COMMERCIAL construction - which runs to \$35 mililons a week!

The priorities given veterans for building materials, are a mockery. Veterans cannot afford to build at the black market prices demanded by contractors. A veteran is lucky if he can pay as much as \$6,500 for a new home, or \$48 a month for rent. But the house that sold for \$6,500 in February, Bolte reveals, "now costs over \$10,000 - a 65 per cent rise." Builders are "interested mainly in higher-cost homes."

Building costs, according to a chart in the Big Business magazine United States News, are higher than any time since 1927. Bolte reveals that builders' profits average 25 per cent. Rents, the United States News chart shows, are the highest in history! Yet this magazine, which is a spokesman for industry, demands still higher rents and a greater margin of profit on building.

The greedy real-estate interests are not concerned about the plight of millions of homeless men, women and children. The more acute the crisis grows, the more arrogant they become.

Only a full-scale program for low-cost housing, financed by the government, can meet the needs of the homeless. Workers and veterans must demand that the 18 billion dollars appropriated for war, be used instead to aid the victims of war by building low-cost federal housing - today!



he states is inevitable, you can't ployers, including R. H! Macy trust government bonds or pa- harks back to Noah's Ark. This per money any more than you of Big Business. Even life insurance will prove

writes, a \$1,000 policy, which "originally furnished beneficiaries \$1,000 in purchasing power before the war, furnishes them

power at present." Borsodi has no confidence whatever in the

Borsodi proposes these medieval self-enclosed units in our clinch his fantastic argument he individualist, out of a fable. things his family would need

... He was unable to save the to be no protection. Today, he rest of mankind. But at least he was able to save his own fam-This is the "postwar plan" of

a panic-stricken refugee from the capitalist system! Reviewed by Larissa Reed

MEN. WOMEN AND DOGS, by James Thurber. Bantam Books, 1946, 242 p., .25 cents. Feeling tired? Down at the mouth? Pull Thurber's Men, Women and Dogs out of your pocketbook. These are hilarious drawings, with more to them

Most of the cartoons are sharp

#### The Same Enemy

Simultaneous with the American maritime labor's national strike, a million Japanese workers have risen in a mighty general strike spearheaded by the All-Japan Seamen's Union.

These two struggles, involving workers of conquered and conqueror countries, demonstrate in the most dramatic fashion the identity of interests of all workers everywhere.

These two strikes are being waged not only for similar demands-but against the identical enemy.

The workers of the conqueror country, the United States, have been engaged in a bitter struggle against the American capitalist government's attempt to freeze and cut their wages.

The workers of the conquered country, Japan, are engaged in a bitter stuggle to win wage increases against the opposition of this same American capitalist government, whose armed forces dominate Japan.

In this country, the government acts in the interest of the employers and profiteers. In Japan, this same government is propping up and defending the interests of the Japanese capitalists, now the puppets of American imperialism.

The very organization which has summoned the Japanese workers to general strike, the Congress of Industrial Unions, is named after and patterned on the American CIO.

When the Japanese seamen struck, they were dealing a blow against the enemy of the American seamen. When the American seamen struck, they were weakening the power of the Wall Street imperialists who are trying to crush the Japanese workers.

The American workers have everything in common with the Japanese workers. The American capitalists have everything in com-

To fight against this common war policy of the Republicans and Democrats, vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party!

people in this proposal, only for sardonic joy. The wistful dogs It's hard to think of a better way to have fun on 25 cents.

Guam-Wall Street Colonial Prize

most people to learn that the the Institute of Ethnic Affairs. to make room for Navy projects, United States has become a co- The facts they cite make Navy the stirring rebellion of the or- regime in conquered territory. iginal thirteen colonies in 1776 Civil liberties do not exist in against the rule of a dictatorial Guam. The word of the Navy foreign power. It doesn't seem Administration is absolute law. natural that America, so long No appeal can be made. A Guamboasted of as the land of the anian can be arrested and senfree, could now be oppressing tenced by a Navy rump court without jury trial. other peoples.

But the State Department has made it official. In a report to in Guam. Because he is colored, in Guam. Because he is colored, "colonial possessions," the State Department listed the Panama A carpenter brought from the Zone (ruled by the War Department). Guam. Samoa and other Pacific islands (ruled by the Navy Department), and Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (all ruled by the Interior Department).

What do the colonies look like under American rule? Do conditions differ much from those of the colonies under the heel of the British, French, Dutch, OWNERS OUSTED Belgian or Portuguese despots?

STILL "ALIENS" Let's take Guam, that small speck in the vast Pacific where 23,000 people are ruled by the from their homes and their Navy Department. Guam was seized from Spain in 1898, but its inhabitants are still listed as aliens - not as citizens of the

United States. So far as the Guamanians are concerned, America is a brutal foreign power that rules without their consent.

The Navy report to the United Nations claims the Guamanians enjoy ideal conditions under the foreign flag that waves over their land. A different story is told by Harold L. Ickes, certain Military Government officials,

It's something of a shock to and John Collier, President of , have been ousted from their land including a "handsome golf

**Reviewed** by

**Ruth Benson** 

A local bus line belonging to Guamanians was seized by the Navy without compensation. Bus fares were then jumped 100 per cent "to 10 cents per zone of a little more than a modern city block — in order to discourage travel by 'natives.'

The Navy report refers with pride to the Guam Congress. This body is simply window-dressing to cover up the Navy dictatorship. It has "no legislative power whatsoever — no power to make, alter or repeal laws, no perimental farm" as one of the power to levy or expend revenues, no power at all. These powers are cording to John Collier, this wielded solely by the naval Governor.'

#### NOTHING CHANGED

Harold Ickes, after investigation, accused the Navy of "gross mismanagement and suppression of civil rights on Guam from 1900" right down to the Japanese invasion.

Nothing is being done by the Truman Administration to change this shameful picture. 'What the Navy wants," says the Sept. 12 Christian Science Monitor, "is to govern throughout that area free from inspecion and outside interference.' The ugly Navy dictatorship in Guam shows once again how far the brutal postwar realities of colonial rule differ from the lying Atlantic Charter propaganda about fighting the Second World War fon "four freedoms." The American capitalists are just as hypocritical, cynical and despo-635 Fulton St. 8:30 p.m. tic as their British class broth-

Striking a vigorous blow in defense of democratic rights in the labor movement, the Greater Buffalo Industrial Union Council (CIO) on Sept. 10 voted 90 to 10 to adopt a resolution condemning "red-baiting in any form."

Recently several CIO unions were attacked in a statement issued by members of an auto local who walked out of a "Win-the-Peace Rally" here. The Council resolution was a direct answer to this redbaiting drive.

For two and a half hours, delegates at the Council meeting took the floor to point out that redbaiting is a danger to the union movement and an aid to the bosses.

Vincent Copeland of United Steelworkers Local 2601 led off the discussion, pointing out that redbaiting plays into the hands of the anti-labor interests. Chris Keegan of United Auto Workers Local 424 stated that fascism is growing in this country, and red-baiting is one of its methods of dividing the working people. Frank Leason, port agent of the National Maritime Union, denounced the reactionary elements who bring these boss-inspired ideas into the unions, and he also demanded that a picket line be thrown around the viciously anti-labor Buffalo Evening News.

Introducing the motion against red-baiting, Marie Plassman of UAW Local 501 pointed out that the CIO constitution guarantees every member the right to his own political views. She condemned the action of those CIO members who had been guilty. of issuing reactionary statements to the capitalist. press, attacking other CIO unions and members.

Stalinist supporters made only a feeble appeal against red-baiting as "un-American."

The red-baiting statements had been published in the Buffalo Evening News, which is carrying on a vicious anti-labor drive in connection with its campaign to whip up hysteria against the Soviet Union. The-Evening News tries to call the workers' struggles against high prices "a communist plot" against the government.

This red-baiting was carried into the unions by some reactionary elements. There are indications that a line-up is being established by some union officials, together with the Catholic Labor group, who are anxious to combat the militant spirit of the workers. They would like to wipe out union democracy by using the old witch-hunt methods. The Buffalo CIO Council is to be congratulated for its sharp response to these anti-labor tactics.



lonial power. They remember rule in Guam look like a Nazi course." Very few have ever been compensated.

Under the Jim Crow Admirals,

the color line is sharply drawn a carpenter born on Guam may be paid only 45 cents an hour. States gets \$1.36 and up. The Navy publicizes its "ex-

finest features on Guam. Acfarm, operated at federal expense, is maintained "for the benefit of service personnel and their families and the American patrons of service messes."

The farm consists of 400 acres

of the best land "requisitioned from 'native' owners under the guise of military necessity.' Many of these owners, "ousted farmlands" live as squatters on the small farms of others or are

existing in "disaster" housing. Thousands of Guamanians BROOKLYN

Autumn Ball SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 Entertainment . . Dancing Socialist Workers Party

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER, 21, 1946



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

#### **Cleveland Boss Tries New Trick** Editor:

here in Cleveland, Long experience in industry, especially in auto, has hardened me to any tricks the bosses will pull in org der to increase and speed-up production. But the latest stunt almost floored me.

All of us in the shop were shedding crocodile tears for the company which maintains that it is losing money-plenty of money, especially on the scrap before September 9," the date the men make (some crank- retail meat-prices go back under shafts cost \$35,000 and up.) Management thinks we're too stupid bacon, pork loins, and lard are to read past the comic strip in the included. daily papers. It thinks we don't know of the corporate tax re-

years after the war is officially strictly limited." declared over.

deductions. It said: WARNING KEEP SOME OF THIS CHECK to the next.

YOU MAY NEED IT SOON.

STOCK MARKET CRASHES USUALLY MEAN TROUBLE AHEAD. HIGH COSTS ARE LEADING TO BUYING STRIKES. BUYING STRIKES CANCELLATION OF ORDERS.

GET THE WORK OUT WHILE WE HAVE IT TO DO.

· B. K.

#### **Enjoys Seeing Crooks Exposed**

Editor: I read The Militant and I sure enjoy reading how your paper exposes the crook and racketeers. When I read in a recent issue of how the General Electric monopoly blocked a new cure for due not to a scarcity of meat, cancer I was glad that The Militant had the courage to print it.

> R. O. Portland, Ore.



meets Friday, 8 p.m. at 777 W. Adams St.

Worker's Wife Scores I work at Ohio Crankshaft Packers' Meat Famine

Editor: I just read the evening paper and have enclosed a little item—"Special Meat Offer." I'm furious!

The Save-Way Market is offering \$50,000 worth of meat to "Hotels, Clubs, Restaurants and Others" who have private meat lockers-because it "must be sold control! Beef, veal, lamb, hams,

The ad warns: "Remember the days of meat shortages, Daily ates of the government that line-ups to get a couple of pounds juarantee manufacturers their of meat. On and after Sept. 9, average 1935-39 income for two meat supplies will again be

What worker's wife has a The latest stunt showed up in locker? To say nothing of the our pay checks. A little slip was money to stock it to take care of inserted between the actual pay her family during this coming check and the statement of tax' meat famine that is to be imposed on us by the meat packers. We live from one pay-check

> How much longer are housewives going to put up with such things?

We're not organized, we can't stop a thing. But what we put change this system or nag our They herd us into the stores

at 9 a.m. every Friday morning, Cleveland, Ohio. in hopes they'll put out some soap, salad dressing, canned fruit, toilet tissue, etc. When

they wheel out one carton for a store full of women, we push Editor: and shove to get a box. Then we sometimes stand in line an

hour to pay for the stuff. Now, after one year of this beautiful postwar world, we are facing another "meat famine." unusual news story. but to a "scarcity" of profits for the owners of the Big Four packing plants. So again we'll get out

our cook books labeled "meat substitutes" and beat our brains trying to raise healthy children paid for the ticket which he did on substitutes.

Incidentally, women shouldn't have to cook three meals a day, 365 days a year. It's outmoded. The shiny efficient cafeterias the police officer who ejected have potato peelers, and all Mr. Wall from the bus when he kinds of machines to do the work did not move to the rear."

scale in her individual kitchen hasn't been bothered by his su-

group of workers who had bought

pamphlets from me, he came over and called me a "fascist, a strikebreaker and a Ku Illux Klanner," and trind to tear the literature out of the workers' hands. I challenged him to "explain" why he

called us such names. I pointed. out our program in The Militant, explained the role of the Communist Party during the war, its support of the no-strike pledge, and so on. The workers were listening

closely. I asked them to read our literature and read the Stalinist literature too, not to look at only one side of any question.

Infuriated because the group around us was listening to me, the Stalinist yelled:

"Wait until you come into my neighborhood with that paper. I'll slap your face." (Incidentally this same Stalinist had threatened me with violence when I ran across him in last Fall's sub campaign).

His threat made up the workers' minds. Every one of them

not use.

held his paper and pamphlet more firmly. And in legs than an hour we distributed 500 Militants up with under this system of and sold all the pamphlets we "free enterprise" is enough to had with us - 70 copies of "A MEAN LESS BUSINESS AND force us either to organize to Practical Program to Kill Jim. Crow" and "Build A Labor Party husbands into forcing organized Now." We have also created lots gle and practices class collabor to do something about us. of good will for our future work. Therese Stone

> A Victory—Almost— Against Jim Crow

Philadelphia

two parties do not exist," she declared. "You cannot build a The August-September issue mass revolutionary party by placof the NAACP Bulletin, publishing the workers in an alliance lished by the National Associawith the very instruments used tion for the Advancement of by capitalism to help oppress Colored People, carries a very them. These two parties have time and again proved their con-In Philadelphia, in the NAACP nection with capital. office, a bus driver actually apol-NOT "MISTAKES" ogized for having ordered a Negro

laboration."

and Republicans for office.

passenger to sit in the rear of "To me these are no longer just mistakes but an indication the bus. And the passenger was that the Communist Party does not base, and has not based it-But the story ends by saying self on the theory of Marx, Engels and Lenin." that the NAACP has urged "that 87,81 Comrade Etlin said that after for eight years." some action also be taken against serious study she came to the conclusion that "The character-

ization of Trotskyists as fascists" So far, obviously, the cop is "slander, pure and simple."

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Tennessee attack upon the Negro community last February was asked by Nashville unionists and representatives of minority groups. Signing the petition is Dr. Alva Taylor, Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Standing, left to right: Pres. R. Catachings. Southern Negro Youth Congress: Pres. J. D. Roberts, Nashville Industrial Council (CIO); Laurent Franz, southern field director, Civil Rights Congress; Rev. B. H. Jones, AFL Moulders and Foundry Workers. Federated Pictures

# **Resigns When CP Supports Candidates Of Wall Street**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.-Miriam Etlin, active for eight vears in the Communist (Stalinist) Party in Camden, N. J., has announced her resignation from the CP. The support last year. given by the Stalinists to Wall Street's Democratic machine in the 1946 election convinced her that the CP "gives lip service to the class strug-

**Toledo Readers** 

The Toledo Branch of the In her letter of resignation, Comrade Etlin attacked the Socialist Workers Party has Stalinist policy of supporting somoved to temporary headcalled "progressive" Democrats quarters located at 370 West Bancroft, Tel. ADams 2304. "Progressive sections of these Watch THE MILITANT for announcement of permanent headquarters.

> truths of the class struggle and a revolutionary outlook. Because I could always see the pattern in my own mind, in my work, I endowed the Communist Party with the same firmness . . .

"Had I taken out time to read and study and avail myself of all. the material, including the publications of the Trotskyists, I ranks of the Communist Party

"At this writing," concluded to expel us." Comrade Etlin, "I am making preparations to join the Socialist Workers Party to give real "It is inconceivable and illogi-"It is inconceivable and illogi-

### **CP** Expels THE MILITANT ARMY Two Editors Of "New Masses" Sub Goal For August (Special to The Militant)

Ruth McKenney and her husband, Bruce Minton, have Party obtained 45 subscriptions been expelled from the Com- to 'The Militant during August munist (Stalinist) Party, occording to the Sept. 12 Daily report from Eloise Gordon tells Worker, because they called "for the reason for their high percenthe immediate organization of a tage: class-conscious labor party'."

Ruth McKenney is author of to the paper. Sixteen of these the best-seller, My Sister Eileen, are miners' renewals. Comrade are all thinking about subs.' and other books. Minton is co- Rand Morris is setting an exauthor of Men Who Lead Labor. ample for all of us in Pittsburgh

Until April 16, 1946, both were in obtaining renewals. These lateditors of the New Masses, lead- est represent 100 per cent sucing Stalinist weekly in the Unit- cess in the calls he made Suned States. Since that date their day.' names have not appeared on the Minneapolis Branch too went masthead. No explanation was

over its quota. A. Field writes: given for their removal. "Enclosed are two subs. This The expulsions created a sensation among Hollywood and brings our total number of subs theatrical circles where the two for the month of August to 41have long been active represent- one over our quota. We still have atives of Stalinism. callbacks to be made and we

The two were accused by the plan on working on these dur-Connecticut Stalinist State Com- ing the next month." mittee of conducting "a vicious 'Three other branches hit the struggle against the policies of the National Committee regard- bull's-eye in their subscription

ing the role of the Party in the targets for August-Milwaukee, 1946 elections." The Stalinists Portland and St. Louis. are supporting Wall Street's The 36 subs sent in The 36 subs sent in by St. Democratic machine.

The accusation said the peo- goal. Dick Clarke commented: ble were "in contact with anti- "Looks like the whole St. Louis Party forces outside of the branch." The Daily Worker did subs." not specify whether these "anti-Party forces" were followers of a promise from Pete Hesser of Earl Browder who was expelled more subs to follow: "I hope

NO CAPITALIST PEACE

"Characteristic of petty-bour- subscribers are not home or we 'radicalism'," said the have to wait until they get paid. geois Daily Worker, "they attacked For Portland the work is rather Comrade Foster for calling upon slow, but we will get there . . . the Party and the American Milwaukee sent in 36 subs. people to fight for world peace on the grounds that it is im-Akron Branch has made plans possible under capitalism to for a thorough coverage of all check the outbreaks of war or the expired subscriptions in its to achieve a period of peace." area. The following report from The Sept. 13 N. Y. Times quot- Milt Genecin came with 16 subs - a good beginning for their ed Bruce Minton as declaring over the telephone that "both of call-back work: "We had a us consider ourselves loval members" of the CP and "shall always do our utmost in every way got all but a few of the 16. Please add the \$1.50 to your to build the present organization The 'few' were obtained in the and to strengthen the Marxist shop. We plan to go out about

Party of the working class." Minton told the Times he had few months so that we can clean our office for a friend wired the "Daily Worker and "re- up the call-backs and try a few spectfully requested" a correction in the article on their expulsion. The telegram asserted that they "did not and do not would not have remained in the belong to any faction" and the Norwalk, Conn. Branch, where they are members, "voted not

new neighborhoods."

Comrades in the Pittsburgh | because we started late. Branch of the Socialist Workers "Four of us went out Sunday and two of us last Friday. One comrade obtained five last Sun--more than four times their day in the Negro neighborhood monthly goal of 10! The latest using the issue with the headline, 'Lynchers Named by Negro Victim.' As a whole, the subs have been coming in from all

"Enclosed are 23 subscriptions the branch members, which is good because then we know they

Bronx Branch of New York Local is selling subscriptions at its street corner meetings. Sam Ryan, Organizer, reports that one of the things Bronx Branch stresses at its election campaign

open air meetings is the selling of subscriptions to The Militant. At a meeting on Sept. 6 four subs were sold, each by a different comrade. And this is only the beginning."

. . . . Several of the branches have found an increase in their bun-

dle orders necessary. Al Lynn, Los Angeles: "Please send us 1.000 extra copies of The Militant carrying our story about nomination of candidates for Governor and State Assem-Louis more than doubled their bly.'

S. Brooks, Boston: "Please send 400 copies of The Militant Branch is going to work on for the next issue. This is on account of the seamen's strike Portland sent in 17 subs, and here in Boston."

Boston Branch also requests that we increase their regular that we will have a lot more Militant bundle to 200 copies a renewals in the next few weeks. week. Comrade Brooks explains: It is slow work because so many "The increase is for the sub drive in Boston area beginning

next Sunday." Clara Kaye, Seattle: "Would you please send us 500 additional copies of The Militant. They are for the seamen's picket lines."

The Militant Army ranks, made up of Militant boosters, are growing.

H. W. Bodholdt of Minneapolis contributed \$2.

J. Campbell of New York City "mobilization' of six comrades sent \$2 stating: "Sorry I didn't who went out on Labor Day and renew my subscription earlier. fund.'

A Militant booster in the merevery other Sunday for the next chant marine brought a sub to

Leo Gleisser of Cleveland sent a one-year combination sub to The Militant and Fourth Inter-St. Paul Branch, after comnational for a friend, explainpleting the job of getting Socialing: "The subscriber is 24 years ist Workers Party candidates on old, a university student, a vetthe ballot in Minnesota, is again eran, at present a factory workgoing after subscriptions. "Ener, a good union man, a former closed is a batch of subs," writes Young Communist Leaguer. I Paul Cheistrom. "As you know have had discussions with him we accepted a quota of 25 but and have brought him over to we couldn't make it for August our viewpoint."



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THE MILITANT'

# Labor Party Debated By Ohio CIO, PAC Parleys SHOP TALKS

(Special to The Militant)

AKRON, O., Sept. 14-The four-day state convention of the Ohio CIO, held at the Goodrich Rubber Workers Local 5 hall this week, witnessed a significant debate over the national CIO policy concern-

Jack Kroll, president of the sert the escalator clause into the Ohio CIO and National PAC program it would have been nec-Director, succeeding Sidney Hillman, carried the ball for the policies of Philip Murray and did back to committee. Workers who everything in his power to prevent the 842 delegates assem- reluctant to vote against an anbled from having a thorough- nual wage. Nevertheless, a very going discussion on the crucial large vote to defeat the resoluquestions. Nevertheless, progressive delegates managed to break LABOR PARTY ISSUE through the bureaucratic procedure.

A resolution calling for an es- state elections was marked by calator clause providing for auto- an eruption of demands for a matic wage increases to meet in- | labor party. Here again a resolucreased living costs, sent in by tion had been previously sent in Youngstown Steelworkers Local calling for a labor party and was 1330, was buried in committee conveniently tucked away in a and never reported out. But waste basket by the hand-picked speaking on a resolution calling for an annual wage, several delegates brought the need for a rising scale of wages to the con- PAC-building campaign, Youngsvention floor.

#### WAGE POLICY DEBATE

Delegates from the Akron rubber unions, the United Auto Workers and from the United Steelworkers, stated their support for an escalator clause and revealed the inadequacy of just an annual wage.

So sympathetic were the delegates that Kroll found it necessary to take the floor himself. His argument against the escalator clause was a mere falsification. "We would give the employ- PAC PARLEY HELD ers a weapon." he stated. "with which to drive wages down should dorsements of candidates was rerepeated by several CIO staff PAC which was convened after ance of union men and women. men and by the Stalinists.

was clearly exposed by delegate liberate maneuver by the top offi- of seeking favors from Democra-Vincent Frazer, of the Cleveland cials resulted in the departure of tic or Republican politicians. establish minimum base pay and vention and prior to the conthen secure an escalator clause to insure wage increases to meet price increases. Wages can never in the most insultingly bureaufall during the period of the cratic manner. Although the sesagreement below the established sion had been called for the purminimum. There is no other way pose of considering endorse-

to protect us against inflation."

Wages, Prices And Profits

#### AKRON, O., Sept. 14. ing wages and a labor party. escalator clause. In order to in-Reacting quickly to the refusal of a restaurant to serve on out-of-town Negro deleessary to defeat the resolution on gate to the state CIO Conventhe annual wage and send it tion here, a committee of 50 delegates was organized on the were for an escalator clause were floor of the convention and

C.I.O. Delegates

Fight Jim Crow

educate the proprietor.

success. After brief negotia-

tions, the proprietor apologized

delegates were not given a chance

to vote on them. The only ques-

tine matters of the PAC campaign

tions put to a vote were the rou-

tion was mustered

to the Negro delegate and in-The debate on the PAC and structed his employees to endorsement of candidates in serve anyone and everyone regardless of race or color. The convention applauded the report of the successful action.

Resolutions Committee. Speaking on the policy report of CIO officers which called for a

to collect finances, register voters and conduct the election camtown delegate Theodore Dostal paign. said, "It is obvious to everyone **'THE LESSER EVIL'** that what we gain on the economic front is being taken away Nevertheless, under the quesfrom us on the political front. I

tion of registration, delegate am 100 per cent for the building Jules Geller of Goodrich Rubber of the PAC and for the strength- Local 5, of Akron, took sharp ening of our political arm. But issue with PAC policy. Describin order to really answer our poli- ing his own experiences, Geller tical problem it is necessary for stated, "I have approached many us not merely to beg for favors workers in my department askfrom the two old parties but to ing them to register and have build our own independent labor been told over and over again,

party.'

The important question of enthe official adjournment of the The cause is that they have been The stupidity of the argument Ohio CIO convention. This de- disillusioned with the old policy

UAW, who said," When you open two-thirds of the CIO delegates They cannot be inspired any an agreement on wages you first after adjournment of the con- longer by the famous lesser evil. which we have heard so much about. vening of the PAC session.

Commenting on the fact that off debate on this question. The PAC session was handled the state CIO did not endorse

ments, the whole question was CIO, representing over 350,000 ment compensation, both of The vote on this question was not even put to a vote. Endorse- organized workers, and the rest which included the demand for handled in a manner very diffi- ments of the state PAC top offi- of the powerful labor movement a rising scale of benefits to meet cult for those who advocated the cers were announced, but the of Ohio, has no one to repre-increased living costs.

Capitalist Waste Of Human Labor

By Warren Creel

Last week we started to examine human labor which is wasted in commodity selling. The individual capitalist hires workers to get customers away from the other capitalists. It is necessary for the other capitalists to hire workers to get the customers back. But this selling labor sent it at the head of the ticket in this state.

"In 1944 my local union called for the formation of a labor party. But, 'No,' we were told, 'now is not the time.' Instead the state CIO endorsed Governor Lausche to represent labor. Today, we find that Governor Lausche, who two years ago was painted up as the lesser evil, can no longer be stomached by our marched down Main Street to officers. It seems the lesser 'got lesser and the evil got eviller!' The mission was a complete

"I ask you, Brother Chairman when will be the time for a labor party? Are we to await the passage of all the anti-labor bills in Congress? Should we wait until the labor movement has been weakened and hacked to pieces?' As the chair called time or him, Geller concluded, "I see my time is runing short. But time is running short not only for me. It is running short for the whole labor movement. History is calling time on the policies of the CIO leadership. History is calling - time for a labor party."

Kroll quickly revealed that he was stunned by the sharp remarks of the Akron delegate. He immediately left the chair and rose to answer him in person His tone was mildly apologetic and fatherly. He said, "An independent labor party is a fine and outstanding theory and is in the minds of all CIO leaders. Because premature action and failure would set us back many years politically, we have been attempt ing to get practical experience in the political field and educate our members in politics first. He did not mention the practical experience of the worker with Lausche, Truman and all the other capitalist politicians who have stabbed labor in the back

Kroll was not so gentle, however, when delegate after delegate began to take the floor in Brotherhood of Teamsters, support of the labor party. He hammered them down and shut

The convention passed several any candidate for Governor in progressive resolutions, including Ohio, Geller continued, "It is a a resolution on old age benefits shameful thing that the Ohio and a resolution on unemploy-

#### N. Y. Teamsters On Strike



Members of AFL Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 807, are shown above as they stopped a truck at Holland Tunnel, vital link between New York City and New Jersey. Truck drivers were out solidly, demanding a 30 per cent wage boost. Story on Page 1.

Federated Pictures

"Take that back, Kaplan, it's

grebery trucks roll. When he

tacked on a plea to roll news-

into a general uproar. "No good!"

'Another sleigh-ride!" "Noth-

ing doing!" Kaplan hastily turn-

ed the meeting back to Strong.

# **Striking Truckdrivers Show Fighting Spirit At Meeting**

#### By Evelyn Atwood

(Staff Reporter, 'The Militant) NEW YORK, Sept. 12—Mayor O'Dwyer's red-baiung attempt to discredit and break the truck drivers' powerful 12-day-old strike here blew up in his face at the membership meeting called this afternoon by Local 807, AFL

trucks loaded with medical supat Manhattan Center.

Over 4,000 enraged truck- plies. drivers contemptuously brushed a lie and you're on the air!" the aside his red-scare propaganda men shouted indignantly. The by roaring their rejection of the meeting was being broadcast. A "settlements" proposed hony truckdriver took the microphone by the greedy bosses and the 'bosses' man" O'Dwyer. The on the floor and stated that he drove a medical truck and was strikers scotched any attempts not stopped. Kaplan regained of their union leadership to order only after he retracted make any rotten compromises. his charge. We demand an apology from Then he pleaded to let all

the Mayor," they shouted, slapping him out of the picture. The stormy yet disciplined meeting lasted almost four print also, the hall was thrown hours. The big hall was jammed to the rafters. Some 1.000 truckdrivers were denied admittance under fire law restrictions. The men roared "No" to proposals to let Local 807 chaingrocery trucks roll and to re-

Strong urged the men to go back to work pending negotiations as the "best step Local 807 could take." Jeers and boos turn to work pending negotiagreeted his remarks, but he tions. "No contract-no work." was their answer. They limited pushed the proposal to a mothe powers of the Negotiating tion.



#### Capitalist Waste of Human Labor By V. Grey

The capitalists grind out their profits from the sweat and blood of the working class. In this they are no different from the rulers of old. Both feudal lords and ancient patricians lived on the sweat of the lowly.

But capitalism, as we have pointed out, is a different SYSTEM. Unlike the slave-owner, who was content to have his hundred slaves, each to serve his various whims, the capitalist must expand or die. Chattel slavery and the feudal system stayed the same or nearly the same for hundreds of years. Not so the capitalist system.

It does not matter whether the capitalist is personally greedy, or whether he wants to exchange champagne baths. for whole swimming pools of champagne, or whether he is a nice likeable old lad like the father of the rich heroine in a technicolor movie. Regardless of these things, his hired managers and superintendents must whip his thousands. of slaves into ever faster production. And the bulk of the surplus value produced by these slaves must be turned into more capital, more machines-constant capital-more contradictions for the capitalist system.

Consider the history of the American steel industry in the last few years:

In 1929, the top peacetime production year, the American steel industry, then worth two billion dollars, produced 45 million tons of steel. The steel magnates then made a 10 per cent profit, or more than 200 million dollars! In 1932 they produced and sold one third as much as in 1929 -15 million tons of steel. But they did not make one third as much profit. They lost. And they lost over 70 million dollars!

Their capacity had grown. They had the equipment to make 75 million tons of steel but no markets to sell it in. Some other countries' industries had the markets. The answer was war.

But in the course of war, more expansion of plants and machinery was necessary — not to take care of the markets they were going to mooch into, but in order to make the instruments of war.

By 1944 the productive capacity was 96 million tons! And the total value of the steel plants was over 4 billion. dollars. They made more profits than in 1929, but the percentage of profit was lower."

The important thing is that if only 45 million tons (the top production of peace time before the war) are produced in any year now - the likelihood is that instead of there being 10 per cent or 5 per cent profit, there will be a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars!

What does this mean? It means that the American steel industry must capture peacetime markets that it never had before. It means that the steel plants of other nations must be destroyed. It means still another imperialist war!

Progress has turned into decline. Capitalism expanded once. But now it only tries to expand with a trillion dollar war, that drains its own blood as well as its slave. And it then keeps on declining.

While destroying the steel plants of other nations, the capitalists enlarge the hungry belly of their own productive capacity — they destroy their whole economy as well. They destroy the buying power of their enemies as well as the producing power. They destroy their own customers as well as their competitors.

In its attempt to pump fresh blood into its dying system, capitalism resembles a patient getting a transfusion from his left arm into his right and during the process, losing nine-tenths of the blood on the ground.

To be concluded next week

1. CAPITALIST DIVISION OF THE PRODUCT. Three productive workers produce six bales. Low productivity means



What's the use of registering when I have nobody to vote for?' "There is certainly a disease of apathy among the workers, prices fall." This argument was ferred to a meeting of the state but its cause is not the ignor-

produces nothing and is not necessary for society.

Along with commodity selling waste there is also a small amount of labor in real distribution, and this latter labor is useful and necessary. Capitalist economists, however, use the word "distribution" for both kinds of work. When they say "distribution" they are using one part of real distribution as a cloak to cover nine parts of sheer competitive waste.

Such waste has grown into a large factor in capitalism. Capitalist contentment with this state of affairs appears in the following statement by the president of the Curtis Publishing Company. His firm happens to publish the Saturday Evening Post and other magazines that make money from advertising.

"You probably will be surprised — most people are to learn that over half of our working population is engaged in distribution and servicing things already made. And even with this large segment of our population already engaged in it, I believe that distribution offers greater opportunities to young men and women than any other phase of economic endeavor." (Emphasis ours.)

A little over half a century ago the bulk of the workers were in production. Today over half are in non-productive labor, and the proportion of wasted labor keeps growing. As efficiency in production has grown, capitalism has put the population to living on the output of fewer and fewer industrial workers:

Figure 4 illustrates this process.

Part 1 roughly illustrates an early phase of capitalist division of the goods produced. The six bales of goods represent the total output of labor. This can be the output in any length of time we choose; let's call it a week. The three productive workers produce the six bales, so each productive worker produces two bales.

Each worker needs one bale of goods a week to support himself and his family. This fraction of the output of his labor is necessary for the worker to live, so the Marxists call it Necessary Labor. Through the wage bargaining system, as we have seen, the workers get the product of that Necessary Labor as wages. The workers get enough to live on. Each worker in the diagram gets one bale of goods

The rest of the output of the three workers, over and above the Necessary Labor, represents what Marxists call Surplus Labor or Surplus Value. In Part 1 of the diagram change is in the transfer of more and more workers to would be no trouble" getting that comes to three bales and the capitalist keeps them unproductive labor. as profit. Thus, the three bales of Necessary Labor are the same as the Wages; the three bales of Surplus Value are the same as the Profit.

In Part 2 productivity has great increased. It now takes only one productive worker to produce six bales of goods. But still a worker is able to survive on one bale a week so his wages stay at one bale. The capitalist class, with a larger mass of surplus value, spends some of it hiring workers to compete for customers. So two workers are moved from production to unproductive labor, carrying sandwich boards saying: "Buy Brown's Boots," and "Buy Black's Boots." They are still hard at work, but they produce abundance. Marx's law of labor-value shows why produce no labor-value, and the capitalist must pay their wages out of surplus value.

america.

2. CAPITALIST WASTE OF HUMAN LABOR. One proproductive workers produce six bales. Low productivity means low incomes



At first glance it seems that the increase in efficiency has been swallowed up, and nothing has changed. Wages | cal 807 chain-grocery trucks, are no higher, the standard of living is no better, profits and going back to work pendare no higher, total output is no higher. The only apparent assure the truckdrivers "there

In fact, the workers are robbed of more than appears on the surface. Here are three workers, each capable of producing six bales, but each getting only one bale. Together

they do enough work to produce 18 bales, yet the national cutput still remains only six bales. The capitalists allow three bales as wages, take three bales as profit, and in effect, throw away 12 bales in non-production, by transferring two-thirds of the labor force to competitive waste. All around us we see poverty although we know we could this is inevitable as long as capitalism remains. Next Installment: More on Capitalist Waste.

Committee strictly to negotiations—all power to ratify any settlements remained in the hands of the rank-and-file. AGAINST BOSSES

The tone of the meeting was set after the opening placating speech of the Chairman, John E. Strong, president of Local 807. Strong denied that he had stated there was a revolt of the membership against their leaders. "I say it is not a revolt

against the leadership, but a revolt against the employers." After establishing their position in the main fight against the bosses, the battling truckleaders. When Strong read about the

telegram from International President Daniel J. Tobin to the gether." He received an ovatruckdrivers urging them to tion. carry out their contracts, the membership shouted back: "Now read that other telegram from Tobin to the Mayor and the press!" This telegram admitted that the striking workers had a just cause and that the strike could be settled as soon as the employers came to terms. Strong said he didn't have a copy of this telegram with him. Immediately shouts came back: "We've got copies!" One of the truckdrivers rushed to the platform and handed the statement to Strong. The men grinned as he read it into the loud speaker. A dead-pan silence prevailed when Strong lauded Tobin as "one of the greatest labor leaders in the country."

The main debates took place over the questions of rolling Lothem retroactive pay. "Negotiate an 807 contract!" the men retorted.

STOP SLANDER

David Kaplan, chief economist for the Teamsters International, tried to smear rankand-file militants as "Street Corner Napoleons." Kaplan was concerned with getting trucks to roll and weak-

ening the strike. He disguised reaffirmed the limitations of this being on the verge of "starvwomen and children" needed medicines. He complain- brought before the membership himself into shutting down the paign promises in the wasteed that the men were halting for ratification.

In the discussion from the floor which followed, the Chairman recognized first the few stooges who were advocating that the strike front be narrowed. One speaker who wanted "to go back to work," declared: "Local 807 has 12,000 members. This is entirely too large. It should be broken up." Pandemonium broke loose and he was howled down.

> **'TALK CONTRACT!''** "This is a scheme to divide

the food workers from general trucking," Sam Harris, driver for J. A. Patterson, shouted over the microphone. "Let's stop talkdrivers came to grips with their ing about food and talk about a contract. We truckdrivers are going to fight all together and win-or we'll all go down to-

> Another driver emphasized unity and a contract for the whole local. "We want conditions as well as pay, before we roll. We want a raise in pay, a 40-hour week, two weeks' vacation with pay and get rid of the supplements (extra duties) and we want it in black and Hall's brass-knuckle rule. white." Still another driver warned: "Don't try to divide 807 into two separate units. We won't stand for it! Let's stick together, boys!" The rafters shook with the deafening roar of applause.

#### VOTE TO STAY OUT

Eddie Gorman, a general drivworking class people who were er. provided the final clincher: blandly told by the Stalinists and ALP that O'Dwyer was their 'If you won't listen to the rank and file, then we'll pick out a friend. Barely in office a couple of rank-and-file committee to sit with you in negotiations and let months, he tried out his hand you know what is on all our at smashing a strike. The minds!" Western Union workers couldn't

The motion to let any 807 keep up with the rising cost of trucks roll was voted down with living. They were forced to a thunderous "No!" Another strike. formal vote unanimously rejecthelped out the telegraph monoed the employers' proposal that polists by ordering his clubthe men go back to work pendswinging cops to escort scabs ing negotiations. Only through the picket lines. one "concession" was made. The This cub of the old Tammany men agreed that Locals 282 and tiger, whom the Stalinists and 816 could participate in the nethe ALP had ballyhooed as a gotiations together with Local "friend of labor," next tried out his milk teeth as mayor on the

807. But in a final powerful demonstration, the truckdrivers

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WORKERS **BACK CAPITALIST CANDIDATES**

The political hatchet-men who head the American Labor Party, the Liberal Party and the Communist (Stalinist) Party are becoming expert at sinking the blade in labor's back.

These three parties claim to ed his political pal O'Dwyer symrepresent a huge section of New pathetically with a government York workers. But instead of order "seizing" the tugs. trying to put labor's own candi-ATTACKS TEAMSTERS dates in office, all three outfits O'Dwyer's latest attack on the are once again backing Wall labor movement came during the Street's machine politicians, teamster's strike. Although he staking the money and energy gained office through Stalinist

of their rank and file on Mead and ALP support, O'Dwyer tried and Lehman. to break the teamsters' strike How this policy pays off can with vicious red-baiting. He be seen in the case of O'Dwyer, said a bunch of "reds" were at who was eased into the mayor's the bottom of this long over-due chair in New York last year with strike for decent pay and decent labor votes. O'Dwyer has not working conditions. rendered one single service for O'Dwyer expanded the police labor. He has defended Wall Street's interests with a devoforce immediately on taking office. In the Western Union tion and loyalty not matched strike he marshalled 750 cops since the hey-day of Tammany

he raised the city sales tax a

cool 100 per cent-from one cent

to two cents on the dollar. This

O'Dwyer courteously

tugboat men's strike.

against 20 pickets-the biggest mobilization of police-strike-DOUBLES SALES-TAX breakers in the city's history. No sooner had he got the Now in the teamsters' strike, he mayor's chair warmed up, than

added another 2,000 cops and ranted threateningly about 'bloodshed and injury.' These painful experiences

tax is chiefly shaken out of the with the Democratic mayor, pockets of the great mass of however, have not disturbed the hatchet-men who head the CP. the ALP and the Liberal Party. They are in the profession of peddling labor votes to Wall Street. And so they are now repeating this policy by backing Mead and Lehman.

How will this new sell-out pay off?

Already the Stalinists have got an installment on account for their support of Mead, the head of the Democratic ticket. This Wall Street spokesman calmly, deliberately and cynically put his Stalinist cheering squad in the camp of the Ku Klux Klan and repudiated their support.

If Mead is capable of a kick in He screamed about New York the stomach like this before election, what can be expected it at first by pleading for "the negotiating body. They affirm- ation" and "freezing to death." from him after he's securely in who ed that all settlements are to be He yowled so loud he panicked office and has tossed his camcity for a day. Truman answer- basket?

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THE MILITANT

# **SWP Veterans Ask Basic Changes** In Army's Court-Martial System

#### (Special to The Militant)

NEW YORK, Sept. 14-A vigorous condemnation of the 'Army's court-martial system, and a demand for radical changes that would give soldiers on trial a chance to get some justice, were made by two spokesmen of the Socialist Workers Party appearing before the War Department's Ad-Justice at the U. S. Court necessarily reduced when re-

"For these reasons," Breitman

- a change will remove from

from the functions of trial and

Breitman then went ahead

"For these reasons we are

with the major proposal he had

here to propose the complete

martial, and the institution of a

system of civilian court trial for

At this point one of the mem-

bers of the Advisory Committee.

began to blow his top, and to

wave the flag at the same time.

manded. "Would you want a man

who has committed a crime to

be taken out of the front lines,

leaving the other soldiers, who

hadn't committed any crime, to

remain there and die? Is that

what you mean? Is that your

When the Committee member

First, there was the case of

"LIKE ANY CITIZEN"

"What do you mean?" he de-

case.'

offenses.

soldiers charged with serious of-

abolition of the general court-

come to make:

fenses.'

House here last Tuesday "It explains also why most afternoon courts-martial had such a cut-

The Committee, appointed by and-dried character. It was a the War Department and re- commonplace in the U.S. Army quested to make recommenda- that no enlisted man on charges tions for changes in the Army's was considered innocent until court-martial system, has been proved guilty. He was, in fact, holding open hearings in various generally considered guilty if his cities, at which interested par- commanding, officer considered ties could present their views. him guilty. The Socialist Workers Party RADICAL CHANGE

was represented at the hearings by two veterans of World War II: went on, "it is not sufficient to George Breitman, SWP candi- merely amend or superficially ste for U.S. Senate from New revise the court-martial system. ersey, and Milton Richardson, What is necessary is a radical SWP candidate for Lt.-Gover- change in the whole structure nor of New York.

Three members of the Advis- the hands of the officer corps ory Committee, selected by the control over the functions of American Bar Association, were prosecutor, judge and jury. In listening to testimony when the short, what is necessary in all SWP spokesmen got the floor. cases involving serious offenses The Committee was assisted by is the separation of the Army an Army one-star general representing the War Department. punishment."

Most of the testimony was given by the lawyers who had served in the Army and wanted to suggest various reforms in the courtmartial system: many of their remarks seemed to be halfapologies for that system.

Against this background the remarks of Breitman and Richardson stood out as especially clear and constructive. The hearing certainly livened up while they had the floor. At one point during their testimony the general almost swallowed his storeteeth in confusion and dismay. Breitman, who had spent two

years in the Army in Europe, led off.

#### OUTSTANDING FACT

"The outstanding characterisidea? tic of the court-martial system," he said, "is that it is intended primarily to maintain discipline and not to administer justice. It had subsided a little, Breitman doesn't say that in the Articles | went ahead to explain more conof War, but that is the fact. cretely what he proposed. The That is the fact that stood out proposition could be divided into above all others, and it is the two parts, he asserted. fact that we should be concerned with, not the fancy fictions. soldiers in the United States.

"This fact was understood by Surely, he said, there could be every commanding officer, and no practical obstacle to prevent this fact is the explanation for their being given trials, just as the thousands of miscarriages any other citizen would be, in civilian courts with cases inof justice in military trials in the civilian courts. Breitman paused, and no one objected, so World War II.

"It explains why soldiers were he proceeded. court-martialled in some cases the case of soldiers serving over- martial now in effect: The sumand not even reprimanded in seas. For them he proposed the mary court-martial, involving

**Army Court Martial** 

"SUPER FORS" NS OKINAWA

"Well-what have you to say for yourself?" losing their lives?" and so on and way the commanding officer

wants it made. so on. "We propose the complete "In cases involving serious of-

fenses," Breitman replied, "where abolition of the summary courtyou are considering serious pun- martial, and the institution of ishment, then I certainly main- only one court-martial combintain that the proper time and ing the powers of both the presattention should be given to consideration of the merits of the martial. But this single court- He stated that he had been At this the Committee member relapsed in to silence. Since the present court-martial bodies

there were no other questions, Richardson took the floor. **RICHARDSON SPEAKS** 

Milton Richardson had spent four years in the Army, two of them in the thick of the European campaign, where he was wounded. He still limps from this wound, and still bears, like scars on his mind, the memory of the

Jim-Crow treatment Negro soldiers received in "the most democratic Army in the world."

> "For example, if a staff sergeant was on trial, no one would sit on the jury who was higher in rank than staff sergeant. If a captain was on trial, no one would sit on the jury who outanked a captain. And so on."

The chairman of the Advisory

said: "Just a minute, you mean



(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Sept. 13. - The wave of terrorism against Negroes here is now being extended to include Mexicans and Chinese.

Adrian Lazano, an architec-O tural draftsman of Mexican des- them to have anything to fight cent, and his wife moved into a back with." They attacked Mrs. flat at 907 S. Loomis St., on Sept. Johnson and threatened to shoot 7. There are numerous Mexicans all the Negroes that they didn't and Negroes two blocks away. but | burn out.

A Negro entertainer was bruthe neighborhood announced: "We won't tolerate you." Late tally beaten and thrown through that evening, two windows were a plate-glass window by white and alongside them are shown fought to withdraw American broken. The next morning the hoodlums in Calumet City. The minus-signs indicating where troops from foreign soil? How police arrested the victim, Willlandlord asked them to move. iam Hays, according to the Chi-Two men and a woman entered

cago Defender. the Jane Lee Restaurant, a Hays stated that when he went Chinese restaurant at 1205 East 55th St. on the night of Sept. 6. Mrs. Lee pointed out that it head with a bottle. As I staggerwas nearly 10 p.m., when the restaurant closed. Using abusive up and threw me through the fanguage, one of the white men, later identified as R. Blacksley, door. attacked Mr. Lee, knocking him

down and blackening his eyes. quartette were seeking employ- side of the fence. His friend held down one of the ment at the night clubs in Caluother Chinese, while Mr. Lee was met City. "We were told by the beaten up. management that Negroes are

Meanwhile the wave of terror not allowed to enter their places." against Negroes continues unabated. Mrs. M. Crawford and Mrs. Almedia Cauley who live at 329 the owner, Paul Young, to move. through Aug. 31 this year, there voted right on the issues where first place. were 17 cases of Negro homes they committed themselves openset afire, two of them a second ly; but on some issues they either would be burned if the Negroes were not evicted. of assaults on Negroes on the

Two men forced their way at streets, and three clashes on pubthe point of a gun into the apart- Ici beaches.

ment of Mrs. Martha Johnson, Arrests were made in only two incendiary cases, 329 W. 22nd Place, after her 16of the year-old daughter, Laura, open- and none in the cases of assaults. ed the door. They ransacked the In another case where a white sues and were either absent or apartment, claiming they were man was found pouring gasoline searching for weapons. "We are on the steps of a hotel occupied going to run all the niggers out," by Negroes, he was given probathey stated, "and we don't want tion.



sustain the economy, the cap-, Week, Sept. 14. For tomorrow's italists are required to invest profits, Wall Street wants furth- Congress some labor and Negro record shows they are both the over \$20 billion dollars annually er inflation of prices and furth- leaders told us was "progressive" stooges of Wall Street and the in plants and equipment. They are spending only half that. er slashing of wages. But-the less than two short years ago! Committee interrupted then and Where is the market for ex- mighty American labor move-



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\* SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

The Record of Congress

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has published in the Aug.-Sept. issue of NAACP Bulletin a record of how the members

of the 79th Congress acted on 11 bills and petitions of importance to the Negro people. These measures included the poll tax, FEPC, price control, housing for veterans, employment, the Case anti-labor bill, protection of agri-

cultural packing workers, minimum wages, free school lunches, civil liberties and anti-lynching legislation. Every Negro voter should acquaint himself

with how the members of Congress acted on these questions and the NAACP Bulletin serves a useful function in making this easy. The Congressmen's names, parties and states are given,

CLOSE CHECK

he was voting.

on the record.)

they voted wrong, and plusmany tried to get independence signs where they voted right. for Puerto Rico and other Am-

The first thing that strikes erican colonies? you as you look through the al-

into a restaurant and asked to most four pages of this record is If we had the record on these be served, "I was hit over the the fact that the great majority and similar questions, then we of the marks are minus-signs. would see the truth: The Negro ed, several white men picked me Look a little closer, and you see people and their allies in the that in this respect there is no labor movement have virtually plate glass window of the front difference between the Demo- no pepresentatives they can crats and the Republicans. Most count on in Congress. Hays and other members of a of both of them are on the wrong

THE LESSON

What is the lesson to be drawn from all this? The NAACP Bul-Having a few spare minutes, I letin says: "Elect better men to checked the record even more Congress!" Sounds simple. The Mayor's Commission on closely. In the Senate, where 96 doesn't it? So simple that it

Human Relations in a recent names are listed, the NAACP makes you wonder how such a press release, reports that their found that only 11 voted right gang of anti-Negro, anti-labor W. 22nd Place, were advised by records show that from Feb. 26 every time. An additional six politicians got into office in the

The NAACP as an organization refuses to engage in poli-"guard." There were six reports someone voting the opposite way, rich white "friends" if it did.) so that neither had to show how All it does is print the record.

But when a Negro goes to the In the House of Representatives voting booth, he has to make a where 433 names are shown, only decision - that is, he has to 31 voted right on every issue, engage in politics. The question while 57 voted right on some is- is: What kind of politics?

The members of Congress are paired on other issues. (It goes not merely individuals, who hapwithout saying that some of pen to vote one way or another these absences were "convenient" just because they 'are "better" and that the purpose of pairing politicians. Above all, they are is usually not to show a bad vote members of political parties -

chosen by those parties, pledged Even if all these are given the to the programs of those parties, benefit of the doubt - and they responsible to those party machshouldn't be — then less than ines. And the thing common to one-fifth of Congress as a whole them all is that they engage in could be counted to vote as the capitalist party politics.

majority of the people wanted That is what the Negro has them to vote. (Without the to remember as he goes to the doubtful ones, it would be less polls. The government is run by than one-tenth.) And this is the two capitalist parties, and the enemies of the working people. Even that doesn't give the The thing to do is to break with



civilian court trial for serious "But, of course, not all offenses are serious," he said, "and we do not propose to clutter up

ent summary and special courtsmartial body, we propose, shall warned by John Becker, 312 W. be constituted differently than 22nd Place, that his building time while police were on were absent or "paired" with tics. (It might lose some of its are

"At present, as you know, the

"Consequently, I want to take INTERRUPTION In the second place, there was up the other two kinds of court-

#### ury is composed exclusively of officers. The result is that generally members of the courtmartial body are subservient to the commanding officer who appointed them. This is one of the

Richardson began by expressing support for the proposal of

volving sentences of six months'

fenses were charged in both.

"It explains why there were such widely different punishments issuing from courts-mar- lilians or from among the memtial called to consider identical bers of the armed forces. offenses.

"It explains the disproportionobjected:

ately severe sentences which "So that's what you propose A single officer, appointed by have come to be associated with -- to have a lot of delay for court the commanding officer, merely courts-martial - so severe that trial and so on, while the fight- listens to the witnesses and then a great portion of them were ing is going on and men are makes the decision, generally the

## **Stalinist Machine Retains Control At UE Convention**

(Special to The Militant) |Matles received 2,997 to Bartho-| candidates. In this task he was joined not only by James Carey MILWAUKEE, WIS., Sept. lomew Enright's 556. As a result of the complexion but the Stalinist UE leaders as 13-The Stalinist machine was easily able to defeat the given to the convention by the well.

fight over this question, there bid for power made by the redwas little discussion of the imbaiting group known as "UE portant issues facing the 550,000 for Democratic Action" at the members of the union. Neverthe-11th Convention of the United less, a number of delegates were Electrical, Radio and Machine able to get the floor and make est CIO union, which was held progressive proposals, especially here this week. Four different locals presented

The Stalinists had no serious the convention with resolutions difficulties in retaining their calling for the creation of an ingrasp on the union leadership dependent labor party, and three. because the opposition had no colled for a "third party" organprogram of its own, other than ized by the trade unions. red-baiting. Led by Harry Block, Camden RCA Local 103, for president of the UE District 1 example, declared: and James Click of Local 1102, "We have already been put off policy of stalling on the fight for St. Louis, the "UE for Demo- too long by the lame excuse that immediate wage raises to offcratic Action" group had nothing "the time is not ripe' for a labor set the rise in living costs. It to offer the delegates but witchparty; therefore be it resolved calls for united action by the hunt resolutions against "comthat we want an Independent UE, United Steelworkers, Uni-

munists." Labor Party NOW!" A delegate from Local 301 unions sometime in the future This even placed the Stalinist bureaucrats in the position where stated that "the people we elec- when wage raises will be sought. they could pose as the champions ted slammed the door in our face of democracy by reaffirming the when we asked them for a little also took the opportunity to atunion's position to unite all the favor.". Thomas Fitzpatrick, Westing- a sliding scale of wages or costworkers of the industry into the union "regardless of craft, age, house Local 601 of East Pitts- of-living bonus to compensate sex, nationality, race, creed or burgh, who gave general support the workers for rising living costs. to the policies of the UE leaders, As usual, they used demagogic political belief."

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of backing the lesser of two evils. purpose of the sliding scale of Although former UE President This is just sweating and work- wages. James B. Carey, now CIO secreing for company unions. The Stalinists also backtracked "We find that after we sweat- on the incentive pay sell-out tary-treasurer, threw his full support behind the red-baiters, the ed and worked for Congressmen, they pushed so strongly during Stalinists won the elections for we have got to go down to Wash- the war. Without apologizing or the three top posts by an over- ington to keep them in line and explaining their previous scabby whelming majority. President we don't keep them in line most role they called for safeguards, Albert Fitzgerald got 3,092 votes of the time. We must look toward no further introduction of incento 525 for Harry Block; Secre- a people's labor party." tive pay, and establishment of Jack Kroll, head of CIO-PAC, day work. The 30-hour week and tary-Treasurer Julius Emspak got 2,994 to James Click's 554; was present to swing support to a guaranteed annual wage were Organization Director James the policy of endorsing capitalist also endorsed.

extension of civilian court trial fine and restriction but no imand procedure, with civilian prisonment; and the special judges, and juries to be selected court-martial, involving punisheither from among American civ- | ment up to, but not exceeding, six months' imprisonment.

WAGE POLICY

icy continues the CIO leaders'

ted Auto Workers and other CIO

In the discussion the Stalinists

tack the growing movement for

stated: "We are sick and tired arguments and falsified the real

imprisonment or less.

"The summary court-martial Again, the Committee member is, on the face of it, the least democratic of all courts-martial.

would like that fine. You would have a better Army that way." The chairman still did not think such a procedure would be "fair." Apparently, he preferred the present set-up, where all enlisted men are tried by of-

ficers. "Similarly," Richardson continued, "in connection with Ne-

gro soldiers, we propose that Negroes be permitted to sit on court-martial juries, especially where Negro soldiers are being

tried.' chairman interrupted The again: "All-Negro juries, do you

mean?" "No," said Richardson, To make this position look a

mean that they shall have the dollars. little more palatable to the delesame right to sit on juries as gates, the Stalinists tacked on a section to their PAC resolution. other soldiers." And then he went ahead to conclude: This part said that the election "To be effective and prevent of "people's candidates" (meanpressure on them, men on juring Democrats and Republicans)

in 1946 "will lay the basis for a other than those involved in the People's Party in 1948 if the Re-trials. ies should be chosen from units publican and Democratic Parties

continue to refuse to heed the is a new set of Articles of War will of the American people." and Court-Martial Manuals, not merely a few piddling reforms. A resolution on UE Wage Pol-

"Only in this way can you insure genuine justice in the armed forces and put an end to the abuses which are responsible for this hearing today."



panded production?

monopolists withhold commodities for higher prices.

GLUT BEGINS And on Aug. 27, the Department of Commerce reported the beginnings of the glut that sooner or later means closed-down

factories and mass unemployment. Value of manufacturers' inventories reached an all-time

high in July of nearly 18 billion The source of Wall Street's

despairing outlook is the possibilities of lowered profits. Next year, the profits tax rebates will end. Carry-back provisions will cease to operate. And, as one financial commentator let slip in the Sept. 5 N. Y. "What is required, therefore, Times: "Prices are too high,

real wages in terms of purchasing power are too low . The domestic market is shrinking.

"Where the stock market is concerned it's always tomorrow's profits that determine today's prices," says Business



ment stands astride its path. whole picture. After all, there both of them, refuse to support Where to turn? More and were a great many important is- the candidates of either of them. more Wall Street beats the drum sues besides the 11 picked by We will gain our second emancifor a new war adventure. Its the NAACP. What about the pation by supporting the indepromises of peace, plenty and questions of foreign policy? How pendent labor candidates, white security under capitalism can many took the right stand on and Negro, who strive to create find only one fulfillment: Atomic | policies leading inevitably to an- a Workers and Farmers Govannihilation in World War III. other world war? How many ernment.

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#### Housing Crisis In New Jersey - By Alan Kohlman -

#### SWP Candidate for Governor of New Jersey

The Generals And The Admirals

- By George Breitman

world.

Why Vets Have "Mental Disturbances"

- By Alvin Royce -

Who Wants Amalgamation?

-By Henry Adams-

While thousands of homeless veterans and workers are clamoring for housing in New Jersey, two luxury race tracks have been rushed



to completion under the benevolent blessings of the Republican-Edge administration. The State Legislature buried in committee an emergency housing appropriation for 10 million dollars, but threequarters of this sum has been poured into the Atlantic City and Monmouth Park tracks. The 3½ million dollar Atlantic track was rushed to completion while only a mile

away, work on a veterans' emergency housing unit has almost ceased for "lack of materials." This sharp contrast between state treatment for gamblers and state indifference to the veterans sums up the entire matter.

The 1939 referendum which again legalized racing was pushed through by a bloc of the Democratic - Hague and Republican - "Nocky" Johnson forces. So far both boss parties have failed to take any decisive action for housing. Here, again, the workers and veterans have astriking lesson in how the Republicans and Democrats bloc together to aid gambling interests while they sabotage housing. When public pressure forced publication of the names of the Monmouth track stockholders, a large number of politicians of the county were found to be share-holders!

Generals and admirals are used to having

dare to dispute their stupidest

remarks, account for their

often saying what they think.

In this respect they are a little

different from politicians, who

are trained generally not to

"It's nobody's damn busi-

ness where we go; we will go

anywhere we please." That's

what Admiral Halsey said last

say what they think.

their own way. That fact, and the fact that

they are surrounded with yes-men who do not

month, and that's exactly what he meant. He

was answering the criticism about the U.S. Navy's

fleet going to Greece. He meant it was not the

Soviet Union's business - or Greece's; he also

meant it was the business only of the U.S. gov-

ernment and the brass hats. That is, it wasn't

Eisenhower a few days later. Former War Pro-

duction Chairman Donald P. Nelson had just

published a book revealing that the Army had

tried to take over the country's economy during

the war. Eisenhower denied this, adding as a

clincher: "The Army wants no domination of

course means the big brass. But since when has

the brass got the right to "dominate" even the

When Eisenhower says "the Army," he of

The same idea was expressed by General

the business of the American people.

anything but its own affairs."

Veterans' Problems

for emergency housing built under state auspices. As far back as August, 1945, the State CIO urged Governor Edge to call a special session of the Legislature on housing and price control. Edge refused. Since that time one veteran's

Thus while there is air-conditioning for these. elaborate tracks, there have only been 10 homes.

action. Nothing has been done. Within the past three weeks, Edge has twice again refused demands of veteran organizations for a special session. Edge blames the shortage of supplies, he blames the Democrats in Washington, he blames his opponents for "unfair criticism" — in fact, he blames everyone but himself and his Administration for permitting the aggravation of a most serious housing crisis.

The strongly organized racing interests, like the even more powerful corporations, have Edge on their side. But the veterans are organizing and consolidating too. And heavy mass pressure has now forced the Republicans to finally consider a special session on housing before the elections, for fear of "impairing their chances in November." I doubt, however, that many eterans or workers will place much confidence. in the election promises of the Republicans.

Rather, the heavy pressure which has forced Edge to promise a special session carries its own lesson — that only organized mass action by the unions and veterans can bring relief

posed to have that right?

project three-quarters completed.

pite Congress' failure to approve it.

**Minnesota SWP** organization after another has insisted on state **Candidates To Speak On Radio** 

#### Three Weekly Talks **Scheduled for October**

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 12 and made history his favorite -A contract was signed here subject.

today with Radio Station WMIN for three 15-minute radio talks to be made by the Socialist Workers Party candidates. C. K. Johnson, campaign manager, announced that War- agricultural products. He workren Creel. SWP candidate for 3rd District Congressman, would sugar fields and on railroad labor speak on Oct. 15 at 10:30 p.m.; Grace Carlson, candidate for U, S. Senator, on Oct. 22, 10:30 employment relief in Louisiana. p.m.: and Dorothy Schultz, can- Later he left the South and joindidate for 4th District Congressman, on Oct. 29 at 10:30 p.m. AFL.

PLAN DISTRIBUTION

Plans are also underway for a affairs of the Army? Isn't Congress alone supstate-wide distribution of the special Minnesota election edi-Yes, Congress is supposed to, but more and tion of The Militant. 30,000 copmore the brass hats are taking over. Long beies of this election edition have been ordered. Several thousand of these will be distributed in the working class neighborhoods of

Motor caravans will visit smaller industrial towns in Minnesota and many farming communities to distribute other thousands of copies of the SWP campaign paper.

The generals and admirals sincerely think that the military way of life is the best. All they have to do is issue commands, and millions of people have to execute them. No fuss, no bother, no back-talk, no "labor trouble." Could anything be more efficient? No one had more admiration for the way Mussolini "made the trains run" than the brass hats. They would like to "make the country run" that way too. And the Minneapolis 1, or 540 Cedar

The labor movement had better open its eyes and see what is going on. The brass hats who tried to take over the country during the war have not changed their colors. The danger of military dictatorship remains - and will grow as the threat of a Third World War grows. Either labor will curb the expanding power and arrogance of the generals and the admirals, or all of labor's rights and gains will be threatened,

#### fore Congress voted to authorize the Bikini atomic bomb maneuvers, the admirals had picked the men, the ships and the place, and had the St. Paul and Minneapolis. Congress adjourned without acting on the "Inter-American Military Cooperation Bill" to integrate al lof Latin America into the U.S. military machine. But Eisenhower has just returned from a Latin-American tour where he made arrangements for executing this plan des-

On October 5 a Campaign Carnival will be held in the Minneapolis SWP headquarters to raise funds for the campaign. Additional funds are being solicited from members and friends of the SWP in Minnesota. Militant readers are asked to send contributions to the campaign headquarters, 10 South 4th Street.

**Threat By Edge** 

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 11ing truck drivers was bitterly of this demonstration.

Socialist Workers Party candi- ed as one of the leaders of the date for Governor, in a state- Burlington County WPA strike, Socialist Workers Party for lo-

## **MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES**

California Socialist Workers Party Names

**Roberts For Governor, Rogalin For Senate** 

#### **Milton Richardson** Candidate for Lt. Governor

of New York State Milton Joseph Richardson was born in New Iberia, Louisiana in 1913. He attended school there

Like most Negro youth in the deep South, Richardson went to work at an early age. His employment record reads like a list of Louisiana's industries and ed in the salt mines, rice fields, gangs. During the depression of the 1930's, he participated in demonstrations for jobs and un-

ed the Dining Car Waiters Union,

For four years he rode the trains, waiting on tables and suffering the Jim Crow practices orders.

Jim Crow and brutality in the Army only served to re-affirm the need for socialism. Imdustrial trade and became a mediately upon his return to the welder, joining the Boilermak-United States, Milton Richarders' Union, AFL. In 1942 he was son plunged once again into the drafted and served two years active work of building the Sooverseas in Signal Corps, Anti- cialist Workers Party in Harlem Aircraft and Quartermaster -The Ghetto of the Negro peo-Truck companies in the Euro- | ple in New York.

#### George Breitman Candidate for U.S. Senate from New Jersey

George Breitman was born in Newark, N. J., in 1916. He entered the Trotskyist movement at the age of 19.

At the same time he became one of the leaders of the New Jersey unemployment movement. In 1936 he played a prominent ole in the unemployed occupation of the State Legislature, which lasted for over a week. He wrote the pamphlet issued by the Workers Alliance, The Trenton Siege by the Army Governor Edge's threat to of Unoccupation, which recorduse state police against strik- ed the history and significance

Breitman has written severa

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**Milton Richardson** 

SWP Candidate

for Lieut.-Gov.

Gloria Wall

Sandy Robertson

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

116 University Place

Later that year he was arrest-

an anti-war candidate of the

#### By Al Lynn

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13. — The California District of the Socialist Workers Party, represented by delegates from branches in Northern and Southern California, last week nominated Steve Roberts as candidate for Governnor and Cynthia Rogalin as candidate for State Senator in

a write-in campaign in the D November elections. This | State Senator, formerly a memweek an additional candi- ber of the UAW-CIO, is a candate for State Senator will be nery worker, and a member of nominated from the San Fran- the Seafarers International Uncisco Bay Area. \$1,000 in cash

ion. During the war she was a and pledges was raised as an member of the AFL Boilermakers initial fund at the enthusiastic union at Calship, where she opening election meeting on Sept. fought for admitting Negroes into the union on full equality, and for the abolition of Jim-Crow

World War I, is well known in lo-Comrade Rogalin is running against Senator Tenney, head of the California "Little Dies" committee. She will be his only opponent for the office, as Tenney also is running on both the Democratic and Republicar sit-down strike. He is an active tickets.

member of the NAACP, and has Because of the reactionary nabeen in the Trotskyist movement ure of California election laws. for more than ten years. which require almost a quarter

Roberts' opponent. Governor of a million signatures of regis-Earl Warren, is running on both tered voters who did not vote in the Democratic and Republican tickets. He won both nomina- the primary, the SWP candidates tions by cross-filing in the prim- will campaign on a write-in balary election. Notorious for his lot. reactionary policies. Warren is

A series of radio broadcasts in every sense a candidate of the and public meetings is being Chamber of Commerce which planned and will be announced erves both capitalist parties. Cynthia Rogalin, candidate for within a week.

## Los Angeles Labor Organizes **Demonstration Against Smith**

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13. — Three hundred workers here picketed a conference last Thursday at the Embassy Auditorium called by Gerald L. K. Smith. Called by the CIO Council, the picket line was >

given full support by the So- |he plans to build up a mass meeting on Sunday, Sept. 22 at Polycialist Workers Party. technic High School.

Steve Roberts and Cynthia The Mobilization for Demo-Rogalin, SWP candidates for cracy, anti-fascist conference, Governor and State Senator, who arranged for different organizawere both on the picket line, istions to picket these meetings on sued the following joint stateeach of the five days.

ment : Smith was able to hold his "Smith must not be permitted series of conferences relatively to deliver his fascist attacks on unmolested, mainly because of labor and minority groups! More the "hush-hush" policy of the and more workers are coming to Stalinists. Several CIO unionists realize that passive resistance is reported that the Stalinists, who not enough. Los Angeles labor is are in control of the leadership determined to stop Smith - in of the CIO, made no effort to Minneapolis style. We are confi- rally the union forces. These dent that Smith and his fascist workers found out about the cohorts will be driven from Los picket line only through the So-Angeles.' cialist Workers Party.

Prominent among the slogans All anti-fascist forces are girdon the picket line was: "We ing themselves for the demonsdrove him out of Minneapolis - tration which will take place on We'll drive him out of Los An- Sept. 22 at the Polytechnic High

A short while ago the Army announced that 500.000 men had been discharged for "mental disturbances." Just the other day the Veterans ed that Administration a

times forget how to assemble a rifle in the Army but there is no ex-GI who can say he forgot

you met him outside the PX? You may somedenounced by Alan Kohlman,





pean Theater of Operations. In Europe, he witnessed the terrible slaughter and destruction of war. The French lan-

## guage was no barrier to one born in Louisiana, and Richardson was able to carry on political

discussions with hundreds of and segregation which he had militant workers in France. The sought to escape in the South. brass broke him from sergeant to In 1938 he joined the Socialist private for fraternizing with Eu-Workers Party and became one ropean workers against Army of its active members. When World War II began, Richardson took advantage of the opportunity to learn an in-



'three out of five claims for disability pensions are neuropsychiatric in origin." By far the most abused of the war casualties have been those yets whom the Army terms "mentally disturbed."

Nowhere in any of their announcements do the Army or the Veterans Administration explain what causes all these "mental disturbances' or how they intend to cure them.

Psychiatrists say the major cause for mental illness in the Army was the inability of the GI to adjust himself to his "new and strange surroundings." Think back at what was hard to adjust to in the Army. It wasn't the training you got with weapons, map reading or how to camouflage your gun position. The GI had a special word for what really bothered him. It was "chicken."

Who could adjust himself to being restricted to the barracks for a week because someone in the platoon left his shoes untied? Or having to clean stoves till three in the morning because you forgot to say "sir" to an officer when

The strength of the movement for amalgama-

On The Railroads -

"gentlemen" and enlisted men were only second-class citizens.

But the GI's second-class citizenship didn't end when he left the Army. Veterans are the lowest-paid and the last-hired of all workers. USES reports that of all veterans sent out for jobs, 4 per cent are hired while 7 per cent of all non-veterans are hired. Homeless vets must walk the streets while night club and race track owners pay black market prices for the building materials vets so desperately need. Then the vet finds that decent clothing and furniture are unavailable even if he manages to raise the fabulous prices these items bring today.

The proposed solution to this problem given by the New York Veterans Service Committee, with offices on swanky Park Avenue, is a half dozen more doctors. Adequate medical treatment for needy veterans is absolutely necessary, of course, but medical treatment alone is not the solution.

You also need to put an end in the Army to the caste system and outside the Army to the system of unemployment and shortages of housing and other necessities.

one of the few successful strikes press.

strike.

'LOOKS OTHER WAY'

"Every time labor or the veterans need something, Governor Edge looks the other way," the SWP candidate declared: "But every time the unions must fight for their rights, Edge is on hand with a club.

pamphlets about the problems "Over the united protest of facing labor and the Negro peothe entire union movement, he ple, the most recent being Warjammed the strikebreaking S-91 time Crimes of Big Business, Bill down the unions' throats. In published just before he entered the recent cannery dispute in the Army in 1943. He was editor Camden, he was busily engaged of The Militant from 1941 to in preparing to break the strike 1943, and prior to that edited by shifting supplies to other the New Jersey Workers Voice canneries. Now he is threatenand The Hunger Fighter. ing the truck drivers. In 1940, 1941 and 1942 he was

ANTI-LABOR

"This anti-labor activity of the Governor is in marked contrast to the fact that he can find no time to draft a workable plan for housing. Likewise, he could not find time to call a special session as requested by the CIO, to handle rent and price control.

Aus. Trotskyist Youth Group Democrats."

cal and state office. of WPA workers in the country. He was drafted into the Army Subsequently, he was elected State Administrative Secretary an enlisted man in the European of the Workers Alliance. In this position he played an important part for many years in assisting ent he is writing a pamphlet on local CIO and AFL unions on the Army.

geles." This slogan referred to School. The MFD has endorsed recent complete rout of Smith's the call for a picket line, which in 1943 and spent two years as forces by the aroused Minneapol- was unanimously passed at the is workers. Songs sung on the last meeting of the CIO Council. picket line included "Solidarity This is a step forward since last Theater of Operations. At pres- Forever," and "Hold the Fort." year, when the Stalinists resisted Smith's conference was one of a similar demand almost up to a series of five through which the last moment.



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<sup>®</sup> 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!

tion of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is best demonstrated in 'the fact that it is forcing the top railway labor bureau-

crats to move. In the August issue of the BLF&E magazine, President D. F. Robert-

son is suddenly very concerned over the evil effects of dual unions for enginemen. He points out that the division weakens the enginemen in every fight. He bemoans the wastefulness of separate headquarters, separate staffs of officers and Grand Lodge personnel, separate convention, separate Divisions and Lodges, separate Local and General Grievance Committees and Legislative Boards. He laments the policy of raiding other unions. with no actual increase in the organized strength of railway labor. And he poses the question of amalgamation, asking the members to send in an attached postcard expressing their views.

Progressive unionists, who for years have fought the splitting, craft-ridden organizing policies of Robertson and his kind, will ask themselves: Why Robertson's sudden interest in unity? Why does he now admit that the \$475,000 spent by the BLF&E in 1946 for organizing was "money thrown down a rat hole?" Why does he pretend it is necessary to get a postcard expression of opinion from the members?

The answer is not hard to find. For the first time, the demands of the ranks for amalgama-

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tional instrument in the Consolidation Committee of Enginemen. In less than six months, the CCE has spread to the major railroad centers. In July alone, new Districts were organized in Chicago, Grand Rapids, Portland, New Orleans, Brewster, O., Round Lake, N. Y. The rapidfire growth of the CCE is serving notice on the bureaucrats that this time the men are determined that the movement for consolidation is not going to be derailed. David Robertson sees this, too, His bureau-

cratic control, his do-nothing policy-yes, likely, his soft job-are at stake.

Actually, as a CCE bulletin points out. "Robertson does not want consolidation: he just wants to give it lip-service to try to fool us a while longer . . . While he speaks about consolidation with his tongue in his cheek, he takes actions which can do nothing but drive the wedge deeper to split the organizations . . At his Cleveland office he proceeds to appoint 30 more General organizers to send out in the field and raid the BLE and keep the pot boiling ... and deepen the split ...

"We say the leaders will not make a serious or honest attempt to consolidate the two organizations ... a large number of high-paying jobs are at stake and the leaders don't intend doing anything which will eliminate some of these jobs . We say the members should join with us in the CCE and we will hammer out a program which will consolidate the two organizations at the next conventions in spite of any Grand Lodge Officer or Officers that try to block CON-SOLIDATION."

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