# **Pittsburgh Labor Smashes Power Strike Ban**

# **Court Dissolves Injunction When** 70,000 Go Out

# BULLETIN

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 30. - The striking power workers are VOL. X - No. 40 maintaining their picket lines. By a vote of 1,170 to 553 they voted Saturday night to reject the Duquesne Light & Power Company's meager offer.

AFL streetcar operators, employed by an affiliate of Duquesne Light Co., voted Sunday to respect power-workers picket lines, despite AFL leaders' demands they go through the lines. Business and transportation are at a virtual standstill.

City officials, courts and press are howling at the determined power-workers. Several top CIO and AFL officials have treacherously joined the boss chorus against the strikers. Negotiations, at the moment, are stale-mated.

# By Eloise Gordon and William Carloy

(Special to The Militant)

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27-The mightiest united labor upsurge in this steel and coal center's history yesterday smashed to pieces the strikebreakwalked cast in defiance of a court order last Tues- Housewives Storm City Hall ing injunction against the power workers who day.

A wave of sympathy had initiated the injunction. strikes that threatened They stalled around just long to burst into a general enough to cook up a face-saving city - wide shutdown formula and then frantically appealed to the judges to reverse forced the injunction-court to themselves. The judges in turn, free George Mueller, power work-ers union president, from a year's ed the injunction dissolved and fail sentence. released Mueller after one day of The three-man judge's panel

a year's sentence. had kangarooed Mueller to prison without a jury trial for allegsweeping as any ever issued. It ed "contempt of court" because he declared the injunction a "scrap of paper."

# WORKERS JUBILANT

Jubilant over their tremendous ed the strike itself! victory and inspired by the support from all sections of labor, the 3,500 members of the Independent Association of Duquesne Light & Power Company Em- ployer-dominated courts could ployes are continuing the power destroy the right to strike and strike that has brought this city impose forced labor. to the verge of paralysis.

In a scene without parallel in the history of American labor, representatives of the Democratic City Administration that had called for the injunction yesterday pleaded with the judges to strikebreaking broke spontanwithdraw the injunction.

Inside and outside the County Court House a shouting mass demonstration of more than 10,-000 workers was on hand to demand justice. The demonstrators included every section of organized labor - CIO steel and electrical workers, AFL street car employes, railroad men. More than 70.000 steel, electrical, municipal transportation and other workers were already on strike, and new walkouts were scheduled to follow.

**EXPLOSIVE OUTBURST** So infuriated were the Pittsburgh workers by the injunction and imprisonment of Mueller that a storm against judicial

> eously. Everywhere, on the streets, in shops, on street cars, (Continued on Page 2)

The blanket injunction was as

# **Union** Leader **Ruled off Air**

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27. Acting on the "suggestion" of Democratic Mayor Lawrence, Radio Station WWSW tonight cancelled a scheduled radio broadcast by George Mueller. president of the independent union of striking power work-

Mueller was to speak a

10 p.m. Instead, WWSW offi-

cials said, a statement by

Mueller was "read as a regular

news bulletin . . . because a

personal radio appearance

might tend to disturb the in-

terests involved during this

delicate time of negotiations."

ports: "A source close to the

The Pittsburgh Press re-

today.

**RADIO APPEAL** 



# DEMOCRATS CONSPIRING TO BAR MINORITY PARTIES Beating Drum With Both Arms

# **In Toledo In Demand For Meat**

(Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 28 - A fighting delegation of housewives held a demonstration in City Hall yesterday afternoon to protest the meat famine and to demand corrective action by federal and

of meat anyway?" one of the housewives, Mrs. Theda Hitts, Organized in the Housewives was reported as asking. The Emergency Committee. the woquestion gives expression to the men demanded that the Mayor not only forbade picketing and "send a telegram to President ideas being raised by housewives throughout the country. And once the housewives, supported by the labor movement, are in action, they will be a force to contend with.

> The housewives also called on Martel Protests gency commission of housewives with full authority to investi-

DETROIT, Mich.—Frank Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, this

week gave full support to the Socialist Workers Party's fight against eviction from its headized for action around the above quarters at 6108 Linwood Ave. In a letter to Arthur Burch, SWP Detroit organizer, Martel declared his opposition to attempts made by reactionary and fascist elements to evict the Socialist Workers Party on the grounds that Negroes attend its meetings, at the headquarters in "white" neighborhood.

"The Constitution of the



### been signed-sealed-and-delivered The Democratic Party has thrown all democratic pretenses to the wind. It is hell-bent to deprive not one or KANGAROO COURT even two, but EVERY minority party of its constitutional rights, by having them ruled off the New York state ballot.

The Wall Street bullies are on the rampage. Their tice here as a Negro on trumped-United States guarantees to Ne- motto is "get tough"-"get tough" in foreign policy and up rape charges would have begroes the same rights it guar- "get tough" at home-tough to the labor movement, to fore a Mississippi court.

# Plot To Throw SWP Ticket, **3** Other Parties Off Ballot

# BULLETIN

As we go to press decision is pending from the Court of Appeals in Albany presided over by Judge James P. Hill, on the Democratic Party action to remove the Socialist Workers Party and three other minority parties from the ballot. The appeals Court has instructed Judge William H. Murray, the Democratic stooge, to show cause why the case should not be transferred from his court in Try to another court in Albany where the case legally belongs. The action was instituted by attorneys for the Communist Party but it has been joined in by the Socialist Workers Party and the two other parties affected.

# By George Clarke

TROY, N. Y., Sept. 30-The State Supreme Court hearing here on the Democratic Party's appeal to rule minority parties off the ballot is one of the foulest conspiracies against democratic rights in New York history. One has to go back 25 years for anything resembling it. At that time, after World War I, Democrats and Republicans ganged up on nine duly<sup>®</sup>

elected Socialists and where they were filed. They furkicked them out of the ther pointed out that Judge Mur-State Assembly. ray was known to be prejudiced.

A day in the courtrooom here as he had ruled the Communist would convince even a political Part; off the ballot on similar infant that the decision to bar grounds in 1940. The judge mutthe Socialist Worker's Party (Trotskyist), the Communist tered some incomprehensible le-(Continued on Page 6) Party (Stalinist), the Socialist Labor Party. and the Socialist Party from the ballot has already

When To Register In N. Y. State

ed in strictly kangaroo court New York City & style. The four parties have Westchester County about as much chance for jus-Personal Registration Oct. 7-8-9-10-11-5 p.m. -10:30 p.m.

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wives trying to feed their families without meat." The Mayor and City Manager beat a hasty retreat and anounced they were not in when

other acts in furtherance of a Truman requesting government strike — the usual contents of seizure of the meat industry and such injunctions — it prohibitthe operation of the packing plants under the control of the unions to insure a steady supply of meat at prices the majority

city officials.

of the people can afford to pay.' the Mayor to "appoint an emergate every ounce of meat now in

into the city and to guarantee that this meat be equitably disto those who most need it." ORGANIZE ACTION

Thoroughly aroused by the meat shortage, the housewives had come together and organprogram. Then a delegation of 18, carrying five babies, proceeded to City Hall to meet with the Mayor "to protest the inaction of the public' officials in this matter and their apparent indifference to the plight of house-



The big Jones & Laughlin steel plant was down, with 10,000 Westinghouse Electric, out. where 4,300 were out in the morning, saw a total shut-down as 16,500 workers assembled at 2 p.m. for a mass protest rally. Almost all city transportation was halted when the AFL street car workers went out Wednesday.

PLANTS SHUT

Before this display of labor Mayor's office said Mueller power and solidarity ,the city was ruled off the air at the officials and judges quailed. The suggestion of Mayor Lawcity bosses, in connivance with rence." Duquesne Light & Power Co.,

# **Ohio SWP Runs Walker As Candidate For Governor**

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 28 - The State Committee of the Socialist Workers Party today announced the candidacy of Malcolm Walker for Governor of Ohio.

ers.

Walker had previously filed .

sufficient petitions to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for Representative to Congress from the 9th District of Ohio. Capitalist politicians of the two major political parties, fearing a true labor candidate on the ballot, invoked a 17-year old statute to rule off the ballot both Walker and his running mate for General Assembly, Paul Wylie.

This hitherto unused law required that all petitions for a candidate be filed at one time, thus eliminating the chance of candidates to file additional petitions if first filings proved insufficient. It goes without saying that the Democratic and Republican Parties encountered no such difficulty in filing their petitions.

The recent Ohio State CIO convention highlighted the ridi- ert. culous situation in which the leaders, of the Political Action Committee find themselves. On one hand they urged the workers other hand they admitted that abor's support.

The Socialist Workers Party pendent Labor Party based upon has decided to run a candidate the trade unions. for Governor because of the ablabor" candidate in the coming the fact that the workers have that they could encircle the against it? If the atom bomb is people are just beginning to re- called attention most sharply to the question. Personally, I do law of this State. fall elections. PAC leaders who no choice between two "tried USSR even if they wanted to. no danger because its use is going cover from the terrible war dam- the plans of the warmongers. had sold the workers on the De- | and tested" capitalist politicians. ]

**Stalin Knifes Struggle Against War** 

# MALCOLM WALKER

The effect of Stalin's statemocratic incumbent, Governor Lausche, are forced to hide their newspaperman's questions on he believes unconditionally in the ist powers, then war is not an inheads in shame after the kicking Sept. 24 is far more important possibility of friendly and last- evitable result of capitalism; in Soviet Union cannot be encircled er can they find it in their hearts made the statement at this time. to ask the workers to support That statement was, above every-

the fight against war. national Union, stated that the the propaganda preparations for the ground that other countries campaign would be conducted war against the USSR, Stalin will soon discover its secrets and to get out and vote and on the primarily around the issue of in- brushes aside the danger of a that its use will be prohibited dependent labor political action. new war as something which to- anyhow. here was no candidate worthy of The Socialist Workers Party pro- day does not exist. poses the formation of an Inde-

USSR with military bases, Sta- can abolish the causes of war? The write-in campaign for lin evades discussion of the im- If there is no danger of a new tic and international fronts.

antees to other people," Martel the Committe, headed by Mrs. wrote, "and this includes free-Alice Patton, arrived. But the dom of assembly and freedom housewives made their presence of speech; and there is nothing felt with loud protests and suc- in the Constitution that tells ceeded in getting a meeting with where they shall meet and the City Manager's secretary and where they shall not meet." an interview with the press at He urged the SWP to continue which they voiced their demands. its fight for its democratic The local press gave considerable rights, to "see that this (evicspace to the protest demonstration) does not happen," and tion and the Committee's proadded "the rest of us in the gram. It also announced that the community should stand with Mayor had consented to meet vou.' with the Committee spokesmen Martel invited the SWP to

call upon him if he could be "of The Housewives Emergency any assistance to your group in Committee is not letting the this matter."

matter drop with a demonstra-Martel's expression of solidartion, it was announced to the ity is one of scores which have press after the meeting with the reached the SWP from prominent union leaders and militant City Manager's secretary. workers in the Detroit area. (A

further report on recent state-The Committee plans to appeal ments appears on page 2 of this for support of its program by (ssue.) the whole labor movement in To-

ledo, and a volunteer committee Hear Dobbs Oct. 10 to make the appeal to the unions is already at work. Farrell Dobbs, SWP candi-In addition, the Committee is date for Governor of New planning to appear before the York, will discuss the Dem-City Council next Monday in orocratic Party conspiracy der to demand the Council's supagainst democratic rights over port of its program. Station WJZ, 770 on the dial,

"Just where does private pro-Thursday, Oct. 10, 10:45 p.m. erty get the right to deprive us

racial minorities and to the workers' democratic rights.

Labor's immense power and solidarity has frustrated the direct assaults of the union-busters and labor-haters. But Wall Street and its Democratic and Republican flun- on the petition of Spencer Young. keys are aiming flank attacks, seeking a weak spot in Democratic candidate for State labor's defense.

The entire Democratic Party-not just its ultra-reactionary wing—is behind the conspiracy to knock the Socialist Workers Party and three other minority parties off the New York ballot. Tammany Hall, through Mayor out that, according to law, hear-O'Dwyer's Executive Secretary, Louis Cohen, prepared the ings on independent nominating action. Boss Flynn's stooge and Democratic candidate, Spencer Young, initiated the case. The leading Demosilence. And Wall Street puts up the money for the Democrats to hire nine corporation lawyers and buy up "witnesses" for court action.

As for the Republicans, their Secretary of State, who originally certified all the minority parties on the ballot, has proclaimed his "neutrality" in the court case.

Most shameful of all is the attitude of such self-claimed progressive parties as the American Labor and Liberal Parties. Both support the Democratic candidates. Neither has raised its voice against the Democratic conspiracy.

American workers have cause for alarm-and action. After opposition parties are eliminated, there remains only difficult, if not impossible, inthe "Ja" vote like under Hitler. Then come rule by decree. forced labor, storm troopers and, finally, concentra- tions. What the Legislature fortion camps.

Wall Street's Democratic conspiracy to kill democratic rights in New York must be smashed. Working-class solidarity, action and protest can nip this plot in the bud.

**Other Cities & Villages** ment the hearing opened in Judge William H. Murray's court Of 5,000 or More Comptroller. The first skirmish came over a motion of defense attorneys to change the venue of the hearing from Rennselaer to Albany County. They pointed

The proceedings are conduct-

This was clear from the mo-

Personal Registration Oct. 4-5-11-10 a.m.-10 p.m. Oct. 12-7 a.m.-10 p.m. **Outside Of Cities & Villages** Of 5,000 or More **Central Registration** Oct. 5-7 a.m.-10 p.m. Oct. 12-1 p.m.-10 p.m.

LaGuardia describes a number

"The best thing the Democra-

this year . . . is to withdraw all

protests that are based on these

technicalities. The best thing

voting, there is a very close alli-

# Spencer Young, initiated the case. The leading Demo-cratic candidates, Mead and Lehman, give consent by LaGuardia Condemns Attempt **To Bar Minorities From Ballot**

A strong attack on the attempts to bar four minority parties, including the Socialist Workers Party, from the New York State ballot was made by former Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia in his PM column on Sept. 29.

"Unreasonable requirements" for independent nominating peti- to be on the ballot cannot and tions, says LaGuardia, are put should not be questioned . . . "There are many ways to rein the law "intentionally to make strict free citizens from exercising the highest Constitutional dependent nominations by petiright of the franchise. Some do it by the use of a shotgun; others gets the courts remember." by the more refined weapon of

LaGuardia derides the speca judicial decree." tacle of judges sitting on cases involving these petitions. He of the technicalities that may be describes their "afr of solemnity" used, and reports on the develand the "pretended attitude that opment in the current attempt these judges know nothing about to bar four minority parties from the workings of political machthe ballot. Then he concludes: ines" while they go ahead and CLOSE ALLIANCE 'complete the job of disfranchistic Party can do in this State

By George Breitman velopment testifies to the hos- about it? If there can be friend- ed about the threat of another ing thousands of citizens and tility between the USSR and the ly and lasting cooperation be- war. The statement is intended to throwing candidates off the balment in answer to a British capitalist powers, Stalin states tween the USSR and the capital- still their discontent on this lot."

NO IMPARTIALITY

"I cannot think of a single ex- that the Republican Party can ception, at the moment, sitting do is to withdraw moral support (on the bench) who was not to this fight and publicly dispicked by the leaders or bosses avow any connection with the of a political party and then cases now pending. I say, from presented to the voters," La- my own experience of many years, Guardia declares in dismissing that when it comes to independthe "assumed atmosphere of im- ent nominations and independent partiality" in these cases. "This year," he continues, "the ance in this State between the Democrats are moving and seek- two major parties.

But speculation about Stalin's ing to eliminate from the ballot "In the meantime, let all right-minded Americans make While U. S. and British im- teachings were accepted by the statement was undoubtedly to The fact is that Stalinism mis- pendent parties or independent their views known to the politiperialism have surrounded the workers of the world, who alone serve the purposes of the Soviet leads the workers and diverts groups. Whether we like these cal leaders or bosses in plain, unbureaucracy on both the domes- them from the necessary anti- parties or groups, or whether dersta\_dable language. Later on, war struggles at the same time we intend to vote for any of their let's all get together and do a sence of a labor, or even "pro- Walker will be a protest against perialists' intentions and denies war now, why bother to fight On the home front the Soviet that the dismissal of Wallace has and denies has no bearing on real job on revising the election

> "Only the people themselves not intend to vote for any of While every international de- to be prohibited, then why worry age and must be deeply concern- See Page 3 for other articles. these candidates. Yet, their right can control this situation.

member of the Seafarers Inter- lomacy are largely devoted to awful power of this weapon on struggle against war. Thus Sta- lace incident, Stalin is still willlinism gives objective aid to the ing to make a deal with the imwarmongers and undermines the perialists in return for certain Stalin's aim in making this aims is secondary in this place. the candidates of several inde-

around they got from him. Neith- than the reasons why Stalin ing cooperation between them. that case, why is it necessary to and that Stalin's policy will avert While the imperialists work abolish capitalism in order to war. On the international front it is the Republican candidate Herb- thing else, a stab in the back to pile of atomic bombs for use in By spreading these treacherous intended to notify Washington a war that can destroy civiliza- ideas, Stalinism serves to disarm that despite its reaffirmation of

Walker a former seaman and While U. S. and British dip- tion, Stalin tries to belittle the and disorient the workers in the the get-tough policy in the Wal-

revolutionary defense of the So- concessions.

viet Union. What would happen if Stalin's

day and night to create a stock- prevent war?

# PAGE TWO

# THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1946

# Pittsburgh Labor Smashes Power Strike Injunction; Rubber Workers Pittsburgh Labor Smasnes rower Surve municum, Mayor Begs Court To Dissolve Order He Initiated Action On Wages

this brazen threat to labor's to call off a strike without the rights was angrily discussed. The vote of the union, answered: "I street car workers struck after do refuse." they heard the sentiments of rid-GETS THE BOOK

them back.

ing workers. This explosive outburst by Pittsburgh labor climaxed a fight book at him, charged him with of eight month's duration. Three times before, the power workers had gone on strike or threatened to strike for their just wage de- County Jail right then and there. Representatives of the AFL Elecmands and decent working conditions.

After giving Democratic Mayor power workers first struck on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The strike was halted after one hour by the issuance of a temporary injunction against "both" the union and company by Judge John Smart of the State Superior Court on the appeal of Mayor Lawrence, a Democrat elected with labor's votes.

The power workers union then decided to hold up their strike want Mueller!" they surged toand appear in mass at the injunction hearing Tuesday morning, Sept. 24.

COURT HEARING

At 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, 2,500 sentences, the judges forced the power workers jammed the strike leaders to agree to "recomcourt. All had been named as mend" the calling off of the defendants in the court order. strike at a membership meeting As the judges proceeded to con- that same night. vert the "impartial" hearing in- PRESS GLEEFUL to an open attack on the union president, Mueller, the wrath of the courtroom was welcomed the workers mounted.

Brushing aside both the state boss press. They had the strike and federal anti-injunction laws, virtually over in headlines, even the judges extended the tempo- before the workers had met to rary injunction. Then they went hear the proposal.

The proposal which the judges to work on Mueller. They called him back to the stand and arand city officials demanded the rogantly demanded that he apo- workers accept, was a company logize to the court for his public offer of only a five per cent raise. attack on the injunction. The This proposal had been cooked defense attorney's attempts to up in a secret chamber session consult with Mueller during this of judges, company and city ofunexpected proceeding were ficials. The judges ordered the taking up the challenge. summarily ruled out by the strike committee to report this miserly offer favorably to the judge.

Mueller refused to retract. membership-or go to jail. Then the presiding judge asked: That night, 2,500 workers "Do you refuse to call off this jammed the Carnegie Music Hall. strike as far as your authority It was a closed meeting of the is concerned?" union. The meeting started off Mueller, who had no authority orderly. Each of the strike com-

# **600 Militant Akron Students** Win Demands In 5-Day Strike

mation of the Wayne County ready walked out. The Pittsburgh finally slaughtered." best organized student strike in Akron's history ended to-CIO Council and the Wayne CIO Council, AFL central labor Exposing the real role of the day with most of its demands won. Over 600 students of County Political Action Com-Central High School, supported by their parents and hun- body and Railroad Brotherhoods profit-hungry packers, Ollman mittee was accomplished at least had scheduled a special joint said: "All of the talk about black dreds of students from other 9on paper at a one-day conhigh schools, took part in the | demonstrations and picket lines. conference to discuss united market operations serves only to vention in Detroit last month. anti - injunction action. ' Ten The Reutherites, who control the the attention away from five-day strike. Roving bicycle pickets - the stu thousand workers the real situation. The facts are marched dents' flying squads - patrolled Wayne County PAC, still refuse The immediate cause of the around the courthouse. Bannerthe school area. Frequent mass to recognize or abide by the dethat the so-called legitimate busiwalkout was an abrupt increase bearing District 18 CIO Steelmeetings, sometimes three a day, cisions of the convention. nesses, the packing corporations, of about 50 per cent in food workers marched through the The convention itself had been expressed the strikers' solidarity the banker-owned cattle assoprices at the school cafeteria. court-house halls, shouting: looked to as the sparring ring ciations and the livestock specuand determination. and our own candidates." Why high-handed dictatorial 'Junk Injunction!" lators, are imposing an artificial for control of the merged or-The school cafeteria operates Principal J. Ray Stine refused to At about one o'clock, a court ganization. However, the showmeat famine on the American allow student spokesmen to state 50 to 75 cents to get enough to at a profit, Students say it costs clerk came down to the steps of down failed to materialize. A mapeople.' their grievances at an assembly, the court house. The crowd surjority of the Reutherite delegates Altnow himself bore out Olleat, yet "the food tastes like hell." 100 students walked out. and all their leaders boycotted rounded him. On the bulletin The school does not utilize the man's statement when he reportboard of the court house he postthe convention. federal subsidy which would cut ed publicly that steers weighing STRIKE GROWS They charged it was a "comed the notice the workers had as much as 1,300 pounds are be-The strike grew throughout nine cents from the price of a munist plot" to rule the newly demanded: Injunction dissolved! ing sold as "feeders," while northe week. More than 600 stud- meal, on the pretext that this formed Wayne County CIO-A thunderous cheer sounded. mally feeders are bought at only would prevent them from providents refused to return to classes Council-PAC. They also main-The militancy, the united power about 400 pounds. ing a variety of food. This lame until something was done to retained that the convention was duce food prices, guarantee free- excuse was blasted by the strikof labor had crashed through the Packers in South St. Paul tried being called without the sancdom of expression for a strong ers, who show that the only varlegal fictions of the court. Mueltion of the national CIO. feebly to defend themselves strong statements to numerler had called — and they had iety is from bad to worse. student government, to prevent against the union's devastating made the injunction — a scrap STOMP OUT reprisals against the strikers. CHOMALOU SPEAKS charges by claiming that a deof paper! Fourteen of the Reutherite delmand for heavy feeders between All strikers have been read-Chomalou clearly expressed egates indignantly stomped out mitted except George Chomalou, 1,200 and 1,400 pounds has grown the students' thoughts at a meetearly in the morning sessions, up in recent years. Upon further their leading spokesman. He was NOW ON SALE ing Thursday night. protesting the seating of delesummarily expelled two days bequestioning, however, they ad-"When the government wantgations from Ford Local 600 and **Bound Volumes** mitted that this demand does fore the walkout as a "troubleed us to go to war, we were told Packard Local 190, both Stalinnot run to more than five per maker." He is strongly supported that we were men," he said. THE MILITANT ist-dominated. From then on in, cent of the total flow of such by the students, their parents, "Now we are treated like little the Stalinist machine gathered and numerous other people in for ings. types. children and told that we cannot steam, and by the end of the the community. Leading CIO of-In the meantime, cattle have even present our point of view. 1945 afternoon session the throttle ficials here are also being brought been arriving in South St. Paul "We are not satisfied with all was wide open and the machine Cost \$4.50 into the movement to reinstate markets in record-breaking numthis and it is up to us as the hell-bent for the election of "pro-Chomalou. The Board of Edubers. On Monday, 13,000 Monyoung generation to change some Order from labor" Democrats. cation is scheduled to hear his of the ancient ideas and help The "third party idea" was tana and Dakota cattle were case Sept. 30. THE MILITANT herded into stockyard pens create the kind of world that we bitterly assailed in a resolution The strike matched in militant one, of the biggest September really want." presented by the leadership, call-**116 University Place** spirit the traditional qualities of runs in history and highest in His remarks were greated with ing for the support of Murray the Akron labor movement. prolonged applause. A victory New York 3, N.Y. Van Wagoner for Governor and six years. With no ceiling prices There were numerous parades, dance closed the meeting. all other "pro-labor" Democrats. on stockers and feeders, packers Erwin Baur, UAW Local 306 are buying cattle by thousands delegate, roused the floor with a and holding them for future pro-Mail This Coupon With 50c For A 6-Month Subscription To ringing demand for the formacessing at their own prices. tion of a Labor Party. He cited Thousands of packinghouse the damning record of the 79th workers are laid off throughout Congress and its 90-odd PAC-THE MILITANT the country. While UPWA unendorsed members. "Labor must ions are in new contract negolearn to depend on its own powtiations, the packers are using er," he said. "It must elect men A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER mass lay-offs as pressure on the responsible only to labor." Some union in the negotiations. 116 UNIVERSITY PLACE, NEW YORK 3, N. Y. of the other delegates arose to Ollman concluded that "this echo these sentiments. Published in the interests of the working people. shameless maneuvering on the UAW Vice-President Richard part of the meat monopoly is di-The only newspaper in this country that tells the T. Leonard was soon on his feet. rected not only against the packhotly denouncing "any third truth about labor's struggles for a better world. party at the present time. We inghouse workers, but against the small meat packer, the working must support all liberals and You may start my subscription to The Militant for 6 months farmer, the retail butcher and progressive Democrats." he said. I enclose 50 cents (coin or stamps) "A labor party is impractical." the meat-buying public." Send me The Militant at your regular rate of \$1 for 12 months. With the Stalinists agreeing. (See Editorial on Meat Famine, the original resolution was adopt-I enclose \$1 (coin, stamps or Money Order) Page 4.) ed almost unanimously. Although it was supposed to Name **Toledo Readers** (Please Print) be a two-day convention, the leadership introduced a motion The Toledo Branch of the Street to adjourn on the first day. Socialist Workers Party has There was some opposition by City. Postal Zone, delegates who wanted to discuss moved to temporary headthe important political issues quarters located at 370 West facing the labor movement, but Bancroft, Tel. ADams 2304. the motion carried.

the Socialist Workers Party has moved to new headquarters at 1418 Fifth Ave., 2nd Promptly, the judges threw the floor. Discussions on current topics held on 2nd and 4th "contempt" and immediately Sunday of each month, 3:30 sentenced him to a year in jail. p.m. Militant readers and He was hauled off to Allegheny friends invited.

mittee members rose and formally trical Workers offered \$10,000 carried out the formal instruccash bail on the spot. But the Lawrence a three-day notice, the judges even refused to fix bail. | tions of the court. But the mem-Drunk with their judicial powbers understood what was really er, the judges then threatened in the strike leaders' hearts. the other nine members of the strike committee with the same MUELLER COMES IN

**Pittsburgh Readers** 

The Pittsburgh branch of

treatment if they "do not call off A repeated shout rose: "We the strike by 10 a.m. tomorrow." want Mueller!" And Mueller Announcement of Mueller's came in. The judges, fearing that imprisonment brought forth a only the presence and statement tremendous shout of anger from of Mueller could induce the workthe thousands of workers at the court house. With a roar, "We ers to go back to work, released him temporarily to attend the ward the court house doors. meeting.

Mounted police, wheeling their horses against the crowd, pressed He was greeted by a tremendous and heart-warming ovation. With a threat of penitentiary Then, amidst sudden quiet; he repeated the formula that the judges had forced into his

mouth. The workers refused even to

consider the company's offer. This travesty of justice inside With indignation they lashed with gleeful howls by the jackal back at the employer-dominated court. They passed a motion by a more than four-to-one majority that: "We will not consider the company's offer until the

injunction is dissolved." Back to the court went the strike leaders. They carried with them the message that the legal threats and mumbo-jumbo of the courts had not frightened the power workers. They were

COURT RETREATS

Now it was time for the court to begin its retreat. The attempt at judicial strikebreaking had ations. not only failed — it had made the workers firmer and bolder. Seeing the turn of the tide, the Judges did not even dare to hold Muellcr. already sentenced to No Progress At prison and serving his term. They backed down on the threats to

**CIO-PAC Merger** eased Mueller in the custody of his own lawyer. Next morning, the sympathy

(Special to The Militant) DETROIT, Mich.-Amalgastrikes began to snow-ball. By AKRON, O., Sept. 26-The largest, most militant and 11 a.m., 70,000 workers had alextracted when these cattle are

Workers Cheer Mueller



George L. Mueller (center) is cheered by jubilant mems of the Independent Assn. of Duquesne Light Company in Pittsburgh, after their militant struggle won his release from jail and ended the anti-strike injunction. **Federated** Pictures

# **UPWA-CIO Leader Blasts Meat Barons For Shortage**

# By Barbara Bruce (Special to The Militant)

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 25-Joseph Ollman, District Director of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, today charged that meat packing interests are deliberately holding back livestock from the slaughter houses in order to extort exorbitant prices. when it is finally turned into | fat cattle on western grazing meat. This was the UPWA leader's | ter coming on, cattle can no longanswer to the claim made by | er be kept on the range. These

Earl Altnow, secretary of the St. Paul Food Retailers Association. that the present meat famine s caused by black market oper-There is no shortage of grass-

> ket. slaughter pens to packer-controlled feed lots as stockers and feeders. This double-shuffle is defrom the meat-hungry populace that extravagant prices can be

# **Mayor Lawrence Angers Workers Of Pittsburgh**

(Special to The Militant) PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27abor here is seething at the up a permanent wage-policy strikebreaking action of Demo- committee, to meet Oct. 21, incratic Mayor David L. Lawrence in initiating the injunction mands and push for an industryagainst the striking power work-

Lawrence, boss of the local Democratic machine, was elected with the official backing of of a labor party. It adopted a organized labor, including the CIO Political Action Committee. He has based his political strength on labor support and liberal and progressive forces for has enjoyed the confidence of the union leaders.

Last month in a speech at the CIO Steelworkers District 18 conference, Lawrence even spoke about the need for labor to be "vigilant" against the reactionaries or labor's gains would be two old capitalist parties. 'gradually eaten away." WAGE POLICY SHOWN UP

His anxiety to serve the utiliies interests has now shown that important achievement of the be himself is trying to "eat away" convention. Similar in set-up abor's rights. Ironically, Lawto the policy committee of the rence's attack on the power work-United Mine Workers, it proers was made while he was tryvides machinery to press for uniing to gain a bit of pre-election form industry-wide wage and political capital by accusing the contractual demands. Made up Duquesne Light Company of of elected representatives of all charging excessive rates for street local unions, the policy commit-

Outside the injunction hear ng yesterday at the court house, angry workers button-holed Democratic politicians and officethority. seekers with demands that Lawence be ditched.

Spontaneous political gatherings on the sidewalks reminded the Democratic politicians that Pressley McCance, head of Duquesne Light, had contributed \$5,000 for Lawrence's last elecdecisions. tion campaign.

Democrats are trying to patch up the situation, now that the injunction has been smashed by Pittsburgh labor. The Democratic Party depends heavily on PAC an aggressive wage program which calls for a rising -scale support. And there are indications that they will continue to escalator clause to meet rising signed to create such a demand get such support from the top living costs. It is considered a certainty that the first policy union officials. committee session will re-open FED UP

the wage question with the Big But the union ranks are getting fed up with these "friends Four rubber companies. of labor" like Lawrence who in a

While the international offirc 1 crisis always serve the incers who sponsored the policy terests of the private utilities committee may have been partly and other corporation monopol- motivated by a desire to postists. Caught between an openly pone the wage question and avoid unionist who will genuinely relabor-hating Republican govern- a convention discussion on it,

By Joseph Andrews (Special to The Militant)

The 11th Annual Convention of the CIO United Rubber Workers, which concluded its sessions Sept. 21 in San Francisco, failed to adopt a clear cut policy to solve the workers' economic and political problems.

Nevertheless, an important

have believed that the policy step towards a resolute struggle on the wage question was taken committee strategy was a handy when the convention voted to set device to side-track the Akron locals at the convention may well find it will provide the militant structed to draw up wage delocal unions with an authoritative means of pushing for a prowide wage program. gressive wage program.

The convention resolutions DUES QUESTION committee pigeon-holed resolu-The battles at the convention tions calling for the formation centered around the dues question and the issue of limiting the comparatively innocuous resolupower and tenure of Stalinist Ortion that called for the CIO to ganizational Director N. H. Eagle. "strengthen its ties with other The progressive elements were badly split on the dues question. the eventual establishment of a The final decision to raise the political party which will more

dues to \$1.50 instead of to \$2 as truly represent the interests of proposed by the Laws Committee. the American people." Meanwas considered a compromise. while, the resolution provides for There is no question but that the continuation of the PAC policy dues increase is very unpopular of supporting politicians of the with the rank and file. They feel that they do not want to entrust additional funds to the in-The setting up of the wage ternational officers. The "No" vote was an expression of distrust policy committee was the most

of the leadership. Should the union embark on a militant wage program, this opposition to higher dues would fade away.

Closely tied to the militants' opposition to the dues increase was their determination to clip the wings of Organizational Director Eagle and his staff of field organizers. For too long now tee will make it possible for the sentiments of the rank and file Eagle and his staff have been to be expressed. It will no doubt free to carry on their campaign develop into a body of great auof vilification, dividing the big Akron locals from the smaller locals in the rubber union who Although the international ex-

are serviced by Eagle's staff. ecutive board must approve decisions of the policy committee, The convention adopted, after the committee's representative a considerable battle, the famous character and weight will make resolution No. 50 amended to it difficult for the international read. "A general organization diofficers to avoid carrying out its rector shall be appointed yearly by the General President subject

When the policy committee to approval by the General Exmeets in October the locals in ecutive Board. The year of office Akron and elsewhere will unshall expire January 1 of each doubtedly push for adoption of year.'

BASIS FOR OUSTER

Innocuous as this may seem it provides the basis for Eagle's ouster. Previously his office was appointed for an indeterminate term. It is now mandatory for URWA President Buckmaster to make a new appointment. The Akron locals, supported by many outlying locals, have urged Buckmaster to appoint a progressive present the rubber union.

lands," Ollman said. "With wincattle normally keep packing-

house beef operations at a peak during the autumn, but tens of thousands of slaughter cattle now are being withheld from the mar-

"They are being diverted from

lighting

or and a treacherous Democra- | nevertheless the committee cantic mayor, Pittsburgh workers not be considered from this narare beginning to say: "We're row viewpoint of convention sick of both boss parties. What strategy. It is a democratic and Their weak base rests almost enwe need is our own labor party healthy step and should be supported as such. Those who may

**More Detroit CIO Leaders Hit Attempt To Oust SWP** 

actionary forces."

SWP from its headquarters.

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DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 20-Michigan CIO Council President August Scholle and B. E. Gangle, President of Local 262, CIO United Automobile Workers, today added their

ous public protests already made by prominent labor and progressive leaders against the attempt to evict the Socialist Workers Party from its Detroit Headquarters on the ground that Negroes attend the SWP meet-

Scholle said: "The attempt to force the SWP to vacate its headquarters because Negroes have attended its meetings will set a dangerous precedent which, if successful, will surely not remain unused by reactionary forces in Michigan and throughout the country.

"The Michigan CIO has always opposed the use of the zoning laws to enforce discrimination on the basis of race, color. creed or political affiliation. We condemn the present use of the zoning laws to throttle the legitimate activities of the Socialist Workers Party."

B. E. Gangle declared: "As President of Local 262, UAW-CIO, with a membership of 2,000 members, I want to add my protest against the forces within the City of Detroit who are banded together in a reactionary drive to force the Socialist Workers Party from its headquarters at 6108 Linwood.

that of trying to force the Socialist Workers Party to vacate its premises because Negroes attend its meetings, is a serious challenge to the fundamental constitutional rights of Americans to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. Any such attack must be met on those grounds because the rights of all citizens of this country will be ieopardized if such a precedent

tests to those of the labor movement by signing petitions circulated by the SWP. The petitions, addressed to the Mayor, the Common Council and City Departments state that "free speech and assembly should be guaranteed to everyone irrespective of race, color, creed or political affiliation."

"The latest form of attack, 24 pages

Should Eagle be summarily fired, it is doubtful that the Stalinists could do much about it. tirely upon a few small locals and the appointed staff.

The top officers were re-elected. Two candidates. George Bass of Goodrich Local 5, and Claude Wisdom, an international organizer of Local 58, ran against Vice-President H. R. Lloyd. As the result of a split among the progressive delegates on the dues question, they did not unite in running officers and this in large measure explains their defeat.

If they do not bloc together, they cannot beat the combination of conservative forces. This lesson has been brought home in one convention after another. The problem still remains: to unite a serious, progressive bloc based on a fighting program and pledged to act together. The General Executive Board was shaken up and the new board is considered to be more pregressive than the old. It is now a mixture of Buckmaster supporters, Stalinists and independent progressives. The rubber convention allowed

itself to be side-tracked from can be established by these rethe great historic tasks of the day. It dissipated its energies in Previously UAW-CIO President futile struggles for office and Walter Reuther, Vice-President corridor power-politics divorced R. J., Thomas and Secretaryfrom program. If a new leader-Treasurer George F. Addes, and ship is to arise and if the rubber scores of local union officials deunion is to fulfill its destiny. nounced this attempt to oust the those who seek to change the top structure of the union must arm Hundreds of neighborhood themselves with a program that residents are adding their prowill inspire confidence and serve

as a rallying point for all the best elements in the union. A militant opposition cannot arise by hiding its program under a bushel. The Akron locals

are armed with a program but their tactics have not been equal to the program. This is the lesson they must absorb.



# Support Spanish Workers! French Workers Run Factory

(Resolution adopted in June, 1946 by the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International.)

The American and British imperialists who waged the war supposedly to "extirpate fascism from the world" and for "democracy" have, since the end of hostilities, undertaken no decisive action to overturn Franco.

On the contrary, they have directly or indirectly curbed all attempts that presume in any manner to place Franco in difficulty, or to precipitate the fall of his regime.

This conduct is explained by their two-fold fear: 1, of seeing a new hearth of revolution rise up in Europe and 2, of losing, on the other hand, a powerful sector in the diplomatic and strategic encirclement they pursuc in relation to the USSR and its zone.

For these reasons, they hypocritically pretend not to interfere in the internal affairs of Spain (at the very moment when their armies occupy and oppress an extensive series of countries in the world). They are determined to maintain Franco in power as long as possible, while preparing two forms of rule in case they are forced to replace him. One is the "monarchist" (Don Juan) and the other "democratic" (Giral), and they will choose between them according to the circumstances characterizing the eventual departure of Franco.

The "socialist" parties, when they are not the direct executors of this policy, like the British Labor Party leaders, support it indirectly by reposing confidence in the "democratic" intentions of the London and Wall Street governments, and refraining from any appeal to the direct action of the world working class.

The Soviet bureaucracy and the "Communist" parties, on the other hand, have an evident interest in the immediate fall of Franco and his

today does not exist."

to break out any time.

divinations, war can be expected

From 1935 to 1939, for instance,

Stalin proclaimed that a coali-

tion between the workers and the

capitalists in the "democratic"

countries would prevent war and

an imperialist attack on the So-

viet Union. In those countries

this line meant giving up the

struggle for socialism and sub-

the Second World War.

anti-Soviet encirclement of Anglo-American imperialism.

But, bound down by their whole policy of class collaboration, the "Communist" parties Fight Rages into direct action against Franco. They content themselves with putting pressure on the capitalist governments-whose skeleton they often constitute — to "break with Franco." Only the Constitution Fourth International which is not tied to any possessing class or to any privileged caste can mobilize the world working class and summon it to systematic action of solidarity with the Spanish proletariat.

Franco will be overturned only through theaction of the world proletariat coming to the tri-partisan formula (MRP, aid of the Spanish proletariat which carries on Communist Party, Socialist Parts struggle in the underground.

The solidarity of the world working class should be manifested by the economic blockade of fascist Spain, by boycott of all trade with Franco, by all sailors, longshoremen and railway workers, also by the immediate and direct mobilization of the workers in the form of a general protest strike against every new crime of the executioner of the Spanish Revolution.

Our sections ought constantly to maintain the concern of the working class for Spain, to propagate systematically the idea of an economic blockade and to seize every opportunity to pro- this purpose.

pose to all workers' organizations the united front for common action to overthrow Franco and allow the Spanish Revolution to resume its course.

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approaches its end and the ty government) begins to be outworn.

In spite of the Stalinist brake, the working class is engaged in a series of economic struggles. French capitalism more and more looks for a "strong state" and seeks to use the electoral campaign and the referendum on the proposed constitution to prepare the ground for it, utilizing the name of de Gaulle for

The latter, who pretended last June that he was leaving the political arena, has just made a

series of speeches and statements directed against the proposed draft of the Constitution. He attacks the proposed constitution because it does not give greater power to the President of the Republic and because it

The MRP sought to take advantage of de Gaulle's first incause of the universal strength- attitude to the SP and the CP, both of whom had already made How the pact served peace can numerous concessions to the

be judged from the fact that MRP. But things could not rethe Second World War broke out | main there. A former de Gaulle minister.

imperialist armies knifed into Capitant, who was defeated in Poland, preparatory to the gi- the last election and is leader gantic assault on the Soviet of the "Gaullist Union for the

However, the "genius-like" pracle of the Kremlin wrote a ganization to all constitutions, living conditions. warm letter to Von Ribbentrop, which do not agree with de declaring: "The friendship of Gualle's program, Capitant the peoples of Germany and the spoke even of civil war. De Soviet Union, cemented in blood, Gaulle has so far refused to pub- abject poverty as a result of imhas all grounds to be prolonged licly approve or disapprove of

NEW SITUATION

uation. ia ist propagandists: "We are MRP was not at all happy about sure that our concord will make the developments.

### MRP leaders are finding it difare conce

# Hawaiian Workers Strike UNDER - PRV

In Hawaii, 25,000 sugar workers, members of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, walked off the plantations to demand a 65 cent minimum wage. The sugar planters, financed by Wall Street, have thus far refused to open negotiation meetings to the public, despite the

gives too loose a structure to the French empire. Poverty And Disease Ravage The Poor People In Mexico

# By Betty Douglas (Special to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Sept. 21 — Last week six important taken a seat on the committee. Mexican cities were paralyzed for several days by strikes against British and American owned electric power plants. These strikes are but one indication of the struggle Often the house is shared with

tric power.

slogan:

**Trotskyists Run** 

(Special to The Militant)

of the Fourth International.

follows:

Mexican workers are waging the family chickens and pigs. to improve their miserable states that 80 per cent of the population live in towns of less Despite being next door to the than 5,000 inhabitants. This 80

richest nation in the world, the per cent have "no drinking water Mexican masses live in the most service, no drainage system,' and live in "unhealthy dwellperialist exploitation and the ings. They scarcely have the ecoprofiteering of the native capitalists. clothing once a year."

Every day the press reports an additional number of impending strikes. I each case the primary demand is for wage increases of 20 to 70 per cent to meet the increased cost of living. On Sept. 11 the Secretary of Labor admitted that wages have gone up only 61 per cent since 1939, while prices have risen 246 per cent.

union's request.

Aside from food, rent makes up the biggest item of a years. worker's budget, and the

of a factory in France during the past two years is reported in the June 14 and August 23 issues of La Verite, organ of the French Trotskyists. When the Nazis were driven out

foremen.

are the following:

PAGE THREE

in the summer of 1944, the workers of the Berliet auto- around 6,600 workers. In each mobile factory took over and of its 14 buildings there is a operated the plant.

Berliet was notorious as an exploiter of labor, sweating out millions in profits from the workers. During the Nazi occupation he continued to do a flourishing business. What incensed the workers most was the fact that he delivered the most militant anti-Nazi workers into concentration camps and death.

among the many collaborators expelled from the plants by the workers. It was not until almost two years later, in June, 1946, that Berliet and his sons were finally "tried" by the present capitalist government. They were given only mild prison sentences. At the trial, the government confiscated only 20 per cent of the shares of the Berliet corporation. But 75 per cent of the shares still remains in the hands of the family.

# CONTROL COMMITTEE

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thus transformed itself into a Control Committee. At present it comprises two workers' representatives, a representative of the unionized technicians, a representative of the unionized

Administrator. Each morning the Control Committee meets, discusses and makes decisions on questions of

the general conduct of the businomic means to change their

Excelsior on Sept. 12 reported under the control of the rank that of a total population of 20 and file. However, the Adminmillion, 12 million people living istrator appointed by the govin rural Mexico do not have elecernment is a Stalinist and the various committees are Stalinist-The effect of this complete dominated. These bureaucrats lack of sanitation—lack of water. have constantly sought to check drainage and sewerage facilities independent action of the work-- combined with insufficient ers. Despite this, the authorized and improper diets, is a very representative from the Monthigh rate of disease and a life plaisir plant was twice recalled expectancy of well under 40 and replaced by the workers.

The French capitalists are fearful of the success of this experiment. They are trying to sabotage the plant's production through preventing the sending of raw materials, and through refusal to buy its products.

Despite these difficulties and the efforts of the Stalinist bureaucrats to check the development of workers' power in the factory, this experience indicates the correct road that workers should take in opposing the cap-

The Berliet factory employs italist regime in the factories.

**Recalls His Record Of False Prophecies** strengthen good-neighborly relations between the USSR and Germany, but also to serve the tervention by adopting a firmer

rounds about a new war and the real danger of a new war, which If this latest augury of the "genius-like" oracle of the Kremlin is as accurate as his previous

Stalin's Statement Denying War Danger

Jnion. and stable.

This was printed in the Daily Worker the day after Christmas working class to those of a cap- ed a pact with Hitler. He proitalist rulers - a fatal policy phesied that it would guarantee that enormously strengthened peace and prevent an imperialist Hitler launched his long-planfascism and paved the way for attack on the Soviet Union. ned attack on the degenerated wo: kers' state. Pravda declared: "The pact is

Sta in then switched over to Then the "genius-like" oracle an instrument of peace which of the Kremlin flew in the face of is called upon not only to the Allied imperialists. In line

with this deal he joined Churchill and Roosevelt at Teheran in **Stalin Peddles Line The CP** repeating the lies of the imper-

**Condemned As "Browderism"** an enduring peace ...

ening of peace.' immediately; and the German



"I do not believe in the danger of a new war," Stalin declared Sept. 24. "We should distinguish between the loud rumors which are going the

ordinating the interests of the everything he had said and sign-

in 1939'. Eighteen months later.

Stalin dissolved the Comintern

Fourth Republic," announced the opposition of this new or-

Capitant's statements.

At once, but in a whimpering tone, the SP and CP denounced the danger of this bid for dicta-

torial power. The openly reactionary Republican Liberty Party (PRL) welcomed the new sit-The Radical Socialists. without taking an open stand, were not opposed to the bid of a Bonapartist candidate. But the

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replacement by a coalition government which will permit them to penetrate the country while thus removing one of the principal bases of the thus removing one of the principal bases of the

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Department Committee. These committees are formed by dele-

gates from the workers and white collar employees. The delegates are elected by all the workers, whether or not they belong to the union. Once a month the Department Committees meet with the plant superintendent to discuss all questions, in particular production and planning.

Berliet and his sons were Each Department Committee elects a representative to the Central Factory Committee. This Central Committee also includes two representatives of the foremen and a representative of the youth. In all, it is composed of 17 members. Every month the Control Committee reports to the Central Factory Committee. The Central Factory Committee elected a secretary and set up 10 sub-committees. Each one of these includes delegates from the workers, technicians and

In September 1944, Yves Farge, Commissioner of the Republic, acting as government head, took over the factory and named an Administrator. After discussion with workers' representatives, he tipulated that this Administrator be supported by a consultative committee composed of a vorkers' representative, a representative of the technicians, and a representative of the public. The latter has never to this date

The consultative committee foremen and engineers, and the

personnel, wages, production and

In principle, this committee is

tares which raises food for the canteen. 6. A canteen committee. 7. A sports and recreation committee. Especially important questions

Among these sub-committees

1. A committee to deal with

workers' promotions, apprentice-

2. A welfare committee which

deals with vacations, camps, old-

3. A committee to supervise

4. A committee on hygiene and

5. A farm committee which

nominates an administrator, who

takes care of a farm of 200 hec-

the application of collective

age pensions, rest homes, etc.

ship, youth and upgrading.

agreements or contracts.

plant safety.

are first submitted to a meeting of all the delegates and trade union leaders — around 200 people.

### CAPITALISTS FEARFUL

How does the line advanced by Stalin Sept. 24 correspond with the differences between Browder and Foster openly peddled the virtues of which have torn the Communist (Stalinist) Party in this Wall Street, fought for the nocountry for more than a year?

"Browder revised and aban- e-doned Marxism," reads an of- | against the Soviet Union and are ficial statement of the Stalinist working tirelessly to bring this Secretariat in the April 30 Daily to pass,' Browder pretends not Worker. Browder's policies, ac- to notice the fact that the main cording to this document, are driving force behind this inter-"profoundly anti-Marxist . . . Browder was expelled . . . as an imperialism and the most reacunreconstructed revisionist, as a social-imperialist, as an enemy finance - monopoly - capital of the working class. He re- in the United States." mains a renegade and his policies remain those of an apologist for American imperialism."

### SAME AS STALIN'S

beyond all dispute.

even a reference to American im- We should distinguish between perialism and its drive for world the loud rumors which are going domination but a deliberate cov- the rounds about a new war and ering up of this major and most the real danger of a new war, dangerous factor in world af- which today does not exist." fairs . . .

Now compare this with Stalin's affirmation: "I don't think the ruling circles of Great Bricreate a capitalistic encircle- Worker, "covers up the fact that ment of the USSR even if they had wished to do so. But I cannot affirm that they want to." Isn't Stalin like Browder

most dangerous factor in world affairs"?

Browder's No. 2 deviation: "No exposure of the fact that it is the imperialist offensive of the Anglo-American bloc, led by U. S. imperialism, that is responsible for the hostile policies of the two governments to the Soviet Union . . .

### ISN'T STALIN AS GUILTY **AS BROWDER?**

Put this alongside what Stalin says: "Indeed, I am convinced of the possibility of friendly -elations between the USSR and "Aritain." And as for "peaceful | my of the working class . . . an cooperation with the outside world," Stalin adds: "I don't ism." doubt that the possibilities of peaceful cooperation, far from decreasing, may even grow." want an Anglo-American war | tical wisdom!

and his agent, Earl Browder, strike pledge and opposed any strikes in defense of the workers

standard of living. When Japan was defeated Stalin unctuously proclaimed "Now we can say that the conditions necessary for the peace national reaction is American of the world have already been von . . . The long-awaited peace for the nations of the whole tionary and aggressive circles of world has come." (Sept. 2, 1945.)

HOSTILE CAMPS

Stalin and Browder see eve to eye on this question. Says, the Kremlin showed how well

EYE TO EYE

But Browder's policies are the danger of a new war. It is only same as those now pronounced military and political adventurby Stalin! A comparison of what ers who are talking of a new they advocate will reveal this war today, and their many followers among civil servants. lists as No. 1 deviation of Brow- frighten with the threat of war der: "No exposure of and not certain naive politicians .

> How does Stalin differ from Browder on this question? Even on the atom bomb. exist!'

Browder and Stalin are of one tain and the United States could mind. Browder, says the Daily it is this offensive of American imperialism, with its atom bomb diplomacy of threat and blackmail which Browder, by the way, "covering up" this "major and fails to mention altogether, that is now endangering the peace of the world."

And here is what Stalin says: "I do not consider the atom bomb to be a serious power, as certain political persons are bomb is meant to frighten the weak-nerved . . . Thus if we apply to Stalin's

Secretariat of the Communist (Stalinist) Party of the USA, Stalin stands condemned as an "unreconstructed revisionist, as a social-imperialist, as an eneapologist for American imperial-

Foster and his clique, naturally, are drawing the only conclusion possible in a Stalinist Browder's No. 3 crime: "Ad- Party. They are hailing Stalin's mitting the existence of 'power- latest pronunciamento as the ful forces in the world which very height of genius and poli-

to please the Allied imperialists from the SP and CP. For the MRP vote yes on the proposed ate a split in the MRP. To vote

the MRP after its participation to the very end in drafting the constitution.

> constitution and called on the electorate to reject it, promising his support to any organiz-

1946, the "genius-like" oracle of the Fourth Republic.

Stalin: "I do not believe in the his prophecy had come true: "The but it is doubtful that there will ple who lived there had to beg derstood the profound imporwar arose in reality," he said, be a successful polarization of their neighbors for "just a little tance of the issues before the "as the inevitable result of the reaction around de Gaulle at the water to wash our hands." development of the world econpresent time. We are probably omic and political forces on the basis of monopoly capitalism . . The Daily Worker of Aug. 14, They must have it so, if only to As a result of these factors, the workers' parties in the govern- at all. After wandering the capitalist world is rent into two hostile camps and war follows' War is inevitable so long as monopoly capitalism endures? That was seven months ago. Now all at once, the "genius-like' oracle of the Kremlin has pronounced that "the real danger of a new war . . . today does not for the working class.

To make this struggle effect-

How this declaration squares with the realities of the postwar wor'd can be seen by the way the old colonial despots have to regain the territories they lost

Indonesia, the British in Malava orship. the French in Indo-China. It can

be seen by the way Wall Street is backing the dictatorial rule of Chiang Kai-shek in China.

It can be seen, above all, by the way American imperialism wont to think. The atom is pressing relentlessly forward, moving its military bases to the other shores of the Pacific and tre Atlantic and tightening an line the criteria followed by the ironing band around the Soviet Union preparatory to the Third Wcrld War.

# FOURTH INTERNATIONAL for

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cost of apartments has risen a constitution means permitting grated to Mexico City, increasing the Gaullist Union, the PRL, or the housing shortage. Constantly some such group to grow at the mounting rents for apartments expense of MRP and even to cre- forced more and more workers to to 12 in the Salles des Horticulteurs. crowd into the old and unsanino would be equally difficult for tary slum dwellings.

city at double its prewar figure, the water supply proved inade- Trotsky, and a streamer with the Today (Sept. 19) de Gaulle made a violent attack on the new quate. Last, July a survey of houses in one section of the city Unite! Internationalist Comshowed that only the new, ex- munist Party, French Section of pensive apartments (not subject)

Five months later, on Feb. 9, ation backing his program for to rent control), had running water. The old, low-rent houses had no water at all, and the peo-The situation is still moving.

Thous .ds in Mexico City canwitnessing one of the first stages; not afford even these miserable capitalism still needs the official apartments, and have no homes workers' parties in the govern-ment. But, given the actual so-streets by day they take refuge 15 Candidates In cial tensions, events may well at night in the "mesones" or cial tensions, events may well at hight in the "mesones" or cievelop faster than one suspects. That is why a sharp struggle tayos they can rent a tattared **Ceylon Election** That is why a sharp struggle tavos they can rent a tattered against de Gaulle, his preten- and dirty fibre mat to sleep on. sions and the reactionary meas- Here several hundred men, womures he seeks to introduce into en and children sleep huddled

the constitution is an urgent task | together ch the' cement floor of room whose capacity is 100. All types are thrown together ive, it is necessary to break the in the "n ones"-criminals and workers' parties from the MRP children, aged and insane, preg--which is in fact tied to de nant women and those with con-

Gaulle. The rupture of tripart- tagious diseases. As an alternawaded through rivers of blood ism is an indispensable condition tive, many of the city's homefor a real struggle against the less sleep on the streets, and it during the war - the Dutch in danger of a Bonapartist dictat- is not uncommon to see very young children or women with



The contrast is even sharper when compared with the living conditions of the millions who live in rural communities. Here. some f the "homes" are one

and two room adobe huts with dena. The Ceylon Unit of the Boldirt floors and no window panes. Many others are merely shacks, shevik-Leninist Party announces built of stones or pieces of wood, that this list of candidates is with poorly thatched roofs. subject to revision "if and when" These houses have but one room any electoral agreement is reachfor the whole family, and have ed among the working class no sanitary facilities of any kind. parties.

# the war many rural workers mi-runted to Merike City inswers mi-

PARIS, Sept. 21-The Third Convention of the Internationalist Communist Party was held here from Sept. 7 | tion, however, rejected the re-

Red banners with the Trotskyist insignia were posted on each convention and their signifi-With the population of the side of the platform. There were cance to the working class as two large portraits of Lenin and a whole.

More than 150 delegates -"Workers of the World 103 with decisive votes — came from Alsace, Provence, Nord, Marne, Savoie, and other parts of France to actively participate the Fourth International." Great enthusiasm and serious-

n the Congress, The Internationalist Communess pervaded the convention. Every party activist present unnist Party was born in illegality in March 1944, after the fusion of the Internationalist Workers Party, the Internationalist Communist Committee and the October Group.

Some sessions of the Congress were open to the public.

GREAT PROGRESS

The main impressions made by these action-packed days, when all questions were thoroughly discussed, was of the great prog-By V. Karalasingham ress achieved by our French comrades in a little less than a BOMBAY, India, Sept. 17year. Not only has the party The Trotskyists in Ceylon recruited (particularly among the workers); not only has La plan a full list of candidates Verite been increased in size: in the coming election. A preliminary slate of 15 nominees has not only have our slogans been accepted by the workers in their already been announced by the struggles against the employ-Ceylon Unit of the Bolshevikers, but our comrades have been Leninist Party of India, Section in the front lines of all the im-

portant battles of the French The constituencies and the working class. names of the candidates are as The report on party activities

Colombo North: Soma Wickwas presented by the General amanayake. Colombo Central: M. Henry Peiris. Colombo South: Favre-Bleibtreu, followed by a Bernard Soysa. Welawatte-Gallively discussion. At the conclukissa: Dr. Colvin R. De Silva. sion of the discussion, the Con-Ambalangoda-Balapitiya: P. H. gress recorded "the success William de Silva. Badulla: J. C. gained in the campaign to legal-T. Kotalwala. Haputale: A. Patize La Verite and the progress chamuttu. Gampaha: Edmund achieved in transforming this Samarkody. Negombo: Dr. Hecpaper into a genuine weapon to tor H. Fernando. Kalutara: aid the workers in the class struggle." Cholmondeley Goonewardene.

Kotagalla: S. Chelliah. Maskel-Among other successes recordliya: T. E. Pushparajan. Nued by the convention were: the wara Eliya: Lorenz Perara. Banparty's campaign to raise a mildarawela: Hector Abayawardena. lion francs and the party's work in the elections (where 45.000 Dehiowita: H. J. Dharmawarworkers voted for the Trotskvist ticket): the development of a revolutionary wing in the unions: and the growth of the party whose membership has increased by more than 50 per cent in the last seven months. The majority of the conven-

port on party activities on the grounds that the leadership had committed derelictions despite the progress made by the party. Three tendencies took part in the political debate during a discussion which lasted almost two

days. More than 80 comrades took the floor. Most of them dealt with the application of the party's policy in their own work. Also participating in the discussion was a delegate from the In-

ternational Secretariat, delegates from the Belgian, Dutch, Spanish, British, Irish and Swiss sections, and a delegate from the Spanish group in Mexico.

The remaining days were devoted to discussion of the USSR, the trade union question, re-

ports of committees, etc. After five days of arduous and thorough work, the convention adjourned with the singing of The Internationale.

The Convention marked an important stage in the building of the revolutionary party in France. Almost all of the papers took note of it, with open or concealed hostility. The British, French and Belgian radios broadcast summaries of its main decisions.

The following were elected to the incoming Central Committee:

Yvan Craipeau, General Secretary; members, Beaufrere, Secretary of the party, Marcel Bleibtreu, Bloch, Darte, Demaziere, Filliatre, Forcada, Frank, Geoffroy, Lambert, Lenotre, Magneux, Magnien, Marcoux, Marin, Monnet, Montal, Morin, Privas, Schwartz, Severin, Soudran, Tidone, Vany.

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commercial enterprise, especially for the war industry. The 'Sixty Families' are therefore first-line patriots and the chief provocateurs of war. Workers' control of war industries is the first step in the struggle against the 'manufacturers' of Nar.

-Leon Trotsky

# **Keep Their Snouts Out!**

Organized labor is getting a lot of free advice from the political flunkies of Big Business. They know all about what the unions need. And on every occasion possible they worm their way into labor gatherings and tell the unions what they should do. Always of course-for the unions' "own good."

Last week, one of Wall Street's government agents who is whooping it up for another World War shot off his mouth before the CIO Shipbuilding Workers convention. Undersecretary of War Kenneth C. Royall told the convention how "slow downs and strikes" are "threatening national defense." And his advice to the union was "purge the Communists."

It's something less than accidental that Big Business tools like Royall never come up with any sound advice on how the workers can defend their living standards and win better conditions. The Royalls have one song and always sing on the same key. All the unions need to do to get along fine is to purge the "reds"; divide the workers up; kick out the militants.

Royall wasn't talking for his health. He had something special in mind. "Surely nothing could endanger us more in . . . a war than a country divided along ideological lines," Royall said. What he means is that Wall Street wants only one ideological line-its line of war preparations.

The unions don't need the kind of advice that comes from elements like Royall, whose purpose is to spread poison in the workers' ranks. The bosses figure there's nothing like a witch-hunt against the "reds" to keep the workers from paying attention to their real problems-the struggle against the corporation profiteers and warmongers. Instead of inviting these Wall Street spokesmen to defile the atmosphere of a union convention, the union leaders ought to be putting up "No admission" signs at every entrance. Let the capitalist government officials and corporation spokesmen keep their ugly snouts out of the labor movement. The workers don't need and don't want any advice from their enemies whose chief aim is to divide and weaken the labor movement.

nomic struggles. The must learn to rise as one in defending their political rights.

Imagine if the 15,000,000 unionized workers, plus their families, were united in one great labor party. Would corrupt capitalist judges then dare to bar their party from the ballot? Would the Democratic and Republican agents of Wall Street march confidently into court rooms presided over by their handpicked legal harpies and try to swing a legal club at labor?

Not likely. These political shysters wouldn't be thinking about using the courts against labor. They'd be raising wrinkles and grey hair trying to figure how to keep capitalistminded judges in the courts at all.

If the same power and solidarity shown in Pittsburgh were carried over by labor into the political field, it wouldn't be very long before the judges on the benches would be labor judges. They'd be administering labor-written laws, in the interests of the working people; and against the criminal acts of the present ruling rich minority.

# The Meat Famine

Everybody knows there is plenty of meat. It didn't just vanish into air the day after price ceilings were reinstated.

The meat packing trust, big cattle dealers and speculators are deliberately withholding meat supplies. Large stocks of processed meat are being held in storage. Prime meat cattle are being sought by the packers as "feeders," instead of for slaughtering.

A small handful of rapacious capitalists who control the meat supply have told 140,000,000 people: "Pay us any extortionate price we demand-or go without meat!"

What is the government doing about it?this government that doesn't hesitate to seize railroads, mines, factories - yes, the meat packing industry itself-to break strikes.

Truman, with his eye on the coming elections, makes a big noise about not yielding to pressure to abandon price ceilings on meat. It's nice to know that we won't be over-charged on non-available meat. But where is the meat? What is Truman doing to force the meat packers to put the meat on the market? Nothing!

At the same time, Truman's henchman, House Democratic Majority Leader John W. McCormack paves the way for full capitulation to the price demands of the meat profiteers. He proposed last week to end all meat ceilings for 60 days.

It's a cinch the capitalist government isn't going to do anything, of its own free will, to force the meat packers and cattle speculators to end the meat famine. That means it's squarely up to the independent action of the workers, farmers and housewives.

The way to get meat is to take action on a national scale like the militant group of housewives took last week in Toledo. They got together in an emergency committee and stormed the Mayor's office demanding that he call on the federal government to take over the meat industry and operate it under the control of the unions.

Let hundreds of thousands of housewives and their husbands and children-take mass action in support of demands like the Toledo housewives raise, and we'll see so flowing into the market again. The Toledo housewives have the real answer: 1. Mass action; 2. Nationalization of the meat industry under workers' control.



"Hubert feels just like you do, Mr. Harriman. He's never happy unless he spends a few hours each day clipping coupons."



GOD'S LITTLE ACRE by Er- | power" some day arises in Will's | in the imperialist war.

skine Caldwell, Penguin Books, 1946, 183 pp., 25 cents. This book deals with the lives of Southern poor farmers and textile mill workers. Although first published in 1933, it still retains its timeliness and truthfulness. Changes have taken place in the South, but they are not so deep as to affect its backwardness, its poverty and prejudice.

The author has sensitive ears. He conveys to the reader the color of Southern speech, and even the noises of a textile mill town. He re-creates the atmosphere of a large strata of oppressed people in America.

Listening to his characters talk, sensing the atmosphere arising from the conditions of their lives, the reader grasps our understanding. the reality of Southern life; its deep and all-pervading frustrations, its poverty, affecting not only the working people but the middle-class farmers and towns. people as well. The author shows the extent of the decay which, in the words of Ty Ty, one of the book's central characters

head. Although not alone in this The realistic writers of the dedesire, he becomes the incarna- pression period, including Fartion of the idea. The local union rell, Hemingway and Dos Passos, leaders are against it. When it he points out, were denounced comes to a vote, he is outvoted. as irresponsible degenerates. Most But, in their despair, the work- of them buckled under the presers march upon the mill, break sure. Even the author of "All into it, and Will "turns on the Quiet on the Western Front" repower." As he does this, he is gretted having written that murdered by company police. great anti-war novel. The intel-Most fiction books on the lectuals of this country became, South are glorifications of its al- in truth, a "league of frightened leged virtues. Not so with this philistines."

The same capitalist pressures book. Caldwell makes you feel the surge of real life in the men are exerted on other fronts. Giand women peopling his book. ant corporations have extended There is subtle power in the way their domination over the fields he tells of the girls going to of book publishing, magazine, work in the mills, while men newspapers and movies. Intellecstand outside spitting blood from tuals, completely dependent on ruined lungs into the yellow the few corporations which consand. It is truthful and beauti- trol their livelihood, become subfully written, and contributes to servient to them. Farrell traces this monopoly development most Reviewed by clearly in his two essays on the Eugene Shays movie industry. Today Big Business controls this entire indus-

try THE LEAGUE OF FRIGHT-Farrell shows how the artists ENED PHILISTINES by and writers in this industry are James T. Farrell, Progressive forced to knuckle down to Big Book Club Reprint, 1946, 210 Business. Everyone must rigidly follow the movie ville, Ill., in an anti-trust suit brought by the Justice "The bourgeoisie has stripped have proven profitable. Indivi-Department, craftily tried to conceal the A & P's of its halo every occupation dual taste and originality are robbery of millions of hard-earned dollars from the Ty Ty is an old farmer who hitherto looked up to with reve- discouraged, if not forbidden. consuming public. On the witness stand he stated: The movie industry is only one With this quotation as his in- intellectuals have become the ing on in every cultural field. As a prominent American nov- Honest intellectuals like the Will is a textile mill worker, elist, he is well acquainted with author realize that only the elirestless and fiery. He and his the wave of super-patriotism mination of capitalism and the fellow workers have been locked which engulfed American writ- end of wage-slavery in the ers and artists during the war. whole economy will end this because they refused to accept Books that told the truth about wage slavery in literature and

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# **Shipyard Firms Stole** 1,600% War Profits

The facts in the current scandal ! the staggering profits made by the big shipping corporations in World War II are so smelly, that they have broken through all efforts to conceal them. Even as Wall Street is preparing for World War III and still bigger profits, some of the facts about the billions they swindled out of the last war are now leaking out.

Evidence placed before the House Merchant Marine Committee by the Maritime Commission last week revealed that 19 shipbuilding firms made an estimated \$356,000,000 in profits on a total investment of \$22,979,275. This represents 1,600 per cent in profits over capital investment.

The biggest shipping monopolists are trying to shift the brunt of the inquiry against the Henry Kaiser interests. This wartime newcomer in the monopoly game invested only \$100,000 in one of his corporations and drew out the prize plum of \$43,647,026 in profits.

But the other shipping swindlers did just as well. Permanente Metals Corporation invested \$460,-000 and reaped a profit of \$58,840,885.

Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyards invested \$1,000,. 000 and got back \$53,906,980 in profits.

California's Shipbuilding Corporation invested \$600,000 and squeezed out \$44,423,014 in profits.

Oregon Ship Building Corporation reaped \$40.-930,564 on an original investment of \$550,000.

North Carolina Ship Building Corporation invested \$3,000,000 and profited to the tune of \$27.645.. 029.

Todd Houston Ship Building Corporation gained \$13.678.303 on an investment of \$689.200.

Marinship Corporation got \$11,871,840 on its investment of \$500.000.

On a tiny investment of \$600, the St. Johns River Ship Building Corporation came up with \$2,080,000 in profits!

Five other firms; J. A. Jones Construction Co., Consolidated Steel Corporation, East Coast Shipyards, McClosky & Co. and Southeastern Ship Building Corporation invested a total of \$9,889,811 and came out with \$30,443,617 to the good.

# **General Food's Corner On Rye Market**

Another example of how the big food monopolists secure a strangle-hold on the nation's basic food commodities in order to shove prices up was revealed last week in the suit against the General Foods Corporation of New York.

The Agriculture Department charged that between December 1942 and May 1944, General Foods cornered the market on rye. It held or controlled 11,805,000 bushels of cash rye, amounting to 89 per cent of deliverable rye on the Chicago market.

Jack W. Bain, Agriculture Department legal officer who acted as referee in the 16-month-old case, declared in his report that General Foods thus "artificially manipulated prices.'

But the only punishment facing this greedy and wealthy monopoly is a possible year's ban from the contract market!



John Hartford, president of the giant Atlantic & Pacific food chain monopoly, convicted in Dan-

# **Role Of The Courts**

Two cases last week spot-lighted the role of the courts as agencies to protect the interests of the ruling rich.

In Pittsburgh, three Judges slapped a sweeping injunction on the power workers, banning their right to strike, and then tossed their leader into jail on a one-year rap without a jury trial.

In Troy, N. Y., a Tammany-picked Judge held a farcical hearing on an attempt by the Democratic Party to arbitrarily rule four minority parties, including the Socialist Workers Party, off the New York State ballot.

Both court proceedings were striking examples of capitalist class justice. One was directed against workers fighting for decent wages and conditions through union economic action. The other was directed against the poiltical rights of working-class parties.

But the outrageous action of the Pittsburgh court couldn't hold up for 48 hours under the smashing assault of all Pittsburgh labor. They cut right through all the legal mumbo-jumbo. They slashed the injunction to pieces with a spreading wave of strikes. They forced Pittsburgh's Democratic Mayor Lawrence, who initiated the injunction proceedings, to rush into court and have it called off. The Judges back-tracked so fast you couldn't see their black robes for the cloud of dust.

The crooked Tammany-Democratic deal in the New York court is as much a deadly blow at labor's rights as the Pittsburgh injunction. And the whole conspiracy could be blown up in short order if the workers in New York State took as militant and decisive action as the Pittsburgh workers.

Unfortunately, labor that is so powerful and militant on the economic field, is weak and impotent on the political field. It is still tied to the politicians and political parties of Big Business. The workers rise as one when they see a blow directed against their eco-

# **Inspiring Example**

A general strike against the sending of troops to the Netherlands Indies swept Amsterdam on Sept. 24, according to the Netherlands News Agency.

Four special trains carrying 3,000 troops were delayed. Some of the soldiers apparently participated in the demonstration, since according to NNA, they "several times pulled the air-brakes."

The Dutch police used firearms and sabers to "disperse angry crowds."

The strike began at dawn, and was scheduled to run 24 hours. It tied up "virtually the entire city." Authorities claimed it was "unexpected,"

According to NNA the strike was "Communist-led." Up until recently the Stalinists have opposed demonstrations such as this. Their line has been to support the Netherlands Empire.

The Trotskyists, on the other hand, have called for the immediate freedom of Indonesia. One of the first slogans raised by the Trotskyists after years of fighting the Nazis in the underground was "Free Indonesia from Holland Now!" The Trotskyists have distributed leaflets and consistently called in their paper, The Tribune, for militant working class action to aid the Indonesian people in their struggle for freedom,

The demonstration of the Amsterdam workers is another dramatic example of the kind of working class action that can really help the colonial peoples.

The dockworkers of Australia were the first to carry out a mass action of this type. When the Dutch despots, aided by the British and liberally supplied with American arms, began shooting down the people of Indonesia, the Australian dockworkers responded with strike action. They refused to load ships with military supplies for the Dutch tyrants.

Their militant action forced the Dutch to give up Australia as a base of operations against Indonesia.

If the workers of Holland now extend their action against the Dutch capitalists and in behalf of the Indonesian people, they can strike a mighty blow for the independence of the colonial lands.

The freedom of the colonial peoples from imperialist rule will in turn aid the workers of Western Europe and America to break the chains of capitalist rule.

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Who is W. Averell Harriman,

Truman's new Secretary of Com-

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Reviewed by Jules Kramer

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"Our company grew to its present size because we believed it was better to sell 200 pounds of butter at one cent per pound profit than 100 pounds at two cents per pound profit." What Hartford concealed was the fact that the A & P, through ruthless and illegal practices succeeded in eliminating many of its smaller competitors, and then shot up its prices as soon as it cleared

the field for itself. The 117-page decision handed down by the Court reveals some of the corrupt methods by which the A & P achieved its monopoly. "Its position and its practices created a sharp differential between A & P's purchases of produce and those of its competitors," the court decision charged. It further declared that the practices of the Atlantic Commission Co., produce-buying subsidiary of the A & P, "over the years leaves a bad odor."

The A & P "consistently selected the highest quality of produce for the A & P and the less desirable for its outside buyers, thus securing for A & P not only a buying price differential but also a preference in quality . . . This in turn served to give A & P's retail units a preferential position in competition with other retailers at the expense of the latter

... " But the quality deteriorated and the prices went up after this competition was eliminated.

The court also revealed that the A & P collected brokerage fees from other retailers.

The A & P complained that "the pattern" of its monopolistic practices are "usual" to the whole "American business system." That's true - but no defense.

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ger and better conspiracies." It is now 14 years since the conspiracy was initiated. Nine veeks before it is scheduled to be prosecuted, one of the defendants is made Secretary of Commerce, where he can most ably aid "bigger and better" conspiracies in the future! Harriman's power doesn't end with his railroad holdings. He

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shippers pay exorbitant prices of the country; most of the major This is Harriman. Secretary for transportation. They plotted oil companies and the leading of Commerce. This is the man to keep modern equipment off steel companies. who is "in full accord" with the roads, endangering the lives | Harriman in 1943 issued his Byrnes' policy of "getting tough"

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By Ruth Benson-

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

# **Protests Attempt To Rule SWP Off Ballot**

Editor: The stand taken tonight by Farrell Dobbs on Station WJZ on the Wallace-Truman dispute is most commendable. I would sincerely appreciate a copy of the speech, the Socialist Workers Party platform, and The Mili-

tant. In regard to the vicious attempt to rule your party and three others off the state ballot, be advised that I have let my anger be known to Secretary of State Curran, Attorney-General Goldstein and Justice Murray and shall continue to fight with my every effort for a free ballot.

Bayport, N. Y.

# What's Happened to **Charles Jackson?** Editor:

What has happened to Charles Jackson, one of my favorite writers? I am not complaining about the present writer for The Negro Struggle column, who is also doing a good job, but I surely hope that Jackson will also continue to write for the paper. His columns always packed a punch.

Harlem, N. P. Editor's Note: Shortly after Comrade Jackson went on vacation late in the summer, he was taken ill for several weeks. While recovering now, other work occupies him so that he will not be able in the immediate future to write as regularly for the paper as he has in the past. However, he has promised us that he will contribute occasional articles when he is able to do so. Like B. P. and many other readers, the staff of The Militant looks forward to again receiving Comrade Jackson's hard-hitting art-



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appear at a Stalinist rally here with Ben Davis, Stalinist memper of the New York City Coun-This is the answer the honored, "progressive" capitalist politician gave: "I am completely and unalterably opposed to the Communist Party ... I believe that the Communist Party and Communist principles are a menace to our form of government . . . "Your letter expresses the hope that you will hear from me as soon as possible. I decline your invitation. This is my an-

Women Appreciate George R. Stryper SWP Program Editor

# Last Sunday I was out selling Much-Needed Work Militant subscriptions in New York. One woman who answered

the door said her husband had a subscription to the paper and liked it very much, but that she year and wish you continued suchadn't read it. I told her it was necessary for her too to take an paper, and you are doing a interest in politics, and that we wanted women as well as men to understand our program and to join the Socialist Workers Party. Then I told her about our election campaign. She bought a Events Driving

Labor Party pamphlet ,and prom-B. P. ised to read The Militant. In defense of the women, I'd

like to say that it was mostly women who subscribed last week. In two cases, it was the wife who decided to take The Militant, while the husband hesitated. I think that women, who are expected to do the shopping and by some miracle make wages cover expenses, will understand the impossibility of the situation and appreciate our program more quickly now than in previous

years. E. Landi **Stalinists Get Another Kick In The Teeth** 

Editor: Here is an example of the stupidity of the Communist (Stalinist) Party in Maryland, where it and the CIO Political Action Committee are hardly a factor

in politics. One Democratic Party candidate for Governor, William P. Lane, went out of his way to degave him. He won the primary

production of peacetime consum-



of government-built steel plants;

U. S. Steel is trying to grab **In New York Park** them too. There is no basic difference between Kaiser and U. Editor: S. Steel, except U. S. Steel is "Family of 10 Evicted, Roam bigger. Kaiser merely aspires to Street.' become as big.

The above news item appeared The quotation from James P. in the N. Y. Post, Thursday, Sept. 26, 1946.

The details revealed that the family was evicted last Friday from 731 E. 136 St., the Bronx, New York. From Friday till Wednesday this family was searching in the largest and richest

whimper. The father, with the twocapitalist in the world is subyear-old baby in his arms, went to the Bronx Children's Home ject to the operations of these at 1130 Grand Concourse. "So sorry," he was told. "There Capitalism, as a system, espe-

isn't room for another person, cially in its present monopoly stage, is incapable of expanding not even a child." But a matron told him to try in any general way the forces of production. Capitalism is a the Hecksher Foundation on 104th St. There too, he received brake upon production and

the same reply. "So sorry," they said, "but you will have to have a letter of referral from a social service agency. The curse and shame of in-

stitutional red tape! Instead of giving the child shelter, and then going through with their agonizing investigation, they turn a two-year-old child away!

Is it not time for grown-up people of our institutions to use a bit of judgment and to have some human sympathy for a two-year-old child and give it immediate shelter? Oh. institutionalism, what crimes are committed in thy name! How can a human being be so inhuman, and turn a child out because of some institutional rules?

Back went the father with the child in his arms to St. Mary's Park. There Mr. and Mrs. Harold Myers and their eight chil-

### Children Sleep in Rain **Rats Bite Baby** In Detroit Slum Editor:

Bitten twice by rats, a threemonth-old baby girl is in a De-

troit children's hospital with a paralyzed arm and possibly typhus. The doctor reports her

condition as "very serious." The housing shortage in Detroit is so acute that people are forced to live in all kinds of infested quarters. At the early age of three months little Estelle Cheatham is a victim of the capitalist system which can only provide a basement in the slums for her to live in. Estelle's father and mother had been taking turns staving up at night to keep the rats away. But she was bitten in the few moments while her father was going to bed and her mother was getting up. Mr. Cheatham reported he has killed 16 rats in one night. For this infested basement they have to pay \$11 a week!

This case is not new in Detroit. Six rat bite cases were reported in August and seven in September. These cases were only the serious cases. There are many more which are not reported.

Although the apartment where the Building Department reported no violation of building code could easily be remedied, if left send sample copies to four of and left the matter to the Health

Department. We have seen the reactionary Building Department act in two different cases in the past two months. After the fascist vigilantes set fire to the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party, endangering the lives of 125 people, the Building Department served notice to the Socialist Workers Party to vacate the premises. Their phony pretext was a non-existent zoning law.

Actually, there was no violation hatsor

# THE MILITANT ARMY

# **Boston Goes Over Top** In Sept. Sub-Getting

Three branches of the Social- | Indiana, has taken a bundle orst Workers Party surpassed der of 10 Militants a week. their September goals for Mili-

tant subscriptions in three weeks. John Leavitt of Baltimore ask-Boston topped the list with 73 ed for a bundle of last week's issubs. They set a goal of 40 subs. Said S. Brooks, Boston liter- sue of The Militant with the stories about the seamen's strike. ature agent: "Not bad consi-Unfortunately, we couldn't oblige dering we could only have a paras it had been sold out comtial mobilization the first week pletely.

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scriber knows we called."

C. M. Hesser continues his con-

Pauline Larner of Westside

Cora Canaday, a Militant

booster of Kansas City, Mo. asked

us to send a sample copy to four

of her friends. We are glad to

oblige her and hope they all take

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Another Militant booster near

Youngstown, Ohio, asked us to

Activities

out subscriptions.

as our bundle order did not arrive on time. But that has been Chicago sent in 14 subs last straightened out now, and we week. expect to go full steam ahead Philadelphia came through from now on.'

with 12 subs. St. Louis came next with 25 Writing for the Oakland subs in three weeks. Their Branch, Beverly Wise says, "We monthly goal is 16. The comhope to get going on our quota rades write that they obtained and really make it this month, 'most of the subs door-to-door." plus some extra." Pittsburgh got 12 subs in three weeks, two over their monthly goal of 10. Justine Lang writes L. Morris of the Connecticut

she will have "quite a bit to re-State Branch sent in 7 subs. He port" as soon as their drive for tells us, "When we go out on renewals in Whitaker is finished. call-backs, we make up the fol-\* \* \* lowing in a blank envelope: a Flint is doing a good job in letter, renewal slip, prepaid re-

subgetting. Last week El Snyder | turn envelope, and a book list of sent in nine subscriptions. In Pioneer Publishers. Then when addition, five auto workers paid we hit an address where no one for subs to The Militant taken is at home, we address the blank envelope to them and leave it. out while they were on strike. That way our prospective sub-

Toledo has a new literature agent, P. Carroll. He writes that "In order to organize and execute successfully a renewal prosistent plugging. Reporting for gram, it is necessary our card the Portland Branch he says files be brought up to date." most of their sub-getting is done Comrade Carroll's efficient be- on Sundays-from three to five inning promises good results. hours. Minneapolis likewise has a new literature agent, James Ker- Branch, Los Angeles, sends in sey. Minneapolis is starting a three combination subscriptions "new system of keeping track to The Militant and Fourth Inof subs. We are now working out ternational. "They are from a a file system whereby we will sympathizer," she writes. "He is have an alphabetical record." anxious to get our press into the We welcome Comrades Carroll hands of his friends." and Kersey to the ranks of The Militant Army as literature

agents. Sam Stone of Buffalo is doing an efficient job as literature agent. When an error or slip-up occurs, he immediately tracks down the cause to get it correct-Estelle lives is full of rat holes, ed at once. This is very important-sometimes an error that

> too late can mean the loss of a his friends who "may be Stalinist sympathizers, but they are subscription. also good trade union people." He

Calumet Branch at Hammond, sent money to cover the costs.



Socialist Workers Party elec- | eran meetings with them shorttion campaigns in six states, be- 1v."

sides literature sales campaigns Send for price list: Pioneer throughout the country, have exhausted in six weeks the first Publishers, 116 University Place,



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tant. I enclose \$1 for another

cess. Yours is a much-needed

this kick in the teeth.

There is no longer any other movement that offers real relief from the approaching dilemma. J. E.

The Workers' Needs?

Editor:

In regard to your answer to my letter. I wish to say that the

Kaiser.

to a decent living, decent hours

Aware of Lane's conservatism gued for price control, abundant

swer."

Editor:

vance production only for detructive purposes - war. Your reply to your printing of

Our chief argument against Kaiser is not that he "makes a lot of money." It is that he is an

aims of the Socialist Workers Party are worthy and admirable. but it is distressing to see you reinforce the position of the

profiteers who also are attacking

The Socialists' chief argument against capitalism has always been, to quote from SWP Secretary James P. Cannon, that the "capitalists (of America) think that the workers aren't entitled

nounce the support CIO-PAC | and will try to squeeze the worker down." It is hardly a charge that applies to Kaiser who ar-

exploiter of labor — how else does he make money? - and tween Kaiser, the "good" capital-

st, and all the other "bad" capitalists.

Marxism doesn't base its program and policies on such distinctions. but on the basic laws that govern the capitalist system in its rise and in its decay.



L. M.

Baltimore, Md.

Renville, Minn. stifles it. It can temporarily ad-

New York, N. Y. an expression of your fairness.

**Does Kaiser Answer** 

my letter defending Kaiser was

that he covers up his role with popular liberal talk. This misleads many right-minded people into making a distinction be-

Many Visitors

Cannon is entirely correct, but it must be taken as he and all Marxists mean it. In general, capitalists have a class hatred for labor, and do want to keep the workers down. But the real reason why the capitalists want to keep the workers down has nothing to do

city in the world for shelter. According to the story in the N.Y. Post, the first night as they were sitting in St. Mary's Park, it be-

gan to rain. The baby began to

ticipation in politics, the Maryland Communist (Stalinist) Par-

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or a war and imperialistic exhave to be subsidized by the government. Your chief argument against Kaiser is that he has made a lot of money. What difference does it make if some people have an excessive amount of anything if everyone else has an ample amount? Secretary Cannon has pointed out that there is no subject for quarreling in such a situation. The fruit of labor isn't money, which is merely a symbol, but consumer goods. We, who have stopped to think of the marvelous capacities there are for production, know that plenty can be produced for everyone, and the executive can consume no more than the laborer. It doesn't matter to me who executes such a program. The salvation that it will bring is the important thing. Lillian M. Hostetler Spokane, Wash. Editors' Note: Our position on capitalists likę Henry J. Kaiser, we repeat, is that he is fundamentally no different than all other capitalists: His primary interest is to pile up profits. Those profits come from only one source, as scientific socialism, that is Marxism, teaches. Profits are nothing but the unpaid labor of the workers. Kaiser was a cost-plus racketeer during the war. He helped loot the U.S. Treasury of scores of millions in blood-soaked war profits. If he talks about full employment and abundant production, it is merely to bolster his claims for government-built plants at give-away prices. We say these plants should be operated by the government under the control of the workers. It is incorrect to speak of us "reinforcing the position of the profiteers who also are attacking Kaiser." Kaiser represents one group of capitalist profiteers who are competing with other capitalist profiteers. We have no interest in supporting one as Terrace Confectionery, 1947 Jacobs Road. against the other. The Kaiser interests are trying to grab hold

er goods and full employment Week-End Camp Socialists of course know that SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 26 with the full use of technological developments, such a pro-Members and friends of the Sogram will not work out with the cialist Workers Party attended profit system, which always the first Northwest week-end encampment which took place last submits to a business depression week at Benbow Lakes Lodge, pansion. Kaiser's program would 30 miles from Tacoma.

The participants came from Portland, Tacoma, Seattle. and visitors were present from Vancouver, B.C. The encampment was sponsored by the Northwest

branches of the SWP. The main political event of the week-end was a discussion on the "Perspectives of the American Revolution." The discussion, held in the lodge hall, Angeles, who showed how the crisis of world capitalism would bring a revolutionary crisis in the U.S.

Northwest

building of the Trotskyist party in Canada was discussed the following day.

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encampment.

gan in full the next day. Murry Weiss, Los Angeles Organ-Revolution. In his presentation Weiss ana-

eration to bring about a great conomic crisis in the U.S. "The current economic boom is superficial and transitory." he said. "The capitalist system in the U.S. is chronically and or-

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dren spent the night. "their only bed a borrowed blanket . . . on the wet grass." What a civilization! A land-

lord has the right, for some petty reason, to evict a family with act. eight children, ages two to thirteen years, into the city streets. A man, called a judge, receives a good salary to live comfortably. He and his brood are well protected. And he has the right and ple but they will go to any the authority to decide that an- length to deprive the workers of other human family shall be

turned from their home! **Rose Fireman** New York, N. Y.

# California Week-End Camp Studies U. S. Labor History

CARBON CANYON, Calif. - Over 90 members and friends participated in the three-day encampment held by the California branches of the Socialist Workers Party

This week-end gave the par- ganically sick. A depression ticipants an opportunity to meet Trotskyists from other parts of the state as well as to discuss the state-wide work and national

The first day was completely devoted to recreation. In the evening Charles Curtiss spoke briefly on the meaning of the

izer, reported on the Perspectives of the Socialist Workers Party and the coming American

lyzed the forces that are in op-

In the second case where children's health is at stake, the Building Department whitewashes the landlord and refuses to

We are not surprised by the action of the city officials. They represent the interest of the capitalists. They will not do anything for the working peothe right to meet peacefully and discuss their common problems.

E. Brent Detroit, Mich.

edition of Build a Labor Party New York 3, N. Y. Now, by George Clarke (10c) Most of the edition was disposed Youth Group

of in t'ree weeks. A second printing is just off the press. "Seattle has certainly been having successful literature sales in connection with our election CHICAGO, - Youth Group meets Friday, 8 p.m. at 777 W. Adams St. LOS ANGELES. - Socialist Youth Club meets every Thurs-

the Democratic Party rally was concerned (Sept. 4) we didn't inasmuch a the crowd was definitely bourgeois or else those

very same Stalinists we had covered on Labor Lay. However, we managed to sell 18 labor party pamphlets. "On Sept. 10, two comrades

covered the meeting of the Warehousemen (CIO) and in the short space of half an hour sold 20 copies of the new pamphlet. The evening before, one comrade covered the Machinists (AFL) and sold five in just a proaching which will erupt into few minutes. She was supposed to go to the Boilermakers, got working class will have the solu- the Machinists instead, whom we cover rather seldom, and did

right well! "Since these sales at regular American workers from its early union distributions are going so

days through the great organiwell, we intend to intensify zation drives of the CIO, Weiss them - combining Militant and campaign literature distributions with pamphlet sales at all union meetings.

"We advertise the two pamphlets (Build a Labor Party Now and Veterans & Labor) at all our branch meetings, with the result that very soon we shall have to order some more. We haven't pushed the Veterans & Labor much, but intend to cover vet-

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campaign," reports Clara Kave. literature agent. "On Labor Day, 40 copies of Build a Labor Party Now were sold in an overwhelmingly Stalinist crowd. As far as day, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educahave much hope for high sales, tionals by Youth and SWP

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

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Announcements of youth activities will appear in this column weekly.

Detroit



gram was presented over the loudspeaker system with the three California candidates speaking.



# with good pay. ty nevertheless invited him to

was led by James Dall of Los An informative report on the here last month. The week-end was filled out with swimming, boating and fishing. Plans are being made to hold another such event next summer at the same pleasant vacation spot.

of colossal proportions is apa revolutionary crisis. Only the tion for all the problems in its hands." perspectives of the party. Tracing the history of the

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THE MILITANT

'Why Truman Fired Wallace'

# 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. 26, 10:45 p.m.

As Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York, I am going to tell you why Truman fired Wallace. I am going to tell you the flat truth. I am not going to pull any punches. In the life-and-death question of war or peace, the people must be given the facts - let the chips fall where they may.

The ouster of Wallace means that those ruling sections of the capitalist class who favor an early war against the Soviet Union now dominate the government. It means the brakes are off. The war party is in the driver's seat. They've got the go-ahead signal, and they're taking America straight down the highway to World War IIIs.

Consider how little Wallace asked for. He only wanted the expenditures for war cut down. He only suggested they tone down the imperialist policy of trying to dominate other countries. He only asked that the military men be stopped from threatening the world with the atomic bomb. He only asked that the idea of a so-called "preventive" war against the Soviet Union be squelched.

In brief, Wallace asked for a stop to the brutal, belligerent, get-tough tactics of Secretary of State Byrnes. Wallace asked for softer tactics to avoid tossing a blazing torch into the powder-keg of

As this week's Militant makes clear, Wallace is not a representative of the working class. He is a capitalist politician who voices the fears of small business and a section of the ruling class over the frightful and unforeseeable consequences of another war.

Wallace asked so little that Truman found nothing wrong with his speech of September 12 and gave it his official O.K.

Yet look how the warmongers cracked down! They considered that Wallace's mild request would interfere with their war plans. And they put the heat on Truman.

# **Knives** Out for Wallace

The warmongers had their knives out for Wallace. They demanded he be ousted as Secretary of Commerce. They demanded he be kicked out of Truman's Cabinet. They wanted to nail his hide to the wall. Truman gave in and tossed Wallace to the howling wolf pack.

Most people, I'm sure, would consider this proof enough the warmongers had won. But Truman ap- another. It means deeper involvement in the parently is religiously following the old Missouri saying that to really prove something you've | your sons and husbands-held overseas indefigot to show a person. In place of Wallace, he ap- nitely. It means battleships and fleets of war pointed W. Averell Harriman as Secretary of Com- planes sent all over the world as they have been merce. Who is Harriman?

fice by the people. Harriman is one of the wealth- | ica. iest sons of the rich in the United States. Fer-



# FARRELL DOBBS

owns a direct interest in Time, Inc., "whose Fortune (magazine) lavishly praises from time to time the Harrimans and their enterprises and the Standard Oil families from the Rockefellers down, without neglecting to throw frequent bouquets at J. P. Morgan." Harriman symbolizes Wall Street's strangle-hold on Washington.

Truman's dismissal of Wallace means an intensification of the bristling power politics that up and there was dancing in Wall Street. has led to one grave international crisis after civil war in China. It means American troopssent most recently to the Mediterranean. It means Harriman was never elected to any public of- increasing the pressure to militarize Latin Amer-

It means that Wall Street's calendar of war about than burning to a crisp in an atomic bomb guaranteed.

may well be the crucial period which will decide | face. Then we can take correct and effective acwhether the civilized world will go down in detion. Then we have a chance to act in time. struction . . .'

lars in the official budget for 1947 have been of the United States." earmarked for the War and Navy Departments alone. An additional 5 billion dollars have been the Republican Party. I consider it the platform listed for other projects connected with war. That of Big Business. But for once I can agree on a makes 18 billion dollars—an amount roughly equal to the entire national debt in 1927.

astronomical sum, another 10 billion dollars have foreign policy that will lead to war. I hope that been scheduled for payment as interest on the the workers will go to the polls and vote against national debt and other war costs.

This is about 80 per cent of the total recommended expenditures the government expects to one single year.

### Affects Us All

this money? The main source, of course, is your pocketbook. You can expect your tax burden to grow heavier and heavier.

The drive for another war means the housing war planes, deadly germ poisons and Army bases the gaping jaws of the war machine cannot be used to build homes in America.

The drive for another war means that productailed. Factories turning out instruments of destruction cannot turn out clothing, household goods, automobiles and all the other things the people need.

The drive for another war means continued inflation. It means that prices will continue to go upward to new dizzy heights. It means that the the labor movement to fight the capitalists on capitalists and their government representatives | the political field. will continue to hold down wages.

And you can expect another anti-labor cam- SWP Opposes Both paign; a new attempt to shackle labor with vicious legislation like the Case Bill and Truman's draft-labor bill.

The drive for another war means fresh, juicy picking for the buzzards in Wall Street. When the news came over the teletypes that the war profiteers had got Wallace, the stock market went

Thus the drive for another war means that your standard of living will decline. Grocery stores will continue to lack items like soap. Butcher shops | cialist Workers Party demands that the queswill continue to lack meat. Prices will shoot far beyond the reach of the average family.

And after all these hardships, what will be our reward? Only the abyss of a new war. No one likes to think about the horrors of another war. Peaceful things are far more pleasant to think

dinand Lundberg, in his authoritative book, has been moved up. In the words of Wallace, who explosion. But if we want to avoid another slaugh-America's 60 Families, points out that Harriman knows the inside facts: "The months just ahead ter, then it's necessary to look the facts in the do your part to help block the war drive.

Irving Ives, speaking for the Republican Party,

Organization of the country for war affects says that "nothing is so important now as a clear every one of us right now. Take the costs, for and forthright statement by every candidate for instance. According to Wallace, 13 billion dol- national office of his views on the foreign policy

I disagree 100 per cent with the platform of point with the Republican candidate: I agree that

all the candidates should make their position And that's only the beginning. On top of this clear. Ives advocates and supports the imperialist Ives, against Dewey and against the whole Republican slate.

What about Lehman and Mead? They are the make in 1947. Let me emphasize—that's for just main candidates of the Democratic Party. Does anybody know where they stand? Are their mouths full of butter? I can interpret their prolonged silence only as approval of Truman's reac-Ask yourself, where will the government get tionary foreign policy. I trust the workers who are against imperialist war will go to the polls and vote against these Democratic swindlers.

united on a foreign policy leading to war. They crisis will grow worse. Billions of dollars are being have cooked up a shameful plot against the people. wasted for atomic bombs, rockets, super-sonic They have united in a dastardly scheme to block the will of the people for peace. A vote for either in distant lands. Obviously, money pouring into the Republicans or the Democrats is a vote for

to stifle, every voice of opposition to their war tion of peacetime goods will continue to be cur- drive. That is why they have now hatched a conspiracy to deny the Socialist Workers Party its constitutional right to appear on the ballot.

The war drive can be stopped only by breaking way from these two capitalist parties. We must build our own working class party before it is too late-we must build an independent party of

In the New York election this year, only one party stands completely opposed to the two capi-

talist parties and their reactionary foreign policy. That party is the Socialist Workers Party. The Socialist Workers Party demands that the war-making powers be taken away from Congress. The power of Truman and a small clique of capitalist politicians to drag America into war must be taken away. Let the decision on war or peace be left to a referendum vote. The Sotion of war or peace be left to the vote of the people.

By voting for Socialist Workers candidates you will strengthen the movement for a socialist society. Only under socialism can the real, economic causes of war be rooted out and enduring peace

By voting the Socialist Workers Ticket you can

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1946

Wages, Prices and Profits \_\_\_\_ The "Miracle" Of Wartime Production

– By Warren Creel —

In previous installments we have shown that the capitalist system does not raise wages nor increase output of goods as efficiency in production goes up. It only moves more of the workers to unproductive labor. This is the overhead labor of commodity selling, or competitive waste which the capitalist economists conceal under the genera, term "distribution."

In the year 1929 the costs of distribution took 59 cents of the consumer's dollar, while costs of production got only 41 cents of the dollar; this estimate was made by a conservative statistical organization, the Twentieth Century Fund, in its study called Does Distribution Cost Too Much? In a rough way this division of costs shows the division of labor, indicating that nearly three-fifths of the nation's labor was, spent in distribution, even in 1929. They added that the proportion of cost in distribution probably was higher already than in 1929 figures. It has been increasing steadily in the United States for the past half century. It must be remembered further that these capitalist economists are led by their theories to underestimate The Democratic and Republican Parties are the true extent of the waste.

> The latest and best proof of the size of this form of capitalist waste comes from war production in the U.S. during the World War II.

During the record high production year before the The Democrats and Republicans are determined war, 1929, the output of goods was, in round figures. a hundred billion dollars worth. This output was not enough to provide high wages or a high standard of living for everyone, as the capitalist economists often pointed out. They said labor's goal of abundance for all was just a dream. They said the capitalists had to pay low wages, because America could not produce enough goods to provide high wages.

> Then came the war. By a reckless policy of government borrowing, the capitalists financed profits on high production.

# **How Production Was Doubled**

Production jumped to double the 1929 record. It rose from 88 million dollars' worth of goods in 1939 to almost 200 billion dollars' worth of goods in 1944. It turned out that the only barrier had been profit. There was no difficulty at all about increasing production, even to twice the former highest level.

How was output doubled? Did the workers buzz around wice as fast on the job, and turn out twice as much per worker per day? Not at all. On the contrary, a full fourth of the labor force, 12 million workers, was taken away from work and put into the Army and Navy. Yet there was twice as much production without them as with them, although places were filled, if at all, by workers with less experience, the former unemployed, women from home, and part-time workers from school. But part of the workers were moved from "sandwich boards" to industryfrom waste labor to productive labor.

It was easy to change the labor force to double production during the years from 1939 to 1944. It was only necessary to move a small part of the workers from unproductive labor back to the productive fields of manufacturing and mining. Government regulations channeled workers to production, and shut down some overhead activities. The unemployed getting jobs were steered to production. "Other" employment (which includes a little productive work, like teaching and nursing, a little real distribution, and a lot of commodity selling waste) went down, although it still stayed larger than direct production. Even

# **N.Y. Democrats Conspire To Bar Minority Parties From Ballot**

# (Continued from Page 1)

gal mumbo-jumbo and overruled | Young" to steal votes from the up by the Democrats that they of court procedure against the Spencer Young on the Demo- staged an open demonstration in SWP in the very midst of the

# cratic city officials in Rennsel-, Thomas's Socialist Party is still aer. Witnesses were so hopped engaged in its infamous action

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plot was revealed. The Democrats deliberately chose Murray competition! to preside. They couldn't have picked a better judge for their

in Albany for his biased and ar- it impossible for a minority party bitrary decisions and for his as- ever to enter into competition sociation with the foul-smelling with the two capitalist parties. and there are dozens more still is imperative. If this case is left O'Connell Democratic machine Murray ruled the defense moin that city.

From this point on, Murray flimsy a case as has ever come the Democratic lawyers. Wherbefore the courts. The defense ever he couldn't find phony points showed that the Democrats had of law against the defense, he presented no bill of particulars, practically asked the Democrats but had merely recited the words for them, and they were not of the election law. Murray backward in lending a helping hand. wasn't interested.

The defense proved that Spen**cer** Young was not an "aggrieved candidate"-this is the joker in the election law on which the Democrats base their case. Acsording to this clause all the complicated election law procedure can be completely ignored; a challenge against an independent nominating petition can be taken directly into the courts even after the parties have been ately.) certified for the ballot by the Secretary of State (as were the four minority parties in this case .

### **LEGAL JOKER**

ing to precedent, that an "ag- ger.

grieved candidate" must be a vic-A sordid tale of intimidation tim of trickery: for example, if was unearthed when witnesses an independent party nominated testified they had come into a candidate named "Spencer court on the urging of Demo-

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case, however, Young is "ag- Democratic Party. grieved" only because he has If Young's complaint is suspurposes. Murray is notorious tained, this legal joker will make Thousands of dollars were ob- ACTION IMPERATIVE

viously needed to bring the dozens of "witnesses" into courttion out of order.

It was interesting to see how ocrats to retain the battery of high-handedly overruled all mo- in this instance, as in others, nine corroration lawyers active their most important rights-the tions by the defense to quash as Murray openly collaborated with in the proceedings. STATE "NEUTRALITY" The proceedings here also have

The next seam of the conspiracy came to light after the judge overruled all defense motions and the court settled down to the business of hearing "witnesses." The Democrats are using these "witnesses" to prove that the Communist Party obtained signatures on its petitions by "fraud | place on the ballot! and misrepresentation." (The

court is hearing the case against side is the State "neutral"? each of the four parties separ-This similarity between the Their testimony was strangely uniform. All of them said they

didn't know what they were signing. And all of them said that they had never signed anything

The defense showed, accord- before at the request of a stran-

present position as Chairman of we lose." the Democratic Party in Schoharie County. This is the man York on the road to Bilbo law?

throw minority parties off the organized working class of this

and misrepresentation!"

Fight the conspiracy to bar the Socialist Workers Party and other minority parties from the ballot in New York State.

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parties acting independently of one another in the courtroom in face of the united prosecution of the Democrats and the "neutrality" of the Republicans. The Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) invited all the parties to par-

tant). To date this appeal has been ignored. The Communist Party (Stalinist) seems too busy selling its corkscrew line of defeating Dewey by electing the very Domocrats who are trying to throw them off the ballot. Norman

Thus the first seam of the cratic ticket. In the present the courtroom in favor of the attack upon all minority groups by the Democrats. The Social-The Democratic Party has al- ist Labor Party is just too "pure"

ready spent a barrelful of (Wall to unite with anybody, even when Street) money on this case. its own interests are at stake.

Action and protest by trade to come. Thousands of dollars to the tender mercies of Judge are being expended by the Dem- Murray, then the workers of this

state can kiss goodbye to one of right to participate independently in elections in opposition to the Republican and Demo-

established once again how little cratic parties.

This case, regardless of its difference there is between the Republican and Democratic Par- outcome, must become the ties. A representative of Thomas springboard of a powerful cam-J. Curran, Secretary of State, in- paign to revise the reactionary

formed the court that "the State election laws of this state. is neutral in this case." Yet this The Democrats are trying to same Republican official scrutin- conceal their conspiracy behind ized all the petitions, threw out technicalities. The truth is that

all challenges against them at no party-not even the big ones the time and certified the SWP -could comply with all the techand three other parties for a nicalities of the election law. The law is shot through and through Observers are asking: on which with legal loopholes and jokers. It is deliberately written to keep minority parties off the ballot.

If the State Administration two parties is exemplified in the person of Sharon Mauhs, chief | can't find some flaw in an indecounsel for the Democrats. pendent nominating petition, Mauhs's chameleon political car- then a corrupt judge can be

eer shows that he switched from called on to throw the petition the Democratic to the Republican out with or without flaw. For party and then back again four the minority parties it becomes times before he ended up in his a case of "heads they win, tails

Will the Democrats start New

who heads the legal action to That depends first of all on the

ballot on the grounds of "fraud state.

### APPEAL IGNORED

It is an unhappy sight to see the attorneys of four minority ticipate in a joint defense (see letter printed in last week's Mili-

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this small reversal of the usual capitalist waste of labor brought a great increase in production.

That swift doubling of output is what the capitalists boast of as "the miracle of wartime production." In the same way a pianist playing with one finger and wasting nine could immediately double his music by using two fingers and wasting only eight. And perhaps he would boast about that. The only "miracle" is the waste for many years before, and not the swift increase.

Capitalism has been holding down this wonderful production apparatus all along. After the short burst of war production the system is forcing production back to waste and poverty levels again.

Next Week: Waste and wages

# **Reward For Stalinist Boot-Licking**

The Communist (Stalinist) Party is reaping the harv- | County Democratic leader, who | should go to State Democratic est of "coalition" politics in the New York election. Their told signers of petitions to deny Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick, as support of capitalist politicians has paid off in a vicious attack by these same capit- . alist politicians against the this election as a "friend of la-

constitutional right of minority parties — including the CP to appear on the ballot.

The Daily Worker tells us that Dewey and the Republican Party are "the main danger confront-

ing the people of our state and the nation." The Stalinists earch the declarations of Repubicans and Democrats with a microscope trying to find differences which they can blow up to "prove" a Democratic victory would serve labor's interests.

WHAT CP ADMITS

But the attempt of the Demoforced the Daily Worker to admit the workers that Mauhs is a a few things about the Demo-

crats. "The attempt to drive minority parties off the ballot is just another attempt to Bilboize New York State," says the Sept. 23 Daily Worker, quoting Paul Kern, the special counsel of the Communist Party. "The basic American right of the free ballot is at stake."

This attempt to "Bilboize" New York is spear-headed by the Democratic candidate for comptroller, Spencer Young, Lest anyone think that this New York 'Bilbo" is part of what the Stalinists call the Byrnes-Vandenberg clique, take a look at the slate of the American Labor

Stalinists supported last year as Party. Spencer Young is the cananother "friend of labor." didate of the American Labor Party, offered to the voters in Bilbos is James Malloy, Schoharie

bor!" The Stalinists who control the American Labor Party are calling on workers to vote for a capitalist politician — a member of the Roe machine in Queens who they admit is trying to "Bilboize" New York!

Another of the Democrats try ing to "Bilboize" New York is Sharon Mauhs, Democratic chairman of Schoharie County. He initiated the proceedings in behalf of Spencer Young.

Wh is Mauhs? Part of the Byrnes - Vandenberg clique? Scarcely. In 1944 the American cratic machine to deny minority Labor Party ran this capitalist parties a place on the ballot has politician for Congress, assuring

A headline in the Daily Work-

er says, "Dems Gang Up on CP

Petitions." The Democrats, we

should add, ganged up against

all the minority parties. Chief

attorney for this gang of New

York Bilbos is "Robert Whalen,

corporation attorney and local

brain truster for Albany's Demo-

Another of the Democrats try-

ing to "Bilboize" New York is

"Louis Cohen, servant of the

Bronx-Flynn Democratic mach-

ine." He is also executive secre-

tary to Mayor O'Dwyer, whom the

Still another of the New York

cratic O'Connell machine."

"friend of labor."

GANG UP

they knew what they were signwell as to Sen. James M. Mead ing. The judge hearing the case and Herbert Lehman . . in Troy, is another New York Doesn't the silence of Mead and Bilbo, William M. Murray, "local Lehman make them New York Democratic wheelhorse." Bilbos?

Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democratic State Chairman, approvingly told the press on Sept. 25, "So far as Messrs. Young and Cohen are concerned individually, it is all right with me." That makes him a New York Bilbo too.

But that isn't Stalinist logic. THEIR "CONCLUSION"

They are calling on the New York The Daily Worker calls for workers to vote for the Democraaction to stop the attempt of the | tic machine! Doesn't that put Democrats to "Bilboize" New the Stalinists in the camp of York. "Letters, wires, delegations | the New York Bilbos?

All this would seem sufficient

evidence to prove that the Demo-

cratic machine is just as reaction-

ary as the Republican machine

and labor has no way out but to

build its own independent party.

Hear The SWP Candidates! New York Street Meetings DATE TIME PLACE Friday Lenox Avenue, bet. 115 & 116 Sts. 8:15-9:15 Oct. 9:30-10:30 7th Avenue, betw. 125 & 126 Sts. Oct. 4 Monday Myrtle Ave. & Fleet Place 7:45- 8:45 Oct. 9:00-10:30 Fulton & Nostrand Oct. 7 Tuesday 8:15-9:15 Norfolk, near Delancey Oct. 8 Rivington, bet. Clinton & Attorney Oct. 8 9:30-10:30 Wednesday Oct. 9 8:15-9:15 Tremont & Mapes Avenues Oct. 9 9:30-10:30 169th Street & Boston Road Friday 161 Street & Prospect Ave. Oct. 11 8:15- 9:15 9:30-10:30 8:15- 9:15 Oct. 11 163rd Street & Simpson 169th Street & Boston Road Oct. 11 Oct. 11 9:30-10:30 Tremont & Prospect Aves.



# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1946

# Why Negro Soldiers Are Slandered By Fascist-Minded Army Brass Hats

# **Bu Milton Richardson**

SWP Candidate for Lt. Governor of New York General Joseph T. McNarney, top brass hat of the ayoung woman, called out to us and said: "Comrades coming! U. S. Forces in Europe, now denies that he told Truman Comrades coming!" We asked, K. Gibson, Jr.: "The Negro is 'a failure as a soldier. It "What comrades?" She said, "Ofwill be 100 years before he can develop to a point where he will be on a parity with white .

Americans."

Almost four months after Gibson printed this statement, Mc-Narney says that he didn't say exactly that. He says that he was trying to say: "The leadership qualities evident were below the standards required for the efficient performance of certain types of 'combat duties" and therefore "for some time to come the Negro soldier would need new and wider opportunities in order to develop the standard of leadership required."

The language is fancier, the phrases are not as easy to follow - but as far as I can see the idea is the same. In both statements McNarney is saying that the Negro soldier was "inferior" to the white soldier and therefore cannot be given the same ier had a splendid record in rights. An old, old idea - the World War II. kind given prominence by such "leading figures" as Adolf Hitler of the Negro anti-aircraft techand Gerald L. K. Smith.

### "LEADERSHIP"

McNarney talks about "leadership" qualities. This must be a reference to the Negro officers. I was an enlisted man myself, but T know the Negro officers caps - and these handicaps would wait years for promotion; | bat engineers? by the time he could become a first lieutenant a white second and under conditions where they | judiced against them? were constantly humiliated and discriminated against because of of the record of the Negro soldtheir color, how could you ex- ier even under the most adverse pect them to have the same conditions. As a veteran of this Besides, if the Negro soldier the injustice which the Negro was given poor leadership, re- soldiers had to face from their member this: The overwhelming own American white officers. by white officers — white offi- the generals down to the second Talmadge, and Gerald L. K. cers also who generally had been lieutenants - did everything trained to despise and look down possible to belittle the American must face. on the Negro soldiers.

It was from officers such as European people. these that McNarney got his reports. Even the Army Board of to illustrate this, Officers rejected the validity of people. Despite these and numerous pub. We were only there about acre.

# MILTON RICHARDSON

other handicaps, the Negro sold-

Who can deny the efficiency echnical and required quick hinking

Who can deny that some of the functioned under severe handi- Who can dispute the fact that word for word what the captain were imposed by the brass hats. ranked with the best in the Euro-A Negro second lieutenant pean Theater? Or the Negro com-

Or the Negro infantrymen who, toward the end of the war, were "You Americans are not togethlieutenant could have become a finally permitted to serve in the er." We hardly knew what to major. Negro officers weren't same units as white infantry- say to her. We had known that looking for promotions primar- men, and won the praise of even America did not mean freedom ily, but under such conditions, men who had formerly been pre- for the Negro people, but this These are only a few examples

"leadership" spirit and morale? war, I know the difficulties and FAMILIAR RING majority of Negro soldiers was From England to Germany the are the words of the American led not by Negro officers, but American officer caste - from Fascists, Bilbo, Rankin, Eastland,

> Negro soldiers in the eves of the -I will relate just one incident

One night during the period of

ficers." We told her, "Officers are not our comrades." She said that we had better hide and led us to a kind of loft. from which we could see without being seen. Here we noticed that a captain and a major were approaching the door. The captain enter-

10 minutes when the proprietress,

ed, and made an attempt to speak German, not knowing that the woman spoke English as well as he did. He said in German, "Madam, do you understand what black soldiers are?" She told him that she did. He said: "Hitler speaks the truth only one time in his book, Mein Kampf. He said that all blacks are not good, that they

are apes, monkeys. He went on: "Black soldiers will cut your throat, rape your

daughter, kill your husband. In America we treat them like you treat the Jews. If white soldiers come in, sell them beer or wine. If black soldiers come in, sell them nothing." At that point the major came in and asked, "Did nicians, whose work was highly you tell her?" The captain replied, "Yes, sir."

This was obviously organized on the part of the officers, who best tank outfits of the Third spread prejudice toward the Ne-Army were made up of Negro groes among the German people, enlisted men and Negro officers? for the major repeated almost the Negro field artillery units had told the woman. He too said, "All blacks are no good."

After the officers left. the woman said. "You can come out now. They are gone." She said, incident had a stronger effect on

me than anything I had seen during the entire war in Europe, including the German machine guns.

Yes, the words of Gen. McNarney have a familiar ring in the ears of the Negro veterans. They Smith. This is what the Negro The voice which spoke these

words is the voice of the capitalist system which would divide the Negro and white workers. This is the voice which McNarney's report, which was "non-fraternization," I went would destroy the labor moveechoed by Senator Eastland, the along with several other soldiers ment in this country, and drive Mississippi enemy of the Negro in a convoy to Aachen, Germany. the workers into the Army for Four of us went into a German a bigger and better world massVets Protest Pav Cuts

THE MILITANT

# Fire ways

Hundreds of veterans picketed the New York Veteran administration headquarters in protest against recent legislation cutting their pay as much as \$22 a week. "A Pay Raise for Congressmen, A Wage Cut for Vets," one of the placards says. The picket line included both CIO and AFL members, who shouted slogans demanding repeal of income ceilings limiting their pay to \$175 a month for single vets, \$200 for married vets. **Federated** Pictures

**25 Tennessee Negroes Tried** In All-White Kangaroo Court

The kangaroo trial of 25 Columbia, Tennessee, Negroes, facing 20 years' imprisonment on a trumped-up charge of 'attempt to murder," began on Sept: 19 before an all-white

A race - hate atmosphere was established from the outset. The white prosecutor, Bumpus, threatened physical violence against Dr. Ransom, an NAACP me. I am going to wrap a chair around his . . . neck," Bumpus

warned. tempting to whitewash the Jim-February against the entire Negro community in Columbia.

renceville.

cratic chaos.

# **Workers Throng To SWP Election Street Rallies** By David Weiss

NEW YORK, Sept. 30-The campaign to elect the Socialist Workers ticket in New York State is running in high gear. The party has taken to the streets in a big way. Thousands of workers listen to party speakers on the street corners and greet their message with great enthusiasm. Thousands of Militants and pamphlets are sold at

the street meetings. Hundreds of workers have signed interest cards and recruits are beginning to stream into the party. A rally was held in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area (a mixed Negro and white district) in Brooklyn last Friday. Three meetings broadcast the SWP program over loud speaker amplifiers along the main thoroughfare on Fulton St.

Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for Governor, Milton Richardson, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, and Sylvia Blecker. candidate for Attorney-General and other party speakers adhigh as 1,000 people. In addition to the crowds gathered around the platform, scores of persons listened to the speakers along the streets, from the elevated station and from the win-

Placards denouncing lynch terror, protesting the conspiracy to bar the SWP from the ballot and calling for a Workers and Farmers Government were held aloft in the meetings by party comrades and sympathizers who had

The results of the meetings speak volumes for the lively interest aroused among the workers: More than 500 Militants

were sold, a total of \$60 was collected for pamphlets and papers, 125 interest blanks were signed, 15 subs to the Militant were sold and six workers joined the party. This is the second big street meeting rally staged by the New York local of the SWP. The first was held in Harlem where over 500 attended three rallies, 400

erature were sold, and 150 workers signed interest blanks.

William Bohannon Cummuna

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

What Counts In Candidates I am not personally acquainted with Frank L. Sund-

strom, the incumbent member of the House of Representatives from the 11th District of New Jersey, but I have learned a few . -this has not yet been done.

In the 1946 election campaign in New Jersey's 11th District, Sundstrom represents the capitalist class and I represent the working class. Anyone who reads our respective party platforms can see that very plainly. I ask to be elected on this basis of alone. No matter what Sundstrom's personal qualifications may be, I advocate his defeat in this election because he is a représentative of the Republican

Party and therefore a representative of Big Business and not the working people. Fortunately, we have his vot-

ing record in the 79th Congress to prove this. Let us examine some of it briefly:

The Case bill was one of the worst anti-labor bills in the history of this country. Sundstrom voted for it.

Sundstrom voted again and again for legislation to raise prices.

He helped to kill action on housing by stopping debate on it in the Banking and Currency Committee.

He helped to defeat an amendment which would have protected veterans from housing speculators.

On the basis of these four issues alone, not a single worker. housewife, tenant or veteran

ought to vote for Sundstrom. But the point I am trying to make is that no matter how he voted, no matter what his record was, no worker or Negro ought to vote for him anyhow. As long as a man is a candidate of the Republican Party, or the Democratic Party, no worker or Negro ought to vote for him. Because no matter how careful such a candidate may be to cover up his tracks, he is still

a stooge for Big Business. Some people say: "I don't pay any attention to the party label, I vote for the man." That is one public office than you have reason why conditions are so had?" That is the question I bad today. The thing to judge is not the man or his individual. characteristics, but the man's PROGRAM. And you cannot determine what his program is without studying the program of his party.

What counts in candidates is their program. Ask yourself ist Workers Party believe it is whom the candidate represents -the rich ruling class or the 500 attended three rallies, 400 governed by the majority of the working class? Then make your Militants and \$40 worth of lit- people, that is, the working peo- decision. If you want continued ple of the cities and farms. We wars, depressions, Jim Crow and ascism vote for th

jury in a courtroom in Lawthe Navy. The Stephensons were jailed. Former Sheriff J. J. Under-

wood, a state's witness, testified that two white mobs attempted to break into the jail to get the Stephensons. When defense attorneys tried to question the defense attorney. "If that nig- sheriff on this attempted lynchger doesn't stop contradicting ing, Judge Ingram ruled that the "subject was immaterial."

The State tried hard to prove that the defendants were guilty of firing at four policemen. But

Thirty witnesses for the State not a single one of the 30 witvere called in the first 10 days nesses was able to identify any of the trial. The State is at- of the defendants as guilty of the alleged shooting. Will Wills-Crow pogrom it unleashed last also a state's witness, exonerated ford, one of the four policemen. the defendants.

More than 500 armed state DEFENSE WITNESS troops, police and white mob- Julius Blair, a leading defendsters terrorized and shot at the ant, was the first witness for the Negro residents and wrecked defense. The 76-year-old Negro their homes and businesses. The patriarch is charged not only terror followed the assault of a with attempting to murder the white radio repair man upon a policemen, but also with organiz-Negro woman, Mrs. Stephenson, ing the alleged attempt. Mr. and her son just returned from Blair testified that Mrs. Stephenson's mother came to his store

things about | him from Who's Who and Fitzgerald's Legislative Manual. He was an o utstanding athlete and graduate



Cornell University, according to these sourc-Then he es. went into business in New York City where he attained "notable success as a salesman and

sales manager." He is now a partner in a brokers' firm in New York-Burton, Cluett and Dana. He is a member of the honorary journalistic fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi, and a national

officer of Phi Kappa Psi, whatever that is. He has already had two terms in Congress. My own background is dif-

ferent. My mother brought our family North when I was a small child in the hope that we would escape the degrading conditions every Negro must face in Georgia. I had to quit school before

union committees.

want to answer here.

political parties.

Some people may ask: "Under

these conditions why do you

campaign against a man who

has had greater educational op-

portunities and experience in

This country is now run by

representatives of a small min-

ority of the population-the big

corporations who control most

We who belong to the Social-

time for the United States to be

of the wealth and the two big

I finished high school so that I could help support the family. dressed a combined audience I have never had a business of which at times numbered as any kind and have always worked in factories or shops when I was not unemployed. While not belonging to any fraternities, I have belonged to

the CIO United Steelworkers of America, the Workers Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party. ran for public office only once -for the Newark City Commission in 1941—and I was not elected. However, my fellow vorkers have often chosen me to represent them on various

dows of their homes.

mobilized for the occasion.

PAGE SEVEN

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black

-KARL MARX

skin is branded."



# How Stalinist Leaders' Policies Paid Off In The Maritime Strike

# By F. J. Lang

The CIO National Maritime Union is the largest union of rates \$10 above the NMU scale. unlicensed seamen. It represents a majority of all men em- All maritime workers supported ployed in the U.S. Merchant Marine. The NMU has a model the parity demand of the NMU. headquarters in New York City, a real show-place. In all However, the poor organization major ports, the NMU has 9

clean, well-kept union halls. tire administrative apparatus of There all members receive equal the union. treatment. They are shipped to jobs on a rotary basis. Racial prejudice and job jealousy have been | the principles of "readin', writin' broken down.

All this developed from the 1936-37 strike struggles. The NMU was built in revolt against the corrupt and reactionary officialdom of the old AFL International Seamen's union.

During the '36 strike and the rank-and-file revolt in the moribund ISU the unlimited resourcefulness of the seamen on the East Coast forged this new and powerful CIO union. It inscribed racial equality on its banner and set out to unite all seamen with the promise that its program and policies would be developed by the rank and file, free from clique control.

# AIMS BETRAYED

Nearly 10 years have passed. But almost from the beginning the NMU has been dominated by a clique. That clique is the Communist (Stalinist) Party. It has rudely betrayed the aims and hopes of the thousands of militant seamen who built the union.

ed the Communist Party in the seph Stack. The strike was a fias- structions. Pickets calling from beginning to break through the INTIMIDATION prewar years. They thought the co because it failed entirely in the line had difficulty in bureaucratic stranglehold of the party was a safeguard against its objective to tie up all lake speaking with strike committee Stalinists. old-line reactionaries such as shipping and had to be called off representatives. Often they had they had fought and defeated in two weeks later. the ISU. These seamen soon in another reactionary clique. tinue the nation-wide seamen's quarters. Many were expelled from the par- strike called a week earlier by Pickets could never get a their union. The members saw him. ty for opposing its false union for the hated Coast Guard.

The war years silenced the militant seamen During this period, win wage parity for all seamen forcements in case of emergency. union for coming tougher strugthe Stalinists took over the en-lafter the AFL unions had forced | This inexcusable confusion re- les.

the government to agree to wage

have weakened the NMU.

NO CLEAR POLICY school" to teach new members

and no strikin'." They were the most brazen suppledge and advocated a postwar existed. There were no official wonder the average NMU rank no-strike pledge.

and government hiring halls. UNION WEAKENED

Myers. It now appears that the NMU strike committee adopted and responsible area commanders rival AFL Seafarers Internation- an effective policy to picket all elected. Mobile picket reinforceal Union will receive a majority ships and continue the nation- ments were organized. Most imin the Isthmian Line election. wide tie-up only after the CIO portant of all, the way was clear-The second test was the NMU strike was called. But this was in ed for establishment of a strike Great Lakes strike in August conflict with the policy up to policy that the membership could against the open-shop Lake Car- then. riers Association. This strike was | Because of this conflict, NMU | way the great power and initia-Hundreds of these seamen join- directed by another Stalinist, Jo- pickets were issued conflicting in- tive of the NMU members were

Stack.

of the CIO strike demonstrated once again how the Stalinists

They organized a "leadership

day the strike was called. No expulsion if they violated any of

rules, they offered to cooperate along the miles of New York the strike. with the War Shipping Adminis- waterfront. No plans were ready A CRISIS tration in establishing a nation- for transporting, feeding and wide government shipping pool housing the pickets. There was no centralized authority. Worst of all — there was no clear strike

policy.

How these Stalinist anti-un-During the AFL phase of the ion policies weakened the NMU maritime strike, the Stalinists in of the Stalinist-created bureauhas been demonstrated in three the CIO unions advanced an 11recent tests. The first was the point program, including a prounion's drive to organize the posal to permit exemptions for off on Sept. 20, a picket-dis-Isthmian Steamship Co. This troop and relief ships. This would patching system had been esdrive was directed by one of the have weakened the total tie-up tablished. The New York waterleading NMU Stalinists, Blackie voted by the AFL unions. The front had been divided into areas

sulted not only from lack of after the Stephensons were jailed strike preparation; it was the and said a mob was forming to inevitable result of the whole hang them.

past Stalinist policy in the NMU. "I knew the jail didn't amount The Stalinist clique had collabo- to anything when a mob was rated with the ship operators and coming," Mr. Blair stated. He government. They had opposed proceeded to get the Stephensons strikes and militant action for out of jail, against the "advice" many years. The membership was of Magistrate Denton, who innot trained for defending picket formed him that bail was \$3,500. The rank and file strike com- lines. Moreover, members had Denton admitted he knew a mob mittee was not elected until the been threatened in the past with was forming.

Defense attorneys asked the porters of the wartime no-strike over-all plan for strike action the false policies. So it is no court to permit them to introduce evidence showing that Magpicket cards ready. The Organi- and filer proceeded cautiously istrate Denton was a leader of a Finding it difficult to enforce zation Department provided no when confronted with the conmob in 1933 that lynched Cordie the government war shipping plan for distribution of pickets tradictory instructions during Cheek, 17-year-old Negro youth in Columbia. Throughout the

trial the court has repeatedly re-This was a real crisis for the fused to permit any evidence regarding past lynchings.

union. As always happens in time Testimony of all the state's of crisis, new men came forward witnesses clearly established the and some of the old-timers returned to help bring order out fact that the Negro community had real reason to fear lynch violence last February.

Lynn Bomar, state highway By the time the strike was called patrol boss, state's witness, boasted that he had led the armed troops in the machine-gun assault upon the Negro people, and that he made no efforts to arrest or disarm white gangsters he saw with guns on the public squares. "Some foreign group or association might have done the 'Mink Slide' wrecking," he cynically concluded, inferring understand and fight for. In this that the NAACP was guilty of the crime.

Damaging evidence of intimdation and bribery was revealed

Wage parity for all seamen when one of five Maury County to take orders from one of the has been won. In the short week Negroes, witnesses for the state, The latest test was September hundred or so Stalinist office of their strike, the NMU members testified that an FBI man had found that they were caught up 13, when the NMU voted to con- girls who work at union head- learned how close to a fatal crack- offered him money to tell all he up the Stalinists have brought knew, but that this only "scared"

the AFL Maritime unions. Or- straight answer about where to how the NMU, despite its vast The state's contention that policies. Some were expelled from ganization of this strike was the picket, when they were to be resources, was all but paralyzed two Negroes were shot to death the union. Others dropped away direct responsibility of the Or- relieved, what happened to their by the false and bureaucratic in cold blood in the jail for tryquietly during the war when the ganization Department, formerly improvised picket cards, where policies of the Stalinist leaders. ing to "escape" was blasted by Stalinist clique turned informers headed by Myers and now by to report the following day, whom They are now determined to state's witness Underwood. He

to allow through the picket line, cleanse the leadership of Stalin- admitted that the two murdered The NMU strike was called to where to call for picket rein- ist influence and prepare their men had made their bonds and were about to be released when the killing took place. Sec. 3

lent results.

heen urging the labo Other local branches have been movement to form its own party or Republican candidates. If you holding street meetings through- so that it can elect its own want peace, security and equalout the city with equally excel- representatives into office. For ity, vote for the Socialist Worka number of reasons-none good ers Party.

# **Come and meet other 'Militant' Readers** At these Local Activities of The Socialist Workers Party

AKRON - Visit The SWP, 2nd floor, 8 So. Howard St., Akron 8, O. Open daily except Sunday, FLINT-Visit SWP and Militant 2 to 4 p. m.; also Wed., 7:30-

9:30. ALLENTOWN - BETHLEHEM -Open meeting every Thursday. 8 p.m., at Militant Labor Forum. S. E. corner Front and Hamilton Streets, Allentown, Public Forums-First Sunday each month, 8:15 p.m.

BALTIMORE-For information write Box 415, Baltimore 3. Md. Monthly forums to be announced.

BAYONNE-SWP headquarters, 62 W. 23rd St. Open house 2nd and 4th Saturdays. BOSTON-Office at 30 Stuar St. Open Saturdays from noon

until 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Fridays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday Forum-3 p.m. BUFFALO - Open every after-

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# Diary Of A Steel Worker -The Story Of Stanley Barek -By Theodore Kovalesky-

His name was Barek, Stanley Barek. He was an old man, so the thing didn't seem quite as tragic as it might have if he were younger. I

don't suppose it was tragic at all, just pathetic. The tragedy happened years and years ago, and this really ended it.

The way we got the story was that Barek came to this country years ago. His father went to work in the mines in Pennsylvania, and young Stanley started there too at

the age of twelve. He worked with a lot of other little kids separating the coal from the stone and dirt in some sort of building above the ground. That was his childhood, long hours of work and hardly ever any play. The visions he might have tried to remember in later years were the desolate, dusty areas ruined by the collieries, the wind-swept shacks tottering on a hillside, the boggy, rutted mud-roads.

Stanley Barek grew up in the lean, tired way his friends and companions grew up in the town. There were layoffs, there were strikes, and there was violence. There were accidents in the mines that claimed the lives and mutilated the bodies of his neighbors. Life was hard and dangerous, and there was little fun in it.

Then Stanley Barek put all this behind him and went to Pittsburgh. He knew very little of what lay before him, but he knew what he was leaving behind. He wanted no more of the mines or of the barren town that worked them. So he went to Pittsburgh, drawn toward the great stacks and ovens and furnaces that glowed in the sky at night.

Stanley Barek found himself a room in the Smoky City, and he found himself a job in the steel mills. Some time later he found himself a woman and married her.

A couple of years after that it happened. It

Increasing numbers of people are coming

to regard vitamin pills as the cure for all of

To Be Financed By Taxing The Monopolies seems that something had gone wrong with a shear. It snapped or tore loose, or else it was the steel being cut that tore loose. Anyhow pieces of steel were hurled around the mill . . and one of them caught Stanley Barek in the

middle of the forehead, just over the eyes. It didn't kill him. He had fought hard for his life ever since childhood, and his body and system were tempered in that fight. So instead of dying he lay there in the hospital for months, his lean, tough body softening in the white hospital bedclothes. Months later they helped him to his feet and taught him to dress himself, taught him to walk all over again . . . for he was blind.

It's good to be able to say that he was not swindled out of all compensation like so many other workers. He wasn't. It was a lucky break. He got a settlement and finished the payments on the little house he was buying. And when his wife took in washing and he went out selling pencils on the streets, they didn't starve. They always managed to have enough to eat.

Only, they couldn't save anything, naturally. They heard of those wonderful dogs that blind people could buy, dogs that were almost human and could guide a blind man safely anywhere at all. Stanley Barek would have given anything for one of those "seeing eye" dogs . . anything he had to give. But it was money that was needed, and he didn't have that. So he kept poking along the streets with his cane, asking people, "Wanna buy a pencil?" He sat on a little pad on a corner downtown, asking, whenever he heard footsteps, "Pencils?"

And then one evening last week as he was tapping his way home, he walked into the way of a truck. It was very quick. When he heard the footsteps gathering around him in the darkness and sensed somebody bending over him. he murmured, "I no see . . ." and died.

When we heard the story, we all thought, what a lousy shame he couldn't have afforded one of those dogs!

in the Lockheed Aircraft Plant in Burbank, Cali-

fornia showed that 87 per cent had diets which

were unsatisfactory. Surveys of the diets of

Southern sharecroppers and of North Carolina

**California SWP Election Drive Goes Into High Gear This Week** 

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Sept. 26-The Socialist Workers Party's write-in election campaign in this state went Condidate for U. S. Congress into high gear this week with the signing of radio contracts in San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The candidates, Steve Roberts? for Governor, Cynthia Rogalin page leaflet with the SWP's platfor Los Angeles County State form, a radio card and a special Senator, and Robert Chester for edition of The Militant will be 20th District State Assembly- distributed by the tens of thousman, will be heard on the air in ands in neighborhoods and bea total of nine 15-minute broadfore factories.

casts. (See Page 6 for details.) TOUR PLANNED

A wide network of listening parties is being arranged in all parts of the state. An attractive two-color six-

**Distribute Four Special Editions Of 'The Militant'** 

Last week's issue of The Militant was printed in five different editions — the regular issue and four special election issues which are receiving wide distribution in the Socialist Workers Party election campaigns.

Attractively prepared, the special editions center around the Socialist Workers Party national platform, and give a program of

action on local issues. The Minnesota edition, printed in 30,000 copies, has a big headline, VOTE FOR LABOR CAN-

DIDATES, and several articles The California edition's headline is: CALIFORNIA SWP LAUNCHES WRITE-IN CAM-PAIGN. It has articles on local cuestions by all three of the So-

LEADS STRUGGLE AGAINST



# **MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES**

to go to Duluth, Minnesota, as

Today he is an assembler and

Warren Creel is a frequent

punch press operator in a Min-

with Warren Creel as secretary, neapolis factory. He is a mem-

polis drivers' strikes, he came in- Workers, CIO, Local 1140, and a

to contact with the Socialist delegate to the Hennepin Coun-

The following year he left the contributor to The Militant and

Farmer-Labor Party state office the Fourth International.

Workers Party forces and he ty CIO Council.

joined them in 1936.

**Daniel Roberts** 

For State Senate

31st District, Washington

Since the age of 14, Daniel

Roberts has been active in the

struggles of the working class.

After three years of youthful

study, he joined the Young Com-

Socialist Party, trying to change

its treacherous position of sup-

porting the war. At the June,

1942 convention of the Socialist

Party, Roberts introduced a res-

tionary socialist opposition to

# Warren Creel

New Jersey Candidates Fight For Housing

**3rd District, Minnesota** Warren Creel comes of Social-

ist parents. His father, H. G. Creel, was a writer and speaker of the Socialist Party, and circulation manager of the Appeal to Reason; later he was editor of the state newspaper of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, the Farmer-Labor Leader.

Creel, now 37 years old, i A tour of whirlwind speeches married and has a five-year old by the three candidates is now daughter. He was born in Chiin preparation. In addition to cago, spent his grade school covering sections where SWP vears in Texas and Oklahoma branches exist, the tour will City, went to high school in cover such places as Stockton, Omaha, Nebraska. He attended Sacramento, Santa Cruz, San the University of Chicago for Bernardino, Azusa, etc. Labor one year, 1928-29. During his and minority organizations are next two years as an office workbeing urged to invite SWP caner in Los Angeles, he was an acdidates to their own meetings. tive forum speaker on economic Teachers Association, Local 692

A series of mass meetings and subjects. neighborhood rallies in San In 1932 he went to St. Paul, Teachers. During his eight years Diego, San Francisco, Los An-Minnesota, and organized study in this post, the organization geles and San Pedro is already of Marxist economics in the made an outstanding record in underway. Farmer-Labor youth organiza- the national teachers union. He

Publicity is being released almost daily to the press. In ad- these study groups, the state work which would allow more cition the party is issuing the Farmer-Labor Association set up political activity. Trotskyist Campaigner, with full an Educational Bureau to carry nformation on election activity, on further educational work, for the remainder of the campaign. Militant readers can be placed on the mailing list for he Campaigner free of charge by writing to the Los Angeles

Local headquarters, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd.

# **On The Radio**

Hear Sylvia Blecker, SWP candidate for Atty.-General of N. Y., Friday, Oct. 4: Milton Richardson, SWP candidate for Lt. Governor, Saturday Oct. 5.

Both on WLIB Public Pro gram, 4:10 p.m. — 1190 on dial.

munist League in 1935. In 1940, he left the degenerated YCL to **Carlson Pledges** join the Young 'People's Socialist League. While attending the University **Fight Against** of Southern California, Roberts was an active member of the

By Winifred Nelson

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 28. olution setting forth the revolu-Pledging Socialist Workers

World War II. For this he was Party candidates to an un- barred from taking part in the

ings, and was soon expelled by

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 28-The housing crisis has become the key political issue

in New Jersey's election cam paign, and the Socialist Workers Party candidates are in the thick of the fight Increasing space in the local press has been given to the SWP housing program as the Alan Kohlman



State Legislature convenes in special session next Monday to deal with the housing

question. The high point of the campaign this week was the proposal . to finance housing through a two-cent tax on cigarettes advanced by Republican Governor Edge at the beginning of this week and hastily withdrawn yesterday to prevent a smashing Republican defeat at the polls in November.

The initiative in the fight business agent of the Duluth against the cigarette tax was taken by Alan Kohlman, SWP of the American Federation of candidate for Governor, who was soon joined in his attacks on the proposed legislation by veteran and labor organizations. Even the man Edge picked to succeed tion. Because of the success of resigned in 1944, to take up himself. Republican candidate Driscoll, had to repudiate the

cigarette tax program. Exposing the purpose of Edge's program — to tax the workers while helping the profiteers -In 1934, during the Minnea- ber of the United Electrical Kohlman advanced the SWP demand: Tax the rich and not the poor.

> He called for a fight to "increase corporation taxes on the profit-bloated trusts and monopolies to pay for long-range housing:" use of the state postwar reserve; higher taxes on horse-racing, bank stocks and the railroads.

> Kohlman and William E. Bohannon, SWP candidate for Congress from the 11th District, spoke on the housing question last night at a well-attended meeting in State Campaign Headquarters.

Here Bohannon showed that Negro workers and veterans were hardest-hit in the present housing crisis, and called for a vigorous fight to kick out the legislators who have stalled on this vital question.

Kohlman devoted part of his remarks to an analysis of the Driscoll program, which he

on the Los Angeles Executive branded as "even more conserva-Committee of the Socialist tive than Edge's on the matter of Workers Party. In May, 1945 he permanent housing." While Edge came to Seattle as the Socialist advocated a 106 million dollar program for both temporary and long-range housing needs. Dris-

Workers Party organizer. Here he has been a member compromising fight to end rest of the convention proceed- of the Executive Committee of coll asks only 41 million and the Pyramid Workers Alliance shelves the question of pe

authorities have coined the

of all drug sales. There is no doubt but that vitamin deficien-



phrase, "a vitamaniac," to describe the victim of the current vitamin-pill-craze. That there are so many "vitamaniacs" in the United States is due, in the main, to the unprincipled and unscientific advertising campaigns of

the country's vitamin pill manufacturers. Whether vitamin pills benefit the patients or not, they certainly benefit the drug companies! Some \$200,000,000 a year is taken in by vitamin pill manufacturers. This is a third

cies create serious health problems for American workers. In 1940, there were 2,373 deaths from pellagra, beriberi, scurvy and rickets all vitamin deficiency diseases. And for every actual death from malnutrition; there are thousands who are seriously ill from diet deficiency diseases and millions who have mild or moderate vitamin deficiencies. A 1942 survey of the diets of the relatively well-paid workers



textile workers showed 100 per cent unsatisfactory records. But attempts of individuals to make up for diet deficiencies by "doctoring" themselves with dealing with the fight for a labor vitamin pills are frowned upon by medical men. party, against war and fascism. U.S. Surgeon-General Thomas Parran has this

Don't Be A Vitamaniac!

Girdling The Earth With Bases

-By Joseph Hansen-

- By Grace Carlson

to say: "The solution of malnourishment for the population as a whole is not that we become a nation of drug-takers but that there be readily available an adequate supply of all the foods we need at the prices we can pay. Occasionally, synthetic vitamins are necessary when acute illness develops and years of faulty feeding must be made up by a few weeks or months of addition to the diet of specific minerals and vitamins. This is a problem of medical care."

A balanced diet, which includes plenty of meat, milk, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables and whole-grain cereals - that is what human beings need. Despite all of the claims of the pill manufacturers, synthetic vitamins are no substitute for rich. nourishing food!

Fight for the kind of wage scale that can buy vitamin-rich food for you and your family! Don't be a vitamaniac!

cialist Workers Party's candidates. 25,000 copies were printed. NEW JERSEY WORKERS GET CHANCE TO VOTE FOR A LABOR TICKET is the main

headline of the New Jersey edition, issued in 15,000 copies. There are articles on the vital housing question, the labor party. Negro and labor's rights, etc. The Washington State Edition.

The Washington State Edition, printed in 5,000 copies, features Jim Grow the fight against war and the banner headline: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY TICKET

NEW WAR. Most of the SWP candidates in these states had articles in the special editions.

A 24-hour general strike, staged in Iceland. Sept. 24, protested granting U.S. imperialism the military bases it wants there. Lying directly on the highly strategic North Atlantic route to



land is important in Wall Street's projected war against the Soviet Union. Since the close of the Second World War, the Stalinists have actively opposed entrenchment of Wall Street's military machine in Iceland. The proposed deal over retention of air fields with

the Soviet Union, this small is-

permanent skeleton crews of American troops is now up for consideration in the Iceland Parliament.

Iceland, however, is but one point in the vast circle of bases sought by Wall Street's militarists.

Already American bases dot such strategic points in the West Indies as the Bahamas, Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Antigua, St. Lucia and Trinidad. The brass hats want an outer ring of bases from Iceland through the Azores down to South America. To put pressure on the Portuguese government to concede bases on the Azores, eight United States warships visited Lisbon August 16 during the negotiations.

Around the Panama Canal American militarists project a perimeter of bases on a radius of more than 1,000 miles. During the war the U. S. armed forces held 130 bases in Panama. The brass hats want to retain the Galapagos Islands that belong to Ecuador, and build a ring of bases extending through Peru, Ecuador,

Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Nicaragua Salvador and Guatemala.

Wall Street is working overtime to bring Latin America into its military plans. U. S. military missions have visited 13 Latin American countries this year. In 20 U. S. Army missions some 500 officers and men have been involved. Toprank generals and admirals like Eisenhower and Halsey have made tours. Spanish and Portuguese editions of military publications and field manuals are distributed free of charge. Key Latin-American officers have been brought to the United States for study and indoctrination.

In the distant Pacific, the Wall Street militarists insist on retaining Manus in the Admiralties islands which have been under the Australian flag.

As for the Japanese islands seized during the war, the State Department has coolly announced it does not even intend to place them under a so-called "trusteeship agreement" with the United Nations.

These steps to convert the Western Hemisphere into an armed camp and the Pacific and Atlantic into U. S. Army and Navy ponds are part of Wall Street's preparations for another war. A five-member delegation of the House Military Affairs Committee upon returning from a 38,000 mile inspection tour of the Pacific made no bones about these war plans.

They demanded haste in ringing the Pacific with strong bases within striking distance of the Soviet Union!

had shown "moral turpitude." He was "guilty"

of leading 3,500 workers in a fight for higher

wages so they could buy some of the food which the A&P and the other monopolists, had put

beyond reach. That's no trifling "economic of-

fense" like stealing millions from the working

**Hit Sales Tax In Washington** SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 27. -

Washington State sales taxes will still be pegged at three per cent according to the program set forth this week by Democra-

tic Governor Mon C. Wallgren. The Governor is opposed to any lowering of the tax which is levied on the sale of all commodities in Washington, including food. The main burden of this tax falls on the working class.

Wallgren justified the continuation of this tax on the poor as

win.

necessary "if we are to continue the liberal program we have in social security, medical aid and the rest of the program we've started." This means that the working class itself is to foot the bill for the small social security concessions it has been able to

**SWP Candidates** Supremacy'." Tracing the growth of the myth of racial superiority as an

instrument in the capitalist policy of divide - and - rule, the

speaker declared: "We in the SWP say that the oppression of races is an integral part of capitalism and that equality of opportunity cannot be attained unless we change the capitalist system . . . We have taken our place in the great fight to free mankind from oppression—to create a new world where there will be no discrimination and segregation

and inequality, only the human race and the brotherhood of man.'

Dr. Carlson reminded her audience of the promise of the Four Fr 'oms "everywhere in the world" as a result of World War II. "But the Negro veteran

In sharp opposition to the Isaac Woodard," she continued, "didn't return to the Four Free-Democratic Governor's program, the candidates of the Socialist doms when he had his eyes Workers Party in Washington gouged out by a brutalized chief call for the outright repeal of of police."

the state's sales tax and the The very attentive audience. adoption of the principle "tax which filled the headquarters to the rich, not the poor - no capacity, contributed generously taxes on incomes less than \$5,000 to a collection to aid the eleca year!" tion campaign.



To join the Socialist Workers Party.

To attend meetings and forums of the Socialist Workers Party in my city.

# NAME .. (Please Print) STREET .... POSTAL ZONE STATE

im Crow, Grace Carison, Minnesota SWP candidate for U.S. Senator spoke at the local SWP week on "The Menace of 'White program forward.

He was drafted into the Army of Negro People. in 1944, and upon his discharge Roberts is married and has a without any additional taxes on resumed an administrative post four-year-old daughter.

he joined the Socialist Workers in 1945 to win equal rights for Party in Los Angeles, and has Negro workers in local unions. headquarters, 540 Cedar St., last worked diligently to carry its He is a member of the National Association for the Advancement

the Socialist Party. Immediately an organization set up in Seattle ent housing altogether. The SWP candidates are demanding a 500 million dollar program and have received wide. publicity for their proposals showing how this can be raised

the masses.



# 1. Defend labor's standard of living!

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

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

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

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

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours-reduce the hours of

work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

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

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

4. Build an independent labor party!

# 5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

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

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

7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!

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

9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.

Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!

Against capitalist conscription!

Abolish the officer caste system!

Full democratic rights in the armed forces!

Trade union wages for the armed forces!

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

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

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

11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

What Is Moral Turpitude? -By Ruth Benson The gigantic Atlantic and Pacific Tea Comworkers' families of millions of dollars was "only an economic offense," Lindley claimed.

pany, whose food store chain reaches every corner of the country, was found guilty last week by federal court of "conspiring to

monopolize a large portion of the nation's food business." It had stolen millions of dollars from boosting.

customers! Moreover, by its ruthless law-breaking, the A&P had wiped out competition, driving thousands of little grocers from the stores

Judge Walter C. Lindley passed sentence on these crooks. Under the anti-trust laws, the guilty heads of the corporation and its subsidiaries, were liable to fines and prison terms of two years.

But did they go to jail? Not on your life! You see, explained Judge Lindley, these thieves were not guilty of "moral turpitude"! To rob

workers' pockets by short-changing. short-weighting, and price-In 1941 alone, A&P profits amounted to \$26,125,000, and al-

most two millions of this sum came directly from cheating its

into which they had poured their life savings.

# In Danville, Illinois, on Sept. 27, Federal

### the power workers' union, was arrested, sentenced without bail or a jury trial, and thrown into jail for a year's term. Mueller, it seems,

### tions" of robbing the poor. Reluctantly he fined the corporation a mere \$175,000 — petty-cash compared to their loot. And then he hastily put a stay on the fines, so

"punishment."

people!