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# MINE STRIKE SHOWS URGENT NEED FOR UNITED ACTION OF ALL LABOR Murray Urges Joint Labor Parley Lewis Retreat

## **Calls On All Union Leaders** To Resist Anti-Labor Drive

In response to Truman's threat to send Congress "the strongest message he knows how to prepare" demanding anti-labor legislation, CIO President Philip Murray has called for "unified action" by the AFL, the CIO and the railway unions.

on.

Truman in a press conference | mum wage law, providing an Dec. 3, bared his anti-labor leg- adequate housing program for islative aims as the government drove to smash the mine strike. He said he will demand revision of the Wagner Labor Relations Act. He hopes particularly to end the closed shop. He will demand passage of vicious legislation like the Case bill to put labor in a strait-jacket.

Knowing the Republican-dominated House and Senate plans



MURRAY

to cripple the labor movement



THE

## **Oakland General Strike** Halts Cop Scab-Herding By Robert Chester

## Set In Detroit **To Aid Miners**

(Special to The Militant) DETROIT, Dec. 7 - News strike came this afternoon as Detroit labor awaited the call for a city-wide 24-hour general

strike in support of the miners. Frank X. Martell. president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, AFL. yesterday announced that a committee of 100 AFL local union presidents would meet within 48 hours to make plans and set the date for a general strike.

"We will solicit the cooperation of every trade union in the city," Martell said. "Plans are now under way to involve every AFL local and we invite the cooperation of all independent unions and the CIO as well." there would have been every likelihood that the CIO auto workers, 250.000 strong here, would have responded to a man strike.

It is reported that the International Executvie Board of the fighting fury. CIO United Automobile Workers, scheduled to meet this coming Monday in New York City, had placed as the first point on the agenda the question of action to aid the miners. including a Detroit general strike.

### SWP's Proposal

## **Due To Failure** General Strike Of Old Methods By Art Preis

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Bowing before the fiercest strike-breaking assault ever unleashed by the capitalist government, John L. Lewis last Saturday abruptly orderof the ending of the mine ed the 400,000 striking coal miners back to work until March 31, 1947 without any gains.

> The union faced the threat of Supreme Court action to uphold the monstrous \$3,510,000 fine levied against the AFL United Mine Workers and Lewis for "contempt of court."

> Lewis ended the strike claiming that he wanted the Supreme Court, Wall Street's highest judicial agency, to be "free from public pressure superinduced by the hysteria and frenzy of an economic crisis."

Thus, in spite of the courage and militancy he had shown up to this point, Lewis retreated. Had the mine strike continued. This retreat came as the elements for victory were developing with express-train speed.

The miners themselves stood solid as the Rock to a call for a 24-hour general of Gibraltar. The government's legal blows had not intimidated them, but roused them to greater

> The militant ranks of the 15,000,000 organized workers were just beginning to move in defense of the miners and against the government's savage anti-labor drive.

Under intense pressure from the ranks, CIO President Philip Murray had appealed to all labor leaders for a joint conference to map a program of united action. Word had gone out in Detroit — industrial heart of America — for a giant general 24-hour protest strike. By the hundreds, local unions of every affiliation were announcing their desire to take action in support of the miners.

"The stage is set for the 80th Congress to be met by national hysteria, deliberately fomented and inspired. In essence, the attempt is to divert the attention of the American people from those interests which are actually causing national hardships for the common people through nflation.'

veterans and others, extending

the social security law" and so

The election results have "ob-

viously encouraged" the "pre-

datory interests" to "deepen

their attack upon organized la-

bor," Murray said.

REAL ROOTS "The real roots of our present difficulties," Murray continued, are "the fantastic profits of American industry today."

"All the social, economic and egislative gains of the past decade are in dire danger," Mur-ray declared. "The recent court injunction against the United Mine Workers of America and the vengeful fine imposed is but the first step."

Murray called for the leaders of the three national labor orwith repressive legislation, Tru- ganizations to "meet as quickly as possible for the purpose of

march" and "beat the Republicans to the punch."

Three days after Truman's announcement. Murray declared in a letter to other labor leaders that "it has become self evident that there is a deliberate and monstrous movement underway to cripple, if not destroy; the labor movement of this country.

"Since V-J Day the large industrial combines," Murray continued, "together with their relems. presentatives in Congress, have directed an unabated attack ing the labor movement for more against organized labor." They have used "vicious propaganda" to "place the blame for the resulting hardships" of inflation divisions and duplications and "at the door of the American workers.'

Murray cited the record of the nize this militant mood of the 79th Congress which "under the ranks.

dictatorship of a reactionary Every unionist must push for coalition, refused to enact any practical steps to carry out Murlegislation designed to improve ray's proposal for a labor conthe economic well-being of the ference. The anti-labor drive of American people, such as broad- Big Business can be stemmed plosive force of the general ening, and extending the mini- only by prompt action.

neasures."

The importance of Murray's This 54-hour demonstration of <sup>®</sup> call is obvious. In the face of mounting reaction, the workers at 11 a.m. today after City Manmust combine their forces. They ager Hassler accepted union must begin organizing seriously terms that "the city governto get labor's own representament of Oakland officially state tives into Congress and break the they will not in the future use pess. The Militant has urged a

conference of labor since 1943 to take up these burning prob-

Today the sentiment for unitrefrain from taking sides in any protecting strike-breakers." issues between labor and maneffective struggle is sweeping the agement and that they strictly unions. Even bureaucrats like confine themselves to their du-Murray who profit from union ties as prescribed by law." Militant pickets this afterwho fear independent political noon still swarmed around the action are now forced to recog-

entrances of Kahns and Hastings, the two strike-bound de-

partment stores where the use strikebreaker-driven merchandise trucks had set off the exstrike. The month-old strike

## **SWP** Opens National Drive For \$20,000 Party Fund

the activities of the organization and speed its transformation into a party of mass action.

Delegates to the Twelfth Nacipation from capitalist rule in al work of the SWP. the United States.

The resolution on the pros- ing made in party recruitment, pects of the socialist revolution in circulation of its press, in in this country adopted by the trade union influence, in the Neconvention set forth the grounds gro struggle and many other for unshakable optimism regard- branches of activity showed, he ing the revolutionary future of pointed out, how favorable are the American working class and the opportunities for building a its vanguard party. The resolu- mass working class party in the tion explained why American stronghold of world capitalism. capitalism was confronted by an- The convention itself, largest in

the Socialist Workers Party inevitably impel the advanced skyism, attended by militants of are swinging into action this workers to organize themselves the major unions from coast to three-month period to sustain power, just as the crisis of the cess in winning the best work-Thirties led to the creation of a ers to its program. militant trade union movement.

15.000.000 strong. To prepare itself today for extremely hard-hit by the intional Convention of the SWP leadership in these coming strug- flation. Printing costs, for exheld in Chicago from Nov. 15 to gles, the Socialist Workers Party ample, have more than doubled Nov. 18 unanimously decided to needs immediate financial assis-Fund as a demonstration of their | situation was emphasized by Farconfidence in the ability of the rell Dobbs in his report to the already forced the reduction of party to head the fight for eman- | Convention on the organization-

pages. The considerable progress be-

can afford to this special \$20,-000 Fund. The need is urgent. The response should be swift.

devising in unity a common pro- shown here since early Tuesday morning in a mighty general strike of more than 100,gram of economic and legislative 000 AFL workers, today forced the strikebreaking city administration to agree to the conditions demanded by the union steering committee.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 5 — The tremen dous power in action of the working class,

(Special to The Militant)

labor's fighting strength ended over recognition of the AFL De- Police Robert Tracy promised us partment Store Clerks at the two that no plan to bring in scabs stores continues while arbitration is being discussed.

Al Brown, president of the AFL Central Labor Council, today political monopoly of Big Busi- the police department as escorts stated that "the steering comto guard professional strike- mittee recommended calling off breakers in and out of the city the general strike because we had of Oakland for the purpose of accomplished our, purpose, a breaking legal strikes; that they protest against use of police in

CLOSED DOWN

The "labor holiday" of all AFL unions threw business and industry here into a state of suspended animation. Street cars, buses and trains stopped running: restaurants. department stores and retail shops closed. Workers proudly displaying unof police last Sunday to escort ion buttons responded to the "holiday" call on Tuesday by invading the downtown streets and converging on the two struck stores.

> Tightly packed circles of pickets, white and colored, sealed off every entrance to both stores while thousands of sympathetic unionists flooded the streets. fore the mine strike ended, is now more urgent than ever. ebbing and flowing through the whole area, ready to give aid at a moment's notice to the pickets. The "holiday" was called in

support of AFL Department and Specialty Store Clerks Local 1265 which has been fighting a clerks. The store owners, organized into the Retail Mer-

chants Association. have stubbornly refused to bargain with the union which claims the majority of the employes in the two stores. They demand that in the past year and further the union obtain a majority in launch this \$20,000 Emergency tance. The seriousness of the price increases are on the way. all the stores in the association These skyrocketing prices have before they enter negotiations. After several attempts to ne-The Militant from eight to six gotiate failed, the union filed a request for an NLRB election,

and struck on Oct. 31. AFL work-The Socialist Workers Party is men ceased all repair work at calling upon all its members and Kahns, while the teamsters sympathizers to help it meet the stopped hauling merchandise and present financial emergency by supplies to both stores. contributing as much as they

Last Saturday, Nov. 30, the unions received word that plans were afoot to bring in scabs to move merchandise. James Mar-

was being considered."

However, early Sunday morning, 250 policemen began to move into the streets around the stores blocking all approaches. All pickets and cars were ordered to leave. Cars, whose drivers were not found, were towed away.

Then, under escort of 12 radio cars and 15 motor-cycles, six trucks belonging to a "Veterans Trucking Line Inc." crashed picket lines established before the police lines and unloaded.

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### **To Defend Miners**

The day after the decision of the federal court to fine the miners and Lewis \$3.-510,000, James P. Cannon National Secretary of the So cialist Workers Party, issued a statement urging the leaders of all unions "to demonstrate the labor movement' fullest support and sympathy with the embattled miners by calling a nation-wide 24-Hour General Protest Strike."

"Only such an action," said Cannon, "will give pause to the Big Business - government conspirators who have launched the attack on the miners as part of a scheme

to crush the labor movement."

Everything pointed toward a showdown battle between the mighty American working class and the tiny clique of the American plutocracy and its government. In such a struggle, the odds favored labor.

Why did Lewis yield? Was it because organized labor is weak, incapable of beating back the capitalist government's attacks? The answer is an emphatic "No!"

The weakness lay in the limitations of Lewis (Continued on Page 2)

The Need Of The Hour

#### — An Editorial

The need for a national conference of all labor unions, | troit to call a city-wide general strike to aid the miners. as proposed by CIO President Philip Murray the day be-

Pressure of the ranks for united action is what forced Murray to call for a conference of the leaders of all unions to map joint action to combat the anti-labor offensive of Big Business and its government.

Along this road alone lies the correct answer to the burning question: What shall labor do now?

Labor has the numbers, the resources to defeat the power-drunk capitalists and their political hirelings. All that is needed is to mobilize these numbers and resources behind a program of united action.

The greatest obstacle to the scheme of the Congressional labor-haters to push through new anti-labor laws would be a tremendous National Conference of Labor that would convene right in Washington, D. C., simultaneously with the reconvening of Congress.

There, on the very door-step of Congress, rank and against the whole government acting as the executive file representatives of every union local in the land should meet and draft a program that will inspire and mobilize the whole labor movement into concerted action to defeat Wall Street's anti-labor drive.

True enough, Murray's conception of such a conference is a back-room parley of a handful of top labor leaders. But the conference that is needed must be a broad representative body drawn from the fighting ranks.

Such a conference can be realized. The top labor leaders can be forced to act, if the initiative is taken by the local militants in every community. Call united labor gardless of union affiliation, and wage a common fight. conferences everywhere on a local scale! Demand the shall, president of Teamsters That was seen in the Oakland General Strike last week. convening of a national conference! Act-act determin-

ful use of the courts to beat back the miners has emboldened Big Business to press its advantage. It is mobilizing to make the kill against labor when Congress reconvenes. Rights won by decades of bitter struggle are menaced. Democrats and Republicans are vying to put over brutal laws against labor. Truman threatens to "beat the Re-

publicans to the punch." The developments of the mine strike have confirmed to the letter what The Militant has pointed out in every issue: It is no longer possible to win any major labor battle in the old way.

American capitalism has just drawn blood. Success-

No matter where, or over what issue, any labor struggle begins today, it quickly broadens into a struggle committee of the entire capitalist class.

Against a united capitalist class armed with every weapon of government rule and repression, a divided labor movement cannot win. Against the political monopoly of Wall Street, a labor movement lacking any independent political weapon of its own-a labor party-is helpless.

The sentiment for united labor action has begun to sweep the ranks of organized labor. In every struggle, the workers show their tremendous desire to join forces, re-For further details see Page 5. Local 70, claimed that "Chief of It was shown in the preparations by the local AFL in De- edly-act now!

Members and friends of other colossal crisis which would the 18 years of American Trotweek to raise \$20,000 within a into an independent political coast, reflected the party's suc- drawn-out battle to organize the Together with these workers in its ranks, the SWP has been

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#### THE MILITANT

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## Mine Strike Shows Need For United Labor Action; TRADE UNION Lewis's Retreat Reveals Weakness Of Old Methods all the experiences of past strug- | breaking has taught above all whole economic and political must take shape in local confer-

(Continued from Page 1) himself as a representative of the old-line union leaders.

Lewis is unquestionably the most capable, courageous and aggressive of the traditional union leadership. But he lacked appreciation of the true scope of the struggle, the real issues involved and the means to victory. When he had exhausted all his maneuvers on top with the government, when he had tried all the old methods of union struggle, he was through. He never even consulted the miners when he called off the strike.

This was not just another mine strike. It was the beginning of a new stage in a great social struggle that has been unfolding between American labor and capital since the end of the war.

WALL ST. UNDERSTOOD

Big Business understood the real implications of a miners victory. It would have inspired wast sections of labor for a powerful drive for new wage and social gains. Wall Street was determined to crush the miners and use their defeat as a springboard for a tremendous assault on the whole labor movement.

have come only by extending and broadening their immediate struggle. It meant drawing millions directly into battle, widening the arena of combat. raising far-reaching demands that would have inspired the whole American working class.

But this is what the old-line conservative union leaders of the types like Green and Murray. and even Lewis, fear most. They can't lead any great social battles. They don't want to risk their bureaucratic privileges and narrow organizational interests in a show-down with the capitalist rulers and their government.

The workers. however, are ready to unite and fight. Every day inflation slashes deeper and deeper into their standard of living. They feel the growing arrogance of the employers, the pressure for speed-up. They want united labor action.

#### OAKLAND EXAMPLE

### **Bell Local Urges Political Answer**

BUFFALO, Dec. 6-Demonstrating the sentiment among union militants here for a powerful political answer to the government's attack on the miners, the Executive Board of CIO United Auto Workers Bell/Local 501 today issued a statement urging the formation of a national labor

party. The statement also said that "we nominate John L. Lewis as our candidate for President of the United States in 1948 on this proposed Labor Party ticket." This statement was in response to Wednesday's announcement of the government's huge fine against the miners.

AFL Teamsters.

In Detroit, it was the local AFL leaders who called for a 24-hour general strike in cooperation with the CIO. But neither William Green nor Lewis lifted a finger the AFL. They sought only a

top deal with the government Success for the miners could and hoped for a miracle. When the miracle did not appear, Lewis retreated before the

jackal cries of the boss press, the hysteria, the legalities of the capitalist courts and injunctions, the pressure of a tiny minbecause the capitalist class en- tion. tered the struggle united. It mo-

bilized all its resources and fought without compromise. WORKERS POWER

But the resources of the workers are far greater, They have the power of vast numbers. It is the workers who make the wheels of society run. No power on earth can defeat them once they are united in militant ac-

tion. Labor has received a set-back. methods employed against the

Just last week in Oakland we miners. They have tasted blood saw the temper and mood of the | - and it has whetted their appeworkers. Their great general tites. They think they have the strike was not approved by the answer on how to crush labor. top AFL leaders. They fought in In reality. the labor movement spite of and against such lead- is still as strong as ever. Its depriving labor of its basic rights.

gles. Its ranks are hardened and else is the need for an independ- front. But the workers must not ences in every community. These seasoned. The workers are still ent labor party that will serve wait for the top union leaders conferences will organize united seasoned. The workers are still the habor party that will stree workers, inomas O'Neil, who is pontical eager for struggles on a broad, as the most powerful weapon of to take the initiative. These lead- labor action on a local scale, a number of UMW locals in editor of Stern's paper, says in united basis. Their needs are the working class against the ers will not move unless forced while pressuring the top union Pennsylvania and West Virginia the strike paper: "Today we are goading them daily and hourly; political machines and agents of by the ranks. their conditions worsen. The Wall Street. show-down has merely been UP TO RANKS

postponed. The great test of class

strength is yet to be made. It is necessary only that labor rearm itself - above all, to understand what happened and why it happened.

#### IMPERATIVE NEED

The workers must see the full implications of every important union battle today. These battles involve not merely individual corporations or even industries. The workers are confronted by a united capitalist class and all its government agencies, legislative, administrative and judicial. More powerful weapons are

needed to beat back the concentrated power of the employing class. The whole weight and dynamic power of the labor

movement is required. This is all the more imperato rally the 7,000,000 members of tive today as inflation rips the workers' living standards to shreds.

Now, more than ever, the immediate need of the hour is the convening of a National Conference of Labor, with broadest representation from the union ranks of every affiliation. Labor must be mobilized and unified ority. This pressure was great behind a program of fighting ac-

A program must be adopted for a new broader wage struggle to National Conference of Labor

should advance, as the most effective immediate answer to the consequences of inflation, the sliding scale of wages. All unions should demand an escalator clause in every contract, providing for automatic wage increases

with every rise in living costs. The National Conference of The capitalists and their gov- Labor should create the machinernment agents are emboldened ery to throw the whole labor to take advantage of this set- movement into action at a momback. They wil try to meet every ent's notice behind every union's future struggle with the same fight for better wages ad conditions.

of jurisdictional or organizatio-At the same time, the National Conference of Labor should nal disputes." News of this provocation unify the workers' struggle on spread immediately. Street car the decisive political arena. This and bus drivers entering the is made all the more imperative "hot triangle" area left their as Congress prepares to pass laws ers as Tobin and Beck of the organizations are intact. It has What the government's strike-

vehicles and joined the pickets. Transportation in the downtown area was tied up for five hours. AFL officials of the clerks, teamster and carmen's unions who had been active in the picket lines retired to the Labor Tem-

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The trucks then returned to a

Berkeley warehouse, refilled

and once again crashed picket

the "Veterans Trucking Line

Inc." with being a professional

strikebreaking outfit. imported

from Los Angeles. An RMA

spokesman admitted that the

trucking firm was "not a reg-

ular strikebreaking outfit, but

does move merchandise in cases

The teamsters' union charged

lines to unload.

It is up to the militant ranks ally. and progressive local leaders to In this way, the lesson of the

act now. The movement for a mine strike will be turned into The need of the hour is a National Conference of Labor weapons for victory in the very

unified labor struggle on the must be built from below. It next stage of the struggle.

**Oakland General Strike Wins Victory** 

This is just one of the huge demonstrations which tied up the city of Oakland, Calif. during a two-day general strike, forcing the city administration to agree not to use police to smash picket lines. The general strike was called by the AFL after cops crashed into picket lines of striking department store workers. Federated pictures.

## **Oakland General Strike Forces** a new broader wage struggle to defend living standards against the skyrocketing cost of living. A National Conference of Labor

#### The Democracy

**Of Andrew Jackson** What is the truth about Andrew Jackson's role in his-

tory? In school-books and the capitalist press he is called "the great democrat." But he was the slaveholders' president, as Harry Frankel explains in the December issue of Fourth International:

"The ten-hour day for workers, extension of the vote to the proletariat, attacks upon the factory system and other such agitations, typical of the Jackson period, represented no direct economic threat to the planters - -- Butduring that very same -fime. barbarous slave legislation multiplied . . . Single copies 25c. yearly

When word came that the fed- | Strikers on the Philadelphia eral government is trying to Record are putting out their own squeeze a fine of \$3;500,000 from newspaper, The Real Record. the AFL United Mine Workers, Thomas O'Neil, who is political leaders for similar action nationpromptly sent their international strikers-pickets who parade ununion signed blank checks, with der the sneering scrutiny of poattached statements of local as- lice armed with guns, blackjacks sets. The heroic miners are and clubs that look like miniaready to sacrifice everything to ture models of the Louisville preserve their union. Slugger . . . I have seen many

strikes - from outside the picket The members of United Mine line - and the pattern never Workers Local 1772, Grand Juncvaries. The law, with its deadly arsenal, always lines up on the tion, Colorado, on Dec. 1 ousted Joe Allen, the local's presiside of the dollar." dent, after he urged them to Edward Phelan, secretaryreturn to work and support the

strikebreaking government. treasurer of New York City's Patrolmen's Benevolent Associa-**CIO** Oil Workers International Union has published a new

tion, scared the wits out of Mayor O'Dwyer's Special Commitpamphlet. The Oil Workers' Case tee on Salaries when he told a for Wage Adjustments. This hearing that if the police didn't pamphlet shows oil workers' real get a 35 per cent increase, they wages are down 20 per cent in "might start thinking in terms of John L. Lewises." Spokesmen a year and profits of the industry at an all-time peak. Over- for the organized firemen, also all labor costs amount to only seeking a 35 per cent raise, pre-10 per cent of total production sented evidence from newspaper ads of 1939 and today show-

The OWIU recently won an ing that food prices are up 150 18-cent an hour wage increase per cent in seven years. from the big Sinclair Oil Co.

This contract also contains an The independent National Fedescalator clause that provides an eration of Telephone Workers, automatic wage increase every which now represents all workthree months for every three ers in the industry from propoint rise in the Bureau of La- duction and maintenance to the bor Statistics cost-of-living in-"hello girls," has set April 7 as the deadline for a national strike

in the event that negotiations Another significant sign of the which begin on Feb. 1 are untimes is the growing union milisuccessful. 10 X X

ment.

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Consolidation Committee of En-

working for amalgamation of

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The Consolidator, organ of the

One of the most hard-hitting local union papers we have ever country involving teachers, news read is the 501 Organizer, new publication of CIO United Auto Workers Bell Local 501, Buffalo. Currently it is conducting a cam-

As a result of the magnificent | paign against red-baiting. It runs teachers' strike in St. Paul, the splendid articles exposing com-AFL teachers in the other Twin pany propaganda about higher City. Minneapolis, are reported wages causing higher prices, adto have secured substantial salvocates the formation of a labor. ary increases for 1947 and 1948 party and is full of interesting

without resort to strike action. material about the labor move-Just in the past week, there have been several reports of and city officials. Great crowds threatened and actual teachers' strikes. Teachers at 42 schools in Newcastle County, Delaware, ginemen, a progressive group have proposed strike for Feb. 1 and have advocated similar ac- the Brotherhood of Locomotive tion by all Delaware teachers. Engineers and the Brotherhood

Pawtucket, R. I., teachers have of Locomotive Firemen and Envoted to walk out on Dec. 9 if gineers, reports considerable their pay demands are not met. progress being made in this im-New York City's thousands of portant move. Such amalgamaschool teachers are beginning to tion would be a step toward eventalk tough. And Coal Township's tual industrial unionism on the 94 teachers, in the Shamokin, railroads. Pa., hard-coal area, walked out

on Dec. 2. They've learned some-Daniel J. Tobin, Czar-President of the AFL Teamsters, thing from the miners. boasts in the December issue of itter 12-week strike by the The International Teamster that

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tancy of so-called white collar workers. There is a wave of strikes spreading throughout the paper editorial workers, bank

While CIO members went to work, they stayed out of every building that had a picket before it.

That night an enthusiastic overflow mass meeting of 20,000 at the Civic Auditorium heard AFL leaders condemn the actions of the employers, police

gathered outside in the cold rain to listen to the proceedings over the public address system.

of approval. The greatest res-Eas "super finks." Union officials repeated the theme that "this is a fight to the finish." The meeting decided that the strike would go on.

day, AFL Teamsters President

At the crucial juncture yester-

employes, etc. \* \* \*

costs.

dex.

Every condemnation of the strikebreaking actions of the city government brought a roar ponse came when the police and administration were referred to

## **"THE MINERS ARE RIGHT!"**

#### (Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO. Dec. 7-"The Miners Are Right!" declares explosion and 'Disaster' is the a leaflet being distributed by Local 719, CIO United Automobile Workers, at General Motor's big Electro-Motive plant near here.

ers.'

fers. shutdowns, dimouts, far in advance of any coal shortage. We are told that the miners are miners for a decent wage and to blame. This is the strategy of Big Business to pit one workor against the other, and in this way to smash their fight. Let's place the blame where it belongs -on the coal magnates and the real issues through a "hysterical strikebreaking of the Truman administration.'

Signed by the Local 719 Shop Committee, Committeemen, Alternates and Stewards, the leaflet proclaims that the fight of the miners is "the fight of every | plant. working man and woman in America . . . the life and death battle of all organized labor." It concludes with a ringing appeal that "We of Local 719 cannot fail them now!"

#### **EXPOSES** CAMPAIGN

The leaflet exposes the reactionary role of the U.S. government. All during the government seizure, the coal mines were still owned by the coal barons, operated by them, and the profits that forms in the mines is touch- 'mium."



ed off by a spark of some kind, result . . .

A former miner for 15 years, Fred W. Lenz, declared: "I, personally, don't think the miners

time they work in those dark Now, in the struggle of the dirty, wet and impure air conditions . . .'

working conditions, the leaflet **RODENTS AND VERMIN** shows the government is "openly

Ray Marlier, Dept. 352, pointed taking the side of the industrialists," who in turn are trying to out: "Lunch-bucket obbing roddivert public opinion from the ents and vermin over-run most if not all the mines . . . There are campaign against the coal minno toilets in a coal mine. Human refuse is covered with dust and

A dramatic feature of the leafleft on the side where another let is the printing of several letman may have to work later in ters by former coal miners now the day . . .'

employed in the Electro-Motive Cornelius Sartaris, Dept. 305, One letter, signed by Ray Wilthe gruelling work in the mines, miners. bur, Dept. 313, who was brought including "turning 'cross-cuts' or up in a coal camp and worked openings into the next room in 17 years in coal mines, asked: Does a man deserve a decent order that you may live. Meanliving who works in the dark 54 while, you suffer the constant AFL United Mine Workers. hours a week, his ears, his nosdanger of falling, coal, black trils and eyes coated with coal damp explosions and the danger dust, working with loose rocks of being crippled by the loading hanging over his head, working cars ... I venture to say that in surface water and mud . . .?" if it were up to certain people Ernie Story, D. t. 21, told how to mine coal, it would be sold in When that black damp or gas capsules at drugstores at a pre-

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ple for a strategy meeting. The call for an AFL "labor holiday" resulted.

On Tuesday, over 100,000 workers downed tools. Many who were not notified in time

walked off the jobs at the appearance of a single picket. Restaurant workers walked out will ever be paid enough for the during the morning. All eating

> **Akron Labor Rallies Support To Mine Union**

(Special to The Militant) AKRON, O., Dec. 4 — True to its militant tradition, the Akron labor movement has issued clear-cut declarations of

gave a graphic description of solidarity with the embattled

The CIO Council here, at its meeting on Nov. 25, denounced order to provide better air in the government's injunction attack on John L. Lewis and the Speaking for tens of thousands of rubber and other in-

dustrial workers, the CIO Council addressed a message to the UMW pledging any form of aid the miners might need. President I. H. Watson, of

Firestone Local 7, United Rubber Workers, made a stirring speech on behalf of the miners. Explaining that "support of the miners' struggle does not mean that we endorse the personal record and policies of John L. Lewis," Watson urged CIO action to aid the miners "because the outcome of the mine strike will affect the future of the entire American labor movement."

Goodrich Rubber Local 5, at its Dec. 1 regular meeting, adopted unanimously a resolution attacking the government's strikebreaking and offering full support to the miners. The resolution was introduced by the local's Executive Board.

These resolutions only mildly reflect the forceful expressions of solidarity with the coal diggers heard on every hand in the rubber shops. "Let's find a way to put Truman and Krug in the clink" and "If they put Lewis in jail. we'll shut the whole country down tight as a drum" were typical comments in the plants.

establishments were closed by noon. Hotel residents found themselves forced to clean their own rooms and make their own

beds.

business.

Picket cars cruising roads entering Alameda County halted all trucking. No buses or street anybody says. I say arbitration. cars operated. Instead the uni-I say this damn general strike is formed drivers and conductors nothing but a revolution. It isn't labor tactics. It's revolujoined the picket lines. Only banks and some offices remaintionary tactics."

ed open, but they did almost no The local truckdrivers treated this order with the contempt it

picket or two being sufficient to nantly stated: "If Beck wants stop the presses. James F. Gal- to enforce the order, he will have liano, counsel for the Central to come down from Seattle him-Labor Council stated "We refuse self - and then I doubt if he to give any information to the could do it."

newspapers until they give us a The magnificent solidarity of commitment in writing that labor triumphed. After an allthey will publish our releases night session between Hassler when, and as given, which they and the strike strategy commithave not done in the past retee, the agreement not to use garding Kahn's and Hasting's police to escort strikebreakers strikes. and for the city officials to re-

Full support was pledged by main neutral in labor disputes the Alameda CIO Council which was announced this morning. charged that the city govern-This afternoon, while hunment played a strikebreaking dreds of jeering pickets looked role. Paul Schlipf, CIO Council on and pressed against police secretary, stated: "The main lines, a group of scared and beissue in the strike is whether draggled-looking scabs who had the police powers of the local, been holed up all night in Hahn's were sneaked through police lines state and national administrations shall be utilized on the into the nearby City Hall, from which several hours later they side of anti-labor business interests to smash the efforts of left in inconspicuous groups of strike.

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Daniel Tobin and Dave Beck, CIO American Newspaper Guild "for the first time in many years west coast vice president of the against the Hearst-owned Los the Teamsters did not go down Teamsters, intervened as out-Angeles Evening Herald-Express the line for the Democratic right strikebreakers by issuing was ended last week with a 14 party and its candidates." He a back-to-work ultimatum to the per cent wage boost, and provialso supported such "progressive" local truckdrivers. Beck, who sions for further negotiations. Republicans as Warren of Calisent the order in the name of Meanwhile, the fierce strike of fornia. Now he pledges to "abide himself and Tobin shrieked in the Guild against the "liberal" by the election results with high the press: "I don't care what Philadelphia Record and Camhopes"-even in the face of the den, (N. J.) Courier-Post, owned government's assault on the minby J. David Stern, continues. Police have been assaulting the

ers. Well, what else can you expect from a labor faker who pubpicket line just like in any strike licly proclaimed last month that "strikes are a national menace"?

The four newspapers in the deserved. They ignored it. One local Teamsters official indig-In Strike At Allis-Chalmers

#### **Bu** Bill Crane (Special to The Militant)

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 4 - More than 13,000 pickets and 8,000 onlookers demonstrated their solidarity with the striking Allis-Chalmers workers today in picket lines that completely sealed up the many entrances of the vast plant. The workers came from as far 9

as Kenosha. CIO United Auto time lost by stewards). Workers officials estimate 2,000 The CIO Committee set up to Nash workers came from there aid the Allis-Chalmers strikers to join the picket line. Police brutally assaulted 16 et demonstrations.

has pledged continued mass pick-

These demonstrations are, in arrested pickets. In melees that broke out two cops were injured. part, a smashing answer to the The demonstration, compar- company's attempts to disrupt the strike and destroy the union able to the record rally of Nov. 25. marked the 220th day of the by vicious red-baiting.

of industrial workers.





#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1946

## **Convention Pays Tribute To Martyrs** This was due to the dauntless spirit and which they had to cease has been con-

THE MILITANT

By James P. Cannon Following is the text of the speech which opened the Twelfth National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party in Chicago, Nov. 15 to 18:

In the name of the National Committee. I announce that the Twelfth National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party is now in session

Our first thoughts and our first words are dedicated to the memory of those comrades who have fallen in the struggle. Since we last gathered in national convention we have suffered the great and irreparable loss of the veteran of our movement, the honorary member of the National Committee, Antoinette Konikow. We have suffered the loss of Comrade John Harrington of Lynn, Massachusetts. We will miss the friendly counsel of these comrades and

the inspiration of their example, their dauntless enthusiasm and courage.

Since the convention two years ago we have reestablished communications and intimate relations of our party with the various sections of the Fourth International throughout the world who were cut off from us during the dark and terrible days of the war. We have learned with great joy that in spite of everything, the cadres of the Fourth International everywhere survived the terrible ordeal, continued their activity under all conditions and continue to work and struggle. But our joy at the reestablishment of contact with them has been sadly tempered by sorrow at the news of the loss of so many comrades who perished in the fight.

In France, in Germany, Holland, Belgium, China, Greece - from all these

Franco regime.

on indefinitely.

countries - we heard reports of the decimation of our forces during the war by our enemies on every side. We learned of the death of Comrade Blasco, pioneer Italian Trotskyist and one of the founders of the Fourth International, who was assassinated in a Nazi concentration camp by Stalinists.

We learned of the death of Comrade Lesoil, pioneer Belgian communist and also one of the founders of the Fourth International, who died in a Nazi concentration camp. We learned of the death of the Greek leader, Comrade Pouliopoulos, and the shocking assassination of more than 100 members of the Greek section of the Fourth International by the Stalinists, and scores of others by the fascists.

But no hardships, no persecution, no terror could break the Fourth International. the unshakable conviction manifested by our cadres of the Fourth International, which included those who have fallen in the fight.

Heavy indeed has been the toll which the struggle for the liberation of humanity has taken from the ranks of the Fourth International. Our martyrs are many. Long live their great innumerable names. Even in death they participate invisibly in our work and inspire us to greater efforts.

The Presidium proposes that the Convention should rise and stand for a moment in silence in honor of the martyrs of the Fourth International. (The audience rises and stands in silence.)

While the martyred dead can participate only invisibly in our deliberations, the work tinued and fructified by the living. Since the last convention of the Socialist Workers Party we have inducted into our ranks a total of 1013 new members. Here at the Convention we formally welcome the new recruits into the ranks of the party.

The party offers to them hard work, heavy sacrifices and many hazards. The party demands from them unconditional and undivided loyalty. But in return for that the party promises to the new recruits the satisfaction of struggling jointly with many others for great goals; the satisfaction of living a life that is inspired by purcan come only from serving a cause that is greater than self.

And this great cause which we serve is

on the march. Yesterday we counted only scores and at most hundreds under our banner. Today this cause commands the allegiance of thousands in the United" States alone, and tomorrow it will mobilize millions in the grandiose struggle for the liberation of mankind.

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History is working on the side of our victory. Our victory is assured if we also work for it. This Twelfth National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party, 2 celebrating at the same time the 18th Anniversary of our glorious party, will help to prepare the victory. In this confidence we begin the work of the Twelfth Conpose and meaning, a satisfaction that vention, with the consideration of the recommendations for the organization of our work which have been prepared by the National Committee.

### Wages, Prices and Profits\_ Inflationary Effects Of **New Printed Money** By Warren Creel-

The current inflation, which is boosting the prices we pay, comes in the main from handouts of money which the government has given to the capitalists in an effort to save the sick capitalist system. There are several lesser aspects of the inflation, but this is one of the major aspects.

All the capitalist politicians have supported this handout policy for many years, ever since the start of the depression of the Thirties. Capitalist economists like Prof. F. A. Fetter, say inflation had been going on in the U.S. through eight years of peace and four years of war. President Hoover started it in the early stages of the depression when he set up the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC). His Democratic successor, Roosevelt, continued and extended it with full support from both parties. All the capitalists not only approved but demanded medicine for Science Monitor points out, "evailing capitalism. The war financing greatly speeded up the erything that has been attemptsame process.

By the present time the accumulation of the capitalists' medicine has dislocated their own money system, lowered the value of their dollar.

The economic system has been loaded with a "five to states, Dec. 3, that now the eight fold" increase in the supply of money in the period | Franco regime has "such a lease from 1933 to 1945. The capitalist economists, alarmed by on life that he has since given fighters for freedom. this flood of new money, point out that "nothing comparable has ever occurred before in our financial history." From some place came more and more new printed cur- PRIMARY CONCERN rency, boosting the supply from 6 billion dollars to 29 billion dollars. From some place came more and more new credits for bank accounts, boosting them from 15 billion dollars to 106 billion dollars. And slowly the overflow of this new money is getting to the market, pushing up the prices.

The place it came from was the government, which laid out billions for the capitalists. First, the government Franco's firing squads continue in the UN bluntly demand that during the Spanish Civil War, spent for pump-priming in the depression, to make a market and save capitalism from collapse. Next the government spent much more and much faster for war. The money came from government printing presses, both by printing new dollar bills, and by printing new governent bonds as a basis for bank checks which buy goods just like printed dollar bills.

The money went in to the pockets and bank accounts of the capitalists. We know the workers don't have that mountain of billions, and the official statistics confirm this. The capitalists have it, as capital and profits.

## U. S. Imperialists Prop Hated Franco Regime

#### By Larissa Reed

The resolution submitted by Washington on Dec. 2 to the United Nations hypocritically advises Franco to "surrender the powers of government" and invites him to quit. This diplomatic move is de- .

signed to camouflage Anglo- is the statement that "the U.S. American imperialism's con- is fully committed to the fundatinued support of the fascist mental principle of non-intervention." This brazen lie is made in the face of the intervention It's true that the imperialists of U.S. armed forces in both might be willing to make a con-Europe and Asia. cession, such as replacing Franco

#### with a less hated dictator. But "NEUTRALITY"

they fear even that shift might The infamous record of U.S. lead to a renewal of the revolu-"non-intervention" in Spain goes tionary struggle of the Spanish back to 1936-37, when the Spanmasses against capitalism. ish workers and peasants rose in Thus, as the Nov. 30 Christian defense of their legally constituted Republican government against Franco's fascist assault. ed so far" in the gestures of An- Hitler and Mussolini sent solglo-American imperialism against diers and vast quantities of mod-Franco. "has appeared to ern weapons to aid Franco, while strengthen him." This is con-Washington refused to aid the firmed by the N. Y. Times which Spanish government and clamped a "neutrality" embargo on arms and equipment for Spanish every indication of trying to stay Roosevelt recognized Franco

as soon as this fascist butcher succeeded in crushing the legal government and establishing his The U.S. imperialists are concerned primarily with holding bloody dictatorship. Today, down the oppressed peoples of Washington is selling military Spain. To make the public recsupplies at bargain prices to dicord, however, the U.S. resolu- tator Franco, thus helping him tion cynically invites the Spanish | maintain fascism in power in

people to "peacefully restore self- | Spain. government in Spain" - while Supporters of Franco's regime their bloody work. Franco should be left alone. They

The prize piece of hypocrisy cite the example set by the U.S.

**NewGreekPartisanMovement Fights Police-Terror Regime** As fighting between the new Greek partisan movement

and the government spread from northern to central and screen of radical phrases, the

Kai-shek Nationalist government and the Chinese Stalinists in the Yenan government. tempt of Chiang Kai-shek to cloak his 19-year-old dictatorship in a new disguise through the device of a fraudulent Constitution. Hypocritically proclaiming that the Constitution promulgated on Nov. 15 marks

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imperialists in propping up Emperor Hirohito.

the UN around the ouster of Franco, the Stalinists are making similar diplomatic moves. They whine that Franco "won't just leave" as a result of a polite invitation. They propose that diplomatic relations should be

broken off. COVER UP

The Stalinists are trying to cover up their treacherous role when Moscow participated in the Committee of Non-Intervenimperialist powers to effect a Spain at that time the Stalinist

policy was to mercilessly crush most militant fighters Trotskyists.



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Wall Street Backs Chiang

Full-scale civil war is now unfolding in China with they are on us because we are

the recent collapse of negotiations between the Chiang more heavily armed." He com-

**In Unleashing Civil War** 

trymen, "American-type field telephone," the emplacement of well-oiled, well-preserved American 75 mm. guns," the American ration tins, binoculars, etc. He winds up: "This is the war being fought today between the Nationalists and Communists in

ate at' night."

Manchuria." The U.S. imperialists are providing this extensive military aid and financial outlay in an attempt to save the Chiang regime from overthrow by the Chinese masses. Wall Street is bent on exploiting this vast colonial market and utilizing it as a base for future war, against the Soviet Union.

plained, however, that the Stal-

inist troops "travel light, strike

across country and often oper-

The reporter notes the "Am-

erican army helmets" on infan-

As a result of the certainty of continued civil war and economic crisis, even "U. S. officials"

enemy divisions discussed, and are revising downward by more plans made for attack. "We than two-thirds their V-J Day have American vehicles," the estimates of the size of the fu-Colonel said, and "we are inflict- ture market in China," states gime, hated by the Chinese ing more damage on them than World Report of Dec. 3.



The icy Antarctic Continent, | waiian sugar strike gave 28,000 believed to be rich in minerals workers belonging to the CIO and perhaps uranium, will be Longshoremen's Union a minimum wage of 71 cents an hour, the object of increasing disputes in the next few years. The U.S. is as compared with a former wage preparing two expeditions, partof 42 cents an hour, and in some ly to give arctic training to Navy cases as low as 26 cents. The personnel, partly for research strike became an issue in the work to check on mineral depos- Nov. 5 elections, which ended its. Other nations claiming sec- with the Republicans taking control of both houses of ions of the Antarctic are Britthe Isto their posts at the fronts. For the past month Yenan, the ain, Norway, Chile, Argentina; lands' legislature. However, four Stalinist government's capital, the first mentioned already has Longshoremen Union members. has been feverishly preparing for an expedition in the area, the backed by the PAC-CIO, were all-out war. As the main center other three are now preparing to elected to the House of Represenof opposition to Chiang, the send ships too. tatives. \* \* \* \* Yenan government represents a Now that constitutions conmortal danger to him. Chiang's General MacArthur refuses to secrating capitalism have been planes over Yenan have increas- permit the following newspapers adopted and subservient legislaed, his armies are massing in to send representatives on a trip tures have been elected in the great strength for an imminent to report on the occupation of three states of the U.S. occupafour-way attack "which will Japan: Christian Science Montion zone in Germany, the ocitor, N. Y. Herald Tribune, Chimark a crisis in the civil war," cupation authorities are institutstates a Nov. 14 AP dispatch. cago Sun, San Francisco Chroning a "tremendous increase in icle, PM and Daily Worker. Macresponsibility" for German "self-Arthur charges them with government." The state govern-"known hostility to the occupaments can now do anything they tion," by which he really means want . . . so long as it meets with that on one occasion or another the approval of the occupation they have voiced some criticism officials.



grabbed for foreign currency." The U.S. dollar jumped on the

dollars-a 50 per cent increase.

masses, could not long remain in power if it were not propped up with the money and munitions supplied by the U.S. imperialists. So confident is Chiang of an unending supply of American-made tanks, planes and tion set up by the European guns, that he is reported to have boasted to Assembly delegates blockade around Spain. Within that he would rid China of Stal-

inist troops in five months. Even as Chiang was promulgating his new "democratic" against fascism, above all, the Constitution, he was ordering his top generals who had come to Then as now, behind a smoke- the Assembly in Nanking, back

Some military sources expect

Meanwhile, in the debates in black bourse to 5,000 Chinese lars (\$97) a ton. **PROPPED UP** 

The price of coal went up from 350,000 to 450,000 Chinese dol-Chiang Kai-shek's rotten re-

The whole depression program of capitalism was to stimulate markets by "government spending" or "deficit ity Council to justify and financing." When you strip off all the disguises, that n:eans inflation. In the end it means old-fashioned printing of British imperialist troops in press inflation.

Capitalism in decline must have markets, it must expand or perish. Faced with that, the capitalists have turned to the same remedy in all capitalist countries. They created markets with false money, that is, through government spending of income from nowhere. That's what they call "deficit financing."

They didn't want to use this remedy, because they know it is slow poison for capitalism. They only turned to it after were executed and 22 soldiers they were sure of quick collapse if they didn't. Fictitious sentenced to life imprisonment income from the government is poison for capitalism because it lowers the value of money. It brings the result that we now see. We know that normal money income has value because it comes from production of goods. That's why there are goods to buy with it. New money income from government printing presses isn't backed by production. It puts more money than goods on the market. That's inflation. That's what sends the dollar down to where it only buys 60 cents worth of goods.

The capitalists didn't decide to take poison just to end it all. Not a bit. They expected to use inflation as a temporary stimulant for a few months only, until capitalism got back its youth and vigor again. But the passing months area, the partisans have not only didn't restore youth to capitalism; the years brought only a more advanced stage of capitalist decline. They brought aris' troops, which are motoronly a desperate need for still more dangerous stimulation. Years ago the accumulation of artificial money passed far beyond the point that even the most optimistic capitalist economists considered possible. Since then they've been holding their breath and watching for signs of the crash. that inflation always brings.

So far only the overflow of the artificial billions has reached the market. The capitalists don't spend the bulk of these billions, they hold them as money capital to draw interest, even though it is paid in depreciated dollars. tour of Macedonia. Therefore, while the accumulation is going on the largest part of this fictitious money doesn't come to the market to demand goods.

But capitalism is so loaded with this medicine that even the overflow coming to market shoots prices up, and dislocates production by causing producers to turn to luxury lines of business, to the capitalist customers who have the most money.

Next week: Labor's Defense, the Sliding Scale.



southern Greece last week, representatives of the reac- Stalinists blocked the road to tionary Tsaldaris government tried before the UN Secur-

death for "subversive activity

in northern Greece.

EXTEND CONTROL

even reinforce the presence The Coming Crash "Is the U. S. Heading Tothe country by charging Yugoslavia and Albania with provokwards a New Depression?" ing border disputes. asks the December issue of Fourth International. The In the southernmost end of editors point to the goods Greece the government in one stock-piled in warehouses, day reported that 13 soldiers and the stock-market slumps, the a civilian had been sentenced to tightening of credit. They

conclude: and mutiny" and that three "... American capitalism is again heading for a crash. What is sure is that Karl for "offenses against the state." Marx's ghost has again reap-But this was only a small-scale peared to plague the Wall development alongside of the Street 'brains.' What is sure much bigger battles taking place is that they cannot escape the crisis of capitalist 'overproduction.' What is sure is that In recent weeks fighting in the America has entered the pernorth has been intensified by iod of deep-going social and

the reinforcement on both sides political struggles . . . of important forces in men and Single copies 25c, yearly heavy weapons. Thanks to the subscription \$2. Order from support of the population and Business Manager, 116 Unithe mountainous nature of this versity Pl., N. Y. 3, N. Y.

driven back the attacks of Tsald-Stalin and Tito are interested in ized and supported by an air force, but have even extended their control on more than 100 villages of West Macedonia. the partisan movement, pro-This whole area is "slipping voked primarily by the new from the control of the governmonarchist dictatorship. The ment," declared Kanellopoulos, United Press correspondent in one of the leaders of the Parlia-Athens published on Nov. 21 the mentary Center in the Chamber of Deputies after a recent Democratic Army," answering Tsaldaris' allegations.

The new partisan movement was formed by elements who had FIRST COMMUNIQUE

belonged to the ELAS as well as Signed by the captains Yphilother workers and farmers opantis and Lassanis, this composed to the monarchist regime munique denies that the partisof terror. The movement shows ans get any help from abroad, definite left-wing tendencies, and stating most of their weapons at least part of its leadership is are obtained by raids on army rather reserved and distrustful and police depots, and especialof the Communist Party (Stal- ly from the prisoners they take inist). On the territory they from the monarchist bands control, the partisans have reequipped by the British army. established telegraphic and tele-"The democratic army," it phonic communications, opened the schools and formed popu-

lar courts. which the people suffer from ness and the tremendous power To discredit the partisan movement and get added support on our country. It denies, once masses in their bitter struggle in fighting it, Tsaldaris has and for all that its actions are for freedom. But the agreement launched a demagogic campaign directed against the country or itself despite its concessions does pretending it acts under the are submitted to an influence not give the Indonesian people orders of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria from abroad. It denies the fable their full independence. and Albania and that it desires of cruelty committed by its memautonomy for Macedonia. There can be no doubt that the work only of our enemies." ] on the Irish pattern.

revolutionary struggle by advocating reliance upon "democratic" capitalist powers, instead of the independent class action of the workers against Franco:

**Dutch-Indonesia Pact Withholds** Independence

Convinced that they cannot at this time crush the Indonesian Dutch imperialists have worked evacuated to undisclosed hideout a scheme by which they outs in the surrounding hills. hope to keep the "treasurehouse of Asia" still within their ters and on carts drawn by hugrip, and to get production roll- mans, mules and camels. ing. In many ways the agree-

the adjacent smaller islands: (2)

eration to be called the United States of Indonesia, which will remain welded to the Dutch empire and by 1949 form the Indonesian - Netherlands union. The "independent republic" of Indonesia will thus remain within the framework of the The reporter rode in an armed Dutch empire. jeep through the cold, bleak The Dutch imperialists were Manchurian battle lines, togeth-

er with a Chinese general "dressed in American Army winter

the colonel and regimental commander invited them in, where, he writes, "maps are quickly

working class. brought out," the positions of ] The recently won 77-day Ha-

of MacArthur's policies.

The strike of the Seamen and Waterfront Workers Union in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, whose beginning was reported in The Militant of Nov. 30, came to an end last week after 26 days, according to the N. Y. Times of Dec. 6.

By a vote of 12 to 6 a United Nations Trusteeship sub-committee turned down South Africa's demand to annex Southwest Africa, which South Africa now holds under a mandate. The resolution adopted states that the "data before this General Assembly do not justify action of the General Assembly approving the incorporation." The statement is so worded as to leave the question open for adoption in the future. South African procedure was too openly a violation of the rights of the people

of Southwest Africa for it to be approved at this time. Only the big powers can get away with that kind of stuff now. Besides, Nungan, Manchuria, on Dec. 2 South Africa still holds the mangives striking confirmation of date which gives it almost as the intimate relations existing much control as if the annexa-

between Chiang's generals and tion had gone through. U. S. army men, who act as their advisors on military strategy Gustave Noske, German So-

cial-Democrat and Minister of Defense for the Weimar Repub-

lic, died in Berlin last week. Hated by the German workers for helping the capitalists to crush their revolution at the end of World War I, Noske was responsible also for the reign of terror which assassinated Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxembourg, beloved anti-war leaders of the

The Japanese labor movement won another important victory last week when the Yoshida Cabinet was forced to yield not only on its stand to freeze wages, but to grant for the first time the equivalent of a sliding scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.

The government capitulation followed the threat of a fourhour blackout on Dec. 2 which was called off only after the All Japan Electrical Workers Union of 95,000 members won their demands for major wage increases. The agreement ended a 50-day dispute.

The Electrical Workers Union won an average wage raise of 330 yen monthly, obtained a guarantee of a minimum wage and the provision that wages must be constantly revised in terms of the cost of living. Wage revisions will be determined by a labor-management' committee.

The settlement - more satisfactory to the union than the one rejected by the government about a month ago-is expected to provide a model for settling the demands of 1,500,000 members in other unions, including railroad, communications, public office workers and teachers.

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Proceeds to American Com-

clothing" and Major Robert Rigg, assistant U.S. military attache for Manchuria. PLAN TACTICS At a military stopping post,

matra, Madura, and probably

Islands.

ebes, the Moluccas, Dutch New Before the Dutch will recog-

Manchuria to be the focal point ment recently arrived at resembles the "independence" set-up of the next large-scale battles. On Dec. 2 AP reported that by which the British have kept 500.000 Stalinist troops are massing in central Manchuria The agreement between the Dutch imperialists and the In-Chiang's armies are within 50

Dutch Borneo, a country almost Marshall, who was ostensibly the size of France; (3) the "Great East" comprising Cel-

A feature story by a N. Y. Times reporter written from

continues, "is born from the new forced to grant these concessions British occupation and violences as a result of their own weak-

the neo-fascist regime imposed displayed by the Indonesian

What the Indonesians have

bers; massacres and fires are achieved is formal independence

sent to China last December as a "mediator" between the two camps, took a tour of North China last week on what he called a long-deferred vacation trip. He visited American commanders at Tientsin and Peiping where U.S. marines are station-

fierce armed conflict. Three reports state that on Nov. 19 the Chinese Stalinists took over control of Dairen, following the evacuation of Soviet troops. In the midst of these was preparations, General George C.

miles of Dairen, largest port in Manchuria, and unconfirmed

donesian nationalist leaders was

arrived at after 15 months of

first communique of the "New Guinea and the Lesser Sunda nize the Indonesian Republic, its leaders must agree to the formation by the three states of a fed-

exploiting this struggle on the autonomus states are to be international field. But this by formed: (1) the Republic of Inno means explains the revival of donesia, consisting of Java, Su-

control over Ireland.

EVACUATE YENAN masses through armed force, the household goods were being

In Yenan, women and children, hospital patients and

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"What purpose does Marxism serve in politics? To understand that which is and to foresee that which will be. Foresight must be the foundation of action."

-Leon Trotsky

### **Help The SWP!**

The Socialist Workers Party has launched a national campaign to raise a \$20,000 Emergency Fund by March 1.

The Militant endorses this campaign and asks its readers to do all they can to put this fund drive over the top.

The Socialist Workers Party is fighting to end the capitalist system with its depressions, poverty and hunger. It is fighting for the only program that can prevent a Third World War and the horrors of atomic destruction. It is fighting for a world of enduring peace and plenty-a goal that can be accomplished if the rule of the selfish capitalist clique is ended and industry turned loose for maximum production under a Workers and Farmers Government.

The members of the Socialist Workers Party are self-sacrificing workers devoting their lives to this great cause. They are the most militant and class-conscious members of the working class. Their ability to maintain their principles in the face of persecution has been tested again and again.

During the war, 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party were railroaded to prison because they opposed imperialist war and advisted socialism. But not even these harsh n ires could break these revolutionaries. he battle for socialism, however, requires not only people willing to fight to the very end. It requires finances too.

The Republicans and Democrats, the political parties of the capitalists, are backed by Wall Street. Millions of dollars are at their disposal. These vast funds constitute one of their main sources of strength.

tion interests, refused to direct the flow of building materials into the federal housing program. The building materials monopolies withheld supplies, boosted prices sky-high, The government bowed, as Wyatt put it, to the "profiteering motive" and "relaxed controls." Truman and Congress act as if they were completely helpless before the greedy demands. of the rich real estate, building materials and construction interests.

Now we come to the moral of this story. Just contrast the capitalist government's attitude toward the profiteers who sabotage the housing program with its treatment of the 400,000 coal miners who dared to ask for a little more of the wealth produced by their perilous labor underground.

Wyatt, following his resignation, declared that the housing crisis afflicting millions of the poor is the "number one domestic problem." But the "number one domestic problem," so far as the capitalist government is concerned, has been to whip the miners back into the pits, deny their just demands and protect the profits of the coal operators.

How savagely the government assails the miners for refusing to mine coal without a contract. How meekly the government bows before the housing profiteers who are denying millions of workers a decent roof over their heads.

### **Hands Off Greece!**

In Greece the dictatorial government established by British imperialism is imprisoning, exiling and murdering political opponents by the thousands. This has led to the creation of a new partisan movement and the outbreak of civil war, particularly in the northern part of the country.

Unable to suppress this armed opposition by its own forces and anxious to secure greater support from world imperialism, the reactionary Greek government has presented to the United Nations General Assembly the charge that Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania are responsible for the resistance to its bloody rule.

In this situation there is every danger that Washington will throw its full resources behind the forces of reaction in Greece. On Nov. 24 the British Sunday Observer reported that Bevin had already raised the question of Greece in his conversations with Byrnes and that "negotiations are actually taking place in the U.S. for American cooperation for the purpose of giving Greece a better economical basis and for arming the Greek military forces." On Dec. 8 Truman met with Bevin at the White House, and reports stated they were in agreement on the "necessity of keeping such, nations as Italy and Greece financially on their feet to prevent a complete economic collapse that might encourage the spread of communism in eastern Europe."

What such a course would mean has already been amply demonstrated in China. It would mean supplies and arms and maybe U.S. troops for the dictatorial government to use against the rebellious masses. It would mean that the Greek masses would have to contend not only against the Greek monarchists and capitalists and the British imperialists, but also against the even greater power of Washington. Public opinion polls have shown that the great majority of the American people are firmly opposed to the policy Washington is following in China. They will be no less opposed to the duplication of that policy in Greece. What is necessary now is the widest publicity for the facts, and the mobilization of the labor movemnt to make its opposition felt. In no uncertain terms Washington must be told:



"My husband says we must be prepared for a knocked-out, dragged down fight against the unions — and here I am all out of condition!"



BABBITT by Sinclair Lewis, | ed to join the strikebreaking vig- | those who are beginning to read. Bantam Books, reprinted 1945, ilante committee-even though he secretly sympathizes with 406 pp., 25 cents.

This book was written by Lewis the strikers. His life is a conin 1922. Since then the word tinuous adaptation to the needs "Babbitt" has taken on special and demands of the society meaning throughout the civiliz- which allows him to make his ed world. To be called a Babbitt profits.

is to be called mean, narrow-Although at the end the Babminded, uncultured, smug, reactionary and stupid. Who is this character? He is the typical vaguely dissatisfied and frustrat-American small businessman of ed. Seven years later in the dethe 1920's described realistically pression of 1929, his whole world and ironically in Lewis' most facrashed down upon his ignorant, mous novel. unsuspecting head, Ever since then, the Babbitts have been try-Babbitt is not a worker or use-

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ing in vain to put the pieces toful producer, but a small time gether again. speculator, buying houses cheap -Julie Kramer and selling them dear. One of

his typical deals is to buy up an empty store next to some poor OOMAH by Ray Darby, with grocer and then threaten to sell illustrations by John Philit to a competitor unless the lips. Contemporary Pubgrocer buys the store at an inlishers, Winnipeg, Canada, flated price. Through his con-1945. 32 pp., 25 cents. nections with City Hall and his

Oomah is a little Husky pup, bribing of the street car comwhose adventures, told in a jolpany, he knows just where new ly rhyme, teach the lesson of street car lines are to be built, suidarity. A delightful change and speculates accordingly. from the usual children's books All of this doesn't prevent him which preach the capitalist from making unctuous speeches principle of "each for himself about the honesty and courage of and the devil take the hindthe businessman, the "backbone most!"

The mischievous Oomah runs dices of their contemporaries. of the nation." Lacking any culoff alone to see the forest. He They remained undaunted deture and education, yet successful in money matters, he is pretends to be fierce, but he's scornful of "hi-falutin" things. just lonely and scared, especial-"I can buy out any of these here | 1y when the wolves carry him professors," he boasts. off for puppy stew! But his The rule in Babbitt's society is rescue by the whole Husky team to conform in everything. He convinces Oomah that "by stickmarries his wife because he is ing together through thick and expected to. Only people skill- thin" they all can win. ful in business conniving are Charming illustrations on al-

-Ruth Benson

MAN AGAINST PAIN by Howard Riley Raper, Prentice-Hall, 337 pp., 1945, \$3.50. Revolutionary discoveries in all fields are of significance to workers, who live today in the bitt family appear happy and most revolutionary epoch of all prosperous, Babbitt is shown history. This book is an absorbing account of man's conquest

over pain through the discovery of anesthesia. Today the conquest over pain

is taken for granted, yet the discovery is scarcely a century old. Up to that time, over thousands of years, men considered pain a terrible punishment inflicted by angry gods, from which there was no escape.

In similar fashion, workers today are taught that there is no escape from the terrible social punishments inflicted upon them by the capitalist system and that they must submit to it for all time.

The book shows how these brave medical pioneers who succeeded in using ether to eliminate pain had to fight against the ignorant and vicious preju-

### **Banker Fears Strike Aids World Socialism**

Cyrus S. Eaton, a leading spokesman of the powerful Cleveland group of bankers and industrialists, was reported Dec. 1 as fearing that a prolonged coal strike "and a consequent shutdown on coal shipments abroad would throw France, Italy and other European nations into Communist hands."

What was at the bottom of this banker's fear? It is true that the breakdown of European economy because of the imperialist war has resulted in a great increase of coal shipments across the Atlantic. Prewar exports to Europe were about 50,000 tons a year. Today they range as high as 2,000,000 tons a month. Countries like Italy and Denmark get two-thirds of their coal supplies from the United States.

Obviously a prolonged stoppage of these coal shipments could have devastating effects on the warruined industries of these lands.

A secondary effect of a prolonged coal strike would be a sharp decrease in shipments of food and goods like steel because of shutdowns in U.S. plants and transportation dependent on coal for power.

The close interconnection of world industry is thus revealed. What happens to American economy has profound repercussions on the economy of all other parts of the globe.

But the bankers, industrialists and stockholders could easily avoid such dire consequences by conceding to the just demands of the miners. If further paralysis of European industry occurred, responsibility would rest squarely with Wall Street and its Washington political agents.

Thus, what Wall Street really feared was not such eventual economic consequences, but the immediate international political repercussions of the militancy of the American miners.

All world labor had its eyes on the coal miners. The political consequences of the coal strike followed almost like a reflex on the latest press and radio dispatches. A victory for the coal miners would have given the working class of the entire world fresh confidence and courage.

A worker in India or South Africa, or the Far East or South America, thinks like this: If the workers can win in the very citadel of world imperialism, Wall Street, why shouldn't we be able to win against the weak native capitalists and agents of imperialism? Once the workers of these countries lead the masses in action against the capitalists, the political logic of their struggle heads them inevitably along the road to socialism.

Wall Street understands this perfectly. That is one reason Big Business became so angered with the coal miners and so determined to "put them in their place." That is why the capitalist papers were so frightened about Washington losing "prestige" abroad because of the strike. By loss of "prestige" they meant the weakening of the political strength of the main pillar of world capitalism, American imperialism.

If the miners had succeeded in winning the great victory that was possible, the political repercussions abroad would have been enormous. Seeing that even the Wall Street monster must bow before the power of organized labor, workers everywhere would have taken heart. The struggle to end capitalist anarchy and build socialism would have gained fresh energy.

That is what was really at the bottom of Eaton's fear of the international repercussions of the coal strike.



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The Socialist Workers Party, however, lacks such resources. Wall Street views its most unyielding political opponent with fear and hatred. The growth of revolutionary socialism weakens their power and spells the eventual end of their rule.

In contrast to the Republicans and Democrats, the Socialist Workers Party must depend for funds on the most advanced members of the working class who understand and appreciate the value of a party fighting for their political interests.

We ask every one of our readers to help the Socialist Workers Party. Send in what you can. Tell your friends about the Socialist Workers Party and how it advances the cause of the working class. Tell them how its work aids the workers in their daily struggles. Ask your friends to contribute to the \$20,000 Emergency Fund.

Every dollar hurts Wall Street. Every dollar helps in the march forward on the road. to socialism.

### Wyatt's Resignation

Amid the screaming headlines and millions of words denouncing the miners and John L. Lewis. the resignation of Wilson W. Wyatt as National Housing Expediter appeared last week as only a tiny ripple in the press.

But the circumstances surrounding Wyatt's resignation provide a most timely and instructive lesson in the contrasting attitude of the government toward the workers and the capitalists.

Wyatt directed the federal housing program ostensibly designed to provide 1,200,000 new housing units per year for 10 years to make up for the present shortage of an estimated 12,000,000 dwellings.

Right now, more than 4,000,000 veterans are walking the streets vainly looking for decent shelter for themselves and their families. Millions are doubling up with already crowded relatives; existing in trailers and shanties; packed into rooming houses and hotel rooms: paying extortionate rents for filthy, verminridden, cold-water flats and tenements.

Wyatt resigned because the Administration, in the interests of the real estate and construc-



**Build The Labor Party!** 

Hands off Greece!

### The CP Line

Workers in the Communist (Stalinist) Party hate to play the role of political finks, peddling reactionary capitalist politicians to their shopmates as they were forced to do in the recent election.

This resentment was refracted through the prism of the CP National Committee at its latest meeting. General Secretary Dennis, according to the Dec. 4 Daily Worker, claimed "There is a distinction between the Democratic party apparatus and the Democratic party convention. He said it is possible the Wallace-Pepper Democrats and the independent labor-progressive forces may yet succeed in influencing the outcome of the 1948 Democratic national convention."

This is clear enough. Dennis is saying the CP will continue to support capitalist politicians of the Democratic ("fine the unions") Party.

Next day's Daily Worker, however, reported that Chairman Foster wanted the ranks to get busy "educating the people for a third party" presumably to participate in the 1948 elections. He said that "everybody in the labor movement will know that the main champions of a third party are the Communists."

This too is clear enough. Foster is saying the CP will fight for a third party instead of supporting capitalist politicians.

Is there a difference then between Foster and Dennis? Actually, there is none at all. Foster is supplying some soft-soap as a concession to the discontent in the CP and the growing sentiment for a labor party in the ranks of the unions. This "militant" softsoap covers up the real policy of the Stalinist leadership which was stated plainly in Dennis' report. The CP course for 1948 is a continuation of its course in 1946-support of capitalist politicians.

If Foster were an advocate of genuine independent political action, he would have been expelled-just as scores of CP members have been expelled in recent months, with Foster's approval. Just as anyone else in the CP will be expelled who tries to interpret the present CP line as meaning a break with the capitalist politicians.

worth knowing. When a strike most every page, and big, clear breaks out in his city he is oblig- 'type, make the book inviting for

spite a series of failures and personal persecutions, including imprisonment.

As in every epoch-making achievement of mankind, the discoverers of this great medical boon had to first overcome the reactionary forces in class society which block the path to progress.

-Larissa Reed

## Our Program:

#### 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 profiteer-

ing 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 revolutionarystruggles 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!

An organization advocating a program modelled on fascist lines is attempting to incorporate as a "union" in the State of New York. Backed by big money, and tied in with the network of native fascist groups, this new assemblage of reactionaries who want to make sure it can happen here has been christened the "Tool Owners Union.'

During the election campaign, this outfit splurged full page advertisements throughout the country. These ads ran a ten point program in the form of questions. A few samples will show how closely the Tool Owners have studied the demagogic platforms of Mussolini and Hitler:

"Do you consider it the duty of government to encourage thrifty citizens to supply additional tools, and to defend their right to receive competitive payments (profits) for the use of the tools?" In plain English this fancy double talk means do you favor using government power to increase the holdings and raise the profits of Big Business?

Here is another question: "Do you consider it the duty of government to protect private property in the form of tools of production from trespass and damage at the hands of any one?" This Chamber of Commerce language means do you favor using police to smash picket lines?

Another sample: "Do you consider it the duty of government to prevent the use of threats and violence against any worker who desires to work?" This decodes into: do you favor government protection for scabs used by the company to break strikes?

And here's a juicy one: "Do you consider it the duty of government to break up labor-union monopoly as well as business monopoly?" The only language plainer than this is union-smashing action such as the Truman Administration has taken against the coal miners.

According to New York State law, incorporation of an organization that includes the word "union" in its name must be approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals of the State Department of Labor. At the hearing Nov. 27, the AFL and CIO filed objections to the Tool Owners using the word "union."

AFL attorney Emil Schlesinger questioned Allen W. Rucker, one of the founders of the Tool Owners, about Albert P. Haake of Chicago. Haake, a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Tool Owners, is an intimate of Lawrence Dennis and Gerald L. K. Smith, notorious representatives of native fascism. Rucker evaded the query with the cynical remark he didn't know "what is a fascist."

The Board will decide on the application probably by the end of December.

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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.

#### **Political Editor** Learn's Labor's Side

### Editor:

I never thought it would happen-that the political editor of the Philadelphia Record would come over to labor's side! But he and the rest of the Record staff are out on strike now, and he's written an interesting article for their strike paper, The REAL Record. It all shows how times and people change! Here's the article:

#### Subscribe Philadelphia, Pa.

What a difference a few weeks make!

Three weeks ago, we Guild members employed at The Record and the Courier-Post were As They Wish ordinary folk concerned with our jobs, our families, our small pleasures, our everyday worries.

Today we are strikers-pickets who parade under the sneering scrutiny of police, armed with guns, blackjacks and clubs that look like miniature models of the Louisville Slugger.

We are witnessing at first hand and participating in a reenactment of an age-old story: "Police Vs. Pickets" or "Prop-

erty Rights Vs. Human Rights." I have seen many strikesfrom outside the picket lineand the pattern never varies. The law, with its deadly arsenal always lines up on the side of the dollar. .

It seems that there are never SWP Vote in 1946 enough police to protect a community against vicious criminals Editor: and racketeers, but more than on strike. The regular police protection for property in a strike | tions? Does this figure represent is invariably augmented. Private police are hired-tough op- in previous years? eratives, some with black backgrounds and all willing to serve as strikebreakers for a fat fee

plus expenses. And finally the Courts must be called on to back vote in two of the six states in up the guns, with their legal mumbo-jumbo in the form of injunctions.

By Thomas P. O'Neill Political Editor of Philadelphia Record

#### Miners Inspired This One

T. Htor: How do you like this one?

You can lead a horse to water this paper as soon as received, But you cannot make him although it is well known that write-in votes are generally not drink. You can lead a horse to water counted. Even so, the results al-



BUILD THE LABOR PARTY Workers Can't Vote

#### Editor: In the U.S. we can "worship according to 'our conscience," but as I understand it, we cannot vote according to our conscience. No self-respecting, class conscious worker can very well vote capitalist, but as long as

only the two old parties are "legal," we have no chance to vote according to our convictions. To the candidates of the SWP I will say, I hope the day will come oon when you shall sit in the peoples' assembly as the

chosen representatives. Wishing you the best of luck Mrs. M. M. Minneapolis, Minn.

What was the total vote of enough to war on decent people the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party in the 1946 elecan increase over the SWP vote N. H.

> New York City Editors' Note: Thus far we have learned only of the total which the SWP ran candidates: Minnesota, where the state vote was 11,421, and New Jersey, where the highest state vote was

9,829—a total thus far of 21,250. Results are not yet known in, Washington, where the SWP was on the ballot, or' in New York, California and Ohio, where SWP candidates were barred from the ballot and had to run as write-in candidates. The official figures will be printed in

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"bust" comes is very great. Be-

people are determined to learn

the truth about what is going

something about it.

By William F. Warde

**Emergency Fund Campaign Director** Inspired by enthusiastic reports from their delegates about the proceedings and perspectives of the Twelfth National Convention held at Chicago in mid-November, the local branches of the Socialist Workers Party are placing behind the subscription renewal first on the agenda plans for D

Fund.

for some other people in my First to report on its actions neighborhood. He recognized me in this important financial camand remembered being at my paign is Flint, Michigan. Ornome years ago for a Socialist ganizer Sol Dollinger writes: Party meeting. He was a mem-"As you have heard, during the ber of the Communist Party at that time. During his visit, he Convention our comrade George got to talking about the strikes, 'Scotty' Hunter was killed in a unions, living conditions, etc. hunting accident. Scotty was a It developed that he was completely disgusted with the CP rolet Local 659 with twelve years' and its policies. Naturally, I sold him a sub to The Militant and eran as well as a leading mem-

an armload of pamphlets. Later ber of the Executive Committee I received a phone call from him. of the Flint SWP branch. and he stated that he liked both The Militant and the literature. He called me several times for additional books and pamphlets. Today he came to my home to

enew his subscription. We had a long conversation, and during area than to launch a George tion. it he said The Militant carried Hunter 'Build The Party' Campaign at his memorial meeting more real punch and spirit than in our headquarters. One of the any other workers' paper-and main points in this campaign he takes them all. He greatly admired Farrell Dobbs' articles in the Emergency Fund drive. in particular, and said they impressed him by their sincerity.

"The plan has met with great learness and determination. success. Advance pledges from the workers present already a-Dobbs' articles leave no doubt as to the road ahead and the promount to \$165."

gram to get you there. This subscriber says he simply couldn't do without The Militant.

Lorene Simkins Hammond, Ind.

#### **Thinks 'Militant' Should Cost More** Editor:

**Ex-CP** Member Likes

There is an interesting story

The man who took the sub

happened to stopiat my home

about a year ago, while looking

'The Militant'

I am sending you.

Editor:

Please find enclosed \$4 for The Militant and Fourth International. I have always thought the two publications should not be any lower than \$2 each, so I send that amount now for as long as I can. I have seen many editors

and writers of workers' papers living poverty-stricken, many times for years.

Wayne LaGrange Raymond, Montana

### Youth Activities

AKRON - Socialist Youth Club meets Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m. Followed by refreshments, dancing. 8 South Howard St.,

Branch Akron Akron Youth Allentown-Bethlehem ...... raising their allotted quotas day, Dec. 7 to map out its plans Allentown-Be for party action during the com- Baltimore .... of the \$20,000 Emergency ing months and to start the ball Bayonne rolling on raising its share of the Boston

\$20,000 Fund. Chicago's quota is \$1500 plus \$25 for the youth organization. We look forward to hearing about the results of this meeting and seeing how great a Cleveland ..... lift the Convention gave to the Connecticut State ..... Chicago movement. To start off its local fund-

raising drive with appropriate ceremony, the Akron branch is District Committeeman of Chev- having a banquet for members and friends at its headquarters seniority, a World War II vet- Sunday, Dec. 7. Farrell Dobbs, Managing Editor of The Militant, is the featured sneaker. He will talk on the role the Social-

"We couldn't think of a better ist Workers Party plans to play way of honoring this young in the unfolding battles between working class leader who was so capital and labor in the light devoted to strengthening the in- of the discussions and decisions fluence of our ideas in this auto of the recent Chicago conven-

Reading The Buffalo and New York Rochester City locals have already sent in St. Louis preliminary payments on their St. Paul ..... quotas. Reports on the first con-San Diego ..... program is to fulfill our quota tributions will be published next San Francisco week. Seattle

Meanwhile we ask all branches Tacoma. Toledo to keep us informed about the Youngstown methods they are using and the General Chicago is holding a special results they are getting in their

listrict-wide conference on Sun- own campaigns.

#### St. Paul Teachers Picket School



Mrs. Dorothy Schultz, PTA member and Socialist Works Party candidate for Congress in the recent elections (fourth from left), joined the teachers' picket line at Maxfield School in St. Paul. The teachers demand wage increases and better school conditions.

## **Three SWP Branches Top 'Militant' Goals**

Comrades of the Boston, Pittsburgh and St. Louis branches following report of a literature surpassed the November goals distribution: "J. Gaynor coverthey set themselves for getting ed a Ford Foundry union meetsubscriptions to The Militant. ing last Saturday. He placed a They accomplished this achieve- pile of Militants o. the steps Quota ment through steady and persis-..\$400 tent sub-getting 10 J. Lang of Pittsburgh rushed he passed out some copies of the 75 in four subs, stating: "This makes paper. He sold two pamphlets 20 15 and puts us over the top!" 50 A. Arbeiter sent us six subscriptions for St. Louis which put | workers took the paper. That 400 them over the top with 17. 700 S. Brooks, Literature Agent for else I think we should do -.1500 Boston, wrote: "I want to get start SELLING The Militant at 25 these 16 subs to you at once so factory gates and union meet-I'm writing in haste." Boston fin- | ings." 300 ished with 49 subs. 120

\* \* \* .1000 Milwaukee Branch came pretty 200 close to reaching its goal. "With 25 the enclosed subs, Milwaukee's .2000 total for November is only 22," 25 200 from our quota, but our branch | which has the big spread on the 700 work was disrupted somewhat by 300 the Convention and because we .6000 were looking for a new office . . Comrade Gregory topped the 250 branch this month with four 500 subs. She overtook our usual 25 pace-setter, Helen Burns, who 150 followed with three subs. A new 150 sub was sold to the wife of a 150 Stalinist when two of our com-75 rades gave her a very enlighten-50 ing discussion . . . The sub to be ing November. 300 cancelled is for a deceased com-100 rade - Comrade Zeich. 54 years .1250 old. But his daughter is tak-800 ing a new sub to carry on in

300 500 El Snyder sent in nine subs for ..1200 Flint, explaining that one was obtained at their November For-\$20,000 um, one by a comrade in his shop, and the others by the good work of two comrades. "When we came back from the Convention," she continues, "we learned that one of our very active comrades was shot and killed while hunting and we are holding a memorial for him Sunday. Due to this we may not obtain our quota for November. But we will make up for it in

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his place."

December."

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subs for San Diego.

Pauline Ryder forwarded 11 subscriptions obtained by the Philadelphia comrades during the week.

Edith Lambeth tells us that San Francisco is determined to reach its monthly goal beginning December. "Due to our recent election campaign, the strike situation and the Convention, our sub-getting mobilizations have ceased. However, we expect to really get down to business

for November, but we will cer-

tainly try to make up for it in

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Hildegarde Smith for Chicago.

Jerome Williams sent in three

Six subs were forwarded by



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going into the school and also a few Labor Party pamphlets, while and received 20 cents for copies of the Militant AFTER the was good. This is something Mac Walker, Organizer for Toledo Branch, requests: "Please

send a bundle of 100 Militants to the friend whom we met in the Ohio coal fields when on the writes Fred Martin. "A let-down election tour. Send him the issue miners' strike. This is being paid for by the Ohio State Organization." Comrade Walker refers to the Nov. 30 issue carrying the headline: "400,000 Striking Miners Defend Rights of All Ameri-

> Below are listed the subscriptions sent in by each branch of the Socialist Workers Party dur-

New York Philadelphia . Chicago .... Milwaukee . Connecticut State 18 Los Angeles .... St. Louis . San Pedro ... Newark ... Youngstown Pittsburgh Flint Detroit Akron ..... Cleveland Toledo ... Minneapolis .. Reading ... Buffalo . San Diego . San Francisco Los Angeles Youth Seattle Oakland Portland St. Paul Allentown Bayonne Rochester .... General .. 382

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can Workers." NOVEMBER SUBS Boston ....





\$20,000 Emergency

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Oakland

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Minneapolis ...

New York Local

Los Angeles Local

Los Angeles Youth .....

New York Youth .....

Philadelphia Youth .....

Flint

Chicago Local .....

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2nd floor But you cannot make them ready recorded show the SWP vote in 1946 increased greatly fink. E. K. both numerically and by per-Detroit, Mich. centage.

### **Akron High School Students Organize Socialists Youth Club**

#### By Milton Genecin (Special to The Militant)

time.

AKRON, O., Dec. 9 - The young people, including, both formal establishment of a Socialist Youth Club was announced here last Tuesday They are confident that they night. At a meeting attended by 15 young people, steps were taken to adopt a charter, elect officers and plan activity for the club.

The movement to build an orfuture. The likelihood of becomganization of young people devoted to the ideas of socialism began a few months ago during a student strike at Central High School. This strike compelled the cause of these reasons the young school administration to give a few concessions to the students, concessions which have since on in the world today and to do been largely taken away.

Hearing of the plans to organize the Socialist Youth Club, the hated school principal, Mr. Stine has been conducting a witch hunt and intimidation campaign against the students in an attempt to frighten them away from the club. Stine has been busy telephoning parents and calling students up on the carpet. However, his lying and threats have been to no avail. In other Akron schools intimidation against students who show an interest in socialist literature is being practiced. Pamphlets and copies of The Militant brought to school have been seized.

The charter adopted by the newly formed club provides for close collaboration between the youth and the Socialist Workers Party branch in Akron. The youth organization decided to adhere to and defend the program and principles of the SWP Correspondence and cooperation with similar youth groups sponsored by SWP branches in other parts of the United States is planned. The founders of the club have

already interested more than 30

Adams, 2nd floor. LOS ANGELES. - Socialist Youth Club meets every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educationals after every meeting. Refreshments served.

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Open Forum: Every Friday, 8 p.m., at 116 University Place. Dancing, refreshments. Sundays, 3 p.m.:--"What Is So-

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#### By Grace Carlson

ST. PAUL, Dec. 7 — Solidly supported by St. Paul school-children and their parents, teacher pickets here tion on the Trotskyist Youth have kept all public schools closed tight for the past 13 days.

ation of Teachers Locals 28 | tion Commissioner asked the and 43, this is the largest teach- group:

ers' strike in the history of the "Do you want us to do something that is illegal?"

The crowd shouted, "Yes, yes!" The first break in the dead-In a statement released here lock, which has existed since nethis week by the St. Paul Branch gotiations with the City Counof the Socialist Workers Party. cil were broken off on Nov. 29, a demand was made that the came yesterday. This was in the City Council "cut through all red form of a Council proposal to tape and make the necessary increase the school budget for emergency appropriation to meet 1947 from \$3,826,497 to \$8,250,the teachers' demands." 000 so that teachers' salaries may

Acknowledging the support be increased and needed school given the teachers' strike by the Socialist Workers Party, a letter was received from Mollie Geary. the Teachers Joint Council said Chairman of the Teachers Joint that the Council's action "will Council. The letter follows: pave the way for a return of the

"The St. Paul Federation of teachers to the classrooms." A warning was added, however, Men and Women Teachers, Lothat the teachers would not call | cals 28 and 43 wish to thank your off their strike until the City organization for your fine words Council took concrete steps "to of encouragement in their strike inaugurate the school betterment for higher salaries and better program agreed upon, effective school conditions.

"It is such support as yours A flood of resolutions supportthat helps us carry on in this ing the teachers' strike poured momentous and history-making into the City Council this week struggle for American public school education." from all sections of the trade union movement, as well as from



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### More Innocent Victims

A Filthy Smear Of Negro Troops

– By William E. Bohannon ·

#### -By Grace Carlson

Add to the list of imperialist crimes the damage done to unborn generations of Japanese children by the atomic bomb. In a recent interview in Washington, the Nobel



plosion. Dr. Muller's gloomy prediction s based upon his 20-year-study of the effect of radioactivity

upon heredity. By bombarding flies with Xrays, Dr. Muller was able to produce tremendous changes in their offspring. Monstrosities of all kinds resulted from the radiation: flies with extra legs and antennae or no legs and antennae; flies with every conceivable shape of wing or with no wings at all: flies with purple, white, green, brown and yellow eyes; flies with eyes that bulged.

What happened was that the genes which carry hereditary characteristics from one generation to another had been radically changed by the X-ray treatment. "Mutations" had been produced. Changes in the genes are not always noticeable in the first generation, but may lie concealed and produce "mutations" in a later generation.

A filthy smear of Negro soldiers is the best

way to describe the so-called report of the

The Negro Struggle ----

Genes are very stable hereditary units. Mutations are produced in nature as well as in the laboratory but they are rare. Occasionally, however, one reads of such a mutation as a twoheaded baby. Biologists know that there are good as well as bad mutations. Darwin's con-tribution to biology was to show that through the law of the survival of the fittest, mutations are largely responsible for evolution.

But Nature took millions of years to evolve the present human species and, in the process countless numbers of mutations lost out in the "struggle for existence." Certainly, no one wants to turn over to the American imperialists the job of speeding up the production of human mutations through the radioactivity of their atom bomb!

At any rate, Dr. Muller does not believe that the atomic bomb will cause a favorable evolutionary speedup. According to this year's Nobel Prize winner in medicine and physiology, most mutations are bad. He does not think that the Class Debates Prize winner in medicine and physiology, most "X-ray treatment" given the Japanese people at Hiroshima and Nagasaki will improve the human race. Quite the contrary! Convinced that a large number of human monstrosities will be born to the atomic bomb survivors. Dr. Muller recommends that that these people be made permanently sterile.

But when are we going to "sterilize" the atom bomb?

will not only get the hearty approval of Bilbo,

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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1946 NEW YORK, N. Y. PROBE WHITEWASHES LYNCH-INCITER BILBO

THE MILITANT

**Testifies Against Bilbo** 

## **Briggs Local Sliding Scale**

#### (Special to The Militant) DETROIT, Dec. 3 - In a

lively discussion on "Wage Policy of the United Automobile Workers" last night at the Local 212 Briggs Educational Meeting, three speakers pointed out the inadequacies of the union's wage policy; and an "escalator clause" was advocated for inclusion in future contracts. The representative of the UAW International leadership made a

Rankin and Co. but that is also sure to get lame report on minor social benefits they are striving for and concluded with a 20 to 22 cents an hour wage increase demand. All the other speakers criticized the "one-at-a-time" cause the American ruling class share Meader's strategy of the International and Bilbo's hatred and fear of the Negro masses, leadership and hit at the weakand they show it by everything they do and say? ness of the present wage policy. Ernie Mazey declared that a One thing they cannot do is tell the truth about us. For the truth would automatically sliding scale of wages in the win support among the white masses for our form of an "escalator clause" in fight to achieve the second emancipation. Malnew contracts is the best way to ice and spite are not the only reasons why they keep wages in line with zooming lie about us and slander us, as in this Meaders prices.

"report." Another and more important reason-He cited the inclusion of such is that smears and distortions help them in clause in the recent Sinclair their efforts to keep us down and to prevent Oil Workers' contract. The esthe unity of Negro and white workers against calator clause, he said, eliminates the necessity of a union en-The lie is always the weapon of the ruling gaging in long bitter struggles class. Pick up any capitalist newspaper today and you won't be able to add up the number of big and little lies, distortions and half-truths cost of living.

This provoked such a discuswhich they are dishing out in order to cover up one simple truth: that the miners need and sion that a debate on the escalator clause has been scheduled for Dec. 16. Ernie Mazey and Erwin Baur will speak for it. The opponent speakers have not yet been named.

#### **National Guard** Jim Crow Too

"In accordance with War Department policies" the newly authorized National Guard units in the various states will be set up and operated on a strictly Jim Crow basis, it was revealed last week. Negroes and whites will not be/ permitted to serve in the same Guard units, just as they are not permitted to serve to-



President T. B. Wilson of the Miss. Progressive Voters League (left) testifies before the Senate Campaign Investigating Committee at Jackson. Miss. Scores of Negroes told of intimidation and terrorism that kept them from the polls in Mississippi. Federated Pictures.



#### **By Harry Braverman** (Special to The Militant)

WASHINGTON COUNTY, Pa., Dec. 7 - When word came to the Western Pennsylvania coal fields today that John L. Lewis had called off the mine strike, many miners Daniel's blood-spattered suit was were reluctant to go back to work.

What happens to our principle,

"No Contract, No Work!" they | These miners are determined to save the United Mine Workers asked. The men were bitter about the Union. "When a man is hungvicious moves of the government ry," one man told me, "he is and operators to break their un- going to fight, and we were ion. They are thoroughly aware hungry in those open shop days.' they were singled out for attack. "If they break our union they ed Coal and Iron Police used to an break them all," said a lead-patrol the narrow lanes of the orders Poor To er of the miners in Washington company towns. "Why you

#### By Ruth Benson

The Senate Campaign Investigating Committee, headed by white-supremacist Ellender of Louisiana indicated on Dec. 5 that it is ready to recommend seating his colleague Bilbo in the Senate on Jan. 3, despite testimony of scores of Negroes who told how?

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der demanded.

from voting."

aries.'

white."

off free."

oved Southland."

equality of all races.

speeches or not?"

vote. Ellender's cross-examina-

tion of Parham was typical of

his conduct throughout the hear-

do with what happened?" Ellen-

"Did Bilbo have anything to

"Well, I heard Sen. Bilbo's

speeches, where he said the Ne-

groes shouldn't vote and that

there's lots of ways to keep them

Ellender hammered on, "But I

thought you said Negroes never,

could vote in white primaries.

Doesn't that mean you couldn't

have voted no matter whether

Bilbo was running or making

Parham didn't flinch. "There

was a new law," he explained,

"where the Supreme Court said

The law didn't stop Bilbo's co-

horts. Another witness testified

that a friend and supporter of

Bilbo in Pass Christian said,

'No Negroes are going to vote ....

unless they paint their faces

Even a white polling official

confirmed how Bilbo's speeches

intensified the lynch atmos-

phere. Emmett Reynolds of Win-

ston County admitted that he

warned Negroes not to go to the

polls, and explained, "Well, it

didn't do me any good to hear

Bilbo didn't even try to deny

that he said, "the best time to

keep a nigger away from a white

primary in Mississippi is to see

him the night before." or that

he boasted over the radio that

"I'm a damn good lawyer. I've

der cases in my life and got them

All this, Bilbo smirked, was

just recommending "vocal per-

those (Bilbo's) speeches."

OFFICIAL CONFIRMS IT

a Negro could vote in the prim-

threats and beatings kept | ice station and warned not to them from voting in the Mississippi primaries. At the close of the commit-

tee's farcical four-day hearing last week in Jackson, Mississippi, Ellender proclaimed that he'd be "disappointed if the report is not unanimous" for whitewashing Bilbo.

Ellender acted as a prosecutor against Negro witnesses and a defense attorney for Bilbo. He harangued witnesses, without drawing a peep of protest from the other committee members. Maybank of South Carolina: Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma; and two Republicans, Hickenlooper of Iowa, and Bridges of New Hampshire.

Bilbo himself said he was "having the time of his life." Throughout the proceedings he exchanged sly winks with Ellender, and sent him advice.

Mississippi's Governor Wright had refused to provide protection for witnesses. But they thronged to the courtroom and told the effects of Bilbo's speech urging white men to "use any means' to keep Negroes from the polls.

#### **TELL BEATINGS**

Five Negro citizens testified that they had been severely beaten for trying to vote in the July 2 primaries. Among these were war veterans Richard Daniel and Varnado Collier, who were attacked by white watchers at the polls in Gulfport. Collier escaped and appealed

to the FBI, which refused to give him protection so he could return to vote. Daniel, thrown into prison, was mercilessly beaten again by a six-foot-six cop. When produced as evidence, the cop defended people in eleven muradmitted that he had "slapped"

Daniel "once or twice." Joseph Parham of McComb testified that he was handled roughly, hustled off to the pol-

suasion, not physical violence." In fact, he said, "I am rather strong on civil and political 3 They told me how the mount-d Coal and Iron Police used equality for niggers."

It was a lie, he claimed, that he advocated horsewhipping certain Negroes-he only said the 'em out of

Of course by "racial antago-

When Bilbo concluded, it was

clear that the "probe" commit-

tee was ready to accept this ac-

**Calls For Labor** 

(Special to The Militant)

BRISTOL, Conn., Dec. 6-

nizing," Bilbo means working for



- By Joseph Hansen-

ganize and work out an effective and militant program to take away from the liars the power to make mischief and misery for the masses.

wide publicity from the capitalist press. Senate War Investigating Committee on condi-This so-called report was dreamed up by a tions in the U.S. occupation mind poisoned with race hatred. But notice how the "respectable" newspapers spread it far and wide without any challenge or note of dissent. There is nothing surprising in this, be-

the common foe.

a human being! How they burn with anger when they observe that most of the people in Europe refuse to accept their doctrines of "white supremacy" and "Negro inferiority!" How eager they are to find a discreditable explanation for Eur-

George Meader, counsel of the Senate Committee, notes that Negroes in Germany are largely service troops, including truck drivers, and then declares:

unsupervised among the civilian population. It has also resulted in their ready access to Army supplies, which they have used for the purpose of gaining favor with frauleins. The latter have been propagandized by Hitler into a psychology of moral laxness, and, in view of the food shortage, are unusually receptive to the generosity of the Negro troops."

really a bunch of crooks; don't you remember when you were a child that they told you how Negroes just loved to steal watermelons? And on top of that Hitler made the German people "morally lax"—so lax that they even sink low enough to associate with Negro troops the same way they associate with white troops.

#### Add these two "facts" together-and you have a "statesmanlike" and "objective" report that

Military Expert Goes "Intelligent"! the laws of gravitation that came, according to fable, from a ripe apple dropping on Sir Isaac

"It is not enough in the atomic age to wring our hands and cry, 'Havoc!'; intelligent action Newton's head. m was produced



opean rejection of Jim Crow practices!

"This has resulted in their moving freely and

See how simple everything is? Negroes are





thought. Baldwin has found the answer to the atomic bomb! Now everybody can stop wringing his hands and crying. "Havoc!"

When World War III breaks out and thirty to seventy million Americans are wiped out in a few hours, Baldwin envisages a highly organized and thoroughly trained "Home Front" guard immediately whipping into "intelligent action" for "relief of destitute or wounded."

The Home Front, he says, is "a new type of military force - a force with the sole mission of protecting the 'Home Front' and minimizing, in so far as possible, the enormity of any disaster such as atomic bombing or attack by guided missiles . . .

Like all mental pearls, Baldwin's contribution to atomic-age thought did not just spring out of his typewriter in full magnitude and radiance. It grew and matured from tiny beginnings in the hard shell of his mind, like,

Notes of a Segman-

Probably the Times editor called Baldwin's by the brain of no one less than . attention to Governor Dewey's approval of the Hanson W. Baldwin, military exfirst units of New York State's War Disaster pert on the pay roll of Wall Military Corps and asked the military expert to mull it over and let the Times readers know what he thought about it — in not more than

> a yard of type. But like Newton, Baldwin had a burst of genius. "It is peculiarly fitting," he wrote, letting his phrases rise to the historic occasion, "that New York State should have had the foresight to have taken the lead in planning and organizing such a force." He even explained why it is peculiarly fitting: "New York City would be a most logical and lush target for any such form of atrocious attack."

Like all great thinkers, Baldwin is not afflicted with false modesty. He thinks his idea is good enough for the entire country. "The War Department, or other agencies of the Federal Government, must wake up and initiate and women. including four Negroes, encourage a nation-wide program, on a mili- who had listened to eight days of tary or semi-military basis similar to that sponsored by New York State."

If Baldwin's smashing idea catches on, everyone can look forward to "relief" if he survives afternoon after an hour and fifty the first day of atomic war, if he is destitute minutes of deliberation. or wounded — and if enough Home Fronters themselves are left around to get going with their "intelligent action."

gether in the Army. is a fight to hold their union."

### **14 Electrical Workers Free Philadelphia Strike Trial** By Max Geldman

#### (Special to The Militant)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4—Fourteen members of the CIO United Electrical Workers today were found not guilty of charges of rioting, inciting to riot and unlawful assembly as an aftermath of a clash .

between police and striking the height of absurdity in the workers of the General Electric Company last Feb. 28. A jury of eight men and four police, prosecution and defense testimony, returned a "not guilty" verdict late yesterday

attempt to explain away the brutal beating of Herb Lewin of UE Westinghouse Local 107. The picture, now nationally famous as an example of police brutality. shows Lewin on the ground, helpless, as cops with raised clubs stand over him.

The jury's verdict is the best indication of how they felt about police testimony.

State's witnesses consisted, The defendants' clear accounts with the exception of a Bulletin of the two-day police terror last reporter, solely of plain-clothes February against the GE picket and uniformed policemen, and line, demolished the lying ac-General Electric and city officounts of "striker violence" precials. sented for days by a veritable pa-

District Attorney Tracy wraprade of policemen. Housewives ped himself in the flag and apfrom the neighborhood confirmpealed to the jury's patriotism. ed the unionists' tales of police 'Free these men." he screamed, brutality and gave the lie to the "and the way is open for bomb District Attorney's charges of law and mob law." Referring to "mob terror and mob violence." the veterans with an American The housewives' testimony, flag who led the union parade, plus numerous newspaper photohe said: "When the American flag is in the hands of a mob foot and on horseback, showed it is no longer the flag we reclearly where the responsibility vere." All of these lawyers'

tricks were of no avail. The jury One union man's wife told how understood the real issue in the she and her mother-in-law jointrial was an attempt by a powed a parade on Feb. 28 to City erful corporation and anti-labor Hall to protest an anti-picketing public officials to victimize workinjunction. As the parade of ers who dared to strike for betsinging strikers passed 65th ter wages and conditions.

Street, all hell broke loose. Po-There is still another trial licemen on foot and horse were pending. Ten more union men are everywhere swinging clubs and slated to go on trial on charges cracking heads. Too frightened of contempt of court arising out to run, she staved frozen to the of an injunction case. Harry ground. One of the strikers tried Block, former president of the to help her, pleading with the Philadelphia CIO Council, and police "to watch out for the woother UE officials are among men." Then a cop raised his club those indicted. General opinion and brought it down upon the in union circles is that the acman's head. The woman fainted quittal of the 14 should not lull at the sight of the spurting blood. | the labor movement into over-

Policeman after policeman lied confidence. Constant vigilance they had seen no one hurt and | to the danger of "government by had not lifted a club against any | injunction" is now a must for the striker. Police testimony reached labor movement.

County. "The men figure this couldn't have gotten in to see me," said a miner. "The second you turned off the pike they

would have stopped you, questioned you and turned you around. In those days they wouldn't even let a huckster with pack of brooms on his back get in here."

Government operation of the mines was nothing but a fake, according to the miners I interviewed. "These shavetails they had up in Pittsburgh," one of the men told me; "they never had any more to say about running the mines than the man in the moon.

"We'd see some Navy personnel come through once in a while. They'd go in the office and chit chat with the superintendent. The pit committee would go to them about something. 'They'd say: 'We can't tell

the company what to do.'" All the pressing grievances which caused the strike still remain. That's why the miners say they're reluctant to go back to work without a settlement and a new contract. Terrible price increases have destroyed their wage gains and kept them working longer hours in the effort to keep up with living costs. GOOD IDEA

When I asked the miners what present earnings. they thought about organizing

a Labor Party, their response was enthusiastic. "I'll say it's a good idea," said a leader of a terests which dominate Bristol, the Vanguard says: miner's local. "The miners would

like to have something like that. "They thought the Democratic Party was going to be some year, the Bristol Welfare Degood in Roosevelt's time, but partment turned a deaf ear to since this guy has taken over the families of strikers. It they see that it's no good. We've wouldn't consider them even as 'borrowers.' often talked about the AFL. the CIO the miners and the rail-

Now the Welfare Dept. is striving to make them pay for road workers getting together. the inadequate relief they got a They all come out for Democrats or Republicans. But why can't decade or more ago! they all get together and have

labor candidates?" Another miner felt certain that new party is on its way. He spoke of it as a "socialist" party. There is more talk of politics in the mine region now than ever before and even a lot of talk about socialism.

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nites should "ride **Pay Back Relief** town on a rail." The horsewhipping he did ad-

mit recommending for "anyone (Special to The Militant)

caught in the act of Negro-or-BRISTOL, Conn. - Some ganizing, Communist-supporting, 3.200 workers here who were racial antagonizing acts" and forced to exist on relief wanted them also "tar and feathhandouts during the depression ered and chased out of our be-

will be compelled to pay back the city administration, if the mis-named Welfare Department succeeds in its collection scheme. social, economic and political Letters are being sent out dunning the workers for amounts ranging from \$5 to \$5,000, and averaging \$750. The city claims that \$2,000,000 in all is "due' knowledged Ku Klux Klanner it for the meager assistance it and lynch-inciter as an honored gave to the starving families of member of the U.S. Senate.

the unemployed during the thirties. Between 75 and 100 cases have been turned over to Corp. Counsel Donovan, who threatens to sue those who don't kick in.

**Party And Wage** The CIO Connecticut Vanguard in its November issue points out **Escalator Clause** that many of the workers threatened are GM workers and CIO members. It has enlisted attorneys to fight the Welfare Local 626 of the CIO United Department on behalf of the union members, and to defeat Automobile Workers has unanithis vicious scheme which could mously adopted resolutions favbe utilized as a precedent in oring the Labor Party and the other parts of the country to sliding scale of wages. The prorob depression victims of their

posals will be submitted to the Connecticut State CIO Conven-Describing how the city adtion, beginning tomorrow. ministration serves the GM in-

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Scoring the "policy of backing the candidates of the Big Business dominated parties, the De-"During the General Motor's mocrats and the Republicans," New Departure strike early this Local 626 demands the "immediate building of the Labor Party" to "take the field against both parties and present a fight-

ing program to answer the needs of the people." The local formulated its demand for the "rising scale of wages or escalator clause in un-

on contracts," as follows: "1. A substantial general wage increase to compensate for the rise in living cost. Wages after this increase to be considered the

minimum base pay. "2. An automatic increase in wages of one per cent for every one per cent increase in the cost of living.

"3. The cost of living to be determined by regional 'cost of living committees' set up by Union, Working Farmers, Consumers, and Small Business Men."

The recent strike movement in the maritime industry disclosed a glaring weakness which, if not remedied, can prove disastrous in future struggles. The movement can be characterized as the "one after another" strike which finally petered out when the Mates and Engineers went back to work on the Pacific Coast without gaining their primary objective; a union security or

preferential hiring clause in their agreement. The movement began in June 1946 when a strike by the unicns associated with the Committee for Maritime Unity was narrowly averted. The CMU, comprising then the CIO maritime unions plus the independent Marine Firemen, gained wage increases, reduction in hours and other concessions. Thereupon, the AFL unions demanded additional wage increases and the Seafarers International Union took job action on the East Coast and Gulf to compel the operators to sign.

When the Wage Stabilization Board in Sepsember rejected the wage increases granted the AFL as "inflationary," the unions struck, tying up shipping on all coasts. After eight days of strike-bound shipping the government capitulated. As the AFL picket lines were being withdrawn they were replaced by pickets from the CIO which demanded "wage equality" in the industry. This demand was granted after a few days and the men went back to work.

However, a week later, the Mates and Engi-

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no prospect of an early conclusion.

American shipping. What started out to be a "short strike" in September extended over a period of three months. For the bulk of this time most of the men were not directly involved but were on the beach because of picket lines. The men became strike weary and the Mates and Engineers were compelled to call off their strike without having won their chief demand. It was to guard against such a development

that the slogan for a uniform termination date for the various unions was raised long ago. The unions on the Pacific Coast achieved this goal some time ago. With the establishment of the CMU, however, the Stalinists changed the termination date from September to June. Now the CIO union contracts terminate in June and the AFL in September. Thus a situation has been created that is fraught with danger. It is necessary again to push to the fore the slogan of uniform termination dates for all contracts to avoid a repetition of the "one after another" strike in the maritime industry.

The "One After Another" Strike

neers walked out in support of their demand for union hiring. After a few weeks the East Coast and Gulf operators reached an agreement with the licensed officers on a modified form of union security. The Pacific Coast operators refused to compromise on this issue and the strike graphs of club-swinging cops on limped along from day to day with apparently

for violence lay. Each of these strikes tied up a large part of