

Move To Set Up

To Head Drive To Build Party In Flint Area

By Jack Rockwell (Special to The Militant)

FLINT. Dec. 11 - The Flint auto workers have taken an important step forward in the task of building a Labor Party. Chevrolet CIO-UAW Local 659 passed a resolution at its regular membership meeting Dec. 8 calling for a full-time organizer and a committee of ten to direct the work of organizing a La-3 membership meeting of Dec. 8. SolvesNothing

bor Party in the Sixth Con- membership meeting of Dec. 8. gréssional District.

eran of World War II, was elect- they are ready to run a slate of ed by acclamation as full time organizer.

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cludes the Local 659 president, to take the same action as Chev-William "Tex" Owens; Don Ste- rolet. venson, editor of the local union paper: Charles Zly, vice-president of the Michigan CIO Council; Mark Reid, Jack Palmer, elect an organizer to enroll the executive board members; Larry Jones, Harrison Johnson. chief stewards; and three committeemen, John Eleazer, Bill Roy and John Richardson.

BUILD OUR OWN

In an exclusive interview, Kermit Johnson told this reporter: "If we don't like war, unem-Rochester Clo ployment and depressions, and we want to do something about it, let us stop trying to steal other people's political parties and build one of our own.

"The Republican and Democratic Parties are bought and paid for, and they can't be taken away from their owners. 14 - The CIO Council here These parties were built for at its last meeting adopted a PRODUCTION CONTINUES profit and exploitation. We can't resolution calling for a united take either and convert it to an labor conference of all local uninstrument of the public wel- ions and joint action in defense fare.

"Our future need not be a future of fear and want. But se- President Philip Murray's ap- tion cortinue as usual. curity can come only through pea' for a national conference. The discussion preced plan and purpose. A Labor of the CIO, AFL and Railroad. Party is the answer." Brotherhoods leaders, the local The resolution adopted by the CIO has called on the AFL Cen-Chevrolet local declared that the tral Trades Council and local

"Republican landslide is an in- railroad unions to help establish millions . of

Although the auto workers have set out to create a Labor Kermit Johnson, one of the Party in the Sixth District, they outstanding leaders of the sit- well know that a lot of spade down strikes of 1937 and a vet- work will have to be done before

candidates. The emphasis is placed on winning the support The ten - man committee in- of all the locals in the district

> The Chevrolet Committee has already instructed the 45 district chairmen to immediately membership in their district into the Labor Party.

The task in the Sixth District will not be an easy one, but the struggle will go forward until the Labor Party becomes a

a reality. **Seeks United**

Labor Action (Special to The Militant) ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec.

of labor's rights.

Declaring support for CIO Brotherhoods leaders, the local

UNITED ACTION NEEDED!

An Editorial

The main concern of the Bri-

Flint Workers Move To Set Un CIO EXPOSES PROFITEERS A Labor Party Chevrolet Local 659 Names 10-Man Committee To Head Drive To Build Party In Flint Area

THE MILITANT

Workers Of The World, Unite!

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UN Resolution On Disarming Draft. Arms Production

Continued As Usual

The United Nations General Assembly voted unanimously last week for a resolution favoring reduction in national armaments and armed forces. The Soviet Union's demand for an immediate census of troops and arms at home and abroad, including atomic weapons, was defeated and the Security Council was told to decide what information on troops and arms should be submitted by the UN member nations.

In essence the resolution made decision "in principle" only; Hitler too used to pay lip-service to this "principle." Discussion of practical measures to carry out the resolution was postponed

for a future assembly session. All the big powers joined in hailing the resolution as a great step forward. But in none of their countries was there any f acts to cut down on armar ent preparations or the size of

On the contrary, in all these . ies production of war weapons continues full scale. In all

The discussion preceding adoption of the resolution was marked by all kinds of maneuvering on the part of the "Big Three."



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of them plans for maintaining or securing peacetime conscrip-tion continue as usual. Through Laws To Cripple Labor

Wall Street intends to follow up its strikebreaking drive against the coal miners with legislation aimed to shatter the spine of the entire labor movement. The emboldened capitalists expect Truman to outline these anti-labor laws in his January message by General Motors "doubled the eral strategy conference" to lay to the 80th Congress. They expect the Republican-dominated Congress to rush them through in record speed. What is in store can be judged views. Despite GOP election | Big Business has already an-

Shows 25% Raise Possible Without Increase In Prices

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Firing CIO's opening gun in a drive for "sub-stantial wage increases," Philip Murray on Dec. 11 released an economic survey showing that without raising prices "total corporate business can support a 25 per cent increase in wages."

Real weekly wages in industry are now 23 per | Wage Raises Cause cent below the Jan. 1945 average, "paralleled by the lushest profits in history." These profits, after taxes, are "aproaching \$15 billion (annualy), fully 1½ times the level of the best war years . . . and 33/4 times as high as the average of

the years 1936-1939." These are some of the major acts, based on conservative government figures, contained in a report prepared for the CIO by firm of private consulting conomists headed by Robert R. Nathan, former deputy reconversion director.

They establish the basis for the wage demands soon to be made by the CIO Steelworkers and United Electrical Workers. and already announced last week by the United Automobile Work-

UAW DEMAND

age pension fund.

Setting the pattern for the "Big Three" of the CIO, the UAW Executive Board the day after the release of the Nathan report issued a demand on the auto barons for a general 231/2cent an hour wage increase, plus a three per cent employer-financed. union - administered health and welfare fund, a wage

equalization fund and an oldgotiating.

Steel, auto and electrical These demands, said UAW President Walter Reuther, "do workers top leaders are meeting not require any increase in on Monday, Dec. 16, in Pitts-

anywhere from 30 to 900 per cent higher than added wage costs. The figures, contained in the Eighteenth Quarterly Report of OPA, are: Added Price Costs Rises Due to Granted Wage by Raises OPA Industry Percent Percent Agricultural implements .. 1.1

Prices Increases?

A report filed last Nov. 5 by

OPA, but buried by the ad-

ministration and ignored by

the press, reveals that in 11

major industries price

increases granted between

Jan. 1945 and June 1946 were

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

Iron & steel..... 1.6 11.1 Food 0.9 6.1 Lumber 2.8 13.6 Textiles 9.6 Paper & pulp 2.1 6.1 Cement .. 3.2 Furniture 2.0 4.5 Brick & tile 6.2 9.6 Hides & leather 2.3 3.8 Chemicals 0.8 1.2

ture profits." The same, he said, holds true for Chrysler, with which the union is already ne-

tne city-wide labor unity. middle class and the working A joint meeting of the CIO, class voted for them in protest AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods against the Democratic admin- here is reported scheduled for istration policies. Dec. 16 and 17.

"The huge protest vote would The CIO Council's resolution have gone to a Labor Party if calls for "submerging petty dif- emy" countries as Greece and it had been in existence." ferences" and "extending a warm

At the Chevrolet meeting, the and open hand to the Central Stalinists attacked the resolu-Trades and Labor Council, AFL, tion, and used all the parlia- as well as the Railroad Brothmentary trickery they could to erhoods."

pigeon-hole the resolution. But the membership was determined and the Stalinists failed completely.

The action of the Chevrolet the ranks of every union. local was publicized by the Flint Sentiment for united labor press and radio and the Detroit action is strong here since the this time was defeated, however, papers. The other big locals in city general strike several months because the U.S. delegation was the city of Flint, Buick, Fisher ago. The CIO's Strategy Comand A. C., are already on record mittee in that strike has been the strategic position whereby it for a Labor Party, with A. C. re- designated to plan steps toward could dictate the terms for the affirming its position at their joint labor action now.

the immediate troop census count, for fear that Britain would be embarrassed by publicity on the number of troops it was maintaining in such "non-en-

their armies.

Palestine.

The Soviet Union's delegation made some small concessions on eliminating the veto over the day-to-day operation of an in-It urges not "just another top- spection body. This in turn was

level 'talking' Committee," but a supposed to help win support Anti-Injunction Act and the joint action organization that for including atomic weapons wlil carry its program down into among the arms to be reported

in an immediate census.

PREPARE BILL

The Republicans, according to speedy introduction in the new concerned above all in keeping compulsory; ban strikes in any drafted up to the age of 45. dispute affecting "public wel-Atomic Energy Commission. fare;" and set up federal machi-

nery to intervene in any shutdowns involving utilities, transportation or "commodities essential to public health or safety." These sweeping provisions would affect every union. A simple declaration by the President or two Governors would be enough to condemn a strike as threatening "public welfare." Truman, speaking for the

Democratic ("fine the unions") Party, has already indicted that cans to the punch" against labor. Ghost-writer Clark M. Clifford is drafting the recommendations Truman will deliver to

Congress. All the proposed legislation has two objectives: (1) to club labor in no other magazine in the with restrictive regulations; (2) country. to facilitate government inter-

ployers in labor disputes.

ference Dec. 12 that in view of

from a message Harvey C. Freu- promises to end the President's ticipated that the unions in selfhauf, president of the Detroit wartime powers, Representative Freuhauf Trailer Co., sent to Earl Lewis last week declared it stockholders along with the quar-"neither wise nor desirable" to terly report on profits. Freuhauf lift these powers — they might | pared a report to Congress decalled for early repeal of the Nastill serve to beat down labor. tional Labor Relations (Wagner) Virtually all the wartime re-Act, the Norris-La Guardia strictions on business have been removed. Postwar profits have Fair Labor Standards Act.

These moves include restrictions on expenditures for politisoared even above the colossal cal purposes, restrictions on radio take of the mad war years. But | time for unions that want to disthe Smith-Connolly Act, passed cuss politics, restrictions on asan unnamed GOP leader, have as a temporary wartime meas- signing labor organizers to po-

whipped a bill "into shape for ure, still permits Truman to litical activities, and restrictions break strikes. Under the Selec- on publication of the voting rec-Congress" to make arbitration tive Service Act, strikers can be ords of Democrats and Republicans in Congress.

the CIO-PAC and the AFL.

Fourth International Begins Drive For 1,000 Subscriptions

A three-month national campaign by Fourth International was launched on Dec. 15 to get 1,000 subscriptions to the theoretical magazine of the American Trotskyists. The campaign will close on

March 15. This action was | the Convention membership recvoted unanimously by the ord. The same prize will also be and to reduce delegations from delegates to the Twelfth Na- awarded to the second highest tional Convention of the Socialnational pace-setter. ist Workers Party, held in Chi-

One point is allowed for each subscription, either new or re-American workers, eager to newal, for a six-month, one-year

Branches from coast to coast are already mobilizing their clique a weapon to use against forces for a sustained drive to go over the top. Highest on the sition and sets a dangerous prescoreboard is New York Local Angeles Local with a quota of

Despite soaring costs in printvolume of Fourth International 32-page magazine at this low furniture unions.

prices." The latest price increases burgh for what is called a "genprofit margin it earned during plans for coordinating the wage the third quarter of 1946 and drive of the three unions, which set the stage for tremendous fu-(Continued on Page 2)

defense will begin building an independent Labor Party. Conse-quently the House Campaign In-vestigating. Committee has pre-**Mass. CIO Convention** manding repressive moves against

By S. Crabbe (Special to The Militant)

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 14 - Red-baiting leaders of the Massachusetts CIO in a three-day convention here last week succeeded in almost completely eliminating rankand-file participation in the state CIO Council. The convention, whipped up by the

reactionary red-baiters, also ing them, similar to the resoludeparted from the democra- tion adopted by the recent natic basis on which the CIO was tional CIO convention. But built by barring "members of these additional amendments the Communist party and other forced them into an organiza-Communist organizations" from tional fight for posts. Don Torholding office. mey of the electrical workers and

Frank Siegle of the office work-Conducting a drive to elimers, both well known Stalinists, inate Stalinist influence, a coalition of clothing, textile, and steel took the floor many times. But they could not effectively expose union officials reorganized the their present opponents with state council so as to deny representation to important unions whom they had previously collaborated in policies and deals. It was Tormey who at the 1944 smaller locals at future convenconvention proposed a no-strike

tions. pledge for the post-war period. This places control in the Progressive delegates in the hands of a small clique of salaried officials and removes ranksteel, clothing, and textile unand - file representatives from ions were under constant presthe council's executive commitsure of their officials to maintee. The anti-Communist meastain solid blocs, but their reure, moreover, now gives this sentment against the reactionary measure grew. Caught in this fight between the red-baitany future rank-and-file oppoers and discredited Stalinists and cedent for repressive action not ready to come into open

conflict with their officials, large against other minorities. Amendments to the constitusections of these delegations voiced their protest by abstaintion which the leadership pressured through, cut the execuing from voting for or against tive committee from 34 to 10; the amendments. changed the legislative agent

As chairman of the Constitufrom an elective to an appointtional committee, Martin Walsh. ing and paper, the subscription ive post; combined the offices Steelworkers regional director. of secretary and treasurer; and drove the steamroller for state granted to the maritime, office, as, delegate from the largest committee as a protest against

The Stalinist leadership was Walsh's undemocratic action, already to accept without protest | though he had been defeated in a statement of policy condemn- the steel caucus.

Washington is preparing a gang-up on laction to defeat the anti-labor legislative labor. All reports from the capital show drive. that the Democrats and Republicans are making ready for an anti-labor field day when Congress convenes after New Year.

Congressional hoppers are already overflowing with anti-labor bills-each aimed to harass and cripple organized labor, weaken and undermine the unions, destroy hard-won rights of the workers.

Let no one delude himself that the laborhaters are engaged largely in threats and bluff. Big Business, which runs the government, is clearly determined to put labor in a legislative strait-jacket.

The government's ferocious assault on the miners-the unprecedented mobilization of every agency in Washington-showed that Wall Street means business. Organized labor faces an immediate deadly threat.

Labor has the power to defeat the plans of the money-bags and their political agents. All that is needed is to unite the 15,000,000 organized workers in concerted action. Before such concentrated might, the forces of reaction would flee in frantic retreat.

From every section of the ranks of labor there rises the demand for joint action by the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods. In response to the pressure of the CIO workers, Philip Murray has called for a confer- tional joint action. The time is short-the if not to wage war on labor? ence of all unions to plan a course of joint need is pressing. Act now!

As yet, the leaders of the AFL have remained silent. Despite the lesson taught by the mine strike, they obstinately and

stupidly turn their faces away from the real need of the workers. They are permitting he hopes to "beat the Republinarrow, organizational interests and differences to blind them to the urgent necessity for united labor action now.

But the AFL workers cannot afford to permit their leaders to keep labor divided in the face of the present critical threat to the entire union movement. They have no special interests to keep them from joining the CIO and other union workers in united action to block anti-labor laws.

It is imperative that the ranks, regardless of union affiliation, put the heat on the top union leaders and force them to call a National Conference of Labor to meet in Washington, on the very door-step of Congress.

In every locality, the example must be set by the local unions. Without waiting for the top leaders-who will not move without intend to issue an order bringpressure from the ranks-the local unions must get together and prepare for united action.

Such local unity will pave the way for na-

vention on the side of the em-Besides pressing for new antilabor laws, Truman seeks to retain his wartime powers indefi- awarded to the national pacenitely. Truman told a press con-

the labor, situation he does not self-evident. What does he want these dictatorial war powers for

This fits in with Republican of subs per member, based on scription today.

As in every previous campaign, with a quota of 200. Next is Los socialist competition will spur the endeavors of the SWP 120. Other branches range from branches to not only meet the 85 down to 5. Nearly all have acseries of attractive prizes will be | the branch.

setters. The highest individual pace- price of Fourth International resetter in the country will receive mains the same: \$2 a year or \$1 reduced delegations from locals CIO president Joseph Salerno. a rare bound volume of New for six months. Combination FI having less than 200 members. The pressure exerted by Walsh International, (predecessor of and Militant subs also remain As a result, no representation on provoked an open revolt in the ing the Second World War to an Fourth International) for 1934- at the low price of \$2.50 for a the executive committee was steel delegation. William Thomofficial end. Truman's aim is 6. This volume can no longer be year. The successful conclusion purchased at any price. A bound to this campaign will ensure the fur and leather, newspaper and steel local, ran for executive

for 1946 will go to the branch | cost. Readers of The Militant are sending in the highest number invited to send for their sub-

correctly interpret important or one-year combination sub to events both here and abroad, the FI and The Militant. will find in Fourth International a revolutionary Marxist analysis of these critical issues, available

cago last month.

quota but go over the top. A | cepted the quotas established for

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New Opposition In Stalinist Party TRADE

evidence of a growing internal crisis convulsing socialism. At the same time, this opposition, steepthe Communist Party (Stalinist). This crisis has ed in the falsifications and miseducation of Stalbeen most clearly reflected in a new wave of inism, is terribly muddled and confused. Their bureaucratic expulsions.

that for the first time in 16 years such expul- version peddled by the present CP top leader, sions are meeting organized resistance.

Several groups of expelled members, all toss- Earl Browder. ed out for criticizing the oportunist, pro-capitalist policies of the CP leadership, are trying to New Committee for Publications. This group, continue an organized campaign against these functioning since last March, is circulating inside leaders and policies.

ganized opposition. There is clear indication they are finding support within the CP ranks.

Publications and documents of several of these dissenting groups have come into our possession. They throw new light upon the betrayals and corruptness of the Stalinist leaders.

the working-class layers of the CP there is a genuine desire for a revolutionary Marxist pro- tive Committee, reveals that a large section of go back to work."

claim is that they are fighting for "genuine" What is unique about the present situation is Stalinism against the "distorted" and "falsified"

> William Z. Foster, and his expelled predecessor, One of the opposition groups calls itself the

the CP a regular bulletin, published in New York. They are issuing bulletins and documents called the NCP Report. Its purpose, as stated in addressed to the CP members, bitterly denounc- the first issue dated Oct. 28, "is to bring about ing the Stalinist leaders and calling for an or- the establishment of a real Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist party in the U.S."

Another document, called An S.O.S. To All Communists From The P.R. Club, C.P., is being widely circulated in printed form in New York City. The P.R. Club was previously described by the CP's New York State Organization Secretary These documents show further that within as the party's "best club in the Bronx."

In recent issues The Militant has reported, gram and a party that will lead the workers to the club has been expelled for refusing to expel a member who directed a letter of criticism to the strike leaders as Trotskyite, which was a the CP State and National Committees "for op- damned lie as usual, and to demand a rank-andportunism, bureaucracy and outright dishonesty."

In San Francisco a group of CP members drew up a programmatic criticism of the party's municipal election campaign in the fall of 1945 and the subsequent bureaucratic blows rained on ing, "the liquidation of the branch was announced, them for daring to criticize the party's support of capitalist politicians.

Another San Francisco document, issued by a group of machinists whose CP club was ruthlessly "liquidated," is in some respects the most revealing of all and shows how the main blows of the party's top bureaucracy are falling on the proletarian sections of the CP.

It describes how the CP tried to break the strike of Local 68, International Association of Machinists, last fall in San Francisco. "After issuing perfunctory approval of the strike demands as 'just', the CP began to break the strike. It issued leaflets and had articles published in People's World openly advising the machinists that This statement, signed by the club's Execu- they couldn't win the strike and urging them to

The CP machinists were directed to "attack file committee to lead a back-to-work movement."

When these CP workers refused to act as strikebreakers, "the branch was liquidated in the with a ruling: "There will be no discussion of this." Expulsions came thick and fast."

The substance of the criticism made by all these groups is that the American Stalinists are "not fighting for socialism," they are continuing the "revisionism of Browder," they play ball with the capitalist parties and refuse to campaign for a labor party. The dissenters usually dig up obscure, early quotations of Stalin to prove their points.

But it is clear that the workers in the CP Workers Union, according to re finding it ever more difficult to stomach the President Michael Quill. dirty, treacherous chores the party leaders are assigning them.

This is the first in a series of articles on The Crisis in the Communist Party.

> Four," Goodrich, Goodyear, Fire-**CIO** Proves 26-cent an hour general raise. 25% Pay Rise A contract covering 11,000 workers of the Cudahy Packing Company, one of the "Big Four" **Is Possible** in the meat industry, has been concluded, according to an an-

80,000 members of the AFL In-

. . .

. . .

Helstein, President of the CIO (Continued from Page 1) represent 2.350.000 members. The following day the wage hour are provided, retroactive to policy committees of the steel Nov. 1. Geographical wage equaland electrical workers unions go ization adjustments of 21/2 to 81/2 into session to determine the cents are also included. Helprecise demands they will substein said a similar contract will mit to the major steel and electrical equipment corporations. and Wilson. The CIO is thus immediately Lewis called off the mine strike without gains.

The outcome will be determined in large measure by the nature of the demands the CIO ions for a simultaneous "allraises to inspire the ranks and the program of action it adopts | wages, shorter hours and reop- National Association for the Adto compel the corporations to ening of the fight for rules yield. changes.'

union's wage demands, the CIO leaders do not contemplate gocraft division in the rail unions ing beyond the request for flat so tragically revealed in the railincreases that will merely com- road strike last May. pensate for the increased cost of living since the wage gains on Nov. 30 expressed the soliof last spring. This makes no aldarity of the railroad workers lowance for the continued rise in prices which can quickly slash with the striking miners, backed any flat wage gains. What the the miners' demands and con-

Union demands for wage in- | also met in Atlanta last week. creases are growing. The CIO It announced a legislative pro-Tertile Workers Union is seekgram which was said to "stand ing 15 cents an hour more for 100,000 cotton textile workers in a very good chance of approval the South; 20 cents for 85,000 by Legislatures in the South because it is generally noncontronorthern workers in the woolen versial." industry and 18 cents for 38,000 in synthetic yarn plants . .

By "noncontroversial" is meant legislation that does not "ofternational Ladies Garment fend" the Jim-Crow feelings of Workers in the New York area the Southern bosses. No labor legislative program in the South are seeking a 20 per cent costof-living increase . . . A boost is worth anything which does not include at the top of the list of 30 cents an hour in 1947 will be sought by the CIO Transport measures to wipe out the Jim-Crow system that divides white and Negro workers and deprives the Negro of all rights.

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CIO United Rubber Workers representatives opened negotia-The AFL Federation of Teachtions on Dec. 6 with the "Big ers may rescind its 30-year-old "no strike" policy because of stone and U. S. Rubber, for a present "economic conditions." President Joseph F. Landis said in Newark on Nov. 30. The executive board, which has been studying the question since August, will make a recommendation late this month to be submitted to the teachers' convention next summer. Meanwhile, the nouncement last week by Ralph "no strike" policy is being voted out all over the country by United Packinghouse Workers. teachers who are hitting the Wage increases of $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents an picket lines for more pay, or threatening to strike.

The Daily Worker has been trying to defend the Stalinist be sought from Armour, Swift policy at the recent CIO convention when CP members supported the red-baiting resolution that "resented and rejected" the of \$1 an hour, a guaranteed an- Party." Now the full signifi-"interference of the Communist. cance of this resolution is beginning to be felt.

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One of the first moves of the the course of the contract. The Murray machine has been to Cudahy contract provides for re- send a letter to all local and opening wage clauses twice be- state CIO councils to "disconwage offensive, the CIO must fore termination on Aug. 11, tinue forthwith all fund-raising, membership solicitation and other work in support of" the The Chicago Committee for National Negro Congress. The Railroad Unity, composed of 38 letter by John Brophy, CIO representatives of rail unions in Director of Industrial Union the Chicago area, has called on Councils, states that NNC officials of the 21 railroad un- policies are "in variance with the policies of the CIO" and and out campaign" for ""higher councils may only work with the vancement of Colored People.

Since the NNC is Stalinistdominated, this is obviously a end the disastrous disunity and move against the CP. More significantly, it shows how the new restrictive rules deprive local councils of their former right to work together with other organizations without dictatorship and interference from the CIO top bureaucrats.

.......... Ominous notes of forthcoming demned the government's inold nurges" resolution colle

Why Labor Cannot Expect Justice From The Courts By Joseph Hansen By Joseph Hansen Before Roosevelt, the reputation of the courts as strike- been a factor in the courts of law when dealing with a problem

breakers became so notorious that Congress conceded to such as Mr. Lewis is now prepublic pressure in 1932 and passed the Norris-LaGuardia senting." Act limiting the use of injunctions. During Roosevelt's day, Wall Street relied primarily of they do not have the judiciary so

on the executive and legislative arms of government to fight labor. Under Truman, the executive branch has lost so much authority that Wall Street has again brought the courts to the fore.

Thus the labor movement is once more confronted with the need to defend itself against the black-robed champions of Wall Street. Union militants are asking: "How shall we cope with this menace?"

First of all, it is necessary to understand what gives the judiciary its power. Judges are able to deal murderous blows against labor mainly because union bureaucr: 3 and professional betrayers of the working class like the Communist (Stalinist) Party cover up the real role of the courts and bolster up the superstitious awe in which many uninformed people hold the courts.

LEWIS' LETTER

John L. Lewis, for instance, tried to justify the way he called the Supreme Court as a benevolent power.

In his Dec. 7 letter Lewis de-clared: "The Supreme Court is, LOS Angeles and we believe will ever be, the protector of American liberties Hires Big Hall

completely under their thumbs." This picture painted by the Stalinists is particularly insidi-Wall Street's master minds want independence of the Supreme Court.

Actually this body is selected most carefully from time-tested political lackeys of Big Business. In their rulings these political

preme Court may well decide to "independence."

admitted on Dec. 1 when the A capitalist politician in the nine Wall Street politicians on and worst forms, has always

In this particular case it was ous. It maintains precisely what land lawyer, he served the Deto maintain - the fiction of the 1921 to 1941 when Roosevelt re-

judgeship.

sharpsters attempt to bolster up he was subject to a measure of the myth of "impartiality." They retaliation at the polls, he wore come out openly as an anti-la- a "liberal" mask. But once on bor body only in the last resort. the bench beyond reach of the Since the coal strike has been electorate, he felt free to act broken, for instance, the Su- brazenly in behalf of Wall Street. concede one point or another in Supreme Court were, like Goldsfavor of the miners in order to borough, appointed by Roosevelt. keep up the pretense of their Their careers parallel that of Big Business is the last in the reason to consider them as "pro-

world to have any illusions about tector of American liberties" this effective instrument of its than there is to believe in the rule. The N. Y. Times bluntly fairness of Goldsborough.

by directing repressive forces in ards; step up organization of

easy to see the working of a general principle of capitalist politics. The Wall Street politician sitting on the bench was T. Alan Goldsborough. A Marymocratic Party in Congress from warded him with a Federa'

In Congress Goldsborough cultivated a reputation as a liberal. voting for the Norris-LaGuardia Act, the Wagner Act, etc. When The bulk of the judges on the Goldsborough. There is no more

United Mine Workers were in flegislature serves Wall Street off the strike by painting the court that "politics, in its best by passing laws in its interests." A capitalist politician in the executive arm serves Wall Street press for increased wage stand-



At the Allis-Chalmers plant, in West Allis, Wis., another worker is dragged away from the picket line by cops, as terror against the strikers continues. CIO United Auto Workers Local 248 is still on strike after months of company refusal to arbitrate. Federated Pictures

Red-Baiting Resolution Passed By Jersey ClO

NEWARK, N. J. Dec. 13 - The 9th Annual State CIO Convention adjourned its two-day sessions last Sunday, its positive work marred by a heated debate over red-baiting and the adoption of an anti-Communist resolution. Over 600 delegates, represent-9-

ing 250,000 CIO members in the ents in or out of the CIO to foist state, adopted resolutions to their policies on our organization."

While the resolution made no its interests. (Thus Truman the unorganized; push for ade- mention of barring Communists threatened to use the Navy to quate housing and a bonus for from office, the debate was puncbreak the maritime strike and veterans; intensified legislative tured with remarks from the ex-"alerted" troops in the railway activity for improved social se- treme right - wing to "throw

them out." It was apparent

that the state leadership, far

from having stifled the right-

wing by its resolution, had actu-

ally encouraged the red-baiters

The behavior of the Stalinist

spokesmen here also encouraged

their opponents. Instead of tak-

ing the offensive against the red-

baiters and showing the real

source and purpose of red-bait-

gates to "go no farther than the

Atlantic City resolution." It was

clear that their capitulation at

Atlantic City had emboldened

all their opponents and cleared

After several hours of debate,

during which no one got the

floor to show the similarity be-

tween the basic policies of the

carried by a vote of 1046 to 326.

Despite this, one could sense

the road for further red-baiting.

ing, they pleaded with the dele-

savage and determined opposition by a united mobilization of corporation and government forces.

As indicated by the auto

creases of 12 to 22 cents and a regularly adjusted cost-of-living bonus to meet price rises during

MUST PREPARE

Original demands of the untaking up the challenge of Big ion called for a minimum wage Business and its government. which has been emboldened to even greater resistance to labor's wage demands since John L.

War's Still On-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-

(U.P.)-President Truman to-

day said the recent soft coal

strike had made it impossible

to declare the wr formally at

an end now. He said he

workers could be mobilized and

inspired by one central de-

mand: For the inclusion in all

CIO contracts of a clause pro-

viding for automatic wage in-

creases, above the basic scales,

Such a clause has already

been won by the CIO Oil Work-

ers Industrial Union in its con-

tract with the Sinclair Refining

Co. Under a sliding scale of

wages, wages rise with living

costs, but cannot go below the

established rate, including the

The assurance that the CIO

will win its demands lies in its

program of action. It would be

The CIO must enter the bat-

new basic increases.

for every rise in living costs.

Against Labor!

To be successful in its new be prepared to meet the most 1948.

and the rightful privileges of individual citizens." He did not — and could not — indicate how To Try Pickets the Supreme Court was different or better than the other courts whose rulings the miners had challenged.

When a single judge in a lower Federal court decided that the Lea Act making the musicians "a class separate and apart from all other employes" violated the First, Fifth and Thirteenth Amendments to the Constitution, James C. Petrillo said:

"Thank God for the Federal Courts, where they preach and practice democracy . . .

HAND PICKED

The Dec. 5 Daily Worker, organ of American Stalinism, likewise fosters illusions in the judiclary: "The legal battle over the coal mine strike has reminded the master minds of Wall Street that although they own Congress and dominate the White House,

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By Al Lynn

(Special to The Militant) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8 - The

appointed for life, is not subject police strikebreaking drive here has caused an overflow in the to the will of the people, and is able to browbeat labor leaders city courts. The Board of Superwho are hypnotized by the visors found it necessary to streamline this anti-labor ac- "pomp and majesty" of the gown tivity by hiring a large auditori- he wears. um, named Patriotic Hall, to

What an aroused labor movement can do about injunctions handle 875 arrested pickets. and the intimidation of the All but three of the pickets courts was demonstrated by the ere studio workers hauled in working class in Pittsburgh just during the mass raids in which

three months ago. When a judge well over a thousand have been issued an injunction against a arrested so far. Two were AFL small union of striking power printing workers who were arrested several months ago for workers and slapped a one-year jail sentence on the union presipicketing Pacific Press. The other was Phil Connelly, CIO Coun- dent for "contempt of court," cil secretary, who is appealing a sympathy strikes and protest de-60-day jail sentence imposed for monstrations swelled throughout participation on a CIO electrical the city. The frightened judge workers' picket line at U.S. rescinded the jail sentence and Motors last January. The line the injunction too.

was broken up by police attacks | PITTSBURGH LESSON and Connelly was charged with Had Lewis followed this mili-"inciting to riot." tant course by appealing to the The studio arrests are for vio- whole labor movement, he could lating injunctions which limit have given the entire union picketing, showing that the city movement an inspiring example administration here is right in of the correct way to defend lastep with the federal government bor's interests from the Wall in use of strikebreaking injunc- Street politicians who wear judicial robes



strike.) A capitalist politician in curity and establishment of state the judiciary "interprets" laws sickness compensation.

to suit the interests of the em-The Convention further voted ployers, issues injunctions, levies a strong condemnation of govfines, jails union members. ernment injunctions against the The strength of a judge lies miners; further possible support in the fact that he is generally for the miners was shelved when news came that Lewis had ordered a return to work.

> Throughout its sessions, both rank and file delegates and state and national CIO officials stressed the need for solidarity of the entire labor movement to meet the threats of government attack. Speaker after speaker urged unity and common defense, pointing out that attacks against the miners today would be broadened out against the CIO in the future.

But this underlying theme of Stalinists and the red-baiters of labor unity was shattered by all varieties, the resolution was sharp debate over an anti-red resolution which, in addition to endorsing the recent National that every rank-and-file delegate CIO Convention's condemnation left, the convention with the of Communist interference, deknowledge that big battles are

clared its proponents will "resist in the offing and with the deand fight, in democratic fashion. termination to strengthen the any and all attempts of the CIO in the fight against Big Communist Party and its adher- Business and the government.

St. Louis Strikers Victimized By AFL Teamsters Czar Tobin

folly to place any reliance on ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11 - One militant shop steward has mere "economic persuasion"-an been suspended by a closed "kangaroo" trial board, four appeal to reason on the basis of others face trials and from 30 to 50 other members of the irrefutable economic facts-AFL Teamsters Local 600 are 3 to bring the corporations to threatened with expulsion for | operators to fire participants,

participation in so-called "wildcat" strikes.

The crack-down is being carried through ruthlessly and in the most bureaucratic fashion on the orders of Teamster's Czar-President Daniel Tobin, who last "national menace." a strike last month, about 300 | Hunt's instigation. drivers from seven firms walked

protest against the victimization ficial, was the opening of a camof Bishop. Most of them returned to work today following announcement ting on a \$16,000,000 treasury, by Tobin's international repre- last month warned members sentative, Lester M. Hunt, that | that they could not draw strike he and the local Tobin machine- benefits unless he "authorized"

men had called on trucking firm their strikes.

terms. Nor would another labor-Tobin's men went so far as to management-government conferpublish a page-length ad in the ence, such as Murray is reportlocal newspapers, headed "Not A ed to be contemplating, bring Strike—A Conspiracy!" publicany better results than the simily threatening strikers with exlar farce held in October 1945. pulsion and black-listing. Hunt has likewise announced tle prepared for a show-down. month declared strikes are a that 30 to 50 "insurgents" will It must let the employers and

face expulsion as a result of the government know from the start Following the suspension of protest stoppage against the exthat it means business. union steward Walter Bishop on pulsion of Bishop. Some 37 men Every practical step must be December 7 for participating in | are reported already fired on made for a united, militant fight. Plans must be worked out for

Bishop's trial, it was revealed striking simultaneous, coordiout Monday and yesterday in by an international union of-

nated blows against the major corporations. A combined CIO "war chest" must be raised. Evpaign by Tobin to "crack down on wild cat strikes." Tobin, sitery CIO local must be placed on a fighting footing. The CIO workers want no

more divisive "one at a time" strategy. They want to hit together and hit hard.

"for unity between the AFL, CIO of "communists" through reorand Railroad Brotherhoods to ganization of receiverships over stand shoulder to shoulder) in local CIO councils—are struck in the latest issues of CIO organs this fight."

CIO's southern organizing drive is having rough going against vicious opposition of employers and local political offi-

junction.

This committee is working to

A meeting of the committee

thought if it had not been for cials. But Van A. Bittner, chairrecent strikes, he might have been able by now to have deganizing Committee, last week clared the war at an end." in Atlanta where the committee met, strongly denied "rumors workers want to know most is that the CIO southern campaign how to meet this urgent problem. is being relaxed." He declared The answer is the demand for emphatically that "our camsliding scale of wages, in adpaign in 1947 will be more concentrated." CIO by Dec. 4 had dition to the general increase in basic wage rates. All the CIO

summer, lost 43.

South since drive began last

like Textile Labor and Steel La-The November Textile Labor, for instance, in an editorial on "The Communist Issue," advises "sincere rightists" who did not man of the CIO Southern Or- think the CIO convention went "far enough" that it "is on the administrative level that the Declaration of Policy. the preamble (to CIO constitution) and the new industrial union council

It adds: "We have no doubt whatever that ... to the conwon 266 NLRB elections in the fusion of those who would use the CIO to foster alien objectives .(read oppose CIO leaders' policies) such implementation AFL southern policy board will be swiftly evident."

rules will be implemented."

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In the pamphlet, The Death Agony of Capitalism, Leon Trotsky ranked high prices along with unemployment as two basic economic afflictions which are the chief immediate problems for the workers under the conditions of disintegrating capitalism.

For the workers only one defense against inflation has a solid foundation in economic science, and that is the sliding scale of wages. Other names for it are a cost-ofliving clause or an escalator clause in union contracts.

A union contract with a sliding scale or escalator clause will increase, automatically whenever prices go up.

Thus if the cost of living goes up ten per cent in two months after the contract is signed, then a cost-of-living bonus of ten per cent of the basic wage is added automatically. If the cost of living goes up five per cent more in the next month the bonus rises five points more to fif-teen per cent. In some contracts the bonus can go down again if the cost of living goes down but new cannot as British Transferration of the point of the bonus of the bonus can go down again if the cost of living goes down, but pay cannot go British House of Commons, he below the standard contract scale, which is the guaranteed | revealed that it consisted of the minimum.

The employers prefer to use government figures to measure changes in the cost of living, such as the Bu- guns over a ten-year period; reau of Labor Statistics index, but these are not accurate. adoption of a uniform military Contracts should specify that cost-of-living figures of the training manual and standard-AFL or CIO Research Bureaus be used as the standard.

Without the sliding scale the workers continually get concealed pay cuts in the form of rising prices. They have to go through strikes and struggles for more money wages, vear after year, merely to stay in the same place, without any real gains in their standard of living.

The sliding scale in a contract means that the contract wage will be the same real wage at the end of the about the military alliance. It year as at the start. Thus the union will be in a position to admitted that "there have from bargain for higher real wages in the next contract. It will time to time been informal exnot have to use up its bargaining and fighting power merely to get back again to an old standard won long ago.

Employers don't want a sliding scale because they would arms in World War II "made this rather make gains from inflation. They want to collect logical." Similar statements came bellion against the native landhigher money prices without paying higher money wages. | from London and Ottawa. That gives them super-profits, such as they are making THIN EXCUSE this year. But the employers never want to grant any wage increases, the unions have to get them through strength in bargaining, and that's the way the workers can get the alliance with Great Britain aimsliding scale.

The sliding scale is not even an abnormal wage under capitalism. In the long run the workers get the value of their labor-power as wages, on the average. When the cost of living goes up, money wages have to go up too, in the end. This doesn't come automatically, it comes as a result of bargaining and struggle, because the workers must ernment." struggle to maintain their standard of living. But in mostperiods of rising prices the rise of wages has been slower than the rise of prices, and the employers have made extra profits from this delay.

Under conditions of disintegrating capitalism, when prices may rise sharply to new levels during a single year, there isn't time for delay. The sliding scale in a union contract eliminates the delay. The sliding scale as a labor slogan concentrates labor's bargaining power on the best military budget in history. answer to the immediate problem, and therefore makes labor's bargaining more effective.

sliding scale serve only to waste labor's energy by turning tude of crimes, including the Street-backed Roxas government the struggle into blind alleys.

One such substitute is government price control. The

Workers' Action To Overthrow Franco Is Opposed By All U.N. Spokesmen

Secret Armament Pact With Britain Exposed

Washington has reached agreement with Great Britain sets a guaranteed minimum wage. This is the standard and Canada on standardization of armaments. Behind the rate and pay cannot go below it. In addition the contract back of the American people and without consulting the provides for a cost-of-living adjustment, or bonus, which | Senate, the Truman government has in effect concluded | and already begun to put into effect a military alliance that will have a dominant.

influence over foreign policy. This secret pact is aimed U. S. Still Holds against the Soviet Union, accord-In Philippines collowing four points:

Standardization of land wea-Secretary of State Byrnes pons and material and naval officially admitted before the UN General Assembly Dec. 13 that 96,000 American troops are still garrisoned in the Philization of training methods; inippines. This is more than twoterchange of officers; pooling of thirds the size of the active shortwave and all other military standing army in the United States in the interval between The U.S. State Department dethe two world wars. nied that the aim was war

Why is Washington holding against the Soviet Union, but its these huge forces in the Philipfeeble denial confirmed the facts pine Republic a half year after the declaration of Philippine "independence"?

One objective is to threaten the Philippine people with Wall ization of arms" with the Bri-Street's armed might if they attish, because the exchange of tempt to carry forward the relords and capitalists that reached heroic heights during and after the Japanese occupation.

The State Department denied Another obvious objective is having a "political or military to make sure Wall Street retains its imperialist grip on the islands ed at anybody." What then was economy. the purpose of standardization?

The day before Byrnes admit-"Economy," said the State Deted the enormous size of the partment with a straight face. garrisons in the Philippines, the "The American people are parpress reported Washington "has ticularly interested in economy rate military and naval bases in able misery which reigns in this varia), a certain Hofenmeyer, and in reducing the cost of govthe Philippine Republic,"

This touching display of in-MILITARY WEB

terest in saving the taxpayers' money would be funny if it didn't These "major positions" would deal with such a tragic subject. be tied together with a network And somebody somewhere in the of smaller stations, converting world might believe it if it did the islands into a tightly woven not come from an administramilitary area for operations tion spending 18 billion dollars throughout the North Pacific a year, the highest peacetime and the Asiatic mainland.

Establishment of such a mili-Apparently, economy like pa- tary web in the Philippines cuts riotism is supposed to serve as so deeply into the sovereignty of All the substitutes that have been proposed for the a shield for covering a multi- the Republic that even the Wall crime of preparing a war that has been forced to protest. This

resistance, naturally, will crummay wipe out civilization. The secret deal with Britain ble at the first threat of econ-FORMER SS MAN



Shanghai recently against the dictatorship of Chiang Kaishek. Club-wielding cops tried to break up the crowd as this picture was taken.

Meanwhile the government, armed by the U.S., is spreading civil war throughout China as its hand-picked stooges go through the motions of adopting a constitution in order to provide a "democratic" cover to the dictatorship. -Federated Pictures



The commander-in-chief of the British occupation forces in Germany, Air-Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas, and Franco every time. It is not just Minister Hynes, have just announced that the famine in the British zone has worsened in a truly alarming manner. The British socialist author, Victor Gollancz, published

photographs that he took in Ger- @ many, portraying the indescrib- | town of Schwabmunchen (Bacountry, administered by a control commission composed of

military bureaucrats. Aside from berculosis and other diseases that, all goes well . . . Because of the ingenious system of the occupation zones, provisions from eastern Germany are not arriving in western Ger-

many. For the same reason, coal from western Germany is not ferred to escape to the British arriving in Berlin where, for sev- zone. eral days, electricity was almost completely cut off. As a

consequence the lives of four they carried off the agricultural machinery. Thus, they make it DON'T CALL WORKERS million people are in danger of becoming virtually paralyzed. impossible for the German peasants to rationally cultivate the gram mean in reality and

And

ties in Baden.

By George Breitman

The United Nations General Assembly again debated the question of Spain last week, and again adopted a resolution on Franco's fascist dictatorship. But during the debate neither the imperialists nor the Stalinists offered a program which could lead to the overthrow of the fascist dictatorship in the interest®

of the Spanish masses. And | perialists and not on the work-

They control important sec-

tions of the labor movement

throughout the world, but where

have they called on the workers

to do more than plead or de-

Who can point to a single in-

tance in this country or Britain

where the Stalinists have urged

the workers to take independent

action through their unions to

help the Spanish workers over-

The world has already been

throw the fascist dictatorship?

given an instructive example of

what would happen in Spain if

the Stalinist program were car-

That example is Greece, bled

white by a dictatorial monarch-

ists regime which was imposed

and is supported by British

Franco might be ousted by

Washington's and London's in-

tervention in Spain, but under

The only way that the fascist

regime can be replaced with a

government in the interest of

the masses is for the Spanish

masses themselves to overthrow

it. But they will not do it so

long as the Stalinists lead them

to believe the imperialists will

And the Spanish masses can-

not do this job by themselves

world labor movement must be

alone, which means that the

troops and American dollars.

ried out.

in

after the resolution was ers. Isn't that what the Stalinist adopted Franco was as secagitation on Spain amounts to urely seated on the backs of in practice? What else do they the Spanish workers as ever beask for but pressure and interfore. vention by the imperialists?

The resolution, termed a compromise, recommended that the UN members recall the chiefs of their diplomatic missions from Spain, barred the Franco government from participating in mand of their capitalist governany UN functions and told the ments that they act to oust UN Security Council to take up Franco? the matter again if Franco was not replaced "within a reasonable time" by a more acceptable government.

The U.S. and British spokesmen were not enthusiastic about the resolution which they considered too strong, but finally voted for it when provisions calling for a complete diplomatic break were withdrawn. Their proposal was merely to recommend that Franco "surrender the powers of government" and that the Spanish people "peacefully

FEAR REVOLUTION

restore

Spain.'

Above all, it was frankly admitted, the U. S.-British im-Spanish capitalism as well.

a coincidence that the U.S. has been selling supplies and planes to Franco since the end of the

British spokesmen, it is easy for the Stalinists to sound very radical on the Spanish issue. But Because of the undernourishthe differences between them are ment and housing shortage, tunot really as great as they appear at first sight.

avage the peoples. But the Rus-It is true that the Stalinists sians have begun to ship out want to go further than the immedicines . . . This is confirmperialists are prepared to go at ed by Professor Lochlein and present. They want Franco oust-Doctor Ruhl, whom the Russians ed. and to achieve it they ad-

wanted to deport, but who prevocate a complete diplomatic and economic break with Spain; and if that is not sufficient, they The Soviet bureaucrats favorwill propose the natural and ed the division of the land, but logical follow-up to such a

mobilized in their support. break, military intervention. strikes. But what does such a pro- political demonstrations-that is, what

do it for them.

NEED SUPPORT

Such support must include boycotts, refusal to handle supplies for the fascists, independent labor struggles

their domination the Spanish perialists are afraid of a Spanmasses would enjoy no more ish revolution to overthrow democracy than the workers and Franco, because such a revolupeasants have in the crowded tion might end in overthrowing ails, concentration camps and When it comes to the possibilexile islands that cover unhappy Greece today. ity of a choice between social-The truth is that the Stalinism and fascism, they prefer ist reliance on the imperialists to fight Franco has just as paralyzing and demoralizing an ef-

self-government

fect on the Spanish workers as does the imperialists' more or war less open support of Franco. Alongside of the U.S. and

workers were told to spend their effort on postcards to and Canada is an extension of omic reprisals. Congress for a better OPA instead of fighting for higher the standardization deals the wages to meet rising prices. This ended in worse than brass hats have already initiated made clear that it asks only for communist minister for the denothing. It didn't keep prices down but it did turn the with Latin America, China and "certain limitations" and that nazification of Baden, has reunions away from a united fight for the correct answer, the Philippines. These deals of- not even these limitations should signed because the French auhigher wages. Price control by militant consumer committees can do good work in opposing price rises, resisting rent increases, preventing evictions in renters' strikes, and so on. But it is a waste of postage stamps to turn to a capitalist Congress which has promoted inflation for years and beg it to hold down the price rises that come from its own inflation. And it's a criminal waste of labor's strength to fritter it away in such tactics.

The workers have their greatest organized strength in the factory, at the point of production, where they bar-gain for wages. The best battle-ground against inflation is Of Colonial Workers In Paris the ground where the workers are strong. Labor can make its best fight against inflation in the wage bargain, through the sliding scale of wages.

This article concludes the series on Wages, Prices and Profits.

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Already the Roxas regime has What rubbish! . . . M. Eckert, fer U.S. arms and military ad- be considered as "insoluble." Wall Street's military plans to the project of the denazificavisors to the above governments, enabling them to suppress all for the Philippines show once

opposition in their countries and again how methodically Amermaking them adjuncts of the ican imperialism is preparing for another world slaughter. U.S. military machine.



(Special to The Militant)

PARIS, France, Dec. 7 - | tried to march along the street, The French police last night chanting anti - imperialist slobrutally assaulted Indo-Chi- gans and The Internationale. At this the police attacked the nese, Algerian and French demonstration, and began their workers at an open air protest arrests. The fascists, who had meeting called by the Trotskyists joined the police in the assault, after the police had banned a triumphantly counter - demonstrated with reactionary slogans the demonstrators were arrested "Long live Leclerc" and "Long and held over night, many were live Argenlieu," the two princibeaten, two so seriously that they pal French imperialist butchers. The PCI plans to immediately

appealed last week for a united organize a new protest rally to front protest against the out- publicly expose the crimes of break of new massacres by French imperialism and the cowardly silence of the official workers' parties.

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land they have received. "the denazification"!

In 1944 the "Big Three" promised Austria the return of her "independence." To date this unfortunate little country is steerthorities had opposed their veto ed by five governmental agencies: the American, English, Russian and French military

> governments and the Austrian government, which argues it is powerless among the four that. each in turn. disputing among themselves, plunder the country

to the maximum . . . This is what is known as "liberation." To pacify the world, the "Big Four" are recruiting German scholars, specialists in rocket bombs and inventors of secret arms, for their armament industries. How soon will there be a clash between the German atomic bombs made in the USSR and the German atomic bombs

made in Austrailia? ... REMAIN THE SAME

The Americans have succeeded in "democratizing" the police of Frankfort by taking away their blue Prussian uniform and replacing it with the uniform of more things change, the more they remain the same," the German workers are thinking. The Americans forbid a revolutionary party, but they have sanctioned W.A.V., the neo-fascist group of Doctor Loritz, which resembles the Common Man Party of Giannini in Italy, Loritz

has already begun to act like an aspiring dictator. (He even imitates Hitler's hair comb.)

Here, dear readers, you see the many benefits of this magnificent occupation of Germany, in which the (Belgian) troops of M. Defraiteur are participating with not a little pleasure and at your cost . . .

(Translated from "La Lutte Ouvriere," Belgian Trotskyist paper, Nov. 16.)

MILWAUKEE **Holiday Bazaar** For **European Workers** Relief Sunday, Dec. 29 Workmen's **Circle Center** 2479 N. 15 St. 8:30 p.m.

would it lead to?

It does not and must not in-It means, under the given policlude appeals for intervention by tical conditions and relationship imperialism, which has consisof forces, that the fate of Spain tently demonstrated for ten long would be placed in the hands of years that it prefers Spanish the U.S. and British imperial- fascism to a revolution that ists. It means relying on the im- would overthrow fascism.

International Notes

By a two-thirds vote the Unit- | program and a new rice collected Nations General Assembly last ing system. The unemployed week adopted a resolution up- have also been organising into holding India's charges that unions and presenting demands South Africa was practicing rato the government.

cial discrimination against her Indian population, urging compliance with the UN Chafter and asking both governments to do something about it in the coming year.

Both the U.S. and British members voted against the resolution. which is not surprising considering their handling of

their own racial minorities. The vote was, a black eye for the South African government, the New York police . . . "The but leaves it plenty of room for maneuvering without granting genuine equality to her 200,000 Indians.

> Nothing was done about the ven harder discrimination against the Negro people of South Africa, who number seven mil-

Non out of the total population of less than ten million.

Following talks between Truman and Bevin about measures to strengthen the repressive Tsaldaris government of Greece. which is now faced with a powerful partisan opposition, the on the provincial constitution. U. S. State Department has appointed an economic mission to tried to discourage acceptance Greece. The mission is headed by of the nationalization measure. Paul Porter, given the rank of Ambassador as a reward for his services as OPA administrator in are compelled to speak more granting thousands of price radically here than in other rises to American Big Business.

Three national Japanese labor groups-the General Federation Party). of Labor, the Nippon Congress minimum wage, a reconstruction tion.

manding 30,000 reinforcements for the 75,000 troops in Indo-China, many of whom have been held there for months past their demobilization date. The French have long been preparing these military operations against the Viet Minh government. after violating their March 6 agreement by setting up a puppet government and refusing to hold a referendum in Cochin-China. French tanks, cruisers and paratroops are now in action against the heroic Indo-Chinese.

Heavy fighting has again

broken out in Indo-China. The

French General Staff is de-

Voters in the Greater Hesse province of the U.S. zone in Germany, which includes some important industrial plants such as I.G. Farben, solidly backed nationalization of industry in the separate vote of the referendum U.S. occupation authorities had The Social Democrats, who won a majority in this province,

provinces because of the existence of a third working class party, the Arbeiter Partei (Labor

This organization sharply criof Industrial Organization and ticizes both Social Democrats the Japan Congress of Labor and Stalinists for past as well Unions - were reported to be as present policy, declares its planning a nation-wide series of independence of all occupying mass rallies on Dec. 17, aimed powers and calls for their withat overthrowing the Yoshida drawal. It has important repre-Cabinet. On that day Socialist sentation in the Offenbach City members of the Diet will pre- Council near Frankfurt. Dissent a non-confidence motion. | patches do not mention the vote The union demands include a | it received in the provincial elec-

fights for the immediate withdrawal of the occupation troops while propagating fratmasses and the Soviet troops."

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the Soviet troops." It should have read as follows: "It ernization between the Polish

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in Poland contained a typo-

proved by the German authori-

Polish Resolution The Fourth International's resolution on The Situation

graphical error in its third paragraph, as printed in the Dec. 7 issue of The Militant. The sentence incorrectly

tween the Polish masses and

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"Fascism in the United States will be directed against the Jews and the Negroes, but against. the Negroes particularly, and in a most terrible manner."

-Leon Trotsky

What Road Now?

No facts stand out so starkly from the mine crisis as the capitalist class character of the government and the political helplessness of organized labor.

In previous great labor struggles, it had been possible for the conservative union leaders to blame the anti-labor actions of the government on this or that particular agency, the administration, or Congress, or the courts.

Thus, they were able to conceal the truth that the entire government is an instrument to defend the interests of the capitalist class. The mine strike laid bare, as no other labor battle in many years, the real class nature of the government. It exposed the myth of the non-class character and impartiality of the government. It left no room for doubt that this government is pro-capitalist and anti-la-

bor through and through. At Wall Street's command, every agency of government, not only nationally but on a state and local scale, unitedly lashed out at the miners. The two major parties of Big Business. Democratic and Republican, closed into one political fist to smash at labor. Their spokesmen vied in hurling threats and slanderous abuse at the workers.

The whole federal government was mobilized as one striking force against the miners. Truman openly directed the offensive. All the leading government departments, including the War and Navy, joined in the demand for. an illegal injunction against the mine strike. Congressmen of all political hues, from the most hard-bitten reactionaries to the most vociferous liberals, publicly egged on the government's assault. The federal courts, discarding all pretended judicial impartiality, swung the legal club. This was done in the interests of a tiny handful of wealthy parasitic mine operators. This was done while the leaders of 15,000,000 organized workers, the mightiest force in the land, could only respond with feeble complaint and protest. For labor had no say in the government. It could only plead with the very agents of its worst enemies who run the government. This latest demonstration of labor's political helplessness has become a further goad to political reaction. No Democrat or Republican today in Congress talks about opposing antilabor laws. They differ, if at all, only over the most effective measures to curb labor, deprive it of its rights, place it at the mercy of the capitalist exploiters. What must the workers do now? Shall they continue to follow the bankrupt and treacherous political policies advocated by the union leaders? Is all this gigantic power of labor, so effective in the struggle on the picket lines, to be dissipated on the political arena through continued support of Wall Street's parties and politicians?

ier Waller, 21, turned state's witnesses. According to them; the "bible" of the outfit was Hitler's book, Mein Kampf; there were about "50 Nazi doctrine" books in the office library; and Loomis had "letters" from Germany.

Whether or not this is exaggerated, it illustrates how carefully the organizers of American fascism study what their European predecessors did.

"Columbians, Inc." wore a circled thunderbolt as insignia on their brown-shirt uniform. They followed iron-clad discipline and made heavy demands on the members. Waller, for instance, contributed his savings of \$156-no small item for a disabled veteran. Evidently to instill a fanatical outlook. Loomis tried to shape the personal lives of his followers, telling them to give up smoking and drinking.

The aim of the organization was to conquer political power. Their method was to split the masses along racial lines, creating a national scapegoat as did Hitler. Their main target was the Negro people. Next the Jews, then the Chinese and other minorities.

In their tactics, "Columbians, Inc." imitated Mussolini and Hitler. They beat Negroes. They incited Negro-haters to violence. They are specifically charged with bombing a home at 333 Ashby St., Atlanta.

According to seized lists, Loomis built up an active membership of 200. Some 800 additional Atlantans paid the \$3 initiation fee. This is a strong beginning for a terrorist political grouping. It shows how real the danger of fascism is in America.

Loomis is said to have worked out an ambitious time table. He counted on ruling Atlanta in six months.

It is not clear whether Loomis had money behind him. But Big Business is on the lookout for ruthless politicians of the Loomis type. Sooner or later Big Business backs them in order to smash the labor movement. Fascism can then grow with great speed as was shown in Italy and Germany.

The labor movement must carefully heed the formation of "Columbians, Inc." It is another warning that unless the workers devote their utmost energy to putting a Workers and Farmers Government in power in Washington, America will go down under the heel of native fascism.

New Threat

If the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the conviction of the United Mine Workers and John L. Lewis for "contempt of court," it will place in the hands of corporation-dominated judges a new crushing legal weapon to smash strikes.

In pronouncing sentence of a \$3,509,0000 fine on the miners for failing to heed an illegal injunction, the federal district court judge argued that the miners committed a "crime" merely for refusing to obey him, whether he acted legally or not.

Should this principle be upheld, any judge can issue an injunction in violation of the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Law, which will then become the basis of contempt proceedings to break a strike.

This is how Wall Street's government proposes to get around the Anti-Injunction Law's clear prohibition of all injunctions in labor THE MILITANT

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"With all the malnutrition that's going around, I felt I owed it to myself to get a check-up?



-Ethel Dondore

[®]Publishers, Winnipeg, Canada,

Workers throughout the world

1946, 92 pp., 25 cents.

HIROSHIMA by John Hersey, The author does not attempt CITIZEN TOM PAINE by Alfred A. Knopf, 118 pp., 1946, to analyze the nature of a social system which manifests its death \$1.75. agony through a frightful con-

The most bestial war crime of vulsion of this kind. Neither all is described in this moving does he name the U.S. imperlittle book, which tells the stories ialists-most powerful and sav- tionist, Tom Paine. Englishof six individuals who survived age of the capitalist rulers withthe atomic bombing of the city in the capitalist system - who of Hiroshima. coldly calculated and coldly car-

There was no warning given to ried out this monster-crime. the hundreds of thousands massed in the area when the to warning the world what this tion broke the chains of English bomb was dropped. There was new death weapon can mean for colonial rule, and cleared the no alert siren to send people mankind everywhere. What hap- road for the rising American hunting for protection, no drone pened there can happen here. of planes overhead to make them His story is a preview of horcautious, no sound even from the | ror descending upon an Amermonster itself — except that | ican city—upon any city. heard by people 20 miles or so The reader can draw only one from the center. conclusion: the capitalist system

There was only a flash of light, must die if mankind is to live. brighter than any brightness anyone had ever experienced. Then the shaking of the earth, MASTERPIECES OF LA. the collapse of buildings, the .BOR HUMOR. Contemporary hurtling of bodies, the shattering of glass, wood, stone, the plunging into chaos and annihilation of all that had been built aim their best jokes against the up through generations of toil.

bosses; and though the cartoons, In utter bewilderment, almost stories and rhymes in this andisbelief, each of the few surthology are very different from vivors picked up life again as he was able. They went about theme-the Upper Clawss versus in a dazed silence doing what Life on Poverty Row: they could. Their simple no-Famous cartoons by Art Young bility, their human solidarity. and excerpts from Finley Peter was expressed in the way they Dunne's "Mr. Dooley" stories helped one another and the are among the older selections mute patience with which they from U. S. labor and socialist endured their intense suffering.

Howard Fast, Bantam Books. 351 pp., 1946, 25 cents.

This is the story of the life and work of the plebeian revoluborn, he played an outstanding role in the making of the bourgeois American Revolution of The author confines himself 1776. This first American revolucapitalist class.

Although Paine is probably best known as the author of Common Sense, he was more than just a writer. Not content to sit on the sidelines and write pamphlets expressing the needs of the hour. Paine joined the Continental Army and fought and suffered with the soldiers of the revolution.

With the outbreak of the French Revolution. Paine went to France. There he wrote The Rights of Man and later, The Age of Reason.

Fast's book presents a different picture of what Paine called "the times that try men's souls" than is given in the modern history textbooks which are used to miseducate young people in American schools. For no sooner did the capitalist class conquer its independence through the blood and sacrifices of the heroic plebeian army, than it

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NAM Wolves Put On Some Sheep's Clothing

At the recent three-day convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, some 4,000 millionaires swarmed into New York's swanky Waldorf-Astoria to cook up new schemes in union-busting. This year they decided to dish up their anti-labor poison in a "liberal-reform" stew which they hope to induce the American workers to swallow.

Earl Bunting, NAM's new president-elect, publicly vowed to take a liberal policy toward labor and claimed the "abandonment of prejudices some of us in the past have held." He even confessed that "management has been as dumb as it is possible to be" because it has not been "frank and honest to labor and the public,"

This determination to be "frank and honest" reflects the real motives for the claimed "reform" of the hard-bitten pirates of the NAM. They have become so discredited as undisguised union-busters that they feel it expedient to wear a "liberal-reform" halo while handing out their anti-labor propaganda. They feel especially secure in donning this "liberal" disguise because they know that Congress can be depended upon to push their real program for destroying labor's rights. Clarence R. Randall, vicepresident of the Inland Steel Co., advised them to "rest content to outline broad objectives, let Congress determine how to achieve them." (Time magazine, Dec. 16.)

But the labor policy finally adopted by the NAM. despite its professions of "liberalism," reads almost word for word like the program it has pushed so vigorously in the past. It calls for revision of the Wagner Act to make unions subject to damage suits for alleged "violation of contract." It calls for the outlawing of mass picketing, the closed shop, sympathy strikes. It wants to protect the "right" of scabs to vote in union elections, prohibit strikes "against the public interest," etc. In short, to place the unions at the mercy of the employers and their government.

Several congressional investigations since 1903 have disclosed how the NAM operates through a vast system of bribery and corruption of public officials, a multi-million doNar propaganda machine and open strikebreaking.

Now the NAM hopes to gain public favor and influence by playing "liberal", while its Congressional. tools carry out its anti-labor program through harsh laws to deprive the workers of their hard-won rights.



The Daily Worker, organ of the Communist (Stalinist) Party is trying to make capital of John L. Lewis' retreat in the mine strike. The most bitter enemies of the miners during the war, the Stalinists now would like the miners to believe that the CP's war-time strikebreaking was for the miners' own good-because the Stalinists foresaw that Lewis would capitulate in 1946!

This cynical "justification" won't convince anyone. Everyone knows that in 1943 the Stalinists ordered their members to scab when the miners walked out. Leading Stalinists went to the coal areas-in vain-to beg the miners to surrender. The Stalinists alone in the entire labor movement, endorsed Roosevelt's draft-strikers bill to crush the workers' struggles.

When the miners again struck in 1945, the Daily Worker demanded government seizure of the mines because "No matter what Lewis thinks or would like the miners to do, he knows and the country

Along that road lies disaster for the American working class. It can lead only to the bleakest desert of political reaction.

The mine strike sounded a strident warning. It is time for American labor to turn sharply in another and opposite political direction. It is time to forge the machinery of a labor party and to hew out a new road that will lead to political power.

Build the labor party now! That is the most crucial lesson taught by the mine strike.

"Columbians, Inc."

Three indictments have been returned in Atlanta, Ga., against various leaders of the fascist "Columbians, Inc." The indictments charge "usurping police authority," "riot," and "unlawful possession" of five sticks of dynamite.

It would be a most serious error to dismiss these leaders as nothing but criminals or crackpots. They are anti-labor politicians of the most dangerous type.

Emory C. Burke, president, and Homer L. Loomis. Jr., secretary, are said to have been trained in New York's native fascist circles. They went to Atlanta, obviously because they considered that city the most promising to begin building a mass fascist party.

Two members, Ralph Childers, 17, and Lan-

disputes.

When workers go on strike, a corporationminded judge will issue an injunction against the strike. The workers will be told to obey the injunction and wait for a higher court to decide their appeal. If they don't end the strike, they will be punished for "contempt." While the strike is broken, the workers will have the consolation of knowing that some day-maybe in a year, maybe in three-the Supreme Court may declare the injunction illegal.

That's the air-tight scheme the legal harpies of Big Business have devised to circumvent the law and smash any strike by judicial means; That's the scheme labor must fight against wth every power at its command.

Real Courage

One of the most encouraging symptoms of the growing militancy of the Negro people in defending their rights is the way witnesses testified at the Jackson, Mississippi, hearings on Theodore G. Bilbo's activities in the 1946 primary election.

It took real courage and energy to appear against Bilbo, acknowledged member of the Ku Klux Klan and hero of the lynch-minded Bourbons. Bilbo's friend and fellow-Democrat. Allen J. Ellender headed the Senate Committee. There was not the slightest hope this committee would do anything but whitewash Bilbo. Ellender confined the hearings to Jackson, forcing voluntarily witnesses of the state-wide violence to travel to the hearings at their own expense. Ellender refused to subpoena witnesses, since that would have given them a measure of defense from the vengeance of lynch-minded circles in their home town. Ellender arranged the hearings so that only a few of those brave enough to testify could actually be heard.

Yet more than 300 registered their names with the committee. They were headed by Negro veterans who want to bring to Mississippi a little of the Four Freedoms the Government said they were fighting for in the Second World War.

These witnesses succeeded in utilizing the committeee to publicize some of the shocking details of the terror and violence used to prevent hundreds of thousands of Negro citizens from exercising their constitutional rights at the ballot box.

These witnesses, who risked economic reprisals, beatings, torture and even death. are to be hailed for their courage. They represent the new spirit of the Negro people in the South. They show how bright the possibilities are of organizing the Negro people in the very stronghold of the Bourbons for militant defense of their long-denied rights.

sources. Recent cartoons have Each one's life was visited by also been reprinted from the catastrophe in one form or an- CIO News, Justice, Labor, and past and with it the revolutionary other - by outright death, by the radical press.

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them within a matter of seconds.

Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

A sliding scale of wages-an escalator wage clause in all union contracts tc provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living! Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!

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

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

- For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours-reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!
- Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

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

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

4. Build an independent labor party!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor!

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

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

7. 'Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!

End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!

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

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

- Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!
- Against capitalist conscription!
- Abolish the officer caste system!
- Full democratic rights in the armed forces!
- Trade union wages for the armed forces!

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

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

- For the complete independence of the colonial peoples! Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!
- 11. For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!

tried to forget its revolutionary leaders like Paine. He became despised and slandered.

In similar fashion the revoluand persecuted. But this will Every worker will enjoy this not prevent them from carrying class revolution.

-Winifred Nelson

knows that the coal miners will not strike against the government." But the miners struck. And the Stalinists again were the most infamous finks in the labor movement.

The derelictions of Lewis do not mitigate the strike-breaking crimes of the Stalinists against the miners and the whole working class.

"New Leader" Applauds **Company-Minded** Letter

The ultra-reactionary Readers Digest this month gave a big splurge to "An Open Letter From a Labor Leader to his Union," by Walter Cenerazzo, president of the Watch Makers Union. This tiny, independent group is of little significance to the labor movement. Cenerazzo's "open letter" is nothing but anti-labor, anti-strike, pro-company bilge, with its emphasis on a demand for more production to beat foreign competition.

Cenerazzo wants the workers to "contribute to the company's kitty-the kitty for the stockholder. for management." Then maybe out of the extra profits, the boss will toss the workers a penny "for your own next wage-hike." He howls that "Swiss" watch workers get less than half your wages." and that "Free enterprise now has to be saved by unions as well as by management," so that nothing will stop the flow of profits.

No one will be surprised that this employer-sponsored propaganda was accepted for full-page ads in the N. Y. Times, World-Telegram, and the rest of the avowedly capitalist press in the very midst of the government's strikebreaking assault on the miners. But the workers should take notice of what happened in the Nov. 30 New Leader, the organ of the Social-Democrats.

These yellow "socialists," who have led the pack inside the labor movement in red-baiting, and who are whooping it up for Wall Street's war drive against the Soviet Union, not only published the full-page fink ad. They threw in a laudatory editorial for good measure.

The New Leader "applauds those responsible, progressive labor leaders and unions who preach and practice labor-management cooperation," it said. And they repeat the boss lie that "wage rises, without growing productivity, are apt to mean higher prices."

But there was one "small point" in Cenerazzo's ad that embarrassed these "socialists." He include ed the British Labor Government in his attack on "foreign competition (that) is more and more socialistic." After approving 99 per cent of his NAMinspired poison, the New Leader mildly begs to disagree with this one per cent. They hurriedly explain that what THEY want is "the kind of social democracy that the British Labor Government is working toward," which means no socialism at all. Meanwhile they'll stick to American imperialism, which "with all its faults, is superior" to the economy of the USSR.

These shameless apologists for Wall Street and purveyors of company propaganda are especially vile because they try to cover their treachery with a "socialist" label.

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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 Refugees Recognize 'Militant' Editor:

A comrade who delivers The in Los Angeles had a very interesting experience which testifies dramatically to the international character of our movement.

The owner of the stand told him that two political refugees who had come to the United States to obtain visas, requested some radical papers. Both were Anarchists, and anti-fascist fighters, who had fought in the Of Starvation Spanish Civil War. When they were shown The Militant they immediately recognized it and said, "This is what we want."

May Manning Los Angeles, Calif.

Phila. Survey Shows **Trend To Third Party** Editor:

A survey by the Philadelphia Bulletin reports that 17 per cent relief. The "welfare" agencies lecting, hunting, and I am a film of the voters here would vote for said no - because they hadn't fan. I would like to exchange a Third Party. The question ask- lived in Atlantic City long books and newspapers. The art ed was: "If a Third Party is enough to qualify. formed in this country by Henry

and other labor groups, do you other Everington child, an 18- both sexes from 14 years to 26 think you would vote for that month old girl, sleeping under a years. party?' The high "yes" vote confirms flat. She was suffering from un-

the opinion of many progressive dernourishment and cold trade unionists that industrial workers, white collar and pro- ment of the promise "Freedom of The Militant interested in corfessional workers, and small from Want!" business men are getting tired of both capitalist parties. In addition to the 17 per cent who favored a third party, there were 20 per cent who were undecided, having no opinion. But it is obvious also that they don't favor Editor: the Democratic and Republican

Parties of Big Business. A Labor Party with a program

most of these voters easily. H. N Philadelphia, Pa.

Workers Defend 'Militant' Distibutor

Editor:

This week I distributed The Militant at a Steel Workers Union meeting. As I stood in the lobby of the union hall, I saw several of the men begin to read , it as they walked upstairs, and stop midway to continue reading with more concentration. Some turned back to ask me for another copy for a friend.

one man came alo tried to eject me from the building. I demanded freedom of speech and the rest of my democratic rights, including freedom to have him keep his hands off me. Another worker intervened and told me to go ahead and finish the distribution. This incident increased the

interest as I finished distribut- and swimming. I am a constant ing my Militants. I heard one reader of your ever-popular paworker say, "Some girl from the per, The Militant. I get a copy Communist Party is distribut- from the Labor Party here in

ing." Another replied, "That's Dublin. not the Communist Party: The I would like to know if I could Militant to the newsstands here Militant is a Trotskyist paper." write a letter for your paper re-They all agreed to defend me if garding the conditions of the I was bothered again. It is clear working class people here in Irethat more and more people are land, which are not good. Our recognizing The Militant as a government is in the interests of paper that fights for the work- big corporations and not in the

interests of the working class. It J. C. is on this point I wish to write Chicago, Ill. my letter.

Editor:

Veteran's Baby Dies

Editor:

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A veteran's two-month old ures to say how happy I feel baby starved to death in this when I read The Militant. I will wealthy resort town last week. | feel happier yet if you advertise ington, had been in the Army know and correspond with a few for four years. He has been go- American pen friends. I am 18

ing from one New Jersey town years old, and I am interested to another hunting for a job and in most things. a home for the family. When they couldn't pay their rent or ming, cycling, physical exercises, even buy food, they applied for lawn tennis, cricket, stamp-col-

When the police investigated and exchanging of photographs. Wallace, Claude Pepper, the CIO the baby's death, they found the I would like to correspond with

single blanket in the unheated

That's the capitalist fulfill-Subscriber ers in Ireland and British Gui-

Atlantic City ana should send their first let-Want To Correspond With Young Workers

ditions of the working class. We I am writing to you from Hol- will be glad to publish them in land to know if you could help the columns of the Workers For-A Labor Party with a program to meet their problems could win most of these voters easily. 23 years old and I like dancing tant readers.

ROBERT ZEICH

MILWAUKEE - While the 12th National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party was in progress and the fighting spirit of revolutionary socialism was being marshalled for the future, Robert Zeich, 61, passed away on November 15 from an ailment resulting from injuries as a soldier in the German Army of World War I.

A worker all his life - iron miner, millwright, janitor -Comrade Zeich joined the SWP last December at the age of 60, inspired by the devotion and optimism of its youthful members.

"Zeke" had been waiting many years to find our party. He had seen at close range in his native Germany the degenerated Social-Democracy and he had learned of the betraval of communism by Stalinism. He came to the SWP because he found it to be an uncorrupted party and because he wanted to do something about the terrible world his eight sons and daughters faced.

By William F. Warde

Emergency Fund Campaign Director First returns on the \$20,000 Emergency Fund for the Socialist Workers Party total \$836.

The outstanding event of the past week in the money-raising activities of the SWP locals was the banquet held on Sunday, Dec. 8 by the Akron branch in its new Conn. Branch Campaign

headquarters to mark the launching of its fund campaign. In generous and enthusiastic response to toastmaster A. Jones' appeal to support the work and program of the SWP, the audience oversubscribed the Akron quota of \$400 with cash donations and pledges.

Farrell Dobbs, editor of The Militant, spoke on the lessons of the mine strike for the American working class. "The coal strike has once more revealed the determination of the Wall Street monopolists and the administration which serves them to try to smash the union movement. It also

revealed the tremendous power, solidarity and will to struggle in the ranks of labor. At the same time it exposed the main weakness of the present labor movement: its lack of a courageous leadership with the social outlook and program of action needed to defeat the offensive of the monopolists. The father, Theodore Ever- me as a pen friend, seeking to The task of our party is to help train such leaders among the union militants themselves."

Before hearing Dobbs' speech, the members and friends of the SWP present enjoyed a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings and then a special satirical entertainment staged by the Akron branch members.

The Buffalo branch is out in front of the competition with 31 per cent of its \$700 quota on hand. Buffalo, where Arthur Drummond is Campaign Director, writes: "We are hoping that this puts us at the head of the list. We will try to send in the balance as soon as we can."

Together with its initial payment of \$25 on its pledge of \$800 toward the \$20,000 Fund, Dan Roberts, Seattle branch organizer, comments:

'The whole amount has been pledged and we British Guiana, now have to get to work collecting it. A large South America share will not come in until the end of the drive. Editors' Note: Young readers Our members and friends themselves have to work hard to earn it." responding with the above read-

Thanks to a special \$100 contribution, Minneapolis steps into second place on this first report. Flint sends along ten per cent of its quota. "New York Local has swung into action on the \$20,000 Emergency Fund," reports Duncan Conway, Fund Director for the city, "with a sum of \$475 already turned in to the National Office. "Our \$6,000 quota has been divided among the branches as follows: Central, \$1,100; Chelsea, \$3,200; Brooklyn, \$500; Bronx, \$500; Harlem, \$300; East Side, \$400. Central branch deserves special

mention for having so quickly collected \$275, which is onefourth of its quota!

"Scoreboards are being prepared for each branch headquarters, showing the percentage standings of all branches from week to week. In this way every Buffalo ... branch can see how it is moving along in relation to the rest of Flint the city.

"We are going to make a spe- Seattle cial effort to reach every one of New York Youth our sympathizers and friends Akron for a contribution to this impor- Akron Youth . tant party fund. One supporter Allentown-Bethlehem has given us \$10 and another has | Baltimore made a pledge of \$200! And we Bayonne. have only just begun to contact Boston our friends. Chicago Local



Gets Off To Good Start The campaign of Connecticut | Larene Simkins reports for State 'Branch to help increase Calumet Branch in Hammond, circulation of The Militant got off to an excellent start. Dur-by my husband, in the steel mill, ing the first week the comrades where he is employed. The othold 22 subscriptions. "We ex- er subs were obtained by compect to increase the momentum rades from Calumet and Chiin the weeks to follow," writes cago who were doing work last James White. "Pearl Spangler is week end in Terre Haute, Ind. in the lead so far . . . The comrades came back with

"In addition to selling subs," many interesting stories about continues Comrade White, "we their Militant sales. If probplan to build up the sales of the ably would interest you to know paper at one of our newsstands. that three of the subs are from We have issued a leaflet to be stapled to a sample copy of The Militant which will be distribut-

ed in the area where the store is located. For this we will require 300 additional copies of the | He pointed out how economical paper."

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Militant and FI sub, so the sub-Total subscriptions for Novemscriber readily agreed and took per dropped to 382 because it . . . It does my heart good oranch sub-getters were attend- to see subs coming from Terre ng the 12th, National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party in Chicago. First reports for December, however, show

promise of a quick return to our pre-Convention subscription rec-

For instance, Paul Shell of St. Paul writes: "Enclosed are five some time. Last week we tried subs which should help our quota to sell the paper for the first for December. I obtained four of time. Comrade Rose of the East them in my shop and the other | Side Branch, who has been doing is from J. J. in packing. One of this work, was very successful. these subs is interesting in that She sold 17 copies of the paper. it was volunteered and he also This is concrete evidence that bought a sub for his friend . . . I liked some of the suggestions sired by many of the most milifor filing of The Militant subs | tant unionists." from Milwaukee. We are going to use some of them."

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Almeda Kingsley, Cleveland: Here are five more Cleveland

beginning to get busy." * * * J. Lang, Pittsburgh: "Am enclosing our first sub for December. There'll be many more sent

in during the month." Pauline Ryder sent in seven subs obtained by the Philadelphia comrades during the first

week in December. S. Brooks of Boston forwarded eight subs sold by the comrades there.

A. Arbeiter sent in six subs for St. Louis and Belle Rosen mailed in five for Chicago.

Haute, as it happens to be both Eugene V. Debs' and my home town." * * * May Manning of Los Angeles writes: "As you know, we have been distributing The Militant at the CIO Council every week for

one family group.

"Comrade Stanley Sherman

should be commended for his

quick thinking, and butting-in

on another comrade's sub-sale.

it was to get the combination

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our paper is well-known and de-Militant boosters are in there

pitching to help build up circulation.

Belle Montague of Cambridge,

Mass., tells us about the 50 extra copies of the Oct. 26 issue of The Militant, which she ordered: "The Howard Street article has had the good effect that hoped and believed it would. Many subscribers as well as nonsubscribers declare that 'It seems so good to see some neighborhood news' in The Militant."

* * A subscription letter from Los Angeles indicates that our old friend, Comrade K., is still boosting The Militant: "Your publication has been recommended to me by K. as an excellent paper regarding the many and varied



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Dublin, Ireland

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It is one of my greatest pleas-

WORKERS' FORUM In First Week Of \$20,000 Fund Drive

\$20,000

THE MILITANT ARMY

We appreciated Bob Zeich because he was an example to other "tired-out" socialists at 40! And proof of the perseverance that flows from socialist convictions despite age, hardship and defeat! — Helen Burns

'We are confident that even Chicago Youth with the high quota of \$6,000, we Cleveland will top it before the close of the | Connecticut State . campaign."

That's the spirit that will keep Houston the SWP Fund banner flying Los Angeles Local ... higher each week!

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Saturday, Dec. 7 was an evening of great activity for 3 in New York, Los Angeles and Boston. The New York chapter held a .-

BRANCH

New York Local

gala bazaar and carnival which | ridden Europe. so far has netted over \$1,000. Although it is still too early to The Los Angeles bazaar, which have received letters from the continued a second day, has families of the European chilmade over \$600, according to in- dren to whom the committee sent Christmas packages, a letter has

In Boston, where the ACEWR | come from Naples, Italy about chapter had a showing of the the receipt of a package with a doll sent several months ago. Eisenstein film, Thunder Over The writer says: "I wish you Mexico, a highly successful afmight have been present when fair was reported. The house was we opened the packages. Nasold out in advance and approxtalia, who is becoming a little imately 150 people attended. The Boston ACEWR director, Au- rogue, jumped with joy at the sight of each object as it was gusta Trainor, reports that the brought out. I cannot describe net proceeds will reach over her when she saw the big doll

and the other toys. She scream-The financial success of these ed, sang 'Ninna, Nonna' to the affairs and the promise of afdoll and kissed me because she fairs to be held in the future thought it was a present from helps to guarantee that the

ACEWR will be able to continue "Now she never goes to sleep sending vitally needed packages without holding her doll in her of food, clothing and medicine arms. When she eats, she must to European workers. More than have it near her and also takes that, it will enable the ACEWR it walking. I am so grateful for to aid the hundreds of new peoyour thoughtfulness and I should p.m., Monday through Satur- ple whose names are being sent be happy if I could know you as to the committee from hunger- a neighbor.'

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AKRON **Holiday Party** Friday, Dec. 27 **Request Recordings** Entertainment Dancing Socialist Youth Club 8 So. Howard St.

8:30 p.m.

El Snyder sent in seven subs to be credited to Flint Branch and reports plans for intensified

issues involved in labor. I should like very much to subscribe."

Again we hear from Sam Taysub work: "We started going out lor, a consistent sub-getter in on a mobilization basis for subs Madison, Wis.: "Another sub for last week and are going to keep the paper. The popularity of it up for awhile. Therefore we The Militant is increasing steadwill be able to reach our goal ily. If the response in this neck of 35 subs. It seemed hard to of the woods is any indication, get started on our sub-getting The Militant ought to be headthis month, but I am sure we ing toward that 100,000 circulawill make up for it in the coming tion soon. Here's hoping (plus 'sub-getting!)"

PIONEER NOTES

Literature is no longer a fi- George Clarke (each 10c). nancial problem to the Chicago May Manning, literature agent. Branch of the Socialist Workers, reports, "One of each pamph-Party, according to Leon Forth, let was sold to a Stalinist literliterature agent. Here is his ex- ature distributor, who said he planation of Chicago's sales wanted them to prove that we methods.

have the wrong program. He is "It goes without saying that beyond doubt studying our proone can't sit back in the party gram in an honest manner. library and expect to sell vast . . . amounts of literature. True, we Send for free price list or or-

do sell a goodly amount from der these pamphlets direct from our library-store, both to com- Pioneer Publishers, 116 Univerrades and to the many visitors sity Place, New York 3, N. Y.

Youth Activities

AKRON. - Socialist Youth Stalinists were giving away their Club meets Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 literature, we sold 200 copies of p.m. Followed by refreshments, Build a Labor Party Now, and dancing. 8 South Howard St., several people asked to be put 2nd floor.

CHICAGO. - Youth meeting "We are making it a point to Fridays at 8 p.m. Discussion on follow the newspapers, particu- pamphlet Socialism On Trial. larly the Negro press, to learn of Games and refreshments. 777 W. meetings to be held. Literature Adams, 2nd floor.

LOS ANGELES. - Socialist -we order a few hundred Youth Club meets every 'Tues-

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

Open Forum: Every Friday, p.m., at 116 University Place. Dancing, refreshments.

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worth of books and pamphlets. | freshments served. ing for Henry Wallace. While two comrades distributed 2,500 N Y. election broadcast leaflets for the



Los Angeles Branch likewise sold pamphlets at a mass meet-

pamphlets, sell them and re- day, 8 p.m., at SWP headquartorder, paying as we go." The let- ers, 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educater included an order for \$25 tionals after every meeting. Re-

Diary of A Steel Worker-

This Is Our Christmas Pay ----- By Theodore Kovalesky -

Red and I were pushing our way silently through the snow drifts on the way to the gate. Our collars were turned up, and the flaps of our



caps were pulled down over our ears, for we had just come from the shower that is so necessary after a day's work on the furnaces. For a while we plodded

along without speaking, except, perhaps, for a curse now and then as one of us slipped into a puddle of

brown slush. But speech wasn't necessary, really. We both knew what we were thinking about. We were thinking that the pay we were working for was our Christmas pay.

My mind drifted out over the wire fences of the steel plant and into the shopping section of the city. I saw a picture of windows, wonderful windows lining the streets, great crystal windows framing displays of beautiful, colorful things that could be bought. There were bottles of perfume that looked like gems, cut into prisms of amber, ruby, blue or emerald. There were fur coats that glowed with warmth and softness. There were sets of china in graceful shapes and skilfully blended colors, washing machines that take most of the labor out of the week's wash, large, roomy refrigerators. And a thousand and one bright little things to decorate a house. I thought about these things as I plodded through the snow, and I felt that Red at my side was thinking about them also. Finally he said, "What are you getting the

wife for Christmas?" I told him, and then he told me what he had for his wife.

"What the hell!" he muttered. "With prices the way they are nowadays, what can a man

'do?" I thought of the big windows, the beautiful commodities displayed in them . . . and the price tags.

"You get a good woman," Red said, "and she sticks with you, why, you want to do nice things for her. You want to buy her nice things, the kind of stuff that women want, dresses and perfume and all that. She don't say nothing about it or let on she wants the things , . . But, hell, a guy can tell!"

A woman washes your clothing, I thought. She feeds you and rears your children. She shares your life and gives you hers. When the winter winds at the steel plant blow pneumonia into your sweat-widened pores she nurses you back to health. She gives you refuge from your Griffin Leads troubles and brings forgetfulness when you worry. When you work on the night shift, and the ambulance howls through the town, she stiffens in her bed and listens fearfully, and you find her in the morning, hollow-eyed from a sleepless night. When you're on strike, she watches the pennies, brings your heavy socks to the union hall, encourages you, and perhaps takes a turn on the picket line sometimes.

"You couldn't ever repay a woman on Christmas, Red, for all she does for you," I said. "Hell, no! But dammit, when you see all the things in the stores, you want to get them for

her . . . only you can't." We crossed the last railroad tracks and said goodnight at the gate. As Red turned I noticed the neatly sewn patch on the rear of his pants below his mackinaw. Then I turned the other way toward my house.

freed by a jury deliberating for 15 minutes.

prejudiced Circuit Court Judge Joe Ingram.

COLLAPSES, 37 PERISH InYoungstown **Steel Election** (Special to The Militant)

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YOUNGSTOWN, Dec. 12

- James P. Griffin, supported by the militant and progressive unionists of this area, secured 13,522 votes for Director of CIO United Steelworkers District 26 to the vote of 7,154 for James Quinn, incumbent director. These figures, released today by Griffin Headquarters, are reported to include the vote of all but several small locals.

Although not yet official, these returns are based on reports of the locals themselves. Quinn yesterday issued a statement claiming a lead of 300 votes. This claim has no basis. Most steel-Lloyd Kennedy, innocent Negro sentenced to workers and local officials here five years' imprisonment in the Columbia, Ten- know Griffin won a large manessee riot case, is denied a new trial by the jority because the vote of almost all the locals has been estab-The Louisiana police chief who turned over lished. The official count begins

in Pittsburgh after Dec. 20. John C. Jones and Albert Harris Jr. to a lynch A strong feeling of opposition mob so that Jones was murdered and Harris to the policies and actions of the incumbent district director marked the election campaign and vote. Quinn utterly failed during the entire period of his administration to provide a militant district-wide policy of leadership.

Quinn was supported for reelection by a combination of the local reactionaries and Stalinists. Griffin, by contrast, had the support of the overwhelming majority of the militants. He ran on a progressive program which, in addition to local planks, endorsed the sliding scale of wages.

Quinn demagogically sought support among Negro workers by belatedly appointing a Negro organizer to the staff. This obvious campaign gesture only outraged the Negro militants, who voted overwhelmingly against

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

NEW YORK TENEMENT



View of a section of tenement which remained standing after the collapse of rear section, in which working class families, asleep in their beds, were hurled to death in a mountain of ruins. Federated Press

1-Door Shack Burns, **Family Homeless Again** By Winifred Nelson (Special to The Militant)

ST. PAUL. Minn. - Just because a working-class family lives on Prosperity Avenue, doesn't mean they're on the road to Easy Street: A St. Paul veteran and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Pasiuk, know that better today than ever before.

Fire struck this month at the We've applied for quonset hous-Pasiuk "home," a 4-room shack ing, but-"

with just one entrance at 1400 "That means central plumb-Prosperity Ave. Only because of the quick thinking of Mrs. Pas- ing," Mrs. Pasiuk interrupted. iuk were her life and the lives "And with' small children, in of the two children, Frank Jr., winter, that's not very good. But I, and William, 3, saved. All we can't stay here," and she other possessions went up in motioned toward the two boys smoke — along with their sav- making an attempt at sleep in

ings of \$25. Brownie, month-old their make-shift bed on the livcollie pet of the two boys, died ing-room davenport.

By Evelyn Atwood

Thursday.

human bodies.

projects.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 - Murder for profits last week snuffed out the lives of 37 men, women and children in one of this city's worst disasters in recent years. Today only wisps of smoke, scattered piles of rubble and the gaping cavern of half a building remain of the rotten tenement house at 2515 Amster-/The big fire that destroyed the

ice plant broké out later. occupied by working-class

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1946

The working people of the families, mainly of Italian excity are asking grim questions. traction, collapsed in a thunder-What caused the crash, if not ous roar just after midnight on an explosion? Why were two 550-gallon gasoline tanks bur-The decayed 5-story multiple | ied in the ice house, from which tenement stood next to an aban- fumes- could escape into the doned Knickerbocker Ice Com- ground? Why is a dangerous pany plant. "First reports from plant permitted adjacent to a survivors charged that a terrible multiple dwelling? Why no inexplosion accompanied by fire spection for at least two years, in the ice plant rocked the particularly after other fires neighborhood. The ice plant had been reported and extinwall fell over, striking the ten- guished?

ement. The rear section of the Deputy Commissioner Morris building crashed down in a C. Comar stated that regular inmountain of bricks, debris and spections had been neglected because of the manpower shortage. For three days and nights fire- Investigations have disclosed men and rescue squads, directed that similar gas tank seepage in some places by the moans of caused explosions 15 years ago entombed victims dug bodies out and 10 years ago in garages in of the rubble. Many died be- New York. But no measures of fore they could be reached. To- precaution were taken in this

day 80 survivors are scattered area, despite city laws and the around the city in hospitals, lessons of previous disasters. inake-shift homes and shelters. In the Amsterdam Avenue Rapacious real estate and death trap, adjacent sections of andlord sharks are primarily the building that still stood after responsible for this disaster. the crash revealed huge cracks, There are 450,000 families in creating hazards even for the New York City today living in rescue squads digging out the tenement death traps because victims. Fire Commissioner they have no place to move. Quayle said that the fronts of Capitalist greed has blocked the these sections might cave in at erection of government housing any moment,

Today, however, despite this City officials, whose local grim warning, Arthur J. Beline, housing promises remain on pa- Manhattan Superintendent of per, are now scurrying around the Department of Housing and to clear themselves of responsi- Buildings, declared after a perbility. Denying there had been sonal survey that 2519 Amsteran explosion, they blamed two dam Avenue - an integral secsmall boys who started a fire tion of the devastated buildingwith rubbish on the roof of the was "legally" habitable, except ice plant. This fire was exting- | for a six-room tier on the southuished by the Fire Department. | east corner!

2,000 Los Angeles Homeless **Ousted From Shabby Hovels**

By Al Lynn

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8-More than 2,000 men, women and children in this city have just been evicted from their

The Negro Struggle ----The Record Of The Courts - By William E. Bohannon

The mine strike proved that no section of the government is neutral when it comes to a fight between Big Business and the working

people. The White House

made breaking the strike its

main job; not a single mem-

ber of Congress had a word to

say in behalf of the miners;



acted in the mine strike, because after all a great deal of time and effort are spent to build up the reputation of the courts as super-impartial. But those who are acquainted with the long struggle for Negro equality had no reason to be surprised at all. Anyone who pays any attention to the Negro struggle knows that the courts are and always have been the willing instrument of the ruling class. This was true 100 years ago when the slaveholders were the American ruling class and it is true today when Big Business runs the country.

Just look at the news of the last month or so: The South Carolina police chief who confessed to gouging out Isaac Woodard's eyes is



arrested on false charges and released when they promised to work out the fines on his farm, is freed by a jury deliberating less than an hour. Chicago Negro veterans trying to move into their homes are threatened with violence and showered with stones. But no judge thinks of

punishing the Jim Crow mobs responsible for such outrages, or the Big Business crowd whose propaganda inspires them.

This little list is like a drop in the bucket of court injustice to the Negro people. The only time we should be surprised about a court decision is when it is not directed against Negro or white workers.



The Four-Watch System

Although its victims may feel that they are suffering in a most uncommon manner, the 'common cold" is well named. It is a very com-



may make the body more receptive to attacks of mon affliction - and, because air-born cold germs, but it doesn't cause colds. The rest of us should start demanding that buses, trains, movies, factories and offices be wears the collar of the steel

ture droplets, which later evaporate and leave cold-producing bacteria in the air. Bad weather

Quinn. The campaign saw several open red-balting references to "Trotskyism" in its closing week. The Youngstown Vindicator, which



work days a year - worth at least a billion dollars. Now, if one adds in the doctor bills and the cost of medicine, we find that the common cold is costing us two billion dollars a year!

Cold vaccines are useful weapons against this enemy but they have a limited effectiveness. There are at least two types of the common cold just as there are two or more types of influenza. One kind starts in the nose, developing 24 to 48 hours after exposure. The other begins with a sore throat, five to seven days after exposure. Having one kind of cold does not build up immunity or resistance to the other kind. At present, only the sore throat kind of a cold can be successfully prevented through use of a cold vaccine.

But cleaning up the air in public places destroying the bacteria, which are floating in the atmosphere - offers immediate hope of conquering the common cold. Colds are spread from person to person through the air that we breathe. A single sneeze may launch 20,000 mois-

The demand for a six-hour day is pushed

to the fore in the maritime industry today. Un-

employment has increased tremendously since

ships which make a quicker turn around and

cut down the number of ships required. For

example, the Cities Service Company recently

announced that its fleet of nine tankers, "al-

though less in number than the prewar thirteen

tankers . . . will be capable of moving more

In addition, "rationalization" has further cut

the manning scale aboard ship. The result has

been a keener competition for jobs as men pile

up on the beach, making shipping tough in

the seamen's hiring halls. The only solution to

this problem of unemployment is to increase

the manning scale aboard ship by reducing the

The six-hour day aboard ship means the four-

watch system. At present the crew is divided

into three watches of eight hours each. The six-

hour day, or four-watch system, would add an-

other watch to each ship. While the union lead-

ers have periodically advanced the slogan of the

four-watch system, no real effort has been made

to wrest this concession from the shipowner-

number of hours worked.

next year.

V-J Day. The wartime

peak of 250.000 seamen

has now fallen to 120,000

and this number will be

cut in half within the

Modern ship construc-

tion has produced faster

Notes of a Segman-

oil."

equipped with ultra-violet light. A society that average person to bed two to can afford to spend two billion dollars to perfect three days a year. This such a weapon of destruction as the atom amounts to 220,000,000 lost bomb should be forced to put a small fraction of this sum into the constructive fight against the common cold.

> Ultra-violet light has been found to be very effective in killing the cold-causing microbes in the air. Some wave lengths of ultra-violet light cause sun tan; others produce Vitamín D in the skin; some have germ-killing action.

> Tests have been made in schools, which have shown that ultra-violet lights strung around the schoolroom ceilings have had a marked effect upon absences due to colds and other respiratory diseases. In a "protected" room in a school in Plattsburg, N. Y., there were 219 dayabsences in a year; in an "unprotected" room, there were 625 day-absences - three times as many. These striking results were obtained despite the fact that the children were not protected by ultra-violet lamps in movies, street cars and other public places.

> Ultra-violet lamps to protect the average schoolroom cost \$125 to \$200. Parents should begin demanding that their children should be protected from the cold-producing germs by the installation of ultra-violet lamps in schoolrooms

> government combine. Until now it has been one

of those "progressive" slogans that have been

raised but never seriously fought for.

shoreside workers."

work week at sea.

last Monday that union officers in this region are held by "Communists-and still worse-Trotskyites." One of Quinn's Stalinist supporters in a radio broadcast last Sunday referred to the Griffin backers as "these Trotskvites." The vote has shown that the steelworkers were not

Chicken-Coop Home Burns, Baby Dies

fooled by this red-baiting.

By Julie Miller

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14 The following article appeared in the local press this week: Flames swept a flimsy chicken hack, which served as a home for an overseas combat infantryman and his family of four, and burned his three-month-olddaughter to death."

The Home, Sweet Home of to be a remodeled chicken house which became a charred and blackened sepulchre for his baby The tragic story of Benjamin Hazelton and his family is an-

other in the long list of crimes committed against the return-

In fact, the slogan has been muddled and ing serviceman. It is one more confused with contradictory slogans. For ex- proof of the bankruptcy of the ample, the National Council of the National capitalist system that spends at the time of the fire, went on billions on destruction, yet candrew up a set of demands to be submitted to not provide decent shelter for

> **Hear Warren Creel On Teachers' Strike**

to recognize the significance of the slogan for ST. PAUL, Dec. 12 - Speak a four-watch system, or, to merely pay lip- service to a progressive slogan. The seamen have ing on "The Meaning of the St. already won the 40-hour week in port. At sea Paul Teachers' Strike," Warren they work 56 hours with the payment of eight Creel, former business agent of hours overtime for Sunday. Therefore, the de- the Duluth Teachers Union, admand of the NMU Council for a "reduction of dressed an attentive audience hours to the 40-hour week," must refer to the last night in the local headquarters of the Socialist Work-

At sea the men now work an eight hour day. or 56 hours a week with the payment of eight hours overtime for Sunday. The straight time work week is 48 hours. But the four-watch system means the 6-hour day at sea. On the basis of the current work week this would mean the teachers in their fight for high- tion the kind of a life that de-36 hour week with the payment of six hours overtime for Sunday, or a total of 42 hours. Tracing the history of the local What the NMU Council has done is to mix up teachers' movement, he describthe demand for a four-watch system with the ed the support given to the ordiscuss the reason for this in another article.

companies, stated in an editorial in the blaze.

Tonight I talked with Mr. and Mrs. Pasiuk, who are finding temporary shelter in his parents' overcrowded home. This is the story they had to tell:

Mrs. Pasiuk was dressing William, the younger boy, in the bathroom Monday morning, while Frank, the older boy, already dressed, was playing about the house. Suddenly she heard him scream. Rushing to the kitchen. she found the walls ablaze. Frank had, it seemed, been playing with some paper near the gas range, and when it caught

fire, he threw the paper away. It landed in the wood box near the stove. "Flames were all around the kitchen and spreading fast," Mrs. Pasiuk said. "We seemed to be engulfed in the blaze."

Quickly she had carried the two boys outside, and called to which Benjamin Hazelton the dog. "Brownie wouldn't dreamed during 34 months' ser- leave because he thought the vice in the Pacific, turned out children were still in the house," she said.

"If we had been a minute later, we would have been trapped by the flame. I'll never live in a place with only one door again!"

The father, who was at work at Northern Malleable Iron Co: to tell what a fire-trap the **Prosperity Avenue shack really** was. "The wiring was defective,"

he said, and told of uninsulated wires placed alongside the wall board. "The place should have been condemned long ago. But it was the only place we could find to live. It wasn't worth the \$23 rent we paid for it, and we knew it.

"But what can you do?" he added. The young couple had hoped to get through the winter somehow, and maybe build later. 'We were just trying to get a start again." he added.

Pasiuk, who was released from has been outspoken about the the Army a year ago after two election-day murder of Scottorrecent elections here, gave a years of service overseas, and iggio, a Republican campaign militant defense of the St. Paul his wife are beginning to quesworker, never raised his voice er wages and better schools. nies adequate housing to people bore the earmarks of a political who work hard for their living. "We thought we were begin-

"We sincerely hope that Scotning to make out," the father toriggio's slayers will be found. gardless of weather. eight-hour day, five-day week ashore. We will ganization of teachers by the continued, "and now we're back But it remains to be seen whethrailroad shopmen in this city. | further than where we started. | er they ever will be brought to | plained, "our committee decided | the time of his assassination.

"Dad and mother are very nice to us," she went on, "but there just isn't room here. I don't know what we'll do. All our

furniture, and clothes - every-It is no secret that the situathing is gone." tion is getting worse, despite the I asked if their landlord would fact that building permits issued do envthing. They shook their

heads. A Prosperity Avenue landlord isn't concerned about his New York for the same period. tenants' lack of a home. veals that less than one third of This story and millions of others, just as tragic, all over the country, are looking for a solution. Government-financed lowrent housing — a real housing priced brackets. program — is what is needed.

And it can be achieved, by taking funds from preparations for World War III, which the workthem to use for the benefit of ample, died of this disease in dollar appropriation for governthe majority of the people.

about Tresca's death, which also

crime.

homes of "packing crate jungles, warehouses without sanitary facilities, open shacks, and floorless garages," by the City Health Department.

They have no place to go but | which housed 71 persons.

Over a dozen people were found living in an eight-room "hotel" constructed of music-box packing crates. Single auto garages in the city this year amounted to | without floors contained as many an all-time record of 190 million as 10 persons and five beds. A dollars, or 10 million more than one-room corrugated iron building, formerly a horse hospital,

housed up to 60 or 70 people. Private builders have neither the building structures are for the desire nor the ability to meet residential purposes, and this the drastic needs indicated by residential construction is al- even this brief survey. The promost entirely in the higher- fit motive is obviously not enough. to tempt them, especially when The report of the Health De- the greatest profits are not in

partment made very obvious the the field of low-rent housing. reason for the 100 per cent in- The terrible housing condicrease in the incidence of diph- tions here underline the correcttheria mentioned in the same re- ness of the Socialist Workers ers do not want, and putting port. A four-year old boy, for ex- Party's demand for an 18 billion

a rat-infested 14-room building ment low-rent housing.

Assail Official Silence On 943 Murder Of Carlo Tresca

back into similar hellholes.

An analysis of the figures re-

NEW YORK - "The great official concern about the | to meet at the crime scene beunsolved Joseph Scottoriggio slaying offers a curious con- cause we felt it necessary to bring trast to the official attitude when Carlo Tresca was mur- home sharply to the public-and dered almost four years ago," • Norman Thomas, chairman justice. We are skeptical, for the deplorable fact that this of the Tresca Memorial Committee, said this week. "When a month had passed without a solution of that deliberate killing, there was no orinvestigation of that murder." der for a drastic police shake-Meanwhile the memorial comup from the then Mayor (Fiorello LaGuardia); no transfer of officers from the West Side to 'the sticks' in Brooklyn by the Police Commissioner (then Lewis Valentine); and no plea by District Attorney Hogan for 'tightening up of law enforcement' in the district where Tresca was shot, And Governor Dewey, who

to the responsible authorities good reason. We lack specific four-year-old murder remains knowledge of Police Department unpunished. It is important that procedure in the Tresca case, but people in the streets be remindwe do know that the District At- ed of that, as well as for Carlo's torney's office made a slipshod | friends to protest against official neglect."

Carlo Tresca's vigorous fight mittee is preparing to commem- against fascism and reaction in orate the Tresca tragedy, on all parts of the world won him ' Saturday, Jan. 11, fourth anni- the hatred of the American fasversary of the crime, with two cists. His opposition to the Mosmeetings at the murder scene, cow Trial frameups, his activity northwest corner of 15th Street in the American Committee for and Fifth Ave. One, with brief the Defense of Leon Trotsky, his speeches, will be held at 1 p.m., support of the Civil Rights Dewhen workers are coming from fense Committee which aided their jobs. The other will be the defendants in the Minneapo-9:40 p.m., exact minute of the lis labor trial of 1941, earned killing, when friends will drop him the enmity of the Stalinists. red carnations on the spot where In his early day" a dynamic Tresca fell . . . If there should strike leader-beloved by the be snow or rain or bitter cold, strikers in the Paterson and the day meeting will be in a Lawrence textile mills and the nearby hall. But the evening miners of the Mesabi range in ceremony is to take place re- Minnesota — Tresca was editor of the Italian language journal. "This time," Mr. Thomas ex- Il Martello (The Hammer), at

Maritime Union, meeting recently in New York. the shipowners. First on the list is: "The 40 the workers. hour week and the 4-watch system to put the standards of seamen on a par with those of To tie these two demands together is to fail

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ers Party.

Creel, who was candidate of the SWP for Congress in the