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Marshall Choice TRUMAN ASKS BILLIONS Reflects Growth Of Officer Caste FOR WAR PREPARATIONS

Brass Hat Placed In Charge Of State Dept. To Emphasize Military Basis Of Foreign Policy

By Joseph Hansen

Truman's nomination of Gen. George C. Marshall as Secretary of State Jan. 7 to replace James F. Byrnes reflects the growing weight of the miltary caste in American politics and the new military preponderance of Wall Street in world affairs. For the first time in history a brass hat has been elevated to the second O

placed in charge of Washington's foreign policy.

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are a gauge of the line he will follow elsewhere. Since V-J Day, twice as much military equipment has been handed the reacas in the eight years of the Chinese - Japanese war. While mouthing diplomatic phrases China, Marshall has backed Chito American dollars.

The appointment was not acas long ago as last May, according to Arthur Krock of the N. Y.



highest office in the land and Times (Jan. 9). It was obviously timed for the March "Peace" Conference in Moscow when the vital question of Germany's dis-Marshall's activities in China position comes up on the agenda

of the Allied Powers. "Undoubtedly," said Krock, "the President considered the tionary Chiang Kai-shek dictat- effect on other nations, especialorship for use in the civil war ly Soviet Russia, of the choice of a professional military man for his premier."

Although Marshall was twice about the need for democracy in decorated by Stalin with the Order of Suvorov, he was not seang to the hilt. Wall Street's lected as a gesture of conciliaaim is to repress the Chinese tion toward the Kremlin. No people, secure advance military matter what tactics Marshall bases for future attack on the follows, the appointment means. Soviet Union, and open up China as the conservative Business Week observed Jan. 11, "a shift

in emphasis in foreign policy, cidental. It had been arranged puts a new force behind moves to strengthen the military basis of that policy."

On the chess board of international politics, Wall Street has advanced the piece that will most clearly indicate its readiness to resort to military force. Marshall is the outstanding spokesman of the military caste in charge of stock-piling atomic bombs and coordinating, the armed forces of the Western Hemisphere and Great Britain. As head of this caste, Marshall is the logical choice to determine what can and what cannot be conceded at the "peace" table in the light of Wall Street's blueprints for World War III.

Marshall's views can be judged from the report on the war which he issued after V-J Day. (See The Militant, Oct. 20, 1945.) "If man does find the solution for

world peace," said the general cynically, "it will be the most Wall Street's Diplomacy



80thCongress BeginsAssault Against Labor Human Needs Ignored In Budget Proposals By Art Preis

For all forms of social secur-

The military budget does not

marily agricultural" and given

the innocent-sounding title: "De-

velopment and control of atomic

It does not include 645 mil-

lions for military rule of con-

quered lands. This comes under

"Foreign Relief," subtitle, "War

Department (occupied coun-

Scores of other "little items"

Twice as much will be spent

energy.'

tries)."

den.

BURIED ITEMS

Aims Bills To Break **Backbone Of Unions**

Wall Street's political agents devoted the first week of the 80th Congress tures, directly listed for to loading the legislative military purposes, Truhopper with bills designed man demands an outlay to smash the labor moveof $11\frac{1}{2}$ billion dollars. ment.

Truman told Congress he ity, health, housing and educawanted laws to prevent juristion, his budget provides less dictional strikes, bar secondary than two billion dollars. boycotts and the "use of economic force by labor" in replyinclude 444 million dollars for ing to employers' violations of the atom bomb, which is listed contracts. under "natural resources not pri-

Rep. Francis Case, Republican of South Dakota, introduced a bill to legalize the use of the federal injunction to break strikes; provide stiff penalties for whatever actions of employes the courts interpret as coercion violence or seizure of property; legalize filing of charges against unions: bar unions from financing political activites; and compel a 60-day "cooling off" period for any strikes not otherwise

for war preparations are bur-A similar bill introduced in ied under headings like "Transthe Senate by Ball of Minnesota, portation and Communication.' Taft of Ohio and Smith of New where the War Department gets Jersey also prohibits industry-120 millions for "provision of wide bargaining. Ball intronavigation aids and facilities." duced still another bill to outlaw the closed shop, the union in 1948 to develop bigger and shop and maintenance of mem-

expenditures in 1948 for new

Six times as much money for war as for the needs of the people! That is what Truman asks the government to spend in 1948 in his proposed. $37\frac{1}{2}$ billion dollar budget.

For Army, Navy and other military expendi-

Some Contrasts In The Budget

Among revealing contrasts in Truman's new war budget are the following: For military-Naval research,

excluding the atom bomb, a total of 530 million dollars. For Public Health research, a total of 17 million.

For "research and development" of Chemical Warfare, 6 million dollars. For "research into cause, diagnosis and treatment" of cancer, \$1,300,000.

Army ordinance research gets 40 million dollars. Research into cause and treatment of mental disease ----\$78.950.

the coffers of the bankers and industrial monopolists. This includes five billion dollars annualinterest on the federal debt of 260 billions; over two billions in tax rebates; and 112 million for the promotion of "finance, commerce and industry."

By the end of the fiscal year 1948, on the basis of Truman's budget, the American people will be burdened with a federal debt of 260 billion dollars. This is nearly the value of all wealth in the United States, including

land. The federal debt next year will

By Robert L. Birchman cratic Party is "an effort to es-(Special to The Militant)

banned. Chicago SWP Nominates Two For City Elections

better atom bombs as for "housbership provisions in agreements. ing and community facilities." This assault on the unions Housing will receive only 225 went virtually unopposed in Conmillion dollars. The estimated gress, since the trade unions, despite 15,000,000 members, are dwellings will be less than half cape the rising tide of resentment unorganized on the political

Marshall's Attitude To Labor Movement

General Marshall's attitude toward labor is not widely known. One sign of the new Secretary of State's talent for diplomacy is the care with which he has kept this attitude off the record.

But in December 1943 when the railway workers were considering a strike to gain decent wages, General Marshall could not resist dealing them a blow. In a widely reported press conference he denounced their struggle as "the damnedest crime that was ever committed against America" and said it would give Goebbels "a psychological lift."

dent Daniel Tobin and Team-O-

the employers front gave signs

the employers are willing to ne-

Green came to the aid of the

big chain store magnates who

are fighting the Food Clerks un-

gotiate in good faith."

a forty-hour week.

revolutionary reversal of his rec ord we have ever known." Looking forward to another slaughter, Marshall said there is no effective defense except the "power of attack." He advocated a huge military force to come to "close grips with the enemy and tear his operating bases and his

from him . . ." The Senate, of course, unanimously backed the nomination of this war-monger, suspending normal procedure to demonstrate hormal procedure to demonstrate how solidly both Republicans and Demonstrate compared of All But Two and Democrats support a foreign policy that is part and parcel of the preparations for the next blood bath. (See editorial, "Marshall Appointment," on Page 4.)

GREEN OF AFL INTERVENES

By Harry Thomspon

(Special to The Militant)

Green has intervened against the militant strike of 6,000

members of the AFL Retail Food Clerks in this area by

backing the strikebreaking efforts of AFL Teamsters Presi-

sters Vice-President Dave Beck. the Los Angeles Central Labor

of cracking. Employers in the cially direct that your local AFL

San Pedro area have signed a council refrain from participat-

contract granting the Food ing in this strike. Perfectly all

Clerks demand for \$60 for a for- right to use your good offices to

Green's intervention came as Council, stating:

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12 — AFL President William

AGAINST STRIKE IN L. A.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14-The Chicago Local of the Socialist Workers Party has announced the candidacy of Michael Bartell for Mayor and Homer Lewis, militant Negro worker, for Third Ward Alderman. 👁

An enthusiastic meeting of elections.

members and friends of the SWP last week mapped out plans for and candidates, the SWP declared: "The Socialist Workers a vigorous campaign on behalf of the SWP banner-bearers of Party has named Michael Bartell productive establishment away revolutionary socialism in the as its candidate for Mayor. We

> Chicago as a man who represents **Strike Halts Run** date can represent both.

> > tions next month.

35th Ward.

French Papers

PARIS. Jan. 10 - A general strike of French printers ties, we will gladly withdraw our has already been voted support by has completely paralyzed the candidate in favor of him and the Committee on Racial Equalcountry's newspaper indus- give our complete support to the ity (CORE) at its last meeting. Senate Banking Committee where

Of all French language pub- Chicago." lications only the Trotskydaily Franc Tireur have been

permitted to appear by spepublications have also been permitted to go to press. But the rest of the press, including "Socialist" Populaire and Stalinist

L'Humanite, were stopped. The strike was preceded for

several days by a slowdown action of the printers who demand a wage raise of 100 francs a day. The government-subsidized publishers association then locked out the Paris printers and a country-wide general strike of printers followed. Save for the exceptions mentioned, all newsstands have been bare for the

last two days. The Blum government is said to have inspired the lockout, fearing the fate of its 5 per cent price-cutting program. The printers' strike, taking place at between the civil service work-

thus jeopardizes the government itself. and Kern County have voted sup-The Stalinists have publicly ber endorsed the Democratic port. as well as the Los Angeles

announced their support of the ticket almost in entirety. CIO Council. The Los Angeles government. When the printers At a meeting of the CIO Coun-Central Labor Council voted in struck last year, they openly cil here on Dec. 19, Chiakulas accordance with Green's tele- acted as strikebreakers. Only demanded support for the three last Monday night's meeting of clerks' negotiations. counts for these exceptions.

against the corrupt, anti-labor and liberals who are supporting ticians.

Kennelly as "a friend of labor." In a statement on the issues Kennelly, the SWP shows. is "completely tied up with Big Business. He is the owner of place him before the workers of one of the Big Four of the meat

trust." their interests and not the interests of the capitalists. No candi-Root, is a "perfect zero" and

"hand-picked tool of Governor "If the labor movement of Green and the Republican Party, Chicago- the CIO, AFL and whose anti-labor record is known Railroad Brotherhoods-will put to every informed worker." forward its own candidate, who Homer Lewis, SWP candidate is not a candidate of either the

Republican or Democratic Par- for Alderman in the Third Ward, try during the past two days. election of a labor mayor for Leading CORE members have one of its members, PAC - en-

The statement pointed out that Lewis as the only candidate who lor of Idaho, immediately dethe naming of a new candidate, will really represent the inter- clared himself in favor of "reist weekly La Verite and the Martin Kennelly, by the Demo- | ests of the Negro people.

cial permission of the commit-tee. Several foreign language UAW Local Names 3 To Run For City Council In Chicago

(Special to The Militant) leadership on the political plane CHICAGO, Jan. 14-Revere that they have been so desper-Copper & Brass Local 477, ately seeking. The only way that CIO United Automobile labor is going to offer this lead-Workers, has set up a com- ership is through an indepenmittee for an Independent dent Labor Party."

Labor Party and is running Despite attempts of the Counthree union candidates for cil leaders to sidetrack the is-Aldermen in the city elec- sue, the delegates passed a motion to call a special executive The candidates are Frank meeting to formally endorse the

Wesolowski, union steward, run- labor candidates. ning in the 32nd Ward; Sam For the last several weeks, Lo-Mazza, 477 recording secretary, cal 477 members have been in the 36th Ward; and Charles | working hard to obtain the nec-Chiakulas, 477 president, in the essary signatures for the nominating petitions.

Local 477 has long favored a This is regarded as the beginlabor party. Now it is implement- | ning of a battle to push the CIO the same time as a wage dispute ing its policy by initiating action Political Action Committee here to advance the movement for a into genuine independent politiers' union and the government, labor party. Its action is also a cal action. Indications are that protest against the false policy CIO Council officials will pro- for an all-out Congressional asof the PAC which last Novem-

gram and elected a three-man La Verite and Franc-Tireur up- union candidates. He told the bor candidate for mayor backed market, thus guaranteeing a con- ist Labor Progressive Party which topies of its program and 7,000 ion when he sent a telegram to committee to assist in the food held the strikers then, which ac- Council that "it is high time by the CIO, AFL and Railroad tinued shortage in low-cost, low- likewise ran no candidate for copies of Labor Challenge at that we offer our people the Brotherhoods.

field: and consequently do not Kelly machine" by putting "a have a single representative in new face on this rotting hulk." Congress to defind labor's rights It condemns those union leaders against the Big Business poli-

Senators Draft Kennelly-Werner Bros. Co. He is also a director of Wilson & Co., Bill To Demolish **Rent Ceilings** The Republican candidate,

A sweeping bill to abolish all rent controls by Feb. 1 was introduced on Jan. 9 by Democratic Senator W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas. Ît is cosponsored by three Republican senators.

pledged to campaign actively for dorsed Democratic Senator Taylaxing" rent controls and for "reasonable rent increases."

> Just the day before, owners of hotels, motor courts and trailer camps rejoiced over a government order, effective Feb. 15, removing all rent ceilings on rooms rented by the day. This will mean rent hikes for hundreds of thousands forced to live in transient residences because of the housing shortage.

This is the latest of a series its political stooges. of Administration concessions to landlords that are whittling away at rent ceilings and controls. By Jan. 5, the OPA had beral and Stalinist machines, granted landlords rent boosts on more than a million dwelling units. Individual rent increases are being granted at the rate of cent strikes.)

between 20,000 to 30,000 a

pediter Creedon has allowed and monetary reformer. who landlords to boost rents through spent thousands of dollars on "service charges," "remodelling" leaflets, newspaper ads, billand other slick devices.

Truman has paved the way ceived only 9,402 votes.

rent dwellings.

of the housing budget for 1947. The atom bomb will take five be only 200 millions less than times the total of 88 millions to this year. At that rate, it will be spent for "education and genbe paid off in about 1,200 years eral research." It will take three Now there is an average of \$1,143 times the amount allocated in of federal debt for every man, the budget for "promotion of woman and child in the United public health." The 37½ billion dollars in

States. Next year it will be \$12 less-if no new debts are added. Truman's budget is four times Truman, in his budget mesthe total federal expenditures in sage, piously said: "We have not 1939. At least 40 per cent of yet done enough to secure good this monumental budget is for health for the Nation . . . our war preparations, direct and hideducation and housing." His answer is to call for a "peacetime" war budget ten times

The next biggest group of expenditures would go mainly into greater than in 1939.



(Special to The Militant)

TORONTO, Canada, Jan. 2 — Murray Dowson, Revolutionary Workers Party candidate for Mayor of Toronto. polled 3,201 votes in yesterday's election, or three per of the total vote cast.

This encouraging vote was cast despite the fact that the electorate is restricted by the reactionary Ontario Municipal Act to owners or tenants of property assessed at over \$400. Moreover it was won in the face of the biggest red-baiting campaign ever conducted by Bay Street and

The Tory, Saunders, with the backing of the Conservative, Liwas re-elected Mayor with some 83,000 votes. (Saunders was responsible for use of police in re-

The straight anti-administration vote went to the other capi-Under Truman's recent hous- talist candidate for Mayor, O'ing decontrol order, Housing Ex- Hearn, a retired stockbroker

This election campaign repreboards and radio time, but resented an important step forward for the RWP, which was formed The Cooperative Commonpose endorsing the Democratic sault on rent control by his re- wealth Federation, which ran only three months ago. For the candidate, Martin Kennelly, who cent order wrecking the low- candidates without the party first time Canadian Trotskyists cost, low-rent housing program. label in a number of wards, for were able to bring their program

This order allows all building the minor offices of alderman to the workers over the radio. Pro-Labor Party forces intend materials to be channelized into and Board of Education Trustee, The Toronto Branch and its to fight for an independent la- the non-residential and luxury was badly defeated. The Stalin- friends distributed over 20,000

Mayor, was the main butt of the factory gates and elsewhere.



red-baiting campaign.

month.

is connected with the meat pack-

ing trust.

ty-hour week. This is a \$20 raise. promote settlement." This action followed a series Union leaders in Long Beach and of statements against the strike Orange County have accepted a compromise agreement of \$55 for | issued by Beck from his Seattle office in the name of Tobin. On Strikers in all other areas in January 9 he declared in the and around Los Angeles are holdboss press that "by continuing ing out for the \$60 for a 40-hour | their walkout in defiance of rules week rate. Joseph DeSilva, Se- and regulations of the Americretary of Food Clerks Local 770, can Federation of Labor, food covering the Los Angeles. Bur- clerks in Southern California bank and Pasadena area, said: are inviting heavy lawsuits We are further away now than against their unions." we were when we broke off our Support is growing for the talks the last time. There will striking food clerks. Central Labe no further negotiations until bor Councils of Santa Monica

"I deem it advisable to offi-

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1947

Conflict With Stalinist Clique Rocks NMU Council; TRADE UNION NOTES Curran Threatens To Carry Fight To Union Ranks

By C. Thomas

NEW YORK, Jan. 13-The National Council of the CIO National Maritime Union divided into two warring camps at a stormy five-day session here devoted to considering the union's attitude toward the Stalinist-dominated Committee for Maritime Unity.

For years they have main-

extend their influence in the la-

bor movement in general and

During the war the Stalinist

policy of all-out collaboration

crassest expression in the NMU.

They committed the union to

the permanent no-strike pledge,

support of the forced-labor law,

surrender of union conditions,

etc. The first rift in the leader-

ship occurred about two years

ago when an opposition to the

CP surrender policy developed.

This opposition was ruthlessly

carrying essentially the same col-

laborationist line led to further

defections in the Stalinist ranks.

The conflict in the leadership

broke into the open some months

ago when Curran issued a state-

At that time the Stalinists be-

gan a smear campaign against

Curran and his group but re-

treated when they found the tide

running against them. Mean-

while they came forward with

the proposal to organize the

Committee for Maritime Unity

suppressed.

By a vote of 20 to 10 the Coun-@ cil rejected the following pro- discussion in a fog of distortions, posals made by NMU President lies and slander. This has embittered the dispute and created a Joseph Curran:

1. To accept the resignation of tense and explosive atmosphere Curran as CMU co-chairman. in the union. 2. To submit the question of THE REAL ISSUES affiliation to the CMU to a re-The real issues in dispute go ferendum vote of the memberfar deeper than the seemingly

ship. 3. To issue a call to all seafaring unions for a meeting to discuss united action on a minimum program without asking them to affiliate to any permanent body.

A fourth proposal, to endorse the meeting of all seafaring untons in Washington this month and even eager to sacrifice any and every principle-as they incalled by the Marine Firemen to variably have-in order to retain elaborate a program of joint acorganization control. tion against shipowner-govern-

ment attack, was adopted. Outvoted two to one in the Council, the group led by Curran declared it would press for a showdown by carrying the fight to the membership for final decision.

for every opportunist zig-zag in STALINIST BUREAUCRATISM the CP line.

The Stalinist Council majority OPPOSITION DEVELOPS was charged with attempting to bureaucratically deprive the membership of the right to dewith the employers found its cide important issues confronting the union. They were likened to the corrupt bureaucrats whose strangle-hold on the seamen was broken by a rank-and-file revolt following the resurgence of militant unionism on the waterfront after the 1934 strike.

In a public statement issued after the Council vote, the Curran group called on all NMU members "to demand the immediate resignation of any officer who refuses to break with the organized (Stalinist) clique which is attempting to usurp control of your union and deprive you of your democratic rights.

In reply, the Stalinists charge ment blasting the Stalinist mathe Curran group with trying to jority on the Council for their split the union. They accuse the bureaucratic methods, extraopposition of attempting to vagance and incompetence. He the CIO-PAC. dragoon the NMU into the was supported by a group of ex- RIVAL ORGANIZATION American Federation of Labor. CP members whom the Stalin-They label Curran a traitor, ists were trying to discredit and mutineer and sellout artist. In remove from positions of leadtypical fashion, they envelop the ership in the union.

Goodrich Local Says Tax Rich, **Not The Poor**

NMU Aids Guild Strikers



seamen of the CIO National Maritime Union loading food into the truck for distribution to striking members of the CIO Newspaper Guild in Philadelphia, Pa., and Camden, N. J. Many other unions have also helped the 580 guildsmen on strike against the "liberal" J. David Stern's "Philadelphia Record" and Camden "Courier - Post" since Federated Picture Nov. 7.

Out-Of-Work New Dealers Start 2 Rival Political Organizations

"New Dealers" unceremoniously booted from position and influence in the Democratic Party have been forced The Browder expulsion and to seek new political shelter. the realization that Foster was

They have established not one, it known that they are opposed but two new havens. The first, to any third party. Their main supported by Henry Wallace, is aim is to build themselves a mathe Progressive Citizens of Am- | chine which will give them power erica. It was formed of a motley to bargain with the old parties, assortment of so-called progres- particularly the Democratic Parsive groups whose main base is ty and to head off the movement the National Citizens Political of the workers toward an inde-Action Committee, offspring of pendent labor party.

go along again and seriously

middle-class liberals will try to

No sooner did the PCA launch itself as the political spokesman for American liberals, than another group of out-of-work "New Dealers" founded a rival organization, also claiming the manposts.

itself Americans for Democratic Action and boasts of such adherents as Eleanor Roosevelt, of capitalist politics. Leon Henderson and Wilson Should the workers refuse to

Not a hair's-breadth divides push for a labor party, these

Harlem Tenants Insist City Provide Housing NEW YORK, Jan. 10-Unceasing vigilance and con-

tinued action to force the New York City Housing Authority to fulfill its verbal promises not to evict 2,234 Harlem families in mid-winter, was the keynote of a report given

tonight by Gloria Wall, chair- 🤊 man of the Lenox-Fifth Avenue delegation authorized by the Tenants League, to a mass meet_ League to meet with F. M. Didiing of League members living in sheim, Secretary of the Housing Authority on Monday. "But ing of 425 voted favoring Curran. the threatened community. nothing was said about what

More than 400 members and additional tenants packed the Universal Church of Christ, 44 W. 115 St. where the tenants new apartments projected." She had organized themselves into the League last Friday. The action was initiated by the Harlem Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, to defend the homes of these families living in three square blocks between 112 and 115 Streets east of Lenox Ave. The tenants were ordered by the Housing Authority to move out by Feb. 20 in order to clear the site for the Stephen Foster housing project.

"We were promised that no City carried out its promises, to and may be drawn upon to aid one would be evicted out on the streets and that substitute homes would be found for us as fast as who acted as spokesman for the

Sliding Scale

Works In Sweden

CIO Veterans

Of New Jersey

Hit Rent Rises

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 14 -

the Committee in charge, which ized strikes." This fund is being would also examine substitute built up in anticipation of any possible," stated Gloria Wall, apartments offered by the City strikes the UAW engages in to to see that these were adequate back its new wage demands, and fit for human occupation. which include the demand for a Another resolution condemned 231/2-cent an hour general inthe City Administration for percrease. mitting dangerous housing conditions that lead to fires and dis-

kind of new homes would be of-

would not agree to be "evicted"

into patched - up condemned

dwellings, and that verbal prom-

ises to restore services in the

present homes and other com-

mitments must be carried out.

of the Ohio Works Organizer, asters jeopardizing the lives of thousands of New York workers. Future actions approved by CIO steelworkers Local 1330, the Tenants League include the setting up of block squads and the appointment of house captains for each building in the area.

SWP Launches New Branch In Brooklyn By Frank Marcazzo

BROOKLYN, Jan. 14-The New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party has announced the organization of a new SWP branch in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, the largest Negro community in the borough. A group of 25 met and formally constituted itself as the Bedford-Stuvvesant Branch of the SWP and

Meetings of the major port (centage wage increase escalator ocals of the CIO National Mari- | clause in new agreements to offtime Union have voted over- set any increases in cost of liv-

whelmingly to support NMU ing during interim of contracts." President Joseph Curran who re- They also proposed a \$2 a day signed as co-chairman of the general wage increase. Stalinist-dominated Committee * * *

for Maritime Unity. A meeting Striking CIO laundry workers of close to 4,000 members in New in Winston-Salem, North Caro-York voted nearly ten to one lina, who are fighting against 30for Curran's position against the cent an hour wages and unsani-Stalinists. A pro-Curran resolu- tary, dangerous working condition was adopted at a meeting of tions, are in desperate need of 300 in Philadelphia. San Fran- aid. Always suffering abject povcisco voted 117 to 103 to back erty, they are now threatened with starvation and eviction Curran. The New Orleans meetfrom their squalid homes. Union The Stalinists hastily called members are meeting vicious police attacks and court sensmall meetings in secondary fered to us, or whether we would ports to push through anti-Curtences. The city administration, be guaranteed priorities on the ran resolutions. Stalinist port courts and police are controlled by the tobacco and hosiery inagent Albert Peterson sent in a pointed out that the tenants report to the NMU Pilot, leaving terests. Please send prompt contributions of funds to "The Strike out the fact that the Houston Relief Committee of Local 420, port meeting gave a unanimous IFLWU-CIO, Post Office Box vote of confidence to Curran. 2422, Winston-Salem, N. C."

The International Executive The North Dakota Union Board of the CIO United Auto-A resolution, unanimously car- mobile Workers, acting in ac-Farmer, January 6, has some ried, extended a vote of thanks cordance with its powers under sound editorial advice to farmto the delegation for its work. the union's constitution, has lev- ers on supporting the workers' It also stated that the League led an assessment of \$1 from demands for higher wages. "As would be organized on a thor- each member "to be deposited a farmer today you may be more ough basis to insure that the 'n the international strike fund of a Capitalist than a laborer -but if 16,000,000 laboring famireport any failure of services to local unions engaged in author- lies lost their jobs or are forced to live on starvation wages, most farmers will darn-fast sink out of the capitalist class into the laboring class where they were in the 30's. You can go on hating labor, believing all the stuff the 'fat boys' put into the newspa-

pers and over the radio . . . the We learn from a recent issue laboring man is still the guy who buys the stuff you raise on the the hard-hitting publication of farm.

"Two hundred and fifty bil-Youngstown, O., that a meeting lionaires can only eat so much in December of rank and file bread - 80,000,000 people who representatives of almost all steel represent the families in the locals in District 26, second larg- labor class also eat so much est in the steel union, included bread. If you're going to stay in in their excellent 19-point wage the farming business-who would policy program a proposal for you rather have for your custhe sliding scale of wages. They tomers? Remember that when called for an "automatic per- the fight starts nex' month."



- 1. Defend labor's standard of living!
 - A sliding scale of wages -an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!

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

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

- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!
 - For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours reduce the hours of work with no reduction in



"Sweden has had but one major labor strike since the end of the war in Europe, chiefly because Swedish business firms have an agreement with labor unions under which wages are increased automatically to conform with increases in the cost of living," says Collier's, Dec. 21. It is significant that these

ilberal capitalist politicians decided to build their own "movements" only after they were slapped around by their reactionary Democratic colleagues and driven from their government

tle of Roosevelt. This body calls They will now do all in their power to keep labor tied to the traditional "two-party system"

(Special to The Militant) to the "relief for the rich" clusive of the NMU. tax program before Congress. DECLARATION OF WAR the members:

WHEREAS: Heavy taxation their organization grip on the coupled with the tremendous in- NMU and use the CMU as a bated an unbearable hardship on time unions. Thus, from the the lower income brackets, and

Congress to cut the present in- cific Coast, which has inevitcome tax by 20 per cent will of- ably involved the NMU. fer real benefits to no one except | Curran's sharp break with this the big industrialists, and

WHEREAS: The present de- al strife, his demonstrative resigductions for dependents is nation as co-chairman of CMU. pathetically inadequate, and WHEREAS: Taxation should afiliate with that organization, be placed on those who are constitute a declaration of warfinancially able to bear it; that against Stalinist influence on is, the big businessmen,

THEREFORE BE IT RE- ening the conflict, the action of SOLVED: That Local 5 demand the Stalinist majority on the of the new Congress that any NMU Council has apparently income tax revisions include ex- hardened the determination of emption from any income tax the Curran group to carry the for all yearly incomes of \$5,000 fight through to a finish. or less with \$1,000 deduction al- last word now rests with the ed? NMU membership. lowed for each dependent.

which would embrace the CIO maritime unions plus the inde-AKRON, O. - CIO United pendent Marine Firemen's un-The last issue of Local Five Under the Stalinist organiza-Air Bag publishes the follow- tion plan the CMU would exering resolution adopted by cise a great deal of control over but very permanent - capitalaffiliated unions. Through this

people. crease in cost of living has work- tering ram against other mari- THE DIFFERENCE

Wyatt.

very beginning, the CMU has tion of American foreign policy WHEREAS: the announced fostered violent jurisdictional intention of the new Republican warfare, particularly on the Pa- American imperialism to deal with the Soviet Union. policy of promoting jurisdiction-

> his demand that the NMU dis-Kremlin.

the waterfront. Instead of soft-Action favor the "get-toughwith-Russia" policy. Because of for their own ends. The

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ion. Of the five CIO unions in tic politics is concerned. Each jump on the band-wagon in or-Rubber Workers Goodrich the CMU, four are controlled professes the well-known pro- der to take the reins. They will Local 5 has the right answer outright by the Stalinists, ex- gram of milk-and-water liber- then seek to head the new party alism, a compound of petty re- movement in the direction of a forms and the desire for gradual third capitalist party . social progress within the frame-UNION PROPS work of an "enlightened" -What gives the PCA and ADA

the two groups so far as domes-

any semblance of weight or sigism. Neither has anything new device they hoped to tighten or effective by way of a politi- nificance is the support of varical program for the American ship. One prop of Wallace's PCA is the Stalinist union leaders.

> The ADA has the backing of un-What divides them is the quesion red-baiters and anti-Soviet elements. CIO President Philip - that is, the best method for Murray appears to have a foot in both camps.

Instead of trying to chain la-Wallace's group, the PCA, bor to the chariots of these speaks for the policy of that middle-class political adventurminority section of American ers, the union leaders should be capitalism which believes that working to build labor's own American imperialist interests party. These broken-down libcan best be advanced under a erals have no real mass base of cloak of friendship toward the their own. They yearn only to be allowed to return to the flesh-The Americans for Democratic pots of the Democratic Party. They want to use labor's support

> Labor, which has proved capable of organizing 15,000,000 workers into unions, must not become a tail to the political kite of middle-class politicians. Labor must strike out politically with its own party and in its own name. It must not follow it must lead.

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man for scuttling veterans downtown Brooklyn Branch, who emergency housing and callwon sympathy for the SWP through a series of Militant subed for action by workers and vetscription campaigns, the party's erans to fight against threatenfight for justice in the Ferguson ed rent rises.

case and in the 1946 election "We will take every step neccampaign. essary to resist any rent increas-With many workers looking

es," the committee declared. for a radical solution to their Some tenant organizations have problems, it was natural for a large number of Negro workers already indicated that besides and veterans to turn with symall necessary legal steps to pre- pathy toward the SWP program. vent rent increases and subse-The basis for the new branch quent evictions, they will engage was laid when 29 workers in in rent strikes to resist further the Bedford-Stuyvesant area encroachments upon their living were recruited in the recent

standards. We are prepared to election campaign. work with and assist any organ-The new branch plans to make ization of workers and veterans itself a real force in the daily fighting these projected increasstruggles of the workers in this es and evictions." area. It will initiate its public The Veterans Committee call- activities around the crucial ed on Congress not to permit any housing crisis with a protest rise in rent cellings, and urged meeting on the Harlem fire the new State Legislature to which took four lives last week." enact legislation so that New The meeting will be held at the Jersey rents would remain frozen Open Door Community Center,

if Congress gave in to the real 482 Franklin Ave., on Sunday, estate lobby. Jan. 26 at 3 p.m.

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this, they are more openly anticommunist, and make this a major plank of their platform. Why were these groups found-They have been quick to make Mail This Coupon With 50c For A 6-Month Subscription To THE MILITANT A WEEKLY NEWSPAPE

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The IEC, taking note that the June 1946 Con- | the Spanish people-is par excellence the slogan reversed the group's previous position in favor of lar will into this conspiratorial solution. the slogan of the Constituent Assembly, and ex-

that these decisions, while not of themselves jusas sectarian, do reflect a tendency toward a secthe group should endeavor to correct.

The IEC does not agree with any explicit or implicit theory of Spanish exceptionalism which pretends that the experience of the 1931-1939 Republic has so cured the masses of their "democratic illusions" or of their confidence in their traditional leaders that, at the moment of change from the Franco regime, their intervention will necessarily, or even probably, take on so explosive a character as to jump over the bourgeoisdemocratic and parliamentary stage into an exclusively, or even predominantly, Soviet development. Such optimism is not suggested by recent experiences in Western Europe and above all in Italy on its emergence from fascism.

Such a perspective is even less justified by the present political mood of the Spanish masses, both within Spain and in the emigration, which is characterised rather by immense discouragement and demoralization, and above all by the willingness to accept no matter what solution, provided it gets rid of Franco and the Falange. It is admittedly probable that, if the removal of Franco permits the intervention of the masses, they will not leave to the bourgeois courts the purge of outstanding fascists, but that we shall witness a far more violent execution of direct and individual justice than was the case in France or even Italy. This, however, is in itself no guarantee of jumping over a whole stage to a full Soviet development.

gress of the Grupo Communista Internacional- which, mobilizing sufficient of the Spanish massista, Spanish section of the Fourth International, es tohind it, can drive the wedge of mass popu-

The undisputed fact that the economic situaplicitly rejected the slogan of the Republic at tion of the Spanish bourgeoisie is so hopeless as the present stage, for Spain, is of the opinion to preclude it from making the slightest concession to the economic and democratic demands tifying the characterization of the GCI's position of the Spanish workers and peasants, far from being an argument against the present utilizatarian approach to revolutionary tactics which tion of the slogan of the Constituent Assembly, is precisely what makes it take on, in our use of it, a revolutionary character.

Such a demand we do not raise abstractly. isolatedly, in a vacuum, but infused with our program for that Constituent Assembly-Workers' and Peasants' government; dissolution of the civil and assault guards and the Franquist army officers' corps; formation of militias for the defense of workers' and peasants' organizations and of the Constituent Assembly itself; separation of the Church and State and the expropriation of the Church's wealth; total radical agrarian reform; nationalization of the banks, insurance companies and heavy industry; popular tribunals for the purging of notorious Falangists and other supporters of Franco; free selfdetermination of nationalities; freedom of colonies; and all other democratic and transitional demands already inscribed in our program. Such a demand, precisely because of the utter impossibility of the Spanish bourgeoisie to make these or any other real concessions, immediately brings into sharp question the entire bourgeois regime and has a highly subversive and revolutionary potential.

A Valuable Weapon Now

The Constituent Assembly is in no way a substitute for the Soviet structure, the seizure of power, and the dictatorship of the proletariat; but under specific concrete circumstances a mobilizing slogan on the road thereto. In certain other circumstances, the Constituent Assembly can be used as the most dangerous of traps by the "left" bourgeoisie to derail the masses from the revolutionary road. But the present conjuncture in Spain, where, it should be noted, the bourgeoisie does not put it forward as a principal slogan, renders it now, if properly used by those who understand its revolutionary potenti-

of Mexico; and should the Spanish bourgeoisie most rudimentarily democratic up to the full be forced to abandon this for a bogus Constitu- There was talk of a general ent such as de Gaulle called in France or de Gasbourgeois counterfeits. And above all, in all con- ham, Ipswich and Southampton. opposition. In a mounting revolutionary situa- ditions, we must stress that the Constituent Astion, it is possible to move with rapidity up the sembly must be based on the mobilized masses. This slogan is obviously not a permanent and unconditional one, never to be abandoned. In the beginning of that process our party takes the case of a later favorable and rapid development of the revolutionary situation in Spain,

gan will be overtaken by events, as it was in Russia in 1917, when the Bolsheviks, after long PROTEST RUNAROUND An example of a democratic demand singularly supporting it linked with full support to the Sovappropriate to the present Spanish conjuncture is lets, dropped it into the background only after ago with a few hundred drivers the slogan of the Constituent Assembly. In a the seizure of power. In any similar case, our protesting against the nine-

moved at all, it must be done by a "cold" coup The IEC therefore recommends to the GCI re- of the trucking industry. By yesor a private "transaction" which will exclude any consideration of its recent Congress decisions on terday it had spread to 21,000

Slogans And Perspectives Of The Revolutionary Vanguard In Spain Resolution of The International Executive Committee Of The Fourth International Executive Committee

Japanese Women Win Strike

These restaurant workers, employed by a movie studio in Tokyo, parade to celebrate their victory in a strike. Japanese labor continues its militant fight for collective bargaining and better conditions. Federated Pictures

Troops Used Against ondon Drivers Strike

Jan. 14 — The British government's use of troops yesterday to break the week-old strike of London truck driv- ers had been forced to organize Premier Blum in Paris and Min- and workers in France (reported ers was angrily condemned by workers throughout Eng- mass demonstrations on Dec. 5 ister for Colonies Moutet in Indo- in last week's Militant) have not land. The first protest against the government's move took the form of an immediate walkalities, a particularly valuable weapon. It stands out by several thousand porters time pay after eight hours. Their already in sharp opposition to the rump Cortes and food handlers employed in average wage now is \$20 a week. London's major food markets. strike, and sympathy strikes were days, with Prime Minister Attperi in Italy, we must know how to distinguish our later reported in such big cities lee reported to be threatening to CONVENTION RIGGED call for a revolutionary Constituent from these as Manchester, Bristol, Birming- resign if the cabinet does not Bus drivers openly discussed strikebreakers. The cabinet was regulations so that, for example, action to support the truck driv- also working on some new and three big national unions with ers, and representatives of 12,000 perhaps speedier arbitration ma- more than half of the FGTB

dock workers warned that they would quit work if any army trucks entered the docks to load FIGHT OWN UNION food.

B The strike had begun a week

contract which they were getting from the Central Wages Board

strike.

Arthur Deakin, general secre- In the vote on policy, however,

(Special to The Militant)

PARIS, Jan. 4.-It would be difficult for the average reader of the French press to know what is going on in Indo-China or the cause of the fighting there.

Very little is written about the fact that the French government, after agreeing last March 6 to recognize Ho Chi Minh as head of the Viet Minh's policy of "concessions"

lence.

which was inspired by the Stalhas systematically violated its inists. agreement. There are practical-And up till now virtually the ly no references in the French whole press has tried to cover

press to the fact that the French up the fact that the Indo-Chinauthorities, after agreeing to perese went over to widespread milmit a referendum in Cochinitary activities in self-protection China, set up a quisling govonly after the French troops had ernment there against the will begun an aggressive occupation of the population. of buildings in the capital city

Most papers maintain silence of Hanoi on Dec. 17. about the fact that after the Only the Trotskyist PCI and French government agreed to its paper, La Verite, tell the truth 'recognize" the Viet Minh Reabout these matters and conduct public, it sought to deprive that a campaign against the measrepublic of the right to run its ures which have the approval of own finances, customs and forthe capitalist press and the Soeign affairs, despite Ho Chi cialist Party's Populaire and on

Belgian Labor Shows Militancy At Convention

same time French imperialism at Fresnes, has kept a deadly si-(Special to The Militant) BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan. recruited into the French For-3—The national convention eign Legion. specialized units. of the reformist leadership.

The leaders rigged the confourth of the convention dele-

The drivers were engaged in a Despite these obstacles the fight not only with a government | militant delegates left their imhave refused to "authorize" the reflected the workers' discontent and demand for action.

ILP In England

The disintegrating Inde-

pendent Labor Party of Eng-



LEON BLUM

will declare that "peace is about to be re-established."

La Verite's latest issue reveals that Baudoin, former minister in the Petain government and former Director of the Bank of Indo-China, at present interned which the Stalinist L'Humanite in Fresnes prison, was recently maintains an embarrassed sicalled from his cell to participate in discussions of an "inter-Most of the French press is Most of the French press is now giving vent to the tradi-China. The whole press, includtional propaganda lies about the ing L'Humanite which otherwise colonial people's savagery, atroc- makes much ado about the privities, perfidy, etc. . . . At the ileges accorded the fascist scum

is using former Nazi SS troops lence on this scandal. ROLE OF STALINISTS

Despite the empty boasts of The Stalinist press confines of the Belgian trade union victory, French imperialism is itself to arguing for negotiafederation (FGTB), held last not having an easy time in Indo- tions with Ho Chi Minh because week, witnessed the begin- China and is dispatching rein- he is "for the French Union," ning of an important revolt forcements by the thousands, the new "democratic" name of against the do-nothing policies paratroop regiments and other the French Empire. But no appeal is made by them to arouse The convention took place a The press here features the the workers. The demonstrafew weeks after the FGTB lead- government's statements, through tions of Indo-Chinese soldiers

against the high cost of living, China, rejecting negotiations with even been mentioned in L'Hu-In big cities like Antwerp, Liege Ho Chi Minh. From these manite. Even the Big Business and Charleroi, factory delegates statements one might conclude paper Le Monde was able to condemned the leadership and that the government expects to boast a few days ago of its agreedemanded organization of a gen- crush the colonial struggle al- ment with the CP "on the eseral strike to bring wages into together. But what do these sential points" of the Indo-China statements actually signify? question.

For one thing, they are de- The "socialist" Populaire is signed to complement the fero- even more reserved and cautious cious assaults of the French than the Stalinist sheet. It troops in Indo-China; they are counsels patience and confidence intended to frighten the Viet in the Blum government. Even Minh Republic leaders. for the "left wing socialist" Min-But French imperialism knows ister Guy Mollet, cabinet discipthat it cannot push the war in line is much more important Indo-China to successful con- than solidarity with the colonial clusions. It lacks the means for peoples.

that. The adventure might end, Only Franc Tireur, a paper despite the treachery of the put out by an agglomeration of that claims to represent labor, print on the convention, forcing workers' leaders, in arousing "independent" radicals, Stalinbut also with the leaders of their a discussion on policy as well as great discontent among broad ist fellow-travelers. "left socialown union, the Transport and organization questions. In this layers of the workers in this ists," etc., permits itself to let General Workers Union, who discussion most of the speakers country. The solidarity of other go with a little old-fashioned colonial peoples oppressed by anti-colonialism. But it too France might be aroused. seeks to avoid causing the Blum

French imperialism is thus government any pain. Perhaps tary of the TGWU, called on the the reformist leaders spread so seeking a few military successes that is because one of those strikers to return to work Sun- much confusion that their reso- to serve as a basis for a new accompanying Moutet on his "inday. He was booed lustily and an- lution was adopted, with half agreement more favorable to its vestigation" of Indo-China is a test of strength took place on an When such preparations have ally collaborates in editing France been achieved, Moutet and Blum | Tireur.

Mobilizing The Masses

Within this perspective, the IEC cautions the Spanish comrades against any tendency to regard the democratic and transitional demands as an antithesis to the full socialist program. The Spanish situation at present is typically one wherein the masses can be mobilized around our party and program by the utilization of all slogans which give the correct answer to the burning demands of the masses-slogans from the revolutionary socialist program, properly weighted, chosen at the proper moment, in the proper combination and with proper emphasis, and all linked together rather than set up in artificial scale of slogans from the most elementarily democratic to the most completely socialist. But if at an overadvanced or sectarian position concerning the democratic demands, its impatience guar- it is possible and even probable that such a sloantees with certainty its continued isolation from

the masses. united on the idea that if Franco is to be re- | ly Soviet revolutionary slogans.

situation where the Spanish bourgeoisie, world Spanish comrades will know how to choose the month run-around on a new imperialism, and the Kremlin bureaucracy are correct time for its withdrawal in favour of pure-

A Letter Of Resignation From The C.P.

The British Cabinet has met several times during the last few line with living costs.

uphold his use of troops as vention with anti-democratic chinery to replace the Central membership, had only one-Wages Board.

gates.

intervention of the Spanish workers and peas- the Constituent Assembly and the reincorpora- drivers and helpers handling ants into the equation, the Constituent Assembly tion of this slogan into its series of democratic meat and other foodstuffs in swered with shouts of "resign" the delegates not voting. But a interests than that of March 6. "left socialist" leader who usu--that is, in essence, the determination of the and transitional demands. (To be concluded next week) regime that is to succeed Franco by the will of

London. Among their demands and "chuck him out." were reduction of the work week

The last time the Labor Party amendment demanding action government used the armed by Jan. 31. This got 150,000 forces against strikers was during votes as against 250,000 received the dock-workers' struggle in the by the reformist leaders. autumn of 1945. The response

then, shortly after the Labor Party came to power, was very Party came to power, was very mild compared with the bitter Brockway Quits

reaction in labor's ranks now.

Correction An article on the Toronto elections in the Jan. 4 Militant incorrectly stated that neither the CCF nor the Stalinist Labor Progressive Party were running candidates in the municipal elections. It is an unofficial policy of both parties to refrain from running a candidate for Mayor against the capitalist parties. Both parties campaigned,

however, for other offices in

communism and followed by all

the official Communist Parties

Lenin said that facts are stub-

is something very different.

the municipal elections.



The Japanese Cabinet crisis | tish may be disliked, even hated. continues as the trade union but it is not because anyone else movement persists in its demand is loved. The current is almost for the removal of the Yoshida equally marked in the other regime which was highly praised zones against the powers ocby MacArthur in his New Years cupying them."

land got another blow last address. The government is tryweek when Fenner Brock- ing to solve the crisis by inviting a "national unity" Cabinet, but a "national unity" Cabinet, but a strong left wing in the SP is in a three-day battle over the

> * * * * * A dispute over eventual fusion with the Communist Party led cialist Party Congress last week er and gunboats shelled the city ization, the SP of Italy. Its Indonesians were killed or strength is estimated at between 15 and 30 per cent of the membership. * * *

easy one for my peace of mind. munist Party and I am joining portunists like Brockway see no I am a communist and I want the only truly revolutionary reason for remaining in a small to be a communist. Only the party in this country, the So- and impotent reformist outfit communist future of mankind cialist Workers Party. I hope when they can join a big one like can inspire the suffering and that all members of the Com- the Labor Party. (The British bleeding masses of the world to munist Party will take the first Trotskyist paper, Socialist Apchange the system from what opportunity to re-study the past peal, reported last month that the marrow of my bones that has happened and what the fu- with a Labor Party seat in Parcommunism, genuine communism | ture course of the CP will be. I | liament when he left the ILP.) The remnants of the ILP lead-

George Chomalou | Wealth movement.

leaders, announced his resignation and applied for membership in the Labor Party. pation. Brockway's resignation, coming shortly after that of M.P. John McGovern and Walter Padley, reflects the disintegration of what was once a powerful organization attracting large numbers of revolutionary workers. Today the ILP has declined

ship; sales of its paper, Socialist Leader, have decreased greatly; born things. Comrades, the facts and several of its branches have folded up altogether. This decline is due above all

to the degeneration of the party's ganizations, capitulating finally My study and investigation to reformism. The ILP strongly has brought me to the conclusion resembles the American Socialist Social Democrat Federation.

Fraternally,

Ser 16

tween Indonesian and Dutch ima strong left wing in the artici-bitterly opposed to such partici-Palembang oil center in Sumatra last week. "The Dutch used Mitchell bombers and artillery and mortars," said an official of the Indonesian Republic, "A destroyfrom the Musi River. At least 200 wounded. Virtually the entire population fled from the city and the camp where these civilian refugees were housed was bombed." The leaders of the Republic are nevertheless prepar-

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Three weeks of clashing be-

ing to sign an agreement recog-

The tense social situation in a resolution accepting the Bri- Spain is reflected in the report. tish interpretation of proce- received in Paris, that soldiers dure on drawing up a constitu- had defied Franco's orders to tion, one-third of the members scab on workers striking at the voted against it, and Jai Prak- Gerona plant, one of the biggest before it had accomplished its that the only genuine followers Party, which is now discussing ash Narain, leader of the Con- metal works in Barcelona. First gress' socialist wing resigned the soldiers tried to obstruct from the body along with the preparations for their mobiliza-Brockway and Company tried Bengal leader, Sarat Chandra tion, then they sought to delay to take the whole ILP into the Bose. Narain assailed the lead- their transportation to the plant; Labor Party for the purpose of ership's "defeatist attitude" for when they finally arrived there

weakening the masses' desire for they refused outright to act as * * *

The British coal crisis is so Freezing weather and a break- acute that during Christmas down in the distribution of fuel week it led to announcements have led to mass attacks on coal that such important plants as stores and coal-carrying trains the Austin auto factory would in many parts of Germany. Des- have to close down. Only draspite brutal police action, includ- tic measures prevented this at we now have. I am convinced to and estimate once again what Brockway would be rewarded ing the killing of one German, the last moment. The coal crisis groups including as many as 700 in Britain is now chronic. Bepeople have participated in fore World War I, Britain exthese desperate actions. Discus- ported 74 million tons; in 1945 the only way out for humanity. to the same conclusions that I ership are frantically trying to sing an accumulation of hatred she exported only 3 million tons. fuse with another dying organ- against the Allies for these con- Now Britain not only has no coal ization, the middle class Common ditions. the British Zone Re- for export, but not even enough view consoles itself: "The Bri- for her own needs.

the capitalist parties at the ex- for capitalism, was the natural fall under the axe of revisionism pense of the desperately starv- system for America. Browder as- when the YCL was abolished and ing Italian masses. A year has elapsed in which In Greece, the CP bears the time I have seriously studied our major guilt for turning the thing for this country.

have reached definite conclusions in regard to our policies that showed such revolutionary bor movement. The fruits of this party, but in passing I must note based upon this objective study. potentialities and the subsequent are now ripening. America em- that he follows the same policy I opposed our policies during return of black reaction which

Browder's infamous reign to you reigns there now. many, many times, as you al-

ready know. My words at the time went unheeded as well as the protests of many in the party nationally. I opposed the revi- government which, among its sionist policies but at the same many crimes, established the time hoped that in the future monarchy in Greece.

Communist Party,

9 E. Exchange St.,

Dear Comrades:

Akron, Ohio.

we would reject these pettybourgeois ideas and their motiv- the war in many countries as ation and establish ourselves huge mass organizations with once again on the program of widespread support and many Marx and Lenin and arm ourselves with a revolutionary per- But nowhere do these parties spective.

crystalized. We rejected Brow- up rotten deals with the capitalder and his revisionist ideas only ists and lead the masses to a to take on a policy just as bad blind alley.

and far from being Marxist and The Bolshevik Party in Rusrevolutionary. The difference is sia had only a few hundred thoubetrayal is being put into prac- led the revolution. With a cor-Dennis and Williamson.

Upon further study, I have stormed the heights and won a more? reached the conclusion that we great victory. Yet with far In America are not the only ones greater numbers not a single guilty of this revisionist policy. Communist Party anywhere has Communist Parties everywhere been able to follow ir their footare following the Browder pol- steps, nor is there the slightest icy of collaborating with the indication that any one of the Communist Parties is facing in capitalists everywhere. In France,

the CP has emerged from the that direction. Our policy here in the United war a million strong, with 5 million supporters. Instead of States stemmed from the fact providing revolutionary leaderthat we must do everything to ship to the French workers and support the struggle of the Sothe exploited slaves of French viet Union against Hitlerism. imperialism, the CP of France This correct impulse was twisted supports one coalition govern- by the Browder leadership into ment after another, thereby re- supporting all the aims of the viving the Browder-Peoples American imperialists. We sup-Front policy that led to one de- ported the infamous "no-strike feat after another. In Italy it is pledge." Browder paraded around the same. There is a powerful the country hollering for unity Communist Party but its policy of all classes. He discovered that

is to make shabby deals with "free enterprise," a soft name that the youth was the first to

political line under Browder and country over to the British im-By this sell-out policy we helpour recent line under Foster. I perialists and paving the way ed to strengthen capitalism in mitted until the ouster of Brow-

of the Soviety Union on a world condemned Browder here.

scale. Wall Street imperialism SUPPORTED CHURCHILL In England, our party supported the hated Churchill Tory war against the land of the Oc-

tober Revolution. Our parties have come out of been expelled we cannot but note that in all the years of his leadopportunities to lead the way. show the masses the road to so-Unfortunately, this has not cialism; everywhere they patch others were not aware of the be-

treachery to wake them from that now the Browder policy of sand members in 1917 when they leaders have we when it takes tice by the leadership of Foster, rect program and the will to nist to rouse them to the fact take power and begin the social- that they have been following BROWDER POLICY PREVAILS ist reorganization of society, they a false policy for a decade or

May I remind you comrades

is fundamentally a thieving agreement of the imperialist USA-England and the Soviet Union. The agreement is one among crooks for which the Stalin bureaucracy bears a large share of responsibility. The proletariat must reject and combat this robbery and exploitation of whole countries, even if the Soviet Union under Stalin's leadership participated in such an agreement." - From Spartakist, the Austrian Trotskyist paper. the Stalin leadership of world

sured everyone that the so-called the AYD established. The leadtwo party system was the best ers ran roughshod over the membership to formulate this betrayal; no discussion was perfor smashing the mass movement America and to weaken the la- der came up. Duclos awoke the erges as the outstanding enemy in France for which we and he

> During all these years of beis in the lead in making demands trayal by the leaders and the upon the USSR and pushing to stifling of the members who restrict it in every possible way might have corrected the line of in preparation for an eventual the party, not a word of advice on how to act came for us from

the CP of the Soviet Union. I And even though Browder has must, therefore, conclude that what we and the other parties did was approved by the Stalin

leadership. Stalin liquidated the Commu- in the situation are clear. They

nist International without a by- say that the Stalin leadership the world proletariat, was swept and betrayal. into the dust bin of history by a wave of the hand and long

Crook's Agreement

ership not one single peep was heard from the other leaders who hurried to show him the door. Can it be that Foster and the trayal? Don't they know anything about Marxism? Did it take all those years and all that

their slumber? What kind of a signal from a French Commu-

"The Potsdam agreement the kind of politics practiced by

your-leave from the masses who has betrayed the revolution, bemake up the membership. This trayed the world proletariat. We policy. For many years it sought great organization, founded by must face the facts! We must to function as a half-way house in New Delhi last week. When the the leaders of world communism tell the workers the truth! Pro- between reformist and revoluafter the Russian Revolution to gressive aims cannot be served tionary politics. But it suffered become the rallying center of with lies, concealment, distortion the fate of all such centrist or-

historic mission. Not a word of of Marx and Lenin are the So- unity with the more influential protest came from the leaders cialist Workers Party, the Trot-

skyists. Their banner is unstainthis we must place the blame ed, they fight for world commu-

I RESIGN

of the Communist Parties. For where it belongs: on the heads nism. of the Stalin leadership. Therefore, my course is clear.

Comrades, the decision which of the Marx-Lenin variety, is am sure that you can only come But I am also convinced that have come to.





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way, one of its best known Socialist Party participation in

both in influence and member-

A strong opposition to the conciliationist policy of the Congress Party leadership made

Gandhi-Nehru leaders introduced

its appearance at a meeting of nizing Dutch economic interests the Congress general committee in Indonesia late this month.

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undemocratic and bureaucratic practices. It will also encourage the reactionary, red-bait-

to label as "communists." It must be pointed out that the Communist Party leaders themselves helped pave the way for this latest attack on union democracy in the CIO. The Stalinists capitulated to the red-baiters at the CIO convention and voted for the anti-Communist resolution. They supported the revised rules that reduced the rights and powers of local councils. Now Communist Party members are learning the real meaning of the Stalinist betrayal which the Daily Worker hailed as a "great statesmanlike move."

ing elements to intensify their attacks on un-

ion militants and all those workers they chose

Militant and progressive CIO members will vigorously protest and oppose this new ruling. They will insist on their right, as in the past, to determine by democratic vote whether or not they wish to cooperate with some other organization.



economic life by innoculating it with virus from the corpse of nationalism result in blood poisoning which bears the name of fascism."

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-Leon Trotsky

Marshall Appointment

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"Entered as second class matter March 7, 1944, at the post office at New York, N. Y., under the act of March 3, 1879."

The appointment of General Marshall as Secretary of State is an ominous indication of the growing political weight of the military caste in America. It shows how far this country has evolved from the days when antimilitarism was one of its outstanding political characteristics. It shows how close we are to militaristic government on the hated Prussian pattern.

It is not necessary to cite the experience of Europe with military figures at the head of government to show the danger for labor inherent in this development. General Marshall himself has indicated where he stands as a militarist politican looking at labor. In 1943 he termed the struggle of the railroad workers for better wages "the damnedest crime that was ever committed against America."

Putting such a man in the second highest office in the land adds weight to the furious anti-labor drive now under way. And it has still graver implications.

By putting the leading spokesman of the military caste in charge of foreign policy, Wall Street emphasizes the military side of international politics and thus underlines its desire to militarize the United States. The appointment thus goes directly counter to the wishes of the people for an end to the military burden now bowing them down.

It steps up the pressure to convert America into the greatest peacetime military camp the world has ever seen. It gives fresh impetus to the diversion of astronomical sumsfrom the national income to produce instruments of destruction. It dovetails with Wall Street's carefully calculated campaign to conscript and regiment American youth.

Victory In Detroit

The victory of the Detroit Branch of the Socialist Workers Party against the fascistinspired drive to evict the branch from its headquarters has given a valuable demonstration on how to fight reaction.

On last July 25, Detroit fascists launched the drive by setting fire to the headquarters while 100 persons were assembled. The reasons for this terroristic attack were clear at the time. The Socialist Workers Party is recognized as the outstanding champion of the rights of the Negro people. The fascists decided to apply lynch law to this organization that advocates militant defense of civil liberties and democratic rights.

When fire failed to drive out the Trotskyists, the Detroit reactionaries resorted to other means. The Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering ordered the SWP to vacate the premises in 10 days.

In the subsequent legal battle, the so-called Linwood and McGraw Civic Association submitted a petition brazenly demanding that the SWP be ousted because Negroes attended meetings.

The combination of fascist terrorists and reactionary city officials appeared so powerful that some faint-hearts predicted it was a losing fight and the SWP would be ousted. But the Trotskyists set out to arouse the labor movement of Detroit. They pointed to the threat to civil liberties and the democratic rights of labor throughout the city if this reactionary attack should prove successful. The Trotskyists showed once again that a fighting spirit is the first requirement if victory is to be won.

The labor movement of Detroit responded to the warning. Leading trade union officials denounced the reactionary attempt to oust the SWP. The Detroit City Plan Commission last week decided to approve the use of the headquarters for educational, recreational, social, neighborhood and community center purposes. The weight of the union movement in the struggle had proved decisive.

Had the Detroit Branch failed to appeal to the labor movement it is certain its cause would have been doomed from the start. On the other hand, the ability of Detroit labor to chalk up a victory such as this is an indication of what can be done on an incomparably greater scale in defending civil liberties and the democratic rights of labor.



"I'm sure if YOU were named Secretary of Labor, you'd stop all those strikes!"



THE RUSSIAN REVOLU-TION by Leon Trotsky, lution take place? Workers International News Pamphlet No. 2, Reprinted tion stood the test? 1946, 16 pp. Available at Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Ph., New York 3, N. Y., 15 cents.

THE MILITANT

The British Trotskyists are to be commended for their initiabrief review of the essential achievements and significance of the greatest revolution of our time.

This pamphlet contains the rising, which announces the de-Leon Trotsky to an audience of Social Democratic students in dustry and transport leading a "capitalism has outlived itself Copenhagen, in November 1932. hundred million peasants. That as a world system." Trotsky, exiled in Turkey at was the natural and inevitable that time, accepted the invi- reciprocal relation between proto lecture in Copenhagen in Revolution." the hope that he would succeed in remaining in Denmark, or Kremlin.

1. Why and how did this revo- | And then? Then humanity was thrust by capitalism into the 2. What have been the results? hell of wars and crises. But So-3. Has the October Revolu- cialism is allowed by its enemies, that is, by the adherents In answering the first ques- of capitalism, only a decade and tion, Trotsky shows the com- a half to install on earth Parabined character of the Russian dise, with all modern improverevolution, taking place as it did ments. Such obligations were

in a backward country. "In or- never assumed by us." Trotsky then draws the balder for the Soviet State to come tive in republishing this pam- into existence, it was conse- ance sheet of the October Revophlet which has been long out quently necessary for two factors lution. It "has laid the foundaof print. It is the best available of different historical nature to tions for a new civilization which collaborate: the peasant war, is designed, not for a select few, that is to say, a movement which but for all. This is felt by the is characteristic of the dawn of masses of the whole world. Hence their sympathy for the Soviet bourgeois development, and the proletarian insurrection, or up- Union, which is as passionate as once was their hatred for Czarfull text of a lecture given by cline of the bourgeois movement ist Russia." The October Revo-. . Four million workers in inlution proved in real life that

This review of the Russian Revolution was delivered by Trottation of the Danish students letariat and peasantry in the sky 14 years ago. Considerable changes have taken place in the While all the conditions were, Soviet Union, and especially in ripe for the October revolution, the Stalinist regime at its head, would secure admission to an- Trotsky points out that one since that time. But the princiother European country. This more was needed to assure its pal points made by Trotsky rehope was not realized because victory - the Bolshevik Party. main no less valid today. As his of pressure exerted upon the He shows how this party was famous theory of the permanent Danish Government by the forged through decades of bit- revolution, restated in this pamter struggle. Thus in 1917 "the phlet, explains:

In this remarkable lecture, Party faced the realities of the "The present productive forces Trotsky dealt with the meaning October insurrection with cold have long outgrown their naof revolution. "In order to sweep calculation and with ardent reso- | tional limits. A Socialist society away the outlived social order, lution. Thanks to this, it con- is not feasible within national the progressive class must un- quered almost without victims." boundaries. Significant as the derstand that its hour has Then in answer to those who economic successes of an isolated struck and set before itself the point to the failure of the Re- workers' State may be, the protask of conquering power. Here volution to achieve immediate, gram of 'Socialism in one counopens the field of conscious re- dazzling results, Trotsky replies: try' is a petty-bourgeois Utovolutionary action, where fore- "Capitalism required centuries pia. Only a European and then sight and calculation combine to establish itself in the strug- a world federation of Socialist gle against the Middle Ages, to republics can be the real arena with will and courage." Trotsky asks and answers three raise the level of science and for a harmonious Socialist soquestions about the great Octo- technique, to build railroads, to ciety." - Larissa Reed make use of electric current. ber 1917 Bolshevik revolution:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1947

"Economic Report Of The President" -By Art Preis-

Truman's "Economic Report of the President," presented to Congress on Jan. 8, opens on a jaunty note of confidence. "America has never been so strong or so prosperous. Nor have our prospects ever been brighter . . . I reject . . . the notion that we must have another depression."

There is nothing reassuring, however, about the major facts cited in the report. They confirm the more realistic and pessimistic views on the state of American capitalist economy today. Truman's data, rather than his faith in the prospects of the "private enterprise" system, prove the ship of American capitalism is heading into stormy waters.

Among the "weaknesses that need correction," the report finds, the "chief among the unfavorable factors is the marked decline in real purchasing power of great numbers of consumers, resulting from the large price increases in the second half of the year . .

"If price and wage adjustments are not madeand made soon enough-there is danger that consumer buying power will falter, orders to manufacturers will decline, production will drop, and unemployment will grow . . ."

The report says that the average factory takehome wage of \$46 weekly in October 1946 could buy only as much as \$35 in April 1942, when prices were already considerably higher than in the prewar years.

ALARM AT CREDIT BUYING

Moreover, Truman expresses alarm at the rapid increase in installment and credit buying. This leads him to warn that "undue extensions of deficit financing on the part of millions of American families can gravely hurt our business system and lead in the end to deficit financing by the Government." Don't depend on credit buying to raise mass purchasing, says Truman.

And don't look to war savings as a "backlog" of purchasing power. For "it is unsafe to assume that most American families still have enough savings in hand to supplement current income for any considerable length of time." In fact, the rate of consumer savings is so low now, that it cannot "be reduced much further except by adversity." That is, by depression.

Production is only 15 per cent below the wartime peak. Corporate profits after taxes are 13 billion dollars, up 2.4 billions since 1944. Profits for individual entrepreneurs rose from 24.1 to 30 billion. But total income to employes-including executive salaries which increased-fell from 116 billion to 109 billion dollars.

LEAVE IT TO PROFITEERS

What will solve this "chief unfavorable" problem of declining mass purchasing power while production steadily rises? Truman suggests first that: "Business should reduce prices wherever possible." He just leaves it to the profiteers.

Why didn't the capitalists lower prices in the past six months? And why did Truman help scuttle price control and yield to the price-gougers when the Democrats controlled Congress?

On the other hand, he proposes that labor, whose purchasing power is so shrunken, "should refrain from demands for excessive wage increases that would require price increases or would prevent price reductions."

But wages have had nothing to do with price increases. Prices rose \$10 for every \$1 of wage increases during the past year. The huge military budget, carrying charges on the 260 billion dollar war debt, etc., take 20 cents out of every consumer dollar. Truman doesn't propose to end these inflationary factors.

Truman's statistics disclose, in part, the grave ill

Wall Street views the attainment of these objectives as essential to its plans for conquering and dominating the entire earth.

In 1934 Leon Trotsky declared that "History is taking mankind directly into the volcanic eruption of American imperialism." The Second World War witnessed this military eruption over Europe and the Far East. The appointment of General Marshall bears witness to a similar process within the United States. From now on the military caste will play an increasing role in American politics. Already the talk of General Marshall for President is growing in volume.

The swift rise of the General shows what a sinister shadow the brass hats cast over the American political scene.

Blow To Democracy

The top leaders of the CIO last week struck a blow at the democratic rights of state and local CIO Councils. That is the ruling that these lower bodies are prohibited from making contributions or sending delegates to any national organization except a hand-picked list of 36 groups approved by the CIO national officers.

This ruling has no other purpose than to discriminate against organizations whose sponsorship is considered "radical," particularly those cominated or said to be dominated. by the Communist Party (Stalinist). It is a follow-up on the last CIO convention's redbaiting Declaration of Policy that "resents and rejects" the "interference of the Communist Party.

It is easy to discern this anti-democratic, red-baiting bias in the list of "approved" organizations. Why, for instance, are all sorts of foreign relief organizations OK'd-except those sending relief to Yugoslavia or Poland? Why is it all right for CIO councils to contribute to an anti-labor organization like the American Legion, run by businessmen and brass hats, and not all right to aid the National Negro Congress?

What started out as a red-baiting drive against the Stalinists has quickly been shown to be a drive against the democratic rights of the entire CIO membership.

This new ruling sets a dangerous precedent. It can be used by a few reactionary leaders to prevent state and local councils from supporting progressive groups and aiding worthy causes of benefit to labor. It might be used to prohibit local CIO bodies from supporting a movement for a labor party or giving strike relief to a non-CIO union.

If allowed to stand, this ruling can only strengthen the hand of the top union bureaucracy and invite the introduction of further

For Labor Unity

Despite the deadly threat of impending antilabor legislation the AFL leaders persist in their refusal to join forces with the CIO in order to beat back the Congressional offensive against the labor movement.

Characteristic of their attitude was their spurning of an invitation from a number of Senators to attend a dinner on January 8 with representatives of the CIO to discuss means for blocking proposed laws to restrict labor's rights.

We are not advocating that union leaders dine or otherwise hob-nob with political representatives of the capitalist class. We are sure moreover that it was not the presence of capitalist politicians that kept the AFL spokesmen from this dinner. We are pointing out that what kept the AFL leaders from the dinner was the presence of CIO representatives.

It surely cannot be argued by the AFL leaders that there is no need to unite all labor's forces for joint action against the drastic laws that Congress threatens to pass against the unions. This need for united action is recognized by the AFL leaders as shown by their joint conferences with the leaders of the Railroad Brotherhoods.

But in the case of the CIO, which represents more than six million organized workers in basic industry, the AFL leaders are permitting narrow organizational and jurisdictional interests to stand in the way of labor unity.

Whom are they hurting by this blind and narrow-minded attitude? Certainly it will not detract from the prestige of the CIO. The CIO has agreed to submerge organizational differences and has appealed to the AFL for joint action.

If, because of the division maintained in labor's ranks by the AFL leaders, Congress puts through union-busting laws, the members of the AFL will suffer just as much as the members of the CIO.

The AFL members must demand that their top leaders consider the needs of labor first. AFL local unions and city bodies should pass resolutions insisting in no uncertain terms that the AFL get together with the CIO for joint action in mutual self-defense.

The AFL ranks can make a good start by establishing united action on a local scale in every community. And they can call for national extension of such local action through a United Conference of Labor to be held in Washington.

Congressmen At Work

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hires Milo J. Warner for "Amount variable; to be determined by services rendered." Prudential warily admits it also pays Warner "travel, hotel, telephone, telegraph, and certain office expenses and supplies, and proper and necessary entertainment expenses." How big a roll it takes to give a Congressman proper and necessary entertainment is not listed.

Others, such as the food trust, freely admit paying out as much as \$250 a day to individual lobbyists. William S. Snow gets \$8,passed in the 79th Congress draw an unspecified amount for compelling lobbyists to register, any unusual expenditures in the 000 a year from American Fishany unusual expenditures in the political interests of the power rust from National Renderers.

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Congressmen to do anything Some of the Big Business outthat would lower power rates. On top of "all traveling and in- fits list their lobbying expenses cidental expenses" Barnett can cautiously. Prudential Insurance

month.

of American economy. But his remedy is poisonous patent medicine.



The brightness of the future for a worker in capitalist America can now be measured in dollars and cents. If he is still single at the age of 65 he can expect \$24.83 a month for the rest of his life under Social Security provisions. The only catch is he must not be earning more than \$14.99 at anything else and if he is a farmer or domestic worker. he is excluded.

Apparently Wall Street's Congressmen figured that women are not as prodigal as men at the age of 65, for a single woman can count on getting only \$19.83 a month. A widow can cheer herself with the thought that she gets more than a single womanan extra 34 cents a month to spend for whatever she wants.

If she is over 65, the wife of a retired worker is entitled to draw,\$13.05 a month in addition to what her husband gets.

An orphaned child gets only \$12.42 a month. However, an orphan, being young, can look forward to higher pay in a factory besides the final pot of gold provided by Social Security at the end of life's rainbow.

Social Security officials have discovered after ten years of close observation that 890,000 workers in the United States over 65 "prefer" to continue working rather than retire on the monthly insurance payments. But "experts in the field" believe that any depression is "likely to shake many aged workers out of employment" and thus compel them to accept the bounteous provisions of Social Security.

Probing the reasons for the reluctance of aged workers to retire, these same experts found that many of those who tried to live on Social Security were unable to do so.

Peter Kasius, New York regional director of Social Security, thought that this might be due to the fact that living costs have risen steeply whereas insurance payments have not been adjusted since 1939. He was even prepared to advocate as a result of his experiences and studies in the field that "the benefits must be related to economic reality and they should provide a minimum below which no one can be expected to live decently."

The Congressmen who provided the benefits of Social Security for workers decided last year to jump on the gravy train too. Recognizing that they are not as hardened to poverty as workers, Wall Street's political agents were careful to provide that their payments start at the age of 62 instead of 65. How it works out for them is shown in the case of Representative May who was removed from office by the voters of Kentucky after sensational revelations of his connections with war profiteers. By paying in a lump sum of \$2,716 he is entitled to \$3,376 a year for the rest of his life.

DETROIT "The Road Ahead for The American Working People" Speaker: **Bert Cochran** Former CIO Leader

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2 p.m. Socialist Workers Party

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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.

Asks For Pledges Against Rent Rises

Editor:

I for one am heartily in favor of your proposal to organize rent strikes as an answer to the real estate interests who are trying to raise rent ceilings or do away them altogether.

The meat crisis of last fall and the way the government gave in to the demands of the meat barons are proof that we dare not depend on the government to protect us against the rent chiselers.

Somebody ought to start a movement right now providing for all unions and workers to pledge that under no conditions will they pay higher rents in 1947.

pledge right now.

Subscriber

Why Laundry Workers Need Minimum Wage | 10n for a State Minimum Wage | 2.1 per cent. On go up 2.9 per cent. Editor:

It may interest your readers to know about the State Minimum Wage hearing for laundry workers which was held in New York a Jan. 3. Such hearings have a week in 1945 (even before the been held recently in Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Albany,

Since 1938 the established purly rates for laundry works in N. Y. State range from 35 cents in Zone A (larger cities) to 30 cents in Zone C. These rates put the laundry workers in the category of the most exploited section of the workers. The testimony of the laundry workers at the hearing was ample proof of this condition. Even



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

CHICAGO. - Youth meeting Fridays at 8 p.m. Discussion on pamphlet Socialism On Trial Games and refreshments. 777 W Adams, 2nd floor.

LOS ANGELES. - Socialist Vouth Club meets every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters. 3161/2 W. Pico Blvd. Educationals after every meeting. Re-

years." freshments served.



hour in 1946, it has been offset Chicago, III. by the rapid rise in cost of liv-

> Hence the demand of the un- My spendable income will go up \$1,100 allotment.' ion for a State Minimum Wage 2.1 per cent. On \$3,000, it will laundry industry which employs about 34,000 workers, of whom 26,000 are women. 82 per cent of "earns" \$300,000 a year now has the women and male-minors \$65,436 left after taxes. Under who worked 40 hours or more

sharp rise in inflation) earned less than the amount needed for adequate maintenance. "You cannot say the laundry bill, or \$110.891 more than now. workers live - they just exist," But that would be "only" a testified one of the members of 69.4 per cent increase in his the Joint Board, herself a laundry worker for many years. "We stand all day. We wear rubbers and an extra pair of stockings to

left. His income would go up 71.7 per cent. On a million dollars, he wouldn't do "so good." He'd have \$271,177 left under the new tax spendable income.

Maybe we ought to complain about this discrimination against the man in the million-dollar keep out of the dampness. Our bracket compared to the man weekly earnings are so low, we in the \$300,000 bracket. cannot take time off to nurse colds," she further stated. "Both my husband and I work

to make ends meet," said another member of the Joint Augments Police, Board and added, "we cannot even pay for our, burial. Most Editor: of the time we make collections for funeral expenses for the de-

ceased workers, since we don't the meeting at Imperial Hall, make enough to carry insur- sponsored by the New York Loance.' "For 22 years I have worked in Party, where speakers protested the laundry industry," 'testified against the recent fire in a tene-

a third woman. "Thanks to the ment in which eight were killed union, we have reduced the This fire happened only a nours and increased the wages, short time after the Amsterdam but I still cannot save up enough Avenue disaster, where another to take in a show every now and tenement house collapsed and then. I haven't bought a new 37 were killed in the ruins. garment in God knows how many

According to the 1945 unpub- this meeting that most people

WORKERS' FORUM Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters

By William F. Warde National Fund Campaign Director Last week saw the quarter mark reached in the \$20,000 Emergency Fund Campaign for the Socialist Workers Party. Contributions amounting to \$1,556.21 which came from all parts of the country lifted the grand total to \$5,012.45, or 25 per cent. Although weekly returns have been increasing

as the campaign progresses, the SWP branches S. B. will have to speed up their collections from now New York on if the \$20,000 goal is to be attained within a three-month period.

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Newark makes its debut this week with a \$100 payment on its \$300 quota. "We arranged a buffet supper at our headquarters Sunday, Jan. 12 to I read where the Republican launch our local activity on the \$20,000 Fund," Congress is going to get bigwrites Dorothy Lessing. "The National Organhearted and cut our income taxization Secretary, Morris Stein, presented a graphic report of the work, plans and financial needs of the SWP. The bill proposed by Representative Knutson has a real gim-

"The response was heartening. The entire quota mick in it. It wants to slice 20 was subscribed then and there and one-third per cent from taxes on all inraised in cash. And there are still others to be comes up to \$302,000 a year, and heard from. Newark is a little late in starting, 10.5 per cent on amounts above but we're now moving ahead fast."

So if I make \$1,200 a year, I'm New York reports through its Fund Director, I would gladly sign such a 10 years old, increased the wages going to have \$8 more to spend Duncan Conway: "Last week was a banner one to an average of 66½ cents per a year under the new bill than for us, with a record total of \$504.95 collected. under the old. My spendable in-Chelsea Branch turned in the sum of \$276.20. Cencome goes up seven-tenths of a tral continues to maintain a commanding lead per cent. If I make \$2,000, the over the other New York branches, with a total new tax bill will save me \$38. of \$661.72 or 62 per cent already paid on its

Harlem Fund Director John Andrews reports: 'Harlem held its first/social for the special purpose of raising part of our \$300 quota in the Now look what it does for the campaign. All those who participated had a fat-backs. A capitalist who great deal of fun. Over \$20 was made toward the branch pledge. We adjourned early so that the comrades could all be on hand for mobilization the new bill he'd have \$112,349 early Sunday morning to help organize the protest meeting against the threatened evictions in Harlem."

> Boston moves up to third place by sending in C/ \$100 on its \$400 guota.

West Coast branches were well represented among last week's contributors. Seattle mailed in \$50 as part payment on its \$800 quota. San Francisco enclosed the sizeable sum of \$285 which brings payment on its \$1,250 up to 38 per cent. From the opposite side of the Bay, Oakland dispatched an initial donation of \$30. San Diego in Southern California matches this with a check

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St. Paul

Reading

San Diego

Minneapolis

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for \$31,10 as a starter on its \$100 quota. * * *

From the Mid-West, Cleveland begins payment on its \$300 pledge with a check for \$23; Toledo adds \$35 on the way to fulfilling its \$300 obligation; and de-BUFFALO St. Louis pendable Detroit sends in \$68

Along with a money-order from Flint for \$23.50. Genora | Milwaukee Dollinger, Campaign Director of the Scotty Hunter Memorial Newark Fund, comments: "One of our comrades who has been ill for several months and unable to participate in our work informs One of the speakers pointed us that he is contributing \$10 to

out a very significant fact at the Fund Campaign. "He writes: 'Say, I notice in | Toledo



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Seattle Branch comrades, de-|sold one sub. It was Joey's first termined to help build The Mili- experience in sub work and had, tant circulation, start the New I believe, a good effect on him. Year with 32 new subscriptions. | We plan to go out together again 'Ten comrades participated in in this neighborhood as he has today's canvassing for Militant a wide acquaintance there based subs," reports Clara Kay, Lit- on a newspaper route he had erature Agent. "Most of the 32 formerly . . . Our next mobilizawere received in a housing pro- tion is set for Sunday, Jan. 12. ject where the Socialist Work- We are hoping that the tradiers Party and the paper are es- tional mid-January thaw will pecially well-known, due to our help us out. Comrade O'Kenny extensive distributions there dur- won the December Handicap with ing our election campaign and 5 subs to his credit." on many other occasions. (We

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Dick Clarke, a St. Louis comrade who spent the holidays in

"The comrades averaged three Memphis, sent in three subs he subs an hour, and held very in- obtained there, "I had a long teresting discussions with most talk with one woman." he of the new subscribers who en- writes. "She told me she was thusiastically agreed with two sorry her husband was not home of The Militant's most important and asked me to be sure to see slogans: the Labor Party and the him when I came back to Memsliding scale of wages. Quite a phis. Her husband is a railroad few of the wo.kers we met were worker. He was fired from his ex-Stalinists, eager to hear the previous job for trying to or-Trotskyist Program. High scor- ganize the workers into the ers for the lay were Comades CIO."

Wendell and George who each obtained 6 subs. So far, Courade Pauline Dodge, Westside Lit-George is top scorer for the erature Agent, Los Angeles, wrote: "I was given a lead for . . .

a sub by the branch I made Connecticut State Branch ran contact with the person by tele-Seattle a close second for subs phone regarding our activities sold during the week. James and paper. Since he is a musi-White sent in 21 subs obtained cian and works nights, he hasn't by the comrades and he reports: been able to participate in our "Clara Raymond remains in the work yet, but he subscribed to lead with 32 subs to date, while The Militant."

Pearl Spangler follows closely with 29. The campaign is pro-Militant subscribers are doing

good job in boosting the paper. Sam Taylor of Madison, Wis.,

The following note from Leon came to our office while visit-Forth accompanied 12 subs obing New York. He turned in 7 tained by the Chicago comrades: more subs for fellow students. Sam Richter of Chicago sold "It isn't much to tell, Perhaps a Militant sub to a dining car many comrades have persisted more than this, but a comrade waiter enroute to New York.

here in Chicago. Helen Spizzeri, Salvatore Terilli of New York went back three times to see a City renewed his sub for one person whose sub to The Mili- year and contributed \$1. tant had run out. The first time Herman Courts of Cincinnati he wasn't at home, but she sent in 7 new subs to The Milicaught him in the third time tant.

and up she came with a \$1 sub . . . We now have a 'race A Militant booster in Canada track' in our drive for Militant sent the following explanation of subs and a number of comrades an advance payment on his subalready have 'cars' entered in scription: "I do not like to owe the race." any labor organization money because I realize they are most

Mary Steele, who has taken always poverty-stricken and tryover Militant and Fourth Inter- ing to make ends meet. It's only



A. L.

Last Sunday night I went to cal of the Socialist Workers

stating that they were in good

health and well groomed; that

they needed no aid from any

Minimum Wage Boards.

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Diary of A Steel Worker-The Man Of God

- By Theodore Kovalesky -

Ephraim Coe is a tall man with the quiet, kingly dignity you notice many times in older Negroes, and his voice is the deep, sonorous

voice of a prophet of old. Ephraim Coe was a man of God.

When it all began he couldn't say. When he was a little child listening to his mother or the church elders, something might have caught in his mind.

("The Lord smote the first-born of Egypt . . . Oh, the heavy burden the Children of Israel had to bear!)

Or perhaps it was when he grew a little older and began to know what it was for a colored man to live in the South. (This life, brethren, is a hard, sad life. Happiness is only in the Kingdom of Heaven. Work, suffer, be patient . . .)

In the steel town all his people worked in the plant on the hard, dirty, dangerous, low-paying jobs. They all lived in dirty, tumble-down shacks and tenements. There was no opportunity in this vale of tears for any of them. But there was the church.

Ephraim Coe was a man of God. He had long felt it. He was a man of God, and here was work for him.

Ephraim became a deacon in the church. He was a steady, dignified man, and the people trusted him. They came to him for advice. When the preacher left town, Ephraim became preacher in his place.

Every Sunday, when he wasn't working, he'd stand in the little shack they used for a church, and fling out his beautiful, rolling voice. The slow, majestic words came from deep down inside himself, from the elders he had listened to as a child, from the Bible he had read through so painstakingly, pressing his finger along the

print and mumbling the words that he read. PAGE SIX Ephraim was happy - as happy as it was given a man to be when his people were "oppressed so hard they could not stand."

But the seeds of doubt began to enter into the mind of Ephraim Coe, A slow anger welled up from the depths of his heart, so slowly that he was hardly aware of it until it flamed high inside his breast. As Moses felt when he smote the Egyptian, so Ephraim felt. He could no longer speak of patience, of bearing one's burden. To fight back, to give blow for blow, yes, "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth!" that was the message. It was about that time that we organized the

plant. Ephraim went to his flock and brought plant. Ephraim went to his flock and brought back their names signed to union application An Appeal To The Members blanks. On Sundays when he didn't work, he no longer loosed his rich voice like a prophet of old in the little shack they used as a church. He attended union meetings. He went to the homes of Negroes who had not yet joined the union. He passed out leaflets. Oh, no, this was not the for emancipation. He was no longer a man of peace, but a warrior.

As Ephraim Coe himself said, "I turned my back on God. I was a preacher, but I left my flock, because the old words were wrong. I had to go the new way."

Of course, that isn't exactly accurate. What he really did was bring most of his flock with tional working class. him away from the barren old pastures to fruitful new grasslands. He is still respected. His advice is still sought. People look up to him even more than they used to.

Ephraim Coe, who used to be a man of God, stands more firmly on the ground. Ephraim Coe is a man of the people.

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Leninism Means: Break With Communist Party!

Of The Communist Party

By The Editors

This month, as members and followers of word of patience. This was battle. It was war the Communist Party, you will be called upon to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of Lenin's death. This is fitting and proper. Revolutionary workers the world over should meet to honor the memory of the creator of Bolshevism, the founder of the first workers' state, and the most beloved leader of the interna-

But the Communist Party will transform this occasion into an obscene mockery. It will pay ritualistic lip-service to Lenin's name while denying and defying n practice all that he taught and fought for throughout his life. On this same anniversary three years is no longer that. He has grown in experience ago, Earl Browder used the occasion to proclaim and wisdom, and today, tall and dignified, he the dissolution of the Communist Party as part of its policy of open submission and surrender to Wall Street.

> Since then Browder has been deposed and expelled as a "revisionist" and "an agent of American monopoly capitalism." But apart from the scapegoat Browder, virtually the entire crew who championed the "revisionist policy" remains today in the top leadership of the Communist Party. Of still greater importance is the fact that the Foster-Dennis program is not in a single essential different from the Browder policies they so loudly condemn in words.

CP Policy Aids Red-Baiting

The present Communist Party leaders continue to kneel before the pressure of the reaction. At the recent CIO Convention in Atlantic City prominent members of the National Committee of the Communist Party voted for Murray's red-baiting resolution.

This appeasement encouraged the red-baiters to strike immediate blows against union democracy at the state CIO conventions in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin and elsewhere. Under pressure of the witch hunts, staunch supporters of Stalinist policies such as Lewis Merrill, president of the CIO United Office and Professional Workers, have already publicly dissociated themselves from CP institutions. And Merrill only leads this parade.

On the political field the Communist Party leaders follow the old line of supporting capitalist parties. and capitalist candidates, and opposing the formation of an independent labor party. How did the Foster-Dennis policy in the recent New York elecions distinguish itself from Browder's? Only in this respect. Under Browder the Communist Party supported the corporation lawyer Mead for Senator and the banker Lehman for Governor, whereas under Foster-Dennis the Communist Party supported Lehman for Senator and Mead for Governor.

What Lenin Advocated

How does Leninism differ from the reformism

Lenin, Liebknecht And Luxemburg



strengthen capitalist rule over the people of the United States and the rest of the world.

Lenin took advantage of the difficulties of the capitalist rulers to advance the working class struggle for the conquest of state power. Wherever capitalism is in crisis the Communist Parties today intervene to prop up crumbling capitalist regimes. For Lenin's policy of revolutionary struggle, they have substituted the Social Democratic policy of coalition cabinets.

Mainstay of Capitalism

Look at France where virtually the entire active working class follows the Communist Party. Instead of mobilizing the masses to fight for a workers' and farmers' government, the French CP leaders are the mainstay of the present capitalist government. As part of this government, the French Communist Party is lined up with the imperialist slavemasters who are slaughtering the Indo-Chinese people fighting for their freedom.

Lenin was above all an internationalist. He taught the workers to rely upon their interna

The true representatives and continuators of Leninism are the Trotskyists, organized in the Social-

parties, the real source of "revisionism."

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ist Workers Party. That is precisely why all the sell-out policies put over by the CP leaders have been accompanied by a murderous campaign of physical violence and slander against the Trotskyists. The Communist Party leaders employ these poisonous weapons in order to prevent criticalminded workers in their ranks from acquiring real information about the nature of Stalinism and learning the real truth about the Trotskyist positions.

Great and growing discontent with the policies and leadership of the Communist Party are spreading through its ranks. Critical voices, opposition movements are making themselves heard and felt, The Stalinist bureaucrats, who served Browder as obediently as they now do Foster, are trying to stamp out this questioning by expelling scores of workers critical of the class-collaborationist policies dictated to them. They seek to frighten these workers with the "bogey" of Trotskyism.

The Negro Struggle -The Purpose Of Red-Baiting By William E. Bohannon

Ever since last summer, when the FBI announced that it was handling investigation of the Monroe, Georgia lynching of two Negroes

and their wives, we have been waiting for some kind of statement by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI. After all, more than half a year has gone by and the mighty FBI, which boasts it caught every Axis spy in the country during the war, still has "discovered" nothing about a lynching in a small

community where the murderers' names are known to almost everyone.

So when we heard that Hoover had an article dealing with Negroes in the February issue of American Magazine, we expected that it might have something to say about the FBI's record in connection with the Monroe and other lynchings. But that was a vain expectation. Instead of dealing with the acute problems besetting the Negro people, it deals with "the menace of communism."

This article, it seems to me, is a classic example of the purpose behind red-baiting generally. Look at how it works:

Negroes want action to punish and stop lynch. ing. Hoover tells them to beware of commun-Negroes want the right to vote in the ism. South. Hoover discusses the "diabolical ends" of the reds. Negroes demand the elimination

of discrimination in employment. Hoover an swers that communism is a threat to "the American way of life."

In other words, Hoover's red-baiting, like redbaiting in the unions and elsewhere, has a certain aim. That aim is to divert our attention from the real and pressing problems facing us and to get us fighting among ourselves so that we will not be able to take effective action against our enemies.

It so happens that the Communist Party also goes in for red-baiting against militant opponents of their sell-out policies. Hoover calls attention to this in the following words:

"Many liberals seeking to better the Negro's plight, will have no part of the Communists' real program and whom the Communists cannot influence, are labeled 'Trotskyists.' Doubt is adroitly raised by the Communists concerning these American leaders in Negro organizations, in an effort to discredit them."

Hoover's reference to Stalinist red-baiting is probably intended to justify his own red-baiting. But actually it does nothing of the kind. Redbaiting is a reactionary weapon, no matter who employs it. Stalinist red-baiting weakens the fight for a better world and it must be fought. But Hoover's red-baiting represents a far greater danger today and must be fought even harder because it is intended to set the stage for widespread government attacks on democratic rights which we must defend at all costs.

Last month members of the Michigan Society of Neurology and Psychiatry heard a report of a delicate brain operation on a 28-



year-old Detroit woman. The operation. called pre-frontal lobotomy, is not new, In the past four years more than 2,-000 lobomoties have been performed upon mental patients by U.S. neuro-surgeons.

What was new about the Detroit case was that the operation was performed upon a woman who was sane.

She was a so-called criminal and the brain operation was performed in order to "reform" her. Detroit police had picked her up for stealing but when they saw her FBI record they turned her over to the Wayne County General Hospital as "criminally insane."

This is a dangerous weapon in the hands of the police! It is a dangerous precedent when brain operations can be utilized by the representatives of capitalist "justice" as reform measures!

Not many details are given about this Detroit woman but we do read that her record started

spend another fifteen or even thirty years in the Communist Party today. institutions, or of performing the operation."

had disappeared. world may force this woman back into the from the policies of the Social Democrats.

paths of prostitution and stealing. The old pathways in the brain may be re-established. What then? Another lobotomy?

Wouldn't it be simpler-and better-for society to sever its connection with the vicious capitalist system, which forces women into lives of "crime"? 'Private Industry' And The Housing Crisis

of the Social-Democracy? promising struggle against capitalism and all its agents, whether they wore a liberal or conservative at the age of four when she began to steal. mask. He insisted on independent economic and

Fifteen of the 28 years of her life had been spent political action by the working class and demanded in reform schools and prisons. Dr. Louis Lip- that the workers rely upon their own organized schutz, clinical director of Wayne County Hos- power. The Bolshevik Party educated and mobipital said: "We had the choice of letting this lized the workers for the overthrow of capitalist woman continue in her present vicissitudes rule and the establishment of a socialist society. with every reason to expect that she would There is not a trace of this Leninist spirit left in

The Social Democrats, on the other hand, preached The operation consisted of severing the con- and practiced the policies of class collaboration. nections between the part, of the brain re- They supported the so-called "liberal" capitalists sponsible for planning and carrying out desires against the more reactionary capitalists in the name and the other parts of the nervous system which of the "lesser evil." By thus weakening the revotranslate them into action. After the operation, it was said that the woman's "former" by suppressing their independent class action, and threatening, aggressive. assaultive behavior" by subordinating the workers to capitalist politics and parties, the Social Democrats led labor from But what of the future? The necessity for one defeat and disaster to another. For many years making a living in this cut-throat capitalist the Communist Party line has differed in no way

> The present Communist Party leadership calls for a "return to the policies of FDR," not for a return to the policy of Lenin. Roosevelt was the political agent of American Big Business and all his major policies and actions were designed to

solidarity and common revolutionary struggle against capitalism in order to defend their vital interests and to protect the Soviet Union against, imperialist attack. At the same time, he taught the workers to distrust such "thieves' kitchens" as the League of Nations, the forerunner of the present United Nations.

Foster and Dennis, echoing Stalin, support the UN and depict it as an effective instrument of world peace. In reality, under the pretense of preserving world peace, the UN serves as a screen for the war preparations of the Anglo-American imperialists against the USSR. By spreading illusions about the UN, the CP leaders not only trample on Lenin's teachings but deal heavy blows to the defense of the Soviet Union.

No Different from Browder

Thus Foster-Dennis follow the policies of Leninism no more than Browder did. Both promote the policies of Stalinism which betrays revolutionary Marxism. These perfidious policies have been imposed upon the Communist Parties everywhere by the bureaucratic gang headed by Stalin who have usurped power from the workers in the Soviet Union. There is the fundamental source of all the crimes against labor committed by the Communist

Contrast With Trotskyism

Such bureaucratic methods of dealing with the growing workers' opposition will not and cannot work. More and more members of the Communist Party are turning for enlightenment to The Militant and the publications of the Socialist Workers Party. They are no longer being deceived by lies and slander. Lenin himself once wrote in regard to political disputes: "It is necessary that every member of the Party should study calmly and with the greatest objectivity the substance of the dif. ferences of opinion . . . He who takes somebody' word is a hopeless idiot, who can be disposed of with a simple gesture of the hand."

This is excellent advice. Why not resolve on Len in's anniversary to act upon it? Investigate th ideas of Trotskyism. Make an objective examination of our program. Compare our conduct and policies during the war with those of the Communist Party. Contrast our forecasts and developments with those of Stalin, Browder and Foster. We are sure that you will become convinced, as many other ex-members of the Communist Party already have been, that the Socialist Workers Party is the real fighter for Leninism in this country to-

day and that your place is in our ranks.

Notes From The News

A Dangerous Weapon

By Grace Carlson

President Truman's fellow Democrat from Missouri, Rep. C. Jasper Bell , has introduced a bill to provide \$50,000-a-year annuities to former Presidents.

Some people in Summerville, S. C., collected \$8,000 to build a war memorial for local boys who died in World War II. The plan was to eliminate the names of two Negro servicemen who had been killed in the war. The City Council voted against the memorial "in its present form." * * *

The UAW will not sponsor any bowling teams in the American Bowling Congress tournaments unless the ABC quits Jim Crow practices

* * .* Called for service on the jury hearing the football-fix case in New York, William H. Haskell, registered representative on the Stock Exchange, stated: "I'm in the gambling business myself." The Stock Exchange canceled his listing last week, and the horrified Wall Street firm he worked for, E. F. Hutton & Co., "discontinued his employment."

* The Socialist Party and the Social Democratic Federation have both appointed committees to meet and discuss the fusion.

3 3 * 3 * S New members elected to the NAACP Board of Directors include Philip Murray and Eric

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Johnston, former head of the Chamber of Com-TOT THE OWN MESSOR HER

The Detroit Socialist Workers Party's successful fight against eviction from its headquarters because Negroes as well whites attend its meetings, surprised some local union leaders who supported the SWP but had privately expressed the opinion that its fight was hopeless. 计编码 医结合 网络

In a surprise move the new Michigan Attorney General, Eugene Black, has ruled that the state FEPC proposal initiated by petition must go on the ballot. Black's predecessor, Foss Eldred, has barred the proposed FEPC bill referendum on flimsy technical grounds after unions and other organizations, including the struction, hotels, department SWP, got petitions with 175,000 signatures.

The Communist Party is having some trouble with its 1947 re-registration. It claims a membership of 74,000, but only "some two-thirds have re-registered to date," according to the veterans' housing and into their Jan. 9 Daily Worker. * 412 6.12

Allen Heist, Southern California director of the American Civil Liberties Union, accuses nomenon due to the war, but local police and the district attorney of "inexcusable brutality" and "unwarranted" prosecution of Hollywood studio strikers. Not a single member of the jury panel picked for the mass trial of 115 of the strikers is a wage earner; an even greater extent by exam- millions in search of non-exis- From this it becomes even most are retired businessmen.

By John Fredericks The utterly false idea that "private industry" needs will never tear down these con- tions of any kind, with plentiful marked for "veterans' housing" only to be freed from restrictions in order to begin a great demned structures and replace supplies of material and labor, in the Patman bill, found their housing boom, has recently been given support by the de- them with modern housing. "private industry" showed not way through this method into control measures of President Truman. This idea originated with the real estate interests, who, through the Producers

Council, have raised a fund of o uation in New York City. \$5,000,000 to spread this lie.

Private commercial builders have never shown any great interest in producing decent homes to rent to workers at prices wage-earners can afford to pay. Their main interest in building lies in the luxury class of conmercial buildings and high-rental apartment dwellings for the rich. Their main concern today is to divert materials away from own money-making schemes.

I have shown that the housing shortage is not a new phe-

human habitation. Over the agencies of the city have tried and homes destroyed and mainto eliminate these dwellings. To- tain the present level of inadeday, after 46 years, there are 83,- quate housing. stores, theatres, office and com- 000 of these tenement buildings, PRE-WAR RECORD housing millions of people, still in use. The real estate interests

who can find nowhere else to live.

In 1901 a law was passed con- a drop in the bucket compared enterprises. demning certain types of New with the actual need for 10 mil-York City tenements as unfit for | lion homes. As a matter of fact, we need 500,000 homes a year years that have passed, various just to compensate for fire losses

During the years before the war, when materials were availhave fought every effort to tear able and prices one-third what down these slums. They are still they are today, the record of worse. From 1930 to 1937, only 175,875 dwelling units per year

At no time in these 46 years, were constructed. Over half of have the owners attempted to these homes were built for people its powerful lobby in Washington ernment-owned, low-cost, lowand a part of the system of ex- These buildings have been paid These figures also include all ploitation. (See The Militant, for by the tenants many times housing built for the low income Jan. 11.) This can be shown to over. But as long as there are group by all government agencies.

subsidy to maintain "price ceil- (This is the second in a series ining the Old Law Tenement sit- tent homes, the selfish owners more clear that without restric- ings." Most of the funds ear- of articles on the housing crisis.),

Government, restrictions on the slightest inclination to build the coffers of the building matecommercial building, although new homes for the workers. The rial producers. Very little of the the laws were full of loopholes, building interests' excuses today government subsidized materials did produce 665,000 dwelling are but a ruse to obtain mate- went into veterans' housing, but units in 1946. This is, however, rials for their own high-profit was side-tracked into commercial building. The building industry itself, as The building industry and the

organized under capitalism, op- real estate interests have comerates in the 20th Century with pletely failed to produce housing 18th Century methods. Homes for workers, either before, during are still the products of hand la- or after the war. Prior to the bor, while methods of mass pro- | war they expressed themselves duction and pre-fabrication are as "not interested" in the lowopposed by the producers of an- cost, low-rental housing field,

tiquated building materials. Today, it is clearer than ever being rented to poor workers, "private industry" was even price under \$5,000 as compared ernment to do the job.

Properly organized factories that if workers' and veterans could mass-produce pre-fabri- homes are to be built, then it cated homes today to sell at a is the responsibility of the gov-The failure of the private of

today's poorly constructed home. italist interests leaves the r The building industry, through open to government-built, gov-

rather the product of capitalism replace these worn out fire-traps in the upper income brackets. maintained by the Producers rental housing projects on a na-Council, has demanded and re- tion-wide scale. Only a governceived millions of dollars in gov- ment building program will proernment funds in the form of a duce workers' homes.