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Wake Up!

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100 ANTI-LABOR BILLS IN CONGRESS

A Call To Action! No Retreat! Defend Labor's Rights!

– By M. Stein –

National Organization Secretary, Socialist Workers Party

The Big Business offensive against the labor alarm, shake the trade unions out of lethargy, trade unions by curtailing their rights to strike, rights. by prohibiting industry-wide bargaining, by out- For Conference of Labor lawing the closed shop and maintenance of membership provisions. This campaign to destroy the unions as effective instruments for defending the workers' living standards has been carefully planned, well organized and energetically carried forward

What are the union officials doing to combat this ferocious assault? Nothing. They continue to rely on weak lobbies at a time when Congress is openly acting in behalf of the monopolists. They are seeking a rotten compromise when the advantage is wholly on the side of reaction. They are hoping and praying that Congress will not be too harsh.

Strategy of the Monopolists

Controlling the destiny of the country by virtue of their monopoly of the productive machinery and the bulk of the country's wealth, the Sixty Families are in no mood for compromise. They are out to smash what they lyingly call "trade union monopoly control of American production." This demagogy may appear ridiculous, just as Hitler's demagogy did in its early stages. But it is deliberately designed to turn the wrath of the middle class away from the profiteering monopolists and direct it against the trade unions, the only restraint upon the capitalists' monopoly control of the country.

This strategy of the monopolists is borrowed lock, stock and barrel from Hitler's arsenal. Today it is in the propaganda stage and is passing over to the legislative stage; but it must not be overlooked that this paves the way for the next stage, that is, direct physical assaults to break up the unions by storm troops.

Criminal Policy of Union Leaders The criminal submissiveness and do-nothing policy of the trade union officials, their compla- to alert the trade unions, to unite them for comcency in the face of this war being waged against mon action, to put them on a war footing. The the trade unions, can spell disaster to the Amer- trade unions are facing a fight for their very iasm by militant Negro workican working class. The trade union militants who | existence. No worker can remain complacent about ers, and many friends of the

movement, carefully prepared by press and radio imbue them with a fighting spirit. They must weld propaganda and by a ferocious red-baiting cam- the trade union locals in each city into a solid paign, has entered a new stage with the conven- front that will beat back all attacks on the trade ing of the 80th Congress. Anti-labor bills are now unions. They must demand of the trade union flooding Congress. These bills aim to cripple the leaders that they act in defense of the workers'

For some time now we have demanded that a Conference of Labor, embracing the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods, be convened for joint action against the anti-labor offensive. Numerous local unions have passed resolutions in favor of such action. CIO President Murray issued a call for such a Conference during the miners' strike. But the top bureaucracy of the AFL refused to respond. The CIO leadership for its part did not press the issue. The ranks are yearning for unity of action. They are eager to fight the antilabor bills before Congress. But the top bureaucrats of the unions have blocked this sentiment. Congress must be made to feel the wrath of the working people. It must be told in emphatic terms that the trade unions will not submit to the legislation sponsored in behalf of the NAM by the arch-reactionaries, the Tafts, the Balls and the Smiths.

Labor's failure to build a party of its own deprives it of a voice in the chambers of Congress. But this does not mean that labor has no voice in the country. It has a powerful voice, the voice of 15 million men and women organized in the trade unions. This voice can become a mighty roar if it is properly coordinated.

Alert the Trade Unions

The initiative for this coordination must be assumed by the local militants. They must band together into inter-Local committees, representing the whole trade union movement in each locality. They must organize joint protest demonstrations. They must send mass delegations to the hearings in Washington. They must organize their Labor Party forces NOW to oust the Democratic and Republican conspirators, and replace them with their own labor representatives.

It is the task of the most advanced militants been received with great enthus-



Chicago SWP Candidate Files Nominating Petitions

By Robert L. Birchman

CHICAGO, Jan. 20-Petitions for Homer Lewis, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Alderman in the Third

Ward, were filed today with the Board of Election Commissioners. The three Aldermanic candidates of Revere Copper and Brass Local 477, UAW-CIO were also supposed into full swing: Thousands of to file their petitions today. These three union men, who the past two weeks when eleven neighborhood meetings and rahave been endorsed by the people lost their lives in fires dio broadcasts are being planned. that swept through the tinder-CIO Council here, are Frank box firetrap tenement buildings the SWP will be held Sun., Feb. Wesolowski in the 32nd Ward, in which they lived," said Homer Charles Chiakulas in the 35th Lewis in a statement today. Ward, and Sam Mazza in the 36th Ward.

inued.

housing program.

St. Speakers will include V. R. "The political flunkies of the Dunne, SWP National Labor Democrats and Republicans in Secretary, Homer Lewis and the City Council have utterly Michael Bartell. failed to provide adequate pro-

of their capitalist masters, they

have failed to enforce existing

fire ordinances. Above all, they

have completely failed to inaug-

"Only representatives of the

workers themselves can and will

take action to prevent further

tection against fires," Lewis con-**Oakland Unions** "Serving the interests

gram.

Union-Smashing Laws Rushed Into Hearings

By Joseph Hansen

More than 100 separate bills aimed against the labor movement have been submitted by Wall Street's political representatives in the first two weeks of the 80th Congress. This mass of proposed laws shows with what deadly intent the powerful Republican steer- 9powerful Republican steer-ing committee is following version of last year's Case up the program of action bill. It provides compulsory

up the program of action mediation during a 60-day peragainst labor it announced iod; denies supervisory employes January 4.

In the Senate, Taft, Smith Act; outlaws various types of and Ball submitted a revised strikes; provides for employer

Sentiment Grows For Pay Raises, **Poll Reveals**

A majority of American workers are convinced industrial employers can raise the throat of the labor movewages without raising prices, ment. according to Gallup Poll fig-

tions, signed by Senators Taft. Smith and Ball, which called for "The endorsed theory that pay "creation of new Federal mediboosts can be granted without ation machinery, overhauling of increasing prices has apparent- the National Labor Relations ly taken hold in the minds of Act, some amendments to the millions of Americans," writes Norris - LaGuardia Act, outlaw-George Gallup, Director of the ing of compulsory membership American Institute of Public Opinion.

The campaign to elect Homer "A substantial majority with Lewis and Michael Bartell, SWP opinions accept the idea that cers, strike votes, etc., compulcandidate for Mayor, has gone management can hand out ansory adjudication of major disother round of wage boosts with- putes, application of the Sherman leaflets will be distributed, out raising prices, the poll Act to collective bargaining in shows," says Gallup. certain cases and writing of a

> was: "Do you think pay in- apply to labor relations." creases could be given by most This program of action, if caractories without increasing the ried out according to plan, would prices of the goods they make?" | smash the American labor move-

> > Some of the most vicious and unpopular points in the GOP steering committee's program of action have been embodied in

the benefit of the Wagner

suits against unions; and com-

pels unions to file financial re-

This bill appears ear-marked

for passage. Taft, Smith and

Ball are pressing to rush it

Republicans' in the House are

concentrating on a single om-

nibus measure designed to cut

These bills embody the heart

through public hearing.

OMNIBUS MEASURE

ures reported in the Jan. 13 of the January 4 program of ac-N. Y. World-Telegram.

in unions, establishment of Federal standards for unions as regards finances, election of offi-

The question asked in the poll new anti-monopoly statute to The opening election rally of

The national vote was:

This result is especially sig-

Yes

No

increases.

No opinion .

ment. .47% ..40% .13%

fought and sacrificed to build the giant trade the outcome. Only the maximum mobilization of party worked hard to secure sigunion movement in this country must sound the the power of the unions will guarantee victory.

Flint Labor Party Movement Develops Despite Obstacles

By Sol Dollinger (Special to The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 16 — After one month of activity, the local Labor Party movement presents an over-all picture of progress. It has made some big steps forward as well as receiving some setbacks.

This past week the meeting of • UAW-CIO Chevrolet Local 659, Labor Party now." which initiated the Labor Party It urged the "enthusiastic cal to rescind its previous action campaign, voted by a narrow membership" who attended the bor party organizer. He will con- build a Labor Party. The official organizer of the Local's Labor Party Committee established several weeks ago.

The most significant feature of the meeting, however, was the agreement of all speakers on Labor Party. Those who opposed maintaining a full-time organizer pointed out that they are nternational and the local CIO Council, which bodies, they felt, should send in full-time organizers to build labor's own party.

be no doubt in anybody's mind that Local 659 is in favor of a

Trotskyists Elected In Bolivia And Ceylon

Three Trotskyists were elected to the Bolivian Chamber of Deputies and one was elected to the Senate in the Jan. 5 elections. (See next week's Militant for complete story.)

Three Trotskyists in Ceylon-Doric de Souza, Indrapala and Aboubacker — were also elected by large majorities to the Colombo Municipal Council, according to the January issue of the British Socialist Appeal.

| meetings." Waldo, a paid functionary in the

UAW Regional Office who was recently removed as PAC Regional Director, has been stirring up the factional divisions in the auto locals. He succeeded in getting AC Spark Plug Lo-

of reaffirming support for the margin to discontinue Kermit meeting to "work in the shop for Labor Party and to vote for a Johnson as a full-time paid la- the organizing campaign" to referendum on the question. AC Local President Archie tinue on a part-time basis as Organizing Committee, it added, Myers, who said in a Militant "must not let down on the job interview last year that he favorof spreading the good word to ed building a labor party, another liberal groups and unions nounced his reversal in the daily . . The most important thing press, asserting that the Labor

now is to get as many other Party is being instigated by groups as possible to join in the "Trotskyites and Stalinites." the urgent necessity to build the committee and multiple and build the committees and carrying on dis- | a Chevrolet local officer, Myers cussions of the subject at their (Continued on Page 2)

natures to place him on the ballot. The Third Ward is located in the midst of the over-crowded "Black Ghetto" on Chicago's South Side, where thousands live huddled together in firetrap tenements.

Homer Lewis' candidacy has

LEWIS' STATEMENT

"The need for labor representation in the City Council has been the city government immediately action by the CIO, AFL and During the past week, Jakie dramatically brought to the at- act to force the landlords to re- Railroad Brotherhoods, a pair buildings and provide adequate fire escapes. Additional

fire-fighting equipment and firenen must be assigned to the tenment areas. Immediate temorary housing must be provided for all families living in buildings that should be condemned as unfit for human habitation. Temporary housing must be built n the 16½ square miles of vacant lots in the city while the fire-trap tenements are being torn down and permanent housing projects built.

"The people forced to live in labor drive. Over a period of these inhuman conditions must years, this machine has manorganize tenant unions, fight for aged to secure a stranglehold on adequate fire protection and de- the cities of the East Bay. As cent housing, and demand that the general strike revealed, this the city, state and federal governments immediately appropri-

Call For United urate a real low-rent public Political Action

ate sufficient funds for a large-

scale. low-rent housing pro-

2, 7:30 p.m. at 777 West Adams

By Ed Davis

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 12victims of fires. I advocate that Calling for united political special expanded meeting of ers should get more pay?" the them. Council decided yesterday to enter the April municipal elections here. This decision follows similar action taken by the AFL 30% said "No." Central Labor Union shortly af-

ter the recent general strike. Oakland is especially ripe for the election of a labor slate. Here is the home of the notorious Warren-Knowland political machine, that dominates California politics and plays an integral part in the national anti-

machine is now using its police openly to smash any attempt of labor to defend its living stand-

ards. the membership, NMU president During the CIO conference Joseph Curran charged that the discussion of the political action Stalinist refusal to allow a refresolution, an amendment was made to call for the selection of attempt to split our union." In candidates from labor's ranks, view of this bureaucratic action, sent to jail for a year. What "friendly to labor." Curran declared:

The Stalinists, who dominated CMU. The real issue is-Do you, the conference, cut off discusthe membership in a rank and sion before an adequate presfile union, have the right to pass judgment in a secret referendum vote on the major issues in your union? YES!' STALINIST STRATEGY

A joint, delegated conference of cision by maneuvering to post- further to do with CMU. By And if you violated S.133 the the local AFL, CIO and Railroad pone a referendum to the in-

nificant in view of the tremend- separate measures, sponsored b ous propaganda campaign by the Ball in order to relieve Taft of Big Business press and govern- their onus. Taft is being groomed ment to fool the people into for the presidency in 1948 and thinking wage raises cause price may even try to assume a "liberal" hue during the coming In the vote of the manual period.

workers alone-that is, mainly While readying these farfactory workers and unionists- reaching measures, the capitalthe question was answered yes ist politicians rushed emergency by 55%; only 30% voted no. legislation to ban portal-to-por-On the related question, "Do tal suits and cheat millions of you think these factory work- workers out of the back pay due

the Alameda County CIO response from manual workers The 80th Congress has opened was: "Yes", 50%; "No", 30%. with an onslaught against labor Union members gave a 59% ma- such as has not been seen for jority for more pay now; only decades. The existence of the unions is at stake.



NEW YORK, Jan. 13.-The division in the CIO National Maritime Union leadership has been widened by the refusal of the Stalinist majority on the union's National Council to submit the question of continued affiliation to the Committee for Maritime Unity to a referendum vote of the membership.

In a statement distributed to affiliation, the NMU Council ma. jority voted to send 50 delegates to the March 15 CMU conference. Their decision was to erendum vote is "a deliberate wait until these delegates reported back to the Council and then have the Council decide on the basis of this report, whether or not to have a referendum. In "The real issue is no longer the meantime they are hinting that the question should properly be referred to the NMU convention in the fall.

TRANSPARENT MÁNEUVER

Through their tight-knit machine the Stalinists intend to pack the delegation to CMU and

get a "favorable" report. They The Stalinist refusal to grant hope to do the same with the a referendum is based on their convention delegation. The Curfear of being repudiated by the ran group can see through this

Pending a referendum Curran announced he will have nothing postponing a vote, the Stalindefinite future and to avoid it ists serve to sharpen the internal struggle which is fast Instead of a referendum on heading for a showdown.

hand-picked board of corporation-minded stooges would have the power to intervene in any dispute with employers and bar any strike for 60 days.

After your employer stalled

to strike, the Mediation Board and conditions. If your union UNDERMINES UNION would step in and halt your went on strike, the boss could S.105 would ban all forms of strike. For 60 days it would pres- call in some other group that union security, including the lated groups of workers. This needed now is an organized the membership. The Stalinist sure you to whittle down your would claim jurisdiction. Then closed shop, union shop and is a bill to chop industrial un- means for achieving this unity. strategy is to evade a final dedemands and tie you up in red he would yell for the law, claim- maintenance of membership. It tape. Meanwhile, the company ing your strike was a "jurisdic- repeals Section 8 of the Wagner | would have 60 extra days to tional" strike and "illegal." mobilize strikebreaking forces S.55 would' make you file a contracts. All existing union slap an injunction on your un- and prepare for the campaign altogether if possible. and beat down union morale.

Here's how the anti-labor, If the employer provoked you finances with the Secretary of ed. For violation of this law, Wagner Act. If you called an expose its internal affairs to the

organizing strike against em- boss's prying eyes.

handle scab products, you would be revised or amended to include be violating S.55 and could be any of the other vicious antifined \$5,000 and sent to prison labor bills before Congress. These for a year. In addition the em- include the two bills submitted ployer could sue you and bank- by Republican Senator Ball of Minnesota (S.105 and S.133).

Act which legalizes closed shop

complete report of your union's security clauses would be void- ion!

union men with non-union men. passed as originally presented. Ball's S.133 bill is the monop- Failure to provide for adequate oly corporation's delight. It bars control by the labor movement industry-wide bargaining. Im- of the candidates supported, is agine your local union in Gen- the chief weakness of the pres-

ions to bits.



HOMER LEWIS

The Searchlight, official organ bills now before Congress into a so-called "wildcat" strike, Labor. This would give the you could be fined \$5,000 and rather than from among those of Local 659, today commented would cripple your union and you could be fired under S.55 and company a blue-print of your editorially that "after the last leave you defenseless before denied the protection of the union's financial strength and membership meeting there can employer attacks.

Take the main anti-labor bill before the Senate - the Taft-Smith - Ball measure (S. 55).

First, it proposes a five-man Federal Mediation Board. This

rupt your union. PRYING EYES and just when you were ready used to break strikes for wages



eral Motors or U. S. Steel forced ent movement of the labor unthe concentrated wealth and Despite this weakness, the call ranks. A flood of telegrams transparent, maneuver and is power of these giant corpora- by both county union bodies for from ships and ports endorsing pressing for a "thirty-day study tions. All the power of great unified action, marks a big step the position of the Curran group period and a sixty-day referendnational and international com- forward for Alameda County indicates they have the support um vote" of the entire membines could be thrust against iso, labor. What is most urgently of an overwhelming majority of bership.

government would be required to Brotherhoods to select candidates

a field day the employer would then have undermining your un-

to bargain single-handed against ions into politics.

is the indicated next step.

They say NO. I say

Jurisdictional strikes would be

ployer intimidation or a com- But this bill, in its present ion by hiring scabs and antipany union, if you refused to form, is just a starter. It can union elements, and replacing be made. The resolution was PAGE TWO

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Proposal For Mass March On The State Capitol Made To Delegates At Michigan EPC Conference

(Special to The Militant) LANSING, Mich., Jan. 18-The Conference for a Michigan FEPC, held here last Saturday, was highlighted by the proposal of Ernest Mazey, CIO Auto Workers Briggs Local 212 delegate, that "we immediately renew our efforts to gain united action of the whole labor movement to prepare a mass march on Lansing to take place when the FEPC petition hits the House floor."

The conference of over 400 delegates was a continuation of the drive for a state fair employment practices act. This drive forced the introduction of a bill before the Michigan legislature by initiative petition for the first time in history. The former Attorney General had ruled the petitions with 185,000 signatures invalid on a technicality, but the new Attorney General forwarded the petitions to the State Senate Labor Committee. Under Michigan law the legislature must pass the bill in 40 days, or it must be put on the ballot in the next state election for referendum.

After pep speeches by prominent CIO United Auto Workers, Detroit CIO and Negro leaders, as well as Democratic Party politicians, the State Steering Committee presented the conference paign, delegations to visit legmade for district mass meetings. FOR UNITED LABOR ACTION

the Negro people for a march on Lansing. He pointed to the need for mass action at the state capital as the best way to back Flint Movement

He also urged intensified effor more solidified labor support day's conference.

Birds Of A Feather



Democrat Truman warmly clasps the hands of Republican leaders Vandenburg, President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, and Martin, Speaker of the House. Vandenburg said Truman's proposals for anti-labor laws and pledge of cooperation with the reactionary Republican majority in Congress were "very constructive." Federated Pictures

some proposals for action along the lines of a letter-writing cam-depending to white legislators and lobby in the state Despite Tobin-Green Perfidy

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26-The two and one-half week At this point Mazey spoke for strike of AFL Retail Food Clerks Local 770 ended here last They certainly haven't grown transforming the campaign into Monday with a victory for the union. Despite strikea mass mobilization of labor and breaking ultimatums from the leaders of the Teamsters PROFITABLE FAMILY TIES

OUnion and back-stabbing by AFL union won the following:

Union Activities

(Special to The Militant)

state capitol a block away. . . tricts are complete, "we will have er unions here, especially the

Robert A. Taft -- Kingpin Of GOP Senate Machine Machine Machine Distance of the unit of the sent winds had be trained by the U.S. In o quorum in four years had president be trained by the U.S. Sent wires, allegedly from mem-bership meetings, condemning reserve of merchant seamen."

Robert Alphonso Taft, Republican Senator from Ohio, has been described as "cautious, frosty and aloof." This GOP boss, through whom "all party decisions must be cleared," according to the New Republic, "is as clammy as Coolidge." Even worse. his ambition is "to be another Cal" and move into the White House in 1948. The Morganbacked Time magazine, opening a campaign to "humanize" Taft, claims he "is not a cold fish" but an "amiable, approachable man with a dry-friendly wit, who likes to talk and mix whiskey with his soda."

Whether or not Taft is as clammy as a shark's belly or is whiskey-guzzling wit, these personal traits are least important of the assets that won him political leadership in the drive Congress.

fused because there was a suit The Senator is a scion of the pending against his company for for low cost housing. fabulously wealthy Taft family, allegedly defrauding the War Deowners of the Cincinnati Star- partment on gunpowder con- paigned for a 10 per cent fed-Times. Ferdinand Lundberg lists tracts." them in his authoritative book, America's 60 Families, as No. 33 family connections of the elder SERVES GIANT MONOPOLIES in the dynasty of families who Taft have been dutifully kept up are the real rulers of America. by his son. Lundberg reported ful Big Business politicians in Lundberg estimated their forof it derived from real estate.

poorer since. Robert Alphonso was reared Cincinnatti Bridge Company, and chairman of its National Com- and avoid "ill-feeling against just didn't give it in time to the

to develop him into a Wall Street tion. politician. His father took over Charles P. Taft, \$20,000 from Ohio Senate in 1931 (there ad- senior member of the powerful steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie, vocated shifting the main tax Finance Committee. \$20,000 from banker J. P. Morgan, burden to the poor); and in 1939

the copper-trust Guggenheims, Senator. etc. U. S. Steel's Henry Clay Frick generously tossed \$50,000 PUSHED CRIPPLING LAWS munitions-trust du Ponts offered legislation in Congress to crip- sentative.

ians.



One of the major "crimes" for | Now, everybody knows the pelled California CP leader, an-Following Mazey's speech, the a Labor Party committee of 60 Teamsters, and will undoubtedly which many Communist Party Italian and French Stalinist swers charges of "leftism"

CIO National Maritime Union | The Jan. 3 Seafarers Log. President Joseph Curran related weekly of the AFL Seafarers Ina sidelight on Stalinist methods ternational Union, warns about at last week's meeting of the the Maritime Commission's de-NMU Council. He charged that mand that a proportionate part Stalinist agents in several small of the peacetime compulsory ports where the union has had military trainees proposed by the bership meetings, condemning reserve of merchant seamen."

ple the labor movement. At the man of the Stalinist-dominated are asking free Americans to be same time he has cleverly asso- misnamed "Committee for Mari- drafted into the Maritime Serciated his name with a few mea- time Unity."

sures that enjoy wide public support. Thus he helped guide the vicious Case anti-labor bill the progressive movement for you would be called a draftthrough Congress last year, and consolidation of the Brotherhe was one of the supporters of hood of Locomotive Firemen and itentiary. Once in, you would be the Smith-Connally War Labor Enginemen and the Brother-Disputes Act. But he voted for hood of Locomotive Engineers a bill in 1940 to outlaw the use is the calling of a National Conof strikebreakers and labor spies ference of district leaders of the and he opposed the "forced-la- Consolidation Committee of Enbor" bill proposed by Truman ginemen. It will be held at the during last year's railroad strike. Midland Hotel, Chicago, on Feb-This is the ABC maneuvering ruary 10-12.

engaged in by all capitalist politicians. For the sake of the record they chime in with general ages are increasingly endanger- democratic red-purge in the CIO sentiment on certain popular ing the existence of the labor measures, the better to push press. We note, for instance, the tion of the CIO's declaration through the laws they are cru- page-size of the CIO News has against the "outside interfercially interested in. Taft is one been reduced in recent issues. ence" of the Communist Party of the sponsors of the Wagner- The last couple of issues of the Ellender-Taft housing bill, which International Woodworker, organ is supported by labor. Yet in of the CIO International Woodagainst labor now underway in \$20,000 but it "was delicately re- 1939 he proposed an amendment workers, have been cut to skimto cut in half an appropriation py 8-page tabloids from a fullsized paper.

During the war Taft cameral sales tax, which would have

The intimate and profitable slashed into low incomes. Taft is one of the most powerhim in 1937 as a Carnegie trus- Congress. He is chairman of the complains that "the immediate ence", indeed! tune at \$54,000,000 in 1924, most tee. Besides membership in the Republican steering committee effect has been to arouse ill-feelcorporation law firm of Taft, that decides on GOP strategy ing against labor" and will lead Stettinius & Hollister, he is a and tactics. He wields great to anti-labor legislation by Con- Tobin wants it known he did so director of the Central Trust weight in the Republican party, gress. According to this theory, issue a statement denouncing Company, the Covington and having hand-picked Reece to be President William Green, the in an environment ideally suited a fellow of the Yale Corpora- mittee. Today the dominant fi-labor" is for labor never to de- press. He tells all about it in four gure in the Senate, he chose the mand its rights. Don't wait for In politics since the First chairmanship of the Labor and the bosses to take your rights the White House in 1908 with the World War, he was elected to Public Welfare Committee as the away — give them away first! aid of a slush fund that included the Ohio House of Representa- most strategic post to wield the That's some union leaders' mot-\$110,000 from his half-brother, tives in 1921; moved up to the axe against labor. He is likewise to.

> In sizing up its political enemies, labor should pay careful athis teeth on a gold-plated spoon, he has been selected and trained to serve the giant monopolies as He has consistently pushed their professional political repre-

Curran for resigning as co-chair- The Log points out, that "they

vice just as they are into the Army and Navy. If you refuse to An important development in join this bell-bottomed scabbery

> dodger and sent to a federal pengoverned by strict military law." * * * We warn again of a reactionary, red-baiting sheet, published in Detroit, called The Wage-

Earner. It imitates the appearance of various regular union papers. The January 10 issue is devoted mainly to propagandiz-Monopoly-created paper shorting for a more vigorous anti-- particularly the implementa-(Stalinist). Uninformed unionists will be

unable, by the most careful read. ing of the paper, to know who puts it out. The only reference to its publishers is in tiny type at the bottom of the editorial AFL and railroad union lead- page, where we read it is an "iners have sided with Big Business dependent" paper published "by in attacking CIO suits for por- the ACTU Publishing Corporatal-to-portal pay. Railway La- tion." The ACTU stands for Asbor, published by 15 standard sociation of Catholic Trade Unrailroad labor organizations, ionists. No "outside interfer-* * *

AFL Teamsters Czar-President the way to fight anti-labor laws the Oakland General Strike. He pages of the January International Teamster, in answer to "considerable criticism" from "representatives of capital."

Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

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



(Continued from Page 1) was emphasized because the contributions age 1, two weeks after two years, in-reported to have admitted creased pay for night and Sun- and similar huge contributions appeared on the national politifactional issue between UAW sheepishly, "Well, you know un-President Walter Reuther, Mich- ion elections are coming up." igan CIO President August Chevrolet Local President Tex rather than three. Scholle and their followers, and Owens branded Myers' state-

the Stalinists and their allies. ments about the Labor Party as De Silva stated at the conclud-The Reutherites boycotted to-"grossly inaccurate." He said ing strike mass meeing, "We that Chevrolet local's 10-man used to be the tail of the labor Crisis In Communist Party -

Mazey concluded by urging the organizing committee is "intact, movement here, now we are the conference to set the tone for active and being enlarged." spearhead." The militant strike the campaign by adjourning for When elections for district or- of the retail food clerks has set a brief picket line before the ganizers in the plant's 49 dis- an inspiring example to the oth-

Stalinist machine went into ac- workers to represent over 11,000 encourage them to fight for

An average \$10 weekly raise based on a 40-hour week for all clerk classifications; equality in pay scales; six days' sick leave

pay per year; one week's paid vacation after one year's work, two weeks after two years; inday work; payment of a \$55 from various Morgan partners, cal scene as a United States tention to Taft. Ever since he cut weekly maximum after one year,

Local 770's, Secretary Joseph into the kitty and one of the



tion. Hodges Mason, a leading organized workers in Chevrolet." similar wage gains. Stalinist in the UAW, com-! The big obstacle to the Labor the bill."

proposal, the Chairman bureau- from factionalism over the Lacratically put the proposal to a bor Party. vote before delegates favoring it The Committee plans to send could speak. Under this pres- reports of the Labor Party pro-



215 East 9 Street

NEW YORK Marxist Labor School Monday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m. "Washington vs. Moscow in Europe" Speaker: CHARLES CORNELL N. Y. Organization Secy.

Socialist Workers Party 116 University Place

plained about "picket lines and Party here is that it is being demonstrations even before we made a factional issue for purhave given the Governor and poses of inner union politics in the Legislature a chance to pass the coming union elections. Therefore, the Chevrolet Labor After another delegate was Party Committee is asking all given the floor to attack the factions in all locals to refrain

progress

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Bring Jail Term For CIO Leader

Flint AFL. The Committee also

decided to have a big streamer with a slogan urging the building of a Labor Party displayed across the front of the Chevrolet union hall. Once the local union elections

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18sure, the motion was defeated, gress and activities to all CIO Philip M. Connelly, local CIO of the dissidents themselves. Opposi with many delegates not voting. locals in the state and to the Council secretary, this week They themselves are still infectsentence for activities on the illusions. picket line in the U.S. Mo-

> The CIO leaders failed to utilize this case as a rallying point lications in its Nov. 11, 1946 is- to Congress in 1946 must be part Connelly, a Stalinist follower, for CP opposition views, states: the workers at all times was demonstrated this past week when has been made a victim of the two members of the Chevrolet red-baiting drive in the CIO.

Labor Party Committee, Kermit He recently was deposed from Johnson and President Tex the California CIO state execu-Owens, appeared before the City tive board and his own union, Commission to support the bus the Newspaper Guild, failed to drivers on strike here and to de- reelect him as one of its 10 delmand that the city take over egates to the Los Angeles CIO the trolley coach company. Council.



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(Stalinist) members have been parties are practicing class-col- against his criticism of CP elecexpelled in the past year is their laboration right in the capital- tion tactics in San Francisco, by criticism of the party's continued ist governments with the cap- explaining: collaboration with the capitalist italist parties, serving as major

political machines and politic- props of the capitalist rulers. But the CP oppositionists delude

The documents of these var- themselves that only the Amerious left - Stalinist dissident ican party is "revisionist" and tics, a choice of the only availgroups give an inside picture of "anti-socialist." They conceal the dealings of the Stalinist the fact that the whole worldleaders with the most corrupt wide Stalinist movement is cut ballot . . . if there were not ilcapitalist politicians. These doc- from the same cloth by that lusions sown about the goodness uments, at the same time, dis- master-tailor of betrayal, Stalin

Oppositionists like Ruth Mc-Kenney and Bruce Minton, exbegan serving a 60-day jail ed with Stalinism and reform pelled CP leaders, attack the official Stalinist leadership for

The criticism within the CP "tailing behind bourgeois allies" of Stalinist class-collaboration and call for the building of an politics reached its sharpest form independent Labor Party. At gram was imperialist and in the during and after the last na- the same time, they see nothing en up by strikebreaking police tional elections. It centered wrong in just a little bit of col-

particularly around the CP elec- laboration with "bourgeois lib- not one of them directly contion policy in New York state. erals." They write that "the demns CP support of Roosevelt The New Committee for Pub- election of people's candidates

for a vigorous protest against sue of NCP Report, a bulletin of our Communist Program," (NCP Report, Nov. 4, 1946.) "The U. S. Communist Party "People's candidates" is the

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ALP in turn did its best to de- support." liver its vote to Mead and Lehopenly proclaimed their support of President Truman's imperialist foreign policy."

while condemning the class-collaboration politics of the Ameries. The Nov. 18 NCP Report plans," say these dissidents. liquidated it.

munist and Socialist Parties have political aim of bringing the ticians. Italian working class, in alliance with poor farmers and others, to political power . . . The French Communist Party is also clearly



"Nobody would have objected to CP support of bourgeois liberal candidates, if it were made clear that this is solely election tacable names for which you could vote, the CP not being on the of the chosen capitalist candidates." (NCP Report, Jan. 13.) Criticize capitalist candidates

-but vote for them!

Some oppositionists, like William F. Dunne, now go so far as to admit that Roosevelt's proism. But it is significant that for president or Stalinist aid to

Roosevelt's war program.

Dunne even speaks of a "reable to fight for the interests of police strikebreaking. Instead, that serves as a clearing house only this is "far from sufficient." visionist leadership for some 12 Dec. 9, 1946.) But he carefully did its best to deliver its vote to classic term to cover up capital- leaves it at that. He does not the American Labor Party. The ist candidates who seek labor's want to explain how the leadership of the entire Third Inter-

Another group, the expelled national failed in all that time man. Both Mead and Lehman leaders of the Bronx P. R. Club to take note of the American of the Communist Party, in their CP's revisionism. If Dunne foldocument "An S.O.S. To All lowed along that line of reas-Communists" complains only of oning, he would inevitably find This same group, the NCP, the manner in which the CP sup- the source of the revisionist, ported Mead and Lehman. "Un- anti-Marxist, class-collaboration less the CP counsels pressure politics of the American CP not ican Communist Party, covers and only qualified support for in Browder or Foster -- but in up the same type of politics in these men, it will encourage and Stalin who dictated the line of the European Communist Part- even hurry their reactionary the Third International until he

thus claims "the Italian Com- They object primarily to the But Dunne, like all the CP disfact that the CP gives uncondi- sidents, is still a Stalinist. Therealready boldly announced their tional support to capitalist poli- fore his criticism of CP procapitalist politics ends where it Similarly, Vern Smith, ex- should really just begin.

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tors strike last year. The picket line had been brokare over and the factional at- and Connelly and other CIO mosphere subsides, it is expected leaders were arrested. the Labor Party will cut across factional lines and make rapid

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What Zionist Groups Are Doing In Palestine

In the anti-imperialist struggle of the native masses in the Near East, the Jewish people can play an important and progressive role. But only on one conditionif they follow a correct program. A prominent Palestinian Trotskyist, in the article reprinted below from the December "Socialist Appeal" of England, analyzes the arch-reactionary character of Zionism and outlines the only policy that can lead the Jewish masses out of the blind alley into which it has led them.-The Editors.

By T. Cliff

Terrorist activity in Palestine has been revived on a larger scale than formerly, calling the attention of the entire press to the organizations of the Hagana, the Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Stern Gang and their activities.

Socialist internationalists must answer the question: what is the character of these organizations? Are they an anti-imperialist factor in the liberatory struggles of the colonial peoples?

The answer to this question is clear: the liberation of Palestine from the imperialist voke cannot be realized without the liberation of the whole East from imperialism. There are tens of millions of Arab workers and peasants in the Middle East. and any organization which does not drive towards unity with these masses can objectively not be anti-imperialist.

All the Zionist terror organizations, however, daily declare that their objective is to turn Palestine into a Jewish state. Their leaders are the main organizers of the boycott of the Arabs, which casts Arab workers out of industries owned by Jews, and prevents Arab peasants from selling their products to Jewish customers, etc.

As regards their relation to imperialism, there is somewhat of a difference between the Hagana and the other terrorist organizations, but this difference is in reality only verbal.

Behind Terrorist Groups

Dr. Sneh, head of the Hagana, declared: "One of the bad principles of the traditional system (of British policy) is that the British authorities compromise only with the one who knows how to disturb and to break their peace, but are accustomed to treat lightly and betray a faithful, peaceful and patient ally. If this is the way to win the alliance of Britain, we cannot avoid trying to follow this path, as we are very interested in Britain's alliance with us. We cannot long maintain the present one-sided alliance in place of a mutual alliance. The Jewish population in Palestine does not intend to expel the British from the country and be their heirs. We do not see any contradiction whatsoever between mass immigration, a Jewish state, and wide and strong British bases in this country. On the contrary, we shall look upon it very favorably." ("The Essence of the Crisis," Ha'aretz, Oct. 26, 1945.)

The other two organizations, the Stern Gang and the Irgun Zvai Leumi, demagogically declare that they stand for the full freedom of Palestine from imperialism in order to establish a Jewish State. They declare:

"The British to the sea: the Arabs to the desert."

The leaders, knowing the incompatibility of the two parts of this slogan, choose the second.

Do these organizations serve the interests of the Jewish masses of Palestine and the world, as they claim to do? Of course not

Imperialist Aims

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For more than 20 years British imperialism has been interested in building a citadel inside the Middle East, shut in economically, socially and politically from the Arab masses, a citadel which in its isolation and reliance on British bayonets will support an imperialist oppressive policy. British imperialism has accordingly allowed the Zionist leaders to settle tens of thousands of Jews in Palestine with this object: to use them as a buffer between itself and the Arab masses. The imperialists know that whatever the complaint of the Ziofists against their master, in no case will they join with the Arab masses.

Sure of this, imperialism can use the Zionist movements, as it has done in the past and will do in the future, whenever there is an Arab-imperialist uprising in the Middle East. They will use the Zionists as a direct supporter; but they will also use them as scapegoats.

The stronger the activity of the Zionist terror organizations, the greater the isolation of the Jewish toilers in Palestine from ;heir Arab brethren. Every bomb thrown for the Jewish state deepens the abyss between the Jewish and Arab masses and increases the danger threatening them.

The Zionist leaders, who say the solution of the Jewish question lies in Palestine, really precipitate a terrible new Jewish tragedy. The situation of the Jews in the Middle East is one of isolation in the midst of a hostile population. This is the result of the criminal imperialist policy of goading the Jewish minority to struggle for a Jewish State, of helping them to erect a closed Zionist economy which turns the anti-imperialist ire of the Arab masses against the Jews.

It is impossible for the Palestinian Jews to save the displaced Jews in Europe by bringing them to Palestine. Their task will be to save themselves from the abyss into which they are being driven. This can be done only by their renunciation of Zionism, by breaking down their isolation in the Middle East, and by extending their hand to the Arab masses who fight against imperialism.

The Jewish terror movements in Palestine are antagonistic to the interests of the Jews and Arabs alike. Objectively, they help the interests of imperialism; help the policy of divide and rule, and justify the concentration of big armies in Palestine under the guise of protecting the Arabs from the Jews, while really fortifying the imperialist position in preparation for future uprisings in the Middle East.

Fosters Divisions

It is imperialism which is responsible for the cul-de-sac into which the Jewish

masses of Palestine are being driven. It did all it could to maintain the differences in the standard of life of Jews and Arabs. While Jewish workers work mainly in the closed Jewish economy, based to a large extent on Zionist subsidies, the Arab workers are mainly employed by the Government and foreign enterprises.

Imperialist policy was first to pay the Arab workers wages which are far lower than those received by the Jews in the Jewish economy; insofar as it employed Jewish workers, it paid them higher wages. The reactionary anti-labor legislation, the police suppression of strikes, etc., harmed the Arab workers with their weak organizations and lower cultural level, much more than the Jewish workers, whose labor organization Histadruth is on the whole supported by the Jewish capitalists. This organization serves mainly not the class struggle, but the boycott of the Arabs There is no trade union where Palestine Jews participate with Arabs on equal terms; there is no common school or hospital; there is no political party in which Jews and Arabs are united (Trotskyists apart)-even the Jewish and Arab Stalinists operate separately.

The fact that the Health and Education Budgets together do not amount to 65 per cent of the Police Budget (in England they are five times larger than the latter), causes the standard of life of the Arabs to be dragged down much lower than that of the Jews, who have higher wages and receive large sums from the world Zionist movement for health and education.

Tool of Imperialism

British imperialism tries its best to keep the Jewish and Arab toilers in different compartments of the same train speeding toward destruction. The Zionists act in this as the tool of imperialism.

The fate of the country must rest in the hands of its inhabitants. The main leaders of the Zionist movement demand a Jewish state. The Left Zionists. Hashomer Hatzair, demand the control of the Jewish Agency over immigration, colonization and the development of the country. These demands cannot be realized without the support of British imperialism against the Arab masses.

The Arab feudal leaders also base themselves on the hope of receiving support from imperialism against Zionism Thus Jamal El Husseini, the relative of the Mufti and his right hand, declared in 1937: "We agree that Palestine will be an eternal crown colony on one condition only, that Jewish immigration and colonization will be stopped."

The Arab feudal leaders try to cover their crimes against the interests of the masses by diverting the fear of the Arab masses of Zionism-a justified fear-into reactionary channels of anti-Jewish baiting. The Zionist colonization evicted 3 to 4 thousand Arab tenants. The Arab feudalists try to cover the fact of their role in suppressing, tens of thousands of Arab tenants and peasants by the cry: stop colonization.

The Zionist leaders help the Arab feudal

leaders in this job by opposing any agrarian reform, knowing that until now 90 per cent of the land bought by the Zionists was bought from Arab landowners with huge estates while the masses of peasants did not show any inclination to sell their land.

The Arab feudal lords are no more interested in the real independence of Palestine by the action of the masses, than are the Zionists.

One of Two Roles

The Jewish masses of Palestine can fulfill only one of two roles: either they will be the buffer between imperialism and the desires of millions of Arab masses in the East, or they can be the allies of the latter. Jewish and Arab unity in Palestine must be based on abolishing those causes which keep them apart. First of all the

British Strikers Jeer At Troops

expropriation of imperialist enterprises which hold the key positions of the economy (three-fourths of the industrial and transport capital in the country), the abolition of the feudal estates and their transference to the committees of peasants and agricultural workers.

This will give tremendous economic possibilities of raising the material and cultural level of the masses—Arab and Jews alike. The equality between the Arab and Jewish masses cannot be realized so long as feudalism and imperialism and Zionism continue to exist.

When Palestine will become a province in the Federated Arab Workers and Peasants Republic of the East, the Jews of Palestine being equal and free, will receive their right of territorial and national autonomy in the places and the regions where they are concentrated.

Tasks of Working Class The tasks of the Palestinian working

class are clear: Building of common internationalist

trade unions. Equal pay for equal work, regardless of race or creed.

Expropriation of the big landowners without compensation and transference of the land to the committees of peasants and agricultural workers.

Nationalization without compensation of imperialist enterprises and their operation under workers' control.

Convocation of a democratically-elected Constituent Assembly to decide all the major problems facing the country, including immigration and colonization.

No immigration and colonization against the wishes of the Arab masses.

But feelers showed the Spanish

Now they envisage a "bridge"

This proposal is being strongly

backed by the former "socialist"

er of the most opportunist wing

is a resumption of the old Peo-

government, still based on the

"Socialists" Offer Deal **To Spanish Generals**

PARIS, Jan. 10-The Spanish capitalists were planning to replace Franco by installing Don Juan, son of Alphonso XIII who was dethroned in 1931, at the head of a new monarchy. This regime was to be based on the Army, which would "maintain order."

Bulletin

Additional information from people were cold to such a prop-

Paris confirms the news about osition and it has been dropped the strike at the Gerona plant for the time being. n Barcelona and adds that the troops fraternized with the strikers they had been sent to replace. The strikers addressed generals, but also including "rethe troops about the terrible publicans" and even "labor leadconditions which led to the ers." strike. Sympathy among the troops mounted and they finally refused to enter the plant, whereupon their officers were forced minister, Indalecio Prieto, leadto withdraw them altogether. The strike and fraternization of his party and a sly politician. continue to be the chief topic of conversation in the workers' In a recent press statement he quarter, Poble Nou, where the stated it was necessary to arplant is located. In the evening rive at an agreement with the the main street of the section, generals and monarchists. This the Rambla, is crowded with workers discussing it. The police, sensing the danger of the situa- ple's Front policy.

tion, have refrained from inter- MAKING HEADWAY

Prieto's policy is making headway among the Spanish leaders who, from 1936 to 1939, led the Spanish workers to defeat, and thereafter proved incapable or unwilling to even aid the resistance movement inside Spain with the funds they had saved from Franco's hands.

Prieto's policy is definitely on the ascendancy in his own party. drivers may extend their dead- The Giral exile government is line a few days past Jan. 26 to therefore losing every vestige of give the Council time for study, authority. It was rumored rebut they are resolved to stick to cently that the "socialist" mem-

bers had resigned from the Giral

government. Prieto's paper, El

Members of the Transport & General Workers Union in fering with the crowds. Federated Pictures

London Strikers Return As Government Pledges Action

Faced with rapidly spreading sympathy strikes in sup-9 port of the demands of 15,000 London truck-drivers, the George Isaacs to Parliament for action. British Government agreed to set up a Joint Industrial The press reports the truck-Council, charged with bringing in recommendations on the workers' grievances. On this basis the strikers agreed to go back government withdrew its striketo work until Jan. 26, and the breaking troops.

The truck-drivers went out on strike despite orders of union

London, watch British soldiers deliver meat. Despite this strikebreaking action by the Labor Party Government, the union men stood firm.



Slogans And Perspectives Of The Revolutionary Vanguard In Spain

Resolution of The International Executive Committee Of The Fourth International, Adopted October 1946

attitude taken by the Grupo Communista Internacionalista (GCI), Spanish section of the Fourth International, on the question of adpocating a Constituent Assembly in Spain. The second and final part, printed below, deals with the slogan of the Republic in Spain. -The Editors.

Concerning the slogan of the Republic, the IEC does not find foundation in fact for the contention that for the Spanish masses the term "republic" means and can mean nothing but the Republic of 1931, and that their experience under that regime makes the use of the slogan detrimental. Experience in all countries and periods shows that for the masses the term republic is inevitably a highly varied concept which each class, group and individual fleshes with its own aspirations, and that Spanish exceptionalism, in this case as in others, is unlikely.

The IEC further characterizes as purely formalistic the conception that such a slogan is appropriate only in case of an immediate threat of monarchical restoration in Spain. In any other than a formalistic conception, the slogan of the Republic is as antithetical to the fascist dictatorship of Franco as to the Bourbon monarchy of Juan, and it is so understood by all the Spanish masses.

Not only does our use of the slogan of the Republic immediately begin to differentiate us from those workers' parties which, in their haste to be rid of Franco "no matter how," are notoriously known to be flirting with the monarchists to work out some unprincipled deal; but it is at the present stage one of the most primary and preliminary of the democratic slogans leading to the slogans of the Constituent Assembly and the Workers' and Peasants' Government.

No Misunderstanding

Short of the socialist revolution and on the road to it, let there be no sectarian misunderstanding concerning bourgeois democracy: we are for every democratic right we can wrest from and defend from the bourgeoisie. We are in England in favor of a republic just as we were always in France for the abolition of the Senate. We are for freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, every of the majority of the GCI to create an artificial other liberty we can obtain. Our demands for antithesis between on the one hand the democratic such liberties neither increase democratic illu- and transitional demands and on the other the sions nor conceal mere demagogy: even as we full socialist program, and thereby to tend to struggle side by side with other workers, for the reject the former as incompatible with the latter. fullest rights obtainable under bourgeois democ- the IEC recommends to the GCI a general reracy, we honestly explain to them that the bour- examination of its policy in the light of this geoisie neither will nor can accord them, and criticism and the preparation of an immediatethat even such liberties as can be wrenched from action program wherein by the correct and timeit cannot of themselves, so long as capitalism en- ly application of the democratic slogans, it can FOOD SITUATION WORSENS dures, solve the masses' problems,

slone, divorced from the rest of our program, from its current comparative isolation.

The first part of this resolution printed in |it would be false, implying an unconditional suplast week's "Militant," was a criticism of the port of a bourgeois republic. But, utilized in the closest conjunction with our entire program, it takes on rather the character of an algebraic formula. The class content of that formula will be filled in, in the final analysis, by the resultant of our efforts and of the objective developments. It goes without saying that we will make every effort to push beyond the bourgeois regime, to the end that that content be proletarian, and the eventual republic the workers' republic.

But the possibility that those efforts may in the immediate stage prove insufficient to bring about the consummation cannot, unless we are hopelessly sectarian, make us abandon the slogan of the Republic on the grounds that the historic process may stop half way with some more or less advanced form of bourgeois republic. Trotsky's words of 1931 here retain all their validity and timeliness: "The more boldly, resolutely and implacably the proletarian vanguard fights in favor of democratic slogans . . . so much the sooner will the democratic republic become identified in the consciousness of the masses with the workers' republic."

The IEC therefore recommends to the GCI on this point also to reconsider the decision of its recent Congress, and to inscribe the slogan of the Republic among the most elementary and preliminary of its democratic demands.

Concretizing Warnings

In the application of the recommended slogans, two concretizing warnings are useful, because needless and obvious though they may seem to Marxists - centrists, ultra-lefts and opportunists are quite capable of deforming in their own way the principles enunciated above. First, regarding the slogans of the Republic and the Constituent Assembly as typical transitional weapons in mobilizing the masses for the socialist struggle, we in no way believe that they can in and of themselves solve the masses' problems and bring about socialism. And, second, there is implicit in

this entire tactic not the slightest support, conditional or otherwise, of any provisional government that the Spanish bourgeoisie may set up. Considering, finally, that these two questions are only symptoms of a tendency on the part

endeavor to bridge the present gap which sep-

German Worker Sends Thanks To ACEWR

NEW YORK, Jan. 21-The knew always that we were not following letter from a Ger- the only fighters against the about \$20 a week, the truck drivman worker was received by brutal hangmen Hitler and Musthe American Committee for solini and the dog Franco. We over-time in cash instead of in European Workers Relief.

which went badly in Spain, we why I have known you for such were brought to semi-fascist a long time already, even though France in the middle of the deep- I have never seen you. You too, est peace. Behind barbed wire in my friend and brother, must where hunger, misery and want

never destroyed. It is true that unshakable belief in a better fu- other cities. it is a hard road before we ture for all working people." achieve the victory, but the day is perhaps nearer than we think. The day which will bring freemasses.

"We fighters against fascism to 197 Second Avenue, New York quiry, whose recommendations and against oppression in Spain 3, N. Y.

Cold Intensifies Misery, Halts Plants In Germany

LONDON, Jan. 10 - A wave of below-zero weather 9brought misery to a pitch and industry to a virtual stand- | Jack London (probably The Iron still in all parts of Germany this week.

zone announce that lack of coal | freezing of rivers and canals prevents water transport. has paralyzed 60 per cent of in-

dustry. Factories closed Dec. 22, which were to reopen Jan. 4, are still shut down. Railroads described in a series of articles DRASTIC DIRECTIVES have only a four-day supply of

coal. In the British zone, the situais plunged into total darkness every other day. Special coal pillaged en route by the freezing population.

Most seriously hit is Austria, the British military. Gollancz been turning in Vienna since Dec. 24. Lack of heating facilities is felt most sharply by workers living in half-demolished houses.

always considered ourselves one time off. They insisted on lewith our brothers and sisters in gal holidays and two-weeks va-

BRAZEN ACTION

The government mobilized the concentration camp of Gers, have looked misery and death crack regiments to smash the and persecution in the eye. Per- strike. This brazen action so were our constant companions, haps your face too is as ravaged incensed British workers that we were kept alive only by the from suffering as mine and the within a few days more than knowledge that our ideas would faces of our friends. Yes, we 50,000 dockworkers, bargemen, in time break through and that know each other, my brothers food warehouse workers and othour friends all over the world across the ocean, for in spite of ers joined the picket line. Strikes would come to our aid. We were suffering, our faces show the and stoppages occurred in 15

The ACEWR needs money and became hopelessly deadlocked clothing to continue its work. when employers' representatives Make a donation today. All refused to concede to the drivers' dom and justice for all toiling checks and money orders should demands. The government then

be made out to ACEWR and sent set up a three-man Court of In-

Heel, which is directed against American Big Business); and

The authorities in the U.S.

Meanwhile, the farce of the "re-education" of Germany is

in the Manchester Guardian Weekly by the well-known publicist, Victor Gollancz, who has drastic, says Gollancz. Under it tion is just as critical. Hamburg just returned after a long stay in Germany.

One aim of this "re-education" trains sent to Hamburg have been is supposed to be the uprooting of militaristic ideas. But every-

where the government has or- says that the Germans, observdered all plants closed until Jan. ing this, answer when they are which is unthinkable." 20. Practically not a wheel has lectured on the evils of German militarism: "But British militarism is just as bad.'

The food situation is deterior- Gandhi and Tagore's National-If the slogan of the Republic were to be used arates it from the Spanish masses, and emerge ating steadily. While lack of coal ism; Fulo Miller's Mind and ganizations listed from 41 to 95 impedes railway transport, the Face of Bolshevism; a book by above?"

heads to stay on the job. The 14,000 Antwerp men decided that only strike action could bring an end to the **Dockers On Strike** delay of the Government Wage Board in settling the contract BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan. negotiated last May. With wages 3 - 14,000 dock workers of ers demanded they be paid for the big port of Antwerp have "After a fight for freedom' the entire world and that is cation with pay, and a 44-hour week.

The Council met Jan. 16 and

International Notes will be taken by Labor Minister

seige allegedly to forestall an up- main cities in that province. rising against the government.

Retiring Secretary of State

Byrnes signed the final "peace"

treaties with Italy, Bulgaria,

Hungary and Rumania this

week. The final signing of these

place in Paris on Feb. 10. Besides

taking territory from most of

the defeated nations and dras-

tically limiting their military

power, the treaties exact the fol-

lowing reparations from them

gone back to work.

guay and all communist activi- spread all the way down to the ties were outlawed last week in southern province of Cochina decree by President Higinio China. Officials there even con-Morinigo two days after he had cede publicly that the French proclaimed a 30-day state of have lost control of all but the

It is now recognized on all sides also that the French face a long and costly war. A French Foreign Legion officer in Saigon gloomily figured in an interview that it would take half a million men to subdue Indo-China, and and the Finland treaty will take that France would suffer an economic disaster if it sent that many. The present French force is 100,000 men, equipped mostly with U.S. arms and supplies.

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The second issue of the monthly La Jeune Garde, organ of the French Trotskvist youth, vigorously condemns the French imperialist war on Indo-China and denounces the obligatory military three years' "preparation" or training for service in the Army.

Widespread expulsions are taking place in the Flemish secmunist principles, not only signs tion of the Belgian Communist such treaties but takes, in the Party. A whole group of stuname of the Soviet Union, the dents was expelled in Ghent last hog's share of these crushing re- month. Many others, including national and local functionaries. have been expelled for "Trotsky-French officials now admit ism" at Bruges, Antwerp, etc.

a German economist or objecyears: tive comparison between Soviet Italy: 360 million dollars. Communism and Western Demo-Hungary: 300 million. cracy . . . a novel or play about Rumania: 300 million. Bulgaria: 70 million. youth -these are a few of the Finland: 300 million. pamphlets or books the issue of This kind of "peace" treaty The "denazification" proce-

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the United Nations."

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The Communist Party in Para- | that fighting in Indo-China has

by employers, union bureaucrats, In Spain itself the Prieto polreformists and Stalinists. icy also seems to be gaining An organized campaign of intimidation and pressure against leaders. The last manifesto pubthe strikers has included visits lished by the National Alliance to individual dock workers and of Democratic Forces (the new attempts to demoralize their People's Front) doesn't say a families and to recruit scabs word about a republic, which from nearby villages.

But despite the pressure and the fact that the strikers, receiving no relief at all, are forced to depend on their own slim savings, not one of them has forces disposed to collaborate in the struggle against Franco."

Socialista, prints a correction which tends to confirm the rumor rather than to deny it. It merely says the news of the resignation is premature, and that been on strike for three the party executive committee weeks now, despite pressure has yet to act on the matter.

> ground among the "republican" formerly was its main demand. A Socialist Party manifesto issued in Madrid also confines itself to the desire for the initiation of "contacts to conclude the political negotiations with all

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"At those crucial moments when the old order becomes no longer endurable to the masses, they break over the barriers excluding them from the political arena, sweep aside their traditional representatives and create by their own interference the initial groundwork for a new reaime." -Leon Trotsky

ester last week set up a joint AFL-CIO-Railroad Brotherhoods committee to mobilize all unions against the Congressional drive to crush labor. Leaders of the Chicago CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods are meeting to formulate joint action. In Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Twin Cities Committee for Railroad Unity has invited the local AFL and CIO to form a joint body to resist union-busting legislation.

Against the top union leaders' plans for capitulation, the union ranks must press for militant united labor action. The workers must demand uncompromising struggle against any and all anti-labor bills. No deals! No retreat!

Warning In Georgia

"Coup d'etat" is a French political term of sinister meaning. Webster's defines it as "a sudden decisive exercise of force whereby the existing government is subverted." Napoleon III pulled a coup d'etat in 1852 to become Emperor of France. Mussolini gained power through a coup d'etat when he marched on Rome to become Premier in 1922. Hitler likewise took the road of the coup d'etat after he became Chancellor of Germany in 1933.

Now this political term is becoming Americanized. In Georgia former Governor Ellis Arnall charged he was ousted by a "military coup d'etat."

The "pretender" to the Governor's chair, as Arnall calls him, is Herman Talmadge, son and heir of Eugene Talmadge. Talmadge the First died before he could take office, after winning in a primary that weighted the rural vote against the cities to preserve the minority rule of Georgia's white supremacists. In the subsequent election less than 700 write-in ballots were cast for Herman Talmadge. On the basis of these few ballots, Talmadge the Second claims he represents the people of Georgia.

The Georgia usurpation of power has many of the elements of a coup d'etat. A docile legislature supported the claims of the pretender by a vote of 161 to 87. The pretender followed up with the use of force and violence against the incumbent Governor. He had the locks changed on the Governor's office in the dead of night and State patrolmen, acting the part of storm-troopers, barred Governor Arnall. The so-called "liberal" forces represented by Arnall meekly acquiesced and moved

How this dispute finally turns out remains the judges of Georgia's courts.

The American workers must consider the Georgia developments as another important link in a series of ominous events. The Ku Klux Klan openly backs Talmadge. So does the fascist outfit, the Columbians, which was recently uncovered in Georgia. The Columbians, advocating the same race-hatred doctrines as the Talmadge forces, deliberately patterned their drive for power on the lines followed by Hitler.

Along with these alarming manifestations in a single state is the increasing influence of the reactionary military caste over the entire nation. Already a brass hat has been made Secretary of State, the second highest office in the land.





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THE NATURAL HISTORY this section is more intelligent OF NONSENSE by Bergen than that, but that poverty is Evans, Alfred A. Knopf, 275 reflected in the intelligence quopp., 1946, \$3.

All the old-wives' tales and correlation established is not between pigmentation and intellipopular misbeliefs are taken gence, but between diet, educaapart in this delightful and wittional facilities, housing, and the ty book. Marxists, who search general economic situation, and for truth in all fields and at all intelligence.' costs, will find it valuable.

Mr. Evans explodes hundreds Appalled at the ignorance and of common errors from trivial prejudice of people with whom misconceptions like those about he came into contact in all walks birds' family life and snakeof life, the well-educated as much charming to the most dangeras the uninformed. Mr. Evans ous myths like those of racial set out to disprove legend and superiority. He examines facts, put truth in its place. "No erexplores authorities, and with ror is harmless . . . Obscurantunanswerable demonstration, unism and tyranny go together ... covers truth. It is very convenient for any-

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is used to justify the oppression tion that "there is no well-es- bank Fund for medical research. and exploitation of men. The tablished and undisputed instance The AMA is Rorty's villain-and author tells of the Army tests of the execution of the death villainous it certainly is! Howwhich were given to determine penalty on an innocent person' ever, his evidence also shows that

AMERICAN MEDICINE MO-BILIZES by James Rorty, W. W. Norton, 358 pp., 1939, \$3.50.

Rorty hoped, when he wrote this book eight years ago, that the "mobilization" of liberal doctors would force the American Medical Association to change its reactionary character. Although time has proved that the title was wrong, the book is packed with valuable information on the need for more clinics, more hospitals, and government financing to make them available to the workers and farmers from coast to coast.

Out of 3,000 counties in the United States, he shows, 2,500 are rural. Less than 50 of these rural counties have facilities "in any sense adequate." Conditions in the cities are only slightly better. The result is needless sickness and suffering, and hundreds of thousands of premature deaths.

Rorty points to the American Medical Association as the main barrier to wider medical care. He exposes its monopolistic practices, its connections with drug manufacturers and food corporations, its control of "philanthropic" ventures like the Mil-

-Ruth Benson

Food Company Heads Gloomy About Future

-By John G. Wright-

The food industry is confronted with a return to "normalcy;" a "readjustment is taking place from a "sellers' to buyers' market;" this "readjustment" is bound to be a painful one, but not "necessarily" calamitous;" there will be a "moderate downward trend." This was the keynote of the publicity material prepared for the Jan. 13 Journal of Commerce by the "best minds" in the food industry whose processors, brokers and grocery wholesalers were preparing to hold their annual conventions in Atlantic City this week.

The most optimistic of these food executives, experts and analysts do not bother to hide the fact that there is alarm in their own ranks. A race is on to slash the admittedly huge inventories. The packers have resorted to an unprecedented device, namely, they have in many cases rushed with the processing and deliveries of an entire year's crop. The trend among the distributors is not only to cut inventories but to cancel many of their contracts because there has been a filling up, if not clogging, of virtually all the distribution channels.

PRICE STRUCTURE TOTTERING

The price structure of the entire industry is now tottering. Prices in citrus juices have already tumbled. The situation in dairy products, after a series of sharp breaks in the price of butter, is verging on critical. The frozen foods branch, whose prospects were deemed quite rosy only a short while ago, is in the throes of a "shake-out." Operators in those branches of the food industry which remain as yet unaffected are asking themselves "why can't it also happen to us?" and they are obviously preparing to unload while there is still time.

In the face of these ominous developments, Wm. T. Stewart, regional director of the National Food Brokers' Association, laments the "bearishness" prevalent among his colleagues and pleads that "we smother this temporary panic, stop this breaking your own markets."

The best argument this expert is able to muster is not drawn from economic facts but from psychology. There cannot possibly be a depression, he claims, precisely because everybody is expecting it. "Depressions usually come," he argues, "when you least expect them, not when everyone is looking for them." The inability of the capitalists to foresee crises in the past is now being offered as the best guarantee against another crisis.

The dominant mood among these captains of industry is perhaps best expressed by R. B. Caywood, "a prominent wholesale grocery industry leader" from Kansas City. He takes his place boldly among the most optimistic, with the proviso that his opti-mism is purely "near-term." "The long range outlook," he writes, "is black indeed," and he then goes on to add that "it would be an optimist, indeed, who couldn't see serious trouble eventually." The "best minds" in the food industry are now

obviously suffering from an acute attack of the jitters. Far from being temporary this condition is likely to prove chronic.



-By George Breitman-

While the press was ringing with praise for the new Army-Navy-Air Force "unification" plan last week and hailing it as a move that would save money and personnel and increase efficiency, I could not help feeling just a twinge of skepticism.

End Secret Diplomacy

The House Committee on the Armed Services announced January 14 it would make "no start" on extending the draft beyond March 31 and ordering universal military training until the State Department reveals the present state of foreign relations, including information about "what, definitely, are our commitments," and "what are the prospects for success of the various disarmament proposals."

The Committee's request underlines the utterly reactionary role of secret diplomacy. Congress does not know what the United States government has been committed to. It does not know who committed the government. It does not know to whom the government has been committed.

Yet on the basis of this ignorance, Congress is preparing to vote on a budget that demands some \$15,000,000,000 for military expenditures for the coming fiscal year alone!

The American people, of course, know still less than Congress does about the secret commitments Wall Street's agents have made. That is the purpose of secret diplomacy-to keep the people in ignorance of the rotten deals and imperialist plans that are paving the way to another world slaughter.

The labor movement should put the heat on Congress. End the draft! Block militarization of American youth! Not one cent for the war machine! That is the correct response to secret diplomacy.

The Ranks Must Act

Instead of attacking Truman's proposals for anti-labor legislation, both the AFL and CIO leaders have given clear indications that they are considering these proposals as a basis for a "compromise" on union-busting laws. The Big Business press and the Republican leaders in Congress generally voiced approval of Truman's program. They understood its real essence. Their only criticism was that it didn't go "far enough." Under the guise of attacking jurisdictional and sympathy strikes, Truman proposed to incorporate into law the principles of compulsory arbitration, the right of employers to sue unions for strike "damages" and restriction s on the right to strike. These principles are the heart of the Republican anti-union legislative program. AFL President William Green had not a word of condemnation against Truman's proposals. His statement was one of general praise for Truman's "objectives." He promised to give "careful and sympathetic consideration" to Truman's specific recommendations for restricting unions. He withheld a definite opinion pending "further study." But Green did indicate he is prepared to accept Truman's proposals for anti-labor laws. It all depends, said Green, on "whether the lawmakers will reject the constructive recommendations and limit their actions to the passage of restrictive legislation." Just give labor the few crumbs of social legislation Truman included in his speech as window-dressing, and Green won't object to legislative shackles on the unions. Scarcely different, was the response of the CIO leaders. CIO President Philip Murray has not seen fit to pass opinion on Truman's proposals. The CIO News, in reporting Truman's speech, played up all the liberal phrases that covered up the reactionary content. On his anti-labor recommendations, the CIO News devotes exactly one paragraph, without comment, telling how Truman "limited" himself to a few specific proposals. The union leaders' game is clear. They are afraid of a militant fight of the labor movement against the anti-labor laws. They are seeking a "compromise" that will enable them to avoid a fight. All they want is an "honorable" basis of capitulation. Truman has given it to them, they think, in the form of his proposals for "mild" anti-labor laws. There is an added element of treachery in the union leaders' position. The truth is, they are not unsympathetic to restrictions on the right to strike. Many of them are bitterly opposed to militant unionism. Some would welcome legislation that would help them curb the militancy of the rank and file.

out, leaving Talmadge in power.

to be seen. At present the elected Lieutenant Governor, M. E. Thompson, claims office, since he would have succeeded to the Governor's chair had Talmadge the First died in office; and the dispute has been laid before

A real fight against anti-labor laws will be made only if the union ranks themselves initiate the fight and push it forward. A beginning along this line has already been made in several key cities. The unions in Roch-

These happenings coincide with the brutal legislative assault against labor unleashed by Wall Street in the halls of Congress.

Such storm signals show the mounting strength of reaction in the United States. Unless the march of reaction is halted, what happened in Atlanta, Georgia, can happen in Washington, D. C.

If the labor movement wants to avoid going down under the heel of an American dictator, it must vigorously set about organizing an independent Labor Party and put a Workers' and Farmers' Government in power in Washington.

"Sanctity" Of Courts

When a federal judge slapped an illegal injunction on the miners and then fined them \$3,500,000 for "contempt" of his illegal decision, the mouthpieces of the employers praised the judge to high heaven.

The miners had defied the "sanctity" of the courts, they declared. The federal courts are the "bulwark of free government," irreproachable in their wisdom and judgment. Anybody, especially a union leader, who showed contempt for a federal judge, should be locked up and the key thrown away.

Then, along came the court decisions on portal-to-portal pay. A federal district judge, basing himself on Supreme Court interpretations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, ruled in favor of portal-to-portal pay in the case of the Mt. Clemens (Mich.) Pottery Company. This has established the basis for suits against many big corporations.

Now spokesmen of the National Association of Manufacturers are howling about the "judicial law making" of the Supreme Court and lower federal courts. When it comes to justice for workingmen, to paying him the back wages due under law, the NAM spokesmen before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee last week found that the decisions of the courts, including the Supreme Court, are founded on "an unrealistic judicial conception."

It was all right for a federal judge to make his own law, act as prosecutor, judge and jury, and fine the miners millions of dollars. It's another thing for a court to force the employers to pay up according to laws passed by Congress. That's "judicial law making!"

Judge Goldsborough who handed down the miners decision is hailed as a savior of society. Judge Picard who handed down the Mt. Clemens ruling, is now being threatened with impeachment by anti-labor Senators.

Yes, indeed! Big Business is always ready to uphold the "sanctity" of the courts-except in those rare instances when the courtsrender a decision favorable to labor.

the differences in mentality bethe profit system is the main tween Negroes and whites. "What in England or America during villain which motivates all who the Army tests seem really to the past fifty or one hundred bar the road to better health establish is not that this race is years." and longer life for the masses. more intelligent than that, or that -Ethel Preis

Congressmen At Work ·

Lobbyists On Union Pay Rolls

As we reported last week, Big Business supplements its monopoly of Congress with a powerful group of lobbyists well-supplied with "expense" money besides salaries as high as \$65,000 a year. Labor does not have a single man in either the Senate or the House of Representatives. Nevertheless, the trade union bureaucrats have been forced to recognize the necessity of at least token political representation in Washington. This is shown by the fact that both AFL and CIO

unions pay lobbyists to compete at \$7,280 a year and W. C. Hushwith the well-heeled Wall Street ing at \$140 a week. The CIO pays lobbyists and to tag after Wall Nathan E. Cowan \$4,820 a year Street's Congressmen, hat in plus expenses. hand, begging for favors. Stalinist-dominated unions

The CIO United Automobile maintain an extensive lobby. Workers, for instance, lists The CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter as lobbyists, Anna Berenson Workers pays Virgil Akeson \$265 ("\$70 weekly plus personal and a month, and Herman Clott \$3,travel expenses"); Richard T. 900 a year. CIO United Electri-Leonard ("\$269.24 biweekly plus cal, Radio and Machine Workpersonal and travel expenses" ers pays Bruce Waybur \$80 a does other work besides lobbydoes other work besides lobby-ing); and Irving Richter ("\$80 er \$70 plus expenses, and Russ weekly" plus expenses for lobby-Nixon \$80 a week plus expenses. ing and other work). The CIO longshoremen keeps

Like the Auto Workers, most Harriet Bouslog at \$84 a week other unions pay their represen- (\$28 of it for lobbying) plus extatives at rates which make it penses. The CIO United Office ence of the Big Business lobby- plus \$3 per diem away from home "legislative" activities.

ers lists three lobbyists. Robert estimates one-fourth of Donald a Congressman. K. Lamb at \$8,000 a year and Murray's \$4,000 salary goes for expenses; Edith C. Pratt, \$3,240 lobbying. The CIO Internation- come out of the union treasura year and expenses; and Frank al Federation of Technical Engi-C. Fernbach, \$341.67 a month neers states that part of Foster italist politicians, on the other and \$10 per diem expenses to J. Pratt's \$600 a month goes to- hand, are maintained on the work for "the passage of a bill ward lobbying. The CIO Food, public pay roll through taxes to establish a Labor Extension Tobacco, Agricultural Workers largely taken from the workers. Service Division in the United pays Elizabeth Sasuly \$3,600 for | It is high time the unions States Department of Labor."

pays James Mark, Jr., \$7,000 a ciation lists Geraldine Shandros a lobby to put pressure on Conyear plus expenses and Robert as a part-time lobbyist at \$43 a gress from the outside, how E. Howe, Jr., \$7,500 a year plus week plus expenses. expenses.

The AFL lists Lewis G. Hines | gage in lobbying are District No. | the for labor!

44 and District No. 66 of the International Association of Machinists, the National Women's Trade Union League, the Retirement Federation of Civil Service Employes, the CIO Textile Workers Union, the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, the National Association of Post Office Mechanics, CIO United Rubber Workers (T. R. Owens, \$3,640 a year plus expenses), CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Government Employes Council of the AFL, Hotel and Restaurant Employes, CIO Oil Workers, American Federation of Government Employes, National Federation of Telephone Workers.

The Railroad Brotherhoods list eight officers as lobbyists with salaries ranging from \$4,836 to \$12,180.

The Townsend Old Age Pension movement maintains 31 lobbyists. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has Leslie S. Perry at \$3.600 plus expenses and the National Council for a Permanent FEPC pays Manly A. Milo \$75 a week.

Without a single labor representative inside Congress, these difficult to see how they can and Professional Workers lists lobbyists have demonstrated litsuccessfully counter the influ- Diana Farnham at \$55 a week the effectiveness in securing legislation favorable to the labor ists. And like the lobbyists of plus expenses. The CIO Mari- movement. Even more serious the Auto Workers, most union time Committee lists \$50 quar- is the inability of the union representatives in Washington terly of Hoyt S. Haddock's sal- membership to check up on devote only part of their time to ary for lobbying and \$10.50 week- their activities since a lobbyist ly of the \$105 paid Seth Levine. works behind the scenes instead The CIO United Steel Work- The CIO United Public Workers of in the public spotlight as does

The salaries of the lobbyists ies. The most important caplegislative activities. The CIO went a step farther in politics The AFL United Mine Workers American Communications Asso- than lobbying. If a union needs much more does it need repre-Other labor bodies that en- sentatives inside Congress to bat-

Man and boy, I have seen some remarkable things in my time. But the most amazing operation I have ever witnessed on land, sea or in the air is an Army "unification" or "consolidation."

Everyone else who spent some time in the armed forces must have had some experience with similar moves in the interests of greater "economy." To illustrate what happens in such cases, I cite one example from a letter to the editor in the Jan. 30, 1946 issue of The Stars and Stripes (European edition), long after hostilities had ceased and the Army could no longer fall back on its time-worn excuse that such things can't be avoided in wartime. It is a letter from a lieutenant in the Transportation Corps in France:

"Recently Seine and Oise Base Sections (of the Army) merged to form Western Base Section. Ostensibly this was a move designed to reduce personnel. I am not familiar with the procedure followed in other services, but if the Transportation Section is an example, there certainly wasn't any noticeable economy effected.

"Before the merger, Seine Section Transportation Office handled Paris and surrounding area; Oise took care of Reims and the surrounding area. Under the new setup there is a Paris District Transportation Office and a Reims District Transportation Office for these duties. In addition there is a Western Base Office to supervise the other two offices.

"Where originally two offices existed, we now have three. Each office has its transportation officer, chief of administration, personnel officer, chief of passenger, chief of freight, etc., ad nauseam. Western Base Transportation Office could easily handle the transportation duties of Paris, but too many officers would be out of jobs and the empire wouldn't be half as grand as it is now."

That, in many ways, is how the highly-touted Army-Navy unification plan will work out in practice. Where before there were two Secretaries (War and Navy), there are now four (War, Navy, Air Force and over them all a Secretary of National Defense). Where before there were two departments, there are now three (War, Navy, Air Force). And so on, down the line. Where formerly the Army at every level had one officer for liaison with the Navy, it will now need an additional officer for liaison with the Air Force. And so will the Navy, etc., etc. Even the most cautious ex-servicemen will give you odds that in the end the armed forces will cost more and be wrapped in more red tape than before.

Incidentally, the Transportation Corps lieutenant who wrote the above letter was roundly reprimanded by his senior officer and transferred to the dirtiest job in the section.





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

The Workers Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters e 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.

"Safety-Conscious" After Death! Editor:

In the recent cold spell huge icicles formed on the roof of the factory where I work. We noticed them, and several workers commented that something had better be done about them. For three days the company did nothing about this dangerous hazard. On the third day a young millwright was repairing the sidewalk under these icicles and was hit by one. His skull was crushed and he was killed instantly. He had been working at the plant for six days

when he was killed. Right after this terrible acbig campaign to clean off the remaining icicles. As one of cialists, supported by the Stalin- Christmas rush. the workers commented later, at the expense of our lives."

> Subscriber Chicago, Ill.

Scores Imperialism In Indo-China Editor:

Michael Bartell, Chicago candidate for Mayor and organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, sent the following letter to the Consulate of France in Chicago: "The Socialist Workers Party igorously condemns the campaign of the French government to crush the movement of the people of Indo-China for indeendence.

"Under Viet Nam the Indostruggle for self determination prompted this letter. and independence.

"French imperialism is conducting a full scale war with all mas charitable institution that in this policy. the horrors of tanks, flame- drains from the workers' pockets throwers, and planes against the people of Indo-China.

Youth Activities

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

freshments served.



"This war being waged against colonial people struggling for freedom exposes all the hollow pretense of the Four Freedoms. Of Coming Depression "The fact that this war of oppression is being conducted by a government headed by Leon

Blum and others masquerading as Socialists doubly betrays the

to this attempt to re-enslave the Indo-Chinese people.

tempts of imperialism to reassert its rule."

Chicago, Ill.

To Worthy Causes Editor:

nickels and dimes. This Christmas it fell short of its anticipated fund drive. Newspapers immediately came to its rescue

with the following editorial: The Good Fellows Drive lacks Editor: \$60,000 from making its quota. There will be many children who

one would have done his part ren could have a happy Christmas. Although the government fav-

ors and morally supports these institutions, do they give aid? conditions.

Why doesn't the government liers at Fort Benning when some further from the cellar." Akron Chicago Youth appropriate the necessary money crackers tried to get them re-

the atomic bomb, a standing army in preparation for World War III, etc. There is but one system that \$5,811.57 or 29 per cent. can and will pull the financing of worthy spending from the streets and appropriate the necessary funds from the Workers

R. R.

Scarce Jobs A Sign

system is socialism.

Editor: As a sign of the approaching (if it isn't already here) depression, the stores in this community found it unnecessary to cident the company started a colonial people and workers of call upon the USES for even one all lands. These so-called So- additional employe for the

ist leaders, are carrying out the And as proof of the correct-"These rats get safety-conscious dictates of French imperialism. | ness of their lack of confidence "Oppression of the masses of in any buyers' spree, we noted any country is the concern of that sales volume appeared to workers everywhere. American remain at the level of the pre-

labor cannot remain indifferent Christmas season. I had an interesting discussion with the interviewer when look-

"The Socialist Workers Party ing for a job at the USES. In expresses its full solidarity with addition to pointing out to me the Indo-Chinese fighters for that employers had failed to put freedom. We condemn all at- in for extra Christmas help, he showed that no part time jobs

have been available for almost Н. Р. scarce and the prospects were

steadily growing worse.

For Government Aid

Gen. Marshall and

Army Jim Crow I was glad to see that you quickly showed where General will go without, whereas if every- Marshall stood on the trade un ion movement when you quoted as a loyal citizen; more child- him as saying the railroad workers' threat to strike in 1943 was

"the damnedest crime ever committed against America." But where does he stand on pledge." Negroes and their fight for demo-They content themselves by cracy? In this week's Pittsburgh spending billions for 'actual de- Courier its executive editor, P. L. struction of life rather than as- Prattis, tells a story of how as \$300 quota of \$54 with the hopesist in elevating these appalling a lieutenant-colonel Marshall ful comment from Mary Glad-

By William F. Warde

National Fund Campaign Director The 100 Per Cent Club received a new member when St. Louis joined Buffalo in the top circle of contributors to the \$20,000 Emergency Fund Campaign for the Socialist Workers Party. Last week's returns came to \$799.12, bringing the total up to

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"We expect to get quite a bit more," wrote Dick Clarke when he enclosed the money that put St. Louis over its quota. That promise was made good a few days later with the arrival of another payand Farmers Government. That ment boosting St. Louis to the head of the list.

> We journeyed to Pittsburgh on Jan. 12 as a Detroit substitute speaker for Farrell Dobbs to help launch the SWP fund campaign in that city. The most impressive feature of this meeting was the spirited discussion by the audience on the problems of the American working class which followed the speaker's exposition of the Socialist Workers Party program. Representative members of the

"I don't have to tell you, since you saw it with your own eyes, that the Pittsburgh Headquarters House-Warming last Sunday was a real political success," writes Eloise Gordon. "As a result of the meeting we immediately added two recruits to the party and have drawn a number of friends closer who should be willing participants in making our headquarters a real workers' center. Enclosed is \$41 collected at the meeting which should bring Pittsburgh to the halfway mark on its \$150 quota."

Boston has been moving along at a fast clip. This branch followed up a hundred dollar payment the week before with a check for \$92 last week, reaching 82 per cent of its \$400 quota. a year now. That all jobs were | Youngstown, its closest competitor, mailed in a money order for \$81 which brings the steel city to 73 per cent of its \$500 quota. For my own part, I note the

steadily increasing lines in front Together with the sizeable sum of \$135 towards of the building, and also note a the Minneapolis quota, Grace Carlson sends along very high preponderance of Ne- these reassuring remarks about the Twin Cities. An editorial in a capitalist groes and Mexicans. They are "Chester Johnson asked me to tell you that the Chinese are waging an heroic newspaper hit my eye and last to be hired and the first to collection of funds is coming along very well in be fired. Especially since the the Minneapolis Branch. Present indications are The Good Fellows Drive is a defeat of the FEPC bill here, that we will go over the quota. And St. Paul is

> "Attached is a check for \$175 to be applied on our National Fund quota," writes Fund Director Julie, Miller of the Los Angeles section. "Money

is starting to come in now and we hope very soon to eatch up. "Total branch pledges add up

to \$1,602 as follows: Central \$450; Westside \$427; Eastside \$350; Southside \$200; San Pedro \$175. The Westside branch deserves special recognition for its effort. Although the youngest branch in our area, it has taken the next to the biggest quota and Pittsburgh has paid in the most on its

From the Mid-West, Cleveland sends in a second payment on its

once sided with two Negro sold- stone that "this takes us a little Reading

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THE MILITANT ARMY **Persistent Sub-Getters Boost Score For Phila.**

Regularity in sub-getting is | friends who sympathize with our rapidly increasing Militant cir- ideas and viewpoint." culation in the Philadelphia area.

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quota of 35. The final winner

for December was Comrade

Johnnie B. with 9 subs, and he

has already obtained three this

month. Our December goal was

achieved by 12 comrades and one

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sympathizer."

Seattle Branch has been doing

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Pauline Ryder, Literature Agent, "Our drive to get subs to The reports the work being done by Militant is breezing along at a the comrades of that branch: normal pace," writes James "These 23 subs are the result of White, Literature Agent for the consistent work by the comrades. Connecticut State Branch. "Our Six of them are renewals Comtotal to date, which includes the rade Newell got from his shop. 14 subs enclosed in this letter, is Four were gotten by Comrade 110 new subs. Clara Raymond Irene, who is our steadiest work- still leads the Pace-Setters with er on visiting people whose subs 38, followed by Pearl Spangler have expired. Comrade Polen, with 30 and L. Morris with 23." who is also a steady worker for

Militant subs, is canvassing a small veterans' housing project, a bang-up job on subs the last on his own initiative, with excouple of months. Clara Kaye, cellent results. Comrades Gar-Literature Agent, reports: "Enber, Stone, Blake, Vernon, Cutclosed are 10 new 6-month Mililer, all helped make this a good tant subs. Five of these are beginning for 1947." last-minute December subs, up-

Supper - hour sub - getting proves successful for the Buffalo that!) We're certain that with Branch, according to information received from Libby Jones. "Last Wednesday evening we had a mobilization of our Literature Committee," she writes, "which includes 15 comrades. Twelve turned out. We got 8 renewals. The mobilization was for renewals only. We met at 5:30 p.m. so as to catch people at home during supper time. It was a good plan, as we found

ture Agent for Los Angeles Lo-8 out of 10 at home—better than cal; passes along a new idea beat any other time of the day. ing tried there: "The Eastside Our comrades were quite willing Branch is experimenting on a to postpone their own suppers novel idea, which may also be until after the mobilization, esconsidered by other sections, in pecially as we explained this order to obtain subs to The Milwould happen only once a month itant and to build discussion and was really very little hardgroups. A number of comrades ship compared to what our European comrades are enduring, are each given three names in a housing project or in a neigh-Afterward we all had supper toborhood. These are names of gether at headquarters, which was a pleasant finish for the contacts or former Militant subscribers. The paper is delivered mobilization. Perhaps other to them for the regular price of

branches might find a supperhour mobilization successful." * * *

A. Arbeiter of St. Louis is also out to get renewals. He states: "These three subs are for Militant readers who want to get the paper for another year. I visited 9 subscribers today. Those

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Comrade Manning will keep us posted on results. who did not take a renewal asked Oakland Branch obtained conme to come back next week. All crete results from a distribution. of them think The Militant is Beverley Wise writes: "Last tops!"

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the 6 months.'

local affair. An annual Christ- employers are becoming bolder facing the same happy possibility!" Al Lynn San Pedro, Cal.

steel, coal and meat packers unions took the floor and related their personal experiences in the mines, mills and shops to verify the need for militant action to improve conditions.

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Come and meet other 'Militant' Readers At these Local Activities of The Socialist Workers Party	ments as usual last week. "Most of the comrades here have made pledges on the fund," says Irene Lecompte of Phila- delphia. "They are trying wher- Los Angeles Youth	20 0 0 25 0 0 120 0 0 25 0 0 25 0 0 25 0 0 25 0 0 25 0 0 25 0 0 25 0 0	S Militant Labor Forum By George Clement LPHIA, Jan. 18 — James Price, president of ennsylvania district of the CIO United Elec- and Cazz Miller, business agent of the CIO
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Diary of A Steel Worker-"Man The Whole World Envies" - By Theodore Kovalesky -

"He lives better, eats better . . . yes, and sleeps better ... than most of the blue-blooded aristocrats of other lands," says the big ad that Republic Steel put in the

daily newspapers. "He owns a comfortable home, with inside plumbing and a real heating system. "He drives a modern car, instead of a charcoal-burner or an oxcart. "He is his own boss, and,

if he wants to badly enough and is willing to try hard enough, he can get to be boss of his devartment. his company, or his country,

"His children can have college educations, and can go into any business or profession they choose. (There aren't many other places on earth where that's true.)

"He's an American working man, living and working under the American system of free choice, free speech and free opportunity.

"Thousands of men like him work at Republic Steel."

Well, brothers, that's us! We're the men the whole world envies. Doubtless you feel you lead an enviable life. Still, it shouldn't hurt to inspect this ad a little closely. What about eating and sleeping better than the aristocrats?

I don't know what they eat, but here's the way I make out. At home we mix a little butter into a pound of margarine. Maybe that has more food value than caviar. We eat hamburger, heart or chuck. (Remember how steak used to taste in the good old days?)

I guess I sleep better than the blue-bloods. After I do eight hours on a blast furnace, I certainly sleep. If you work on a furnace, I guarantee you won't have insomnia. You'll just have trouble crawling out of bed for the next day's work, that's all.

- How about the comfortable home with inside plumbing and a real heating system? Well, in 1943, just 84 per cent of the American steel- PAGE SIX workers had inside water, and only 68 per cent the good old fashioned privy. Heating? A man named Lopez lost his wife and two little children when his oil stove exploded one night while he was at work.

And about that modern car ... If any blueblooded aristocrat wants to get rid of a charcoalburner or an oxcart cheap, and if he's willing to take small payments over a long period of time, I might be interested. The last jalopy I had was laid to rest years ago, and I haven't been able to afford any kind of car since.

And now we come to the part about being your own boss. (I wonder what the steel companies pay, all those foremen for!) It's true that you can get to be a boss (unless you're a Negro). if you're willing to be a scab and a stoolvery strange if you get to be boss of your whole department. I never heard of such a case, except years ago when things were different in all inpany or your country by trying "hard enough"

-are they kidding? And while you are thinking about Republic get union recognition.

The same hypocrites who paid for this ad were in control of the company in 1937. And they or others like them will continue to control it until it is torn from their greedy fingers by the workers and operated to benefit all the people.

When that happens, we'll all begin to lead enviable lives!

Fear Haunts Every Household pigeon for years, but of course you have to have a little luck as well. Even then, it will be very, As Eight More Die In Flames

By George Clarke

(Extracts from a speech to a public meeting of the Harlem dustry. As for getting to be boss of your com- Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, Imperial Hall, New York City, Jan. 12.)

Eight lives were snuffed out in Harlem a week ago, and a Steel, remember the 1937 Memorial Day mas- few weeks before that, 37 men and women and children perished sacre in Chicago, when men, women and chil- in an explosion. We are gathered here tonight to express our dren were shot and clubbed to death for the mourning at their departure, because these people, whether we crime of picketing this benevolent company. knew them or not, whether we are related or not-these people They weren't even fighting to be men "the are our kin. They are working people like us. They live where whole world envies." They were just trying to we live, the same poor lives, the same suffering, the same troubles. We know them as though they were our own relatives. We are gathered not only to mourn, because of mourning there is plenty for our kind. We are gathered to understand why, and having understood, then to see what we can do to stop these murders. They teach methods of fire prevention in the schools. The methers teach the kids not to play with matches. When you travel on the roads, they warn you not to be careless where there are forests.

But in general these warnings are useless in this city of ours. They are wasted breath. Because New York City today is like a big sun-dried forest and the least spark ignites a fire. How can you teach effective fire prevention in a city where there are at least 600 thousand families living in slum dwellings, that is, in houses that catch fire easiest?

One Room For Four Persons!

In some parts of the city as many as four persons live in one room. One room for four persons! I recently read an article thing in their power to maintain this Jim Crow warning New Yorkers not to smoke in bed because a great many system because it helps to keep the workers fires result from people falling asleep or getting drunk with lightdivided along color lines. They use the govern- ed cigarettes in their hands. What must a man, living in a ment, the press and all the other institutions crowded house, do when he wants to smoke? Can he retire to they control, to foster and strengthen the idea the drawing room? Or to a spacious living room? How can he of "Negro inferiority" so that Negro and white avoid that bed if he would seek a little comfort in his house? This is peace, they say. This is peace where there need not

be any fears, there need not be any dread. But the people in the slums live in the constant dread of who will make the first mistake in the house, who, because of bad conditions, over-crowding, inadequate garbage disposal, faulty electrical connections who will make the first mistake and start the fire.

And there was plenty of fear at 167 W. 129th St. when the McKenzies, in the early morning, smelling the smoke rising through the building, raced from their apartment to the roof and found the door to the roof barred by wire. They came back, but not And that also is why we can have no con- alive. Out of seven in the family, four burned to death-Mrs. crowding in the city and people must live somefidence whatever in your committee, which is Lillie McKenzie, William, Arthur, Betty. Only four-year old Shirjust a stooge outfit set up by the president to ley and two others are alive and she hovers between life and help him regain prestige and votes among the death in the hospital. The Daniels family fared no better. Mrs. Negro people and the whites who are sick of Daniels, her son Joseph and her grandson Joseph all perished. And on Amsterdam Ave. a few weeks before while the families We will fight for our civil rights all right. But were asleep-this time not Negro families, but white ones, for to get them, we will depend on our own strength, | fire and poverty never respect colors or races-the building collapsed and 37 people perished under the stone and the mortar. Who is responsible for these deaths? Could it be negligence.

of the people when the fire raced through the dumbwaiter on Yours truly, 129th Street? The question is asked-was the City negligent? We know some facts about this. We know that 10 to 15 years ago, gas seeped through from the ice-house on Amsterdam Ave. that the building inspectors had condemned, but it remained to crumble on the bodies of people.

Cutting Down On Fire Protection

where.

THE MILITANT

TENEMENTS OF DEATH

No, it is much easier for the landlord to main-Under these conditions the landlords are satisfied the production for death. with the housing situation. They make millions of profits every year from such conditions.

New Yorkers are condemned by the tens and Democratic Party, together with the banks, equally hundreds to die in these disasters. Condemned guilty for the death of the people of a few blocks by capitalist greed! Condemned by rapacious land- | from here and on Amsterdam Ave. They are tied lords! They are responsible for this situation. In, body and soul, with the real estate interests. Slums you know are inexpensive to maintain. They We say that the city, state and federal adminisdon't bother about fixing up the buildings. The trations — O'Dwyer, Dewey and Truman — will taxes are low because the buildings have deterior- one day be held responsible for every life snuffed ated. But the rents are high because there is over- out by their negligence, carelessness, callous disregard of the workers' housing needs.

Federated Pictures

There is much that can be done in this city. They could build homes. They have the facilities tain a tenement than to build. It is much more now to build playgrounds and gardens for the profitable. But don't think because of that, there workers of New York -large roomy, airy apartis no building going on. I picked up the N. Y. ments with trees and playgrounds for the children Times this morning. Look at these beautiful of- to play in. They have methods to set up prefabrifice buildings and new apartments being erected cated housing in a short time. They had the "know on Fifth Ave. They are spending 200 million dol- how" during the war. They had plenty of money. lars for these apartments and office buildings. billions of dollars, and they showed miracles in

Plenty of Money for Homes

The money is in the same place today. And of New York, don't look for the kids on Amster-dam Ave. Don't look for a few children who didn't They could build the new homes today, if they wanted to. They could find it by taxing the rich. dam Ave. Don't look for a few children who dian't know how to use matches. Look to Wall Street. There is plenty of money there for homes. They could re-assess the value of real estate in I York. They could get large subsidies from the where the fire-bugs are. The only trouble is that state and federal governments. They could put a more. In Washington they are appropriating 11 billion for war, and it would take only 7 billion to Billions are needed and they are not found because the wealth of America rests in the hands of a few plutocrats. The question for you to think But they don't stand alone in their guilt. Their about, if you want to think in deep terms about these disasters and tragedies, if you want to think in terms of how they can be overcome by a good housing program — the question is, to whom shall the wealth of America belong? You must also ask, have done in the face of this great danger. In the to whom shall political power belong in this counlast three years Harlem's population increased by try? Who will prevail? A handful of plutocrat It is possible for us to struggle effectively for our Washington, nor Dewey in Albany, nor O'Dwyer program. We can take the idea that billions must in New York have lifted a finger to correct this come out of Wall Street and from taxing the rich situation. They have built 16,000 apartments since and by subsidies from the government to build 1936 in this city. And they have a housing pro- homes for the working people. We can take that gram that will build 20 thousand more while a idea and plant it in every union in New York, in

Jan. 16, 1947 The President's Committee on Civil Rights, Charles E. Wilson, Chairman, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Yesterday, after President Truman asked your committee for recommendations on legislation



to write you their views on "the basic causes of civil rights violations." I take advantage of this request to give you the Socialist Workers Party's views on why the civil rights of Negroes are violated.

These violations are, as every Negro knows, part of a bigger crime committed every single day in the year: the Jim Crow system. The constitution and its amendments recognize that the Negro people have the same rights as other citizens. But in most parts of the country that recognition is confined to the paper it is written on.

These rights are not recognized by the White House or Congress or the courts. Or by the daily press, the schools, the churches, the movies, the radio, the armed forces. And above all, they are not recognized by the big corporations, such as General Electric which you run as chairman.

Veterans' Problems ----

And that brings us directly to the basic causes which you discussed. The corporations do everyworkers will not unite against their common enemy.

When we try to exercise our rights and demand equal treatment, then the corporations resort to violence against us. Either they use "the law" or they use illegal organizations like the KKK to beat us down and keep us "in our place." That, Mr. Wilson, is the basic cause of Jim Crow

lynch rule.

on the power of militant labor and Negro organizations, united in struggle against the basic causes of our misery.

William E. Bohannon



The Negro Struggle -



A Letter To Truman's Committee

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anese veterans and their wives settle down for the night in a Los Angeles Park. Their

protest placards were used in a demonstration against the critical housing shortage. Scores

of cops were rushed to the scene for possible use against the hundreds of ex-GIs.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1947

By Alvin Berman

Caught Short On The Campus

There are 2,260,000 veterans who are enrolled in schools and colleges or are taking on-thejob training under the GI Bill of Rights and the Vocational Rehabilitation



Act (for disabled vets). The GI Bill was inadequate when it was adopted. Today, however, \$65 for a single man or \$90 a month for a married veteran will hardly put crumbs on the table.

A poll taken recently by the Columbia chapter of the American Veterans Committee points very sharply to the plight of the veterans on the campus. Out of every 100 veterans responding to the AVC's questionnaire, 92 felt that the present subsistence allowance was inadequate. Thirty-two per cent of the veterans said they were forced to work part-time to meet expenses, while 67 per cent said they would be forced to do so in the near future if they wished to continue at the university. Seventy-six per cent said that their part-time work impaired their studies. One-third reported that they had to dig deeply into their War Bonds and savings to supplement the GI Bill allowance.

tion to the general increase.

veterans were still supposed to be "heroes," the 80th Congress will now most probably attempt to bury the bill next to the graves of the bonus and Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bills. None of these bills would really solve the major prob-

bills meet deaf ears, however, when they are placed before capitalist politicians. The passage of the Langer Bill even with the

AVC amendment would only be a start on the needs of student veterans. Only the sliding scale of benefits can give any assurance of economic protection against the rising cost of living. An automatic rise in subsistence allowances to meet every rise in prices-that is the need of the hour for every veteran depending on an allowance of the GI Bill.

Now when congestion is worse than ever, they are cuttin down on the Fire Department staff. I have here an official bul-

At the last session of Congress the Langer Bill letin of the Fire Department. Here in Harlem the 91st Engine was introduced and quickly forgotten. This bill Company, which had 1,745 runs to 614 fires last year, was cut provided for a blanket \$35 monthly increase in down from a double company to a single company. That means that all veterans' allowances. The AVC pointed out when the company goes out to a fire and another fire takes place that it made no provisions for veterans' depen- at the same time, there are no fire engines in that station for dents and urged that the bill be amended to the other fire. The 26th Truck Company, which made 2,183 runs grant \$25 a month for each dependent in addi- | to 1,270 fires in the last year, was also cut in half in the interests of "economy." Why are there cuts here in Harlem? Because If the 79th Congress forgot the bill while the the insurance underwriters have noted the fact that insurance rates are lower in Harlem than in other parts of the city and therefore the fate of these dilapidated, run-down buildings is not

so important to them. You contrast this with the new cops that are being put on the beat. You see all the young rookies-by the thousands all lems of the veterans. Even extremely modest over town. So many of them, they send a few to snoop around in this meeting tonight. They are cutting the fire department, when firemen work more than 8 hours a day in many parts of

the city. Meanwhile they are increasing the police force. We wonder what is the meaning of this? Perhaps because when the people get tired of these fires, when their anger and indignation forces them on to the streets in protest, there will then be enough cops to club them back into the fire traps.

and housing as they are about running down the fellow that million people need homes. What is the slogan every Negro organization, in every veterans organfixed the football game a while ago? Don't be misled. There on as they do today. Because there are more than a million people up. The Mayor is fiddling while the city burns. would be no fundamental change. Fires and collapses would go in the city who are forced to live where fires are inevitable.

Look to the building companies. Look to the insurance companies. Look to the banks. That's they don't send this kind of fire-bug to jail. If you want to find out who was guilty of murder, you companies that force people to live in rat-traps erect homes for one million New Yorkers. will find them in the same banks and insurance and death holes.

Guilt Shared By Politicians .

guilt is shared by the politicians who cover them up, who act as their accomplices in high office in federal and state and city government. How would you know this? You only have to see what they 120 thousand persons, but no new buildings have or the great majority of the people? been erected for 40 years. Neither Truman in now? The slogan is now to send the people into ziation.

the boarded-up tenements which will be patched We brand the politicians of the Republican and disaster.

Only a militant fight based on an effective hous-

Notes From The News

A " C RE MA CALCE FURIE

The UAW Veterans Conference to be held in Washington, next week will press for federal action on housing; a federal bonus (\$3 for each day's service at home and \$4 for each day overseas service); cash payment on terminal leave bonds; higher subsistence allowance for on-thejob training; unemployment compensation for veterans during strikes, etc.

* * Banker Herbert Lehman, former New York Governor, has joined the new Americans for Democratic Action. This strengthens the ADA financially and ties it still more closely to the Democratic Party. ar show of the

The demonstrative indictment of former State Department employe Carl Aldo Marzani, on charges of having fraudulently concealed membership in the Communist Party, is regarded as only a warm-up for the much bigger attacks planned by the government against the CP and militant workers.

The Michigan Supreme Court this month upheld restrictive covenants barring Negroes and other minorities from certain neighborhoods. ia i a i a i ≉i

The Labor Health Institute run by the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes in St. Louis, and financed in part by the employers, is a model health project. Besides providing excellent low-cost medical services to members and their families, it treats Negroes

on a completely equal basis in a town where they are segregated in the municipal hospitals and clinics. 300 B 200 B

A fire last week burned out the New York apartment of James T. Farrell, noted author, destroying scores of unpublished manuscripts and stories. Farrell is advertising for an apartment for his family, any kind, "furnished or unfurnished, temporary or permanent."

Food prices will go still higher, according to low-rent housing. They have plans. the Department of Agriculture: "Prices received deliberately obstructed every SPENT MORE FOR WAR by farmers during the next few months may average slightly below the mid-November levels. The general level, however, as well as the level of prices paid by farmers is likely to continue upward during the first quarter of 1947."

members, plans a mass demonstration for an a solution to the terrible housing million for housing this year, Thomas Dewey has done. Desanti-lynching bill some time next month in crisis. But the federal adminis- and only \$225 million next year. pite a 500 million dollar sur-Washington. a 👷 s 🗤 s 👘 👘

One out of every five persons in Gadsden, Alabama is a member of the CIO.

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move to provide decent new dwellings for millions of deswith low incomes.

These millions are now look- for war preparations. President cept of a housing program is The NAACP, whose goal in 1947 is a million ing to government agencies for Truman plans to spend \$525 what New York's. Governor FRAUDULENT PROMISES tration, serving the interests of \$15 billion will go for war.

even the minimum measures re- planning to spend less for hous- for housing 7,500 persons. One bers, has not assumed responquired by the scale of the crisis. ing next year than in 1943 and million dollars were divided sibility to build new homes. The last session of Congress 1944.

The War Department pamphlet, advocating passed the much-touted Patman In his recent housing de-con-veterans' temporary housing. ert Moses as Housing Director for universal military training, published at the Housing Bill, which was supposed trol order, President Truman re- These grants ranged from \$300,- the city. Moses, in turn, annountaxpayers' expense, states with a straight face to solve the housing problem. moved all restrictions from build- 000 for Utica down to \$6,000 for that its plan to give military training to all Under the direction of Wilson ing and thus scuttled even the the State Teachers College. The male youth 18 years old "is not 'conscription' Wyatt, the program set up by inadequate housing program latter appropriation will scarcely as practiced by European powers" and that in this bill produced only about adopted by the last Congress. build a row of out-houses at tofact "it is a preventive for Prussianism." 100,000 dwelling units over and The new policy allows private in- day's prices.

above the number of homes that terests to proceed with their Yet, even with this inadequate persons in a four-year period; is Private real estate and became unlivable during the building program of penthouse program, Dewey cannot brag that a complete fraud. According to Private real estate and same period. Contrasted to the palaces, race tracks and office one-third of the promised old industry" to provide homes for shown in a previous article, need for ten million homes, this buildings. Far from producing quonset huts and re-habilitated 900,000 persons. The city will shown in a previous article, figure plainly demonstrates the any housing under private spon- structures have been completed. provide actually for only 4,450 have completely falled to complete inadequacy of the fed-produce needed low-cost, eral administration's housing housing order will put an end to what dollar appropriation was required city itself plans to build less than

New York state's Republican

In the year ending June, 1946 Nor can we expect any pro- administration has failed in every the federal government spent gressive home-building program way, either to make adequate perate workers and veterans only \$158 million for housing from the Republican Congress. plans, or to carry out the inadeas compared with \$43½ billion A sample of the Republican conquate plans that were made.

Likewise, the Democratic administration in New York City, plus in the state treasury, Dewey aided by American Labor Party, the profiteers, has failed to take The administration is actually has appropriated only 35 million Stalinist, and Republican memamong the State Universities for Mayor O'Dwyer appointed Rob-

ced a four-year plan to end the city's housing shortage.

1,500 new dwelling units over a four-year period.

A sample of Mayor O'Dwyer's 'veterans housing" is the Elmhurst project. A garbage dump, containing a fill of garbage 15feet thick, has been covered with earth and on this quonset huts. for veterans' families have been built. Approaching this muce hole, you can smell decayed garbage from blocks away. Veterans are supposed to wade through ... this muddy hole and bring their children in a stench t will turn any normal stomach. This is the best answer the New York city administration gives to the housing crisis.

The plan, which is supposed (This is the third of a series to provide homes for 1,268,400 on the housing crisis.)

little private home building was to complete the initial plan. taking place.