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## Judge Reverses **SLIDING SCALE PROTECTS** Original Ruling On Portal Claim OIL WORKERS' REAL WAGE

### For Dismissing Back-Pay Suits As "Trifles"

Federal Judge Frank A. Picard's reversal on Feb. 8 Federal Judge Frank A. Picard's reversal on Feb. 8 of his previous decision in the now historic Mt. Clemens Dettame Go. parts and applications the old Pottery Co. portal-pay case strikingly confirms the old axiom; A capitalist judge never intentionally rules against the fundamental interests of the Big Business class.

It is obvious, as the Feb. 99 N. Y. Times admitted edi- ing-distance on company proptorially, that Judge Picard did not realize when he made big ariginal award to the Mt his original award to the Mt. Clemens Pottery workers that he would let a multi-billion dollar genie out of the bottle." But, the Times added, he "did his best yesterday to put the genie back.

Whenever any capitalist - selected judge accidentally rules in favor of the workers, he is soon "straightened out." In Judge Picard's case, the whole capitalist class, its entire government apparatus, its press and radio poured the heat on him.

ACE OUT OF SLEEVE Senators threatened him with profits. impeachment. The Department of Justice and Treasury Depart-

tions

nicalities to help him "get out suits." itself with trifles).

After going through a lot of bill is designed to "tear the heart hocus-pocus of timing the walk- out of the act itself."

claimed by the Mt. Clemens Pottery workers was "narrow, picayunish, meager" and that even 20 to 25 minutes of a worker's

time is a "trifle." Why not make the corporations pay this "trifle"? Their howls and pressure show they don't consider it so "picayunish." Accumulated over a year, such dle. "trifles" amount to scores of dollars per worker-more than 5 billion dollars added to capitalist profits since 1938. It is from just such "trifles" that the capitalists amass huge extra

Behind the ferocious Big Business attack on portal pay claims ment, even President Truman there is a further sinsister aim. himself, presented briefs as The Congressional reactionaries "friends of the court" on be- are attempting to gut the whole half of the billionaire corpora- Fair Labor Standards Act (Wage and Hours) on the pre-He did not lack for legal tech- text of outlawing portal pay

from under." The U .S. Su- The principal bill to revise the preme Court slipped him an ace Fair Labor Standards Act has from its black judicial sleeves, been introduced in the House by It instructed him to apply the Representative Gwynne of Iowa. doctrine of "de minimis no curat CIO attorney Lee Pressman last lex" (The law does not concern week told the House Judiciary sub-committee that Gwynne's

**Stalinists Forced To Dissolve** 

way is now open for joint action

By Robert L. Birchman

The SWP mayoralty can- present crisis."

didate declared that the "all-

out drive of Big Business to

**Hits Move For 10-Cent Fare** 

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 George Clarke, Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, New York Local, will appear at the public hearing before the Board of Estimate, which began here today at the City Hall, in order to protest the proposed subway fare-increase swin-

"The move to inaugurate a 10-cent fare," Clarke declared today, "is a carefully manipulated move by the banks and real estate interests to saddle New Yorkers with a new tax which will not bring transit improvements of any kind.

"This is the latest act in a terrible swindle perpetrated by financial interests over a period of years," he continued. "Proceeds from the transit system, supplemented by huge subsidies from the city treasury, have gone to pay interest and amortization on a tremendous debt. No improvement has been made in the subway system for years.

Conditions in the transit system have steadily worsened. tiality, Mayor O'Dwyer is the instigator of the 10-cent fare instigator of the 10-cent fare maneuver. The facts about the financial status of the transit In Hearings On Anti-Union Bills system have long been available to him. He called the hearings for the sole purpose of preparing for the increase."

Fake Maritime "Unity" Body Clarke called on the workers

After less than one year of existence, the Stalinist the increase without a referenmaritime "unity" bubble burst when the executive board dum. We also warn that O'Dwy**Robber Yelling "Thief"** 

NEW YORK, N. Y., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1947.

# Grey Ave steadily worsened. "Despite his pretended impar-Monopolists Hurl Venom At Labor

For two weeks the Senate Labor and Public Welfare | ercise of the right to strike.

Committee has been firing heavy guns at the union move-Ex-Governor Stassen of Minnesota, the Republican who apment in its public hearings. On February 5 the House of New York to resist the rise. Education and Labor Committee joined in the barrage at pointed anti-labor specialist Jos- increase, remains as the miniof New York to resist the rise. Education and Labor Committee joined in the barrage at "We warn the workers that an the first of its scheduled hearings on the most savage attempt may be made to put over anti-labor specialist Jos-mut. It stands as an outright wage gain. The escalator clause and improved living standards. attempt may be made to put over anti-labor proposals Wall Street has demanded in decades. avowed candidate for President serves merely to preserve real

Hoffman, Republican of Rules Committee, Smith speaks

Sinclair Men Get Automatic **Cost-Of-Living Boost In Pay** 

#### **By** Art Preis

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The CIO Oil Workers International Union has just given a dollars-and-cents demonstration of the value of the sliding scale of wages that provides automatic pay rises to meet rises in living costs.

Under an escalator clause in the contract with Sinclair Oil Company, some 7,000 OWIU-CIO members last week

reviewed again.

cured in the contract signed on Nov. 15, 1946.

Thus, the total wage gain in a period of three months has been 25 cents an hour, bringing average Sinclair hourly rates up to \$1.65. If the index should rise another three points by March 1, has proved, that protection is the Sinclair workers will get still another corresponding wage raise.

PRESERVES REAL WAGES

If, on the other hand, the cost of living declines, the basic wage rate, including the flat 18-cent of the United States in 1948, wages when prices are contin-

uously soaring upward,

received an automatic seven-cent an hour wage boost, retroactive to warned of the coming inflation Jan. 1 and effective un-til March 1 when the cost-of-living index will be are in terms of the cost of living. Right now the employers are

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

This seven-cent raise is putting out false propaganda based on the 7.4-point rise about the cost of living declinin the U.S. Bureau of Labor ing. This is timed to counteract Statistics living-costs index demands for higher wages. The for the last three months of unions should meet this propa-1946. The cost-of-living raise is ganda with the demand for esin addition to a flat wage in- calator clauses retroactive to last crease of 18-cents an hour se- June, at least, which would provide wage raises of 30 to 35% right now.

> Instead of relying on reassuring propaganda, the unions should insist on tangible protection from the effects of any further inflation. As the OWIU the sliding scale of wages. With such a clause, the workers will feel that their basic wage gains are protected and that any further fight they make for higher wage rates will not simply be a chase after rising prices. It will be a fight for an outright in-

**Oil Workers Vote** 



of the Committee for Maritime Unity voted this week to er may use the fallacious argudissolve the organization.

By C. Thomas

The resignation in December of CMU co-chairman Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, a six or seven-cent fare. This Act. This political representa- scatter, your shots in different proved fatal to the Stalinist. scheme of controlling the af- the CMU on a national scale. The Stalinists, who had set

filiated unions through the apparatus of CMU.

which declared "that Curran's CMU ineffective for all practical purposes.'

#### STALINISTS LOSE

The action of the CMU execu- of all maritime unions on comtive was tacit recognition that mon problems. It is along this the Stalinists in the NMU had road that a firm foundation can bondholders." ship in their fight against the be established for genuine unity. (See Page 6 on Subway Steal) Curran group. Curran had carried the fight to the membership when the Stalinist majority on the NMU National Council refused to submit the question of ontinued CMU affiliation to a efferendum. The short-lived Committee Committee continued CMU affiliation to a referendum.

for Maritime Unity was established at a conference held in May 1946. The original groups in the CMU consisted of the CIO unions in maritime plus the independent Marine Firemen's Union. Viewed as a hostile formation by the AFL unions in the industry, it led immediately to Station WJJD. formation of the AFL Maritime Trades Department.

#### **OPEN WARFARE**

From that moment jurisdic-From that moment jurisdic-tional bitterness and strife cripple and destroy organ- two capitalist parties is now increased on the meterfront ized labor" must be met by reaping bitter fruits," Bartell increased on the waterfront, ized labor" must be met by Through the CMU, every local "mobilizing labor's millions for dispute tended to assume a na- a smashing counter - offensive." tional character. Instead of Congress's "ferocious onslaught working men and women of the leading to "unity," it led to a on labor," he said, must be an- nation." condition bordering on open war-swered by "unity in action of all fare. In addition, the organiza- sections of labor." tion setup was so devised that "A great National Congress of the Stalinists were assured of Labor must be assembled in an automatic majority on the Washington, with delegates from executive board.

every trade union local in the As a result the non-Stalinist country. Confront the Congress union, officials rebelled. The of capital with a Congress of first of the original founders to Labor. Let this Labor Congress come out against CMU was the serve notice on the stooges of head of the Marine Firemen, V. Wall Street that labor will nev-J. Malone. Later, Curran re- er submit to their program of signed, charging the CMU with enslavement."

fostering jurisdictional warfare, "Labor has shown that it is outright strikebreaking and at- more than a match for the bosses

tempting to control the NMU. on the economic front. But the A few weeks ago, the CIO Ma- failure of labor to build an equalrine Engineers meeting in con- ly powerful politcal party of its vention, rejected affiliation, to own is the chief cause of the

the states

ment of subway 'improvement' Michigan, called for out- Smith called for a kind of atomas a ruse for a compromise for right repeal of the Wagner ic-bomb anti-labor law. "If you would only pave the way for a tive of the auto monopolists bills," he told the Republicans, 10-cent fare later.

"As long as the mill-stone of ing to his own questions with end get nothing. That is why out with the aim of capturing debt to banks and bondholders the bitter anti-labor testimony I am so anxious for the House ner Act be re-written along the affiliated unions through the is tied to the city's neck, the he wanted in the record, and to have one big bill. I will help This was admitted in a state-CMU, succeeded only in captur- five-cent fare will be in danger. plugging his own bill, HR 880. ment by the executive board ing themselves. Repeated exper- Even a 10-cent fare will not lead "My bill doesn't take away the ience with Stalinist unity man- to needed improvements. It is right to strike. But if a man resignation has rendered the euvers have made the seamen only a new means of extracting strikes, he's fired. Let him find

wary of such schemes. With money for interest out of New another job if he doesn't like the elimination of the CMU, the |York workers. the one he has." "A 10-cent fare must not only The next day a Democrat, be defeated," Clarke concluded, Howard W. Smith of Virginia,

"we must cancel any further co-author of the Smith-Connally payments to the Wall Street wartime strike-breaking law, followed up with another blast. A member of the powerful House

for the Southern Bourbon bloc. cross-examined himself, respond- "the chances are you will in the

you pass it."

At the Senate Committee hearings, Claude Pepper, a New Deal Democrat, declared "The Republicans are trying to destroy the unions . . . I regret to say it, but they seem to be going right foremen's unions; and insisted

ahead. And they've got the that boycotts and jurisdiction ing power for CIO workers. votes to put over their anti-labor strikes be outlawed. proposals."

When it gets around to that they can make a farmer out of me."

of labor, the monopolist com-

pared maintenance of union

membership provisions with "re-

quirement for membership in

Charles E. Wilson, president

tle, telling Ball he thought out-The OWIU-CIO is now negotiating with other major oil lawing the closed shop was going too far. But his anti-labor companies for a similar cost-ofproposals differed from those of living escalator clause. However, the union is now demanding a Ball only in degree.

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Stassen donned a "liberal

Workers Of The World, Unite!

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total 25-cent an hour rise from Stassen demanded the Wagthe hold-out companies to bring their wage-rates in line with lines Wall Street is now demandthe wage gains won from Sining: he called for a federal law clair in November. against mass picketing; demand-Had the other CIO unions deed unions file financial state. manded and won escalator clausments with the government; adwhen the OWIU won its Sinvocated interference in union clair contract, it would have election of officers; opposed meant tens of millions of dol-

#### **On Western Strike**

West Coast CIO oil workers are voting 4 to 1 to strike if the western companies fail to accept demands for a 25cent an hour wage increase, equal to the gains won by the Sinclair workers in their escalator clause contract.

The preliminary returns covering 5,000 workers were announced on Feb. 8. Another 12.000 votes were yet to be tallied. If called, the strike is expected to begin Feb. 15 when the current union contract expires.

Had they fought for and won

lars since in increased purchas-

## of General Motors, took the stand Feb. 5. The head of the world's largest industrial corporation, controlling 50% of automotive production, called unions "mon-opolistic" and said, "I'll never sign a closed shop agreement.

President Truman and Congress are reported to be [lief" to another million landlords cooking up a deal to boost rents 10% — and soon. He is said Venting all his vitriolic hatred to be willing to sign such a measure provided Congress retains the formal structure of "rent control" under cover

the unions with a series of laws sources today as willing to that would ban everything from sign a bill granting a 10% inthe closed shop to the free ex- crease in rents if Congress would

of which rents could actually be raised.

The United Press on Feb. 3 reported that "Truman was extend federal controls for a

Wilson wanted to stamp out represented by informed year." Three days earlier Truman at

the last moment rescinded a 10% boost order his Office of Tem-9 N. Y. Times, that the whole from raising rents piecemeal unvited the Republican majority that would afford real protection in Congress to plunge in and from rent-gouging.

raise rents."

at the rate of 30,000 a month - | posed any rent increases. a million total so far. After Feb. up under new "liberalized" pro-

Cases

"in the coming weeks."

Meanwhile, the OTC has insufficient funds and personnel to enforce existing rent ceilings. It's too busy granting increases to landlords whose incomes have nearly doubled in the past six years, from 2.3 billion to 4.3 billion dollars.

The new Murray-Wagner Senate Bill, which has little Conporary Controls was about to gressional support, would continissue. Although he denied pre- ue rent control another year vious knowledge of the order, it without a blanket increase. But is believed, according to the Feb. it would not prevent the OTC action was "a political maneuver der "hardship" loopholes, etc. It wherein the Administration, go- is in no sense a rent-freezing ing only to the verge, subtly in- bill, the only type of measure

Last week swarms of real es-Other Democrats, in Congress, tate and landlord lobbyists apare proposing to "thaw out rent peared before Senate Banking control" by local boards which and Currency Committee hearwould speed up individual land- ings on rents. They literally to all rent regulations. A few Such decontrol is already well spokesmen of veterans, labor and advanced. The OTC has been consumer groups demanded regranting individual rent increases | tention of rent controls and op-

Only militant mass action by 15, these will be greatly speeded workers, veterans and other tenants will block the maneuver to raise rents under the guise of retaining "rent control." Such The N. Y. Times said this was | rent decontrol must be countered "in line with the President's with the demand: Freeze All thinking" and would bring "re- Rents!

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C. C. C. Star

#### Bartell proposed that labor **Rubber Workers Urge** break the Chicago employers' **Labor Party In Akron** AKRON, O.-Inspired by re- run its course; today it is use-

ed labor party movement in says the Local 5 paper. "Labor

the Nazi party."

rubber workers here have raised We must do it now, before it is ises of the Republicans and Dem- Labor Party In Akron." The last issue of the Goodrich

"Why is this? The answer is movement in Akron, CIO, AFL honestly represented the workers simple. Wealthy landlords own and Independent, to gather to- in battle with the big corporathese ancient firetraps-but they gether and begin the building tions, would be the foundations don't live in them. Coupon clip-ners own the Toonerville Trolleys a movement has begun in Flint, "If these men and women can -but they don't ride on them. Michigan, under the sponsorship lead us in the economic fight visions for landlord "hardship" Big Businessmen run the School lag far behind. Board — but they send their

children to private schools."

the slogan, "For A Genuine too late. And as with charity, it is best to begin at home." A labor party, it says, "would Local 5 Air Bag featured an edi- be built on the same foundations lord applications claiming "hard- howled and shrieked for an end and committeemen who have

"The old policy of seeking fav- rubber plants, they can also do a

'monopoly in the field of politics" by launching a local independent Labor Party in Chicago. "A vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party is a vote for labor and for a socialist society of equality, peace and ports of the local CIO-sponsor- less and has ended in failure,"

Flint, Mich., progressive CIO must rise to political manhood.

only to to leave things exactly as its title. It states:

torial appeal with that slogan as the union itself. The stewards ship. "It is high time for the labor been tested for years, who have

of the local CIO; we should not against the shrewd high paid Wall Street agents who run the

ors from the two old parties has job for us politically."

plenty." Homer Lewis, in his radio address, scored the broken promocrats. "How many Republicans and Democrats have promised us a clean and decent city-

He hailed the recent joint con-

area. The ranks must be aroused

and mobilized for action."

ficially on the ballot as the first Socialist Workers Party candidate for Alderman in

this city. He is running in the Third Ward. Many workers are campaigning in the Third

Ward for his election. Thousands of leaflets containing the election platform of the SWP have been distributed in this ward during the past

week,

CHICAGO, Feb. 10-In the first of a series of radio and Railroad Brotherhoods as

broadcasts by the Trotskyist candidates in Chicago, Mich- "a big step in the right direc-

ael Bartell. Socialist Workers Party write-in candidate for tion. Such united conferences

Mavor. and Homer Lewis. SWP candidate for Alderman should include representatives

in the Third Ward, tonight addressed the city's voters over from every local union in this

The policy of depending on

"so-called friends of labor in the

said. A Labor Party "would

**Trotskyist Candidate** 

boldly champion the cause of the

as before?

Lewis, militant Negro working class leader, is now of-

On Chicago Ballot CHICAGO, Feb. 10-Homer

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the membership to set up a La-

hall to train the local's member-

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Bell Local 501, Buffalo, is con-

red-baiting. The Jan. 9 issue edi-

torially attacks the CIO's red-

baiting Declaration of Policy. It

reports that Bell Local 501

stands upon the principle of 'no

discrimination because of race,

color, crend or political affilia-

tion."" It further warns that to

to give the boses a weapon for

"strike-breaking in the midst of

'passed a resolution which

501 Organizer, organ of UAW

# Senator Ball Admits Aim Of His Anti-Labor Bills Is To Give Bosses "The Right To Break A Strike" NOTES By Art Preis

DETROIT-"The right to, strike must be set off by the right to break a strike."

In these words, Republican Senator Joseph Ball of Minnesota summarized the aims of his anti-labor, bills now before Congress.

His confession appeared in a recent issue of the Detroit News (Jan. 29). It is quoted by Washington correspondent Jay G. Hayden, reporting an interview with Ball.

What Ball's bill to "equalize the Wagner Act" seeks to accomplish, reports Hayden on the basis of Ball's personal explanation, is to restore "the right of a private owner to run his own business, without let or hindrance by either labor unions or government."

#### TO LEGALIZE SCABBING

It would, in short, enable the bosses to treat the workers as they please and with no restraints whatever.

Ball proposes, in fact, to legaline strikebreaking. "Unless it could be proved that the strike was caused by the employer's unfair labor practice, the employer would be free to hire strikebreakers as he pleased," Hayden explains.

START A BACK - TO - WORK MOVEMENT THAT WILL SERVE AS A BRAKE ON HAIR-TRIGGER STRIKES. THE of Michigan is growing. RIGHT TO STRIKE MUST BE BREAK A STRIKE."

Ball proposes nothing less than legalized union - busting with hired strikebreakers, gangsters, private company armed forcesunrestricted open-shop violence against the workers.

One amendment which Ball wants to introduce into the Wagwould require the employer "first held a "working conference" for to notify the striking employe the FEPC measure here in the that his old job was available to state capital. Bad weather conhim, provided he returned im- ditions resulted in a slim atmediately to work. IF THE tendance at this meeting which EMPLOYE FAILED TO HEED was dominated by preachers, so-THIS WARNING, HE WOULD cial workers, and supporters of LOSE ALL STATUTORY RIGHT the TO HIS JOB. HE COULD RE- Trade Unionists. TURN THEREAFTER ONLY AT THE WILL OF THE EMPLOYER AND ON THE LATTER'S

TERMS." Under such a set-up, all the **Chicago Joint Labor Committee** 



Recognizing the need for united action to fight anti-labor legislation. Chicago labor has formed a body composed of CIO, AFL and rail brotherhood officials. Left to right: Sec. Michael Mann of the CIO Council; Sec. Joseph D. Keenan of Chicago Federation of Labor and Chairman Frank L. Noakes of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes. (Federated Pictures)

## He quotes Ball directly: "This Bill will put the risk back into strikes that existed before the National Labor Relations Act "TT GIVES THE EMPLOYER A REASONABLE CHANCE TO ACTION TO WIN FEPC In Michigan

LANSING, Mich.-The drive for united militant action of all forces favoring the proposed FEPC Bill in the State the inadequate lobbying pro-

The General Council of Briggs Local 212, CIO United sible to save the measure in the SET OFF BY THE RIGHT TO Auto Workers, on Jan. 25 adopted a strongly-worded re- legislature if a proper program solution addressed to all sections of labor urging "the or- of militant mass action was agganization of a mass march <sup>®</sup> on Lansing" to force favor- ist support of the measure, as the thousands of petition signaable consideration of the charged by Downs, but from the tures with a mass march on failure of the supporters of the Lansing and we will yet win this FEPC Bill now in the State failure of the supporters of the fight," Mazey declared. Senate Labor Committee.

On Jan. 30, the Reuther-supported Michigan Council for acter in support of this imporner Act, according to Hayden, Fair Employment Legislation tant legislation. Association of Catholic

> the various guest speakers, Bish- islature and Governor. ou Hass. Father Clancy of the ACTU. Tom Downs of the Mich-

grams of both committees. Mazey declared it was still posgressively undertaken. "Back up

tional considerations and prepare Mazey's remarks were enthusunited action of a militant char- lastically applauded. Charles Smith, chairman' of the Local 212 FEPC Committee, made a The fight for the bill has been motion in support of the proposal compromised almost from the for militant action. After only beginning by the existence of Smith and one other person two rival committees for an had spoken on this motion. FEPC (reflecting the contending the chairman arbitrarily cut forces in the UAW and Mich- off further discussion and igan CIO), and the fact that put the question to a vote. both committees have confined The voice vote was so close themselves to the policy of beg- that the ruling that the motion The reports from the platform ging for concessions from the was defeated was questioned. In and the tone of the remarks of predominantly Republican leg- a standing vote the motion was

defeated by a slender margin. When the meeting was thrown open to discussion Pete Casper

### **Oakland Strikers Enter 4th Month**

#### (Special to The Militant)

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 5-The Kahn and Hastings department store strikes, which set off the recent Oakland general strike, continue into their fourth month with union spirit high despite the strikebreaking attempts of AFL Teamsters Czar-President Daniel Tobin and his Executive Board.

Tobin's actions have start-ed a series of repercussions. While the reliderity of the formation of the forma While the solidarity of the tempted to act as mediator berank and file teamsters re- tween the striking AFL Retail main firm as ever, Local 70 Clerks local and the employers. of the Teamsters has withdrawn Real, after holding a session with from the Alameda Central Labor the RMA, wrote to both the Council, the Building Trades County AFL and Building Trades Council, and the strike strategy Councils "begging the accepcommittee. Joe Casey, Interna- tance of an employers' propotional Teamsters organizer. has sal." been "exiled" to Alaska for re-James Galliano, spokesman ported opposition to Tobin's rulfor the councils and the strik-

Both Tobin and Dave Beck, "was a full open shop, and was Teamsters West Coast vice-pres- | turned down." Instead both ident, had attacked the general councils drafted a resolution to strike. Although the general the Teamsters' International ofstrike was the spontaneous anficials urging them not to interswer of the local labor move- fere with the "successful proseunder protection of city police, later Local 70 withdrew from the Tobin called on the local Teamcouncils. sters to "respect their contracts." Thus far, owners of the two

chants Association (RMA), have teamsters stated they would rerejected demands for a union fuse to cross any picket lines. An this dispute." Judge Levy named shop. The division created in the AFL official declared "neither couragement to hold out. picket lines."

### **Railroad** Clippings

#### By Henry Adams

Volume 1, No. 1 of the Train- iney's personal monthly magazine man the new weekly paper of has neither the space nor the the Brotherhood of Railway aim to stir up organizational in-Trainmen, terest and action.

to publish news of the organizar leaders are leading."

of last spring's strike when La- ment on Class I railroads. Most The proponents of a march on bor, the official paper of the of the lay-offs were among

a campaign for higher wages." A unique clause in a UAW-\* \* \* CIO contract signed by Tube Spokesmen for the Curran ing union, declared the offer Methods, Inc., Bridgeport, Pa., group in the CIO National Mariprovides pay for a 10-minute time Union charged in the Jan. wash-up period each day. 31 issue of The Pilot that Stalinist Joseph Stack is himself the \* \* \* author of the "anonymous" yile A year ago the Stalinist offi-

**By Art Preis** The CIO United Auto Workers | CIO United Electrical Workers.

negotiations with Chrysler Cor- from "outside interference" and

poration hit a stumbling block helped reactionary red-baiters when the company met UAW de- take over the local. Then, it

mands for a 231/2-cent raise and boasts, "The ACTU was invited

union security with a counter- by both the executive board and

-the right of the company to bor School right in the union

New York joined the picket line tinuing its campaign against

Committee reports establishment abandon the traditional CIO

of 324 new CIO local unions in policy of fighting red-baiting is

ship."

demand for "company security"

In a fine display of labor soli-

darity, members of he AFL Sea-

farers International Union in

of striking CIO shipbuilding

workers Local 13 when the CIO

union struck Ira S. Bushey &

Sons' Brooklyn shipyard on Jan.

30. The SIU's New York local had

previously pledged full support

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the South since the start of "Op-

eration Dixie" last summer.

CIO's Southern Organizing

in the event of a walkout.

"discipline" strikers.

cials of the CIO American Com-Jim-Crow letter he inserted in munications Association called the NMU's paper under the prement to organized strikebreaking cution of the strike." Three days off the Western Union strike in text that this "showed the New York City with no gains 'trend'" of the Stalinist oppobut an agreement to arbitrate. sition in the union. Stack has Despite rumors that teamsters The arbitration proposal was even produced an unsigned letwill be ordered to cross the pick- made by Judge Aaron J. Levy ter not in his own hand-writing strikebound stores, acting as et lines, no such action has yet who was hailed by ACA Presi- to "prove" he didn't write the spokesmen for the Retail Mer- taken place. When questioned, dent Joseph P. Selly for "his letter he quoted. Here's a few earnest and equitable solution of questions Stack has to answer: How does a single anonymous as arbitrator the anti-labor jur- letter-"sent" so conveniently to local labor movement by Tobin Real nor anybody else can get ist Samuel Scabury. Two weeks him—prove any kind of "trend" has given the bosses added en- those teamsters to cross those ago Seabury handed down a de- about anything? Even if the letcision in favor of the company. ter were authentic, how does he

\* \* \* know it was sent by an NMU The Association of Catholic member? Couldn't one of Stack's Trade Unionists is campaigning pals have done the pen work against the "outside interfer- on the letter just so Stack could ence" of the Communist Party "prove" he did not "write" it? (Stalinist) in the CIO. An ar-Stack's "explanations" about ticle in the Jan. 17 Labor Leader, the letter's origin stink just as ACTU organ, tells how the ACTU badly as his use of anonymous "rescued" Yonkers Local 453, letters,



- 1. Defend labor's standard of living!
  - A sliding scale of wages an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
  - Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!
  - Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!
- 2. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!
  - For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours - reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay

is just out. "We start our run ... the Consolidation Committee of to inform Enginemen meets in Chicago on BRT mem- Feb. 10-12. This meeting of

bers of the progressive enginemen is a hisproblems toric gathering of the men who of the day have been leading the struggle and to tell outsiders of the things to achieve the unity of the men for which the BRT stands . . . in the locomotive cab.

tion so all members may know - 67,800 rail workers lost jobs in what is going on and where their the first 10 months of 1946, according to Interstate Commerce. The new paper is an outgrowth Commission reports on employ-

Lansing gave notice that the 15 Brotherhoods at odds with maintenance-of-way men, yard-

The National Conference of

employer would have to do to break a strike is simply to tell the workers to return to work. If they refused to accept uncon- of a "wake" rather than a work- petitions initiating the bill, took ditional surrender, THE FED-ERAL LAW would uphold the to force the bill through the leg- that the rival committee or his employer in refusing them their jobs and replacing them with strikebreakers.

Senator Ball is not some insignificant screw-ball. He is the just what the main purpose of nation for the existence of the right-hand man of Senate Re- the meeting was, as so much of two committees. publican Boss Taft, who is steer- the speaking was devoted to ing the principal anti-labor bills red - baiting attacks upon the mer, apparently caught off balthrough the Senate. -His state- Communist Party (Stalinist) and ance, turned imploringly to the ment is a considered and weighty the Thomas-Leonard Committee speakers on the platform for asexpression of the ultimate aims for an FEPC. of Big Business and the Con-

gress majority. Their "right to break a strike"

really means: Destroy Organized Labor!

NEW YORK YORKVILLE FORUM "Stop Congress" **Attacks on Labor**" Hear GEORGE CLARKE Organizer, New York Local Socialist Workers Party SUN., Feb. 16, 8 p.m. **Czechoslovakian Workers** House

347 E. 72 St Room 7 ing conference to devise action the floor to challenge statements islature.

local sabotaged the FEPC fight. He stressed the need for united **RED HERRINGS** At times it was difficult to tell action and demanded an expla-

> The chairman, George Schersistance but no one on the plat- betrayals.

It was claimed by Downs, for form cared to answer Casper's instance, that the FEPC measure question. The chairman then feel the contempt of the we read in the had lost all chances of being asked for volunteers from the best militants. They cannot of Ruth McKenney and Bruce

representative had spoken for antagonism between the two class-conscious workers about before Comrade Duclos spoke the American CP "ends up thor-

Senate Labor and House Judi- mitted: "The other committee the war: its collaboration with liquidation and treachery . kiss of death," according to and we will not have anything to cratic methods.

do with Communists." Actually, the gloomy outlook for the FEPC Bill in the Legis-

lature flowed not from Stalin-**NEW YORK** 

MEXICAN FIESTA Chili Supper, Dancing SAT., Feb. 15, 8 p.m. death" 116 University Place

Downs.

State



igan CIO, etc., provoked one dele- delegate of UAW Ford Local 600 fight would continue to build Whitney and Johnston of the masters, switchmen and hostlers. gate to remark that the meet- which had collected almost 25% support for militant united ac- BLE, played such a scabby role. Little or no drop was noted in ing was assuming the character of the 185,000 signatures to the tion to gain favorable considera- A regular newspaper is a good the number of "executives, offition of the FEPC bill. step forward for trainmen. Whit- cials, or staff assistants

Crisis In Communist Party-

Aims Of Dissident Leaders

The rise of an organized opposition inside the Ameri- | der a different trade name. can Communist Party (Stalinist), which has led to wholesale expulsions, reflects a growing revulsion in the working class layers of the party to the leadership's continued

CP members in the union reveal their opportunism even as

At this point, Ernest Mazey, of the expulsion of Browder has about the Stalinist support of 1946.) the Briggs Local 212 delegation, not changed anything funda- the imperialist war.

took the floor and denounced all mentally in the CP. The same SILENT FOR 12 YEARS those who shared responsibility old gang holds the reins, minus for disunity in the fight for an Browder who is sitting on the FEPC. He pointed out that if the sidelines as an official "business" measure was buried in the Sen- representative of the Kremlin revisionist leadership for some 12 ate Labor Committee, this was Maybe the phrases of the "new" not a result of any "kiss of CP leaders are a bit more "left- explain how this fact was lost by the Stalinists but ist." Their policies and actions for so long on Stalin's Third Inshould properly be credited to are as treacherous as before.

STILL STALINISTS

But the chief spokesmen for imperialist participation in the discontented elements show World War II. in their published documents and proponents of Stalinism. dissidents appears to be the New can no longer serve the interests country. Committee for Publications, of Stalinist politics. which puts out the NCP Report, a clearing house for left- Stalin-

site poles.

The American CP dissidents see the huge growth of some of the European Stalinist parties. They are discontented with the stagnation of the American party. Thus they point out, for instance, that the French CP We read in the joint statement "wins hundreds of thousands, passed because a Communist floor to explain the basis of the answer the arguments of Minton, for instance, that "long millions, of supporters" while the measure at a public hearing FEPC committees. An uniden- the CP's notorious political zig- out, we had come to hate and oughly isolated from the proleon the Bill before the combined tified speaker then bluntly ad- zags: its strikebreaking during despise the Browder policy of tariat and the masses generally." They falsely claim that this ciary Committees. This was "the has Communists working in it capitalist politicians; its bureau- But neither of us spoke out. We strength of the French CP is due thought discipline required us to to its "struggles against capital-They can see, moreover, that be silent." They are still silent ism." (NCP Report, Nov. 18,

> It is true that the European Stalinist parties have attracted millions who wanted to fight for William F. Dunne, in his socialism and believed that the statement 'Revisionism In Ex-Stalinists would lead that fight. celsis," finds the existence of "a But these parties have cruelly abused the faith the masses years" in the CP. But he doesn't placed in them; in every country they have formed coalition governments with the capitalists ternational. And he, too, is silent and supported capitalist meason the Stalinist support of U.S. ures against the workers.

> > WANT NEW MACHINE

Why should a dyed-in-the-What the American left-Stalwritings no real understanding wool Stalinist of 20 years' stand- inists are really pointing out is of the basic political falseness of ing like Dunne go into opposi- that the European Stalinist Stalinism. They have broken tion at this late date, especially parties are not as yet discreditwith the official American Stal- since his politics haven't chang- ed like the American CP. They inist leaders. But they are still ed fundamentally? The answer hope to build a party like those is: He has become convinced that in Europe by getting together a The main grouping of the CP the American Communist Party new Stalinist machine in this

It is necessary, however, for Elements like Dunne are apthe opportunist CP opposition parently convinced that the leaders to spread the fiction that ist criticism of the CP. It makes American CP is too discredited the European parties are politiclear that "the central purpose to win the overwhelming sup- cally different from the Ameriof NCP" is "to bring about the port of the American working can CP. Otherwise they could establishment of a real Marxist- class. They see that the CP does not limit their criticism to the Leninist-Stalinist party in the not grow. That it has a contin- present American Stalinist lead-U. S." Of course, Maxist-Lenin- uous huge turnover of members. ers. They would have to trace ism and Stalinism are at oppo- That everywhere it goes among the source of the disease in the the most politicalized workers American CP to the germ of Expelled CP'ers like William F. its infamy has preceded it. Stalinism itself. Then they Dunne, Ruth McKenney and Therefore, they want a new Stal- would not speak of building a Bruce Minton, principal contrib- inist party which will no longer new Stalinist party. They would utors to NCP Report, are former bear the record of ill-repute of turn instead to the already ex-CP functionaries. They have the present Stalinist party. They isting and genuine Marxist-Lenlong records of opportunistic want to present Stalinism in a inist party, the Socialist Workadaptation to CP policies. They new cellophane wrapper and un- ers Party, the Trotskyists.

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LEON SEDOV 1906-1938

By Joseph Hansen Nine years have passed since Leon Sedov, son of Leon and Natalia Trotsky, and an outstanding leader of the Trotskyist movement, fell victim to professional GPU killers. Yet he is still the object of slanderous attack from the Stalinist murder machine that struck him down.

The most recent GPU book, The Great Conspiracy, now being distributed in huge quantities by the Stalinists, pictures Sedov as a conspirator linked with Hitler in a plot against the Soviet Union.

The repetition of this lie so many years after Sedov's death only serves to show what stature he had as an incorruptible Communist fighter. He was one of those self - sacrificing heroes among the Soviet youth who spurned a soft government berth great and hungry years," Trotcialist revolution in other coun- taken by humanity: the reorgatries for decades.

STILL THROW MUD

And because he struck telling name.

Sayers and Kahn, the authors tempting to picture genuine Communism as a "conspiracy' tence they might tear out of context and fit into their propaganda assignment.

In the moving piece Leon Trotsky wrote in memory of his martyred son, Leon Sedov: Son, Friend, Fighter, Sayers and reaucracy, Sedov joined in the "He quickly grasped the fight. art of conspiratorial work, il-Sayers and Kahn interpret In-Exile and the resignation this sentence about Sedov's par-ticipation in the heroic struggle This latest crisis of the exil Stalinist decay as an admission maneuvers of Anglo-American of a which was already ceasing to be a mere political opposition within the Bolshevik Party and was Spain. on the point of merging with the secret war against the Soviet

regime."



LEON SEDOV

planned socialist society.

The Bolshevik program became helpless in a Paris hospital. blows against the dictatorial us- part of the flesh and blood of Lenin's program of world-wide capitalist encirclement of the 1871, Leon Sedov was buried unimpelled to throw mud at his rupt Stalinist bureaucracy, Sed- International. He gave his life sure. He joined the Left Oppo- spirit marches on in the Trots-

Sayers and Kahn, the authors of The Great Conspiracy, at-who defended the program of create.



Dr. Jose Giral, premier of the Spanish Government-In-Exile, resigned his post in Paris last month. After an unsuccessful attempt by Augusto Barcia to form a cabinet, Dr. Rodolfo Llopis this week how in 1923 when Lenin and announced formation of a cabinet, including a member of the Com-Trotsky organized the struggle munist Party. The following report was written by a Spanish against the mushrooming bu- Trotskyist shortly after Giral's resignation-The Editors.

By Pedro to Colonel Casado and General PARIS, Feb. 1-For those Rojo, chief of the Republican legal meetings, and the secret is- who follow the developments army headquarters during the suing and distribution of Oppo- of Spanish politics, the crisis civil war. Casado played a leadsition documents," Trotsky wrote. of the Spanish Government- ing role in the coup d'etat of Madrid, which opened the doors to Franco.

ticipation in the heroic struggle of the Left Opposition against Stalinist decay as an admission This policy of Anglo-American imperialism, which is determined "Trotskyite conspiracy imperialism and the Giral govby fear of the Spanish masses, ernment's obvious lack of a mass could not be conceived without basis, either inside or outside of participation of some "republicans" and "workers' representa-

One of the resigning ministers, tives." The former Socialist Trifon Homez, representative of Minister Pietro made a speech The GPU authors mentioned the evile government violently attacked the Giral goved the exile government

ist leader.'

# Burmese Hit Deal In London, Want Full Independence Now

Leninism against Stalinist revisionism. When the Stalinist regime succeeded in smashing the party

built by Lenin and entrenching itself as a brutal personal dictatorship, Sedov did not give up were making a deal with the British government in Lonthe fight. In exile he continued the hard struggle to reform the Soviet government.

EXPOSED MOSCOW TRIALS The effectiveness of his work

patches from Burma, was is evidenced by the fact that an independent communist backing we have in the country." Stalin named him as one of the party which has been deprincipal defendants in the inscribed as Trotskyist. famous Moscow frame-up trials.

The deal worked out between Against the powerful Kremlin, armed with all its limitless re- the Attlee government and U up Communists and other politisources, it might have appeared Aung San, leader of the Antia hopeless task to expose these Fascist People's Freedom League, frame-ups. Yet to Sedov goes resembles the arrangement made much of the credit for unearth- in India. Its terms provide for ing facts that blew the frame- a Constituent Assembly to be chosen in April to draw up a conups skyhigh. In addition to the hardships stitution. Until then a Burmese

suffered by a poverty-stricken interim government, headed by revolutionary in exile, Sedov U Aung San, will have control

lived under the constant threat of Burmese armed forces and and stood against the stream of sky writes. The Bolsheviks were of death. Professional GPU kill- finances. The joker, of course, bureaucratic degeneration, sustained by the greatest vic- ers trailed him. The same gang is that the question of British knowing that the victory of tory yet achieved by the work- that machine-gunned Ignace forces in Burma will not be set-Stalinism would mean the weak- ing class-the overthrow of cap- Reiss in Switzerland is known to tled until a treaty is adopted ening of the first workers' state italism in Russia-and by the have made at least one attempt guaranteeing British imperialist and the postponement of the so- greatest objective ever under- to murder Sedoy. Finally, on interests in the country. Attlee Feb. 16, 1938, they succeeded in refused to make a pledge grantnization of the world into a getting at the 32-year-old re- ing independence within one volutionary leader while he lay year.

#### **OPPOSITION RISING**

In the Pere La Chaise Cemeblows against the dictatorial us-urpers of power who betrayed the youthful Sedov. When the tery beside the Communards of the last function of the last func socialism, the Stalinists still feel Soviet Union generated the cor- der the red flag of the Fourth San "liked the idea of British ov did not succumb to the pres- to build a better world, but his him control the Reds, some of whom could not even be controlled by Moscow." It was evident, because of rising opposition in Burma to any compromise on the issue of complete independence, that U Aung San would really need all the help he could get.

There are two communist parties in Burma. One is the Communist Party of Burma, led Pe. The other, which is often called Trotskyist, is the "Red Flag" Communist Party, led by Thakin Soe, Both are opposed to the policies of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, in last November, and both appear to exercise a mass influence. The following dispatches give an indication of their policies and ac-

ation of their policies and ac-ivities: Thakin Soe, accusing U Aung ian of betraying his country's French Authorities Violate Pledge tivities: San of betraying his country's cause, was quoted as saying:

"Aung San may parley with the British imperialists, but the people's revolution against British imperialism and its hirelings in Burma will go on. Aung San tearing up all previous com- want to negotiate but don't position to secure a sweeping or sistance movement to birth." and his yes-men talk of staging mitments to the Viet Nam know with whom to do so. For decisive victory. a struggle after Jan. 31. That Republic, so that when and

Thakin Soe denounced the

London talks as a farce, adding:

"We are not interested in the

London negotiations. We know

nothing will come out of them.

in April. We will not participate

"An authoritative informant

said today that red-shirted Com-

munist followers of Thakin Than

Tun had engaged in a pitched

battle with police and forces of

the Anti-Fascist People's Free-

dom League in Yamethin, 250

miles north of Rangoon," stated

an AP dispatch from Rangoon,

Jan. 9. "The source said the

Red Shirts used trench mortars

during the fighting. He said he

expected the famous British

Black Cat division to be sent in-

to the Central Burma area to

Thirty persons, including four

women, were injured when pol-

"British and Burmese troops

were kept on guard today after

thousands of 'red flag' (non-

party) communists had threat-

ened to besiege the government

offices here," reported Reuters.

on Jan. 30. The report added:

"Four thousand red sympathiz-

ers arrived by boat from the

north." One thousand guards

restore order.'

Jan. 7.)

in them.

inists is worthy of mention. After We are not interested in the Eri-

having been the most energetic tish-sponsored general elections

as a Spaniard my duty is to take PITCHED BATTLE

so even if this action would be

The policy of the Spanish Stal-

proponents of the policy of com-

the Giral government and came

to the policy of compromise,

present crisis the Stalinists seek

### **Protest Yoshida Rule**

don, the fight for genuine independence from British domination was reaching new heights inside Burma itself. Playfight, according to the dis- going to be a do-or-die struggle. Let them shoot us if they dare. Then they will know what a On Jan. 24, when the deal in London had already been worked out, "Burma police rounded cal party leaders today as a special edition of the official Gazette imposed a ban on the Communist Party of Burma and the

Thousands of Japanese workers demonstrate outside Tokyo's Imperial Palace, charging that Premier Yoshida's discredited government is plunging the workers into misery. General MacArthur last month brought a heavy fist on the Japanese unions, banning a general strike for higher wages.

9,000 workers representing 48 to well over 20,000." Reuters re-The roundup of communists, labor organizations at a mass ported on Jan. 28. The secretary who were charged with rioting, meeting in Rangoon, declared of the Rangoon Port Commis- Japanese underground movewas reported as continuing, with their intention to stage an im- sioners said "the strike could be ment that came to be known as further arrests expected. Reut- mediate strike until Jan. 31 "in settled amicably but the trouble the Anti-Fascist People's Freeers quotes from an official an- anticipation of the Burmese del- is that the strikers' grievances dom League. egation's return from London, are of a political nature-some-"Party members and their when further orders may be is- thing beyond the purview of the dupes have carried out mass in- sued," according to Reuters' dis- port authorities."

> Whether or not Thakin Soe and the Red Flag Communists are Trotskyists has not yet been verified, but his record certainly revolutionist.

"Three thousand dockyard la-From the material available, I borers and about 2,000 workers on Government timber projects joined the ranks of Rangoon's Dhobama Asi-Ayone, leading na- News, Stalinist publication in Two days after these arrests, strikers today, swelling the total tionalist organization with so-



It is said that Thakin Soe met secretly with U Aung San and convinced him of the need to break with the Japanese imperialists.

PAGE THREE

cialist tendencies in Burma be-

fore the war. The Dhobama Asi-

and students and led the work-

ers' struggle on the basis of unity

Ayone played a prominent role

in the organization of workers'

between the Burmese workers and the large numbers of Indian

workers in Burma. When the

oil workers of Yenangyung went

on strike in 1938, the Dhobama.

organized demonstrations and a

Burma, Thakin Soe was one of

the leaders of the Dhobama who

refused to make any deals with

the Japanese on the basis of

their promises of independence

for collaboration against the

British. Soe insisted that free-

dom for Burma could be won

only by uniting all sections of

the people in a common struggle

against all forms of aggression

FOUGHT UNDERGROUND

A section of the Dhobama

leadership under U Aung San

went over to the Japanese, but

they soon found that the Japa-

and foreign domination.

When the Japanese invaded

general strike in their support.

From incomplete information it appears that Thakin Soe, Than Tun and Thein Pe, who were the left-wing leaders in the shows him to be a consistent Dhobama before the war, joined the Communist Party, which was very small before the war. Durhave been able to determine that | ing the war years the CP gained Thakin Soe was a leader in the in size and influence. World London, stated in referring to the CP of Burma, that: "Its leader, Soe, in jail at the time of the Japanese invasion, wrote a manifesto from prison declaring that support of the Japanese would lead to the complete subjugation of the Burmese people, and Soe and other members at risk of their life, played a great The French government is had been made, claim they too neither side appears to be in a part in bringing the united re-

(Sept. 15, 1945) a struggle after Jan. 31. That Republic, so that when and ing only to replace Admiral mined to hang onto Indo-China lication, edited by R. Palme Dutt "" in London, reported in Nov. 1946: Labor Monthly, Stalinist pub-

'Red Flag' Cultivators Union (Trotskvites) as unlawful associations." (Reuters' dispatch from "Twenty-six persons were arested, including Thakin Soe, Red Flag' leader, who surrendered to the police after a dramatic

attempt to evade capture. "Police rounded up Communsts who had camped in the precincts of the Shwed-gon Pagoda, but Thakin Soe escaped into the shrine where police were not

permitted to enter. "Armed police waited outside for several hours before he

THE MILITANT

By Robert L. Birchman

ing a leading role in this.

While leaders of the Burmese nationalist movement

Rangoon.)

emerged. A brief tussle followed before he was overpowered. He was then taken to prison." 9.000 MOBILIZE

nouncement that says:

vasions of courts of law and gov- patches. A resolution adopted by RECORD IS CONSISTENT ernment offices in Rangoon as the meeting stated that if no rewell as in the districts with the ply was received regarding Burby Thakin Than Tun and Thein object of overawing magistrates ma's demands for independence and other officers of the gov- by Jan. 31, the workers will "go ernment into passing orders one step further in achieving wanted by the party" and their aims." "Crowds organized by the Communist party stated that their ultimate aim was rebellion and which they participated until distributed pamphlets advocating this course."

it signed last year.

French Assembly.

equipment to Indo-China.

FRIDAY, Feb. 21,

SEEKING TRUCE

year.

pire.

in Cochin China to decide if that

province wanted to join the Viet

Nam Republic, the French colo-

nial authorities last week pro-

claimed Cochin China as "a free

state" within the Indo-Chinese

Federation, which is wholly

French-dominated. The estab-

only because they calculated not for not having the confidence of ernment and said: "If tomorrow one in a thousand of the new the "international milieux or of members of the Communist the forces in the country itself." responsibility in Spain, I will do (Stalinist) Party given this The role of the Anglo-Amerihandbook of lies and slanders as can powers and their represen- opposed to my role as a Socialrequired reading would check on tatives is clear. Backed by the the references they cite.

But mankind will remember some vaguely "liberal" elements, Leon Sedov as a heroic figure they aim to prepare for a long after the Stalin regime and "peaceful transition" to a miliall its foul products have been tarist regime if Franco can be promise with the monarchists, forgotten. In the long run the "persuaded to resign." It is evi- the Spanish CP recently entered mightiest torrent of filth cannot dent that the Republicans, Socialists and Stalinists are pre- forward as the party most hostile blot out the truth.

Leon Sedov joined the Com- paring a capitulation and communist Youth movement before promise with the militarists and which it feels is inspired by Anhe was 12 years, old, when the right-wing elements, with the glo-American imperialism and young worker's state, then head- aim of again saving the Spanish aimed at isolating the CP. In the ed by Lenin and Trotsky, was capitalists. besieged on all sides by the in- It is certainly in this sense that to appear as "ultra-Republicans"

one must interpret the news of while leaving the door open for vading armies of imperialism. "Those were fiery and cold, the amnesty granted by Franco capitulation.

**After Poland's Elections** 

army, monarchist politicians and

#### By N. Henri

PARIS, Jan. 31.-As everybody foresaw, the Polish elec-Party, alias the Stalinists, and cause it "firmly intends to maina heavy defeat to the Peasant tain its interest in the welfare Party of Mikolajczyk, which is of the Polish people" Senator backed by the whole of capitalist reaction, by the Polish fasc- Polish question be again subists as well as by Anglo-Ameri- mitted to the "Big Three." It is, can imperialism. Nobody doubts most likely that the British govthe fact that the Polish elections have followed the pattern of Western Europe.

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The irritation of the Ameri-The U.S. government declared in a press statement that the can champions of "democracy" provisional Polish government has a different cause than the for civil war with the object of has "failed to carry out its sol- crushing of democratic agree- re-establishing the old regime. emn pledges" to conduct free ments by the Bierut governelections as defined in the Pots- ment. Their indignation ceases dam and Yalta agreements. The when it is a case of "free elec- Soviet troops and the NKVD State Department denounced tions" in the Southern states the use of measures of intimida- where the Negroes are brutally

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tion and pressure against "dem- | deprived of the right to vote. ocratic elements." Finally, it declared that it the Ku Klux Klan and of the the "Democratic Bloc" under would maintain its diplomatic fascist troops of General Anders Burma government secretariat on year's agreements. The French the domination of the Workers representatives at Warsaw be-Vandenberg demands that the

> Washington. PROTECTORS OF KKK

> > Order From

Stalin at Potsdam and Yalta.

regime.

revolution.

the emigre government apparatus, are organizing themselves STALINISTS FEAR MASSES The government, backed by (new name of the GPU), replies with terrorism and with trials, but of course it does not appeal

the present unstable regime and

take the road of the socialist

their agents in the countries of Eastern Europe. They obtained of the demonstration. All those rules this out of the question: Mikolajczyk's participation in arrested are reported to have any negotiations now will autothe Polish government from Soe, leader of the demonstration. Actually, the situation in Posaid it was intended to represent the grievances of the unemland is one of fermenting civil ployed workers and that "we

ernment will follow the road of war with quite frequent violent are determined to carry on the explosions. The former landownstruggle." ers, the former officers, the cap-

italists, the priests, along with

were on duty at the government secretariat. Schools and many to the working class and the shops were closed and a largepeasant masses. According to scale strike was expected. objective bourgeois journalists, Thakin Soe declared: "This is the masses support the changes which have taken place and they are ready to take arms to

CHICAGO crush the remnants of the old 'Series of 6 Lectures Their intervention would be On the American Revoludecisive. But the Moscow butionary Movement reaucracy and its agents in Warsaw fear such intervention by Arne Swabeck of the masses, which would rap-Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. idly overflow the framework of

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French government will be in whose reputation as an imperial- if the natives drive the French of the CP under Thakin Soe a position to exact terms ist butcher is a little less notori- forces out or if the French broke away to form the 'Burmore favorable than the ones ous.

last week shows that a majority perialist policy. Completely discarding their of the French people do not promise to permit a referendum

To Hold Cochin China Referendum

the time being, they are propos-

support the government's announced intention of seeking a military decision before opening any negotiations. Only 36% supported that position, while 42% favored negotiations with the Viet Namese, 8% said France should vacate Indo-China, and 14% had no opinion.

lishment of this puppet regime. RESISTANCE GROWING separate from Viet Nam. awaits From Cochin China comes the

only formal ratification by the report that the resistance movement in that province is daily At the same time the French growing stronger. "Annamite recabinet is debating the question sistance organizations are now of calling a truce and establishadvanced to the point where ing negotiations with the Viet free movement in Cochin China Nam government. This debate, outside of Saigon is entirely however, has not in any way controlled by the Viet Minh, interfered with the steady flow says Robert Trumbull in a Feb. of reinforcements and military 4 dispatch from Saigon to the N. Y. Times.

This is pretty much the situation throughout the whole coun-The Viet Nam delegation in The "democratic" protectors of ice dispersed 500 communists Paris has called for a truce and try; the French control most of the big centers, but the Viet Nastaging a demonstration at the negotiations on the basis of last mese dominate the country-side. Reinforcements are strengthening the French positions, but

> **Viet Namese Have** gone on a hunger strike. Thakin matically place France in a better bargaining position than last "Remarkable Army" PARIS-"The Viet Nam is The London Times has advisa remarkable army, well led; ed the resumption of negotiathey have become formidable tions as being in the best interand know well how to conests of French imperialism. The same position is taken by the

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duct guerrilla warfare. The pro-France natives are con-French Communist Party, which sidered by the Annamites just wants the government to save about the same way as we face and thus be able to retain considered the pro-German Indo-China in the French em-Frenchmen of 1940 - 1944. That is to say, as collaborat-The French Socialist Party, ors."-Statement by a woundwhose leaders previously asserted officer returned to France ed there would be no negotiafrom the war in Indo-China. tions until a military decision

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masses at home rise up in wrath mese Communist Party' which ad-A public opinion poll released against the government's im- | was subsequently declared illegal

French imperialism is deter-





The Kyodo News Agency re- tary mission which will continue ports that several unions in to train Greek army units for Japan are forming "youth ac- warfare against the Greek partion corps" and "vigilante corps" tisan movement. (flying squadrons and defense

guards) to protect the workers A wave of unauthorized strikes against possible attack by anti- is sweeping Sweden as shipyard labor elements.

Report.

and metal workers grow more impatient with the slowness of Ademar Barros, who was sup- negotiations for wage raises. ported by the Brazilian Com-The workers, who are asking for munist Party in his successful a rise of four to five cents an campaign for the post of Gov- hour, are engaging in quickie ernor of Sao Paulo last month, strikes, lasting 12 to 24 hours. now "disavows friendship for the

Communists and wants to form The strike struggles which bea block to check their growth," gan in Catalonia are now exaccording to the Feb. 11 World tending to other parts of Spain. Of especial significance is a

\* \* \* Demonstrations against bread and cereal shortages stopped work throughout the Ruhr mine areas last week.

Final settlement of hostilities n Indonesia have still not been American businessmen have worked out, despite the readiunofficially approached Indonesness of the Sjahrir government ian Republic officials with proto compromise with the Dutch posals to offer services in return imperialists. The Dutch are de- for monopoly rights in Indonesia, manding issuance of an Indo- according to the Indonesian nesian general cease-fire order News Bulletin published in India. even before the proposed agree- The Ford Motor Co. offers to ment is signed, and they are de- repair highways while the Pennmanding that the Indonesians sylvania Railroad wants the accept the Dutch interpretation right to modernize the Indonesof some parts of the agreement. ian railway system. Just as in Indo-China, every sign \* \* \*

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the Greek government's policy. ian football match where the

For one thing, the withdrawal spectators sat down when the

will not affect the British mili- Marseillaise was played.

to increase their demands.

metal workers' strike for higher wages in Madrid. One thousand workers are involved in this strike, the most important that

has taken place in the Spanish capital in several years. \* \* \*

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"The contradictions which rend Europe and the entire world asunder will find their natural and peaceful solution within the framework of a Socialist United States in Europe as well as in other parts of the

world." -Leon Trotsky -Leon Trotsky

and restore the open shop. The military caste holds out no promise of freedom as it lays plans for Prussianization of the country. And everywhere in the land fascist demagogues are spreading their poison. Fascism and military dictatorship — these too are part of the price of "free enterprise."

And let the capitalist propagandists include two World Wars in 25 years when figuring out the price of their system. Let them charge to their system the cost of 25 million dead of World War I and the estimated 66 million dead of World War II. Then let them add the devastation of continents, the homeless millions freezing amid the ruins.

And one more thing they must include -World War III - the next war of atomic and germicidal annihilation. That is where world monopoly capitalism is heading. That is the final prospect held forth by Wall Street in its mad drive toward world domination.

The ultimate price of "free enterprise" --that perfumed term for capitalist exploitation, repression, robbery and mass murder - is the destruction of civilization.

Only when the masses put an end to capitalism and establish world socialism will they win real freedom. Socialism, the system of planned production and distribution, organized and controlled co-operatively by society as a whole, alone will bring abundance, peace, security, leisure and culture.

The price of true freedom is the great emancipating struggle for a socialist world. That is a price the masses will gladly pay to escope the frightful cost of "free enterprise."

### Words Vs. Actions

The AFL Executive Council, meeting last week in Miami, formally went on record against any anti-labor law which "disturbs, menaces or destroys its free status.'

If words alone could halt the Congressional anti-labor drive, then the powerful and sweeping language of the AFL's resolution might be a strong deterrent to the labor-haters. But neither the Big Business press nor Congress appeared troubled by the Council's verbal protests. It received scant mention in the daily papers.

Why should labor's enemies be impressed with the WORDS of the top AFL leaders? Their ACTIONS in the recent period have only emboldened the anti-labor forces.

The same meeting of the AFL Executive Council that denounced anti-labor bills, rejected the CIO's proposal for joint action of all unions to beat back the union-busting legislative offensive.

While the Council was in session, its members in the Building Trades Department were imposing a no-strike arbitration pact on two million workers, an action Truman hailed as a model of "voluntary" surrender to the bosses. AFL Teamsters Czar-President Tobin and his lieutenants publicly proclaimed an expulsion drive against members who go on strike.

The actions of the AFL leaders clearly show they do not intend to lead a real fight against anti-labor laws. On the contrary, they are beating a cowardly retreat and putting forth a policy of appeasement.

It is up to the 7½ million AFL members to conduct a real struggle against threatened anti-labor laws, in spite of and against the policies of the AFL big-wigs. In every community they must join with the local CIO and Raiiroad Brotherhoods for united action. They must tell the AFL leaders in no uncertain terms that words are not enough; it is militant action that counts. They must demand an immediate halt to retreat and appeasement.

**Negro History Week** 

Negro History Week (Feb. 9 to 15) again serves to underline the consistently militant traditions of the Negro struggle in this country. The Negro people's contributions to American progress and culture are rich and numerous; a study of them is necessary, rewarding and inspiring for those fighting today to end all forms of Jim Crow.

Negro history, as it is taught in most schools, is a lie from beginning to end, deliberately obscuring and distorting the truth. But in recent years, independent research and study, keeping pace with the development of the modern Negro struggle, have helped to sweep away the obscurities and expose the lies. The Negro militant has every reason to be proud of his people's history and traditions.

This history is a record of long and bitter struggle against great odds. From the moment the Negroes came to this country as slaves, they fought against their oppressors and against slavery itself. The history of the South before the Civil War is a history of continuous conflict and rebellion.

Whenever they had the chance, the slaves revolted; and their spirit was never broken. Their active resistance gave birth to the abolitionist movement and was one of the decisive factors in the Civil War. The Negroes could not win their freedom by themselves; but they took the lead in this fight and they won it, with the aid of their allies, by FIGHTING for it.

Southern historians (and their Northern sympathizers) have labored mightily to erase and distort the significance of the Negro's role in the Reconstruction Era which followed the Civil War. But here too the truth is becoming better known: The Negro freedmen were in the forefront of the fight for democratic rights in the South. They defended and extended the right to vote, educational opportunities for all, agrarian reforms, etc. This period of progress was ended only by a conspiracy between the Republicans and Democrats which disfranchised the Negro. But the Negro struggle could not be destroyed by fraud or violence, and it has come a long way in the 60 years since the end of Reconstruction. Today the Negro people are better organized and more determined than ever before. Most important of all, they are now a significantly strong and established part of the labor movement, which is their best and most dependable ally in the struggle for equality. New currents are developing in the South, and it is plain to all that the Negro struggle is moving steadily to a decisive conclusion.



"Just think, the atomic age will take all the drudgery out of women's lives—we'll just press a button instead of arguing with the servants!



THE CONCENTRATION OF | a loaf. The New Deal made a few | date. It offered nothing to solve ECONOMIC POWER by Da- legal concessions to organiza- the problems it was created to vid Lynch, Columbia Univer- tion of labor, very small conces- solve: "Idle factories, unemployity Press, 1946, 423 pp., \$5.50. sions, although the workers took ment, social unrest, maldistribu-This book is both a guide to, and an appraisal of, the work of the Temporary National Economic Committee, which was set up by Congress in 1938 to investigate monopoly in America.

The TNEC has received little attention. The New Deal politicians started it as a sop to the Business trade associations storm of public reaction against were set up as NRA code aumonopolies that followed from thorities with legal power to enthe 1937 economic crisis. The force monopoly prices and limiinvestigation finished its work tations of production. "It was in 1941, when war preparations aptly demonstrated in the cartel were in full swing, and these same politicians were riding oth- hearings that the trade associa- LETTERS FROM PRISON by tion is the American counterpart er political horses. They held a quiet funeral for the TNEC. of the German cartel . . . Under the NRA these organizations Lynch's book is the first general report that has come out reached their heyday and succeeded in the compulsory cartelfor lay readers about the three ization of industry, with the asfoot shelf of 37 volumes of TNEC sociations as the legally constipublications, and on that score tuted agencies of control. The alone it renders a valuable serlegal basis for this control disvice.

Fortunately, he goes beyond these guidebook duties, and gives us an appraisal of the commitof vitality." tee and its task. His own views appear clearly as pro-New Deal. and he includes a mass of material favorable to it. Yet he avoids the crude camouflage of Roosedown and prices held up by comvelt's policies which has served to falsify much of the economic and threats, and government as- an leader of the revolutionary history of the depression.

For instance, it was Roosevelt state and federal "Fair Trade marks in one of them, "that I who requested the Congressional Laws," etc. Yet he adds that the really hope to die at my post, in study of monopoly. Lynch does TNEC hearings did not contri- a street-fight or in a prison," not leave out this point: "One of bute new disclosures; the facts She was to die at her post within the motives attributed to the were known before. The real im- a few short months after her president at that time was to port of the hearings is that the release from prison-assassinathead off the Borah-O'Mahoney machinery and methods of ed by Junker hirelings of the bill (for Federal chartering and monopoly are so commonplace German Social Democracy. regulation of large corporations) that they are accepted as a mat-The example of Rosa's great by substituting an inquiry . . ." ter of course, even after 50 years character, courage and devotion, Lynch's history of American of government gestures against brought to life again in these monopoly does not support the monopoly since the passage of letters, remains to guide and inmyth that the New Deal was the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. spire succeeding generations of basically a set of concessions Even in statistics the TNEC women fighters for socialism. aimed to pacify labor with half only brought the record up to -Larissa Reed

hold of them and made tremen- tion of income, hoarded savings, dous use of them. But the real concentration of economic power, Roosevelt program was organiza- and monopolistic control of intion of capital, and his gestures dustrial activities." Yet, he says, to labor were only sugar-coat- a solution still is needed, for ing for the NRA codes which with the return to peacetime strengthened the already strong economy the people must necestrusts by legalizing and encoursarily grapple with these probaging monopoly in industry. lems again.

The author is not a Marxist. and he sets forth no solution of his own. He contents himself with reporting the facts, which he does well. ---Warren Creel.

Rosa Luxemburg, reprinted by Socialist Book Center, Ltd., London, 1946, 48 pp. Available at Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3, N. Y., 70 cents.

This pamphlet contains many memorable passages in the letters that Rosa Luxemburg wrote appeared when the NRA was de- to Sophie Liebknecht, wife of clared unconstitutional, but the Karl Liebknecht, during 1916cartels remained with little loss 1918, when both of these Marxist leaders of the German work-Lynch's book describes a thor- ing class were imprisoned for oughly monopolized American their struggles against the first capitalism, with production held imperialist war.

These letters reveal the inner binations, agreements, tricks, personality of the greatest womsistance to monopoly through movement. "You know." she re-

### **More Local Unions Join** In United Labor Action

More and more local and state bodies of the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods are initiating joint committees and united actions to beat back the anti-labor offensive in Congress and state legislatures.

Indiana CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods unions last week formed a joint state body to fight anti-labor bills now pending before the state legislature. Proposals were made for a protest march on the state capitol.

In West Virginia a state Co-operative Labor Legislative Council has been set up with representatives from the CIO, AFL, United Mine Workers and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

The purpose of this Council, according to a statement it adopted, "shall be to foster and promote legislation favorable to organized labor and to oppose legislation unfavorable to the interests of organized labor in particular and all labor in general." Labor in Wilmington, Delaware, heart of the DuPont empire, has established the Joint Labor Committee including representatives of the CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and the Independent United Telephone Workers. The Committee has asked every local union in the state to send representatives to its meetings.

In Allentown, Pa., the local CIO Council has affiliated with the previously-established United Labor Committee of Lehigh Valley, which includes the AFL Central Labor Councils of Allentown and Easton and District 9 of the CIO Steelworkers. The United Labor Committee is laving plans for joint action against union-busting laws.

Previously reported in The Militant have been the joint action committees formed or in process of formation in Chicago, Rochester and Jamestown, N. Y., New Haven, Conn., Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Hundreds of local unions in the past few weeks have adopted resolutions calling for formation of joint action committees in their communities and urging their national union leaders to establish similar united bodies on a national basis.

A number of AFL locals have passed motions opposing the AFL Executive Council's rejection of immediate joint action with the CIO.



Many thousands of American newspapers, labor, independent and dailies, are forced to curtail publication and pay fantastic prices for newsprint because of a monopoly-created paper shortage. But the 80th Congress tries to hush this up.

Senate Republican Boss Taft, whose family controls the rich Cincinnati Times-Star, forced the temporary dropping of Small Business Committee hearings into publisher-paper mill collusion. Taft and his monopoly cronies don't want the public to know how a handful of big publishers and paper mill owners control the reputedly free press.

Half of all paper available for magazines goes to only five publishers — Time, Inc., Curtis, Crowell-Collier, Hearst and McCall's. About 6,000 other magazines must share the other half.

One quarter of all newsprint goes to only three chains - Hearst (again), Patterson-McCormick and Scripps-Howard. More than 1,900 dailies and many thousands of small weeklies have to scramble for the other three-quarters.

Little wonder 576 newspapers were suspended, merged or cut from dailies to weeklies from 1930 to 1944. This suppression of free press is speeding up now.

Of 1.394 U.S. cities having daily papers, nine-

Last year the Senate Small Business Committee

was beginning to study concentration of paper mills,

price collusion and artificial paper shortages. It

found two Canadian producers and the Canadian

subsidiary of International Paper Company mono-

polize half the newsprint industry of Canada, source

of 85% of U.S. newsprint. International Paper also

subsidies to the giant publishers. Luce's Time, Life

and Fortune cost the Post Office \$3 million a year.

Wiley Emergency Plan

For Third World War

The problem of a successor for Truman, in case

he should die, is bothering the Republican machine

in Congress. Under present law, General Marshall

But Congress rules the public must not know.

The committee also disclosed enormous postal

tenths have only one daily, or one ownership if there

are more papers

owns 30 mills in the U.S.

#### What Price Capitalism

Wall Street's propagandists no longer paint "free enterprise" in rosy hues of everlasting prosperity. That kind of propaganda won't fool anybody today. The phrase "boom and bust" reflects the popular view of the way capitalism operates. It has entered into the everyday speech of the people.

The Big Business mouthpieces now stress a new angle in their sales talks about the blessings of monopoly capitalism. True, they concede, capitalism has its ups and downs. But, as David Lawrence blandly puts it in the Jan. 31 United States News, "the price of freedom is occasional economic disorders and even business depressions." He says: "Freedom comes high."

How high is the price of this "freedom" bestowed on the world's people by monopoly imperialist capitalism? Is it just an "occasional disorder"-something like a slight cold with a few sniffles and light fever?

Think back to the prewar depression. In this country - the richest in the world the depression lasted uninterruptedly from 1929 to the start of World War II. Average annual<sup>®</sup>unemployment ranged between 12 and 13 million. The total loss of income to the American workers was 300 billion dollars.

What was the price of "free enterprise" in broken homes, wasted youth, stunted and diseased bodies, degradation and pauperization? That is too colossal to figure. It will be immeasurably greater when the next depression strikes with the full impact of the consequences of a trillion-dollar war.

And that's just the beginning of the price of "free enterprise." Look at the billion and a half people in the capitalist-exploited colonial countries, ravaged by famine and epidemic diseases, worked to death for a fistful of rice per day, slaughtered with machine-guns. bombs and flame-throwers when they dare to fight for their independence. This too is all part of the price paid for "free enterprise."

Where in the whole world is this "freedom" capitalism is supposed to bring? Is it in Japan and Germany under the conquerors' heels? Is it in the "liberated" countries wracked with economic chaos, strangled by capitalist police regimes? Is it in Georgia or Mississippi or Harlem or Chicago's Black Belt?

Congress is certainly not preparing to bring freedom with its drive to smash the unions

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress." That was the watchword of the heroic Negro abolitionist, Frederick Douglass. It is the watchword also of the Negro militants today.

#### **Not Trotskyists**

In the Stalinist lexicon, "Trotzkyite" is an epithet applied promiscuously to anyone under displeasure of the Kremlin no matter what his or her real political position may be. The Daily Worker pins the label with equal readiness on a follower of Earl Browder, Ruth Mc-Kenney or Adolf Hitler. The object of the Kremlin is to smear the genuine Trotskyists, who also represent genuine Marxism.

The latest instance of this smear tactic occurred when Ruth Fischer turned informer, testifying against her brother Gerhard Eisler, charged by the FBI with being an undercover agent of the Kremlin and now being held at the Federal House of Detention in New York.

The Feb. 7 Daily Worker labelled Ruth Fischer a "Trotzkyite" and the capitalist press, including the reactionary N. Y. Daily News, picked up the epithet, using it as part of their attempt to give authority to Ruth Fischer's testimony.

But Ruth Fischer is NOT a Trotskyist. She was once a leading member of the German Communist Party but was expelled as a follower of Zinoviev in one of Stalin's periodic shufflings of the leadership of that party. She capitulated to Stalin and in her confession of faith displayed her antagonism to Trotskyism. Stalin spurned her advances. For a brief period in 1934 she flirted with the Fourth International, but for the past 13 years she has been an opponent of Trotskyism.

We repeat. Ruth Fischer is NOT a Trotskyist. She specializes in writing sensational articles on Stalinism, serving as a tool of American imperialism.

#### Congressmen At Work -

**Congressional Brain Service** 

One of the arguments used by Wall Street spokesmen against electing workers to Congress is their lack of college education. And workers unfamiliar with college, tending to over-rate its value and to feel very keenly the inadequacies of their education, are frequently taken in by this argument.

Yet Wall Street does not insist its candidates be intellectual giants. If you've ever heard some of them in an unprepared moment when they lacked a canned speech, you've probably

been amazed at their ignorance, libraries in the world at its dis- publications and eliminate the stupidity and butchery of the posal. English language.

However, once in office, they ment act as confidential agents begin to display encyclopedic for Congressmen. If a Senator or who act as staff organizers, are knowledge, cleverly-fitted logic Representative runs into a blind of course carefully picked men. and imposing oratory. They alley in debate, a telephone call They are screened for leftist seem to have the most difficult to the department will get him political beliefs or for any tensubjects at their finger tips. How do these stumblebums ments he lacks in a matter of the working class. They are esdo it? minutes.

The secret is brains-not the brains that Congress, like any analyze any issue, line up the ar- | Wall Street. other moneyed organization, has

on its payroll. Take a typical machine poli- very. No matter how difficult services of research experts, but tician, who never misses a turn the subject, the Reference Ser- would enlarge the staff and when the party whip passes the vice will ferret out the date, raise their pay to levels comword on how to vote, but who compile it and analyze it. finds his mental fog on more complex matters somewhat of a participate in this work can re- to put those specialists in charge handicap. If he wishes, he can serve a desk at any time and whose sympathies are against put a skilled ghost-writer on his have a corps of attendants as Big Business and with the office payroll as "assistant" at collaborators. These "helpers," masses.

\$8,000 a year. That's a lot of naturally, are highly skilled money, however, and so many craftsmen. Congressmen appoint the wife | If a Congressman has a pecu- running smoothly. It even makes or some other reliable relative liar "personal" problem, he need sure the absence of brains in its to this post, and turn to the Leg- only call the Director of the elected representatives doesn't islative Reference Service of the Legislative Reference Service hamper their activities. Cer-Library of Congress for help.

and if an expert is available, he tainly, the labor movement In existence since 1915, this is put at the service of the Con- should not let the workers' lack Service has been greatly ex- gressman. A Wall Street politi- of formal education block it panded in recent years. Its staff cian assigned to work on legis- from struggling to win public of expert research technicians is lation requiring knowledge of office for union men of high headed by fifteen \$10,000 a year price economics, international native intelligence.

trade, or marine law, for instance, may know as little about the subject as if he had just stepped out of the Stone Age. Yet he need only dial the telephone to be instantly supplied with a 20th Century brain trained for decades in the field.

In addition to these conveniences, the Service follows the entire periodical press and makes abstracts of all articles of importance. Such abstracts, placed on the desk of a Congressman, free him from the arspecialists. It has one of the best duous work of digging through possibility of his mising an item

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Congressmen's brains-but the for the record, the Service will to prostitute high intelligence to

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Wall Street overlooks nothing to keep its political machine

would move into the White House if anything happened to the President. Last week Truman again recommended that Congress pass a law to make the Speaker of the House his successor. This would be Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Republican of Massachusetts. Agreeable as this might be to Martin, other Presidential aspirants feel such an amendment would be unfair to them. And so the

> proposition. Senator Alexander Wiley, Republican of Wisconsin, and the political representative of the cheese interests in that state, thinks that Truman's proposal only scratches the surface of the problem. He sent . a letter to Truman telling him that the proposed . plan is "inadequate" in the atomic age.

Republicans have been slow at accepting Truman's

He proposes instead a "push-button" emergency government. "We know that in an atomic war it would be practically impossible for the Congress to assemble in any given spot."

Envisioning the outbreak of World War III, Wiley foresees an atomic bomb exploding in Washington, D. C., so that all the Senators and Representatives . as well as the President would be "eliminated." What then?

He proposes legislation right now to take care of such an emergency. The Governors would appoint a new set of Congressmen who would hold sessions via television, radar and other inventions.

Speaking over the radio, Wiley declared that what is needed today is "more immediate push-button plans for the push-button warfare that will come."





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and In Defense of Socialism. To ist court, knowing that there is no justice there, takes a lot of courage and fearlessness. their economic interests in an in-

Editor's Note: At the beginning of the Second World War, 18 otskyists were placed on trial Minneapolis and then railthat socialism offers the only

Marxist analysis shows an increasing army of unemployed. displaced by machinery. The un-

Enclosed you will find a copy test to Senator Ball.



tition? I would appreciate your com-

Editors' Note: Perhaps some um" would like to answer the

to "send more soon."

Cleveland has pulled up its payments to the





#### Letter To A MILITANT Reader - By Theodore Kovalesky

#### Dear Friend:

I wonder just how it was when you bought your subscription to The Militant. Perhaps it happened in the shop, when



one of your union brothers told you about a workers' paper that told the truth and had the courage to stick to its guns even when the going was tough.

Perhaps you subscribed during the war, feeling that the workers had nothing to fight for, nothing to win.

that it was a capitalist war for power and profits, and all the fine words about a "war for democracy" were lies.

Perhaps one evening a young member of the Socialist Workers Party knocked on your door and showed you the paper for the first time.

Perhaps you belong to the Communist Party. You might have gotten your first Militant at a distribution outside the hall where you went to hear Browder or Foster. It must have been refreshing and stimulating when you read it, when you saw in print the very things that you believed in the bottom of your heart should have been printed in the Daily Worker but weren't printed there. You must have felt deep satisfaction when you read in The Militant that the Socialist Workers Party always opposed the wartime no-strike pledge that bound labor's hands, when you read that the SWP opposed the capitalist war and defended every colonial nation that fought for liberty and every worker out on strike and every Negro or Jew fighting for life and dignity against fascists, Ku Kluxers, and other reactionary race-haters.

You and I are brothers, comrades. We want a

better world. We have this thing in common, our desire for truth and justice, freedom and equality. If you didn't feel this way, you wouldn't have subscribed to The Militant.

Feeling the way you do about the ideas of The Militant, don't you want to do something to help? The fifty cents you paid to have the paper sent to your house for six months didn't pay for the paper at all. That's the price, but it couldn't put out the paper without other financial help.

You must have read by now about the Emergency Fund Campaign of the Socialist Workers Party on Page 5 of The Militant, That's what I want to talk to you about.

We need those few dollars or cents that you can manage to spare. And I ask you to give them. Or rather I ask you to INVEST them.

If you give to the SWP fund, you invest money in a new world. You strike against fascism and tyranny. A political party needs money, you know.

The party has to put out leaflets, print pamphlets, help distribute The Militant and the Fourth International. There are no big advertisers to pour money into the paper, and without money, there wouldn't have been any Militant for you to read.

You can help in this fight against misery, tyranny and war. You can dig down and give as much as you can afford. You'll be giving the money to the Socialist Workers Party to help YOU and your kids. You'll be laying a brick in the building of Socialism and buying a share of stock in the new world.

Don't put it off. There are so many things we intend to do that we just don't get around to doing. But this is important! It could be, some day, a matter of life and death, of freedom or fascism. Fraternally. T. K.

**New Pamphlet By Cannon Out In March** 

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lution" adopted at the November 1946 convention of the Socialist Workers Party, and a speech on the theses delivered by Cannon at this convention. caught up in the main stream of

American economy never recovered from the catastrophic depression of 1929-1938. The Second World War only postponed the inevitable revolutionary crisis. The postwar depression now looming will prove far more dev-

the American workers accomplished in the trade union field will now be extended to politics. The victory of socialism in America cannot long be delayed, in

The first edition of this important pamphlet will be 20,000 copies. It has an attractive cover by the Trotskyist artist J. Thal, is 32 pages and will sell for 10

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## N. Y. BANKERS PUSH SUBWAY FARE STEAL

**Picket For Rent Control** 

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You Control Washington you Control Albany

By Joseph Hansen NEW YORK, Feb. 10 — The public hearings opened by New York's Mayor O'Dwyer on the proposal to double the 5-cent subway fare is only the latest chapter in a tale of plunder that goes back to 1894. In that year a group of Wall Street sharks made a deal with City Hall called the "Dual Contracts" under which two holding companies, the

sit Co. and the Brooklyn \$326,248,187 and took over the Manhattan Transit were 1940. given a franchise to operate This was not a cash deal, how-

elevated and subway lines owned by the city for 75 years. Under the "Dual Contracts" of 3% interest.

the city put up \$326,000,000 for the construction and extension estate interests not only made of these lines. The Wall Street their original investment many operators put up only \$287,000,- times over in the profits they 000. Looking far ahead, these fi- shook down, but when their nanciers demanded-and got - franchise was three-fifths gone a clause guaranteeing them a they converted it into gilt-edged minimum profit of \$10,000,000 a bonds that at the present rate year.

For several decades these two \$1.881,000,000, according to escompanies made enormous pro- timates in the press. fits operating the city-owned lines—yearly dividends ran as swindle as a necessary step in high as 30%. But after the First consolidating the lines, giving World War costs began to mount. riders free transfers from one Under management of the Wall system to another, and re-Street operators the subway equipping, modernizing and exsystem steadily deteriorated, until cars, tracks and other equipment became so bad additional The private operators of the eds clamored to raise the fare to 10 cents. The "Dual Contracts," however, carried a clause reading, "the rate of fare shall

be five cents but no more." Even the Supreme Court, to Finally in 1939, when their

of \$450,000,000 (actual profits The action of the police and were far greater) they worked Judge Irvin Taplin declared the court in the case of Alfred out a coup that has few parallels. Giles, however, has not gone un- They opened negotiations noticed. On Jan. 30, the date set with LaGuardia, then Mayor of Mrs. Giles and several friends for Mr. Giles' sentence, Judge New York, offering to sell the were driving along Capitol Drive Taplin faced a packed court, He city the unexpired portion of

Channel Heights housing was compelled to set a date to their franchise on the city's lines project, only a few blocks from hear arguments in favor of a new for the amount they had ori-NewWitchHunt his home, when his motor was stalled by the pouring rain. A Municipal Court LaGuardia finally settled for Municipal Court. LaGuardia finally settled for



far into the red. The "debt service," as the advocates of the 10-cent fare euphemistically call the tribute paid Wall Street, amounted last year to \$57,000,-000. Had Wall Street continued to operate the lines, the shakedown would have been only \$10,-000.000.

ever. The Wall Street operators

took bonds, bearing the high rate

Thus the bankers and real

would eventually pay them off

LaGuardia palmed off this

tending the transit system.

Last June O'Dwyer opened a campaign to double the 5-cent fare. On July 15 the N. Y. Times revealed his strategy: "The Mayor is known to feel that the matter should go to popular referendum as soon as possible, perhaps by next spring." At the same time O'Dwyer expected to work out "some process not imposing on the Board of Estimate the politically 'red hot' burden of actually fixing a higher fare

as a condition precedent to a

Since then the New York cap-

italist press has pounded on the

"need" for a 10-cent fare. And

while O'Dwyer has maintained

the pretense of a "last ditch

fight" against the proposed in-

crease, the Chamber of Com-

merce, the Citizens Transit

Committee, and the State Asso

ciation of Real Estate Boar

have carried the ball for him.

The capitalist press howls

about the "ancient level" of 5-

cents, about "a 10-cent ride for 7

a nickel," about the dismal

arithmetic" of transit finances.

about how "unthinkable" the

out "free rides" and establish-

#### Jim Crow In The Capital - By Joe Morgan badly in comparison with the late Roosevelt's A "bill of rights" for the world is being drawn up by a United Nations sub-committee. A most noteworthy project this is, when one considers that right here in the "land



The Negro Struggle -

The U.S. government is co-operating with other countries in drafting this so-called "bill of rights." And yet in the seat of government, Washington, D. C., the pattern of Jim Crow is as rigid as in any city of the deep South.

In recent months picket lines have been thrown around some of the places practicing Jim Crow, with many liberal actors, doctors and lawyers signing anti-discrimination petitions, etc. Among the places being picketed was the National Theater, and President Truman was so informed by telegram. But two days later Washington policemen dispersed the pickets in front of the theater just before the whole presidential family entered. Photographers for a Negro paper were told by secret service men not to take pictures. Truman later said he had not known anything about a picket line.

The crude Missouri tactics employed here fare ment too.

smooth approach. Roosevelt would not have gone into that theater, but Roosevelt also did NOT end the segregation policies in the District even when he controlled Congress lock, stock and barrel Washington was run for many years by the Democrats who had a majority on the District

of Columbia Committee of the Senate. When it is recalled that Senator Bilbo was chairman of this committee and therefore "Mayor" of Washington, it is easy to understand why Washington was run so much like the South. But now the Republicans control the Senate and this committee. Yet Washington's Jim-Crow pattern has not been altered in any way.

What a glaring contradiction Washington offers to the rest of the world! While U.S. delegates in the UN are continually prating about the lack of democracy in other countries. their government practices the most vicious kind of discrimination and segregation against onetenth of its citizens.

Washington is an example of the direct reactionary role of the capitalist government with regard to the Negro people. It plays the same role in other parts of the country, but not so openly. We Negroes cannot expect a government which Jim Crows us in the armed forces and in the very seat of the government, to bring us any help in our fight for equality. The only way we can get the equality we want is by concerted action with other workers toward a common goal. And that means a fight against the govern-

#### neer Publishers announced today that its next pamphlet, The Coming American Revolution, by James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, will be off the press March 1. The pamphlet contains the Theses on the American Revo-

The pamphlet explains why the United States has now been revolutionary development.

astating than the depression of the Thirties, Cannon predicts. The working class on whose shoulders the future rests is stronger than ever before. What

Cannon's opinion.

cents.

## him guilty.

DETROIT, Feb. 10—Repub-lican Governor Kim Sigler, who last week initiated a red-trating witch hart a red-COP DRAWS GUN baiting witch - hunt against Graw, jumped out of his car, ac-



ton, you control Albany, why don't you control rents?"

San Pedro Police Brutally Beat, Jail Innocent Negro

#### By Louis Kisner

SWP Candidate for Los Angeles City Council, 15th District SAN PEDRO, Calif., Feb. 7-I have just spoken to Alfred Giles, a Negro worker who was brutally mauled by the whom the Wall Street interests city police, then jailed and charged with assault and hat- appealed, was forced to uphold tery. When Alfred Giles was brought into court his face this clause. was swollen and disfigured, a cut above his eye was bleeding, his shirt and trousers a larly against the racial minority had reached the colossal figure were badly bloodstained. De- groups.

spite his obvious condition,

Last Christmas Eve, Mr. Giles,

police car drove up and ordered road.

Mr. Giles to get his car off the DETROIT COPS FORCE WAY

Cold Water Flat Available

A New York City Marshal by the name of James Mullins got an order the other day to evict a family in Staten Island. The eviction



appeared to be no more than a routine item in the day's working of the law. Some people, it seems, are incapable of practicing enough thrift to pay up their rent, thus infringing on the landlord's right to enjoy a fair return on his investment.

The tenant, Hinton James, was 79 years old. As his aged wife busied herself in the kitchen of the cold water flat, he waited in the front room to greet the Marshal.

Up until about two months ago, according to the press, Mr. James had been employed as a hospital attendant. Whether he was fired, temporarily laid off, or had to stop working because he didn't feel well, was not reported. But lacking sufficient income, he fell behind in rent until the debt to the landlord amounted to \$25.

What went on in the old worker's mind as he waited to be evicted remains a mystery, since he took a clothes line and hanged himself without leaving any message that would indicate his last thoughts.

His wife, meanwhile, busied herself in the kitchen. Whether the noise of her activities blotted out other sounds, or whether in her old age she was a bit hard of hearing, is not clear. Possibly her husband died without a violent struggle. In any case, the first sound to attract her attention was Marshal Mullins hammering on the door.

It was when she went to admit the Marshal that Mrs. James saw her husband hanging by

the neck from the clothes line. Marshall Mullins proved to be a man of rare humaneness for a cop. He told the widow that he would not evict her. How this generous concession squared with the law was not mentioned by the press.

Another factor that might have swayed Mullins in reaching his unusual decision was Mrs. James' evident lack of composure. It appeared doubtful she could handle herself in the street with the household furniture stacked on the sidewalk. In fact the aged woman seemed so unnerved that Mullins ordered her taken to a hospital.

The hospital admitted her long enough to treat her for shock, probably as an emergency case. Then, according to the press, "she was removed to the New York City Farm Colony at New Springville."

It would thus appear that a vacant cold water flat is available in Staten Island although the press said nothing about Mrs. James' furniture being removed or Mullins deciding to go ahead with the eviction.

This incident, humdrum and ordinary as it is, nevertheless reveals the singular advantages offered by the capitalist system. So long as Wall Street runs the country, you are safe from such horrors of socialism as decent old age pensions for the poor or a guaranteed annual income that might sap your moral fiber and deprive you of the incentive to get out and hustle.

Under capitalism, no matter what your age, you are guaranteed complete freedom to exercise individual initiative - even if it takes the form of hanging yourself by the kitchen clothes line.

cused Giles of bumping the po Michigan college students lice car and shoved a pistol into and ordered an "investiga- his side. "Get out of this damn tion" of communist influence car," the officer threatened,

among state employes, has "and let me fill you full of lead!" Board of Briggs Local 212, UAW- cop not to shoot. McGraw then worker, was viciously beaten CIO. The resolution calls attention "slapper" from his pocket with out a search warrant, forcibly

to the fact that "the daily press which he beat Mr. Giles about entered his home at 4870 Rushas been filled in recent days the face and in the stomach. The sell on the night of Jan. 13. with statements and scare stor- other officer appeared now with Mr. Coleman related this story sies announcing a red-baiting a blackjack and began to beat to the Militant reporter: "Upon witch-hunt under the leadership the helpless victim as they drag- answering a knock at the door. of Governor Sigler on a state- ged him out of the car.

wide basis." It points out the meaning of said Alfred Giles, "I was going badges before me. I attempted to medical treatment. such attacks: "Experience has down into the water. Then I keep them out of my house since demonstrated repeatedly that the knew enough to feel them throw they had no search warrant of red-baiting attacks of the em- me in the floor of the police car entry. They gave no explanation ployers and their governmental on my face and McGraw was or reasons. They said that they representatives serve as a cover riding in the back resting his wanted to ask me some quesfor a drive against all labor and feet on my back. The handcuffs tions. I told them that they could were too tight on my wrists be- ask the questions at the door. progressive movements.

"The present witch-hunt fits hind my back, so I asked him to When I said that, they lunged the traditional pattern and seems relieve the handcuffs. He stamp- into the door, forced their way designed to divert attention from ed on my back and said, 'Lay in, and used abusive and vile lanthe fact that Governor Sigler there and be quiet!' Then they guage in front of my four chiland his administration are doing took me to jail." nothing to provide the people of NOTHING NEW this state with an adequate This terror is nothing new in but I wouldn't permit it. I point-

housing program or a state rent San Pedro, a district which is et out that there was a police control measure and to hide the overwhelmingly populated by box in front of my house. When fact that Sigler and his admin- workers - seamen, longshore- I told them that I had my rights istration are in opposition to the men. fishermen, cannery work-FEPC bill and the legitimate ers and others. Many Mexican and called me a 'black-----. wage demands of the employes and Negro workers live here. Poof the state of Michigan." lice brutality is directed particu-

### **Notes From The News**

Professor James Burnham, who broke with Marxism and the labor movement in 1940, has written a new book. The Struggle for the World, which will be published next



month. An advance quotation from it reads as follows: "The survival of democracy in this country requires the suppression of communism, now." \* \* \*

The Gallup Poll finds that 69% of the people favor releasing conscientious objectors from prison, 23% are opposed and 8% have no opinion. \* \*

William Z. Foster, CP national chairman, is now en route to Europe "to study at first hand the postwar situation in Europe," acording to the Daily Worker. \* \*

The New York City public school system will experiment this semester with a new course designed "to instill America's traditional principles of free economic enterprise," according to the Feb. 8 N. Y. Times. If successful, this

inculcation of capitalist propaganda into 500 "selected" pupils will be repeated next fall.

The Socialist Party National Executive Committee's only demand in connection with the proposed merger with the Social Democratic Federation is agreement on the need for the united group to run a candidate for president in 1948 if there is no third party by then.

Over 400 conscientious objectors and pacifists were scheduled to publicly burn their draft cards at protest meetings organized by the Break-With-Conscription Committee in a dozen important cities on Feb. 12.

Negroes are registering to vote by the thousands in Mississippi. Leadership in the drive is being taken by Negro ex-GI's.

The Communist Party has had to extend its 1947 re-registration of members to March 1. Almost 20% of its members in New York State have not yet signed up.

The following is an extract | duct of the decay and putrefacfrom the speech by Michael Bar- tion of that same outlived sys- 'you're going to jail.' I was pushtell. Socialist Workers Party tem.

Election Rally on Feb. 2. be the masters, the plutocrats-

**Bartell's Speech At Rally** 

talist America.

center outward, and the decay real issue you must decide when is spreading like creeping gan- you vote. numbers in its grasp. The rich is a vote to continue the same can escape by fleeing to the sub- slums, the same racial discrimurbs, but the workers are trap- ination, and bigger wars and de-

ped. Chicago was a great city in didates is a vote for a workers'

decadence and decline is a pro- vote for a socialist society.

ed out of the door and I fell write-in candidate for mayor of | So the real issue in this elec-Chicago, delivered at the SWP tion is, who shall rule, who shall

who are a handful of parasites Chicago is rotting away and leading all of humanity to ruin this is true of all cities in capi- and destruction-or the workers who are the millions, and who The city is decaying from the build and create. That is the

grene, embracing ever greater A vote for capitalist candidates

pressions. A vote for our can-

its day — it was built in the government, a new world, a new heyday of capitalist expansion. life, for the happiness and peace Its grandeur was a product of that can be ours, and that we capitalist growth, and now its are fully entitled to - it is a

By R. Young

DETROIT, Feb. 9-Detroit down the stairs. As I lay there, referendum." police brutality has found its one of them hit me in the eye latest victim. Enoch Cole- with a flashlight while another been strongly denounced in a The terrorized occupants of man, college graduate and kicked me in the back. I was resolution by the Executive the car began to plead with the at present a Detroit factory handcuffed behind my back and "I was told that I was being replaced his pistol and drew a and injured when police, withbooked on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. The original charge was changed to assaulting an officer and later

changed to felonious assault. "At Detroit Receiving Hospital I was treated for my wounds. I was confronted by two plain-"The last I could remember," clothesmen who flashed their Later I received a bill for this

"After I was dragged away, my wife told me that the house present fare is, about cutting was ransacked." To this day Mr. Coleman has ing a "self-sustaining" fare. But

not been told why the police dethe cold truth is the proposed sired to question him or gain increase would raise the cost of entrance to his home. As in all living for the average New York other similar cases, it is the vicfamily by \$75 to \$100 a year tim who is brought before the for no other reason but to guarcourt as the offender while the antee the annual tribute paid

police walk the streets free. to Wall Street.



The following is part of the families, now holds 18. Another speech by Homer Lewis, Socialist built for six, houses 44. Recently as a citizen, the police sneered Workers Party canidate for Al- I saw a space behind a store, I derman in the Third Ward of can hardly call it an apartment, Every time I cut off the phone Chicago, delivered at the SWP housing a family of 14. One of they hit me, until they gave up Election Rally on Feb. 2. the children has to sleep in the \* \* \*

bath tub.

In addition to the general Eleven lives have been lost in housing shortage, my people's the past few weeks through a problem is made more acute by series of tenement fires. They began to pull at me saying, the damnable restrictive coven-Someone benefits from slum ants and Jim Crow practices. areas. Someone makes a profit

These measures restrict Negroes from the misery and disease of into black ghettos in this so- overcrowded tenements. More called land of freedom. They profit is made from sub-standsqueeze us into already over- ard buildings than would be made crowded tenements, fire-trap at- | if new, decent houses were built tics, and flooded basements.

live in blighted areas. These are profit system must go. districts so rundown, rat-infest-

We can expect no help from ed. disease ridden and unhealthy the city administration, which

Two hundred and forty-two tions remain the same. Workers thousand dwelling units in Chi- must form their own organizacago have been declared unsafe tions now. ORGANIZE TENto live in. Today these condemn- ANTS' UNIONS to fight the ed tenements are crammed from landlords on the economic front. attic to basement with men, wo- ORGANIZE AN INDEPENDENT men and children. A house on LABOR PARTY to fight capithe South Side, built for three talism on the political front.

that experts have condemned serves the interests of big busithem as unfit for human habi- ness. These Charlie McCarthies only make gestures, while condi-

"Thirty minutes later four po-

licemen appeared at my door.

dren.

and left.

#### HOMER LEWIS

tation.

and rented to workers at a price

Three hundred and seventy-five thousand people in Chicago fit system stands in the way. The