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STALIN'S GUILT IN TROTSKY MURDER **BARED BY EX-DAILY WORKER EDITOR** Why Stalinism Uses Terror In **Budenz Discloses Details Of How 1940 Assassination Was Prepared** Labor's Ranks

An Editorial

The Trotskyist movement was the first to sound the alarm against the menace of Stalinism to the working class. Since 1923, we have followed the successive stages in the degneration of the Communist parties and the Soviet Union. exposed the crimes of the Stalinist bureaucrats, and fought their treacherous policies. World labor is indebted to Leon Trotsky for a correct understanding of the nature of Stalinism. Stalin had Trotsky murdered because Trotsky, as world leader of the working class struggle for socialism, was Stalinism's most dangerous opponent.

In his confessional, This Is My Story, Louis Budenz, former National Committee member of the Communist Party and Daily Worker editor, gives new and convincing proofs of Stalin's guilt in the assassination of Leon Trotsky.

Leon Trotsky was not the sole victim of Stalinist terrorism; he was the most famous. Before Trotsky, the GPU destroyed hundreds of his friends in the USSR, including members of his family. In Spain the GPU killed his former secretary Erwin Wolfe and many others. In France they killed his son, Leon Sedov. In Switzerland they liquidated Ignace Reiss who broke from the GPU and joined the Fourth International. In Greece the Stalinist murder machine killed over one hundred Trotskyists during December 1945-January 1946.

Instrument Of Stalin

Budenz confirms the well-known fact that the Communist Party is a blind and obedient instrument of the Stalin regime in the United States... He explains just how Stalin's operatives function in the Communist Party. Within the Central Committee and in its national headquarters sit all-powerful representatives of Stalin, whose identities remain unknown to all but a few highly-placed people. On orders transmitted from the Kremlin these GPU men lay down the policies followed by the CP and direct its work behind the backs of the membership. In this fashion the CP line is abruptly changed, a Browder deposed, and a Foster-Dennis leadership set up. Millions of American workers have experienced in recent years the treacherous political and trade union policies of the Communist Party, its open strikebreaking, its support of Wall Street's war and collaboration with the capitalist political machines. These workers have come to understand that the Stalinist line and its sudden som-



Implicates Leaders Of Communist Party In GPU Conspiracy

By John G. Wright

Sinister and secret details connected with the assassination of Leon Trotsky by Stalin's hired killer in Mexico City in August 1940 have been disclosed by Louis F. Budenz, former managing editor of the Daily Worker and member of the Na-

tional Committee of the? Communist (Stalinist) Party. These revelations are made by Budenz in his book, This Is My Story, which will be shortly released to the public by Whittlesey House. As an eyewitness and direct participant, Budenz, who served the Kremlin loyally for ten years, now supplies conclusive evidence that top operators of Stalin's secret police worked for years on American soil to prepare for the murder of Trotsky.

American Stalinists, including Budenz himself, helped pave the way for the assassin "Frank Jacson" to worm his way into Trotsky's home. Involved in the preparation for this crime were the then highest placed leaders of American Stalinism, in particular, Earl Browder and Jack



wise serves as a terror and murder machine in the hands of Stalin's secret police. These two functions are inseparably connected. The terroristic acts are an integral part of the whole political system of Stalinism.

Slander, Frame-Ups, Murder

Their practices include slander, character assassination, frame-up and physical violence against their politi- history. They venerated him enter the household with his is still unclear. Trotsky thought course, in this mud-slinging. cal and union opponents. The Stalinist leaders do not as the organizer of the Red wife, Sylvia Ageloff, when she, that possibly the Laborde leaderstop there. Not only in Russia but here and in other Army that successfully de- as a loyal and trusted friend, ship drew back in fear of the countries, they have conspired to do away with their fended that state against the visited Natalia and Leon Trotsky. consequences when the GPU opponents in the labor movement by means of murder.

Countless crimes were organized by the international imperialists. Stalin had to move apparatus of the GPU and carried out with assistance from carefully selected leaders and members of the Communist parties in various countries. As a prominent member of the American CP National Committee for six years, Budenz was exceptionally well situated to observe the innermost operations of the GPU. He was himself drawn into its espionage network.

What do these murderous methods of the Stalinist en for a while in France and leaders flow from? The Kremlin bureaucracy they serve then in Norway. In 1936 the is a corrupt caste which has taken power from the work- Kremlin staged the first great ers inside the Soviet Union and grabbed for itself the Moscow frame-up trial. One of Stalin's aims was to put preslion's share of the national income. This bureaucracy is in a very contradictory position. While claiming to speak sure on the Norwegian governfor Communism, in reality it fights neither for the ad- GPU executioners. Minister of murder of workingclass poment to turn Trotsky over to the vancement of communism nor the welfare of the work- Justice Trygve Lie (now Secre- litical opponents. These bloody ers, but exclusively for its own unlimited power and col- tary-General of the UN) placed crimes he climaxed with his asossal material privileges. This is the source of the crimes Trotsky under house arrest. The perpetrated by the Stalinist bureaucrats and the two-faced fate of Trotsky and his wife role they play. seemed sealed.

The Stalinist gang is obliged to defend its power and privileges, not simply against hostile capitalist forces, but Mexico offered the persecuted trials of several score Old Bolabove all against the workers who hate and mistrust their revolutionary couple the right of sheviks, Stalin sought to smear new oppressors and misleaders. Both within the Soviet asylum. The GPU was forced the victims of his bloody purges, TESTIMONY FALSE Union and abroad the secret police enforce and safeguard to resort to less favorable vari- and above all the exiled Trotsky, Stalin's totalitarian rule. The most consistent opposition ants from their point of view. to Stalinism within labor's ranks comes from the Trotsky- JACSON IN MEXICO ists. Since the CP leaders in this country, like their masters in the Kremlin, are unable to criticize the real ideas of the Trotskyists, they must resort to falsifications, frameups, and finally assassinations.

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to understand that the Stalinist line and its sudden som-ersaults are determined not by regard for labor's fight against capitalist misrule but by the shifting requirements of Moscow's foreign policy. The best militants have learned to despise and combat the injurious policies which the American servants of Stalinism have sought to impose upon their organizations. The Communist Party not only spreads false ideas and fatal policies among the American workers. It like-

Bu Joseph Hansen

At what date Stalin decided to murder Leon Trotsky is still unknown. After Lenin's death in the twenties inists for many years, and along Mexico" and "agent of Wall Russia's vast masses, freshly liberated from Czarist op-

the first workers' state in 3 combined attack of the Allied took another step in the conspiracy by reorganizing the leadwith circumspection.

iled him abroad. Stalin count-

ed on the friendly Turkish gov-

ernment handing Trotsky over

However, Trotsky found a hav-

Jacson, the Kremlin agent who

when the time became ripe.

ership of the Mexican Commun-First he banished Trotsky to remote Alma Ata, and then ex-

and agents of Nazi Germany.

the murder. himself behind his wife, had be-

ist Party. A mysteriously-ap- aided by Lombardo Toledano,

pointed "Purging' Commission" stepped up its rabid propaganda ousted Hernan Laborde, who had against Trotsky, smearing him mation about left wing Socialbeen leader of the Mexican Stal- with such epithets as "enemy of ists was likewise required. with him the Central Committee. Street." The Stalinist-controlled if brief, contacts with Trotsky- ment, which included collectpression, still knew Trotsky as co-founder with Lenin of Why the GPU had to make this trade union publications, El Pop- ists, Budenz, who was then la- ing all sorts of information conextraordinary change in leaders ular and Future, participated, of bor editor of the Daily Worker, cerning the Trotskyists. Always a ican Communist Party, the GPU network. organized a murder machine. In January 1940, the GPU ordered them to help organize Meanwhile Jacson, shielding

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Stachel. BEGAN IN 1936

LEON TROTSKY Budenz's confession places the

Stalinist section and exercises unbounded authority. The selection of Budenz was approved by of the Second Moscow Trial this semi-public, semi-private which was staged in January figure.

1937. Trotsky was at that time Budenz's meeting with the aboard a Norwegian oil tanker GPU chieftain in charge of "Anen route to Mexico. The GPU ti-Trotskyist" activities, "friend was busy before he had even set Richards" by name, was arranged his foot on land.

by Jack Stachel, in the presence To penetrate the Trotskyist orof a member of the party's Conganization and to establish control Commission. Both of these nections for the killer, the GPU CP leaders emphasized that any required specific information. and all instructions issued by Since the American Trotskyists "Richards" took precedence over were at the time members of the all other duties.

Socialist Party, additional infor-ASSISTED GPU

Budenz conferred with "Rich-

Because of his previous, even ards" and accepted the assignwas selected for the task of "co- bitter enemy of Trotskyism, Bu-Out of the ranks of the Mex- operating" with the secret GPU denz does not hide even today that he was eager to assist the

In his disclosures Budenz con- GPU in every possible way. He firms the charge repeatedly made supported and defended, as he by Trotsky in his lifetime that at still does, all the monstrous false least one representative of the charges concocted by the Krem-The Stalinist press in Mexico, come acquainted with the guards GPU sits within the Central lin, above all, those presented in Committee of every national (Continued on Page 3)

Collapse Of Stalin's Frame-up Structure

A series of massive blows exile was striking daily hammer Moscow Trials testimony. have crumbled to dust the blows at the traitorous Stalin thick wall of falsification. regime.

slander and frame-up Stalin built to screen his wholesale sassination of Leon Trotsky.

frameup structure were the inflimsy, contradictory "evidence" This attempt, however, failed famous Moscow Trials in 1936when the Cardenas regime in 37. Through these GPU-staged world public opinion against the frame-ups.

At his appeal, an internationas saboteurs of Soviet economy al Commission of Inquiry into fore find the Moscow Trials to Stalin chiefly aimed to slan- ky was established in March later succeeded in killing Trot- der and discredit Lenin's co- 1937. This commission, headed son) not guilty." sky, arrived in Mexico in October worker Leon Trotsky. Trotsky by the world-respected philos-

foundations from under the Mos- have been the "direct link" with Trotsky.

The final blow to the frame-Her demand was ignored. The Soviet prosecutors kept dead silthe dock to spew out the "con- movements for the times he was last year. In these 10-month ence. That silence rang louder fessions" stuffed in their mouths supposed to have been in con- trials, concluded last Septem- than any spoken confession, by the GPU, Trotsky's voice rang tact with various Moscow Trial ber, the leading Nazi officials Trotsky never had dealings with out in the world press with prob-defendants were checked from were cross-examined by top Sov-the Nazis. The Moscow Trials iet prosecutors. These included Vyshinsky, chief prosecutor in to end. were a frame-up from beginning

All the Kremlin's agencies and the Stalinist press used the Moscow Trials slander to conceal ery inside phase of Nazi activthe GPU-origin of the assassin Jacson, who struck down Leon Trotsky with a pick-axe on Aug.

Natalia Trotsky, widow of the 20, 1940. Now Budenz's testithe Charges against Leon Trots- be frame-ups. We therefore find murdered Bolshevik leader, ad- mony about how the GPU pre-Trotsky and Sedov (Trotsky's dressed an appeal to the Nur- pared Trotsky's murder has emberg court demanding that blown away the last wisp of this

These findings, published in her attorney be permitted to camouflage. It is Stalin him-1939. For months Jacson re- had organized an implacable opher and educator Professor Not Guilty by Harper & Broth- cross-examine Rudolph Hess, a self who stands completely bared mained discreetly in the back- Marxist opposition to the Stalin- John Dewey, conducted an ex- ers, had world-wide repercus- leading Nazi defendant, who was with the bloody pick-axe in his ground, not even attempting to ist bureaucracy and from his haustive investigation into the sions. They knocked the very said in the Moscow Trials to hand.

Trotsky himself was subjected cow frame-ups. to a rigorous interrogation at When the miserable, tortured 13 Commission hearings in Mex- ups was dealt by the Nuremvictims of Stalin's hate stood in ico from April 10-17, 1937. His berg trials of the Nazi leaders

ing questions and devastating documentary sources and gov-The foundations of Stalin's analyses. His exposures of the ernment records.

On the basis of overwhelming cutors had their hands on tons proof of the falsity of key testimony in the Moscow Trials, the of Nazi documents, covering ev+ Dewey Commission of Inquiry ery in titles. on September 21, 1937, issued a unanimous verdict: "We there- DEMAND IGNORED

in December 1936. This is a significant date. It was on the eve PAGE TWO

THE MILITANT

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1947

AFL Leaders Use Issue Of Organic Unity To Block Immediate Joint Action With CIO On Anti-Labor Bills The Minneapolis and St. Paul chapters of the American Committee for European Workers Relief held a very

AFL President William Green, in a letter last week to CIO President Philip Murray, interpreted Murray's proposal for joint action against anti-labor laws as a rejection of the AFL's proposal for organic unity.

Last Dec. 5 Murray made his appeal for united action. On of millions of workers in united Jan 31 the AFL Executive Coun- militant mass actions — nation-Jan. 31 the AFL Executive Council replied by rejecting any joint wide demonstrations, mass meetaction and insisting that the ings, mass delegations to Contwo organizations must be gressmen, a labor march on Washington. merged "in one parent union."

The CIO set up a committee to meet with an AFL committee, sive of tremendous power, arousbut reiterated its plea for immediate joint action.

This latter plea, says Green, indicates "that you (Murray) the government. declined the request I submitted" that representatives of the two organizations meet to set up a single organization on a permanent basis.

What the whole issue boils down to, it has become clear, is an independent labor party. that the AFL craft-minded leaders advanced the proposal for "organic unity" to cover up their rejection of united labor action NOW against the imminent threat of laws to repress the unions.

THE REAL NEED

Organic unity, as proposed by the true representative of the the AFL leaders, does not meet vast majority of the American the need of the hour. That need people. is for all organized labor to get together as speedily as possible Congressional anti-labor offensive.

organic unity, even granting the utmost good-will on both sides, involves numerous complicated: problems requiring lengthy consideration and negotiations. The wait around until the AFL and man of Michigan. CIO are fused before pushing their union-crippling program into law.

The AFL leaders were well Wagner Act, Hoffman conaware of this when they offered temptuously baited him. The organized workers. Under prestheir organic unity proposal as Michigan spokesman for the a pretext for rejecting the CIO's auto corporations taunted the joint-action appeal. In effect, leader of 7½ million organized they said then and they repeat workers with being "negative" legal restraints on the unions. He now that they will block any because he offered no "construc- pleads only that the main task form of united labor action un- tive" proposals to "improve" the less and until the CIO is merged Wagner Act. Green pleaded frantically:

with the AFL under terms and conditions determined by the "Now wait! I'm willing that the mind when he agrees to certraditionally-hostile and nar- Wagner Act be changed so that tain "mild" revisions of the rowly-conservative AFL hier- the employer can engage in free Wagner Act which pave the way archy.

The AFL Executive Council's unions, we're willing. If it's a he protests against any openly proposal was suspect from the matter of union registration, li- harsh laws that would provoke start. It was made at the very censed on a voluntary basis, we time its policy of jurisdictional have no objections."

fied. Nor did the AFL leaders the workers of this country you its agencies. He pleads before They are defenders of the capi- labor drive. give any hint that their well- will find there is developing in the House Labor Committee as



are not waiting for Congress to destroy labor's hard-won gains.

Federated Pictures.

together as speedily as possible on a minimum program of ac-tion to fight the swiftly-moving Why Union Bureaucrats Weaken obviously, the achievement of Labor's Defense Of Its Rights

exploiters.

AFL President William Green, speaking against anti- notorious agent of the automo- talist monopoly system, falsely labor laws before the House Labor Committee last week, bile monopolies. The auto bil- labeled "free enterprise." They engaged in what the daily press called a "shouting, red- lionaires have sent you to Con- consider their interests as union gress certainly don't propose to faced exchange" with Republican Congressman Clare Hoff_ gress to serve their interests and officials bound up with capital-

After Green read a statement opposed to labor militancy, to the government in imposing laws and amendments to the "voluntary" restrictions on the

sure from the government agents of Big Business, Green is even ready to concede to a measure of bosses be left to the labor leaders themselves.

This is what Green has in speech. On financial reports of for further anti-labor laws, while the workers.

Green doesn't regard the govwar against the industrially-or- He begged further: "Listen to ernment of Big Business as an

do a job on labor. You and the ism. They fear any conflict with rest of your Congressional col- the system under which they condemning proposed anti-labor be permitted to cooperate with leagues represent only a hand- are honored as "labor statesmen" ful of rich parasites and labor and get a fat living for keeping a conservative grip on the work-

FOR THE WORKERS

"I represent 7½ million organized workers and their families. I speak for the class that does all the useful work and produces all the good things of life. Street which control it. That I am opposed to any laws of any is why, he and his kind will not description to restrict labor.

"I have come before this public hearing for only one purpose ment and its anti-labor drive. - to expose your ties with the That is why they will even knife monopoly corporations and to labor's fight. help arouse labor to throw you and all your capitalist political henchmen out of Congress."

But Green and the rest of the all ties with the capitalist polilabor bureaucrats are not tri- tical machines can be depended bunes of the working class fight- upon to lead an effective struggle ganized CIO was being intensi- me. If you will go out among enemy. He supports it and all ing against the Capitalist class. against the government's anti-

Detroit FEPC Parley Urges Demonstration DETROIT. Mar. 2-High-

light of the city-wide conference of local FEPC com- those attending the concert en- caused me a joy after all these state FEPC law in the April 7 local ACEWR chapter to donate camp." clothing to be sent to Europe. referendum.

A lively discussion took place over the kind of mass meeting needed to get out the vote for shipments. with this subject alone. The other proposal was to hold 'it jointly

against the Congressional antilabor campaign.

Erwin Baur of the UAW Budd local explained how these two ordinarily be passive or even opposed to the FEPC bill, would its connection with the reactionary drive in the state and national legislatures. The mo tion for a joint meeting was adopted without opposition.

The 60 delegates also discussed progress and problems in orcan yielded \$16.08. ganization and activities of their THANKS FROM ABROAD local FEPC committees.

Joe Tuma of the UAW Fair Practices Department reported on several outstanding jobs of breaking down discrimination and segregation that the Department had participated *in. Notable among these were the abolition of special seniority lists for Negroes and enforcement of the sol'd union principle of pro-

Glenn L. Mart'n in Baltimore. Tuma also singled out for praise the excellent work done by the GM Local in Southgate, Calif. which won new job opportunities for Negro workers.

hearty response that a steering committee was set up to coordinate activity and plan other city-wide meetings in the near future. system and who have broken

V. R. Dunne Hits

Ball As Tool

afternoon.

successful concert last week. The proceeds, which amount at this point to \$250 will be I was sentenced to three years

to stricken Europe.

delmh'a \$171.40.

by the ACEWR from European

workers is one from Hamburg,

Garmony which states: "For

your letter, as well as for your

caused me in the present condi-

tion in Germany . .

used in the work of sending in prison for spreading high food, clothing and medicine treason. After this, I was put into a concentration camp for

The concert, held at the Min- life. In September 1945 I returnneapolis Women's Club Assem- ed to Hamburg without clothbly, featured Ruby Brank, Sop- ing or lodging. My home had rano. Donald Strange, Baritone, been bombed out in the mean-Aileen Hompe, Pianist, and the time .

Lisowsky String Quartet. All "The food that you sent has mittees held here yesterday joyed an evening of excellent years of want that I cannot deswas the decision to call for music and had the added plea- cribe . . . You cannot imagine a monster demonstration in sure of knowing that they were how terribly happy I am that I Cadillac Square, protesting the aiding anti-fascists in Europe. have not been completely foranti-labor campaign in Congress Already as a result of this af- gotten during those hard years I and supporting passage of a fair, new people have called the spent in the concentration

A woman in Frankfurt, Ger-Both Twin Cities ACEWR many writes: chapters hold regular sewing

"W'th the greatest joy we rebees at which men and women ceived this week the second packthe state FEPC bill. One pro- volunteer to repair and pack age of clothing Most of posal was for a meeting to deal clothing donated for overseas them are like made to order. By the way, there is usually a great celebration with us when a pack-

with the big demonstration \$270 Netted In Tri-City age from America arrives. The against the Congressional anti-Pennsylvonia Bazaar its head and everything is ad-Many Militant readers who mired by everybody."

attended the Pennsylvania Tri- In order to continue sending issues were inextricably tied to- City Bazaar have inquired about food, clothing and medicine to gether, and pointed out how the success of that affair. Mrs. former concentration camp primany white workers, who might Goldy Geldman, chairman of the soners, persecuted minorities. Philadelphia chapter of the trade unionists and other needy ACEWR, announces that the net workers in Europe, the ACEWR vote for it when they were shown proceeds were \$270. The booths needs money. Ten dollars puts run by Allentown realized 656 90. 29 lbs. of food on a European by Reading \$41.70 and by Phila- table. One dollar and fifty four cents pays the postage on 11 lbs.

Mrs. Geldman also reports that of food or clothing. Make a donher chapter has a can for col- ation today. All checks and manlection of donations to purchase ey orders should be made out to med cine. When last opened, this American Committee for European Workers Relief, and sent to 197 Second Avenue, New York

Among lot'ers recently received 3, N. Y.

NEW HAVEN Social

dear package of Nov. 8, my thanks. You can probably well To Celebrate Successful Completion of Sub-Campaign imagine what great joy you have

Saturday, March 15

"In 1933, I was under arrest New Haven Labor School for half a year and again in 855 Grand Avenue 1935 because of illegal activity.

Our Program:

1. Defend labor's standard of living!

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

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

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

For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours

Green stands for the capitalist system and seeks only to cooperate with its government. He supports the government and the political parties of Wall

motion based on seniority at the put up an uncompromising fight against the capitalist govern-

The meeting met with such Only labor leaders who are opposed to the capitalist profit

known opposition to industrial their minds and hearts a bitter if he were petitioning some im stacle to organic unity.

action is entirely feasible. Such islation can be realized in short really mean business about halting the passage of anti-union laws.

CONGRESS OF LABOR

We have proposed that a National Congress of Labor, with representative delegates from all local unions of every affiliation. be convened in Washington. and thus ultimately endanger Such a body could map out an effective program to block the

anti-labor drive. It could mobilize the pressure bureaucracy, which is violently pressly designed for the defense

TWIN CITIES SUNDAY FORUM Hear Dr. Grace Carlson

State Organizer for the Socialist Workers Party Former Instructor in the Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota speak on "Intelligence And Capitalist Society" Sunday, March 9, 3:30 p.m. 10 S. 4th St., Minneapolis

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unionism had changed. This has hatred and you are going to partial agency standing above been and remains the chief ob- menace the free enterprise sys- the contending capitalist and tem in this nation if you go working classes. He does not On the other hand, joint labor ahead and enslave the workers." dispute the capitalist govern-Green's reply to Hoffman, the ment's right to impose restraints action around a program of auto magnates' agent, reflects on the unions. He disputes merefighting against anti-labor leg- the core of the trade union lead- ly advisability of such restraints ership's weakness before the Big from the viewpoint of "free enorder - if the AFL leaders Business anti-labor legislative terprise" - that is, of capital-

ism.

SEES NOTHING WRONG

wrong in principle with capital- prise" system. They not only ist government regulation of the claim it is necessary to pass unions. His concern is lest such laws against labor to safeguard regulation and suppression capitalism — they have the poliarouse the workers to resistance tical power to do so.

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NOT IMPARTIAL .

The government, far from being an impartial agency, is ex-SO. of the interests of the ruling

Local membership meetings class, the capitalists who control the country's economy and exlocal's paper-the 104 Reporter ploit the workers. -ordered suppressed. Three of If Green had appeared before the House Labor Committee as a real leader of labor defending the interests of the working class, he would have answered Hoffman along the following cember.

council.

"This government is the instrument of labor's enemies. This Congress serves Big Business alone. You yourself, Mr. Hoffman, are the well-known and

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Seattle Boilermakers Local Of Capitalists Fights For Union Democracy

SEATTLE, March 1-The members of Local 104 of the Boilermakers Union are now waging the showdown battle in their long standing fight to maintain democratic unionism against the high-handed dictatorial rule of the Gen-

The capitalist politicians also eral Executive Board of the Inargue from the standpoint of national Brotherhood of Boiler- and Nick Hughes, former bus-The AFL leader sees nothing the defense of the "free enter- makers and its' international iness agent and well-known milpresident. Charles J. McGowan. itant. On Feb. 21. McGowan placed The members of the local have

the local under the rule of a not taken McGowan's orders lyhand-picked "governing board," ing down. The deposed officers and arbitrarily deposed four of have refused to turn over the its elected officers-Vice Presioffices and the records of the dent Art Johns, Dispatcher Bill local to the "governing board," Miller, Secretary-Treasurer Joe

and have organized a day and Clancy and Trustee John Grosnight guard of up to 75 members

to prevent the international from occupying the local's premhave been forbidden and the ises and seizing its property. A temporary court order issued

the deposed officers were among at the request of the local will the eleven members "tried" on enjoin the international's "govtrumped-up charges before a erning board" from attempting kangaroo court of three Inter- to run the local until March 4, national Vice Presidents last De- when a permanent decision is to be rendered.

McGowan followed up this The membership of Local 104 move last week by announcing is determined to continue the the suspension from member- fight against the international ship of Clancy, Miller, and Gros- in any case. A protest meeting so; and also of Bill Briest, as- attended by 350 members was viet Union. "To the bosses, the sistant dispatcher in Everett; held last Tuesday. The meet-Angus McKenzie, chairman of ing unanimously gave a vote of the Local's Board of Trustees; confidence to the deposed officers, directed them to remain in office, and demanded that Mc-

Gowan reinstate them. It also voted to continue publishing the 104 Reporter and holding regular membership meetings.

In order to enforce the Lo cal's rights, the members voted to pay dues only to Joe Clancy, SANTA MONICA, Calif., to be dispatched to jobs only by Mar. 1-The Socialist Work- Bill Miller, and to refuse to work

ers Party branch here this with anyone dispatched to a week announced its support job by McGowan's "governing to the candidacy of Rev. W. P. board."

candidate, for City Council. All the local in its continued fight will be raised by the San Fran-Militant readers are asked to for union democracy is the soligive active support to his fight darity of its own ranks and the Committee for European Workfor one of the seven council seats broad sympathy for the local's to be filled in the March 18 elec- cause that exists among the dinner to be held Sunday, March tions.

The SWP welcomes the break other Seattle unions. One local, of the Negro community from the independent Welders Local spaghetti dinner will be sold for its traditional support of capi- No. 9-itself a victim of Mc- a dollar and funds raised in this talist politicians, and supports Gowan's high-handedness in the manner will be used to buy food its right to representation on the past-has already voted to sup- wholesale, the committee anport Local 104.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 2 -Senator Joe Ball is the symbol of reaction for millions of workers in the United States today. That was the statement of V. R. Dunne, national labor secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, when he addressed 60 workers at the Twin City Sunday Forum held in the Minneapolis SWP headquarters this

Rising from the ranks of the workers. Ball is all the more useful in doing a job for the bosses. Dunne pointed out. He tells the workers that the unions have too much power and that he wants to "stop them from hurting themselves."

"Of course Ball is merely one member of the anti-labor pack that is howling for the blood of the workers in Congress," the speaker declared. "A flood of propaganda has been loosed to prove that the workers are to blame for the present chaos and are threatening the peace of the world," he added.

Following the capitalists' program of an anti-red drive to clean out the militants in the organized labor movement. Ball is preparing the American workers for a drive against the So-Soviet Union is a union that threatens their profits and their exploitation," Dunne declared. Workers must organize an independent labor party, based on the trade unions, and put their own representatives in Washington, Dunne concluded.

San Francisco **To Hold Dinner**

SAN FRANCISCO, - Funds to buy food desperately needed by European workers who led the Carter, united Negro community The main asset possessed by class struggle against fascism cisco branch of the American ers' Relief through an Italian rank and file workers in the 16, at 305 Grant Avenue.

Tickets to the meat balls and nounced.

reduce the hours of work with no to prevent layoffs and unemployment! Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control! Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

3. Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking! No restrictions on the right to strike and picket!

No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!

4. Build an independent labor party!

5. Tax the rich, not the poor! Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes! No taxes on incomes under \$5,000 a year!

- 6. An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!
- 7. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!
- 8. For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!
- 9. A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.

Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace! Against capitalist conscription!

Abolish the officer caste system!

- Full democratic rights in the armed forces!
- Trade union wages for the armed forces!
- Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!
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THE MILITANT

FRANK JACSON

up his various visits, totalled about twenty min-

Jacson himself admits that he utilized this

time to discuss "French statistics" and internal

the China clipper, etc., and his story about Trotsky

telling him not to marry Sylvia Ageloff were fab-

PAGE THREE

Budenz Exposes Stalin's Guilt In Trotsky Murder Shown By Its Version Of Slaying

(Continued from Page 1)

the Moscow frame-ups.

ed - "Roberts" for instance, "Jacson," the Trotskyist ranks.

at the beck and call of the GPU, REAL ASSIGNMENT dropping all other assignments to gather the required mformation. By his own admission he information was deemed too unimportant.

VICTIM IN PLOT

He used to travel on weekends of her real function. to New York to keep his appoint- She later told Budenz that ers, especially Browder and "Jacson." Stachel, were not only aware

pated in it. Stalin's murder machine was Trotsky. In her deposition, Syl-



fell upon Sylvia Ageloff, an ac- "Roberts," one of the GPU cepted friend in Trotsky's house- agents whom he and the other edges that Stalinist heal in 1937, GPU agent "Roberts," obeyed, had laid all the prelim- Church wasn't primarily inter- however, was to stab it in the can think of to hurl at his long- men and firing squads. in charge at the time, showed inary groundwork in the United ested in his spiritual credentials. back. him her photograph and made extensive inquiries about her. in 1040 Extensive inquiries about her. in 1040 Ested in his spiritual credentials. What endeared Budenz to the Church hierarchy was his con-characterize his whole political characterize his whole political

|she was likewise acquainted. The Budenz was kept busy for GPU had fixed upon her as months working for the GPU. the most likely and least suspect The agents in charge were shift- person to introduce Ageloff to

replaced "Richards" - but Bu- In dealing with this key as-He was shown photographs for avows that he was astonished purposes of identification. He when "Roberts" in 1937 requested checked on addresses and indi- him to draw Ruby Weil into the viduals. He was consulted on the undercover work, or, as Buselection of spies to penetrate denz puts it, to "introduce" her to "Roberts." Budenz complied,

Throughout this period he was as he did in everything else.

Ruby Weil was persuaded by "Roberts" to cultiviate Sylvia contacted the GPU chieftains at Ageloff. The two became very

as editor of the Midwest Daily Trotsky's house. From Budenz's **Record**, his undercover work for account it appears that Ruby

ments with the GPU agent, and upon her arrival in Paris, an-

This evidence fits in perfectly of his activities in behalf of the with the facts uncovered by the GPU, but themselves partici- Mexican police during their investigation of the murder of

particularly eager to collect via Ageloff testified that "Jacson every scrap of information con- under the name of Jacques



is rather hazy about the date she came to this country, ill with tuberculosis, and got in touch whole story.

cerning Trotskyists who travel- KNOWN TRUTH FOR 6 YEARS led abroad. They were in search. Budenz says that he could not former Daily Worker editor who was true. of some individual whom they bring himself to believe her at deserted to the Catholic Church WHAT IS FALSE could enmesh in Europe in their the time. In any case, he has pictures himself as a misguided,

But Budenz's own admissions for a time a member of its Na- years

pers.

The Great Conspiracy, the book now being widely distributed by the Stalinists, devotes a page and a half to the GPU version of Trotsky's assassination. This is not much space in which to try to challenge the wealth of evidence proving that Frank Jacson, murderer of Trotsky, was a GPU agent. But most GPU publications have said even less, undoubtedly bedenz's work continued unabated. pect of the GPU plot, Budenz hacks might write would only further expose cause of the Kremlin's fear that anything its the GPU.

Stalin's fear is quite justified. For even this page and a half of assiduously prepared copy, far from wiping out the GPU tracks in Trotsky's murder, only serves to prove that The Great Conspiracy itself is a straight GPU product.

The story developed by Sayers and Kahn, the authors, is that Jacson was won over to Trotskyism by Sylvia Ageloff, that he was taken to Mexico to become Trotsky's "secretary," that he became disillusioned with Trotsky for two reasleast once a week. No piece of intimate and travelled to Paris ons: (1) Trotsky ordered him to take the China early in 1938. It was there that clipper to Shanghai, cross Manchukuo and "bring Ruby Weil carried out her real demoralization to the Red Army," commit "acts assignment — to bring "Jacson" of sabotage in armament plants," etc. (2) Trotsand her friend together. It was ky had a "violent quarrel" with him over Sylvia When in the summer of 1937 in this way that "Jacson" was Ageloff. The disgruntled follower consequently Budenz went to Chicago to serve later able to worm his way into turned against such a leader and killed him. Budenz's revelations, of course, completely explode this version. But let us follow Sayers and the GPU nevertheless continued. Weil had no advance knowledge Kahn step by step to show how the GPU revealed its hand in The Great Conspiracy.

"CONFESSION" A LIE

In a letter of "confession" signed before the whenever it was urgent the lat- other GPU agent, this time a murder, Jacson claimed he joined the Trotskyter travelled to Chicago. Budenz woman, prevailed upon her to ist movement. Later, under questioning by Almakes it clear that the CP lead- pretend she was a friend of bert Goldman, Jacson gave up this lie, claiming only that he became a 'sympathizer." The court differences in the Socialist Workers Party with

records establish that he was never close to Trotsky. Thus the court investigation estab-Trotskyism. Out of these documents, Sayers and lished that Jacson's story about an order to take Kahn used the first letter of "confession." Next, Sayers and Kahn claim that Jacson was

"taken to Coyoacan, where he went to work for rications. Sayers and Kahn chose to "docu-Trotsky." This is a completely new invention of ment," their book with lies of Jacson that were the GPU. It is designed to cover up one of the conclusively disproved by the Mexican court sevweakest links in Jacson's story: Jacson went to en years ago! Mornard," was introduced to her "in Paris in the early part of Mexico alone, and then, according to his own Now let us see how the GPU reveals its hand

admission. "I did not try to meet Trotsky". . . in The Great Conspiracy by what it leaves out. the said house . . ."

court established conclusively that the maximum a word about David Serrano and Luis Mateos agents of Wall Street, then the GPU switched time Jacson spent alone with Trotsky, adding Martinez, members of the Central Committee of its line, smearing Trotsky as an "agent of Hitler."

By Art Preis

with Budenz to tell him the sination of Leon Trotsky, founder of the Fourth International?

In his piously-scented confes- phasizes with great heat that sional, This Is My Story, the he was never a Trotskyist. That A. Sec. 14

But the impression he conknown the truth for at least six innocent victim of illusions who veys that he did not join the

was when he first found out these crimes and continues to Who is Louis Budenz, self-confessed accomplice of about the GPU's activities. He peddle the Stalinist lies about Stalin's GPU which prepared on American soil the assas- says that his "American" con- the Trotskyists being "agents of Hitler."

But three pages further he He goes out of his way to regoes on blithely to tell how he peat at one point in his book a himself conferred and cooperated monstrous GPU-fabrication conwith the GPU in preparing blows tained in an article by the novelagainst the Trotskyists. ist Rebecca West, to the effect

He says that from the very be- that Hitler used Trotskyists as ginning he saw in the "Trot- guards and to persecute Catho-The choice, as is well known, years. Today he confirms that finally saw the light and "got Workers Party is false. He en- "evils" which he now claims he able Stalinist slander Budenz tered the new party and was finally discovered — after 10 continues to throw at the heroic

that his entire story was a tissue of lies. **OMIT PRAISE OF STALINISTS** Sayers and Kahn omit Jacson's praise of the Stalinists: "I came to the conclusion that perhaps the Stalinists were not so far from the truth when they accused Trotsky with preoccuinism was one of the most incredible aspects of of espionage and sabotage." the confessions of the defendants in the dock in the notorious Moscow frame-up trials and was one of the elements serving to expose the frame-ups.

Apparently the GPU does not wish to indicate the similarity between Jacson's "confession" and the "confessions" of the prisoners in the Moscow frame-up trials. Nor does the GPU care to disclose Jacson's plugs for Stalinism.

terested in covering up such facts?

persons and in the first place against Stalin."

Perhaps the GPU authors decided to omit this

item because Jacson later forgot it under ques-

tioning and this forgetfulness helped establish

Sayers and Kahn omit Jacson's attempt to make out that Washington and the Dies Committee supported Trotsky. Jacson followed this line at the time because it coincided with the Stalinist line during the Stalin-Hitler pact. Duronly some months afterwards did I begin to visit First of all, Sayers and Kahn, do not mention ing this pact the GPU propaganda machine by a single word the May 24, 1940 machine gun smeared Trotsky as an "agent of Wall Street." Far from becoming a "secretary" or "going to assault on Trotsky's bedroom. Not a word about When Hitler invaded the Soviet Union and Stalin work for Trotsky," the evidence compiled by the the Stalinist, Siqueiros, who led the gang. Not ordered his Browders and Budenzes to become

the Mexican Communist Party, who were arrest-1 Sayers and Kahn omit reporting how Jacson ed for their part in the assault. Not a word about has followed the switches in Stalin's line since the arrest of 27 members of the Communist Party 1940. Thus after Hitler's invasion, Jacson reinvolved in the assault. Not a word about the vised his "confession," declaring that he killed murder of Robert Sheldon Harte, who was kid- Trotsky because he "came to believe that Trotsky napped by this gang of Stalinists. Not a word was an agent of Hitler as the Communists say." about Luis and Leopold Arenal, well-known Stal- Sayers and Kahn were undoubtedly afraid to inists who were named by the other Stalinists in touch this. Jacson's language is too obviously the assault as the actual murderers of Harte. that of an agent of the GPU.

Why did Sayers and Kahn fail to mention Sayers and Kahn omit how Jacson supports the these damning facts? Obviously because the GPU GPU point of view whenever opportunity offers. was exposed in the May 24 assault and because Thus Jacson commended former Ambassador this assault cannot be separated from the next Joseph E. Davies' book, Mission to Moscow, sayattack on August 20, 1940, in which the GPU ing it confirmed the Moscow Trials. (Davies, succeeded in killing Trotsky. The GPU would incidentally, commends The Great Conspiracy as like the public to forget all about the May 24 "exhaustive, authentic and fully documented.") machine gun assault. The GPU authorship of

Again, in the famous Minneapolis case when the book is thereby shown, for who else is in- 18 Trotskyist leaders were sentenced to federal prison for opposing imperialist war and advocat-Sayers and Kahn omit Jacson's claim that ing socialism, the Stalinists demanded harsher Trotsky ordered him to go to Russia "to organpenalties. Jacson chimed in from his prison cell: ize there a series of attempts against different "With good reason in the United States they. imprisoned Goldman, the lawyer for Trotsky's wife; with good reason in the United States they imprisoned also gunmen that Trotsky had at his service in Mexico, and with good reason also are the mailing and sale of Trotsky's works and

newspapers prohibited in the United States."

Jacson cited the blows of reaction against Trotskyism as evidence that "the existence of Trotsky" would have been "a source of confusionism and doubt which the Fifth Columnists pying himself with the working class as if it would utilize to undermine the confidence in vicwere a dirty sock." This type of praise of Stal- tory and in Democracy. It would be a focal point

> Jacson's viewpoint during the war was thus identical with that of the leadership of the American Communist Party including Earl Browder, Louis Budenz, William Foster and Eugene Dennis.*

And in words not much different from those of GPU agent Jacson, the GPU authors, Sayers and Kahn, hail the imprisonment of the Trotskyists, the persecution of The Militant, and the withdrawal of Trotsky's biography of Stalin. And like Jacson they smear the Trotskyists as "Fifth Columnists."

Budenz thus only confirms a mountain of evidence when he admits Jacson was a GPU agent. But he still covers up the GPU. He does not say a word about the connections between Sayers and Kahn and the GPU murder machine that inspired their book.

Louis Budenz-The Career Of A Trotskyist-Baiter

ite."

hatchetmen.

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utes!

In weaving their web around in 1940. nection between "Frank Jacson," ternal evidence is now corrobor- ism. ago established.

Her real name is Ruby Weil. ingly exposed to the light of Budenz knew her from the days of his association with the Con- day. ference For Progressive Labor The revelations of Budenz fill ach for one second. Action to which she also belong- in the missing threads in the BUDENZ'S BACKGROUND ed. She together with other fol- fabric of evidence that places lowers of Budenz joined the

with Sylvia Ageloff with whom of Joseph Stalin.



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had blindly make clear that the Catholic tional Committee. His purpose,

sistent and malevolent hatred of career and that shine through Trotskyist party in an opponent

Y." But her identity was long complicity of the American Stal- for the Trotskyists, the genuine James P. Cannon's History of inist leadership, are now glar- Marxists of our times. Stalin- American Trotskyism, "by 1934 ism he could swallow whole for Budenz who had no socialist ten years; but Trotskyism, he background, was a 100 per cent makes plain, he could not stom- patriot, three-fourths of a Stalinist, tired and somewhat sick and looking for a chance to sell

out." Budenz came from a middle-Budenz and the Stalinists were Stalinist party, but had never- the responsibility for the murder class Catholic family in Indiana. simultaneously seeking allies in theless kept up friendly relations of Leon Trotsky on the shoulders He graduated from law school. their war against the genuine In 1912 the Church ex-com- Marxists, the Trotskyists. The municated him for divorcing his Stalinists had embarked on their wife. He became interested in policy of national patriotism and inside the walls. social reform and liberal ideas "Peoples Front" collaboration back in the muckraking and with the "democratic" imper- Political Bureau of the Mexican ered by the police on June 25, down. He admitted his guilt, so belied by the facts that not Theodore Roosevelt. He assisted ed his 10-year service as a Kremvarious unions and strikes, and lin agent in May 1935, though helped to edit several labor pa- this fact was not revealed un-

til the following October. Early in the 1930's he was one

of the leaders of the Conference SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

For Progressive Labor Action, In his book, Budenz admits to prove an unsuccessful attempt. the get founded by A. J. Muste. Under that from the start his special Led by the prominent Mexican derers. the pressure of the world and assignment was fighting Trot- Stalinist painter, David Alfaro domestic crisis, this group was skyism. He was a specialist in Siqueiros, some 25 men disguised moving leftward. In 1933, the Trotskyist-baiting and slander. as policemen surprised the police Trotskyist Communist League, Because of his knowledge of the of America, forerunner of the inside of the Trotskyist move-Socialist Workers Party, turned ment, he became an especiallyits attention to Muste's CPLA valued aide of Stalin's secret a 25-year-old member of the same time the Stalinist press article he had written, Jacson Brigade who died in the Span-

His description of his career not yet been cleared up who got elements to Marxism. It was then, as Budenz relates in the Communist Party is re- | Harte to open the doors. It may in his book, that his career as a plete with his connections with have been Jacson. professional anti-Marxist and the GPU - although he tries Trotskyist-baiter really began. to represent himself as an inno- room, one squad fired bursts of When the CPLA founded the cent dupe. He was such a "dupe", machine gun bullets through the GPU in Mexico which enabled American Workers Party in De- in fact, that he was quickly ele- door opening on Trotsky's bedcember 1933, Budenz and J. B. S. vated to the National Committee room. Hardman, editor of Sidney Hill- of the Communist Party. In 1940, through the doors opening on hibiting the new party from fu- aging editor of the party's chief ture fusion with any "splinter- organ, the Daily Worker.

group" from the Communist He admits at one point that ever, had awakened Trotsky and Party. This measure, Budenz no one could be editor of the Natalia. They rolled out of bed nounced that with the arrest of talk." Before coma set in, states, was specifically aimed at Daily Worker without knowing and crouched in a corner. the Trotskyists. intimately the connections of

In spite of Budenz's virulent the Kremlin with the Stalinist kidnapped Harte. In a cabin in The Stalinist leaders of the as- likely the GPU." opposition, the Trotskyist CLA Party and working closely with the mountains, Leopold and Luis sault had fled but those under Budenz's belated revelations he knows about the conspiracy. achieved a fusion with the the Kremlin agents.

also existed in the Stal- German Trotskyists who were inists. The harshest epithet he slaughtered by Hitler's heads-

time Stalinist comrades is their Budenz tries to explain his own term of abuse - "Trotsky- sudden "conversion" to Catholicism as spiritual regeneration.

In weaving their web around The identity of "Jacson" as Marxism. That hatred led this the fog of "Hail Marys" in his the Trotskyists, this ex-GPU coincided with the expulsion of further reason. He had joined Sylvia Ageloff, the GPU found The identity of Jacson as Marxism. That natrea lea this book, he issued a public attack agent still picks up the slimiest agent still picks up the muck of Stalinist slander. He CP, and Budenz's expectation of genuine Marxism in the form of only part of the story. But he cites the Moscow Frameup Trials a similar fate. He was Browder's Trotskyism. His training in the let slip enough to brand himthe killer, and Sylvia Ageloff was established through another wo-stablished through another wo-in addition, the methods and through Budenz's account of his self while helping to shed a conferring with verious Stellin-through Stellin-through Budenz's account of his in propaganda was being fed man, who was a friend of Bu-instrumentalities through which activities since 1933 — his un-ist functionaries As recorded by the frameups and murders of the from 1941 to 1945.

Old Bolsheviks — he upholds But Budenz sought sanctuary avowed enemy of communism Trotsky.

How GPU Gangsters Organized Killing Of Trotsky In Mexico

(Continued from Page 1)

David Serrano, member of the the cellar where it was discovuniforms to disguise the GPU

peared. One report put them in now appears publicly as if flaunt-At approximately four o'clock New York. But they remain at ing the power of the GPU to in the morning of May 24, 1940, large to this day. Perhaps Bu- protect its operators. the GPU struck in what was denz has some information about to prove an unsuccessful attempt. the get-away of these two mur-

strange thing happened. Almost to pave the way, overnight they switched their walls was Robert Sheldon Harte. Socialist Workers Party. It has

CASE "SOLVED"

Budenz says nothing about the Breaking into Trotsky's work mysterious connections of the them to derail the police investi-The firing in the patio, how- proper channels.

When the GPU gang fled, they Party the case had been solved. ber of the GPU or a fascist. Most

cist reaction in Europe, and men-BUDENZ

tally enslave 300,000,000 ignorant, superstitious, starving workers and peasants in the most backward countries. Budenz has made authentic

and a direct agent of American

imperialism in its preparations

Today, from his plush haven

in the Catholic Church, Budenz

hypocritically deplores how com-

munism "imprisons the soul."

He prefers to take orders from

the "democratic" - and better-

paying - Catholic hierarchy,

whose precepts may not even be questioned by the Catholic laity.

His present masters support the

most bestial monarchist and fas-

for war on the Soviet Union.

- into becoming an open and crime - the murder of Leon

Serrano and Martinez, his two Trotsky, so they have since tried fellow members of the Central to picture Jacson as a disgruntled They then buried his body in Committee caught by the police. member of Trotsky's own organi-

But like the other assailants (ex- even the majority of the Stal-The Arenal brothers disap- cepting the Arenal brothers), he inist rank and file believe it.

While Jacson was still laid up in the hospital from the handling Trotsky's guards gave him, Having failed in this attempt his entire story about his origin, to kill Trotsky, the GPU now his family and his source of ordered Jacson to do the job funds was proved false from be-

The Mexican police began himself. Jacson began to call ginning to end. His real identity their investigation. Then a at the house, utilizing his wife still remains unknown.

Jacson's passport was proved On August 20, under pretense to be a doctored passport taken The guard on duty inside the probe from the Stalinists to of a farewell visit and the desire from Tony Babich, a Canadian Trotsky's household. At the to have Trotsky's advice on an member of the International declared the assault had been succeeded in getting behind ish civil war. It is well known organized by Trotsky himself! Trotsky. As the great revolu- that the GPU gathered up huntionary leader sat reading the dreds of passports from the boddocument; Stalin's agent raised ies of such victims.

a pickaxe and sank its point Since his imprisonment, Jacinto Trotsky's skull. son has conducted an expensive In the fierce ensuing strug- legal campaign. His lawyer, nat-Another squad fired gation in this fashion. These gle, Jacson struck again at his urally, came from the Stalinist connections were so powerful victim's face. But Trotsky al- fringes. Persistent reports deman's Advance, secured the during the period of the Stalin- the patio. Thus the beds of the that it required the intervention though suffering a mortal blow, clare that Jacson enjoys extraadoption of a resolution pro- Hitler pact, he was made man- aged couple were caught in a of President Cardenas himself managed to hold off the assas- ordinary privileges, such as woto direct the police along the sin until the guards seized him. men in his cell and occasional "Tell the boys not to kill him," binges. His bank account is On June 18 the police an- the Old Man said; "he must mysteriously replenished.

Budenz does not expose the 27 members of the Communist Trotsky called Jacson "a mem- channels through which Stalin keeps Jacson in comfort year after year, but by revealing what

Arenal, well - known Mexican arrest confessed the crime. Pav- confirm Trotsky's dying opinion. he fits another important piece Musteites and formed the Work- Budenz claims in his book that Stalinists, killed Harte, accord- on Flores, Central Committee Just as the Stalinists tried to into the picture showing preciseers Party in December 1934. Des_ he became "critical" as early as ing to the Stalinist gangsters member of the Mexican CP, was paint the May 24 attack as a ly how Stalin organized the cribing this fusion, Budenz em- 1937. He tells how "shocked" he who were later apprehended. assigned to the legal defense of "self - assault" engineered by murder of Leon Trotsky.

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"The movement of the

colored races against their

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against the existing order

and therefore calls for the

complete, unconditional

and unlimited support on

the part of the proletariat

-Leon Trotsky

of the white race."

the, War Department's drive for universal military training. In return for ending Selective Service, the warmongering brass hats will now redouble their demands to Prussianize Amer-Thus the curtains will close on Selective Service only to open on the next act in Wall Street's military play—an all-out push to hand the youth over to the brass hats. "Wait And See" In the House Labor Committee hearings, a

ton, D. C., 1946.

Republican Congressman, Carroll D. Kearns of Pennsylvania, asked AFL President William Green whether it was "in fact a mistake to elect this Republican Congress."

ican youth.

Green was testifying before this committee of Wall Street political representatives as the head of 7½ million organized workers. He was invited to appear before the Committee because Wall Street's political hatchetmen wanted to give the semblance of a "democratic process" to their passage of the most ruthless and far-reaching anti-labor laws in decades. They spent their time in Committee heckling the labor representatives, baiting them, and gloating over the carving job they intended to do on the union movement.

But when Kearns jibed at the head of the AFL in this fashion, Green did not respond with a fighting answer. He did not tell Kearns that the anti-labor drive of the Republican Congress proved once again labor. could expect nothing whatever from the two capitalist parties. He did not say that he had drawn the only possible conclusion, namely, that the unions must organize in the field of politics and break Wall Street's monopoly on legislation. He did not say that a Labor Party must be built and labor's own representatives sent to Congress. He did not point out that Wall Street's political represenatives must be thrown out of office if the unions hope to safeguard their hard-won gains.

Green responded very meekly, "You are on trial. We will wait and see."

Green's retort courteous reminds us of the man in his easy chair reading the Sunday comics when a burglar smashed the window and stepped in from the fire escape. The intruder took the silverware and tossed it out of the window to his fellow-gangsters below. The man continued to read the comics, however, without paying any attention.

His wife, running from the kitchen, attacked the burglar with the fire-tongs. The burglar knocked her out cold. But the man simply finished Dick Tracy and turned to Superman.

The burglar methodically proceeded to clean out the apartment, taking rugs, furniture and the children's piggy banks. Finally, the burglar, who was an advocate of "free enterprise" and every man doing what he can to advance his own interests, could stand this curious lack of action no longer and, kicking the comics out of the man's hands, he asked: "Well, do you want to make anything out of it?"

The man calmly adjusted his glasses and responded very meekly: "You are on trial. We will wait and see."

Teacher Strikes

The militant Buffalo teachers strike reflects the depth of the school crisis. Warborn inflation has drastically slashed teachers' salaries. Public education has been starved to help feed Wall Street's war machine. But the significance of the wave of teachers strikes, climaxed by the historic struggle in Buffalo, extends beyond the school crisis, vital as that is.' It is one important sign of the tremendous social ferment in America, affecting ever wider layers of the population and rousing even traditionally - conservative sectors. Teachers, for instance, have in the past regarded themselves as a cut above "labor." They have thought of themselves as "professionals." Most of them have been non-union, and many anti-union. Despite the meagerness of their pay, only 12 teachers strikes were recorded between the end of the Civil War and 1946. That 80-year strike record has been surpassed in the past 12 months alone. The very organization that led the greatest teachers strike in American history, the Buffalo Teachers Federation, was begun not as a union but as a social club. Yet it ended up by leading a strike that drew the attention of the entire nation. This reflects more than the fact that teachers are disgruntled with their pay. They have been in the past. Some 500,000 teachers quit the schools for that reason in the past few years. Why do they now turn instead to militant mass action, to union organization and strikes? The war, with its evil social and economic consequences, has caused a profound change in the thinking of wide sections of the population. The general instability and insecurity have awakened many people in the lower middle class to a realization that their interests are closely allied with the wage-workers'. They want to fight and are looking for leadership. That leadership must come from organized labor.

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"I love to work with my hands—it takes my mind off all the suffering in the world?"



NATIONAL WAGE POLICY ing industries have declined as i torial story "of how Johnny was robbed by unfair taxes." FOR 1947, Analysis prepared much as 20% since the beginfor the CIO by Robert R. Nath- ning of 1945. After four years' service in

an Associates, Inc., Washing-From January 1945 to October the army, Johnny Poore comes 1946 the number of people in home and marries his sweetheart who worked at the bomber This economic analysis, known civilian employment increased as the "Nathan Report," upon from 52 million to 57 million; an plant until it closed and left her without a job. Johnny gets his which the CIO is basing its cur- increase of about 10%. old job back. Formerly it paid

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The report cites figures which trusts benefited and for which show that while American cor- the people as a whole paid. porations were fattening them-. The report certainly proves selves with unprecedented prof- that corporations can give sizits, wages were declining and able wage increases, reduce prices were rising to unheard- prices to the consumers and still of-levels. make gigantic profits. Yet the Despite the use of sources spineless CIO leadership, after

er items. known to be unfavorable from making the report public, has the workers' standpoint because already shown itself unwilling ured out exactly what he is soakthey underestimate the rise in to conduct a bold and militant ed in taxes, he finds that he pays prices, the report still shows that struggle for the wage increases yearly taxes of \$734.80 on his inthe workers' standard of living that the report shows can and come of \$2,340. He discovers has been considerably reduced should be granted. The Murray that the taxes he paid in 1936 in the last 12 months. The Nath- leadership of the important CIO amounted to \$238.56. Thus in an Report utilizes material fur- Steel Workers Union has cravten years his taxes have more nished principally by the federal enly extended the old contracts, than tripled, and prices have al-Bureau of Labor Statistics and thereby indicating that it does most kept pace with this inthe Department of Commerce. not itself understand the mean-

crease. He concludes: "Despite The most important figures ing of the facts and figures upon my wage increase, I have actualshow that corporate profits in- which its demands are based. ly less buying power than I had creased from 10 billion dollars The meaning of these figures. 10 years ago! in 1945 to 15 billions in 1946. however, is crystal clear. The At the same time Johnny notes This compares with 8 billions in corporations have siphoned off that net profits of all corpora-1929 and a total of 11 billions into their profit coffers accufor the three years 1936, 1937 mulated plunder it. the form of billion dollars compared to 4.1 and 1938. These figures do not inflated prices. This has led to billions ten years ago. He detake into consideration huge a heavy accumulation of profits cides: "It's high time we worksums set aside in the form of at one end of the social scale ers took a hand in the tax-provarious reserves which are in and a lowering of living standgram of our country . . . Our ards at the other. A continuareality concealed profits. votes help put Senators and Rep-Bureau of Labor Statistics tion of this trend can only lead figures show that prices to con- to a catastrophe in the form of What the pamphlet fails to point sumers increased 50% from a severe economic depression. out however, is that these votes 1939 to October 1946. From -Milton Genecin are wasted unless they are cast October 1945 to October 1946 for labor representatives opposprices climbed 20%, using the THE CASE OF THE VANISHed to the oppressive program of ING PAYCHECK by CIO Big Business. 1939 figures as 100. This, as everyone knows, does not be-Publicity Department, Wash-The CIO pamphlet should be ington, D. C., 1947, 15 pp., gin to describe the actual inread by every worker who is increase in prices of commodities 10 cents. terested in a complete breakthat workers normally purchase. "Johnny Poore's wages were down of the full tax burden he At the same time dollar earn- | melting away-his army sav- bears. ings of workers in manufactur- | ings too!" begins this CIO pic-— Larissa Reed

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What 'Big Four' Will **Discuss In Moscow**

The "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' conference on the German and Austrian treaties begins in Moscow on March 10. But the desire of these powers to advance their own national political and economic interests; the diplomatic maneuvering; the mutual suspicion; the antagonism between the Soviet Union and the capitalist governments - all these make it unlikely that agreement on the treaties will be reached in the immediate future. Meanwhile Germany, industrial heart of the continent, remains helpless and unproductive, and Europe, unable to achieve economic or political stability, continues to starve and freeze.

The victorious powers will differ sharply and fight vigorously at Moscow over a number of important questions. Among these will be:

Reparations: how much; to whom; what kind; the relation between the payment of reparations and the repayment of relief loans and grants.

Frontiers: the establishment of the frontier with Poland; the disposition of the Saar; the fate of the Ruhr and Rhineland.

Industrial revival: how much and what will German industry be permitted to produce; who will control German industry; the question of nationalizing some industry; the role of the German industrialists; relations with foreign cartels.

Political structure and orientation: how soon will Germany be allowed a central government, and how much independence will it have; what will be the relation between the central government and the various state governments; what class and what parties will dominate the government; above all, what will be the relation between the new German government and the powers now occupying it.

It would be wrong to conclude from this, however, that the "Big Four" have nothing but disagreements over the future of Germany. All of them see eye to eye in opposing the following:

1. Immediate withdrawal of all occupation troops. 2. Thoroughgoing denazification through the creation of popular purge committees elected by the masses.

3. Letting the German masses democratically settle their own fate.

4. Development of a revolutionary party in Germany.

5. Establishment of socialism in Germany.

In short, any treaty agreed on by the powers meeting in Moscow will not be a just peace, nor will it eliminate the cause of war. On the contrary, any such treaty will be oppressive, reactionary to the core and detrimental to the interests of the German and European masses. Any such treaty will have to be opposed by class-conscious workers everywhere. The peace treaty after World War I laid the ground for World War II. The fate of Germany and Europe will have to be taken out of the hands of the imperialists and the Stalinist bureaucracy, or a fatal Third World War will be inevitable.

U. S. Grab In Pacific OK'd By Stalinists

In the early days of modern imperialism, when the capitalist powers were strong and confident, they used the word "colony" to describe the count tries that they seized and exploited by force. This word became less fashionable after World War I, svik when a revolutionary spirit began to spread through the the oppressed colonies all over the world, and a new sin term, "mandate," was substituted for it by the League of Nations. With the end of World War II and the establishment of the United Nations, still another name has been devised: "trusteeship." The names are new, but the content has not changed at all. This is clearly demonstrated by the disposition of the Pacific islands - the Marshalls, Carolines and Marianas-now in the hands of American imperialism. The 70,000 natives of these islands have had nothing whatever to say about their own fate or homes in modern times. First they were grabbed by the Germans. When World War I began, the Japanese seized them; this seizure was later sanctified by the League of Nations, which gave Japan a formal mandate over them. The U.S. government got its hands on them during and after the recent The U.S. navy demanded the open annexation of the islands, but that would not have looked so good while Washington was complaining against annexations by other powers. So Truman asked the UN Security Council for a "strategic area trusteeship." which would achieve everything the Navy wanted by making the U.S. government the sole administrator of the islands, with the right to build military bases there and to exclude citizens of any other country. It was plainly indicated that no matter what the Security Council did, the U.S. was not going to give up the islands. This demand was expected to be the subject of a fierce dispute in the Security Council after spokesmen for the Soviet Union and Britain had announced they did not think there should be any final disposition of the islands until after a peace treaty. had been signed with Japan. In anticipation of this, the American Stalinist paper, the Daily Worker, began to attack and condemn Truman's plan for the Pacific islands. But Stalin is not a revolutionary, that is, consistent, opponent of American imperialism. He attacks it only when it is convenient and useful to the Soviet bureaucracy's interests to do so; sometimes, when he thinks it is advantageous, he supports it and covers it up. This was one of the occasions when he decided on the latter course, because he felt support for the American plan might gain him some bargaining advantages at the coming Foreign Ministers' Conference on Germany. Last week, therefore, Gromyko publicly gave support to the American plan, saying it was "right and proper" because the U.S. had played a decisive role in defeating Japan. The Daily Worke: immediately dropped all criticism of the Pacific trustee plan. If forced to comment on it now, the Daily Worker, like Stalin and Gromyko would have nothing to say about the plan being a prime example of U.S. imperialism at work, etc. But Stalinist opportunism and treachery cannot and do not change the truth: that Washington's seizure of these islands is just as imperialist and reactionary as Hitler's seizures, and will be used like them to prepare for a new war.

Continued from Page 1 Terror, therefore, is not an accidental but an indispensable element in the political system of Stalinist bureacratism in its struggle

for self-preservation. The bloody and brutal methods employed by the Stalinists correspond to the utterly reactionary role of the Moscow oligarchy at home and the anti-working class policies of its agencies abroad.

Stalinist Terror--

Today the Wall Street imperialists and their lieutenants in the labor movement are engaged in a hue and cry against the American CP for its espionage activities and subservience to Moscow. Budenz, himself, has switched his allegiance from Moscow to them. This witch-hunt is part of the anti-labor campaign and red-baiting drive in the unions. The capitalist rulers hope by these means to divide labor's ranks; cripple the resistance of the unions; and drive down the workers' living standards. By hogtying labor they likewise aim to clear the road for war against the Soviet Union.

The members and followers of the Socialist Workers Party have been in the forefront of the fight against the red-baiters and warmongers. Our struggle against Stalinism has nothing in common with theirs. We condemn the Communist Party precisely because its loathsome record of crimes and sell-outs aids the red-baiting drive against labor and facilitates the imperialist war plans against the Soviet Union. Moreover, the so-called "Communist" Party discredits the liberating ideal of Communism in the eyes of radical workers who mistake the Stalinist counterfeit of

"Communism" for good coin,

The practices of Stalinism are the very opposite of Communism as conceived by Marx and Lenin. Genuine Communism teaches irreconcilable struggle against capitalist rule, not rotten deals with its representatives. Genuine Communism is internationalist in scope and spirit, not narrowly nationalistic. Genuine Communism in our time is embodied in the program of the Trotskyist movement which carries forward the ideas of Marx and Lenin, betrayed by the Stalinist parties.

The American and world labor movement must rid itself of the deadly plague of Stalinism, if it is to move forward. But the job of eliminating Stalinism cannot under any circumstances be handed over to capitalist agencies, who are interested only in further enslaving the workers. The Stalinist system of oppression, lies, and violence must be destroyed by the independent action of the working masses in connection with their struggle to abolish capitalism.

The full light of publicity must be thrown on the crimes of the GPU. This must be coupled with an unremitting struggle against all the treacherous policies of the Communist Party. Only in this way can Stalinism be destroyed.

End Of Conscription?

On March 3 Truman asked Congress not to extend Selective Service when it expires at the end of the month. Does this request indicate that the capitalist class has decided to give up its aim of converting America into the greatest peacetime armed camp in history?

Or is it a step taken in recognition of the strong anti-militaristic sentiment in the United States, but a step which really concedes nothing?

First of all, the brass hats have decided that their military blueprints call for a standing Army of 1,070,000 and a Navy of 571,000. They not only already have these enormous forces, but somewhat in excess.

Second, the armed forces are now preparing to step up their recruiting activities far beyond even their present intensive hammering on the advantages of a career as a bayonet-wielder. Truman called for "maximum support" of this high-pressure drive.

Third, just to leave no loop-holes, Truman made clear that if the recruiting drive does not bring in enough youth, then Congress must re-enact Selective Service.

Truman's message was neatly timed for the Moscow Conference. It is designed to counteract the Kremlin announcement that the Soviet armies are being disbanded.

Truman's message likewise dovetails with

The struggle of the teachers, inspired in large part by the labor movement and reflecting the deep social unrest in this country, is a challenge to organized labor to consciously take its place as the leader and champion of all the "little people" on all the great social and political issues.

The trade unions must rise to a new and broader appreciation of their function. The conception of the unions as "pure and simple" collective bargaining agencies on questions of wages and hours is too limited to permit labor to deal with its great historic tasks. Organized labor must take the road of independent political action through its own party, based on the unions, and offer a vehicle for the broadest section of the people to conduct an effective struggle against all the social evils of monopoly capitalism.

Congressmen At Work -

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a victorious strike under the new

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story of what happens to John-

ny's paycheck is graphically

told. Taxes slash his paycheck

to bits. Open taxes include fed-

eral and state income tax, social

security and federal and state

taxes on everything from a re-

frigerator to his wife's lipstick.

Hidden taxes include such a large

item as the real estate tax paid

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by the armed forces. It took Congress only seven days to grease the legislation through both Houses authorizing the Department of Agriculture to go into Mexico with all the money needed to do the job. The Congressmen were emphatic in placing no limit on funds. First estimates put the cost around \$75,000,000. But the California epidemic of 1924 cost well over \$200,000,000.

for the ruthless slaughter methed, and the farmers prohibited Yet it would be a mistake to from restocking for some time. od, but also the setting up in Mexico of laboratories so that To stamp out the disease in the scientists, given a free hand, Mexico will thus prove exceed- can develop a sure-fire vaccine

foot-and-mouth disease broke ingly costly. Some ten states, cure for future use. out in Mexico. This is an ex- with an animal population of One Congressman proposed a tremely contagious virus disease about 2,000,000 head have been fence from coast to coast along of cloven-hoofed animals. In its exposed and it is spreading like the border to keep out the dismild strains mortality runs only a prairie fire. It cannot be ease. But Representative Gillie about 1% to 3%, but the affect- checked without killing the goat of Indiana, who is a veterinarian, ed animals become mere hide and herds, sheep, cows, and pigs of pointed out that the disease bones and recover only slowly, the poverty-stricken peasants could be borne by birds or by It is particularly serious for the and the oxen with which they do airplane passengers.

dairy industry, since affected their plowing. It means killing He also intimated that horsecows cease giving milk for some all the wild animals that can play or delay in the matter was impermissible, since the investact as carriers.

The meat and dairy industry Congress paused only long ment in livestock in the U.S. "is face the loss of millions of dol- enough to try to pin the out- equal to the combined investlars if the disease should cross break of the disease on Zebu ment in the steel and automothe Mexican border and infect bulls imported from Brazil bile industries." The advocates herds in the United States. against the will of the American of rush construction of a fence Previous epidemics in Amer- cattle industry. According to were immediately won over.

ica have been stamped out by one Congressman, the American The moral is, a capitalist ruthless methods. The govern- and Mexican promoters sold Congressman can move with ment condemns the entire herd these bulls after the disease lightning swiftness when it's a where an animal comes down broke out in quarantine, getting question of stamping out a barnwith it, and the herds on ad- from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for ani- yard disease that threatens the joining farms as well. Every mals that cost \$300. But this investments of the meat and cloven-hoofed animal is shot, story has not been verified. His- dairy trust, but if it's cancer, a buried, the barns and sheds torically, foot-and-mouth disease disease affecting human beings burned or thoroughly disinfect-) has broken out in the wake of - well, that can wait.

Congress provided not only





Cancer Can Wait

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The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate it you do not want your name printed.

Wants Campaign **To Force Taxes Down**

Editor: Today I was talking with another Militant reader about our paper. He thinks we should write more about the fight against high taxes.

As a small home owner, he not only has to pay high taxes on everything else but also \$150 a year on his house. When he tried to get his taxes lowered, this worker was told "as you are a veteran you may be able to

never got one. organized and have connections

which enable them to shove the first and greatest duty to take tax burden on the backs of the part in the actual struggle of Editor: workers. My friend wants to see masses to destroy capitalism bethe workers organize to force fore capitalism destroys us. their taxes down. His idea is that Hence I am requesting you to Gladys Barker about her \$18 we should organize a "Commit- kindly take my name off your apartment in New York with the tes to Lower Taxes."

D. C. St. Louis present vacation.

letter.

Gives Up Medicine For Marxist Politics Editor:

So far I have been a student of the Pembroke Academy, Co- Flint Sub-Getter lombo; but I am now leaving the Tells How She Does It fully in the Bolshevik-Leninist Editor: Party (Ceylon Unit), Section of the Fourth International. Students who read The Mili- Militant before, I tell them it's tant may be interested in my the only working class paper reasons for this decision. So I that prints the truth. Then I tell

M. Perera

Principal, Pembroke Academy Colombo My idea was to finish up the paper.

Academy.

medical course I started with, but I became so taken up' with



get a reduction." However, he the profitable manufacture of

rifles and atom bombs instead Hits Lack of Letters The real estate interests are of food, clothing and shelter. Therefore I consider it my In "Workers Forum"

What "Workers' Forum" needs cracks in the floor. Surely readregister since I shall not be aters of The Militant can report tending the Academy after the

similar housing conditions elsewhere. M. Perera

Also it would be good to see Editors' Note: Because of its length, we could print only excerpts from Comrade Perera's

your writing arm?

Build A New World,

Says Detroit Reader

and in Washington.

Editor:

When I come across people who haven't seen or read The

out what could be accomplish-Colombo | wake up and look around.

> El Snyder Flint

SWP National Fund Campaign Reaches 71%; **Drive Must Be Speeded Up In Next 2 Weeks** By William F. Warde. National Fund Campaign Director

Last week was among the best in the entire Emergency Fund Campaign to raise \$20,000 for the Socialist Workers Party. Contributions amounted to \$1,723.52, which makes a total of \$14,251.47 to date.

Nevertheless the pace of the collections will I sure enjoy reading The Milihave to be stepped up quite a bit if the \$20,000 tant; in fact the whole family enjoys it very much. We learn | goal is to be reached within the next two weeks. The campaign is scheduled to close on March 15. a lot about what is going on in our country, in other countries Final results will be reported in the March 22 issue of The Militant.

All I can say is let's get to-So far, no more than 71% of the total has been gether and make our country sent in to the National headquarters. The reand other countries so us workmaining 29% can be obtained only if every branch ing people can live in decency. which has still to fulfill its quota makes special W. F. St. Clair | efforts to do so within the next two weeks. The Detroit 100 Per Cent Club's membership ought to be tripled on the coming scoreboard.

Three branches, Philadelphia, St. Paul and Flint, are close to the 100% mark. Fund Director Irene LeCompte reports that the balance of Philadelphia's \$500 will be forthcoming by the end of is more letters like the one from next week. "Both comrades and friends have responded very well to our appeals," she says. "Sympathizers have contributed \$47."

Genora Dollinger, director of the Scotty Hunter Memorial Fund, explains the slight delay in Flint's completion of its quota. "I know we promised to have it all in by March 1 . . . and tomorrow's etters about what is happening the first. But today happens to be Friday and in on the job. How about you work- Flint Friday and payday are synonymous. We ers in the plants in America's have had to wait until a few people get out of industrial centers loosening up the auto shops. But rest assured the remainder will soon be on the way post haste." Forum Fan

> New York St. Paul encloses a check for \$118 which leaves that branch just a little short of its 100%. But P. Mertens is confident the next scoreboard will see their half of the Twin Cities over the top.

We were pleased to receive \$50 from Jerry Bryant and Charles Hughes as Portland's first payment on its quota. That leaves Tacoma as the only West Coast branch which has not yet Both the Los Angeles Local and the Los Angeles and his brother. For a capital- Youth sent in substantial sums last week. Los

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The comrades in Minneapolis day," writes Anne Chester, "the sent in 5 one-year subs obtained entire profit going toward the during the week.

* * One more such affair and we will "It seems," writes Rena Bres-Comrade Chester sent a payment ki for the Boston Branch, "that dual copies of the paper now, so

"Another week and the Flint will you please increase our bundle order to 60 copies. Comrade Belle Montague is doing a very good job on these sales." * * *

Eloise Gordon, organizer of the from last week. We held a party on Saturday night and, of Pittsburgh Branch of the Socialcourse, Saturday is our day for ist Workers Party, writes: "We sub-getting. But totaling the are launching a modest six-week subs the comrades obtained in Militant sub drive and will need the afternoon and the wonder- more papers. Our limited goal is ful turn-out for our Valentine 25 new subscribers in areas sur-Party at night and the subs we rounding our now functioning sold during the party, we totaled new headquarters, but, of course, 16 subs, 5 of which were ob- we figure to beat the 25 at a walk . . . Two new recruits signed up yesterday. Our first

coal miner and his wife. You can James White reports on Connecticut State's sub campaign: look forward to our getting min-"Enclosed are 30 subs. There's ers' renewals. Spring is coming nothing new to report this week. and we'll be able to reach the We are still plugging along. Pearl coal mining towns by car."

Pauline Ryder sent in 9 submore subs last night. That makes scriptions obtained by the Philadelphia comrades during the

Points Out Lesson Of Last Election Any man that would ever vote

die in mud and filth.

Editor: n enclosing a copy of the letter them what the Socialist Workers for the Republican and Demosent to the Principal of the Party stands for. Next I point cratic Siamese twins again beed if only the workers would his wife, his children, himself,

It's no hard task after that to ist government drives his class Angeles boosted its total to 72% with a payment obtain new subscribers to our brothers onto the battlefields to of \$233.20 and the Youth accounted for half of their quota.

We should have had our own party on the ballot last election.

trays his union and his country, lifted itself out of the zero cellar.

New York is booming along, having reached of its \$6,000 obligation Last week

Diary of a Steel Worker -Story Of Margaret McNett

She was a little blond kid. You couldn't things about life under capitalism. eall her pretty; there was a certain lean hardness about her face instead of the soft round-



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ditions of the people living in China and India. But it does mean that there hasn't been the right kind of food, and perhaps there hasn't even been enough of any kind. It means that life hasn't treated the kids very well, that it's made little fighters out of them long before they should have learned to fight.

Now I don't know what kind of life little Margaret McNett had. All I know about her is what I read in the Buffalo newspaper that carried her picture. And her little face had that kind of leanness.

I imagine I know why she looked like that. She lived on the south side of town . . . in the section where a lot of the Bethlehem and Republic Steel workers come from.

It's a dirty part of the city. The Republic Steel Plant is right around there, and so is the big Donner-Hanna Coke Co. Besides these, there are the chemical plants not far away. Figure it out for yourself: brown flue dust from the blast furnaces, all sorts of poisonous vapors from the coke ovens and chemical works, and grime from the railroads that connect these plants with each other and with the rest of the country.

It's a section that was built for work, the heaviest, dirtiest, most unpleasant and dangerous work, and the fact that there are houses and people around it is just one of the terrible them a little!

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a more radical fashion in the 1930's largely as

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here to discuss the reasons for this significant

transformation, but the following factors should

be stressed and studied: 1. The growth of South-

ern industry. 2. Increasing mechanization of

Southern agriculture. 3. The war, with its draft-

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These developments have shaken up the South,

torn it out of its routine, set new forces in mo-

tion and laid the material basis for the waging

of struggles that will have a vital effect on the

In Nashville, Tennessee 2,500 white and Ne-

gro workers march together in a mass demon-

stration against anti-labor legislation. In Miss-

issippi close to 40,000 Negroes, under the leader-

ship of Negro war veterans, walk into the re-

gistration offices and express their intention to

vote in the next elections. In Georgia, where

over 100,000 Negroes voted last year, the Negro

organizations get together to plan resistance to

of the mass industries by the

CIO. Now the Southern Negroes

are beginning to catch up with

their Northern brothers and

sisters; in some cases it even

appears that they are surpass-

ing them in their determination

to put an end to the old Jim

There is not enough room

The Negro Struggle The South Is Catching Up

-By William E. Bohannon-

- Bu Theodore Kovalesky

Imagine little Margaret living in this section Imagine her prowling along the railroad tracks, in bad times helping to fill burlap bags with chunks of coal that had dropped from passing engines. Imagine her running about the streets with her little friends, playing with "toys" made from boxes or tin cans or making up games that wouldn't need any toys at all to play them. There are plenty of things you could imagine about little Margaret McNett's living and growing up in the south side of the city of Buffalo, N. Y.

Only it isn't necessary to imagine anything now . . . particularly about Margaret's growing up. Because she isn't going to grow up. She stopped growing up on the first day of March. Here's the way it happened: She and three other kids were coasting. It wasn't like the pictures of kids on calendars. They didn't have sleds, and they weren't on a beautiful hill in the country. They had cardboard cartons that were flattened out. They'd lie on those cartons and coast. And they didn't have a nice, rolling country hill or a toboggan slide. They had a railroad embankment.

I guess you get the idea by now. Margaret got on her carton and slid down. A train passed, and the other kids thought she was waiting on the other side. She wasn't, though. She was lying next to the tracks." When the kids went down there looking for her, they saw her little blond head lying in the snow not far from her body.

Little Margaret's life had been taken, and we won't talk about her any more. But she had three sisters and a brother. And there are thousands of other kids in the same section who must grow up near those railroad tracks, sliding on cartons and improvising games that don't need toys to play them. Think about

the newly-enacted "white primary" law. In all

Southern states the membership of the NAACP

Even if one looks only at the number of peo-

ple involved, it is plain that the Negro struggle

is entering a new stage in the South (and

therefore in the country). The Southern Negro's

fight for equality is taking him into the line

of struggle against the American capitalist sys-

tem. This fight will inevitably be answered by

new attacks on the part of those who defend

conditions as they are, and these attacks will

lead just as, inevitably to new struggles on a

In a newspaper interview last week Aubrey

Williams, former head of the National Youth

Administration and now publisher of The South-

ern Farmer, declared that "the next great lib-

eral movement in this country will come from

the South." Williams, who believes it is possible

to have some kind of "good" capitalism, calls

it a liberal movement because he thinks it will

have a profound and inspiring effect on the

class struggle in the rest of the country.

stands at a new high.

higher plane.

second to none.

Buffalo Teachers Strike Wins Salary Increases By Libby Jones BUFFALO, N.Y., March 3-

The biggest teachers strike in American history ended today when the Buffalo Teachers Federation (independent) accepted Mayor Dowd's proposal for salary increases of \$300 to \$625 annually to start this July 1. Eighty per cent of the teachers will get the top increases. Minimum salaries will be \$2,200 for elementary teachers and \$2,500 for high chool teachers, with maximums of \$3,200 and \$3,600.

This settlement represents a compromise on the original demands of the Buffalo teachers for a general raise of \$1,025 a year, with a \$2,400 salary minimum. However, under Governor Dewey's proposed teachers salary schedule, wage increases would not begin until July 1948. Buffalo teachers will get raises a year sooner.

tion, representing the majority scheduled strike on Feb. 24. a week ago. Prior to and during the strike they were subjected to a constant barrage of intimidation from the Board of Education and reactionary press.

ed teachers to stay at their posts.

result in nothing more than a Southern New Deal. Actually, it will be a revolutionary move-The AFL Teachers Union, with ment of the most fundamental kind, and it will shake the capitalist system from top to bottom. The Southern white workers will play an important part in this movement, but the role of the Southern Negroes in organizing it will be It is possible that within a few years the "backward South" may make the rest of the country look backward by comparison. It is certain that the coming battles in the South will

ion supported the strike from the beginning.

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THE MILITANT

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WASHINGTON AGREES. TO SAVE GREEK KING Without bothering to wait for Congressional approval,

still less approval of the American people, the State Department on March 1 replied favorably to a request of British imperialism for help in ?

keeping the Greek people base in the war the imperialists strapped in the strait-jacket plan against the Soviet Union. It would mean serious weakenof the reactionary Glucksing of the imperialist bloc. And burg monarchy.

News of the British request could act as a spark setting off was made public Feb. 27 after Truman and Secretary of Europe. Wall Street is in deadly State Marshall told Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress in a "secret" meeting that Britain could hold out no longer than March 31 against the resistance of the Greek masses. The curtain of secret diplo-

macy was lifted enough in the press to disclose that while Britain was willing to maintain troops in Greece, she could not continue to bear the financial burden. To maintain Allied bayonets in Greece for the next three years, according to the report, will require another \$350,-000.000 of American taxpayers' money.

PROPS UP KING

The "secret" conference be- for Wall Street. tween the White House and the For the American people, how-Congressional leaders was strip-ped of all pretense. If Allied one. Replacing the British lion bayonets should be withdrawn, in Greece is only the beginning. the hated Greek monarch would In Egypt, the Middle East, India collapse. The Greek people would and Burma the issue has only set up a government of their been postponed. Hundreds of own choice. Anglo-American im- millions of people in those lands perialism is certain that this are surging forward to indegovernment would be a workers' government.

Such a government would mean the loss of Greece as a

economy of socialism. ARMIES AND MONEY

To put Wall Street's yoke on these vast masses will require expenditures of such astronomical size as to make those projected for Greece look like small change. The money, naturally, will be squeezed out of the American workers and farmers.

pendence. As they break the

British yoke, they will turn ir-

resistibly toward the planned

the overthrow of the Glucksburgs

socialist revolutions throughout

Britain is forced to draw back

in Greece because she is on the

verge of collapse. Resentment

of the British workers over the

military and financial burden of

despotic Empire rule is rising

to fall heir to the British em-

pire. This means a big step for-

ward in Wall Street's dream of

world domination. America's 60

monopolist families can either

take over directly; or, on their

own terms, finance London, con-

verting the former mistress of

the seas into a world police

agency and collector of revenues

Wall Street is thus in position

ever higher.

fear of such a development.

The financial outlay, however, is not all. Vast armies will be required; and the draftees, of course, will be American youth. And what is the end of these costly and bloody outlays? Wall Street aims not only at ruling the teeming masses in the colonial lands, but likewise the Soviet Union.

This means a slaughter waged with atomic weapons, a slaugh-

The Buffalo Teachers Federateachers here, began its Students, parents and local AFL and CIO unions rallied to the support of the striking members of the Buffalo Teachers Federation. The teachers' demands were a permanent salary increase of \$1,025 a year and a \$500 cost-of-living bonus.

Superintendent of Schools Bapst publicly canvassed every teacher, demanding to know in Labor Political Weakness. Shown advance each teacher's intentions on the forthcoming strike. The Buffalo Evening News ran in-flammatory editorials against In Chicago Municipal Elections the teachers. Bus placards warn-

teachers, at first opposed calling a strike after William Green had stated his opposition. It was forced by the strong sentiment in favor of the teachers to reverse its stand the day before the strike and to give it full support. The CIO Teachers Un- of the total.

The Board of Education at- 1% of the total.

keep a few o

CHICAGO, Mar. 2-The election campaign of the three? labor candidates for Alderman in the 32nd, 35th and 36th The AFL Teachers Union, with labor candidates for Alderman in the 32nd, 35th and 36th some representation among the Wards revealed how seriously weak the Chicago labor movement is on the political field.

Frank Wesolowsky in the 32nd® Ward got 394 votes, 2% of the | movement united on the political

field. Charles Chiakulas in the 35th

Ward got 282 votes, about 1% dious role in the elections. In Sammy Massa in the 36th they ran Mierkiewicz, an officer Ward got 296 votes, less than of the Fur and Leather Workers

SWP Candidate **Gets 113 Votes**



The Stalinists played a perfi-CHICAGO, March 1-Hom-

Federated Pictures.



election takes place.

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A shift toward the Republi-

ority in last November's elec-

bined vote of his Republican ri-

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ist candidate for Mayor.

paigning.

SHIFT NOTED

the 32nd Ward, for instance,



"Advice" On Making Ends Meet -By Grace Carlson

The other day, one of The Militant readers from East Chicago sent me a clipping from the Chicago Times with the suggestion that I should



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groes.

whole country.

"take on" the Times writer. Patricia Morgan, who is the writer in question, conducts a regular column on "Making Ends Meet." At the end of her column Miss Morgan invites all of her readers who may have "budget problems" to write to her for advice. The Feb. 13 column on

"Making Ends Meet" reports the budget problem of one poor soul who hoped to get some advice from Miss Morgan. Here it is:

"I would like to know how to get along on our pay, \$50 every two weeks," writes Mrs. N. H. "I have 10 in the family. A bill payment of \$5 a month, rent \$10, carfare \$3. Shoes to buy. A boy in high school who needs clothes. We have meat once in a while but no butter at all. All the milk goes to the baby."

And here is the weekly budget the Chicago "Times "expert" worked out for this family:

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one of the featured speakers at Bilbo's spon-

sorship ceremony of the Juniper Grove Baptist

Church in Mississippi, which

cent Bilbo war contract-cor-

§ figured prominently in the re-

ruption probe.

In the margin of the Times clipping, my East Chicago friend wrote "Some advice!" I certainly agree with her ironic comment. In this period of sky-high prices. Miss Morgan advises a troubled mother to feed her children on an average food allowance of nine cents a meal! And what about clothes for eight rapidly-growing youngsters? I suppose that clothes are to be supplied out of the Miscellaneous-\$1.44 per week for the family! This means that each "lucky" member of that family gets 14 cents a week to squander on clothes!

I wish that I knew Mrs. N. H. I'd give her some very different kind of advice. I'd say, "Mrs. N. H., it's an outrage that a woman should have to struggle to take care of a family of 10 on \$25 a week! Doesn't your husband belong to a union? If not, he should try to get a union organized and fight for better wages - the kind of wages that will give his wife and children something more than nine cents a meal for food!"

I'd go on to show Mrs. N. H. how the CIO is publicizing the findings of the Heller Committee of the University of California that a family of four should have \$70 a week in order to maintain a "minimum standard of health and decency." Then I'd ask Mrs. N. H. if she didn't think that it was better to have her husband fight for wages like that rather than to try to scrimp and save and starve on the "advice" given by the Chicago Times columnist. And I think I know what her answer would be.

PERFIDIOUS ROLE

total.

the schools open. One of these, Lafayette High School, was closed down at noon the first day due to the absence of half the teachers and large student demonstrations. It was reopened on Tuesday with scab teachers from everywhere, but closed on Wednesday when the teachers themselves begged Bapst to close the school for the duration. They complained: "The students inside the school are absolutely un- dorsed these three candidates.

manageable." The whole working class of the voting since it gave them the Buffalo, an open-shop town ten appearance of individual workyears ago, backed the strike. AFL truckdrivers refused to de- ing class candidates rather than candidates representing a labor liver coal to the schools.

Tenants Organize For Action To Halt Evictions In Detroit

300 tenants of the Brewster a broad program of low-cost project met at the Hilo Bap- housing as the only answer to dates of Big Business in the 1948 fairly well-known in the Negro tist Church last Wednesday, the present housing crisis.

to protest the policy of the federal government in serving eviction notices on so-called high income tenants.

The tenants' meeting elected Tenants Housing and Rent Committee of nineteen, headed Ernest Dillard, executive Local 212.

STALINIST STYLE

A Los Angeles Superior Court Judge granted The tenants then adopted a an order of eviction against Mrs. Isabel Crocker vigorous program of action: and her three daughters on the grounds that All tenants will refuse to pay she was violating a restrictive covenant. Mrs. any rent increases, above the Crocker is an American Indian and as such is present OPA ceiling rates. The Tenants Committee will furthermore cooperate with similar committees throughout the city and with the UAW Flying Squadrons to resist all evictions. The meeting further called upon the City Council to pass an, ordinance freezing all rents at present levels and halting all evictions of tenants.

candidate who had been offi-As officers of the Revere Copcially endorsed by the CIO. per and Brass Local of the United Automobile Workers, these candidates had the official endorsement of the CIO. With the Revere workers actively electioneering, they got off to a good start. But the picture otherwise was one of apathy, confusion and disruption. Neither the AFL nor members of CIO unions. the Railroad Brotherhoods en-

SPLIT THE VOTE

None of these seven union can-This factor weighed heavily in didates had the official endorsement of the CIO. They ran in the usual Stalinist style of claiming to be candidates of the "people;" but not one of them called for the organization of a La-

bor Party. seven ways. The supposedly non-The bright spot in the election was the campaign of the Revere workers. The practical experience gained by the candidates and those who backed them

will help in organizing a more ballot without any party designaelections.

All-White Louisiana Jury Acquits 5 Identified Lynch Mob Killers

where he got into touch with evidence to bring members of the mob to trial. But even direct identification of the lynchers — which is

go scot-free. It is still as easy nouncing his candidacy, and

Ward, received 113 votes in struction. last Tuesday's aldermanic elec-

The imperialist deal between Through the unions they in- tions, or about 34 of 1% of the London and Wall Street over fluence and through the Pro- total vote cast. Lewis was the prostrate Greece shows once gressive Citizens of America, and first Trotskyist candidate on more that capitalism is incapable their newspaper, the Chicago the ballot in Chicago. Despite of achieving a world of enduring Star, the Stalinists backed a the low vote cast for him, his peace. It can only bolster reacslate that included Democratic campaign succeeded in spread- tion abroad, stifle the nations and Republican wheelhorses, a ing the program of revolutionary seeking freedom, increase the number of liberals and seven socialism among thousands of staggering military burden on the people at home and pave t workers in the Third Ward.

way for a Third World War. Neither the Democratic nor Republican machine candidates received an absolute majority, and will engage in a run-off on Newark CIO

April 1, when the mayoralty **Stewards Map** The fact that seven non-machine candidates were on the ballot split the independent vote Action Program

NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 3partisan character of the aldermanic elections emphasized per-350 shop stewards, representsonalities and tended to obscure ing 75,000 CIO workers in party and class lines in the cam- the Greater Newark area, paign. Candidates appear on the filled the City Hall Chamber here last Tuesday night to plan action against the anti-labor onslaught of the Wall Street politicians. have built up a personal follow-

The plan of action set forth at the meeting called for more intensive political action in the local neighborhoods, shop gate rallies, wide leaflet distributions cans was noted in the ward, to arouse the workers, petition which had a Democratic maj- signing and letters to Congress. A suggestion from the floor for a mass anti-Smith rally spontions. The Republican candidate sored by all of organized labor for Mayor, Root, received more in Newark was warmly approved votes in this ward than the com- by the stewards and referred to the CIO Council. (Republican Senator Smith of New Jersey is

one of the proponents of the

number of voters for alderman, LABOR'S OWN PARTY

date, Kennelly. A significant Taft-Ball-Smith anti-labor bills.)

however - and this was part of Al Barkin, executive secretary the city-wide trend - did not of the New Jersey CIO, brought cast ballots in the Democratic forth a burst of applause when he called for the building of la-

bor's own party. "We must free ourselves from the bondage of ties. We must have our own ward and district clubs, our own political party, a labor party so us.

The stewards adopted a reso-Lewis shared one radio broadcast lution advocating united labor action to defend the interests of the working people.

The campaign for Homer Lewis the NAACP and provided the attracted considerable attention the Hartleys, Hawkes, Coxes in the Third Ward. Over 10,000 and Bilbos and their like in the copies of the SWP program were Republican and Democratic pardistributed there, hundreds of something rare in the South - stickers were prominently diswas not enough. A carefully sel- played in the area, a number of that we can put into office our ected Jim Crow jury let them store windows had posters an- own people to truly represent

a blow-torch and his hands were groes in the South as it was to chopped off. But Harris recover- get away with murder of Jews with Michael Bartell, Trotsky-A final resolution was adopted ed and escaped to the North under Hitler.

The American Newspaper a "non-Caucasian." Her husband, however, is Guild is now publishing its own daily paper in Camden, N. J. - the Camden allowed to remain. *

Notes From The News

Herbert K. Sorrell, leader of the seven-month old Hollywood studio strike, was kidnapped and badly beaten this week. One of the thugs wore a police uniform and badge.

4 9 9 to operate in New York has been rejected by the State Department of Labor's Bureau of

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John R. Franco, usher in Father Coughlin's Shrine of the Little Flower Church, has just been elected chairman of the Democratic Party in Michigan.

in a number of eastern states.

The Socialist Workers Party branches in New Application of the fascistic Tool Owners Union Jersey will soon be initiating a vigorous campaign to elect delegates to the forthcoming convention, to revise the state constitution.

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by board member of UAW Fleetwood Local 15. The meeting heard addresses by Dillard and Charlie Smith, Chairman of the FEPC Committee of UAW Briggs Fascist demagogue, Gerald L. K. Smith was Standards and Appeals. It is already operating

An all-white jury in Shreveport, La., last week acquitted five members of a Louisiana lynch mob after they had been identified by one of their youthful victims as the murderers of

Negro war veteran John C. Jones last August. Two of the lynchers acquitted were Web-

ster Parish deputy sheriffs. The young Negro who took the

stand as a witness in the trial was Albert Harris, Jr., 17-year old school boy who had been jailed together with Jones on a trumped-up rape charge. They were released, only to be seized immediately outside the jail by

the lynch mob, which took them into the swamps near Minden and tortured them with whip, blow-torch and meat cleaver until both were left for dead.

Jones' face was charred with to get away with murder of Ne-

HARRIS